



Teaching, Modeling, and Imparting Responsiveness to the Holy Spirit for Life and Ministry.

TEACHING:

Picking Up the Trash

by Mike Flynn

A block from where I start my morning walk there is a lot of trash between the sidewalk and a high wall that extends the length of the block. In the 10 feet between them there can be all kinds of trash: food wrappers, plastic market bags, discarded drink cups, pages torn out of books, etc., etc., etc! Since my walk is a prayer time and I was already talking to Him, I complained to the Lord one day about all the trash. His reply: “remember how much of your trash (sins) I have picked up.” Immediately, in gratitude for His many forgivenesses I began picking up trash. And I have done so a couple of times a week ever since. The practice has taught me many lessons, some of which I’d like to share with you.

1. God has indeed picked up all our trash. The extent of His mercy is full: He has not let one of our sins go unsuffered for. There is so much trash that I can pick up only a portion. But He has not only become aware of all our sins, He has also done the inconceivable task of atoning for them in the death of His Son.

2. Whereas I didn’t put the trash there, I can still pick it up. This is the family of man taking care of each other. There are people who just don’t yet see the need for keeping the streets clean. So I can take over some of their responsibility by cleaning up after

them. While doing so, I usually say something like this: “forgive them, Lord. And I bless them” because He Himself tells us to bless our enemies. The people who throw trash out the window are enemies of the health and beauty of our city, so I can bless them. Incidentally, I find my own heart is in much better shape since I began blessing enemies instead of rebuking them.

When Jesus taught us to pray, “forgive us our trespasses,” I think He was giving us permission to confess others’ sins. We’re way too individualistic in Western civilization—most of the rest of the world sees that we need to take steps for others’ benefit (see chap. 9 in my *Holy Vulnerability*: “Vulnerability to God’s Collective View of His People”). You can confess someone else’s sin, and God responds with grace towards them. And you.

3. I can pick up small and large pieces of trash. This reminds me that the Lord has picked up my little bitty sins and well as the humongous ones. What a God He is to have been so diligent in setting me free.

4. Every time I pick up trash it endears me to the heart of the One who has forgiven me. “You are some God!” I exclaim to Him. “What a God to have been so generous to me. I thank You, Lord, for your astounding mercy towards me.”

5. Some trash is so blatant that it tempts me to anger. Some trash is just over the top, it’s just too trashy, it’s

simply too rude. Some of it is not all that easy to pick up. I once strained my knee doing it and had to wear a brace for several weeks. But then, of course, I melted with the recognition of how God has viewed some of my sins, especially the really bad ones. He had every right to anger, yet responded to my sins with compassion. What can I say but: “O God, help me to adopt Your attitude of mercy towards those whose sins are blatant.”

6. While I just toss the trash into a bin, somebody else has to cart it away. Jesus took the sins of all into His own body on that tree, and those sins killed Him. But when He descended into hell, He deposited those sins there in hell where they originated and where they belong. When He rose, He rose free and clear of all sins. We don’t have to leave our sins sitting in trash cans behind the garage of our souls. Let Him take them completely away.

7. It’s a busy street by which I pick up trash; sometimes I ask the Lord to let some driver see me and be touched by the behavior they see. Wouldn’t it be nice if more who see us behaving mercifully were moved to be more merciful themselves?

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DATE	PLACE	EVENT	CONTACT
Oct 15-17	St. Mark's Geneva IL	Order of St. Luke conf.	630-587-1477
Oct 28-31	Christ Ch, Denver CO	Catching the Wind	770-952-2670
Nov 12-14	San Antonio	Order of St. Luke conf	210-496-3655
Nov 15-17	Harlingen TX	Clergy Day & Catch the Wind	956-542-3869
Nov 19-20	Tustin CA	Vineyard Leadership Institute: Healing II	858-484-2602
Jan 7-9	Orchard Lake MI	Leaders Retreat, Advent Epis. Ch.	248-338-3505
Spring	Oxnard CA	Upper Room Confabs	818-842-0113
Feb 4-5	Bloomington MN	Power Ministry Seminar	952-831-3125
Feb.	10 Dioceses, Uganda	Training of Trainers in Healing	
Mar 11-13	San Antonio	Catching the Wind	210-333-6256

Special Appeal for Uganda.

