



Teaching, Modeling, and Imparting Responsiveness to the Holy Spirit for Life and Ministry.

TEACHING:

Wall Sayings

by Mike Flynn

Sometime in the distant past I began posting good comments on the walls of my office. These were meant to be reminders of things that shouldn't be forgotten, that should be current realities, that might prompt me to be the man the Lord wants me to be. I print them in the largest font that will still get on one sheet and then tape them to the wall. I felt the Lord nudging me to share some of them with you in this article.

The largest one is **Stay Yoked**. When Jesus said His yoke was easy and His burden was light He was referring to the way farmers used oxen in those days. There would be a full-grown ox that would bear the weight of the plow. A smaller ox would trail a half step behind, just holding up the other end of the yoke. Jesus was identifying Himself as the lead ox. So: if you're overly burdened you're supposed to ask where you are in reference to Him. Have you gotten out in front of Him? Have you walked away from the yoke?

Another is A.J. Gordon's comment: **The highest bidder for the crown of glory is the lowliest wearer of the cross of self-denial**. So every time I'm tempted to think I'm worthy of glory I can just assess how well I'm denying self. It's a worthy reminder.

Watchman Nee said something we should recall when we're tempted to rely on intellectual debate to get the truth across: **Christianity is based not on information but on revelation**. That's worth pondering for a good while.

Early on in my ministry I felt totally inadequate to get anything worthwhile done. Out of a time of pursuing Him, the Lord gave me this realization: **Because You must, You shall, and I will**

rest in that. Because I must, You shall, and I will rest in that. That comment reminded me that He is reliable, that He will always come through, that He will indeed get the job done. It helped me rely on Jesus to get His work done through me.

For 39 years I've been trying to hear the Lord. I have recalled Norman Grubb's statement that **The one thing a servant has a right to is orders**, and I have shoved that in the Lord's face at least 15,000 times. Then, while meditating on I John's comments about our sonship, this came to mind and was posted on the wall: **If a servant has a right to orders, how much more a son**. That has helped me expect answers to my prayers for guidance. And it warms my heart as it reminds me that I am indeed a son of the Most High.

For years I put this one right by the light switch so I would see it every time I left my office to get out into the world: **Put yourself in positions where you're in trouble if the Lord doesn't help you**. I still try to do that.

Andrew Murray made a comment that synced up with my realization. As the Father is to the Son, so is the Son to the Believer (explained in Holy Vulnerability). Murray said, **Christ came as God to make known the Father, and the Spirit came as God to make known the Son in us**. That consistently reminds me to get refilled with the Spirit.

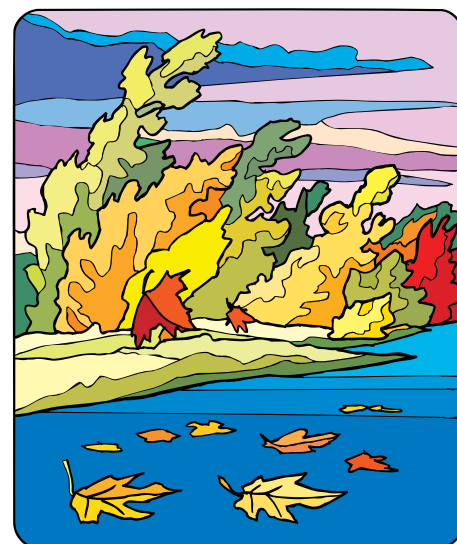
Murray also said, **Intercession is the link between man's impotence and God's omnipotence**. What a wonderful encouragement to go deeper with the Lord in prayer. What a help to believing our prayers will be effective.

And then about 20 years ago I found out something important about the verb forms of Jesus' teachings on prayer. Ask, seek, and knock are in the imperfect

imperative form of the Greek verbs. In literal English it could be rendered, "I command you to keep on asking, I demand that you keep seeking, I insist that you keep knocking." This is to get us to persevere in prayer and not give us so quick. But in the same chapter (Luke 11) He teaches us the Lord's Prayer using the same verb forms. We are to issue orders: "Our Father, we keep demanding that your name be hallowed, we keep insisting that your kingdom come, we keep insisting that your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Putting those two together on my wall is this exhortation: **You keep on insisting that I keep on insisting that you answer my prayers**. That realization has gotten me over a lot of dalliance about things God wanted me to do. And you know what? It has deepened my intimacy with Him. I found out He likes cheeky talk.

