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Hart to Heart Ministries is a training center for those who desire to know more about Jesus.

There are conferences twice a year teaching, "How to have Victory."

There is teaching of the Word and how to apply it to your everyday life.

Private pastoral counseling is available, as well as inner healing 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 also opportunities galore for those interested in donating their time and talents.

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It's a New Day

We are all aware of the fact that it is a new day. Not just because the day is a Sunday and not a Saturday. We are living in a new relationship with the Lord. It has been one of surrendering of self to become what He wants. We have gone through stages in our mind, our emotions, personal experiences, and spiritual areas of our lives.

Lets back up just a bit. When God gives us a new Word we get so excited about it that sometimes we jump, we shout or dance and then tell everyone about the great news. We are totally unsuspecting that we are about to be put into deep darkness or on a so called desert.

Ok so the new day has arrived. The light has dawned. Then the light begins to fade, what happened? Joy has left the building. We have simply misinterpreted the situation. Most of us think that the darkness of night indicates the end of the old day, not the beginning of the next one. But the day actually begins one minute after midnight.

We are to use the darkness as a time of rest and refreshment and renewal for the new day. We are to regroup and get ready to meet the new day's challenges. We all know that when we go through something awful, that in the morning we feel better and can handle the situation better. **It didn't change, we did.**

We have entered into a time of testing. Will we murmur, will we bad mouth the

situation, will we talk doubt, will we just become negative and give up?

We keep wondering how this dark time we are going through can be good. We seldom understand what He is doing. How can this darkness be good? We struggle to believe and to follow Him. We keep trying to go back to what was. Finally, we feel disconnected, disoriented and alone, but those feelings come with the new path we are on.

We have to be disconnected with the past to go on to the new. It might be a disconnection with old ideas, beliefs and emotions. It may mean accepting a new role or a changing of relationships. It might require us to detach or disentangle ourselves from dysfunctional aspects of relationships.

Remember the story of Joseph, well he was physically removed from his homeland, so we must be removed either physically or psychologically.

Jonathan wasn't able to disconnect emotionally from his father, Saul. So he never saw the new day. But David did. Even Orpah, in the story of Ruth, was unwilling to emotionally disconnect from her people in Moab. Ruth was willing, and she followed Naomi to Bethlehem where she stepped into her new day. She married Boaz and prospered. She was willing to let go of self.

Sometimes when your disconnection and disorientation comes, you feel all alone. You don't know who you are, or where you are. You feel as if you are barely hanging on. You frantically grab anything that comes along, because you are trying with all your might to hang on lest you fall. It is dark and you can be full of fear and feel stranded where nothing is working and nobody seems to understand. Your joy and motivation are gone, You don't really want to go back where you came from, but you have no idea where to go next. You just don't understand what is happening. You struggle for your rights. But know this: **Something new and better is about to arrive.**

There's always joy in the morning! In order for something new to replace the old, the old has to be put to death. There is nothing more you can do. The fight is over, you have no fight left in you. You feel like there is nowhere to turn and no one to help you, there is nothing left to do because you have tried it all. You are totally emptied. You have exhausted every option **except SURRENDER.**

The midnight hour is when death comes to your vision, your ministry, your level of anointing, and your relationships, so that the greater good, the new day, can break forth. Will you trust God enough to press through until the dawn?

Right before a manifestation of God's glory, the revival part of you will be praying and sensing a rising tide of power and expectancy. All of a sudden, you hit a brick wall. The power is gone, God's presence

seems to have lifted. Your prayers feel trapped in your mouth. A deep despair settles in. You feel physically drained. It takes everything in you to keep moving. Don't retreat now!

John 12:24 says, "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain." So now in the midnight hour, death comes to our ability to succeed, to our arrogant striving to produce something, to our mental strength and to our ability to work things out, or to fix it. We have to come to a place of total helplessness where we **completely surrender ourselves to God.** We have to let go of our reputation, position, relationships, everything. And come to a place of peace within our total helplessness where we put **all of our trust in God's hands.**

Galatians 2:20 says, "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me, and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

Our ego, our trust in ourselves and in our human capabilities is gone. It has been exhausted and emptied. Like Jesus we say, "Without God, I can do nothing." We place the will of God above our own will. **We die to our own will and choose His.**

We have been so self focused and now we must be **God focused.** Dying to self is the way it works in the Kingdom of God.

