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## Fore-Word

Matthew 7:13-14 (NIV)

“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But **small is the gate, and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.**

John 15:7,8

**If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.**

Revelation 12:10

For the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down – he who accuses them day and night before our God. They have conquered them by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony.

I would like to thank my wife and children for their support in the living out of these testimonies, and to my dear sisters in Christ Pauline and Caitlin for collating and editing these testimonies into book form.

I have decided to bring these to print as a legacy for my children, grandchildren and brothers and sisters in the Lord as a map of God's principles and testimonies of our journey here on earth.

I believe that in years to come as my relatives hear of our exploits in the Holy Spirit, and their hunger in God is sparked, they will want to know what secrets of God we discovered.

I believe that these testimonies will cause them to search for the truth.

- Raf

# BEARING FRUIT

Evangelism isn't a difficult thing. It's pouring out what's in us. What we've allowed God to put into us. When people come willingly wanting to deal with things in their heart, there's a pruning.

God has called all of us to bear fruit. We need to be people who are opportunists, who look for what the Holy Spirit wants to do. Ask and keep asking.

Be sensitive to the Spirit of God – to know when to speak and when not to, to know when to press in for salvation and when not to, to discern when people are open and when they're closed off to hearing the gospel.

Those stones will block our work for the Lord.

John 15:1-2 (This is one of my favourite chapters in the Bible)

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit."

We are all branches who bear fruit. But we're in line for a pruning. Pruning is good because it causes us to bear fruit.

Every time there is a cleansing stream or a type of ministry where our hearts are examined there will be a pruning.

Allowing God to prune us shows an openness with God. God is able to pour His Spirit in. Light gets poured in. The walls that we build around ourselves are knocked down.

One day I had a phone call from a friend of mine. He's a pray-er. He hears God clearly. He asked me what I was doing that day.

I told him that I was doing a concrete pour for an Anglican minister. He asked if I knew the man and I told him that I didn't but someone had asked me to do it.

I asked the Lord and He said, "Yes. This is a job. I want you to do something here."

I'd been waiting, wondering what it was He wanted me to do.

This man said, "Well I've just had a vision from God. You're going to be ministering to a man who's built walls around himself. When you go there you're going to knock one of the walls out and light is going to flood into this

room that he's been going into since he was a child. A room with no windows. Does that mean anything to you?"

I said, "No. It means absolutely nothing to me."

He said, "Well I got it really strongly and God told me to phone you."

So I thanked him and said that I'd remember what he'd told me. I went to the man's place and I was doing the concrete.

When you put concrete in, you have to wait for a little while, sometimes an hour or an hour and a half unless you put additives in it to make it go off.

That gives me a little bit of time to actually talk to people and have a cup of coffee, ministry time.

As I was doing the concrete this man started talking to me. He said, "I've heard about you. I didn't realise that you were still doing work but I've heard about you. Tell me a bit about what you do."

I said, "I don't want to talk about me. Let's talk about you. I had a friend who hears God so clearly. He phoned me this morning and told me that I would be here talking to you and this is one of the problems you have so can I open that up?"

He said, "Certainly."

I said, "He tells me that you have a problem with going into a room with no windows. Today we're going to knock one of those walls out." The man was in shock.

He said, "That's a recurring dream of mine."

I said, "Really. Do you know what the room is?"

He said, "Yes. I do. I'm actually having some counselling with a Catholic priest at the moment because of that room. I'm a homosexual and I need to be set free."

Boom – down goes the wall. He opened it up. That man's ministry flourished from that minute on. He'd been going into that room and trying to suppress that thing and live as best he could.

He was trying to do everything right and live right and do it right. Without the power of the Holy Ghost cleaning out what's in us, what we do is all works.

We need to release ourselves to Him; let Him do the purging.

The effectiveness of our ministry outside is gauged by how effectively we allow Him to work on the inside of us. This is what's known as dying to self.

Jesus said to His disciples, "Do you want to follow after Me? Pick up your cross daily and come after Me. Whoever saves his life will lose it. Whoever loses his life for My sake gains eternity."

When we get to John 15 there's a place that says in v.2 "Every branch in Me that doesn't bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes."

There's no in-between. Either there's fruit being borne or there's no fruit being borne. The consequences are dire.

They may take a whole lifetime to outwork because God's grace is here and we have so much time. We're here having given our hearts to the Lord and we have a lifetime, maybe 20 years, maybe 120 years.

We need time to deal with all our stuff and God, in His grace, gives us that time. But when we get confronted with these issues, He's given us a conscience and He starts to prod us and say that we need to deal with these things.

The minute we decide that we want to get set free, He will do it. We don't need a man to set us free. The gift of tongues is a marvellous tool for this. We can't clean ourselves up unless it's done in a spiritual manner.

We can't fight the devil on an earthly level and win. He knows all the tricks. We need to be led by the Spirit of God. That's what the Bible says.

Romans 8:1 "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit."

There is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus who walk according to the Spirit, not in the flesh.

Every branch that doesn't bear fruit He takes away and every branch that bears fruit He prunes so that it may bear more fruit.

We're all in a time of pruning.

I like the story about the guy who had a big crab apple tree. It was huge and had huge crab apples. He loved those crab apples. But it was an unruly tree.

A branch would catch him every time he went past. It hadn't been pruned for years. He asked the local farmer to come and prune it.

When he saw the pruned tree he was shocked. It had been hacked to bits. It was just like a dead root. The farmer was handy with a chainsaw and loved using it.

