



# SPIRIT BREEZE

WIND OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES Newsletter

JANUARY 2015

## **“AND CHRIST WILL SHINE ON YOU”**

“Are you Awake?” That was the last text message my wife, Audrey sent me on the morning of Saturday, December 6, 2015, at 7:19 a.m.

The previous day she and I had spent with our Son, Gary, at the local hospital where he was having surgery to remove a kidney stone. We had all agreed that since he would be unable to drive home following the surgery I, Larry, would drive him to his home and remain with him overnight. Audrey was scheduled to pick me up the next morning.

The text message was later answered by me with several calls to both her cell phone and our landline, with no response. Several messages were left, but there were no return calls. Concerned that she may have fallen I hurried back to our home, about eight miles, and, upon entering our bedroom, found her laying on the floor. She had suffered an apparent heart attack shortly after she had sent me her text message.

That had to be the most devastating day of my life, to see my beloved wife of 62+ years laying dead on our bedroom floor. The grief is beyond description. Only those who have lost a beloved spouse can begin to understand the accompanying, unmitigated grief.

Because of my heart disease and heart surgery history, the medical team transported me to the hospital where I could be monitored overnight and into the next day.

In the midst of my loss, the indescribable heartache and the accompanying emptiness of my surroundings, God’s Holy Spirit stepped in to transform the whole experience into something beyond my imagination.

In the days between Audrey’s death and the celebration of her life service that was conducted one week later on December 13th, God, in his great mercy and grace, gave me three visions that were intimately related to her death and resurrection. I was privileged to share the following at her service:

“In the very midst of the most devastating experience I have ever known in my life, the death of my beloved wife, Audrey, God has chosen to show me a depth of his love and compassion that leads me to have greater understanding of his Word that says, **“No eye has seen or ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him.”** I Corinthians 2:9. At least **my** eyes had not seen or **my** ears heard until God let me hear his voice and see his glory in these last few days.

I have been preaching the Gospel for over 61 years and just now was made to realize that I have simply scratched the surface with much of what I have shared about the Holy God that Jesus came in person to reveal to us. The enormity of God’s Person! The depth of God’s Compassion! The awesomeness of God’s mercy! The boundlessness of God’s peace! The overwhelming power of God’s Forgiveness! This is far beyond anything that human words – at least **my** human words, can define or articulate.

Nevertheless, I want to share with you three brief visions that God put in my spirit that has brought me to this place today with a humble, contrite and grateful heart, and a love that I have never before known for my God and Heavenly Father.

**First Vision, Monday, December 8 at 3:00 a.m.** I awoke at three o’clock in the morning with a peace that passes understanding flooding in on me. Our Lord gave me a vision in my spirit of him standing with Audrey when she had the apparent heart attack. He stood with her in his arms and gently laid her body on the floor in the position in which I had found her. Then he reached down and lifted her spirit from its earthly dwelling place and raised her up with him into heaven. I now see that place where she lay on our bedroom floor, not as the place where she died, but as her doorway to heaven.

**Second Vision, Tuesday, December 9 at 3:00 a.m.** Once again I awoke at three o’clock a.m. bathed in

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the peace of the presence of God. It was the same sense of God's presence as with the first vision the night before.

As I lay in the quiet of the early morning, thinking about the depth of that peace in the midst of my loss, I sensed, in my spirit, the voice of the Lord saying, "Release Audrey to me." I remember asking, "How do I do that, Lord?" The response was simply, "Release her to me."

I lifted both arms into the darkness of the night and said, "Audrey, I release you to Jesus." Immediately—in a nano-second, the blink of an eye, there was a tremendous sense of overwhelming freedom that flooded in over me. I experienced a new freedom for Audrey into her newfound Life in God without any encumbrances from earth and her "one-flesh" married relationship with me.

At the same time, I experienced a new freedom that flooded in on me, releasing me to continue with the life that our Lord has for me here on earth. I cannot find adequate words to describe the feelings that accompanied those spoken words of release.

I asked the Lord how long it would be for me to remain? I sensed his Spirit asking, "Do you have a need to know?" I rested in him and his wisdom.

**Third Vision, Thursday afternoon, December 11, 2014.** Seven beloved family members and friends gathered in my home for a time of prayer. As the group prayed and I was intent on listening to the prayer, the Lord put in my mind a picture of Audrey standing in the glory of God, radiant and glowing in God's splendor. I saw her in my spirit with a joy that bypasses anything I had ever witnessed in her life, and by and large, she was a joyous person.

The number nineteen suddenly embedded itself in my spirit and I found myself quietly saying, "Audrey, you look nineteen. You look nineteen. I'm an old man. You were married to an old man."

