



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. 1 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.

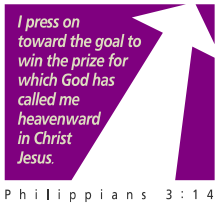
Bible study meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 - 8:30p.m. Prayer is at 6:00.



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What goes through your mind when I say, let's stick with it?

We are each going through to the next level in our walk with the Lord. We are sticking with it no matter what happens!

We also know the enemy comes along and tries really hard to thwart the plans of God. But we have learned to be overcomers of all the enemy throws at us.

Sometimes what he throws is not easy to swallow or to deal with, but when we walk in with faith and trust, we come out on the other side. We can look back and say, "When all that mess started, I didn't like it, but it all worked out and I'm going forward in victory." It was a little hill that *seemed* like a mountain!

Have you ever heard the saying; **a great oak tree is only a little nut that held its ground?** That is what we are doing, we are becoming more mature in the things of the Lord. We are standing firm, and we

Sticking with it

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are holding our ground.

I know there is much coming that we will all have to stand through, but our Lord is a powerful God and He will see us through! He is always with us in the midst of whatever we go through.

Some people fail in life because they think if they don't succeed at one thing they will try something else. But success gets away from those who follow that advice.

When you have been given a direction from the Lord He wants you to take and it finally happens, it's because you stuck to your ambitions and your faith in Him. You believed that what He told you would happen, even though He didn't say when it would happen.

The first time the Lord told me I was to write a book was many years ago, but I held onto that for years. I have worked at keeping all the notes from the various things I experienced so that when the time came to write the

books they would be accurate. We don't always remember things so well after many years, but if you have already taken the time to write each event down, you can pull that information out at the time you begin to write the actual book.

The dream or vision the Lord gave to me was long in coming, but I had to hold on, and stick with it. I had to stick with it even after I found a publisher. I had to conform to all their ways of doing things which caused many time-consuming changes. It was work! But I had to stick to the plan of God. I had to keep my ambition or my vision of the book ahead of me and not quit!

Don't allow the enemy to rob you for one minute! Refuse to be discouraged! Don't let disappointment get the upper hand. Let the challenge push you onward to the finish. Tell the enemy you are not going to receive his suggestions, in the name of Jesus! If it is of the Lord, just keep sticking to whatever it is! Remember we will be

judged by what we finish,
not by what we start.

It takes time and tenacity
to acquire your
achievements. It takes
trusting and leaning on the
Lord to show you the way.
He will show you but don't
allow temptation to stop
you!

Brahms, took seven years
to compose his famous
lullaby because he kept
falling asleep at the piano.
Not really, but it did take
him seven years to finish.
If you quit too soon, you
will not be happy.
Remember, the enemy is
the one who wants to stop
you. He will tell you, "Oh
come on, just look at this,
or look at that." You know
what, If God tells you to do
something, you can look all
you want to and it doesn't
matter because He is the
one you work for anyway!
You are choosing to
believe the Lord, not the
lies of the enemy.

Sometimes people quit
and never realize how
close they were to success.
Someone once said,
**"When you apply
persistence to
possibilities, you will find
opportunity."**

We can look at someone

else's success and think, "I
need to be like them, Look
how great they are, look at
all they have
accomplished!"

You have to be yourself
and do what God wants you
to do. You have to choose
to become whom God made
you to be. Not who God
made someone else to be.
You can't be someone else.
It won't fit! You can't
follow the crowd either.
You are one of a kind!

Think about a train a
minute. If there were only
engines, what would the
purpose be, what would be
the accomplishment? The
engine is designed to pull
cars. The cars can't pull the
rest of the train that is not
their purpose. They can't
even look like them.

A train car can move on
the track and be known to
be a part of the train, but it
is not the engine.

You can only be like
Jesus, and act like Him so
others will know you belong
to the family of God!

Be yourself! Stand firm
in whom you are! We know
we need to change the inner
man to become more Christ-
like. We even know we
need to walk in love. But
we can't walk where

someone else walks and try
to follow in their steps
because their path might
not go where God wants
you to go.