They were waiting for a long time for the first bud to appear on this root that was left. But it came. And the tree was fruitful.

Sometimes we can be 'hacked' to such a point that we look dead – that's how we might feel. Vineyards, when they are pruned are pruned down to nothing.

We might think how can anything good come from these vines. They look dead; there's not a green leaf to be seen; the wood looks dead but in season, up it comes. It's only to our eyes that it looks dead. The life is still there.

The Holy Spirit is still in us doing the work but we have to trust that God knows what He is doing.

My prayer is, "Lord, what am I being pruned for? If it's for more fruit, prune away." When we pray like that, it is painful. It's not an easy thing. It's not a 'hack hack' and we're going to be okay. We'll go through a time where we don't know which way to go.

We'll end up in a no man's land wondering where we're going. But it's a time when we can release ourselves to the Spirit of God and be led.

It's a wonderful time of growth because it's time when our ears will be tuned more to hearing God than ever before. It's important because this is our lives that are being worked on.

It's important that we hear God clearly. It's no good wanting a man to hear for us or wanting a word from a prophet – prophets can have 'off' days. Prophets of God do have 'off' days. God wants us to bear fruit.

I started to look at this and realised that God wants to touch each of us in a different way. We all come from different cultures, different ways of being brought up and different ways of life.

All of us have different problems but the Spirit is still the same. When someone says, "I don't like you," rejection comes quickly and with rejection, we tend to push people away because that's what rejection is.

That's one aspect of a stone in our heart. The way that people apply their life to us and the way we react to them.

We're social animals and God has put us together for a reason. We're made as triune beings – spirit, body, soul. Our soul is being progressively changed if we allow God to do it.

We need to understand that we are everlasting beings, beings who are going on to eternity. Where we end up is our choice. Because we've chosen Jesus Christ we'll end up with Him.

People who haven't chosen Jesus Christ don't realise that they are being guided by their flesh. Their spirit is what has to change so that there can be ultimate change in what they do, what they think, how they live.

It's on-going for those of us who have chosen Jesus Christ. Our flesh is what gets us into trouble.

Eventually we'll end up with a glorified body. At the moment we're walking in a flesh body, in a body that gets tempted but it's going to be glorified one day. We're going to enter into a transition in the spirit realm where our bodies will be able to pass from one thing to another.

If we sit on a chair right now, we don't become part of the chair because our bodies are made of molecules that can't integrate the molecules of the chair. They're two different sets of molecules.

When Jesus was glorified He came through the wall and joined His disciples after He rose from the dead. He had a glorified body. He had a body that could eat fish.

We will have a body that will be able to eat earthly things. We'll have a body that will be able to transcend both worlds. Jesus is taking us on a walk that we've started here on earth when we gave our lives to Him and we're going to keep walking in it.

We need to be able to let Him take hold of it so that people can see that He lives in our bodies.

When we allow the Lord to prune us and we deal with things, it will show. God wants us to understand that our flesh is the last part of what He changes.

It all starts in the spirit but we have a problem because we are soulish people. We love to socialise and so we should. That's the reason God created Eve, so that Adam wouldn't be lonely. We want to get up in the morning and have a laugh with someone. We are soulish people.

We have the soul realm that we still need to allow the Lord to deal with. Most churches and most Christianity I've seen are soulish. We can build churches because we're social people. We like to gather together and talk together. That's the way we are. God has given us emotions for a reason. He doesn't want us to wipe out our emotions. Our emotions dictate how we deal with things.

I was asking the Lord to show me how to get people to take the authority I had been teaching them and apply it in their daily lives.

He told me that we have to deal with these three areas so that we have an understanding of how the spirit permeates one end and fills the other – those three lumps that I was talking about.

The Kingdom of God is like a lady who gets three lumps of dough and puts leaven in one and it leavens the whole three. Body, spirit and soul.

The Lord was saying to me that unless we allow Him to do the work in our spirits and cleanse our souls, it will never manifest in our body. It will never manifest in us going out to do the work unless He fully permeates us with His thinking, His Word and everything about His Kingdom.

We have to become Kingdom-minded because when we see someone then we are looking at them and saying either they're going to heaven or they aren't. Then our hearts will go out and we'll want to reach them and bring them into the Kingdom with us.

It's a simple thing. God wants to make the transition in the spirit. It's a spiritual transition that has to be made so that our soul gets re-wired.

If I dropped someone in the middle of the Alaskan Tundra, they could survive because their soul would kick in and it would become used to what had happened to it. The temperature would change. They would explore every avenue of being able to survive.

I could drop someone in an amusement parlour where there are five big screens and surround sound. They have a CD which will last for 24-hours with all the movies that they want to see. Would they survive? It would be easier in the Tundra. Because what we end up subjecting our soul to is what happens to us and is what we become.

Whatever we subject our mind, our will and our emotions to is exactly what we become.

If we constantly bombard ourselves with the Word of God we'll become like the Word of God.

If we constantly bombard ourselves with CD's and television 24 hours a day that's what we become like.

We become more knowledgeable in that area than in the Word of God. Our souls are then nourished by those things. That is not fruitful.

Bombard ourselves with the Word of God and we will become fruitful. Very fruitful. I'm not talking about religion. There are people who can bombard themselves with the Word 24 hours a day – I've just come out of Israel where I was talking to some of them.

All they do is study the Word of God but they're far away from God.

