

**TEACHING:****Taking Control Over Nature**

by Mike Flynn

I began writing this on the day of the 8.9 earthquake and tsunami in Japan, March 11<sup>th</sup> (also, coincidentally, the 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my ordination to the Episcopal priesthood). For the first 5 1/2 years of my ministry, I had no concept of our having any authority over anything except our own lives and whatever position over mankind we happened to possess.

But then I was filled with the Holy Spirit and that changed all my concepts. But still, I didn't try to do anything about nature except enjoy it and keep whatever distance seemed appropriate. Then came another jolt: Agnes Sanford laid hands on me and gave me her anointing for inner healing. That took over my ministry for about 5 years. Then John Wimber came into my life and that was another jolt. All of these jolts add up to an increasing sense of the authority that Jesus entrusts us with and expects us to use.

Agnes prayed over the San Andreas fault here in California on a regular basis. She took authority over it when the earth began to tremble and saw evidence that she had changed the course of quakes with agreement from the US Geological Survey office in Pasadena CA.

Agnes died in 1982. The massively destructive Northridge earthquake in the LA region was Jan 17, 1994.

After that I began to think that maybe I could copy Agnes' authority over the fault. So I began talking to the San Andreas fault on a semi-regular basis. Gradually I felt I should take on more responsibility for it. On several occasions I have gone to the actual fault and poured blest oil into it, pronouncing that it will obey the immediate authority of God.

For quite a while I have also added the fault into a daily prayer for protection which I've used for many years. Here's parts of the first paragraph of that prayer: "In the name of Jesus Christ crucified, died, and risen, I bind all spirits of the air, the atmosphere, the water, the fire, the wind, the ground, the underground including the San Andreas faults, and the nether world. ... I claim the blood of Jesus on the air and atmosphere, the water, the fire, the wind, the ground and their fruits all around us, the underground and the San Andreas and Bailey faults, and the nether world." (The Bailey fault is the closest to my home.) The full prayer is available on the Free Gifts header of our website: [freshwindministries.org](http://freshwindministries.org).

Now, if we have a major quake I guess I'll say, "well, I guess that didn't work." In the meantime, scientists say we're way overdue for a big one, but it keeps not happening. Hmmm. I choose to credit the Lord for that.

All of this is preliminary to my challenge to you that you exercise authority over nature in the area where you live.

Remember Jesus' experience with the disciples on the lake? He's tired from teaching and ministering, so He takes a nap in the boat. Satan heard Him say "Let us go over to the other side" and stirred up a big storm to deter Him because he had a major stake in a demonized man there. "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" ask the 12. Jesus told the wind "quiet!" and the waves "be still!" and they obeyed. Then He said to the 12 "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" It's almost as though He said, "Why didn't you take care of it yourselves?" (Mark 4).

Followers of Jesus have the right to exercise authority in various areas including nature. He gives us that right and wants us to use it.

There are negative factors that inhibit our use of authority: guilt, poor self image, excusing ourselves from the Great Commission, false humility, ignorance of our commission, etc, etc. But all of these factors begin to retire when we start uttering authoritative commands to nature. That is, you learn by doing. And the doing often addresses those negative factors.

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DATE	PLACE	EVENT	CONTACT
July 15-17	Heritage Church San Clemente, CA	Training in Healing	949.361.1022
Sept 27-30	Anglican Province of Uganda	Leadership Training	(closed)
Oct. 2	Kigezi Diocese, Uganda	Ordination of Onesimus Asiimwe (our adopted Son)	
Oct 21-23	St. Uriel Epis. Ch. Sea Girt, NJ	Training in Healing	732.449.6173

Other invitations that have not yet been finalized will be posted on our website which is updated frequently.

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Just a bit of advice:

keep remembering—as I strongly teach in my books—that faith operates out of the will, not the intellect. While you're telling a hurricane or storm or twister to back off, you'll have plenty of very reasonable thoughts why this won't work. That's spiritual warfare 101. Just keep at it. Second, those negative factors may have to be addressed in the grace of God. If you're guilty of something, confess it to the Lord, ask for and claim your forgiveness, and then get on with the task that your guilt was blocking.

Third, it may be the will of God that a demonstration of nature has its full expression and effect. God does use nature to get some of His message across. One prophet guy predicted the Japan earthquake 22 years ago. Maybe this is God trying to get man's attention. When you consider the extent of the human loss of life, turmoil, and earthshaking ramifications, then the message He might be uttering could be phenomenally important. Even if that's the possibility in effect in any given incident, I would keep using authority to block it. If God wants the event to occur, He will override your authority. If Satan wants the event to occur, he will have to submit to your authority. If it is just nature

playing out the ramifications of its creation, it can be forced to lessen the extent/forcefulness of the event.

God is utterly committed to Incarnality. He insists on doing what He does through mankind. In everything that He wants to do He is looking for men and women through whom to release His power, His word, His grace, His love. He wants you to sign on to the enterprise. God gave Adam and Eve authority to rule the earth. They lost that authority in the fall into sin. But Jesus restored authority for believers through His life, death, and resurrection.

Don't worry about possibly misusing your authority. God is far more concerned with people who never get around to trying their authority than with those who might overstate it on occasion.

### An Easter Exhortation

If you've been raised from a past life/problem/habit/addiction/relationship/mistake/self-image/disappointment/whatever, but if there's no discernable change in your life, then it's time to apply Easter. Jesus' triumph over death has been made available to you. But you have to apply it.