Mike is taking a team to Uganda to train trainers in healing ministry in February. We will be training 150 clergy and lay leaders from 10 dioceses, whose members exceed the number of the entire Episcopal Church in the US. Uganda is poor. We need several thousand dollars to pay their room and board at the facility we'll be using, plus Mike and Sue's travel costs. Would you consider using the enclosed envelope to help us help them?

Upper Room Confabs with Mike Flynn

For several years, I have yearned for the sons and daughters of the church to be fathered into more effective lives and ministries. Would you like your soul refreshed? Would you like to ask any question and get a serious reply? Would you relish choosing from over 200 talks the ones you are most interested in? Would you enjoy hands-on ministry from a trained team? Would you like to putter around a gorgeous harbor, go kayaking or sailing or golfing or sport fishing or whale watching or to a museum or shops or just beach bumming? Would you savor dining at several fine restaurants within walking/water taxi distance?

I am going to host **Upper Room Confabs** at Hotel Casa Sirena in Channel Islands Harbor near my home in Oxnard CA. Here's the plan:

1. No more than 24 participants will register, arriving by Monday evening of the chosen week.
2. Mike will present a list of possible topics—see below—and the group will choose which ones they want to deal with in the following 7 sessions.
3. Each session will involve a talk—and stories—from Mike, a Spirit-led ministry experience, and a break-out discussion in small groups.
4. There will be plenty of Q & A and notes of the talks will be provided.
5. On Thursday morning we will conclude the event.

6. Cost of the Confab will be \$170 per person, \$250 per couple.

Harbor Details:

Casa Sirena Marina Resort provides a full-course breakfast at the Lobster Trap restaurant as part of the \$69-79 per room rate (1 or 2 beds per room) in the Spring months. The hotel is 3 mi. from the Oxnard airport, 47 mi from Santa Barbara airport, and 64 from Los Angeles airport. See map for position.

Mike Flynn. Mike pastored 4 churches in the L.A. region over 30 years. The Lord used him to bring the last 2 to full renewal and vital church life. Since 1985 Mike has led nearly 400 conferences in the US and around the world which God has used to bring teaching, encouragement, training, and inspiration to thousands of attendees. He has written 5 popular books. He practices the Presence of the Lord habitually, a source of wisdom and effectiveness.

Topics. Each chapter of Mike's books can be a separate topic. In addition, representative topics from Mike's backlog of topics are referenced.

MIKE'S BOOKS.

Holy Vulnerability Subtitle: The Risks and Rewards of Opening Up to God

Interacting with God • Vulnerability to Scripture • Vulnerability to Discomfort • Vulnerability to

Jesus' Worldview • Vulnerability to the Headship of Jesus • Vulnerability to Self • Vulnerability to Spiritual Warfare • Vulnerability to Guidance • Vulnerability to God's Collective View of His People • Vulnerability to Authority

• Vulnerability to the Presence of Jesus •

Inner Healing, by Mike Flynn and Doug Gregg, Subtitle: A Handbook for Helping Yourself and Others

• What is the ministry of inner healing? How we became involved in inner healing • Theological underpinnings

• Using the Bible in inner healing • Jesus' healing authority • Jesus' healing love • Praying for oneself • Praying for others • Psychological factors • Frequent mistakes • Working with the Spirit • Spiritual Warfare • Wider dimensions of inner healing • Appendix: Martha's story •

The Mustard Seed Book, Subtitle: Understanding and Using Effective Faith

I: GOD'S REASONS FOR FAITH • God's stake in our faith • What He has given us to have faith *with*

II THE WAYS OF FAITH • How faith works • Effective methods and models • III CURRENT ENEMIES OF FAITH • Cultural conditionings • Spiritual attacks • Christian misteaching • False notions about doubt • Flying solo IV DEEPER ISSUES • The gift of faith • Faith and freedom • Sovereign will • inexorable love

Making Disciples, Subtitle: Following Jesus' Model

He prayed for them • He recruited them • He hung out with them • He taught them • He apprenticed them • He debriefed them • He anointed them

How To Be Good Without Really Trying, Subtitle: Letting Jesus Live His Life In You •

The Commands of Christ • The Seventh Command: Hear • The Sixth Command: Grow Up • The Fifth Command: Give • The Fourth Command: Watch • The Third Command: Forgive • The Second Command: Believe •

