

# A String of Pearls

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## What's New in My World?

It's been a while since I've written anything about what I've been doing so I thought I'd take the time to let you know what's new. First of all I'm coming out of the fog of mourning more each day. I have never experienced such emotional lows in my life, and along with those emotional lows came some physical lows as well. With a lot of the word and some help from a nice Christian doctor from the Philippines I've overcome so much. I'm quickly learning that when my soul is down I'm open to sickness and weakness. I work very hard not to allow grief to overwhelm me. *That's a nugget I'd like to pass on to everyone who suffers from depression. It's a tool of the adversary to steal, kill and destroy.* (3 John 2 confirms that.)



I mentioned last month that I spent three weeks in the word with my helper Corey and overcame debilitating pain I had suffered with for 22 years. After my time pulling down that stronghold I was faced with a generational stronghold called, "high blood pressure". I'm still working on it fulltime with the word, but because it was spiking so high I made the decision to get some help from modern medicine to deal with the symptoms. I went through a battery of blood tests and found that there is no obvious reason for my blood pressure to be so high. It's under control at present with medicine, but as I continue to lose weight and do more and more exercise AND meditate on healing scriptures I fully expect for it to end up normal without aid of medicine. I had a couple nasty scares with stroke level blood pressure, but again the lovely doctor helped me get on top of the symptoms. It was weird to have nurses poking their heads in every few moments to see if I was ok, but in the end they got my blood pressure down and found the right prescription for me.

I've mentioned I've lost weight. I've lost just over 30 pounds and plan to lose another 30. I don't venture out much right now except on my bike. First because I was having health issues and second because I have so much to deal with here. Purging a lifetime's worth of stuff from two houses down to one very small house is quite the challenge. Also I've had so many car issues I only go out if God tells me to or if I absolutely have to. I'm confident God will resolve the car problems so I don't really worry about it, but if you're

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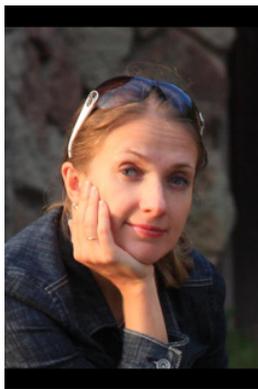
- Please pray in agreement that I will ALWAYS have transportation to the places God sends me.
- Pray I would find more Illustrated Russian Bibles.
- Pray I'd get the mobile home cleared for sale in a timely manner. Also for buyers for the house and furniture in the home to come.
- Pray in agreement for the repair of all my vehicles.
- Praise for all the miracles God has done in the past month. I am always in awe of Him.

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hoping for me to visit it may be a while. Thank God for friends who will come pick me up or come visit. (Hint, hint)

I have been busy with the Russian gals I minister to. I've distributed bibles to those who had never had a bible in their own tongue. I discovered another case of illustrated Russian bibles while exploring the attic. It was a blessed and pleasant surprise.

You will see some pictures of the gals in this newsletter. I would appreciate your prayers for one in particular. Her name is Marina and I don't know how long I'll have her here. I gave her a new bible this past Saturday and she was tickled. She mentioned her 13 year old son would enjoy it. I'm hoping she will read it as well. I've shared how to be born again with her, but it remains to be seen whether or not she'll accept the Lord. It's in His hands, but I'd love to have more time to minister to her. You can also pray for Olga. She came to a bible study



a while ago and again I shared the plan of salvation and she listened intently. She left Texas and while on the Metro in some big city in Europe the Holy Spirit descended upon her and she was gloriously saved. When she returned to Midland to our bible study she was a changed woman. She was so warm and hugged and thanked me profusely. I was quite in shock. We are now friends on Facebook and she is living in France with her tiny daughter Sonya and her husband. There is so little gospel teaching in France, please pray for her. I hope to minister to her via email and snail mail as well. I never know when these girls are coming here and where they are going to. I work quickly to share the word and salvation for this very reason.

I've found homes for all of my farm animals. It's been hard to let go, but it was a must. I know that God will have me on the road again. I need to update my passport for international travel and so having animals isn't practical. I can visit them as several live within walking distance of my little farm house. In fact there is one hen that insists on running away from home to home. She has a nesting box in my well house along with food in the event she makes her way here again. My hens hear my voice when I visit the neighbors and they all come running. They were my babies and they know me.



