

## UNLOCKING THE SPIRIT FILLED CHURCH

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Have you ever felt that you are not good enough or anointed enough for God to do things through you?

How many of you have been a little too afraid to pray for someone for healing because you were thinking what if they don't get healed?

How many of us have every felt you may have word from God, a picture, a verse but have thought it's just you and it's silly and kept quiet?

How many of us have felt a pain in our body that all of a sudden appears and a little later disappears that we can't explain, especially if we at church or in a group of people?

How many of us have heard a message and there was a call for something specific and you felt your heart pounding and knew it was for you but didn't respond?

I believe we have a Spirit filled church and we need to open the door to let the church out into the world/ community etc.

I would like to share a message that encourages each and every person to believe in themselves because God believes in you and to motivate all of us to position ourselves to be available for God to unlock our potential. God wants to use little old you.

In line with the last few messages on the spirit empowered church and the 5 rivers our church is moving in, I feel that many of us here have a pastors heart – where we want to see everybody is a somebody.

As we are busy with a church plant in Southernwood, I feel this message needs to be shared to motivate all of us to be spirit empowered and operate in the gifts God has empowered us with.

While reading the book " Healing unplugged" where Rand Clarke and another pastor interview each other and I was inspired to ask myself these questions and write down the answers. The book specifically focuses on healing, but will not limit it to healing - talk about the Kingdom of God in general

Questions such as the following

- what is your story , how were you called, what major events or experiences have been part of the call
- how have you grown and what have you learned
- have you experienced any breakthrough events that caused you to see increase in ministry
- how have you developed your ability to see/ hear the in the spirit
- greatest stories of healings/ deliverances/ ministry that you have experienced
- greatest disappointments

so Alan what is your story?

- salvation - hunger- conversations with God- obedience- ministry
- Gods grace was upon me to keep me from harm until I could truly accept Him in my life and have my life changed for so much better.

**What are some of the Significant events in your spiritual walk?**

anointing from attending meeting with Randy Clark

Around 1998 whilst involved in the youth ministry, I attended a conference where Randy Clarke was guest speaker - his sermon was about Jacob wrestling with God and not letting go until God blessed him

**Genesis 32:24-30 NKJV**

"Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day. Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him. And He said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks." But he said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me!"

**Alan I believe your dad recently passed away but you have an awesome testimony regarding this?**

- Dads salvation
- 2 days later I then also had the privilege of spending about an hour discussing what it meant to be saved, explaining water baptism, baptism of the Holy Spirit, reading of the bible, praying, witnessing and church.
- lay hands on him and pray over him, proclaiming Gods goodness, healing and growth over his life.
- At this time my dad also had pancreatic cancer and I was visiting Cape Town and made a point of stopping over on way to airport to lay hands and pray for healing- a few months later when he visited the oncologist, the Dr said that the tumor had shrunk....
- Dads passing away and Eulogy
- I want to encourage everyone who is praying for salvation for loved ones to be persistent, continue as long as you and they are alive.

**I believe that mission trips have been very significant in your walk with God tell us about them-**

Tanzania mission

- trust tested and overcame through total rest in God
- The first session we conducted part of encounter 1, then realized this wasn't what God had planned for the week.
- On route to the second session, I was searching God for what we need to be doing and He revealed to me that we should focus on words of knowledge and prophecy at the next varsity campus. so when we arrived the team didn't really know what we were doing and asked them to pray for words of Knowledge and prophecy, was trying to be sensitive to the Holy Spirits leading
- Sunday afternoon door to door evangelism - I felt we needed to teach the ministry team on how words of knowledge can be a way of showing Gods power.
- Thursday went to the transport campus and driving to the campus I was stressing a bit because I didn't know what we were going to do - 5 minutes before starting the asked what are we doing and I indicated I was still waiting on God and will go with whatever He directs – He then told me we need to

talk about healing - myself, and 2 other team members shared some verses and testimonies on healing and during ministry time about 40 or so people came forward for prayer – many healings including

- straight from this campus we had to go to another on and again arrived late and even had to wait during worship to get the download on what we were going to do – focus on the power of testimony – again awesome outcome.