The First Command: Love • Your Goodness Proves Mine • Appendices: Discipleship Group Discussions • About the Baptism in the Holy Spirit • The Two Trees in the Garden (a sermon)

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SUBJECTS

STRATEGIC SKILLS • The Difference Between Management and Leadership • Vision (2 to 4 talks)—Nature, function, and value of vision; getting one & checking it out; birthing a vision. Vision, vision casting; making the vision relevant to the target group; managing a vision; how a whole organization comes to own a leader's vision; two keys to vision ownership; planning your vision • Finding, Evaluating & Using Third Party Plans, e.g., John Wimber's five-year plan; Building the Church From the Bottom Up; Rick Warren's material; Carl George's Global model; Kevin Martin's tribal model; The Alpha Course; Boise Vineyard plan; Natural Church Development

LEADERSHIP SKILLS

• Overcoming Resistance to Change (human & spiritual) • Seven Phases of Parish Renewal • Dealing with Denominational Hierarchy • Developing Lay Ministries—"equipping" word study; making disciples effectively

• Style—the Unconscious Excluder/Includer • Two Kinds of Authority: *Imperium* and *Auctoritas*: When to Use Which • Listening To and Obeying God—scriptural, natural, relational, and gift-based input; digesting prophecies

EXTRA-CONGREGATIONAL FACTORS

- Local Cross-Denominational Unity's Power • Responding to Prophets

CAREER MANAGEMENT

- Bobby Clinton's materials—overview: Phases of Ministry Development
- Peter, Paul & John—the 3 Models for Ministry: Which Are You?

SPIRITUAL GROWTH - PERSONAL

- A Leader's Devotional Life—having a local confessor; prayer and scripture; practicing the Presence
- Leader's Attitude Toward & Use of Scripture, Reason, & Tradition • Maintaining Priorities re God, Family, Church, World • What Taking Up One's Cross Means to Leaders • Recruiting and Maintaining Intercessors

SPIRITUAL GROWTH - CONGREGATIONAL

- The Functional Headship of Jesus in Your Church • Liturgical Altar Calls • Achieving & Maintaining Unity
- Loving Your People • Responding to Congregational Barrenness

CHARACTER GROWTH

- Character Issues—discipline, holiness, accountability, temptation, honesty (1 to 5 talks); dealing with besetting sin
- Courage and Faith in Leadership • Handling Severe Testing • Getting Fixed—inner healing, self-acceptance, deliverance (1 to 3 talks) • Setting Up Peer Mentoring Relationships

SPIRITUAL LIFE (underlined = full conference.)

- 4 Paradigm of Salvation • 7 Stages of Parish Renewal • A Forgiveness Reminder • Accountability

Let Nothing be Wasted • Adopting Jesus' Worldview • Anointing for Intimacy • Biblical Anthropology

- Approaches to Salvation • Attack-Counterattack • Authority of the Believer • Authority to Heal • Baptism In the Holy Spirit • Barriers to Faith • Becoming a Healed Man • Calling Down the Holy Spirit • Catalytic Teams

- Catching the Wind • The Character of God • Character of the Faithful • Collaborating With the Holy Spirit
- Communal • Dealing with Stress • Dealing with Doubt

- Demonstrating the Spirit's Power • Developing Lay Ministry • Devotional Listening • Empowered for Mission • Empowerment, Anointing • Equipping Leaders for Church Growth • Evangelism Overview-Engel • Executing the Sentence • Faith and Holiness • Faith, Fear, and Leaders • Fellowship with the Holy Spirit • Fleece Parable • Follower of Jesus • Forgiveness • Four Spiritual Attacks • Frontlines of Prayer • As the Father is to the Son so is the Son to the Believer • Gain through Loss • God's Heaven, New Creation • God's Method, Man's Method • Going Ahead with God • Great Commissions • Growing in Faith