The last wall saying I'm sharing with you is this from Frank Laubach: **It is a moment-by-moment, every waking moment, surrender, responsiveness, obedience, sensitivity, pliability, lostness in His love, that I now have the mind-bent to explore with all my might. It means two burning passions:**

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First, to be like Jesus. Second, to respond to God as a violin responds to the bow of the master. "It" of course is practicing the Lord's Presence. This is probably the most challenging and promising message I've received.

There are other sayings on my walls but I'm running out of room. You get the idea. Let me ask: what's the first thing you might post on your wall? What do you most need to be exhorted or reminded or encouraged about?

A UGANDA '11 REPORT: The Call

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My life drastically changed when I asked Jesus Christ to be Lord of my life and started following the leading of Holy Spirit. In 1999, part of the journey took me to Longview, Texas to a power evangelism conference. Reverend Mike Flynn was one of the featured speakers.

Let me give you a little background: Around 1987, I asked the Lord "What do You want me to do with the rest of my life?" "Healing." That was the only word I heard. I had no idea what He meant.

And I had no idea where He would take me or what He would ask me to do. The healing that the Lord had in store for me started making sense about eight years later as I prayed for healing for my husband, for church members, and for friends. In October of 1997, during a Presbyterian spiritual formation seminar, I was delivered of depression, oppression, and emotional pain, and filled with hope and joy – just sitting listening to music in a front seat of the seminar during a coffee break. God knows what we can bear and He knew my future. About one month later my husband, who had been incapacitated from a stroke in 1995, died. That death brought feelings of relief and despair, a sense of loss and freedom. In January of 1998, I started prayer ministry training at the Clear Lake Presbyterian Church. We used the Christian Healing Ministries Level I and Level II tapes. We watched and practiced and then prayed for others.

Then came Longview. When Mike was speaking he made a comment something like "If somebody has something you want, hang around them." Well, Mike had something I wanted, something I didn't have: a humility, a closeness with the Lord, a peace, a something. So, I started hanging around him and his wife, Sue. Little did I know that this was part of the Lord's plan. His plan has led to many ministry trips across the US, Brazil, and, so far, three trips to Uganda. I have grown emotionally and spiritually through my church, personal prayer time, reading the Word, prophetic training, mentoring from Mike, and close relationships – particularly with Mike and Sue. I believe you grow through relationships, not in isolation.

Let me give you some thoughts about ministry trips (you never know when the Lord will call you to "go"): 1) do not be too rigid for plans will change, 2) use clear communication and when, not if, you are misunderstood or get offended, seek to clarify or work through the situation, because what you said may not be what was heard and what was heard may not be what you meant, 3) get rest when you can, 4) be ready for and flow with the unexpected, 5) be prepared to change your diet, meet new people, and see old friends, 6) be a servant – help wherever needed, for you are the hands and feet of Jesus. What do you

get in return? You see the captives set free, people anointed to do God's work as they receive training to help others, people empowered by the Holy Spirit, and more. My prayer has been and is that others will see Jesus in me. I have had occasions where folks said when they looked at me, they saw Jesus. What a treasure that is! It's priceless. It's the fine pearl of great value.

On this last Uganda trip, I arrived a couple of days earlier than Mike and Sue. The extra time afforded me several opportunities: fellowship with Onesimus Asiimwe and his family before his ordination (He adopted me as his sister), attendance of one of the morning devotionals at the Uganda Church Provincial Office, led by Archbishop Orombi (I admire the Holy Spirit in this man, and I found out his mother's name was Susan), conversation with a few young women who attended the 2009 conference, and time to work on a sermon while adjusting to the time change. One of the young women, Vicki, told me that at the 2009 conference, every time I hugged her she heard God tell her that He loves her. She said it took a while and several hugs before she could believe it. She quoted some of the things that were taught by Mike and others. She was anointed for boldness and has become a courageous evangelist and a leader of some young women intercessors. Another woman, Kathy, was filled with the Holy Spirit and has been led by the Spirit to dance during worship. I sense that these women will be a big part of revival returning to Uganda. Renewing friendships and meeting new people are the most meaningful events for me. Mike and Sue always have to pull me away when it is time to leave.

The conference would not be possible without all of the planning and organization done by the people at the provincial offices. They publish the teaching notes, set up the conference center, make arrangements for the out-of-town people, make sure we have food and morning and afternoon tea, plus all of the other little details. We were treated like royalty.

