



Praise With Robin

Dear ones, July 2003
“Arise, my darling, my beautiful one, and come with me. See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land. The fig tree forms its early fruit; the blossoming vines spread their fragrance. Arise, come, my darling; my beautiful one, come with me.”
 Song of Solomon 2:10-13

Spring! Glorious Spring! What a sermon it preached to me this year. I found Spring to be much like the start of this new season of ministry for me. First, Spring seemed to be on the precipice of “happening”; the snow finally melted, and the early rains began. But then, cold, cold windy spells would occur, the furnace had to be turned on again and sweaters (if not jackets) put on, and this for many weeks. Finally, the buds began to appear, then grass greened up and the birds returned. In between all these events, there was rain and rain and rain. And rain. And rain. And rain. And rain.

Finally, I believe (just before Summer officially starts). real Spring has finally arrived, and what a wonder it is. The flowers are gorgeous this year; and the mulberry bushes are loaded with fruit. Oh, the promise of Spring, the promise of new blessings rising out of yesterday’s winters!

During the last 3 months, I experienced some brand new things. First, it was my privilege to be officially “commissioned”, set apart, prayed over and “sent” by my dear covering church family and pastor at Covenant Christian Church in Belle Vernon, PA. Last summer the Pastor, Dr. Frank DePolo, called me and offered to be my official covering (umbrella) for this new ministry. What a gift to have the prayers and support of this precious group of friends. We made it a weekend event, sharing a lot of ministry together. I did a two-day Arise With Praise Seminar, Pastor Frank conducted his weekly bible study, and I accompanied him during his monthly healing service. We then spent Sunday

morning in uninterrupted praise and worship at his church followed by the Commissioning.

The Salvation Army afforded me two new opportunities. I participated in a Conference on Spiritual Warfare at Bushwick Community Church in Brooklyn, New York in April, leading the worship and praise for that 3-day event. While in New York, I visited the Brooklyn Tabernacle and Ground Zero. I was an invited guest at another Army meeting in Merrillville, Indiana, and there observed ordination and commissioning services. Both meetings gave me opportunities to worship and visit with friends some of whom I had not seen in a couple of years.

I spent 11 days in the Gladwin/Houghton Lake area of Michigan in May, and lead several worship services.

Finally, I took a couple of weeks away from ministry to rest. Due to the wind and rain, there was precious little fishing to do, but I did spend a few days with a dear friend in Wisconsin. Is it not amazing what sheer rest can do for one’s soul – especially when coupled with prayer and friends. There is not much better in life. Best of all, such blessings are free and yet priceless.

Looking ahead to the next three months, the schedule is filling nicely. I am doing another Arise With Praise Seminar, two church camps in Michigan, three denominational conventions, and altogether 10 women’s retreats. **There are still openings for ministry in my schedule, and I’d love to minister to your group or church if you would so desire. Do contact me if an opportunity arises.**

As happens nearly every year, whenever ministry is suspended for personal time, finances become critical. This year has not been an exception. I have to admit it has been more challenging than usual, because I do not have the buffers of Jeff and Sharon between my carefree ways and “the books!” As a consequence, my faith is really being

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ROBIN'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE

July	13	***** OPEN TO SCHEDULE *****		
	14	11:30 am Ladies Lighthouse Luncheon	Syracuse IN	
	16-17-18	Personal Time		
	20-21-22	Praise & Worship - Mancelona Camp	Mancelona MI	
	25	8:00 pm Children of the Resurrection	Ft Wayne IN	
	28	Women's Aglow	Peru, IN	765-472-4152

August	4-5-6	Praise & Worship—Camp Meeting	Brown City MI	
	8-9-10	Biennial Convention ELCA	Big Rapids MI	989-631-8043
	16-17-18-19	Personal Prayer Time		
	20-22-22-23	Personal Prayer Time		
	24	Hillman UMC	Hillman MI	989-742-3014
	31	***** OPEN TO SCHEDULE *****		

September	6	Gethsemane UMC Ladies	Muncie IN	765-284-2184
	7	***** OPEN TO SCHEDULE *****		
	12-13-14	Missionary Church	Mancelona MI	231-587-5220
	19	3:00 pm United Church of Christ	Indianapolis IN	812-529-8232
	21	***** OPEN TO SCHEDULE *****		
	26-27-28	3:30 pm Lutheran ladies of Ohio	Columbus OH	

stretched. I have gone more than once back to the original drawing board:

1. Has God called me to this ministry? Yes!
2. Is God faithful to supply all my needs according to His riches in Christ Jesus? Yes!
3. Can I show Him I trust Him when I have everything I need at hand - - all the time? No!
4. So can my present "financial challenge" be a wonderful source of my showing Him how genuinely I trust Him? Yes!

So, dear friends, please believe with me. And pray that as this crisis passes, the Lord will be happy at the way I stayed in a position of trust. Sometimes I do wonderfully, other times, I have wavered. I so desire to please Him.

Just this morning I received a huge dose of encouragement from a newsletter I receive periodically. Here is a clip from that article. I pray it is a blessing for you too.

Where are you on the road of faith? Are you in the stage where you question God's Word? Do you still wonder at his judgment?

Do you require a sign? Or have you reached the point that His Word is enough. He says it. You believe it. That settles it.

There are degrees of faith. It is evidence of His grace and patience that God accommodates us as we take baby steps towards mature faith. He wets our fleece with heavenly dew just to let us know for sure that He is there. But **He is moving us along the road to a more perfect faith**, the kind of faith that simply says, "Yes, Lord."

Gideon got there. Read his story and you will see that for yourself. And you will get there, too. Keep walking...by faith.

A Prayer for Today: **"Dear Father, thank You for Your patience with me when my faith is faltering. I pray that You will help me to grow in grace. I want to reach the point that I trust You implicitly, unquestionably. Amen."**

And yet another one just came in my e-mail box from a dear friend from Tampa, Florida:

Let the people praise thee, O God let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God shall bless us.

God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him. Psalms 67:1-7

*He is looking for Praise, He promises if we will praise him, the earth will release our increase and He will bless us. That means that no matter what you are going through today, just praise Him with all that is within you, just praise Him. When we can praise Him through our trials and tribulations, this lets Daddy know that nothing really matters except Him. **This is a step of faith praising Him before we can see the outcome.** But when we are in intimate relationship with Him, it doesn't matter what comes our way. If it came God allowed it to either do a work in us or for us. Let it work today and stop whatever you are doing and let us give the Lord a crazy praise, just because He is worthy.*

Again, I ask your prayer for the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit upon me. Pray that His refining fire will purify and sanctify me. Pray for revival for me, for yourself, for the Church! Oh Lord, let Your kingdom come! Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!!

You are loved, cherished and prayed for. I look forward to worshipping the Lord with you soon.

In His love, ROBIN

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