

Hart to Heart Ministries

Christian Training Center

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Hart to Heart Ministries is a training center for those who desire to be used by the Lord.

There are conferences twice a year teaching the "How To" of ministry.

There is teaching on the love walk.

Private pastoral counseling is available, as well as deliverance for those who want to be set free from the past hurts in their lives.

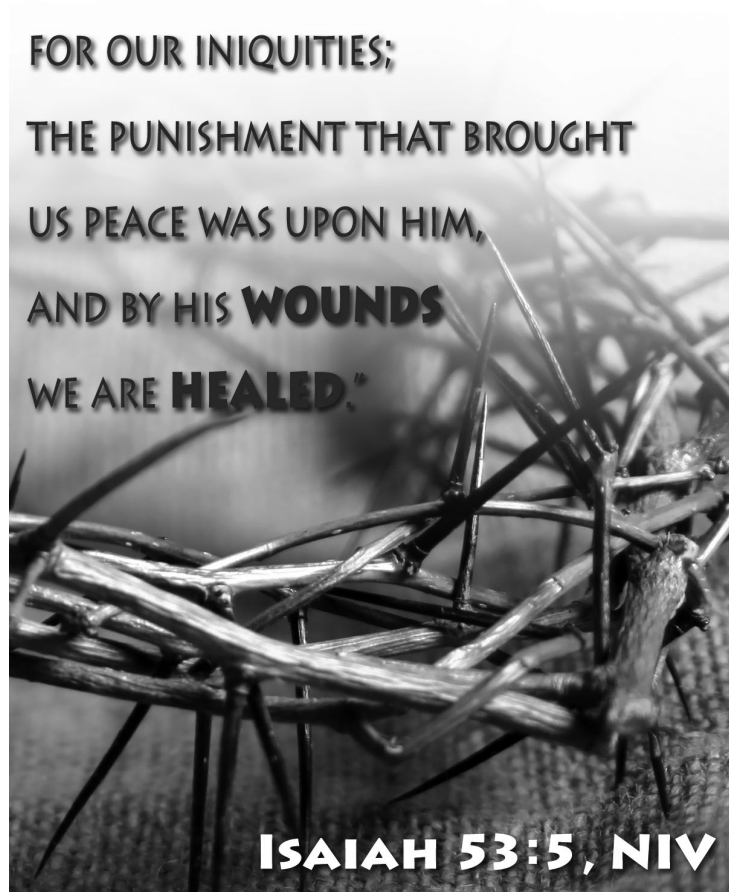
Healing takes place on a regular basis. The Bible tells us by Jesus stripes we were healed. I Peter 2:24

If you need to have your faith come up to the next level, you will find how to do it.

Sunday services begin at 10:00 a.m.. There are opportunities galore for those interested in being a servant.

Bible study meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 - 8:30p.m.
Prayer is at 6:00.

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ISAIAH 53:5, NIV

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Were You There?

By Rev. Joan Hart

What a statement to make! Were you there when they crucified Jesus? Well, actually you weren't there physically, but Jesus had you on His mind. He knew you and wanted you to be able to come to Heaven to live with Him. In order for you to do that, you have to believe Jesus died for you, that He rose again and is in Heaven preparing a place for you. He loves you so much!

Today you have a Bible to read about all the things He did and has for you. You are so special to Him. He wants your fellowship, your attention and your love! If He died because He loved you so much, then that's the least you can do for Him!

Not only are all the promises in the Bible for you, He has blessings He wants to give you just because you put Him first. He has a plan for your life that no one else can fulfill. It is your choice to walk toward it or to run from it. I believe the blessings far outweigh any reason a person might have to not walk toward Him.

Of course there is an enemy out there, the devil and his demons who try very hard to pull you away and keep you from receiving all the Lord has for you. It's so important to read the Bible so your spirit man will be fed and your faith will have a chance to grow. Too many times people look at what is around them and not even give a thought to what the Lord said He has to give them.

In Numbers 13, God promised the Israelites that He would bring them into their promised land. He told Moses to send twelve men who were the heads of the tribes of the people into Canaan to spy out the land so they could see what there was to offer.

The men went to see and came back with

a good report of all the wonderful things they had seen. They had been out on the desert long enough and they were ready for some green fields where crops could grow. They were excited about the beautiful fruit that grew which was huge. There was water in abundance. This land was flowing with milk and honey, just like the Lord had told them.

After all these good reports by two men, ten more show up and begin to grumble and complain. They began to give a negative report of the land. They came against God with their own words. They looked at the size of the people who lived there and said they were giants, too big for them to conquer. They allowed doubt and unbelief to enter in to say nothing of fear. When those three marched in, faith marched out!

We always have the choice to believe what the Lord tells us or to decide for ourselves what the enemy is showing us. We get our eyes on the circumstances around us and forget all about the plan the Lord gave us in the first place.

When God has a plan, He doesn't change His mind. He doesn't always tell what the timing will be for the plan, but He is always there in the midst of our lives, changing us into the person He wants us to be, so His plan can come to pass. It's a good plan! It's His plan!