I'm talking about allowing the Holy Spirit to take hold of us. Allowing Him to take hold of the Word.

The key to releasing these things into our hearts and souls is the power of the gift of tongues.

John 15:7 "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you."

"Ask whatever you will." We don't realise that our soul transforms us to what we wilfully subject it to.

Whatever we wilfully subject our soul to will transform us to the same type of being.

Whatever we subject our soul to is how we will change - as we wilfully subject our souls to it.

That's why we can't dismiss our emotions. They are part and parcel of us. We can't dismiss them. We have to turn them to think like God thinks. The only way we can do that is by the Spirit of the living God. It's a wilful allowing our souls to be changed. It's something that we do on purpose.

It's something that we actually have to do. It's putting the clean turban on. God wants us fruitful. When He starts turning our thinking around, it comes by the power of the Holy Spirit.

If we can pray in tongues for an hour or two whenever we can get the time, even while driving, and start to converse with Him, it will do something. It purges the 'old you' and lets the 'new you' be poured in. It's a way of purging the old man.

It's a way of allowing the Lord to prune us. It's giving our mouths over so that He can pray on our behalf.

What a privilege when God knows what we need and prays on our behalf.

John 14:3-7" And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know." Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

John 14:12 "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.

John 14:16 "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever."

The Spirit of God who now lives in us is going to be with us forever. We are eternal beings living with the Spirit of God in us forever. That makes us very unique.

We've been made by God and we are unique. The angels are in awe. They look at us and think: "How come He trusts these pieces of mud (we're made from earth), and He's given them emotions, and they can think for themselves?"

We can walk and talk and we can do things and God will work through us. God is actually using us to work through. We are unique beings, very special.

He says He will send us the Comforter.

John 16:7-8 "Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment."

That is past tense. He did that and the Helper has come. We don't like judgement but we need it. If judgement was taken away from God, He would be a devil.

God has to judge. The devil had a plan for us because we're social, soulish people. Adam was lonely so God pulled a rib out of his side and made a woman, his friend, helper and comforter. She was a social butterfly – women are generally. But her sociability ended up costing them everything.

Working out of the soulish realm will cost us everything. We can't please God working out of the soulish realm.

Witches and warlocks work out of the soulish realm. They can't get to heaven; they can't get into that spiritual realm, they're spiritually dead.

So often we still work out of the soulish realm and think we're doing a good thing. The soulish realm brings people in – I've seen the music attract people

into churches. It draws a crowd. Social things. We're social people. Crowds are drawn by the soulish realm.

We think it's a spiritual work. Lots of works are started that are not spiritual but soulish works. They might be good works but unless the Lord plants it, it will be burnt up by the fire.

That's why it's so important that we hear Him to know what to do on a daily basis. As we learn to hear we will become so effective in the Kingdom of God. So effective because it will be a spiritual work that will last for eternity.

God's interested in souls. He's interested in people. Our work is to go and reap the harvest. The harvest is people. We might say that that's the work of the evangelist but I've already shown you in the functions of the Body of Christ that the evangelist has already been overtaken and qualified by the gift of healings and working of miracles. The same as the pastor.

Our job is to reap souls. Fruit. What we have in us should be gushing out of us. It shouldn't be a difficult thing or something that we try to do. It's something that if we fill ourselves up it will gush out anyway.

We will walk down the street, have compassion for someone, start crying and want to bring them in and feed them.

Last night we were going to eat and this lady gave someone a salvation card – gushing out. It should become a natural thing.

A normal thing.

Fill up, then let it gush out. Let the Holy Spirit do it. When we quieten ourselves in the prayer closet, we allow Him to take hold. The Spirit of God is purging things in us. Purging the old man so that He can fill us up with the new man which is Him.

That's what pruning is. Pruning is 'getting rid of you.' When we see a big tree full of branches and no fruit it's an ugly sight.

Years ago I saw something. I was a young Christian who looked like he had the goods. I was doing things and getting people saved but it was from my own understanding and not from what I knew out of the Word. I went and had a cup of coffee with my mate down at his Mum's place.

She said to me, "Raf, I had a dream last night. I saw you as a big green tree but no fruit."

That scared the living daylights out of me. She said, "I'm praying that will change."

We can all be big green trees with no fruit and that needs to change. God has given us His Holy Spirit.

John 16:7-11 "Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged."

Remember what I was sharing about unbelief? We have to believe that He is. That's faith. We have to believe that He is and that He'll do what He said He'll do.

He'll reward us for what we do. We don't do it for the rewards but we must believe that He is and that He'll reward us for it. That's our faith at work. When we start to release that something starts to happen. If we allow the Holy Spirit to take hold He will purge the stuff that's in us.

Romans 8:26 "Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."

1 Corinthians 14:2 "For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries."

When God starts to speak mysteries through His Spirit, the mysteries don't concern God but they concern somebody else. Nothing is a mystery to God.

We aren't going to sneak up on God and tell Him something that He doesn't know. The mystery that He's trying to reveal is what concerns us.

The privilege that we have is that we have God Himself praying on our behalf to reveal the mystery in our life. When we pray in tongues we have God Himself revealing the mystery for our life.

When He reveals the mystery for our life we become fruitful. He might be saying, "I want you to hand this over." It might be the upbringing of our children: that's a big call, especially when we've been trained in a certain manner but when a household comes into unity and the man becomes the head blessing gets poured out. Pruning.

Pruning between couples is so important. So many couples don't get blessed for that very reason – the woman is the head, not the man.