The Lord recently blessed me with enough money to purchase a barn/storage building/art studio. My Belarusian friends Ivan and Katya have been coming to help me assemble it. Ivan is an engineer and he helped me buy the kit and also get cinder blocks and shingles to complete the construction materials "grocery list". It was so fun as neither Ivan nor Katya speak any English. We used the translation program on my cell phone and with my somewhat limited knowledge of Russian and a lot of sign language we got everything we needed. Construction will be another

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thing. We have been living with a Russian/English dictionary during our building project, and I use my translator program on my iPhone constantly. The things I've learned in my Russian language courses have little to do with construction or many of the other things we have been discussing. So glad I can read Russian and the Holy Spirit will fill in the blanks. We've had a blast trying to understand each other. We have two walls built and the floor and foundation done.



For those of you who don't know, in 2005 I spent five weeks ministering in orphanages, shelters and a church in Belarus. I also spent a great deal of time with Ivan and Katya when I had walking pneumonia during the first two weeks of my stay. They are so precious to me I would do just about anything for them. They have a "dacha" (summer home) in the country and I fished off their deck. They fed me, loved me, laughed with and took marvelous care of me. I will NEVER forget the burning rectangle left by the mustard plaster that Katya glued on my chest. Katya is a superb cook and I was blessed to eat a meal with them a couple weeks ago at her daughter's home. I love these people so much. Katya's daughter Snezhana is a sweet sister in the Lord. She lives in Odessa with her precious hubby Barney and their daughter Rachel. I'm so blessed to be treated as family by these folks. As hard as the five weeks were, I so miss my friends and "family" in Belarus.

I have a website that I've been webmaster over for many years. I don't even know when I first put it up on the Internet. I minister mainly to men and women who find themselves the victims of adultery. We work together standing on the word to overcome either the devastation it has caused or to pull down the stronghold that has someone captive to adultery. I've been working with a young Christian man in Pennsylvania for many months. He's come so far and is so excited. These people pour their hearts out to me as the church as a whole doesn't like dealing with the subject of sexual addiction. People can be anonymous and faceless with me on the Internet; although some even send me pictures once they are free and open to me praying for them. Just as with the Russian gals, they come into my life and leave my life as quickly. Some linger and get free, some just want prayer. I want to add that I don't ask for money from anyone visiting this site, so your gifts have helped me keep it up and running for many years. You have no idea how many people have gotten helped and you have touched with your love gifts. I so appreciate the generosity of those who sow into my life so I can minister through the outlets God has provided. I not only operate in the gift of prophet, but prayer and deliverance are a huge part of my life. I have no idea how many women I've stood with for the restoration of their marriages. I get new emails everyday from women whose husbands have left them or are stuck in adultery. They come from every corner of the world and I'm so blessed to be able to reach out and help hurting folks. ([www.proverbialwoman.com](http://www.proverbialwoman.com))

This should catch you up with the projects I'm working on. I covet your prayers as it's really a different world being single and on my own. I actually called my dad the other day for some advice. I was so used to consulting Jeff on big decisions that I just had to have dad's take on my situation. He

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gave me the confidence to make a big purchase (my storage building) and again I'm thankful to God for my wonderful parents. Even at 54 I need them.

Each one of you on my mailing list is a personal friend to me. Of course in Christ we are family, but I know if I ever need anything I can come to you in honesty and know you'll help me. That's huge in this world of "me, myself and I".

I pray that God would bless you with His tangible presence, that you would hear His voice clearly, and that you'd be strong enough to obey Him and be able to overcome the areas you are working on in your lives. I also pray for Him to multiply the seed you've sown into my life, to give you seed because you sow and bread to eat as you've supplied my very bread for the past seven months and some of you have sown into my life for the past 10 years! It would be "easier" to just go to work in the world and forget about the people, but my heart is for souls and for overcoming the adversary. I'm learning so much about taking down personal strongholds like alcoholism, adultery, sicknesses, and just about anything else the enemy has built in the lives of believers. Over the next few months I hope to focus on "possessing our vessels with sanctification and honor". God has given us the land (our flesh made out of dirt), but we must go in and take it from the enemy. As a favorite preacher used to teach, "The blessings of God don't fall on us like ripe cherries, we have to take them". So I am learning how to take back the land God has given me. I've overcome my Jericho (pain that plagued me for 22 years) and I've got experience helping others with their Jerichos. I really despise the adversary so I delight in putting him under the feet of the Lord where he belongs.