The enemy will always try to come along and work on your mind in some negative way. That's one reason we need to fill our mind with the Bible. The Bible is powerful and when we are full of power, we can tell the old devil to take a hike, we have chosen to believe God and we are waiting on Him!

The devil doesn't like it when you resist him. He will begin to work on your thinking so much that the words out of your mouth change from faith words to words of doubt, unbelief and negative. Those words are not God's Words. Take authority over them and tell them to leave in Jesus Name and not to come back.

We are in the beginning of the End times. Jesus is preparing us for Heaven. If you leave Him out of your life, you might miss Heaven. I don't know about you, but I don't like the idea of burning forever in hell. It is not a nice place. That's the place where there is loneliness, depression, fear, pain, and any negative feeling you can think of. They all come from the devil and if you don't fight him now and get rid of that stuff in your life you will never have the good!

Too many people play church! They think if they go to church on Sunday that is good enough. If they go on Resurrection Sunday and Christmas, they think that's enough! How do you have a relationship with Him without spending time in His Presence? If you don't spend time with Him, how do you know what He has for your life? You can't throw the towel in now! It's time to get going and run toward the Lord for all you are worth and you are worth lots!

He gave His life for you! He wore a crown of thorns that must have been painful to say the least. The pain those nails created that were pounded into His flesh, into His hands and feet had to be undescrivable! We don't have to go through that, He did it for us!

Not only that, after He died He went into hell and took away the keys of life from the devil. No more would he have the upper hand and rule.

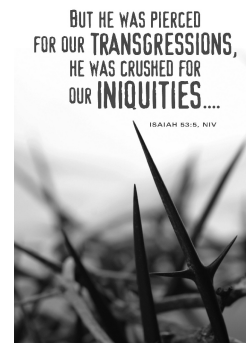
When Jesus rose, He gave us custody of those keys through His Word. We were given all power and authority over the enemy as we exercise His Word. It brings

freedom and new life to us. It allows us to fulfill the plan for our lives that God has created.

It's time to face the fact, that we are here because God, our Heavenly Father, loves us and sent Jesus so that we could receive Jesus and have eternal life. God wants to be our friend. He wants first place in our lives. When we give Him first place, that means we love Him before anyone or anything else! He will bless and bless us. He will crown all our efforts with success. We will have favor with God and man. His promises will be fulfilled in our lives. We will have peace, joy, and wonderful love in our lives. We will have a positive attitude, our words will become faith-filled and produce good things in our lives. God only wants good for us! He is a good God!

Don't allow your self-centered thinking to rule you. Where has it gotten you in the past? Nowhere probably! Allow Jesus to be on the throne of your heart instead of self. What does that mean? That means you put Him first and not your own flesh or selfish needs first. When He is first, all the bad in your life begins to change. The devil will flee and your mind will think about things that are lovely, pure and just. You will receive the blessings in His Word and you will be on your way to a much happier life!

This Resurrection Sunday, when you go to church, don't forget to praise Him for all He has done for you! He loves you and so do I! God bless you and have a wonderful celebration of resurrection in your own life!



A Prayer

O Lord, open my eyes that I may see more clearly the condition of my soul. If there is darkness, mean-spiritedness, egotistic pride or worse within, cleanse me from all unrighteousness. Renew a right spirit within me and make me truly Christ-like in all my thoughts and actions. And when I begin to edge away from Your will, please stir up my conscience until I am in harmony with You again. In Jesus Name. Amen.

A Well-used Bible...

A well-used Bible that is falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn't.



1 Chronicles 16:29

Accepting Your Responsibility

To accept the responsibility of being a child of God is to accept the best that life has to offer you.

—Stella Terrill Mann

***There are no hopeless situations, only people who are hopeless about them.**

***Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.**

*** Without risk, faith is an impossibility.**

***'Tis not the dying for a faith that is so hard; 'tis the living up to it that is difficult.**

***Faith is to believe what we do not see; and the reward of this faith is to see what we believe.**

O Magnify The Lord

“What does it mean to magnify the Lord?” the father asked.

His teenage daughter said, “It means to honor Him in sincere worship.”

“That's right. Any other ideas?”

Finally his 5-year-old son yelled out with childish enthusiasm, “To magnify the Lord means to make Him bigger in your life.”

What a great insight this young boy had into the true meaning of magnifying the Lord.

***It is far better to forgive and forget than to resent and remember.**



This is the theme at Hart to Heart Ministries this year, "New Beginnings!"

We had a group come who taught about the Shofar and blew them over us and our ministry.

The Shofar signifies God hearing His Spirit from within you through the horn and declares the chains of bondage broken.

Earlier we had received a word from the Lord telling us this ministry had a new beginning. Then after the Shofar was blown they shared the same words of encouragement to us.

We have seen God move in the realm of the Holy Spirit like never before. Our Tuesday nights are a time of blessing to the Lord and from the Lord. People are experiencing new beginnings for themselves.

Our Spring conference will be held on May 14, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. We will be together all day with a break for lunch. We are believing for strongholds to come down in the lives of all those who attend. Make your reservation now!

May 14, 2011 - 9:30 a.m.