Jesus' road to Glory was going through Gethsemane and then Calvary to death on the cross. If we lay down our rights to have our life turn out in a certain preconceived way, we will gain something better. The degree of our death to self indicates the degree of transformation that we can expect to experience. If we go all the way down to the bottom of our heart, we will find our doubt and the places where our will is opposite of God's will. Then we will encounter both our fear and our faith. It is at that point that we can lay it all down and prepare for the coming of a new day.

Surrender is sweet when you find that in finally letting go of all striving and anxiety over the future, is now out of your hands and in God's. Your future no longer depends on you. It rests on God. Your work is finished. Your heart and mind have been transformed. You are in a new place with God; a place of total trust and faith in Him. God's faith is released within you and you have just **moved from who you are in Christ, to who Christ is in you!** You have found out that dying is being made alive. You are now alive because of brokenness. You have overcome your fear and you have broken through to a new level of faith and trust. You have emerged from a death process; the **death of yourself**. It's a new day and you are a new creature in Christ. All things have become new. Rejoice the new day is here!

Lets pray: Father, today we ask that You forgive us for trying to control our own lives and situations instead of relying on You to show us the way. Forgive our

complaining and murmuring over our situations. We surrender our choices and choose to move from who we are in Christ to who Christ is in us. Thank You for bringing us through this dark time and into the new day. In Jesus Name, Amen,

If you don't know Jesus as your Savior, Pray this prayer:

Father I believe You sent Jesus to die on the cross for my sin. Forgive me for all the things I have said, thought, or done wrong. I turn from them and receive Jesus as my Savior. I open the door of my heart and invite Him to come in and live in me. I ask Him to fill me up to over-flowing with His Holy Spirit. Thank You Father for saving my soul and for giving me eternal life.

In Jesus Name I pray, Amen!





The Sidekick

When we talk about fear, there is a sidekick that goes along with the fear. It's called doubt! It is a sort of advance man. An advance man is someone who goes ahead of a person, a group, or a ministry to prepare the proper reception for the ones he represents. Doubt's job goes ahead to prepare you to receive Fear.

Doubt almost always makes an appearance in our thinking before fear comes along. If you think anything negative about a situation, it is actually doubt that is telling you it will never happen. Why? Because you are not trusting in the Lord that He will follow through with what He told you in His Word. Doubt will always show up in your thinking before fear comes along. It prepares you to get over into fear.

Remember, fear controls! Are you a controlling person? Well, maybe you better go back and check out why? What are you afraid of? Well Pastor, I'm not afraid of anything, I just like things to be in order and I know the best way for that to happen. If you let go of that control, God might have a chance to get into your situation to change it and you.

If we are not aware of what doubts and fears do in our lives we will never be able to achieve the level of faith God wants us to have.

In Matthew 14:25-31 the disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea and were troubled. They said, "It's a spirit" and cried out for fear. They panicked, thinking they were seeing a ghost. But what did Jesus say, "Be of good cheer, it is I, be not afraid." They were afraid it might be a ghost, not the Holy One either. Was it an evil spirit? The doubt that it was Jesus got a hold of them first, then they reacted from the fear which came next and they cried out.

Jesus spoke to them and told Peter to come to Him on the water. But we know that Peter began to pay attention to what was going on around him instead of keeping his eyes on Jesus. He started to sink. We sink too when we take our focus off

Jesus. He has to be first and foremost in our lives. There is no other way to live in victory! Jesus has to be first.

"Oh He never did anything for me. Why should I believe Him. He doesn't do things in the time frame that I want. I doubt it will ever happen." **It is as you say, and it is as you think!** Get away from your doubt and fear. You cannot control everything and be happy. You will be worn out from trying.

We can't make others love the Lord any more than we can make someone have faith. We can pray for them to love the Lord and we can pray their faith will grow. But the best way is to take our hands off the situation, or persons and allow the Holy Spirit to have control.

What was Peter thinking as he stepped out onto the water? He believed at first. He had faith but he began to doubt when he looked at the negative situation around him. Then fear stepped in and down into the water he went. The spirits of doubt were right there to rob him of his faith. "Wow, Peter, look at the size of those waves. You are a very good swimmer, but those look too big for you to conquer." Fear jumps in and says in Peter's ears. "Yup, you are gonna drown for sure. Your life is over!" Of course we know that Peter yelled for help and Jesus saved him. But Jesus said, "O thou of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Doubt prepared a place for fear to walk in. Doubt is the advance man. He gets you ready to receive fear.

