

# 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

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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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# Greater is He

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One of the things we can each do to attract God’s Presence is to praise Him. It takes us into His Presence and when we stay in God’s Presence we begin to realize our full potential and become all that we were created to be.

You are created for a special purpose and that never changes, only you do. Either for the better or not!

When we praise God with our lips and our hearts, He shows His approval and acceptance by manifesting His Presence in our midst. That is when worship, true worship, takes place.

I don’t know about you but I want God to release His Glory. I’m hungry for more. I want each of us to go to another level in our walk of faith and in our love for Him. He has to be first no matter what. Without Him being first, nothing works out right.

If we only talked about all the problems people encounter and never acknowledge the power, the grace or the love God has for His people, what good would that do? It would be no good. If we don’t edify and glorify Him, that is not going to work either.

We love the Lord and want all He has for us in our lives. There is so much wrong in the world, but we are not of the world, we have to live in it but we are to live in the Presence of the Lord and bring His light into our lives so others will want what we have His life, His peace, His love, His everything.

We want Him right here all the time. I don’t like misery and I don’t want to join anyone else in their misery. That old saying that misery loves company is wrong. Misery gets on or in people who aren’t in the Word. And no one wants to keep company with misery. People who aren’t going anywhere in their lives, resent those who are and they will pull you down. We have to be determined to rise above negative circumstances. Reading the Word helps. Read it. You need it!

Hebrews 13:15 says, “Through Jesus, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise. The fruit of lips that confess His name.”

When you praise God you are telling Him all the good and wonderful things about Him. Praise is bragging on God’s nature, attributes, and character; it is agreeing with God concerning what He has already told us about Himself. When we praise God, His Presence comes near and in His Presence glory can be released. We need the Presence of God in our life every day.

God is looking for spiritual humility. If we approach God with a humble spirit, He will do two things: When we come near to Him, He will come near to us. And when we humble ourselves before Him, He will lift us up.

See praise produces an environment in which God is pleased to dwell. When we praise, we are agreeing with God concerning Himself, we are saying who He is. When we say, “He is beautiful” He comes closer. When we tell Him, “Oh Lord, You’re Mighty,” He says, “I’m coming closer.” See

praise is always positive. There is no place for asking anything, or being disagreeable with Him. Praise reflects our relationship with God.

We can praise Him because we do have a relationship with Him through Jesus. Praise attracts God's Presence. It is also necessary to maintain His Presence.

We know God is sitting on His throne and there is continual praise in heaven. I want His kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven, so if we each continue to praise Him daily, He will be in our midst and we will be so much closer to Him.

I don't know about you, but there are times, I get into praising the Lord on my own and all the negative things I have been dealing with or thinking about just leave and suddenly I am overwhelmed by His Presence to the point of weeping. It takes a lot for me to cry, because I have had to learn to get my emotions in check for the sake of others, but when His Presence comes upon me, I'm being loved more than I can hardly handle sometimes.

We all need love and acceptance. Believe you already have His approval and His love. He is waiting for you to give your love and approval to Him! Why? So He can bless you. It is His desire to bless His children, but when they never turn to Him or love on Him His hands are tied. That's when He gets the blame for something.

Your worship can't be just from your mouth. It has to come from your heart. See if you or I praise the Lord but our heart is not in it, He won't pretend it's real either. He won't show up the way we desire. It has to come from our heart. Think about the words that are sung in a service. Think about

what you say during the day. Your life is a praise to Him. How does it look to others?

When Joshua was leading the Israelites to conquer the walled city of Jericho God gave him special instructions. They were to march around the city six days. Then on the seventh day they were to march around seven times with the priests blowing the trumpets. All the people were to give a loud shout and we know the wall came down and they took the city.

Okay, so they weren't praising, but shout and shouted is the same word used in Psalm 100:1 and Psalm 95:1. Shout joyfully, or make a joyful noise. It was a shout of triumph. When the priests blew the trumpets, the people shouted triumph, God's Presence and power came down and the walls of Jericho fell flat. When the praise went up the Lord's Presence came down.

Let His Presence get into you like never before. That will bring His glory into your life and situation. Read the Word, and fill up with more of Him so you are able to be an overcomer.

I John 4:4 says, "Greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world." This week praise Him and bring His Presence and glory into your life. He loves you so much!



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# God isn't Finished yet!