My first time to preach was at a Pentecostal church. One of the church's leaders is the brother of a friend at my

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home church. God gave me a message the month before I came to Uganda. The leaders of the church had prayed and received a word from the Lord the week before I spoke. They were waiting for confirmation. My message was that confirmation! The message was "God wants a relationship with you."

This was the first time I actually taught at a FreshWind conference – at least in front of Mike. The topic was "The Call." The talk was okay. The demonstration, since it is a word and works ministry, was first, calling the Holy Spirit down with the intent of listening for a word concerning their personal call – increase in gifts or change in direction, and writing those down; second, listening for the Holy Spirit to tell them who they should mentor; third, breaking into small groups of four to five and discussing what the Spirit revealed to them. I was so grateful to see people

writing after I called the Holy Spirit down! Their involvement was indeed a highlight of the missions trip.

If you feel the Holy Spirit urging you to "go", whether it is an outreach at church, a weekend event, or a longer term mission, go! Your life and your heart will change. Compassion will grow in you. And you will be transformed into the likeness, the image, of Jesus Christ. It is His commission to us, to "go". The rest will follow – the teaching, preaching, healing, casting out demons, and raising the dead. I may not have physically raised the dead, but I have seen people who were emotionally and spiritually dead come to life. You can experience these miracles too. You are called. We are all called. Go!

Bits of Feedback:

• I've gone to your groups, been prayed for, and heard your messages at New Wineskins. Love your ministry! --Joan T.

• Hi Mike. Paula S. here. It's good to see you. Did you know that I still regularly put into practice a way of praying that you taught me years ago? You look the same. That joyous smile, and expectant twinkle in your eyes. Thanks be to God!

• Dear Mike & Sue, Thank you so much for coming to minister at Heritage last weekend. I know that God used you to help meny (including me) move forward in the things of the Spirit. We appreciate both of you! --Rev. Mike F.

• Hey Father Flynn, Just wanted to say "thank you" from my wife Margie [who led worship] and I for a wonderfully powerful and refreshing weekend at St. Urial's! Your humility, humor and wisdom made our time there so very special and renewed our desire to see the Holy Spirit move more powerfully in our café. We are also enjoying your books! God bless you brother and if you're ever back in NJ, please make a point to contact us. Breakfast is on us! --Joe P.

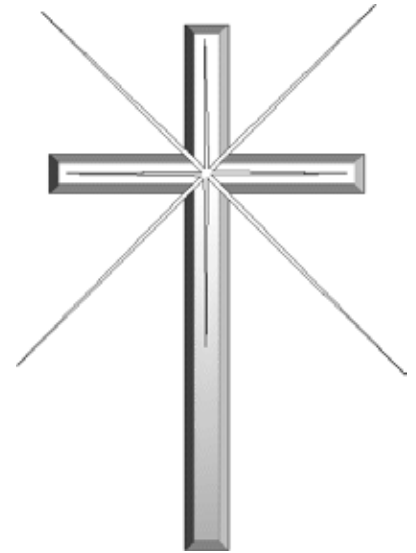
• Dear Mike greetings in the name of our Lord and savior Jesus' Christ. Thank you very much for your ministry to the people of God. Personally this Renewal in the Spirit conference was such a great encouragement to me as a minister of the gospel in the Anglican church (Uganda). I look forward to seeing more of these conferences organized as we await the second coming of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. The conference was good, the material was applicable and it was theologically sound, good for practical ministry. God bless you. Thank you. --Rev. Hosea O.

• It was an amazing conference I was challenged so much and I was blessed.

May the lord bless you so much. Am trying to mentor other believers in healing and deliverance ministry. The prayer guide line is helping me. - Kiconco F.

• Mike- Thanks for the reply ... and do know that I have been using the "dipstick model" while praying for others ... I used it last Feb in a Faith Alive event in Austin ... was in charge of teens, and during the Saturday night ministry/prayer time ... several young ones stood

up for prayer ... I began praying for them ... and then in true Mike Flynn fashion ... pointed to others and asked them to come up and pray for their friend(s) ... I then showed them, or modeled, the how to, and, what to pray for ... I would not have been able to be that bold or "dial up" if I had not listened or watched you ... be the vessel in which God used to reach me and countless others! And ... I put my Armor on every day in the shower!! Again, Thank You, and Thanks Be To God!! --Brad W.



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