



And Also With You

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AUGUST

SUNDAYS

10:00 am
Worship
(nursery provided)

6:30 pm
The Union's
Worship

MONDAYS 10:45AM- INTERCESSORS

6:30 pm
Graham Cooke
Group-455-5940

WEDNESDAYS

10:30 am
Women's Bible
Study-990-2973

THURSDAYS 6:pm-Prayer in Church

FRIDAYS
8:15 am
Men's Group-
422-3169

CHALICE BEARERS

August 2
Jane and Bob
Grafe

August 9
Jan Bogue
Becky Johnson

August 16
Maggie Rockett
Susan Jones

August 23
Kitty Barksdale
Janic Terry

August 30
Julian and Maggie
Carnes

Accusations



The Reverend Scott Davis

Recently I pulled my lower back. It was not brutal, but it was uncomfortable. I lay on the floor, popping it as instructed by the chiropractor, and this brought some relief. It persisted, however, so when all else failed, I prayed!

I have discovered the hard way that there are some prayers that just do not work. They do not work because they originate from the soul instead of God's Spirit. Each time I prayed, asking God to heal me, I knew that I was praying a dud prayer. It was like Paul trying to go into Bythina, yet the Spirit would allow him. It was same with my prayer for healing. After a series of duds I changed tactics. I quit informing the Almighty of my need, explaining to Him how He could best heal me and instead asked Him what the issue in my back was about. Immediately I heard the word, *accusations*.

There are times in the Gospels when Jesus converses with people as He is healing them. He seems as interested in their well being as in their healing. What I am learning about God is that He wants a relationship with us as much as He wants to heal us. Relationship is His number one

priority.

The moment I heard the word *accusations*, I understood that the back pain was associated with being *accused of wrongs*. When a person is *accused* of something he tenses up. On the surface, I did not feel *accused* of anything but as the Lord poked and prodded, I began to see how *accusations* were constantly assaulting me. Satan *accuses* the brethren night and day in the forms of thoughts, memories, and through other people.

Accusation means "a charge or claim that someone has done something wrong." In my dysfunction growing up,

the unpardonable sin was to be wrong. Being wrong meant that love might be withheld and that you might even run the risk of being cast out of the tribe so to speak.

Therefore, it was very important to always be

good (right) and to never be wrong. Do you know how hard that is?! When I became a minister, it took being good to a whole new level. I was now a professional *do gooder* which meant that I could never do wrong things or my job might be in jeopardy. Being wrong became the unpardonable sin. *Accusations* were about being *wrong*.

Now I cognitively understand that the power of the cross covers wrongs. I cognitively understand that everyone sins and falls short of the glory of God. I cognitively understand that all of humanity is *wrong* because of the fall and therefore

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needs the *rightness* of Christ (*righteousness*). My head gets it, yet my heart stands *accused* and is tempted not to receive forgiveness because as a minister, I should not be as *wrong* as others. The lie is that God stands ready to forgive your sins but my sins are a different matter since I am a minister and should know better.



As I walked that day, conversing with the Lord, He showed me places and ways that I had made subtle agreements with accusations against myself which were not from Him. As I repented I noticed that my back was beginning to relax. As I prayerfully broke various and sundry agreements that I had inadvertently made with the enemy through the years, my back continued relaxed. I discovered that this area of my back was a *weak spot* in my body, and therefore it would give way first when assaulted by the *accuser*. To heal my back, God first had to heal the *accusations*. I knew it was the Lord because I never would have linked a backache with *accusations*.

My back kept feeling better until a week later. I did a spiritual inventory to see if I was absorbing *accusations* again. This time, it was the opposite. The Lord showed me that the *accusations* were not coming towards me but from me. The Lord showed me that the enemy was accusing oth-

ers through me and that these were accumulating into that weak area in my body. What was happening in my back was an expression of the *accusations* in my soul. After confessing the sin of mentally accusing others and reattaching blinders to my eyes, I began to thank God for my back as a warning that *accusations* were present.

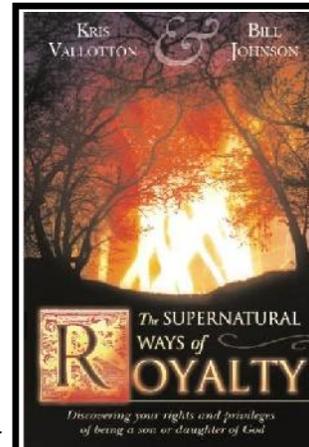
An *accusation* free life is much more pleasant than an *accusation* filled life. I do not believe that all aches and pains are related to sins and problems, however, I often wonder why certain areas of the body are assaulted and not others. Graham Cooke says that every problem is spiritual. Millard Box says that we are spirit beings with a soul living within a body.

Next time a part of your body comes under attack, ask the Lord to show you what it is about. You might find the answer to not only be healing but fascinating.



Happy Birthday!

August 2–Jane Grafe
August 5–Craig Williams
August 10–Arlene Temple
August 20–Becky Castellano
August 29–TJ Adkison
August 31–Jackie Isaacs



Father Scott highly recommends this book. You can order it at Amazon in paper back or kindle version:
<http://www.amazon.com/The-Supernatural-Ways-Royalty-Discovering-your-rights-and-privileges-of-being-a-son-or-daughter-of-God>

**Mission Nigeria**

Father Scott has been asked to join the Rev. Mark Price of Freedom Church, Daphne, to preach, teach, and prophecy over various cities in Nigeria in April 2016 during an eight day visit. When Mark Price did this last year, his Nigerian host purchased 30 minutes of television air time to broadcast Mark's teaching throughout the entire country. The following day the mayor of the city asked Mark and their team to declare and prophecy God's word over his city from his office. This shows the spiritual hunger within this oil rich, battle field for the gospel of Jesus Christ. The battle is for souls (and petro dollars)—Muslim or Christian?

The trip costs \$2,200 per person, covering airfare to/from Nigeria, plus hotel, and food. If you feel led to partner in this venture you can make checks to **Grace Church** and mark it-NIGERIA. Also, if you would like to go as part of the intercessory team please see **Father Scott** as well.