We are all ready to go
forward in what He has
revealed to us. They are
not small things either. So
what can we do to
accomplish His plan? **We
can stand firm and keep
the words of our mouth
correct and positive.** We
can keep believing God
will do what He said! He is
not a liar, so the age you
are doesn't matter either.
God can keep your body
young, keep you healthy,
along with your
cooperation for as long as
He wants. He wants to
complete what He started
in you.

If you have already done
all God wants to do
through you, then you
might as well draw your
feet up into your bed and
go home! That is not
happening around here!
We are standing with our
faith strong. We are
believing for God's best!

**Your circumstances are
not always the greatest,
but His presence is the
greatest! Your money is
not always overflowing,
but the Holy Spirit is.**

We all have ups and downs but we choose to continue to stand on the Word and God is faithful!

We are not all whole in every way yet, but through faith in the Word, and the confession of our mouth it is happening.

So, quit looking at all that isn't happening and begin to look at where you are and think about where you are going.

A train just keeps chugging down the track forward to get to its destination. If it wants to back up for some reason, maybe to get rid of some baggage, or extra cars it is pulling, it is a major process.

Everything slows down, finally there is a screech of the brakes as it still slides forward. All the cars are jolted and you hear them sort of bang into each other or are jolted into each other as it finally comes to a stop. Everything changes momentum! It causes changes in things around the train as well. People get stuck waiting for the train to pass or back up. They get frustrated and are anxious for that train to get

moving again. They want it to go forward and get on with its destination or get out of the way so they can pass by. Stopping in the middle of a crossing is unforgivable. It causes people to be late for their destination.

It's the same with us. We are going full steam ahead toward our destination! Others are watching and encouraged by what they see, but suddenly, something happens. Your extra baggage begins to wear you down and you just have to stop to get rid of it or lay down under the burden of it. Your walk with the Lord stops or your momentum and you come to a screeching halt. You begin to backslide! You are causing others to stop and lay down too because you are their mentor or example. . If you can't stick with it how do you expect others to?

Pick up your Bible and find a scripture to fit your situation. Command that baggage to get off of you, or out of your way in the name of Jesus.

Don't frustrate those who are watching you. Get going, stoke your engine with the Word! Get your

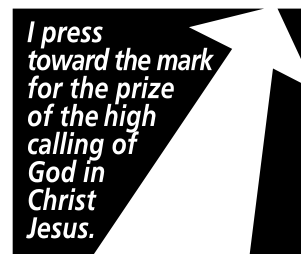
faith built up and start moving again!

"Wow, "others are saying, "Look at that, they are up and going again and all they went through. You know what, if they can stick with it so can I!"

God tells us that nothing is too difficult for Him so trust Him, cast your cares upon Him and watch Him work out your situation! He will if you let Him.

Don't murmur! Praise Him and thank Him! Then sit in His lap awhile and leave the worry up to Him. I should say leave the outcome in His hands.

There is no one who can help you stick with it like the Holy Spirit! Ask for His help and I know you will make it through anything you face!



Philippians 3:14

Praise Corner & Tid Bits

Kalamazoo, MI

God is in the business of healing! At a Bible study a lady said she wouldn't be back the following week because she was going to have heart surgery. They did not expect her to live.

Pastor Hart laid hands on her asking God to give her a new heart. Guess what? He did!

She was back the next week to testify of what the Lord had done. No surgery, God intervened!

Bible Study

Tuesday nights have been a special time of visitations of the power of the Holy Spirit. People are so hungry for more of the Lord and He is coming in answer to their cry. There are prophesies given, visions have happened, people have been ministered to, bodies have been healed and people are being fired up in their spirit for more of God. Come join us if you want more of Jesus in your life! We begin prayer at 6:00p.m. and then wait to see what the Lord wants to do. We worship and we share the Word, but we love to give the Holy Spirit freedom to accomplish His purpose among us.

Portage, MI

The Lord revealed to Pastor Hart that one lady had a heart that was barely functioning. During praise in a Sunday service, Pastor Hart saw Jesus in the spirit appear in front her with a new heart in His hand. He put it in her hand and told her to go place the new heart in the lady. She said it actually felt as if she could feel the wetness of the heart. It was dripping in blood. She walked to the lady, and put in the heart. Pastor could see Jesus making all the necessary connections of the arteries. etc. The lady felt the anointing and received the heart by faith. Later a doctor gave this lady the report that she now had the heart of a twenty-year-old! Praise the Lord!