By Rev. Joan Hart

When we think about the resurrection of Jesus we need to realize something very important about it. It had to be the most painful discouraging day of His life. It was so bad He sweat great drops of blood. It looked like His days were over. His enemies thought they had the best of Him. But God had other plans. They put the body of Jesus in the grave and celebrated their victory. But...Sunday morning was a different story.

That grave couldn't hold Him, death couldn't contain Him. The forces of darkness couldn't stop Him. On the third day Jesus came out of the grave and said, "I was dead, but now I am alive forevermore."

There is a principle we can learn from this. That is, that God will always finish what He starts. No matter how dark it looks, or how long it's been, no matter how many people are trying to push you down, if you stay in faith, God will take you from Friday to Sunday. He will complete what He started!

You might feel like it's a Friday in your life right now. You might have major obstacles in your path and you can't see how you will ever accomplish your dreams, or how you can recover your health, or resolve your problems. Negative thoughts bombard you. Like, it is not going to happen, it's over, just accept it, nothing is ever going to be any different or better. Well what's that old saying; Honey, Sunday is coming!

God is not limited by anything and you have resurrection power living within you. He can open doors that no man can shut. He can bring talent out of you that you didn't know you had. He can send people who will go out of their way to be good to you. **With one Word, He can take you to a new level.**

God is lining things up, He is causing us to be

at the right place at the right time. We have to keep believing we will come into supernatural increase in every area of our lives. **We are not washed up and we are not done! We will see the promises of God come to pass. He always finishes what He starts.**

We cannot let go of our goals and dreams. Where that takes place is in our minds. We have to bring our thinking in line with the Word and then speak it out loud so that our own mind hears it. We respond to what we hear. You need to speak it out because you will believe yourself better than anyone else.

Just because you gave up on your dream doesn't mean God gave up on you. God never abandons a dream. He put it in your heart and it might be buried, but that seed is still alive. The promise is still in you.

Get back to reading your Bible, fan that flame, get your fire back. That seed is not buried but is planted, that means its coming back. Say, "It's coming back." Say, "I'm coming back. My seed is alive. The promise is still in me."

God even has a completion date, so don't give up on your dreams. We are not going to go through the rest of our lives with no goals, no enthusiasm, no passion or no vision. We have great expectations! Something could even happen today that is so fantastic you can hardly handle it. But actually, you would!

As we do our part, God will do His. Even when Jesus was on the cross and He said, "It is finished." It certainly looked like the end. It looked like it was over. But that wasn't just a statement of fact, it was a statement of faith. He was saying to His Father, "I've done my part. I've fulfilled my destiny. Now I have total trust and confidence in You. I know that You will finish what You started."

What looks like the end, and looks like

everything is over, that is only the beginning.

That's when we need to stand up and say, "God, I know You will turn this situation around. I know what I see but I don't go by what I see, and I don't go by how my body feels. You said, By the stripes of Jesus I was healed, so I am standing on that verse. You said You would provide for all my needs according to Your riches in glory. You are rich. You own the cattle on a thousand hills. You said I will prosper as my soul prospers and I am prospering my soul the best I can, so it's Your turn and I am expecting Your provision to come. I am not standing in fear and I am not going to complain. I am speaking victory over every circumstance in my life. I trust You Lord."

"My debts are finished, my sickness is healed, and my relationships are whole. It is finished now!"

Philippians 1:6 says, "He that began a good work in you will bring it to completion."

We are supposed to be confident. We need to talk like it's a sure thing. Act like it is a done deal. Plan like it's already happened. We must toss out that old negative thinking and stop looking at the way things are. We have been talking about painting our house for three years. We have talked about colors, bricks, stone fronts, fences all sorts of things and we drove around looking for something we both liked. There was no money to paint when we did that, but we did it in faith. Today the house is finished. It is finished. God provided and we didn't even have to do it ourselves. We talked it into existence. Our faith brought the desired result. I kept saying, "We have to do it now." Now has come and it is done.

It's the same with healing. We have to stand on whatever we know God told us or what He says in His Word about. It's great when we get a personal Word about healing, but we need to stand in faith and confess it anyway. We are healed. We are restored, we are being renewed in our spirit man daily. We have strength to do

what God has called us to do. No one can tear you down unless you allow it.