When the man becomes the head and the house comes into right order God blesses it. Blessing is poured out. Pruning. We need to understand these things.

We need to get into the place in the Spirit where these things are understood. Some men won't take their rightful place. That causes problems for the family.

There are controlling women but there are also men who will not take the reins. We are going to go into the marketplace and show people the Kingdom of God. So it benefits us to get things right so that He can do something with us and we can be fruitful. Let God prune us.

He knows the fruit He wants. He knows what it is that we are going to bear. He knows the mysteries He's already placed inside us.

Every apple has seeds and it reproduces apples. When I first came into the Kingdom one of the first things God told me one night when He woke me up was, "Get ready. You're going to go out and pick pineapples." I was thinking that I didn't want to go to Queensland.

It took me quite a long time before God started to explain to me what He was saying. I talked to pastors and different people but they couldn't tell me what it meant.

They did say, "Are you sure you heard God?"

I said, "Yes. I heard God. He told me to get ready. I was going to go and pick pineapples."

So I thought that I'd better study what a pineapple is. It shocked me.

A pineapple is a fruit that has sword-shaped leaves – that's relevant. The Word of God is known as the sword. They cut the top off a pineapple and re-

plant it and it grows another pineapple. That's relevant. Cut the top off us, re-plant us and we should be bringing more Christians into the Kingdom.

A pineapple has the ability to go for great periods of time without water because of the sword-shaped leaf. The leaf picks up the dew in the morning, the dew runs down the leaf and goes right into the root stock. That sustains the plant for three years without water. That's relevant. Don't be dry Christians.

The pineapple plant has a way of reproducing itself. When it starts to grow it has a series of flowers that almost turn to sugar and solidify and then each flower melds into the next one. That's relevant. They're a sweet-smelling flower and the fruit is a sweet fruit. That's relevant.

I didn't understand what God was saying but when He started to open it up to me I realised that we have to multiply ourselves. We have to be a people who go and multiply ourselves. We have to be someone who will allow Him out. We need to have our head cut off – our own thinking, put the new turban on.

Our thinking is stinking compared to God's thinking. We have to get to that place where we start to move. The Word of God says to walk in the Spirit and we won't fulfil the temptations of the flesh.

It doesn't say that we're going to walk in the Spirit and get taken away. It doesn't say we're going to walk in the Spirit and He will take us straight home. It says that we won't fulfill the temptations of the flesh. The day we leave this earth our bodies will be glorified in the twinkling of an eye but right now we're in a body of temptation. And our bodies are carrying something precious – the Spirit of the living God. So let Him prune it. Let Him do the work.

God wants to bring fruit. He says the outcome of this is that if we abide in Him and He abides in us we will bear much fruit and bring glory to Him. We're going to be able to ask what we want. We're going to come into a place where everything just starts to turn right.

The world is going in a way that there's really no return for it. The Bible speaks about where the world is going. People are getting into tax debts that they can't get out of. The world is deteriorating and yet we should be living in the Spirit above all of that.

But we get caught up in it to such an extent. We're not of the world any more. We're in it but not of it. We must start to show people what this new realm is, what this new Kingdom is.

Yesterday we went to the hospital. We went into the men's ward and there was a precious nurse in there. She was a Hindu. I asked if we could pray for the patients and she said we could.

I asked her to come with us. She came and I asked her who the first patient was. She said that he had asthma problems and deep depression. He wouldn't let her bathe him that day. He wanted to go home. He didn't speak a word of English.

I said to him, "Can I pray for you?" He looked at me wondering who I was. I asked the nurse to tell him that I wanted to pray for him. She did and the man agreed. I asked her to tell him, "My Jesus heals and He's going to heal you today." She looked at me and told him.

I said, "Ask him, does he know who Jesus is?" We quickly shared how Jesus had died for him, paid for all his sins so that all this man's guilt could be wiped away. We prayed and instantly his breathing started to get better.

His eyes were wide open and his depression lifted. The nurse looked at him and could not believe the change. This had been an agitated man who had been ripping at the bedclothes. He had been an angry man. All of a sudden the peace of God was on him. His breathing was easier.

This is the fruit of allowing the Holy Spirit to work in us and change us, change our thinking and our mindsets. It's the bearing of the fruit.

The fruit comes out in what we do. It outworks in our flesh. Our flesh will end up doing things that were foreign to it before. Most people don't want to get out of their comfort zone to talk to a stranger and tell them that Jesus can save them. It's invading our privacy; we need to die a bit more.

The man in the next bed was in dire need. We could see the signs of a ravaged life from the way he had lived and now he was paying the price. The wages of sin is death.

He had a bloated stomach, major problems because he couldn't pass water and cardiac problems. We just mentioned Jesus and he said, "Yes. Please." We didn't have to say anything.

He was a man who was desperate. We prayed and peace came on him. The power of God hit him and he gave his heart to the Lord.

We went into another room. All of these men were Hindus. One of them went out onto the verandah. We asked if he wanted prayer and he said, "Please." He had the same problems – renal and heart. Having the same problems tells us that there is a spirit at work. We broke the power of that spirit and saw a transformation in that man. The nurse was flabbergasted.

I said, "You need the Lord too, sister. Would you like Him to heal you? Give your heart to Him?"

She said, "Yes please." I asked her what the problem was.

She said, "My back and my legs." So we prayed and her back and legs were instantly healed. I asked her if she wanted the Lord and she said, "Please." She bowed her head and gave her heart to God fully.

