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# New Name Ministries



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## A Double Blessing

### Lessons from Left Field

By Chuck Bittrick

#### Be Fruitful and Multiply

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.”

(Gen 1:27-28) When I considered writing this article, I was going to begin by sharing the above Scripture from

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### Please join us in welcoming our newest arrivals:

Joel Alaniz October 17, 2013  
Charles George, Jr Dec. 11, 2013  
Ricky Promise Dec. 12, 2013

### Pray that our recent graduates will walk in their God-given talents for His glory:

Stephen Williams Nov. 12, 2013  
Henry Hanchett Nov 30, 2013  
Mike Barerra December 13, 2013



On November 1, we closed on the purchase of our new property. We will be able to serve eight more men for a total capacity of twenty-six. While looking at another duplex we noticed a “For Sale” sign in front of a lot containing two houses. They appeared in good condition and fairly new. After looking at the duplex, we turned around to take a closer look at the property we didn’t go to

see. The number of vacant lots in the neighborhood almost gives it a “country” feel. A month and a half later, we are ready for move in. Those who have stopped by to see the place left feeling that it was “right”. Only God can direct our steps to the right place. It is seldom where we are looking but when we seek first His Kingdom, instead of finding one house, we get a double blessing.



## From the Father’s Heart

By Pastor Jon Cordeiro

I am a person well acquainted with the power and sorrows of rejection and shame; not just from the consequences of my past choices that impacted innocent others. As a child, I received a lot of negative affirmation as to my being someone who should be ashamed of himself as well as being unacceptable. Lacking sufficient self esteem, as well as having a misdirected sense of self (gifts and callings), I was swept along by the *feel good* winds where ever they blew. I had no personal relationship with God. I grew up without my natural father and was adopted by an impatient, demanding, self centered father who wanted perfect behavior rather than a healthy son with a whole heart.

My male role models only added to my misunderstanding of God the Father’s character even after I received the “gift of desperation” (salvation) at age 33. Shortly after receiving God’s grace, I stood accountable for my destructive

life choices. Abandoned by family and friends due to the public shame of my choices, I told God “...I never received what I needed as a child; I need You to be my Mother and my Father...” I’m so grateful He listens to and answers those with a broken and contrite spirit. With His loving, faithful, long suffering, generous and patient nature He delivers me from myself and the lies I believed about myself and others daily. God has curiously chosen to not only fulfill my need for unconditional love, but in the process of ministering to my heart, He has given me a budding Father’s heart for others.

The first fruit of my spiritual Sons, Lee, called me yesterday to give me his “Son’s Blessing.” Yeah, I know, it’s not “Biblical” per se, but a blessing is, and so are sons! As usual his timing was amazing! I’ve recently been lamenting over men who have come to, or through, the ministry without receiving the fullness of what God has for

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## Healing Encounter

As Christians, we often think success in the battle against sin comes when we resist it and beat it (and mostly ourselves) into submission. Too often though, the battle rages because we only deal with the fruit of the sin itself rather than the root of the sin. When we submit ourselves (and our problems) first to God, then we can recognize (identify) our problems, distorted beliefs (lies about others or self), destructive declarations and besetting sins for what they are, clear to the root! Being equipped and empowered with the truth, we are now able to resist the devil (removing his toxic roots) and *he must flee!*

The Healing Encounter process, and our accompanying curriculum, is a personal journey of discovering the Truth of who we are with the help of others who have shared similar experiences.

Elements that can cause us to remain stuck in sin are:

- Allowing the legal right for demonic harassment
- Mistrusting God, believing lies, wrestling in the flesh, not yielding to Holy Spirit.
- Root issues list and



descriptions:

- Ancestral Curses – looking back to move forward
- Inner Vows – covenants we made to protect ourselves blocking freedom
- Unforgiveness – always yields a crop of bitterness
- Ungodly Beliefs – worldly views and lies we've allowed to drive our bus
- Soul Ties – it wasn't a one night stand, out of sight is not out of mind
- Bitter Root Judgments – whoa, take that log out of your eye
- Demonic Oppression – that's oppression not possession
- Restoration of The Fathers Blessing – what Christ died for is still available

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### From The Father's Heart continued

them. Their satisfaction with good and rejection of God's best has left me asking staff to "remind me again; why am I doing this?" In part, Lee called to affirm my Godly character and Father's heart, regardless of what others might think, say or do. He expressed his deep appreciation for my willingness to listen to him and offer guidance in matters of the heart, rather than correction of poor behavior. When others won't or don't understand or see this in me, I find myself less upset *with* them, and more upset *for* them. I remind myself that I'm called to be faithful not successful. We each have a process to go through, but trust me, it's better to learn from another man's mistakes (Biblically proven).

### BEWARE: GOOD IS THE ENEMY OF BEST!

Our Heavenly Father longs to guide us through our developmental years, nurturing our hearts and affirming our identity in Christ. He wants to make us whole, through Christ's holiness; Christ in us, the hope of glory! I once heard someone say "it's none of my business what others think of me" - I would add "only what God thinks of me!" But don't forget, we are to be of good conscience before man and God.

### Healing Encounter continued

Each person is paired with a sponsor (previously completed the course) who provides personal prayer ministry after each topic is taught during the personal reflection time.

The Process:

- Receive instruction, insights and instruction for overcoming strongholds
- Confession – not condemnation, clarification and identification of problem areas
- Renounce those things that have proven destructive and obstructive
- Repentance – returning to the high place at Jesus' feet
- Receive fervent effectual prayer that avails much
- Replace the curses and lies with declaration of the Fathers Blessing

### Lessons From Left Field continued

Genesis and note that "be fruitful and multiply" was the first command given to mankind by God. But when I looked up the verse I noticed God did not begin with a command but a blessing. That is so like our Heavenly Father and so like us to confuse God's love for dictatorship.

Now to the main point of this lesson: From our beginning we were blessed with the call on our lives to be fruitful and multiply. We go door-to-door, set up our tents, print our tracts, and hold our revival services, anything to fulfill our call. The only problem is that these ideas, though well intentioned, don't have much Biblical basis. Ephesians 4:11-12 tells us, "So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up..." If we will focus our efforts on building up the body of Christ, we will grow in our fruitfulness. When a body is healthy (built up), it will do what any other healthy body in nature will do: multiply. However, if we allow the body of Christ to be sickly and infirm, we will fall short in our call. If we will spend more of our energy concerned about the welfare of our brothers and sisters we will naturally fulfill our call to be fruitful and multiply.

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- Take communion at the cross and leave the past behind; leave free!

The key word here is process. Even though one may go through this course and come away changed, chances are, more will be revealed over time; therefore, more to be received and restored! Those who choose to become sponsors for others usually walk away with more revelation for themselves also. Let His Kingdom come and will be done!

### As always...

We appreciate your continued prayers and financial encouragement for this ministry. Our current needs include a new van and car, financial support for administrative staff and MHMR professionals to come along side the ministry to serve those with mental health issues.