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later Michael tried to get up and leave the room, but found that he was pinned to the floor. He gave up and received what the Lord had for him.

After an hour and a half on the floor the men picked him up; taking an arm each around their shoulders. They half carried him to his room and sat him on his bed and left him there. Michael progressively got into bed, and went to sleep, only to be woken up and hour and a half later with two live vision/movies on the wall opposite.

Michael very briefly describes the breath-taking, traumatic, awesome encounter with Jesus alive in agony on the Cross of Calvary; blood streaming down His face from the piercing of the crown of thorns on His head. He was totally wracked in pain, and the effort of having to pull himself up on the nails piercing through his hands and feet, to get the next breath.

Jesus's searching, loving eyes were looking right into Michael's heart with compassion and care in the midst of all His anguish! His words so poignant: **Michael I did this for you!** As Michael has said; he was made speechless by this shocking live spectacle of the Crucifixion on that wooden Cross up on Golgotha, the place of the skull.

Jesus was enduring the cruellest form of torture and death known to man, reserved for the worst criminals, and murders. Jesus was also bearing the mocking scorn of men, and the wrath of God placing all the sin of the world upon His only begotten Son. Our Holy Scapegoat!

The sinless, righteous Lord Jesus Christ had said; Yes to God His Father's will in the Garden of Gethsemane the night before on His knees sweating drops of His Blood - **Not My will; but Yours be done!** Jesus had already said what is written in the Psalm **Here I am; I have come to do your will O God.**

He was the perfect sinless sacrifice who was taking Michael's place and dying for all his sins. His very blood pouring out for Michael's sin and the sin of the world. His life laid down in exchange for every human being in every generation.

What Jesus was showing Michael was that He paid the ransom price for all mankind with His life so that we can exchange our sinful life for His abundant life at the Cross of Calvary. Jesus paid the full price of all sin by taking our

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increase by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to take hold of the man’s wrist next to him, who the Holy Spirit had used the night before to lead Michael to Jesus and His baptising of him with power! – “But you shall have power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you”...Acts Ch.1:8.

God was now using Michael to bless the man who had blest him. Brothers and sisters we cannot out bless God; because He gave first his only begotten Son!

We are sons and daughters of Abraham by faith. God said to him in Gen. Ch.12:3. “I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blest.”

Michael did not realise that it was a sign and a wonder, to them both! The man confirmed to him that night, that he had been given the Gifts of Healings. Here we are 42 years later sharing the fruit of it in this Online School.

Again the woman who led Michael to the Cross to humble himself, and give all to Jesus; God answered the need of her heart, and blest her husband with a miracle of healing that very night hundreds of miles away up in Auckland.

Now the song of the theme of this Teaching; - I have decided to follow Jesus!

One of the early hymns that I learnt sums it up for me. “I have decided to follow Jesus. No turning back. The World behind me. The Cross before me. Though none go with me, still I will follow Sing Glory, glory, and halleluiah.”

These words were the last words of a man from Assam, north-east India, who along with his family were converted to Christianity in the middle of the 19th century through the efforts of a Welsh missionary.

Called to renounce his faith in Jesus by the village chief the convert declared; “I have decided to follow Jesus!” In response to threats to his family (some say that his children were killed at this point) he continued; “though no one joins me still I will follow.” – (no turning back,)

His wife was then killed in front of him; and he was executed while singing; “the cross before me, the world behind me.”

His display of faith, and courage so impacted the chief, and villagers that they all converted to Christianity.

Michael introduces a friend Judy Bailey who sings the song

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with passion, shares how this song has impacted her life. You may want to join in as well for **faith is voice activated, and "Death and life are in the power of the tongue. Prov.18:21."**

Michael then challenges all who are watching the live teaching:

What about you? Are you going to follow Jesus? You may have been pleading and calling out to God for health wealth and happiness.

Start with Jesus and see what He can do with your life. The word is; **"Seek first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Mt.Ch.6:33."**

If you have never given everything to Jesus; stop the DVD and do it now! Give Him everything the good the bad, and the ugly!

Michael shares that in addition to physical healing happening from day one; within one month he was praying for deliverance, and for people to be baptised in the Holy Spirit and receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit all before he had been through a Life in the Spirit Seminar. It was a time of Grace outpouring.

You can do it too; start with those around you; in your group, and family. The gifts have been given to you to bless others, and build the Kingdom of God.

Jesus tells us in **John's Gospel Chapter Ch.14:16-18** **"And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever –the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you."**

V.26, "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you."

Michael shares in his own words!

The Holy Spirit is the one who will lead you into all truth, and will teach you. Jesus is now in you, leading you. All you have to do is follow!

My weakness was that I did not know the Scriptural

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references for what I had experienced, as I did not know the Bible. I grew up in a home without a Bible.

The Holy Spirit would direct me where to read, and progressively revealed to me that I needed to read the whole of the Bible from cover to cover, which I did three times very slowly.