Zambia mission trip to Choma –

- Agreed plan for leadership development training for Word of Life church- on arrival had a planning meeting and realized we were going to have a Tanzania mission again- had to change the programme and adapt from what we planned- no laptop, media etc that was confirmed as arranged start on Saturday - word for Joseph ( Head of the Church group). We spent day with teachings on kingdom principles, foundations, operating in the spirit healing and prophecy. Evening had some testimonies and spent time on ministry and the practical application of the day's teaching- salvations, healings, deliverances, commitment to water baptism. 40 salvations, 41 healings, 20 water baptisms, numerous baptisms of the holy spirit.
- Sunday morning 5 minutes before service to prepare
- A few of us took a walk in the area and soon had a small following - we stopped and chatted and prayed for people along the way.
- Was also amazing that word got around that we were there and people would rock up and ask for us to pray for them
- One of the most intense encounters I have ever had happened on the Tuesday before going to pray for deliverance and do street evangelism - went to pray for one of the pastors ( Solomon) at his church - Hectic presence of God - felt like I had interpretation of tongues - Solomon tongue connecting with the heart of God And God connecting with Solomon. Awesome anointing transfer to Solomon- tears of joy Felt the presence of God almost face to face. So much to tell but. Don't have time

have you had any experiences in deliverances

- Very early in my Christian walk – before I even knew much about spiritual gifts, God gave me a childlike faith and He used me in deliverance, specifically against a generational curse.
- A few years later He used me again for deliverance against oppression from video games as well as deliverance from just proclaiming Gods word over a person

tell me how you have grown in the area of words of knowledge

- missions training - put on spot and had word - word of the ear
- word for a guy in a black and blue shirt with relationship problems and the words cowboys don't cry.
- Elvis story in Tanzania
- word of knowledge at Bikers church about a specific heart condition

have you ever prayed for someone and there were slain in the spirit?

praying for people and seeing the spirit come - slain the spirit( eg, India mission,

have you experienced Prophecy in any way - tunnel of love - prophecy weekend, India mission, Dar E Salaam and Choma mission

where has God used you for Evangelism

- Sondela mission - Jesus film then short message and 60 kids respond for salvation

- Tanzania – visit to a campus

- chat to guy on Durban beach

- chat to guy begging at robots in Cape Town

- Chat to Rob Lottering son and fellow workers

- Choma street evangelism

have you prayed for people but no healing:

- Tanzania boy with cerebral palsy
- Tanzania blind Muslim
- Tanzania – HIV AIDS
- young lady stroke victim at Frere hospital
- praying for my eye and not yet healed

Testimony - video of mission members

So why am I sharing all these stories – if God can use little old me and Rouxle and Bradley and all the mission teams members from Zambia, Tanzania, India, Argentina, Nepal, PE, Durban, etc then He wants to us each and every one of us sitting in this church today.

Word of God says the following over each and every one of us:

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen. (Matthew 28:18-20 NKJV)

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (Acts 1:8 NKJV)

‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy. (Acts 2:17-18 NKJV)

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it. (John 14:12-14 NKJV)

☐“The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.” Isaiah 61:1-3

☐ Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love. (I Corinthians 13:1-3, 13 NKJV)

**So now we hear all these stories and testimonies and what God declares over us, so what now?**

- truly accept Gods word into your life- if you are battling to get breakthrough in a certain area of your life, ask someone to lay hands and declare this and prophecy this over you
- prepare your own story and testimonies
- if you say you don't have stories and testimonies then start looking for opportunities to get them
- go, go go – into all the world starting in your local community, etc

**Faith that moves mountains is not what you believe God can do, it's what you expect He's about to do - Randy Clark**

- Just do it