

Dear Friend,

Sue and I are so thankful that all our children love the Lord and have served with us in the ministry at various times in their lives. You hear me teach and read my letters all the time so this month I would like to share with you a letter that was written by our middle daughter, Angie.

**Mark 16:17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;
Mark 16:18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.**

Even though I have read these verses my whole life, it's as if within the past 6 months or so it's the first time I've ever really seen them. Jesus meant what he said when he spoke them. He did not intend for these to be words in a book that people say amen to, then pass them over as if they were part of a fairy tale. He said these words expecting us to believe what he said then do what he said.

I am realizing how asleep the church at large has been. And just how watered down even what we would call today "sound doctrine" really is. It is a far cry from what Jesus spoke and what he expected us to do with those instructions. I have been saved for 40 years. Before my parents were saved I went to church with my Grandma to a little Baptist church. When I was five years old I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior; I was water baptized in that church as well. Several years after that my parents were saved. We started going to a Spirit-led church and I was filled with the Holy Ghost and started speaking in tongues at the age of seven.

I have been listening to really good preachers my whole life like Kenneth Hagin, Kenneth Copeland, Bob Yandian, Lester Sumrall, Billy Joe Daugherty, Joyce Meyers, Dave Roberson; the list could go on and on. I've definitely seen some manifestation of healings, devil's being cast out, people being saved and filled with the Spirit. I thank God for every one of those. But it's also been few and far between. What I am realizing now is that we have not been doing what Jesus said; at least very little.

The church as a whole has been like a caged tiger. A tiger with a roar that sounds impressive but it can't do anything behind those bars of unbelief. We've been all roar and no bite. When the enemy hears our roar, he pokes us with his stick, pries open our mouth and sees we have no teeth; rolls his eyes and just keeps on wreaking havoc on God's people.

Those days are over. Change is coming to the body of Christ. I don't mean down the road, 10-15 years from now. Change is here now. The days of our words having no bite are over. The words we speak will be demonstrated in power. The gospel is the power of God. When we speak the truth, it will manifest, every time, without delay. The Holy Spirit is right there, waiting to perform the word when we believe it and speak it in faith. The following is a portion from a prophecy that came forth recently at the Family Prayer Center in Tulsa:

I am here to empower you, to strengthen you. And know this: that change has happened. For many, many have learned to trust Me more in their heart and let Me Father them in the way that I desire. And it has brought change upon change upon change that is going to bring fruit that will remain that cannot be shaken. And, though you might not see it immediately, be assured by Me that change has happened in your life.

So go into this next season with your head held high knowing that you will walk in victory, because you are My beloved children that I have empowered and given My grace to.

Even though I have been under very good teaching my whole life; it's only been within the last 2 years that my table is becoming level. What I mean by that is spending more equal time in prayer, fasting, worship and meditating the word. The more I press in to all four of these; the more the word of God is becoming alive in me. It's like my Dad has been saying for years how the stories in the Bible become real, it's like you're right there in the midst of it all when you are reading it. The word is becoming alive in me to where I am becoming more and more aware of His presence everywhere I go. I no longer can stand to walk by people in need and not want freedom for every single one of them.

During a service recently I heard the Lord speak to me. He said *"It's time to stop getting your toes wet and jump in. You will never fulfill your call if you don't jump in."* There is no more time to waste. The time is now to be fully committed to God and do what he has called us to do. Even though he spoke those words to me, I know he is speaking the same thing to many in my own church but also the family of God as a whole. God is not looking for perfect people before revival breaks out; he's looking for people who will listen and obey and believe.

Though the church has been sleeping I see that now changing. We are waking up to the truth. There are several ministries across the world that are affiliated with the "Walk of the Spirit" message. As I listen to these different ministries; I see that they are all teaching the same thing. Maybe with a different flavor but it is the same message. The change I see happening is maturity. The church is finally maturing where we no longer have the "all about me" childish mentality. We collectively have the mindset "it's all about Him." We are becoming a church with bite to our roar, maturity in our walk and we believe when we speak, it will manifest. EVERY TIME. That my friend is called revival. Bring it.

In His love and mine,

Angie

See what I mean about her letter? I just had to share it with you. Sue and I love you and appreciate you. We thank God for your generous and giving heart. God bless you!

Your friend and co-laborer,

Gary