They are hungry. They have a need that we can fulfill because of Who it is who lives in us. It has nothing to do with us. It's Him wanting to work through us.

But we need to give ourselves over so that He can do the work in us so that we become vessels that He can pour His anointing through.

Sometimes when we pray nothing happens and we wonder why. It's because He's wanting to build character in us so He can pour in that anointing we're asking for. It can only be poured upon us when He forms aspects of our character.

He won't pour it out without forming some character in us otherwise it leaks out and we become an embarrassment to Him. We see it by some of the broken ministries who have failed in different areas because their character wasn't formed sufficiently.

When the anointing is poured out it brings pressure but it is the most effective thing for bringing fruit. We don't want it to leak. I keep praying, "Prune me. Prune me." It hurts. It's painful.

There's another word for pruning - uprooting. When we pray in tongues we build ourselves in the spirit. I'm a builder by trade and I know the amount of work that goes in to breaking something down before it can be built up.

We would buy blocks in Adelaide and we'd pull down the old houses. We'd have to get in big diggers, thirty and forty tonne excavators, to pull the footings out of the old homes.

We had to uproot the footings so that we could put new ones in. Painful. Lots of work. But the fruit! When we saw the new building it was worth it. We're all being built. We're living stones. Our Lord is a master builder. He builds.

The scripture that God put in my heart for people who get so deep into stuff and can't get out of it and don't know how to get out of it is:

James 1:21 "Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls."

The "implanted word" is the Word of God.

The Holy Spirit woke me up in the middle of the night one time when we were building our house on the Coast. I was working and ministering hard at that time.

I was tired. I would spend time with Him but I wasn't giving Him quality time. When we need nourishing God will speak to us.

As I was working I would pray in tongues. One thing we can do is pray in tongues. We can't pray in tongues for three solid hours while we are working and not have it do some good. It's going to build something on the inside of us. He's praying on our behalf and He's releasing a mystery that's going to set us free in some area.

But it's painful. Praying in tongues becomes painful but the work that it does is amazing. If we know that prayer and fasting is doing us good we will run towards it even though it's a painful thing to do. God is wanting the purging of our souls.

Our spirits are already clean but our souls need purging. He said that we are already clean because of the Word He spoke to us (John 15:3).

When He speaks to us we need to look at it and get it into our spirits. It's a word that will bring life to us. It has something to do with the saving of our souls.

He spoke to me audibly in the middle of the night while I was in one of these tired times and He said, "By My great and precious promises you can become a partaker of My very nature."

It's in 2 Peter 1:4 "by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature ...."

I said, "Does that mean that if I get hold of the Word and get it into me that it's going to change me?"

He said, "I've shown you the power of My Word when you used it on the day that that man came through your door. Don't you realise that My Word is spirit and truth? Get it into you. Allow My Spirit to take hold of you. Allow Him to reveal the mystery that's in that Word for your life. Fill yourself up with it."

The Word is many things. It is cleansing. It's a mirror. Sometimes we look at it and then walk away and forget what we've just seen. He's saying not to do that but to keep on looking at it.

Keep on looking at it so that we start to see what it is He's working out in us. He starts to speak to us through that Word. It starts to prepare us for going out. I used to do this.

I would sit at home and He would give me a promise out of the Bible. I would write it out and put it everywhere- my wall, the toilet, my car. I would have little slips in my car and when I was driving it was a reminder that that was the Word that God was trying to get into my spirit at that time.

I learnt through the cripple on our worksite that by getting the Word into him something happened. The Word went in and all of a sudden it exploded on the inside and the man received the power in that Word which was enough to straighten a cripple.

The Word has to get into us. Remember the soul – if we feed our soul the Word of God, it becomes like the Word of God.

Humans have great ability. They can be put in adverse situations. It was proved through the war when people were in prisoner of war camps. Their soul would adapt to the situation. They would learn how to survive in that situation. I saw the fruit of it when I was in Israel – the hatred and anger in

some Jews because of what they had been through. Terrible things. Atrocities that they suffered.

They became the people who were hitting them – angry and full of hatred. What we look at is what we become like. What we look at transforms us. That's why it says to look into the perfect law which is Jesus. Become like Jesus. Look at Him. Take Him as a template. Don't take Paul as a template – he's into the government of the Church. Jesus is our pattern.

Jesus is the one we are supposed to be emulating. Jesus is the one we are supposed to be allowing to take hold of us. Jesus is the one who is trying to bring His Kingdom into us.

It's His Kingdom, not Paul's, not James's, not John's but Jesus'. They were witnesses, like us. They were witnesses of what Jesus had done and His life transforming men. They were testifying just as we are.

We can get to a place where God speaks to us to do specific things. We got sent to Switzerland out of a prayer meeting. Through interpretation of tongues the Spirit of God said that there was a light in Switzerland that had been capped for ten years and He was trying to release it.

He told us to go there and set it free. I wondered what He was talking about but, by obedience my partner Roc and I got our tickets and headed off.

Because we were so close to Italy Roc wanted to go to Italy first to see his family for a week so we did. We ended up ministering in Italy without any open doors or bookings. We went into a house and talked to a couple through an interpreter. God spoke to us and told us that this couple was childless and He told us to pray for them.

So we asked them if the desire of their hearts was to have a child. They wanted to know who told us. We told them that the Spirit of God had spoken to us and said that He wanted to give them a child. They cried. That was the secret of their heart. The next thing we knew word was out through the whole village.