You probably remember from my books or conferences that faith is

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an act of will. What the will does is make decisions. But after the decision is made, there must be appropriate action. The decision has to be carried out in behavior. In The Mustard Seed I talk about ways to have faith. The one that comes to mind right here is: act as if. If you haven't applied resurrection to an issue, start thinking how you would act if you were doing so. Then just start acting as if it's going to work. And keep on acting as if until your new behavior becomes a habit.

You will find that acting as if puts a lot of past issues in the grave and keeps them there while you are experiencing resurrection and the new life that Scripture promises.

### Recent Fresh Wind Events

In February a former parishioner, Les Thompson, organized a training conference at his present church, Westminster Presbyterian Church in Burbank CA. Ten FreshWind team members showed up to help the participants learn how to minister healing after the talks. We expect their trained folk to be used in healing people. We thank Rev. Paul Clairville for his active participation and support.

In March Dr. Carl Pevoto and his wife Pat put together a training conference for St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Austin TX. Each teaching was followed by hands-on ministry to each other that I directed from the podium. It was a joy to see people's surprise at how God gave them words of knowledge and enabled them to pray for each other's needs with visible effect. Fr. Robby Vickery fully participated with wonderful results in each session. The Lord directed me to preach three different sermons at the services on Sunday.

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## Free Gifts on our Website

There are useful gifts on our website. Log onto [www.freshwindministries.org](http://www.freshwindministries.org) and click on the "Free Gifts" header.

These titles will display:

Gift # 1: [Taking Control of Your Thoughts](#)

Gift # 2: [Vulnerability To Self](#), Chapter 6 of Holy Vulnerability by Mike Flynn

Gift #3: [Prayers for Protection](#)

Gift #4: [Practicing the Presence](#)

Gift #5: [Three Prototypes for Ministry: Which are you?](#)

Gift #6: [McCheyne Bible Reading Schedule](#)

Gift #7: [Words & Works of Jesus](#)

Gift #8: [A Page from Jesus' Diary, February 15, 33 AD](#)

Gift #9: [Picking up the Trash](#)

Gift #10: [The Parable of the Fleece](#) (with thanks to David Anderson)

Gift #11: [He Apprenticed Them](#), Chapter 5 of Making Disciples: Following Jesus' Model by Mike Flynn

Gift #12: [Royal Order of the Towel](#)

### Just click on the one/s you want and download them.

- #1 helps people stop being pushed around by their own minds.
- #2 has been used to bring hundreds of people to self acceptance.
- #3 are crucially important for protecting self, family, etc.
- #4 helps us check in with the Lord
- #5 helps you figure out whether you're a Peter, Paul, or John
- #6 is a Bible reading schedule I've used for over 35 years.
- #7 summarizes the ministry of Jesus (and you, if you follow Him).
- #8 makes satirical fun of people's lack of faith in Jesus' miracles
- #9 is a testimony
- #10 is a very useful modern parable
- #11 talks about investing in others (making disciples)
- #12 is a challenge to adopt an attitude that will bless others and yourself.

Early in April I led the ministry times for the Alpha Course Holy Spirit weekend for the Camarillo Vineyard where I am the associate pastor when I'm in town. All who came forward were filled with the Holy Spirit and most of them were also infused with particular spiritual gifts later in the weekend. What a delight to see people grabbing hold of the presence and power of the Spirit Who will work wonderful blessings both in them and through them for others. Yvonne Ontiveros, who led the weekend, did a grand job.

Also in April was a healing conference for St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church in San Diego CA. Fr. Kevin Warner—who pastored a church in Michigan where we did training events—is the present rector there and wants to see healing as a regular part of church life. While there we stayed with Dave and Audrey Neer, old friends who live an active life of service especially to prisoners.

After the weekend, we went to Hemet and looked in on Dora Hooks, our very first intercessor, and her caretaker daughter Debbie.

John and Susie Cook were very kind to host us in nearby Idyllwild.

### Uganda Mission

At the invitation of the Archbishop's Provincial Coordinator of Missions and Evangelism, Paul Wasswa Ssem-biro, we will be doing Leadership Training for 60 top hand-picked clergy in late September. This is another wonderful opportunity to influence the 10 million-member Anglican Church in that country. We still need several thousand dollars in order to pay the \$100 room and board for each participant for the 4-day conference. If the Lord moves you, please consider paying for one of those participants. Contributions should be sent to FreshWind Ministries at 4406 El Corazon Ct., Camarillo CA 93012. Thank you.

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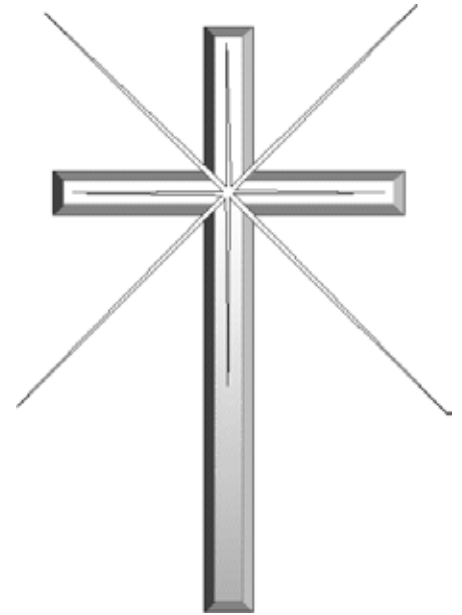
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### Here's the bottom line:

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We highly value all forms of aid: prayer, finances, and ministry team participation. Please look over this response form and see if the Lord would speak to you about your support of this ministry.



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