An indescribable joy flooded in on my heart and, when the prayer time was concluded, I had to share with the group what the Lord had chosen to reveal to me. That vision has not left. That peace that passes understanding has not diminished. That comfort with which the Lord has surrounded me has not lessened [even to this day as I write this ten days later].

Our Father God has chosen, for some reason,

to reveal more of his amazing glory to me than I have ever known and, for whatever reason or purpose He has done it, because of him, I rejoice in Audrey's victory over death. I also rejoice in my newfound freedom in my relationship with him and an even greater desire to serve him with all I am and have until that day when He chooses to call me to share in that heavenly glory.

The grief was and is great—beyond comprehension, but as God's Word reminded me, I do not grieve as one who has no hope. My hope is in the Lord, the very One who received my beloved Audrey into his eternal Presence.

I still have sorrow in my heart with tears in my eyes and sometimes it comes in and then recedes like waves in the ocean, but, by the sheer grace of God the unmitigated grief has been lifted. In the process, I have come to know in these intervening few days, that my love for Audrey continues at an even deeper level than what we shared together here on earth. God's quality of love is eternal.

God has allowed me to experience heaven touching earth even at the point of life's greatest loss, the death of a loved one. Perhaps that's part of the true meaning of the cross and the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Kingdom of God coming on earth as it is in heaven at the point of our greatest need for God's Presence.

I borrow from the words of the Apostle Paul and paraphrase them: "The time has come for Audrey's departure. She has fought the good fight. She has finished the race. She has kept the faith. Now there is in store for her the crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to her on that day—and not only to her, but also to all who have longed for his appearing." II Timothy 4:7, 8.

In my morning devotions on the date of December 19, I read the words that God spoke through the prophet Isaiah [43:18, 19] "***Forget the former things, do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?***"

As I meditated on these words, spoken this time not to Israel, but to me personally, I thought of Audrey's final text message to me, "Are You Awake?"

Ephesians 5:14 came to mind: "***Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead and Christ will shine on you.***"

It is my conviction that is what happened with Audrey. She went to sleep, but God said, "***Wake up O sleeper, rise from the dead and let my glory shine on you.***"

My prayer is that I be awake to this new thing that the Lord is doing and I want to say, "Yes Lord, I perceive it!"

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**MID-YEAR MEETING, WIND OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES  
 BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ADVISORY COUNCIL**

It is always an exciting time of giving praise to God and remembering how the Holy Spirit has worked when the Board and Council meet.  
 Our Mid-Year meeting will be held at the Silverdale United Methodist Church in Silverdale, WA, home office for Wind of the Spirit Ministries.

**Saturday, January 24, 2015**

**9:00—Gathering**

**9:30—Devotions and Prayer for God's Direction**

**10:00—12:00—Praise Reports**

**12:00—Lunch**

**12:45—3:00—Business Meeting**

**3:30—Communion and Closing Praise to God**

**NEW BEGINNINGS**

Regardless of the various resolutions that we may have made when we began the year of 2014, things are no longer the same. We are no longer at the same point in our lives. All of us are one year older—and we look it, regardless of how we may have worked to make it otherwise..

Life experiences have made their mark on our person and we are no longer the same. Perhaps some of the change is because we adhered to the resolutions we made. And too, some of the change may be because we forgot all about the resolutions and just got on with life. Resolutions or no resolutions, life happens; change takes place.

In light of the major change that has taken place in my life, I am in the process of endeavoring to renew a commitment that I have made from the time I first learned about it several years ago, and that is to live out this new year, 2015, *Corum Deo*. It's not merely a New Year's Resolution, it is a way of living life in the Kingdom of God while still walking around here on earth.

***Corum Deo***

**"I will live my entire life in the Presence of God,  
 Under the Authority of God's Word  
 To the Glory of God."**

As men and women of God who belong to the family of God, it seems right that we should make this our primary goal in the new year and every year thereafter.

If we were to make this the goal of our life, then any resolution that we would have otherwise made, would be accomplished or become altogether unnecessary.

**DEEPEST GRATITUDE FOR YOUR LOVE AND PRAYERS**

My family and I would like to thank each and all of you for your cards, letters, calls and prayers that you have shared during this time of the death of our beloved Audrey. A special thanks is extended to Revs. Edd Denton, Bob Rosas, Taylor Gallman and Davis Hylkema for their part in making her memorial service truly a celebration of her life. God bless! Larry

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**OTHER MINISTRY EVENTS ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGES**  
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**Mid-Year meeting of Wind of the Spirit Board of Directors and Support Council, Silverdale, WA**

**MARCH 12-14**

**The Gathering: Annual meeting of the Board and Council of the Aldersgate Renewal Ministries, Goodlettsville, TN**

**The Board of Directors and Support Council of Wind of the Spirit Ministries pray that you have a Joyous New Year in your walk with the Lord, Jesus Christ.**

