

# Call to Faith Ministries

Achieving victory in life through an intimate and empowering relationship with Jesus Christ...

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## What If ...?

Dear Subscriber,

*I wish I had tried, called, said, done ...  
If only ...*

Most of us would agree that experience is a great teacher and hindsight is 20/20. But if you're like me, you would rather gain wisdom without having to endure the pain of lingering regrets.

That's why I prefer the question: *What if ...*

*What if...* looks forward rather than backward, unleashes endless possibilities, and positions us to seize the moment and make the most of every day.

*What if ...* I truly believed God is who He says He is?

*What if...* I lived as though I completely trusted Him?

Imagine how this act of surrender could dramatically impact how you feel about yourself and others, the way you allocate your time, and how you respond to the challenges of daily life.

What would your life look like? The same as today? Or would you experience transformational changes in: your priorities, marriage, relationships, values, moral choices, conversations, leisure activities, business ethics, language, clothing, entertainment (music, movies, tv programs, websites), and most importantly - the intimacy you experience in your relationship with God?

Today, many people feel as empty and hopeless as the

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If you are located in the Dove Broadcasting viewing area, tune into NiteLine on

**Tuesday Night**  
**May 26, 2009, 8-10 pm!**

Join the NiteLine Host, Debbie, Barbara, and musical guests as they encourage you to achieve victory in life through an intimate and empowering relationship with Jesus Christ!

Don't Forget to Mark Your Calendars

destitute widow described in the 4th Chapter of 2 Kings. She had no food, no money, no way to feed her children. The only thing she had left was a little bit of oil in the bottom of a jar. Down to nothing and with no way out, she finally turned to God. She decided to trust Him with everything. The Lord responded to her faith by multiplying the only thing she had left - that little bit of oil - again, and again, and again until all of her emptiness was filled and her heart was overflowing with the abundance that only He could provide.

What about you? Do you need a miracle? You may feel empty, as though the world has wrung every last drop of joy from your soul. You may feel that you have no hope and no one who truly understands or cares about you.

Don't waste another minute believing this lie. If you decide to trust God with everything, if you surrender to Him your hunger, your needs, hopes, desires, pain, anger, loneliness, regrets - whatever is breaking your heart or keeping you in bondage - the Lord is powerful enough and loves you enough to carry you safely through every challenge. He will shine glorious light even into *your* darkest night.

Genuinely trust Him and you will find yourself dancing among miracles, marveling at the beauty, and wondering in amazement how you get to be part of it all!

Unconvinced? Read on...

### The Evidence!

Lately, I've been giving a lot of thought to what God is willing to do in our lives when we come to Him waving a white flag of surrender.

Because of my history with the Lord, I can personally testify to His supernatural ability to take our simple acts of trust and obedience and turn them into miracles that surpass even our wildest expectations.

Only a few years ago, I felt as spiritually and emotionally dry as the poor widow. If hope was measured in oil, my jar would have been completely empty. With no possibility of deliverance in sight, I offered God even the jar. I promised Him, if He would accept me and redeem the mess I had made of everything, He could have it all - the good, the bad, and the ugly. My life would be His.

I meant it. And for the most part I've kept that promise. But every now and then, for no valid reason, I find myself resisting Him just because I'm in a bad mood, want to do things my way, it's a cloudy day, whatever... I stubbornly try to take back part of what I have given to Him. Though I may temporarily forget, my Savior has a very effective way of repositioning my heart and reminding me that He can do far more with "me" than I can!

His preparations for my latest reminder began a long time ago but I didn't find out He was planning this special occasion until the day my husband was driving me to Anderson to undergo a root canal for a cracked molar. I surely wasn't expecting anything good to happen during this trip!

Along the way, I received an unexpected call from Rev. Ron Arndt, a pastor I met in Indianapolis last year at the Southern

for:

## Women's Lifestyle Evangelism Conference

Dates and Locations:

January 28, 2010  
First Baptist Church in Taylors, SC

January 29, 2010  
Convention Center in  
Myrtle Beach, SC

January 30, 2010  
First Baptist Church in Columbia, SC

Enjoy transformational teaching, inspiration, fellowship, and worship with Debbie and an exciting array of Speakers and Singers at any one of these three locations! Check the June newsletter for more information!