## Jericho is Coming Down



As I mentioned in the previous writing I've been learning about strongholds. The bible is full of illustrations of men and women who went in and took back kingdoms and countries for God. We don't always equate the work they did with something we must do, but if you've ever been in bondage to one of the adversary's traps you will be most interested in what I'm going to be sharing over the next few months. I also sense that this work will be a lifetime in the making as I've been learning so much of it "on the job" and within my own life.

Let me start by reminding you of this one thing: the devil can't be in all places at all times! He also has limited resources. Our heavenly Father can be everywhere by His Holy Spirit. He is omnipresent! I began noticing there were times when I had absolutely no attack in body or mind or towards my spirit. These were times when the enemy was obviously not around. He had sent his demons packing to go start fires elsewhere. Then like the mailman or milkman on his rounds, attacks would show up in a cyclic manner. I began noting this in my life and in the lives of others. So being the good detective I like to think I am I went

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looking for scriptural backing to what I was “seeing”.

*Matthew 12: 43 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man (any man), he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. 44 Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished.*

Here we see that the demonic spirits come and go. Unless the “host” is aware of the spirit realm and those in it and how they operate, he/she can be a victim of theirs without even realizing it. We tend to equate sickness with ONLY natural causes, but there was no sickness on earth until sin. If sickness were merely natural it would have touched Adam and Eve prior to the fall. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man (one who knows his righteousness is in Christ) availeth much!

*2 Timothy 2:24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, 25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; 26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who **are taken captive by him at his will.***

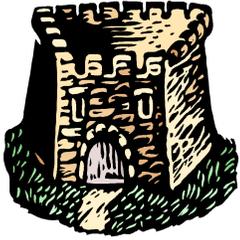
The vast majority of Christians don’t believe that the enemy can occupy their lives, but here Paul is teaching us that we teachers are supposed to help believers recover themselves out of the snares of the devil. Ask any Christian man taken by pornography if he is captive to the enemy and he will definitely say, “YES”! It doesn’t matter that he is born again. Not only that, but the word tells us we can become servants to sin if we participate in it. We are supposed to be “dead to sin, and alive to righteousness” according to 1 Peter 2:24.

We’re told that “Every good and perfect gift comes down from the Father of lights” referring to Father God. If every good and perfect gift comes from God then every bad and ugly thing comes from the devil. Some blindly believe that sickness is a tool of God used to “teach”. How many parents would take a vial of plague and dump it on the heads of their children before they went to school in order that they could learn something? That’s just stupid. Also, if it’s God’s will for them to be sick then why do these “God-fearing” folk go to the doctor to remove God’s will from their bodies? Again, stupid and double minded at best.

Demons can NOT possess the spirits of God’s children, but they can occupy flesh and souls. Unless our minds are renewed to the word of God (which takes more than the 20 minutes of predigested word one might get at church on Sunday) we are sitting ducks to the enemy.

Over the past seven months I’ve been sharing about different war scenarios that we see in the word of God. We are fighting what Paul called the “good fight of faith”. BUT it can only be a good fight if we win. God has given us the land, but we must go in to possess it. I hope you will continue with me and not dump these newsletters as the rambling of some fanatic. I am most logical in my pursuit of the

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enemy, his strategies and most determined to share what I have learned from time in the word, in prayer and seeking the face of God the Father in this matter. I'm not chasing devils; I don't have to as they seem quite adept at finding me and bugging my brothers and sisters in Christ. I leave you with these words from our Lord and King:

*Mark 16: 15 And he said unto them, Go ye into **all the world**, and preach the gospel **to every creature**. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. 17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; **In my name shall they cast out devils.***

The number one sign or FIRST sign that should follow those who believe in the gospel is that they cast out devils. When was the last time you saw ANYONE in your church cast out a devil? If you could see into the spirit realm you'd be amazed at what you'd see hassling the members in your churches. One third of the Lord's ministry was casting out devils. There were a few "non-believers" that he dealt with, but on the whole his ministry was to those who regularly attended his meetings! Selah (chew on that)! It's time for us to realize that everything we believe in the word of God is based upon the will of a God who calls Himself a Spirit. We're also told that those who worship Him must do so in spirit and in truth. That tells me that the spirit realm is very important to us. We live in natural bodies only about 70 or 80 years unless you're a strong person and have the grace of God keeping you alive for longer. Then we are trusting our souls (and spirits I might add) to an ETERNITY in heaven or the spirit realm. My thought is that we should be occupied with learning about this realm and how to work in it successfully.