You might say you don't walk in fear but that is the root of all the negatives in your life. You think, "What will happen if I don't do this, or that. I'm concerned that if I don't do this that will happen. I can't control that, so I will think about what I can do next." **YOU cannot control anything and have the Lord, or the Holy Spirit lead you.** You will be led by the enemy and not even realize it.

The spirits of doubt and fear we know are evil spirits that come from the devil. The devil wants us to be defeated in every area of our lives. The devil wants us to doubt God's promises and His faithfulness. The devil wants us to doubt the power of the Word and the power in Jesus Name.

Every time you are in doubt or fear, you are back under the influence of the law of sin and death. You're not free of the power of the devil.

Maybe you are Peter out walking on the water, but you are sinking a little in debt, sickness, or maybe you are sinking in family problems. Why are you so tired and weary of it all? **YOU** are trying to control it! Doubt and fear are working and you are allowing it. **Stop looking at your situation the way it is and see it the way Jesus said it is in the Bible.** Trust Him with it! Give it to Him! Take your hands off and get back in Jesus lap. You are His child and He has only good things for you.

He did give you the power of the anointing and the power of Jesus Name. You do have the right to operate in that power. We have to choose whom we will serve. We must not be moved by what we hear, see, or feel. We don't go by the flesh. "But you don't understand what **I** need." It doesn't matter what you need, what does God say you are to do to have those needs met?

We are to bind our minds to the mind of Christ. If your thinking is the same as Jesus, then you know He would never think like you are thinking. We are to ask forgiveness for not believing what He has told us in His Word. We need to confess that we have been walking in doubt and unbelief. We are no longer going to wait to see something happen before we will believe it. We will read the Word and get built up in our most holy faith.

Doubt and fear we will rebuke and let them know that we are not receiving them anymore. They can take their negative words, pack their bags and leave in Jesus Name. I refuse to listen to doubt, or fear anymore, in Jesus Name. The Word says, whatsoever I say shall come to pass according to the Word.

What word are you speaking? Is it scriptural? It better be. The angels will move on the Word of God that you speak. That's what they are waiting for. "Wow, that person just spoke out the Word, so we have to make sure we hasten to perform that Word."

Jesus said, whatsoever I speak in His name will happen. There is power in His name. If I pray it with faith and believing trusting in God, it will happen in God's timing.

The devil doesn't want you to believe that the Word **works**.

Philippians 4:19 says, "God will supply all my needs according to His riches in glory."

Exodus 15:26 says, "I am the God that heals."

So I say out loud, "Doubt go in Jesus Name. Fear go in Jesus Name. God has not given me a spirit of fear but a spirit of love, of power and a sound mind. **I choose to believe the Word.**"

"If I want to wallow in self pity, the poor me stuff, nothing will change for the better. I have to pull up my boot straps, put on the armor of God so that I am able to stand against the wiles of the devil. I am a soldier in His army and I have on the armor of God."

"I have on the helmet of Salvation, I have my loins girded with truth, I have on the breast plate of righteousness, my feet are shod with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace. I hold the shield of faith which quenches all the fiery darts of the wicked and I have the sword of the spirit which is the Word of God and I pray in the Spirit. I am full of power and as I speak God's Word out loud, Your angels mighty in strength perform Your Word as it says in, Psalm 103:20.

Hebrews 4:12 says, "Your Word is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword."

Psalm 138:2 says, "You magnify Your Word above Your Name."

Jeremiah 1:12 says, "You hasten to perform Your Word."

Psalms 119:89 says, "Your Word is forever settled in heaven."

Let's get busy and let go of control, doubt and fear. Begin to trust God and His Word. Peace will be yours.

If you don't know Jesus as your Lord and Savior so you have eternal life, it's very easy. You need to become His child.

Pray this little prayer and your life will change for the better:

Dear Lord,

I believe Jesus is the Son of God and that He came to die on the cross for my sins. I believe He rose again from the dead and is now in heaven.

I confess my sins and ask You to forgive me of them. I turn from my wrong ways and put You first.

I open the door of my heart and invite You to come in and live with me.

I acknowledge that You are my Lord and Savior.

I believe Jesus loves me and has a good plan for my life. I trust Him with it now and I also receive eternal life.

I also ask that You would fill me up to overflowing with the power of the Holy Spirit. I believe it will bring healing in my body, soul, and spirit.

Thank You for giving me Salvation and new life.

Thank You that I am born-again and now have eternal life.