- Growing in the Spirit's Power • Hearing in the Supernatural • Hearing through Scriptures • Help the Poor or Go To Hell • Holiness & Community • Holiness and Power • Holiness & Sexual Healing • Holiness & Intimacy • Holiness in Scripture • Intercession for Leaders • Intention/Behavior • Intercession • Invitation to Intimacy • InterVarsity Sex Teachings • Jesus' Worldview • Jesus' Top 4 Commands • Jesus' Words & Works • Justification • Kingdom of God • Last Will & Testament of Jesus • Listening to God with Courage • Marriage Seminar • Mike Flynn's Testimony • Nice Tiger with the Long Tail • Post-ministry guidelines • Power Encounters • Power Evangelism • Power Ministry • Practicing the Presence • Preparing for Revival • Pressing Ahead, Protection Prayers, Recapturing the Supernatural,

- Releasing Your Spiritual Gifts • Renewing a Parish • Role of Forgiveness in Healing • Rules for City Taking

- Seminarian Advice • Sept • 11 • Seven Keys to Missions • Sitting in the Tree of Life • Spiritual Gifts • Spiritual Warfare • Surrender • Taking Control of our Thoughts • Temperament & Prayer • Thanking God for All Things

- True Nature of Faith • Unity • Vulnerability to God • Watch • Ways to Experiment with Faith • Why Renewal? Word of Knowledge • Words & Works 101 • Worldview • Worship

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- A Course in Healing: • Care & Feeding of Healing Ministries • Death, dying, and Bereavement • Deliverance • Developing a Healing Ministry Without Blowing Up your Church • Factors in our Authority to Heal • The Five Steps • Having Faith for Healing • Overview of Jesus' Healing Ministry • Healing of Relationships & Attitudes • Healing Past Fatherhood hurts • Healing the Sick – Intro • Inner Healing • MacNutt's chart • Ministry Team Do's & Don'ts
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PRAYER

Bp Carey Prayer • [Growing in Prayer](#) • Intercessory Support for Missions • Interceding in the Spirit • Intercession Procedure—90 min • Prayer as Relationship • Prayer categories • Prayer Task Force Agenda • Prayer and Fasting • Prayer Rooms • Prayers from Scripture • Strong Warfare Prayer.

To Express Interest in Upper Room Confabs

Send us this information:

Name/s:

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Dates interested in 2004: ___ March 21-24; ___April 11-14; ___May 23-26.

Some Recent Testimonies about FreshWind

Dear Mike, Words cannot express how much Jesus was given to these men. Your personal word for me encouraged me and has set me on this mission of faith from God. We love you. We'd like to invite you back for the next 3 years. We are also trying to see if we can pull of your new Acts seminar. —Rev. Lenny P., Vineyard, UT.

There were great teaching moments as the Holy Spirit showed up in power. We are very thankful to God and to Mike for the weekend he led for us. ... Mike's teaching and delivery do a great job of setting people at ease. —Rev. Philip J., TX.

We just got back from teaching students to depend on the Spirit and heal the sick for power evangelism at Stanford Univ. God moved and many students were healed and touched as they prayed over each other! What you mentored us in years ago comes through in our teaching and training. Thank you so much! You are truly a model of Godly, Jesus-like leadership to us. —Gary G., VA

Thank you for your encouraging intercessor's letters. Each one I receive convinces me of God's perfect timing in my life. ... As you reveal your vulnerability, that in turn enables me to examine the direction of my life more clearly. Your perspective, as revealed by the Lord, is exactly what I need to hear at that moment! I praise God for you and I know He uses you to reveal His love and power in all of our lives. But, you live it so fervently, so unabashedly, so honestly and that gives me the greatest hope for this powerful ministry, FreshWind! —Suzanne W., GA

It was so refreshing to be around the anointing of the Lord that weekend, and to see you and Brother Sheffield so demonstrating the reality and power of the Lord and what walking with Christ really should be, and yet you didn't take yourselves so serious. It just wasn't about either of you, but the Lord Himself. —PJ H., TX

What a wonderful conference. We felt so blessed this weekend. The teaching was outstanding and we feel so blessed to be able to have attended. (About a private matter): Praise God, a miraculous healing occurred. Ray F., NY

When I first saw you on Friday evening and told you what a blessing you were when you ministered to our leadership last year, you commented that it might be a hard act to follow. Truth is, you surpassed my expectations as the Lord used you to minister to me in several areas. ... The truth that you shared in love made it possible for me to share my sin issues with one of my brothers when the opportunity was offered. It felt so good to expose my secret that I jsut shared it with another brother. God is soooo good. My friend was able to help me realize the cost of my sin in terms of intimacy with my Abba and how it undermines the ministry He's called me to. This led me to make a decision regarding an upcoming ministry opportunity that I have been wrestling with. What I want to say to you is that as much of a blessing it was to listen to you, what you shared has real legs—the blessing is ongoing. —Dave S., CA