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Time to
Spring Ahead
March 13, 2011

Not Defeated!

When Jesus cried, "It is finished," He did not take away the conflict, the test, the fight. No! He took away only your defeat.



The snow is leaving, the ice is melting and it's time to get out of your rut and join us on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. for church.

We flow in the service as the Holy Spirit leads. It is never the same. There is freedom to worship, freedom to praise and freedom to receive all the Lord has for you! Join us!

"Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?"



MATTHEW 6:26, NIV

Staying in Faith

By Rev. Joan Hart

Do you really feel blessed and highly favored of the Lord?

We have to believe we are blessed and highly favored before we can receive it. God also has all sorts of favor for us, but we have to confess it just like we do for everything else.

God never told us that being a Christian wasn't work. It is work! It's easy to go the way of the world and not change. Well, I don't know about you, but I want more than the world has to offer and if I have to work at it, so be it!

We don't always like to begin speaking positive things the first thing in the morning. Some people can barely get out of bed in the morning much less begin to speak out positive confessions.

There is always so much to do in a day, but if you could try to remember to speak out a couple of positive confessions each morning, I know you will begin to add more.

Let's face it, we cook after we have been to church and had a faith boost. Monday we get up and really work on what we heard Sunday. Tuesday we still do a little bit, but by Wednesday we are beginning to backslide in our doing, then by Thursday we have forgotten all about it. Friday is the end of the week, we are tired and want to relax. Saturday we just want to chill.

That's what happens when we get out of faith. We chill so much we're not hot for God anymore. We even tend to say, "Oh I'm so glad it's Saturday and I don't have to do anything." Bingo. The devil heard you say that so he goes to town beating you up and reminding you of all your short comings. He also reminds you of all the times you missed

it during the week. Then you limp into church on Sunday to get another faith boost. At least you went!

We are all trying to make the right choices in our confessions and faith. We want to go to the next level of faith in our walk with the Lord.

We are not going to dwell on our problems or speak the negative in our lives. We are learning to speak what God says we can have. If we have a poor mouth, we will have a poor life. A relationship may fall apart but God is still on the throne.

We may see limited resources, but **God's resources are not limited**, He owns it all. This year you can choose to thrive, not just merely survive.

We are going to focus on our solutions because that will increase our capacity to reach our goals and it will also lift our spirits in the process.

We are people of faith. We are choosing faith over fear and all the what if's. God is not interested in our what if's. He is interested in our faith-filled confessions.

When we get over into faith, fear leaves and we begin to draw on the positive Word of God.

Father, You said Your favor will last for a lifetime. You said goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our life, so we choose faith over fear and we have victory in our lives every day. We are choosing to look at the other side of our situation instead of what appears to be. We know You will bring us through with victory. We are not going to allow fear to dominate our thoughts. It will steal our

joy and we need our joy. In Jesus Name, Amen!

We feel better already?

Do you know that 15 minutes of laughter is equal to 15 hours of sleep? It sounds better to laugh than complain.

We will feel more like getting up in the morning when we say, “Lord I have favor with you all day. I have favor in my spiritual walk, in my health, in family, on my job and with you.” Just think how much better our day would be!

When we are using the same energy to believe instead of worry, things begin to change and work out for our advantage.

Worry, fear and wrong thinking are not simply bad habits, they allow the negative to come to pass. **God is in control and He will fight our battles for us, if we let Him.**

Say: I am expecting every negative situation in my life to turn around for good!

We must keep a happy heart because our moods affect our health. When someone says, “Hey are you ok? You don't look so good.” “Yeah I feel fine” But maybe you are tired and several others notice too and say something. Pretty soon you want to go home and get into bed, just because of the power of suggestion that was put into your thinking, a negative one at that!

We could be talked into living a defeated life if we aren't careful!

We need to be around other positive people, that's contagious too. **Faith is even more contagious!** Victory is like a virus. It gets on us. Pretty soon we catch the victory. We are no longer listening to the negative, we are conscious of the positive Word of God. Joy comes on the scene. Joy can spread just because we hear someone else laugh. We catch it too and then we come out

of hopelessness!

Christians can be highly contagious. Their faith, victory and joy can get on us and our faith will increase. We will be blessed, happy, prosperous, and full of faith.

I believe our imagination plays a major roll in our lives. We all have used them in some way or another.

I can picture myself in a new building working and seeing people all over getting training they need. I can hear laughter. I can see the dining room all decorated and a large cafeteria filled with cheery people. I can see cars driving into the large circular driveway dropping off people for classes and then parking out in the lot. I am allowing the truth God has shown me to play in my mind.

We must not allow negative images to play in our mind. Turn the remote of our thinking to the positive station and stay there. We need to change our channel to the right one. We have to cast down those ungodly or wrong imaginations. We must not let negative pictures play on the movie screen of our mind. We do own the remote control to change our thinking.

This is going to be a great year. There is no obstacle too big for us nor any enemy too strong. Our God is all-powerful! So, let's not waste our energy worrying. We need to plug into the highest power source there is and use that energy to believe in the best.

God has brought us through in the past, and He will bring us through now and in the future!