When we got home there was a line-up of people waiting and saying, "Can you pray for us and see what the Lord says?" We prayed for the sick and they got healed. We couldn't even speak their language but as we prayed in tongues the Spirit of God started healing them.

They were lined up outside this house. On the second day there was a pastor in the line. Whenever we got home we couldn't settle because people would be at this place waiting for prayer.

The pastor asked if we would go to his church and preach. He had an AOG church. We said we would. So we went and as Roc started sharing a woman walked out of a stroke. She lifted her arms, started screaming and interrupted the preaching. She wouldn't sit down. The village recognised that she had just walked out of a stroke.

No one had touched her. God had healed her in the middle of the preaching. Then we were booked into another church and ended up in Italy for a week before we could do the job God had sent us to do.

We saw miracles everywhere we went in Italy. At the AOG conference the topic of conversation was these two Australian barbarians who had come through this place and everywhere they went the Lord moved.

There happened to be a guy at the conference who was the head of the AOG in Switzerland. We had left the phone number of the place where we were staying in Berne with the pastor.

We waited three days in the wrong city; waiting, waiting and waiting. Asking the Lord where this light was, asking what we were looking for. We were praying but nothing was happening.

We were so discouraged that we were about to take off because we had bookings in America as well. We thought we had missed it. The minute we decided to go we got a phone call. We were about to turn around and not do what He had told us to do.

We got a phone call in Berne saying that they had heard of us at a conference in Italy and would we come and do a meeting in their church in Lugano so we went.

Lugano is an Italian-speaking city in Switzerland. We thought maybe what we were looking for was there. We did some meetings and people got set free from different things. The pastor asked us if we would come with him to a Christian radio station that was doing work all over Switzerland.

That station transmitted into Germany, France and Italy. They also translated a lot of the Christian books that came into the place. We were happy to go with him. The radio station had a manager who had been there for ten years.

We were there for that reason. The manager had a problem – he had a spirit that wasn't allowing the anointing to go out. It had stifled the work of God.

There was the prophecy starting to come to pass: a light that had been stifled for ten years.

They asked us to share on air so we shared on spiritual warfare. We shared about the miracles of Jesus and how it's possible to hear God clearly.

The manager said, "Who do you guys think you are? Hear God clearly!!" He said, "I've had a problem for three years and no one's been able to hear clearly. Last week we had Billy Graham, Yonggi Cho and Reinhard Bonnke here. They were doing conferences in this area. They were in the station. They didn't hear what my problem was. Who says people hear God clearly?"

I said, "Do you want us to pray for, mate?"

He said, "Would you?"

I said, "Yes. I already know what your problem is. I'll pray and tomorrow when we get together we'll pray for you."

The next morning when we arrived he was drinking coffee. He was very sure that we wouldn't be able to hear what his problem was.

He said, "Well, boys, have you heard about my problem?" I think he was hoping against hope that we did but he was so set that no one could.

Yet God sent us in to do the job.

The pastor was with us and said, "Come on. Let's go and pray for him."

I said, "No. You stay back here. It has nothing to do with you."

We went into a room and delivered him. I won't tell you what we delivered him from because that station is now moving and working.

That man was a family man who needed releasing. He would manifest every time he went near a church. God cares - for one. He cares enough for one to send people around the world.

That's why it's so important that we learn to hear God. This is evangelism. That man is now fruitful. That station is now very, very fruitful.

We don't realise what God wants to use us for. We don't realise the mysteries He has in place. We don't know what it is that He has set for us to do. But there's a plan in place if we allow His Spirit to do it.

He sent me to Spokane to look at the healing rooms. I'll never forget the struggle we had to go. I had two kids at home and they were right in the middle of preparation for important exams at school.

The Spirit of God told me to book my ticket to Spokane. I talked to Denise and she said that I wasn't going without her. I told her I had to believe for the money because I didn't have it at that time. She said, "That's ok."

I went to the Riverland where I was preaching. We were having a problem in this place where we were sharing.

The Spirit of God said, "Cheer up. Phone home. I've got some good news for you."

So about ten o'clock one night I phoned home and I said, "Have you got some good news for me Denise?" She burst out laughing.

She said, "I wasn't going to tell you until you got home."

I said, "Come on, tell me. I need it right now."

She said, "Your money has come. And so has mine." I asked where it came from. She told me that it had come from America, the States. We didn't know anybody in the States.

Then I said, "Hang on. We do know someone. The girl who had led me to the Lord and had moved over to the States eighteen years before."

She said, "That's who sent it." She was hearing God and God told her to send it.

It was \$7 000. Praise God, we had our tickets. My girls had been set to stay home and study and do their exams. It wasn't critical as they had a month before the exams so they could get home, still study and finish their exams.

But when they saw that we were going my oldest girl came up to me and said, "Dad, I know you've been given \$3 000 for expenses. Would you put that towards our tickets? We want to go now."

When we raise our children in faith we can't say "No" when they press our faith button. So I said, "Okay but on this proviso: you can come with us as long as you can get on every plane flight that we're on." We had a round-the-world ticket and there were thirteen flights.

I said, "If you can get on every one of those planes and the other fare comes in for the other kid tomorrow, I'll book the tickets."

I got on to our agent and said, "The girls have now decided that they want to go."

She said, "Raf, that's only five days' notice."

I said, "Just do it. The Lord's on this." She was a Christian girl who did all our bookings.