In Jesus Name, Amen!



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*If you have no joy in your religion, you have a leak in your Christianity.

*It is pleasing to the dear God whenever you rejoice or laugh from the bottom of your heart.

*In giving advice, I advise you, be short.



Pentecost

As we go through these days of change we all need to be wrapped up in the peace of God. When Jesus rose from the dead and was preparing to go to heaven, He told His disciples to go to the upper room and wait there for the promise of the Father.

He said in Acts 1:5 "For John truly baptized with water; but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit...". He also told them that after they received the Holy Spirit they would be endued with power. We know from reading our Bible that is exactly what happened.

When the day of Pentecost was fully come, there appeared unto them cloven tongues like fire and they were **all filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. When the people heard them speaking in other tongues they were amazed.

Acts 2:18 says, "On my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy." There is nothing as exciting as receiving the Holy Spirit. He can now comfort us, guide us and speak to our hearts revealing the way we are to go.

I love His comfort! When things are all up in the air and we are not settled about something, the Holy Spirit is able to come and wrap His arms around us to comfort us. He can bring healing to our mind as well as our body. Jesus died on the cross so that we would have the freedom to choose Him, which is life, or to stay where we were, which is the opposite of life. Jesus also knew that if we decided to say, "Yes" to Him, that He would be with us forever, until the end of time. You will no longer be alone. His love for us can never be exhausted. No matter what we deal with in life, He will help us and bring us His peace.

Sometimes the peace is in our minds and then we are able to choose the right way we are supposed to go.

Sorrow and heartache are not of the Lord. He

wants us to be able to give it to Him and allow Him to heal us inside. That is just one of the jobs of the Holy Spirit.

All we have to do is Just ask Him to heal us of all the hurts we have, and He will. Suddenly, one day we realize we feel better and things don't seem to be so bad.

When we put Him first, the rest of our life falls into place. Our responsibility is to read our Bible and find out what the Holy Spirit says to us about our lives. Then when we find out, we are to apply it to our lives and make the necessary changes. When we do, we are blessed!

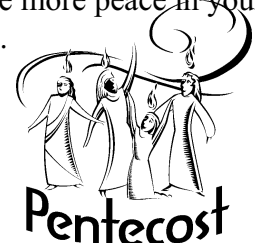
We all face trials or hard times, but with God in control, we can handle anything! We have to make Him not only our Savior, but the Lord of our lives.

We confessed all our wrongs and invited Him to come into our hearts first, so now we need to respect God's Word and obey it. It will bring us such peace when we obey. Obedience brings blessings. Disobedience keeps us all upset inside. No Peace!

One thing I love about being filled with the Holy Spirit is that when there is a crisis and I don't know how, or what to pray, I can allow the Holy Spirit to pray through me and know that He is praying according to the perfect will of God. He is awesome!

You can read all about Pentecost in your Bible in the book of Acts. Start in Chapter one and read the whole book of Acts. You will be so blessed!

Ask the Lord to fill you up to overflowing with His Holy Spirit and receive more peace in your life than you have ever known.



What is Hart to Heart Ministries

Christian Training Center

Hart to Heart Ministries is not only a church where people come to worship, but it is also a Training Center for those desiring to have a closer relationship with the Lord.

There is teaching about the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, the Fruit of the Holy Spirit and of course how to pray the Word. There is teaching of the Word and how to apply it to our everyday lives.

There are also conferences for all who are interested.

Sunday church service is at 10:00 a.m. at Sanctuary of Praise, 2401 E. Milham, Portage, MI.

Meet our Pastor

Prophetess Joan Hart of Portage, Michigan is a licensed and ordained minister of the Gospel. She is the founder of Hart to Heart Ministries.

Hart to Heart Ministries began "from Joan Hart to the hearts of others." The vision of the ministry is for all who need inner healing based on Isaiah 61:1-3.

For forty years, she has been a Christian speaker at: conferences, retreats, banquets, special meetings, church leadership, television and radio programs. You will find her to be sincere, funny, genuine, honest, real and walking in love.

Because of her love for people and the joy of the Lord in her heart, many lives are touched as Prophetess Joan Hart offers help for those needing inner healing.

Her ministry is non-denominational, and she is able to teach or speak in any church and be respectful of each denomination.

She also does pastoral counseling on a regular basis to people of all denominations.

If you are interested in having a special meeting for your church, conference, or Bible study, please feel free to call Prophetess Joan Hart and allow her to be a blessing.

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