Are any among you suffering?

They should pray.

Are any cheerful?
They should sing songs of praise.



James 5:13, NRSV

* God is not greater if you reverence Him, but you are greater if you serve Him.

—St. Augustine

The Healing of Body and Spirit

The Journal of the American Medical Association reports that more and more medical schools are teaching courses dealing with religious/spiritual issues. In 1994 only three medical schools in this country offered courses that focused on the role of religion or prayer in healing. By 1997 there were thirty medical schools that were offering classes dealing with spiritual healing and the importance of faith in recovery.

Dr. Dale Matthews teaches medical students about spirituality at the Georgetown School of Medicine. His book on the subject is called *The Faith Factor*. Here is a statement by Dr. Matthews: "When I started out in medicine, I said to myself, 'If I'm a doctor taking care of patients, I've got to pay attention to all aspects of the patient's experience, and since religion is very important to my patients, I should pay attention to the spiritual needs of my patients.'"

* Real teachers know the difference between what must be graded, what ought to be graded, and what probably should never again see the light of day.

—Anonymous

* There is very little motion sickness on a journey with God.

* The wonderful thing about Jesus is that He not only meets us at church occasionally, but He always goes home with us.

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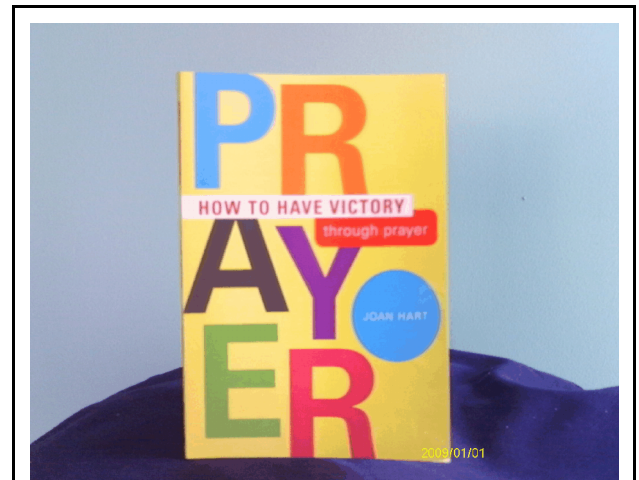
During a Sunday service a mother came in late and stood in the back of the church crying. Pastor stopped and asked what was wrong. She and her daughter had come from the hospital and were told her daughter had pneumonia. They had to go home to pick up some things and then were going back to the hospital to admit her but felt led to stop by the church first.

Pastor Hart laid hands on her daughter and prayed for God to give her new lungs. While someone else prayed in tongues the daughter received the interpretation. The Lord said four times He had healed her! They left for the hospital.

That night Pastor received a call from the daughter's grandmother saying the doctor found nothing wrong with the girls lungs this time.

God had indeed given her new lungs.

Praise God for His healing!



For a donation of \$20.00 we will send you a copy of Pastor Hart's new book:

"How to Have Victory Through Prayer"

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Renewing our Soul

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Prov. 20:27 - "The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly."

This is saying that God uses our spirit to enlighten us, to guide and direct us. He speaks to our spirit by an inward witness.

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." Rom. 8:14.

Of course our own spirit has a voice too. That is called our conscience, our intuition. The world might call it a hunch. That's our own spirit talking to us. Whether a person is saved or unsaved, they are still a spirit being and can know things in their spirit. This inward voice seeks to give direction to our minds.

Many times we could have spared ourselves a lot of heartache, if we had followed that inward voice.

If people had followed this inner voice or witness, they would never have made some of the investments they have made

and lost money. If they had listened to this inner voice, they wouldn't have made some of the business deals or past business partnerships either. They also wouldn't have chosen some of the friends they did.

Many times young people get involved with the wrong crowd, chose the wrong friends and are led away from the Lord.

We have all made a lot of mistakes that might not have happened if we had listened to the Spirit of God.

Sometimes when we pray about something, we know for sure what the right direction is we are to go, but then when we get back out of the realm of the Holy Spirit we convince ourselves it wasn't God or maybe the leading just wears off.

We each have to learn to let our spirit dominate our mind if we are going to be successful Christians.