She said, "It's an impossibility. Thirteen flights!"

I said, "Just try it."

She phoned me back the next day and she said, "I can't believe this. I've got them on every flight except one and they're wait-listed on that flight."

I said, "Well, will you let me know as soon as it comes in?"

The kids prayed and fasted. The very next day their other fare came through the door.

I said, "Girls, you're really stretching me now. We're going with very little in our pocket."

They said, "Don't worry Dad. We're going to be fine."

They'd been with me before. We had \$150 in our pocket which was enough to get a meal in the States for four of us. And we were there for a month. We had no church connections. The only connection we had was the Holy Spirit saying "Go." We had divine appointments.

We ended up in Spokane praying for a little boy who had cerebral palsy and was healed. Then church appointments opened up very quickly.

They do that when we're doing the work of the Lord.

A man called me from Colorado. He was a Full Gospel Businessman member and the head of the prison ministries for the Full Gospel movement. He was a wonderful man of God.

Someone gave him my name and he said, "Someone told me you were in America. Are you considering coming to Colorado?"

I said, "As a matter of fact, I am. Someone has asked me to go through there and pray for a young girl who has problems with surface veins."

This young girl was going to Colorado all the time to get de-veined. She had major problems as all her veins were on the outside of her body. She could die at any time and they were putting her through a process of changing all of this. They asked if I would go and pray for her.

So I told him I was coming in to Colorado. He asked where we were staying now and I told him that John G. Lake's church had put us up at Doubletree. They actually paid for everything for the first four days after they saw what had happened (with the boy with cerebral palsy). They put us into a four star hotel and looked after us.

He told us to book in to Doubletree in Colorado. It was right next door to his place. He said that the Full Gospel would foot the bill for us. So now we had the next step. We were living quite well.

The Spirit of God started moving and opening doors. We ended up in Marilyn Hickey's ministry. We were taken in to meet her but she wasn't there.

God gave me a word of knowledge for one of her staff who hit the ground like a ton of bricks. Next thing, all of her staff were lining up.

We started getting bookings in the States. God makes a way. He makes the way if we are willing to step out and prepare ourselves before we go. By His Spirit. We'll get nowhere if we do it in our own strength. If we allow His Spirit to take hold He will open the door and give us divine appointments. This is mission work. These are my missions.

We've got missions in India – our fellowship supports three orphanages and an incredible amount of work through India. We support works in Malaysia and Indonesia.

The missions work is to do His exact work. They're good things to do: good religion is to feed the orphans and the widows. That's what the Bible says.

Everyone should be doing that. But what God wants from us is to be very specific – He has missions for us. When we're pruned we open up the most exciting life.

We need to be pruned because when we're out in the mission fields pressure comes. I got sick of taking people with me because I was always having to deal with the people I was taking.

People would say to me that they wanted to go with me but I would look at them and say, "If you're ready, I'll take you. If you're not, forget it. If I have to deal with your problems as I go I'm not just fighting one battle in front of me. I have another behind me inside the camp." That's why pruning is important. Missions will be so much more effective if we are all hearing clearly.

We ended up doing a mission trip. I'd been working with Williams Anthony, a friend of mine in Malaysia for about seven years. God put us together. He's a sharp prophet of the Lord. He was very high up with the AOG in Malaysia and God pulled him out to do specific jobs. Williams phoned me one day and said, "Raf, I'm on my way to New Zealand."

I said, "Yes. You're going to go and release a Bible College."

He said, "Yes."

I said, "I've always wanted to go to New Zealand. I'll go with you."

So we went to New Zealand. Once again, out of the spirit of prayer the message got released.

Spirit of God said, "There is a church in New Zealand which has been praying for six years. They want to start a Bible College. Go and release it. It's in Poverty Bay."

Poverty Bay is in Gisborne. We got there but some things happened. We don't realise who we are but we're special before God and we have an authority beyond our understanding. If only we could hear.

We were going to Gisborne – I was on an aeroplane with all of the All Blacks who were returning from the Bledisloe Cup in South Africa.

They had just won the Cup. I was wearing a shirt with South Africa emblazoned all over it. I don't follow rugby (we play real football where we

are – go the Crows!) so I wasn't aware that they were coming home on the same plane.

I ended up sitting next to their star winger who was still wearing his All Black colours. I opened up the paper and saw this bloke in the paper. I was reading about who I was sitting next to.

He was looking at me with my South Africa t-shirt. I started sharing the Lord with him. The steward came up to me and said, "You're very bold wearing that shirt on this plane."

I said, "It was ignorance. It had nothing to do with rugby." We were the first ones off the plane. All the TV stations were waiting for the All Blacks to come off the plane and what do they see but South Africa emblazoned all over my shirt.

Customs really put us through the mill. They thought we were pretty cheeky doing that. But the minute that we stepped onto New Zealand soil something happened. There was going to be a Millennium Bash in New Zealand in Gisborne which they thought was the first place in the world where the sun rises.

Many worldly big bands were congregating in Gisborne to do a Big Bash to bring in the New Year. We arrived four weeks before this Big Bash.

The day we stepped onto New Zealand soil the news hit the papers that the Big Bash was cancelled. We didn't tie this in yet. It didn't mean much to us but this was front page news.

On our way we ended up at the Hillsong equivalent in Auckland. We didn't know anyone in New Zealand except for a guy in Upper Hut. He was a friend who had moved there three or four years before.