### Quote to Ponder:

**If the Great Captain is in control, we need not nervously pace the deck.**

*Kenny Allison*

*Written by Kenny for a Sunday school lesson he taught at the age of 18. It was shared with loved ones at his funeral on May 12, 2009. We praise God for Kenny's faith that has now become sight.*

### Check Out These Links:

My Website:  
[Call to Faith Ministries](#)


Debbie's Blog  
[Walking on the Water](#)

Valuable Resources available at:  
[Community](#)

Have a Passion for Music? Take a look at my son's site:  
[Michael Dropps](#)

Aspiring Writers don't miss:  
[Writer's Corner](#)

Great photos of the Holy Land; yours to use FREE of charge! [Israel](#)

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FACEBOOK**

Baptist Convention. Rev. Arndt reminded me of our meeting and invited me to share a message with his congregation at the First Baptist Church of Hildebran, NC, on May 3rd.

A few weeks later, I had the privilege of sharing my story of God's deliverance with the members of his church. As I described the astonishing difference that wholeheartedly trusting Jesus has made in my life, I could see that my Savior's promise of forgiveness and healing was penetrating deeply to heal broken hearts and mend shattered lives. At the end of the service, I prayed that each one hearing the Spirit's call would respond.

A moment later, I felt someone touch my arm. I opened my eyes to see a smiling young man standing by my side. Tears flowed as this handsome and articulate fellow shared his story of drug addiction with me. He said that my story of God's grace had greatly inspired him and he firmly believed that God would set him free. I agreed with him for his recovery and rejoiced over his deliverance. But it was his next words that sent chills of exhilaration racing through every nerve in my body.

*"It's actually a miracle I was here today to hear this."*

He said that he had been living in a residential treatment facility for several months and was only on furlough for several hours so he could attend the funeral of a friend. He was convinced that God had intended the message specifically for him. I ask you to pray for this young man and his two little boys. Pray that he will become the spiritual role model for them that God intends for him to be.

Many others came forward to kneel at the altar and prayerfully surrender the burdens of their hearts to the Lord. A lady asked for the microphone to share her response to the message and challenged the church to consider what God would do if each individual member wholly committed their hearts to serving Him. Pray for each one who made this commitment.

Pray for a dear father, heartbroken by the loss of two precious daughters, who agreed to attend the service with his believing wife. God used this message to reach into the wounded places of his soul and deliver comfort. He responded by giving his heart to Jesus! Pray for Christian friends and family to demonstrate God's faithful love to him as he begins his new life with the Lord.

I praise God for all He has done and will continue to do among this wonderful fellowship of believers.

And, for allowing me to be a small part of His great work, I humbly surrender my will and gratefully accept His. I am privileged to be part of something far more important than my personal agenda.

Jesus has an important role reserved specifically for *YOU* and the rewards of surrender are indescribable.

**Will you do it today?  
You'll be amazed!**

## Publishing Update:

Thank you for all of your prayers and for the hundreds of encouraging emails I have received regarding the possible acceptance of my latest book proposal. I am overwhelmed and inspired by your kind support!

I have received responses from 3 of the 5 Editors who were considering my proposal:

- One has decided not to pursue publication because of the declining economy and concern that my book focuses on the same topic as a book they already have scheduled for release within the next year.
- One declined to publish but stated it was obvious God was using me to have a great impact on others and encouraged me to continue writing as he "... wouldn't be surprised at all if the Lord brings another opportunity for you to publish with ...."
- Another stated that my proposal has a lot of promise and provided me with suggestions for revisions that she believes would make my book more marketable for them. I am very excited by her interest and the possibility of publishing a book with this firm. Since the concept she suggested warrants a new proposal, I will begin working on this as soon as possible.

I feel blessed to have met each of these editors, greatly value the feedback they have provided, and am confident God will continue to build upon these new relationships!

**I am still waiting to receive a decision from two editors!**

Please keep up the prayer support!!

After meeting with all five, I immediately identified these two as the editors most likely to publish my book because of the target audiences they serve and because both immediately understood and expressed enthusiasm for the concept I was presenting. God willing, it would be a tremendous privilege to work with either one of them.

Again, please continue to cover this ministry with your prayers. Jesus is doing incredible things with the little bit I have to give Him. I have no idea where He is leading me - but one thing I know for sure - wherever He is going, I am going with Him!

May God richly bless you and satisfy all of the needs of your heart!

Abiding in *HIS* Always Amazing Grace,

Debbie Turner  
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