I think when people are alone a lot and they have no one to talk to they are not the best company for themselves. They get over into such flesh thinking and are not on the right track with what the Word says. They have no one to say, "Don't talk like that, don't think those negative thoughts." We all need to have someone to encourage and lift us up.

God will bring you to a flourishing finish. I believe it. I have confidence that God will finish what He started. God will bring good into your life. God is a God of completion. He still works according to His own plan, but He will accomplish all He told you He would.

Elisha was a prophet who was promised a double portion of Elijah's anointing. There were seven major miracles attributed to Elijah. So that meant Elisha should have experienced fourteen miracles. He died after only thirteen miracles. He was one short of the promised allotment!

His family placed him in an open grave when along came a group of people carrying a man killed in battle. They were in a hurry so they decided to put his body in with Elisha's. They lowered him in, and when his body touched Elisha's it came back to life. He stood up and walked out of that grave! There was miracle number fourteen! God came through when it counted the most. As long as we stay in faith, and as long as we keep believing, every promise God has put in our hearts will all come to pass. Not even death can keep God from bringing it to completion.



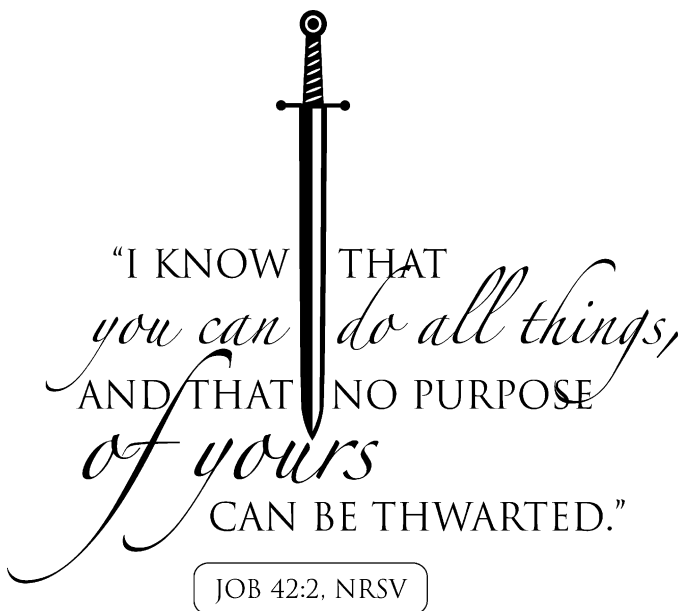
So hang in there! Find something that is symbolic of what God told you. Get out the blueprints and put them up so you can see them. Get out your bills and write paid in full on the end you keep and put them up. Do you want a new home, get a brick and put it out for you to see. Things can represent a finished product. Get something as a reminder that God will complete what He started.

**See it completed, see it fulfilled, and speak favor over it.**

Father, we thank you that You will finish what You started in our lives. We know You are a God of completion and we ask for forgiveness for doubt, unbelief and discouragement. We are holding fast to what You put in our hearts. We ask You for favor concerning our dreams or visions. And we thank You for it in advance. We thank You that we will stay in faith and expectancy every day. In Jesus Name. Amen!

If you don't know Jesus as your personal Savior, repent of your sins and invite Him into your life today! He will forgive you and He will become the best friend you ever had.

Remember, God isn't finished yet!



## The Desert Pearls

**Believing that the Christian life is strengthened by being shared, a group of Christian women in Yuma, Arizona, meet monthly for Bible study, personal sharing, and accountability. Not unusual, of course, but what they call themselves is a bit uncommon.**

**The unique name they have chosen for their group is the Desert Pearls. Why the name? One of the women, Wendy Bryant, explains, “The image of small grains of sand being churned about inside an oyster shell and eventually becoming beautiful and valuable gems is not unlike ourselves. Without Christ, we are just grains of sand. With Christ, we are changed into ‘pearls’ valuable to God. God wants us to shine, to be whole.”**

**Wendy Bryant tells of how the members of the group are learning to trust God, others and themselves. She asks this challenging question of the rest, “When are you going to crawl out of your oyster shell and share your beauty — your gifts from God — with the church?”**

\* Christ did not come to do away with suffering; he did not come to explain it. He came to fill it with His Presence.

— Paul Claudal

\* Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours are long, and the pay is low. But the retirement benefits are out of this world.

\* People are funny—they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road and the back of the church.

\* When you have a fight with your conscience and get licked, you win.