This man knew we were coming and he drove all the way to Auckland to meet us. He asked where we were staying and we said we didn't know. We thought we'd get a hotel for the night.

Williams said, "Hang on. There was a guy who turned up at my church in Malaysia once. I'll ring him."

So Williams phoned his office in Malaysia and got this man's phone number. This man happened to be the 2IC (second in charge) of this big church in Auckland, a 2000 strong church.

We had tea with him and he put us up with some of his people. We ended up in a beautiful house with a heap of Malaysians. In Malaysia I had ministered to the two sisters of the woman who owned the house. We were ministering in this house. The guy was flabbergasted with what was happening and he asked us to speak at the Pastors' Meeting they had on that day.

Then they wanted to book us in for the Sunday.

We said, "Sorry. We're on a job."

The head man said, "What are you doing here?"

We said, "We're here to release a Bible College down in Gisborne."

He asked if he could come with us. We said, "No," because he would become a distraction. He asked if we would keep him posted on what was happening. We ministered to all of his staff and then we hired a car and took off for Gisborne.

As we were praying the description was that it was a conference centre. We pulled into a motel in Gisborne and asked the lady, "Where's the largest conference centre in Gisborne?"

She said, "Gisborne doesn't have a conference centre."

The Spirit of God told us, "Keep on listening. Don't stop listening. There's a conference centre here. Go two miles down the road, turn left and you'll run into a little church. That's the place you need."

We went down the road and He led us to a little Christian school and a church that ran it.

We knocked on the door and asked for the pastor of the church. A woman told us that it was his day off. We told her that it was important and asked if she could get him.

We said, "We've come here to release the conference centre you've been praying for." She screamed, ran and got the pastor. This had been the focus of their prayers for six years. The pastor came and said to us, "Who told you about our church?"

We said, "The Holy Spirit. We're here to release it for you. Where is it? You point it out to us."

He pointed to a building behind his church that was called 'The Gisborne Hotel.' It was the centre for the Mongrel bikie mob. Two months before there had been two murders in that Hotel.

We went to see the lady who ran it. She was a big Fijian lady. We asked to speak to her. The receptionist wanted to know what we wanted to talk to her about.

We said, "We have a word from God for her." We got a message back that said to come back at three o'clock.

When we went back at three there was a message saying she didn't want to talk to us and that she was Catholic.

I said, "Tell her I'm Catholic."

When she translated this message back to this lady she said, "I'll see you."

I am Catholic – Catholic means universal church. This lady took us into her lounge.

I said, "We're here for a reason. The pastor down the road has been making offers for your hotel."

She said, "Yes."

I said, "We're here to let you know that God sent us here to tell you to sell it. Otherwise you're about to lose everything."

She looked at us and said, "What?"

I said, "Look. Here's how it goes. You're asking 1.7 million for this. They're offering you \$600,000. This has already been refused and you're in major trouble.

God wants to bless you but right now you're on a downhill slide. Your mortgages are being overrun with the debt and \$600,000 is what they're offering.

The Lord says if you take it He'll bless you. You'll keep the Bottle Shop: it will be freehold, it will work and you'll get all your money.

If you don't take it you're going to lose everything anyway. You've lost all your bookings. The thing that you were holding out for – your greatest hope was that you were booked out by the Millennium Bash mob.

They would have brought in enough money to keep you afloat. Yesterday, the minute we stepped foot on this land everything was cancelled.

As you decide to do this thing you will be taken out of financial problems by a mob of Christians who will book this place out for the same thing – the Millennium Bash. And you really need to give your heart to Jesus and follow Him.

Being Catholic doesn't cut it. Being Protestant doesn't cut it. Being anything doesn't cut it. Being a child of Christ is the only thing that will cut it. Would you like to do that?"

She said, "Yes please."

In the saloon lounge she gave her heart to the Lord and got transformed in the twinkling of an eye. We prophesied over her. We told her to go and talk to the pastor when she was ready and we left. We left her a crying, bawling mess.

Two weeks later I got a phone call. I wasn't home so my wife took the call and she said, "I got a phone call from New Zealand and the lady wants to know who you are."

I said, "Why?"

Now I didn't know that this was booked. I didn't know that they were even planning it but Rick Joyner and all his crew turned up at that same hotel for New Year. They booked it out. After she decided to sell.

We don't realise what we've been set up to do. We don't realise the mysteries. If someone had told me this twenty-two years ago when I came into the Kingdom I would have told them that they were nuts.

I'm no different to you. The Spirit of God wants us to change our mindsets so that He can pour Himself into us and He's given us everything to do it with.

Simply pray in tongues and let His Spirit take hold. It's no accident that He's called the Comforter. He comforts us as He takes us through the pruning

process. He's equipping us to go and do the work. The Spirit of God wants to use us.

Are we willing to give ourselves over? If we get hold of this we'll turn things upside down in our world. God is raising up unknown people, not known people. People who will go into their closet, listen and go and do.

## Final-Word

If the testimonies in this booklet have impacted you, it's never too late to begin your own journey down the Narrow Road with Jesus.

Please feel free to read this simple prayer aloud:

*Lord Jesus,*

*I believe that You died on the Cross for all my sin. I believe that You rose from the dead.*

*Please forgive me for all my sins. Make me clean.  
Please come into my heart, save me, heal me and set me free.*

*Write my name in Your Book of Life.  
Fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Be my personal Lord and Saviour.*

*Amen.*

If you prayed this prayer, welcome to the family of God and a new life walking every day with Jesus.