

“HEALING OF PRENATAL WOUNDING – A POWERFUL TESTIMONY”

One of the most powerful areas of healing over the course of our ministry has been when Father God comes to minister to wounds that have occurred while in the womb (also be referred to as “in utero” or “prenatal” wounding). You may be wondering, “How can this be? How can we be wounded even in the womb?” From a spiritual perspective, we all consist of not only a physical body but we also have a personal spirit. Even though our mental and emotional abilities are not developed to the level whereby we are able to perceive and understand wounding in the womb, our personal spirit *is* aware and *does* receive and internalize this wounding. Scripture speaks of the intricacies of our formation in the womb in Ps. 139:13: *For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb.* Scripture also speaks of the ability to respond in the womb in Luke 1:41, when Mary, pregnant with Jesus visited Elizabeth, who was pregnant with John the Baptist. It states: *When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.* From a scientific/medical perspective, there have been various studies over the years that strongly support the fact that a child in the womb is impacted and affected by various types of stimuli—both positive and negative in nature.

A few months ago, we were blessed to be able to partner with the Father and minister to Teresa McCurry, a precious woman who had experienced significant in utero or prenatal wounding. The Father met Teresa in a very profound way during our first ministry session, and that evening we asked her to write a letter to that little baby (herself) and share it with us the following morning. We were so deeply impacted by what she wrote, and as she shared this letter with a few others in the following days and weeks, others were greatly touched as well. It soon became apparent that there was an “anointing” on this letter, and in response to the Father’s prompting, Teresa has placed this letter on her web site for others to read and be blessed as a result. With her permission, we are sharing Teresa’s introduction to her letter here for you to read, as it lays a good foundation for her letter to follow. When you finish reading her introduction, we have a web link where you can go to read her letter in its entirety.

“MY LETTER TO BABY TERESA” INTRODUCTION

By Teresa McCurry

“It’s not how you start out in life that matters so much, it’s how you finish that counts”!!

This quote from Joyce Meyer is quite profound, especially in light of the way my life started out. You see, my parents had lost 2 full-term babies before conceiving me, one was stillborn and the other lived only a few hours. The doctors assured my parents that my fate would be the same due to serious problems my mother had with her pregnancies. Abortion was not an option for them back in those days, but I’m sure it would have been highly considered had it been easily available. I was very much an “accident” as they had been greatly warned never to try again for a healthy baby.

In those days there were literal maternity wards where 12 or more beds were in each ward. A woman whose baby had died was kept in that ward, as she recovered for 3 long days, while she had to watch and listen to all the other new mothers in the ward who were celebrating, and holding, and nursing their healthy newborn infants. Can you imagine the pain of my mother’s empty arms?! In order to cope with the devastation of burying another full-term baby in a little white casket, my parents went into denial and

decided to keep this pregnancy a secret. My mother was greatly secluded as she became obvious with her growing form. They told only a select few, and even my Dad's mother did not know. My parents pretended I did not exist, and did not make the normal preparations for bringing home a new baby. This was the only way they could cope with the pain of what they believed would be the inevitable.

And then along came the great surprise!!!! I entered the world as a totally healthy little baby girl for them to take home!!!! However, fear that I would die prevented my parents from holding me or even looking at me for 3 whole days. I was kept in the nursery the entire time my mother recovered from delivery. When they – and the doctors - were convinced that I was totally healthy and normal and ready to go home, much had to be quickly prepared for my arrival home!!

In spite of the radiant news that I was a healthy baby and would live, there was something else that went unseen and unnoticed. I was already emotionally and spiritually wounded, and not at all bonded with my mother and father. For, you see, there is no such thing as a perfect child. We are vulnerable to fears and misperceptions from the very earliest moment.

I was an imperfect child, conceived under imperfect circumstances and was born into an imperfect world. I left the hospital in the arms of two imperfect parents, rode home on the lap of an imperfect sister 10 years older, and entered a home that was filled with emotionally wounded and hurting people. It was not "Leave it to Beaver", "Donna Reed", "Father Knows Best", or even "The Partridge Family"!! Most of my childhood and teenage years were consumed with fear, confusion, and rejection. Hurting people hurt people.

*As a result, I greatly struggled with fear, anxiety, self-rejection, low self esteem, depression, and performance orientation, well into my adult life. Many of these struggles continued even **after** I became a Christian. And then I was greatly blessed to experience huge milestones in my inner healing over a number of years, through powerful ministries, and much personal study along my Christian journey. However, there was one profound encounter with truth that changed my life more dramatically than all others, second only to the moment Jesus Christ became my Lord and Savior. During a special time of receiving prayer ministry, I was encouraged to write a letter to Baby Teresa. The following letter to Baby Teresa is what God revealed to me during that process. Perhaps it will bless your life as well.*

As a result of her own personal journey and prior education, Teresa developed her own ministry called "Passionate Health." As a Certified Natural Health Professional and a Health and Wellness Coach, she seeks to help others achieve optimum physical, emotional and spiritual health. **Please click on the following link (or copy and paste this link into your internet browser) to go to her web site to read her "Letter to Baby Teresa: http://www.passionatehealthonline.com/letter_teresa.html.** If you have difficulty accessing this link, please email us and we will email you a copy of this letter.

From the Father's Heart,

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