Walking by faith means

we walk by the Word and then we have to let our inward man control us.

Some times when we want to do something so bad, we just jump in and go for it. But maybe God is saying wait, because. He has something better.

When we look to the Holy Spirit for direction, we have to rely as much on what He doesn't tell us as much as what He does. Sometimes it is a time of learning to trust God, just to rest on His promises and totally depend on Him for our needs.

Sometimes there is just a knowing on the inside that something is about to happen and even though you don't know what, you have to stand and wait and trust Him.

Listening to the leading of the Holy Spirit will reveal fruit in your life to those around you.

Our spirit will not be trained to walk in the way of faith overnight. But as we continue to seek Him we can train our spirit to be led by the voice of His spirit.

How do we do this? By reading the Word and spending time in His Presence. Our spirit can be trained and built up in strength just as the body can be built up.

In order for us to understand spiritual things with our natural minds, our minds have to be renewed by the Word of God. As we read the Bible, the Holy Spirit helps us understand it.

In I Cor. 2:14 - Paul said, **"The natural man receives not the things of Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually understood."**

The Bible cannot be understood with the head. It can only be understood with the heart. We have to get the revelation of it in our soul.

After we receive Jesus and become a child of God, only then can we understand the Bible and learn about spiritual things. This is something we must do daily.

II Cor. 4:16 says, **"Though our outward man perish, yet the inward man**

is renewed day by day."

Remember, the inward man is the real man, the real you. When your body dies, the inward man still lives.

Phil 1:21 says, **"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."** There wouldn't be any gain to dying if man were to perish and that was the end of everything.

Why would we continue to do the things we do? There would be nothing to look forward to. Even when Jesus was dying looked toward the goal, the end result! The end result was that we would be able to receive Him and enter heaven when we die. Without Him, we won't! Simple as that.

Eternal life is the life of God. It is the God kind of life. It is the nature of God which comes into our spirit to recreate us and make us a new creature.

Then we have within us the nature of God which is love. **We cannot love without the love of the Lord in us.** See when we have been born again and have this God nature abiding within us, we can

develop our spirit to higher levels of worship and service to God.

1. The **body** is the part of you which deals with the physical realm.

2. The **soul** is the part which deals with the mental realm, your reasoning, emotions and feelings.

3. The **spirit** is the part of you which deals with the spiritual realm.

God is trying to bring our soul into unity with His Spirit. Our soul is not born again. Our spirit is. It becomes new. We didn't have the Spirit of God in us to begin with unless God did it in your mother's womb like He did for John the Baptist.

Upon our acceptance of receiving Jesus, our spirit man was born-again, saved.

Now our **spirit** man is saved, but we have to get our **soul** lined up with God's Spirit, by transforming our thinking. Changing our thinking to be like God wants it to be. We do that by being a doer of the Word, not just a hearer.

Psalm 23 says, **"He restoreth my soul."** It doesn't say He restores my



spirit. Spirits are born of God.

John 3:6 says, "**That which is born of the Spirit is spirit.**" Our spirit is saved, now let's get busy and work on our soul by changing our mind through the Word.

If our mind isn't renewed with the Word, then the mind, which has been educated in the past through the body and through the physical senses, will side in with the body and gang up on our spirit. It will keep us immature in the things of the Lord or as baby Christians.

Immature Christians are carnal or body-ruled Christians. Body-ruled Christians have never developed spiritually.

We are to walk by faith not by sight. We can't go by what we see any more. It has to be by faith.

Grow up, come out of your unbelief. Life is a battle but God has already overcome everything for us so we can live by faith.

When we get our mind renewed with the Word of God then the spirit through the renewed mind can

control the body. After that the soul will take sides with the spirit because it knows the Word. It is renewed with the Word. It will allow the spirit to dominate.

Eventually all three; body, soul, and spirit, line up and we will walk in the Spirit as God desires. ☞



Miss Stacey Kenworthy is soon leaving for Rhema Bible college in Oklahoma.

We have been blessed to have had her teach our children's church for the last couple of years.

The children have grown in the Lord as she touched their hearts.

We all thank her for her dedication.

May God bless her as she follows God's plan for her life.

We will all miss her!

Thank You, Stacey!