I love the Word of God! It is Spiritual food. Jesus said in **Jn.6:63b, "The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life."**

The Holy Spirit would lift passages up before my eyes and at the same time give me fresh revelation, of what it meant. Quite often I would pray in tongues while I was reading.

You can do that because the gift of tongues comes up out of your spirit leaving your mind free to dwell on the Word. This is a great way to build your spirit man up.

You need to set a Prayer time; A Scripture reading time, regular Church attendance, Partake of Communion, and confession. Be in a prayer group with good teaching etc.

Michael encourages those who gave their lives to Christ; to be prayed for and reminds everyone of the full text of; **John 6:63 "It is the Spirit who gives life, the flesh profits nothing. My words are Spirit and they are life."**

May the anointing and power of the Holy Spirit be upon you all for **"Praying for Others!"**

God bless you all.

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Homework Questions

1. From our opening Scripture above. Do you know how the indwelling of the Holy Spirit works in your life? Or; how do see Him working in Michaels life? Please describe it to us?

2. What are your thoughts about; or experience of, encountering Jesus on the Cross of Calvary?

3. Did you fully exercise your will when you gave your life to Jesus Christ; and what changes did that make in your life?

4. Can you name some of the exchanges that happen when we accept Jesus Christ as Lord, and are baptised by the Holy Spirit?

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Additional Teaching Instruction and Methods

Welcome to module 2 Teaching 7 additional teaching, and sharing.

I am writing to you over Easter 2020. The Coronavirus has us in lockdown; but **the Holy Spirit and the Word of God are not in lockdown. Jesus is alive, He has risen from the dead!**

Our Churches are closed, all sports cancelled, along with hiking in the hills and mountains. Travelling about is only for essential work, not to the holiday home or visiting family, particularly the older members, over 70. Our Governments order is: Stay Home! No wedding groups, parties, or funerals.

All essential workers are wearing masks, gloves, and some; special glasses to try and avoid catching the virus off others. We all, when walking on the streets have to keep a distance of two metres apart; even when in the Supermarkets, buying food, one at a time. To cough at, or spit on anyone is a criminal offence!

What a blessing we have in this age with radio, television, the internet, texting, skype, and zoom; to be able to communicate with our loved ones, and the world around us.

I have had the privilege early on Good Friday morning to pray with a man in Ireland on the other side of the world; in deep inner healing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and to be able to see him on zoom, and witness his encounter with Jesus bringing healing to his heart, and family blood lines.

On Maundy Thursday commemorating The Last Supper out of the blue I received a telephone call from the very man who prayed for me in 1978, all those years ago. We last heard from him about 4-5 years ago.

He had a Word of Knowledge, or Prophecy for me about situations that are going on around us, that I was seeking God on; asking the Holy Spirit for wisdom on how to respond to them! He did not know of them, but God used him again, for me!

His Word of the Lord to me was; Do not worry about what is going on. It will all work out! – I received that word in faith, and believe it will be so!

There is a sadness with separation from our loved ones at this time.

A good friend of ours who came to the prayer group, around

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3 years after my commitment to Christ that I have shared with you; and was involved in helping with the leading of our worship; now in his 80s died of a heart attack on Good Friday morning.

This morning I could hear the sadness, frustration and anguish of the family, coming from one of the daughters who spoke to him on the phone, but could not be with him in his last hours; or able to visit him at the rest home. - My friend May you rest in peace, in the love of your Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

New Zealand now has 4 deaths from covid19.

You may be asking where is faith in all of this Pandemic sweeping around the world. We are in a war! We have an enemy who wants to destroy us, along with Covid19. Many believe the two are linked towards our destruction.

This is the second time in my lifetime I have experienced lockdown. The first was in the late 1940s with the polio epidemic which primarily attacked children with paralysis in the spine, legs and feet. My older sister was one of those who suffered from that plague. She had a partial club foot for the rest of her life. We had to stay at home on our small farmlet, and do correspondence schoolwork.

My sister was very determined that it was not going to stop her participating in life to the full. She played tennis, and competed in pony club, Shows, and went hunting on ponies, then on horses, she did very well in sectorial positions; and was a great mother to her children, and grandchildren.

Finally I want to share about a man who was around in the time of a worldwide plague. I woke up with his name on my lips just as Covid19 came to New Zealand. His name is **John G Lake**.

John G Lake lived in America. In the 1940s there was an African virus plague sweeping through the country. Many People were dying from it. John had a powerful healing ministry and was not fearful of this plague. He went to a hospital and asked them to show him a sample of a live virus. They bought it out and showed him. He then said to them; **put it on my hand?**

They said: **No! It will kill you!** He demanded that they do it. Cautiously they did. Then were utterly amazed that the virus fried to death on the palm of his hand. This was faith in action form a man who believed that Jesus heals today!

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