Dear Fr. Mike, thank you for your latest newsletter. Your teachings are always a blessing and give much food for thought and prayer. —Carolyn C., CA

Thank you for your teaching, insights, and for your time this past Saturday in Burbank. I am so glad that Sandy Hazen asked me to attend with her. I feel that I have been given the tools, yet one more time, to step out and minister. But this time, something clicked. I was blessed that only after minutes on Saturday you asked us to get up and pick a partner. "Holy spirit come", and He did. It was that simple. Now I am praying, ministering, studying, and asking God to prepare me. I remember your teaching so clearly. Thank you. —Stacie T., CA

MAP

Responses

FreshWind often donates its time and energy to foreign and domestic churches and organizations that cannot afford to pay normal honoraria and travel expenses. Many of these are missions-focused, as is FreshWind.

About 75% of FreshWind's budget comes from people like you who believe in and feel led to support what we're doing to extend the kingdom.

Here's the bottom line:

+ renewed, disciplined, and anointed people produce ministry and mission

+ FreshWind produces renewed, disciplined and anointed followers

We ask you to help us "produce" FreshWind.

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.

PRAYER:

_____ I/we would like to receive Mike's monthly intercessor's letter and pray regularly for your ministry. If we're on email, our email address is _____. Please copy and email this to Mike or mail by postal system.

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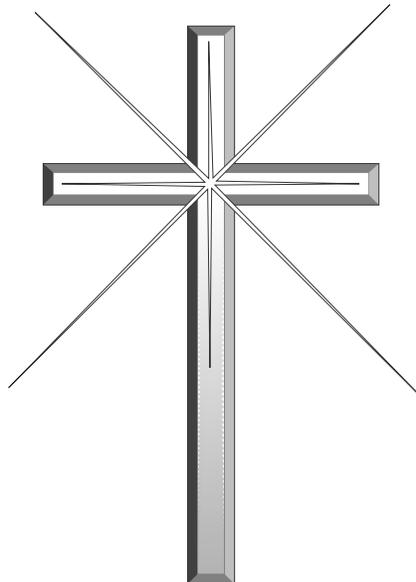
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For Leaders: Follow Me

When Jesus said “follow me,” I think He meant it. I would like to suggest that He wants us to follow Him in a wide variety of ways and purposes. Maybe the following list of areas might trigger thought:

1. Adopting His Worldview - I’ve tried to look through the lens of His eyes at everything, for I want to see as He sees, evaluate as He evaluates, and act as He acts.

2. Kingdom Orientation - In the Gospels, Jesus used the word “kingdom” 123 times and the word “church” twice. I think we’ve reversed those proportions. Let’s be about understanding the kingdom, promoting the kingdom, displaying the kingdom.

3. Radical Dependence - He said that He only did what He saw the Father doing (Jn. 5.19). Let’s adopt a posture of radical dependence on Him. Our trust frees Him to back it up.

4. Humility - Kenosis (Phil. 2) isn’t only for the Savior. Someone called humility the basket that contains all the other fruit of the Spirit. Jesus’ whole mindset was that He could do nothing without the Father and that the Father got the glory for what He accomplished. He was a servant.

5. Obedience - Jesus obeyed the Father at every step, including the final step into death. Our obedience is what frees Him to reveal Himself to the world through us.

6. View of Scripture - Years ago I adopted Jesus’ attitude towards and beliefs in Scripture. That attitude has never let me down, and has provided gloriously trustworthy guidance. Do you know what He believes about prophecy? law? miracles?

7. Losing One’s Life - If there’s no God to back you up, it is foolish to lose your life; but if there is a God, it is the ticket to vastly greater blessings and effectiveness.

What else would you put on this list?

FreshWind Financial Summary.

As of Sept. 30, 2004, FreshWind’s income totaled \$72,738: \$53,041 from donations and \$17,151 from travel reimbursements and honoraria. Expenses: we’ve spent it all.