Jeff said that when he died and left his body, he didn't go anywhere. The spirit realm was right there and he just left his body. He was in the river of life, but he hadn't gone anywhere. He was JUST as alive, actually more alive out of his body than in it. Again, chew on that! The word also tells us that everything natural was made with spiritual! The spirit realm is real and not some spooky, freakish place. It's like the world of bacteria was BEFORE we had magnification. One must have enhanced "vision" to see it. I so want the Body of Christ to walk in the spirit and be full of the "greater works" Jesus said we should have!

## Divine Appointments



God has connected me with several people from other countries, and in the political realm in the past few months. Pray that I will hear and obey as I walk through these doors.

I consider each person that God brings my way as integral in getting His work done. For those of you who have sown into my life, the rewards, the

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anointing on my life and the blessings that come whenever one sows should be coming upon you. Those of you who have connected with me and stay with me during this hard time of transition will receive the greater blessing. Not only do I walk in the prophetic, but I'm a widow. Sowing into my life brings a double blessing (the power to destroy yokes and remove bondages). Many run when they are joined with a suffering servant, but I take solace in remembering Paul's words as he spoke to those who helped him when he was either ill, hurt or in jail:



*Galatians 4: 13 Ye know how through infirmity of the flesh I preached the gospel unto you at the first. 14 And my temptation which was in my flesh ye despised not, nor rejected; but received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus. 15 Where is then the blessedness ye spake of? For I bear you record, that, if it had been possible, ye would have plucked out your own eyes, and have given them to me.*

I believe in the law of sowing and reaping. I know you do as well for you see in me a place where good harvests of great plenty can be found. I thank God for your faithfulness to keep me going. You are precious to me, not just for the gifts, but for your faithfulness to call and comfort me. A dear friend and fellow widow told me you never get over the loss of a spouse, but you do find your joy again. My joy thus far has been in each card, each call, each hug and your willingness to come here to me when I can't come to you. Thanks so much. It just never seems enough to say "thank you".

## What is a Stronghold?

In the past months I've shared a little about taking down strongholds in my life. I have had my share of them. Some are "familiar" or strongholds that have connections in my family line and are so "Familiar" that I simply think that the behavior or illness is part of who I am. One can have illnesses such as high blood pressure and heart problems that follow family lines. Doctors will ask you about your family's past illnesses because they associate them with things that follow your genetic background. In all actuality they are infirmities of flesh that the adversary established generations ago and have been accepted and "coddled" by subsequent generations. Medical doctors treat such things with known pharmacological chemicals and known natural practices. They are never cured, but only treated.

Familiar strongholds can also be mental or emotional. Say for instance sexual addictions or chemical addictions begin in small ways at a given time. I believe that the enemy (having 5772 years of experience with tempting humans) knows your family line. If your father was addicted to cigarettes the enemy will suggest or tempt you with smoking at a certain time. Because your father was given to this addiction the enemy knows he has a possible door to your life. I know at 16 I began smoking in spite

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of the fact I hated cigarettes and also was allergic to them! I was delivered from them 15 years later supernaturally. I knew I couldn't quit as I'd tried many many times. I also knew that smoking wasn't conducive to a healthy lifestyle. I asked God to have mercy on me and tell me something He would have me do to show I wanted free of these and to deliver me from them. He told me a certain thing to do and I did it. It wasn't impossible and wouldn't be something anyone else would recognize as helping me quit smoking. In three days, after obeying what He told me I was completely free of cigarettes. I had no withdrawals and I've been free from smoking for 24 years now.

If you study the book of Joshua and allow the Holy Spirit to teach you from it, you can begin to see the strongholds in your life. We can take them down. I know that many people will laugh at the things I write here. How do I know this? Because of the 12 tribes sent to "spy out the land", the majority came back with a bad report. They laughed at Joshua and Caleb. Of course they also died in the wilderness never having received the promise. God only took those who were under 20 years of age. My heart is to see more and more of us free from the strongholds in our lives. Each one of us has a Jericho (the first stronghold that must come down). The subsequent strongholds will take different things (the Holy Spirit never does things exactly the same way as God requires we trust Him by faith) for us to take them down, but with God's grace we can do it!