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On Sunday, Mother's Day during services at New Hope Fellowship, Pastor Art made a tremendous heart-felt appeal to the congregation on understanding the current times as to the need for healing, salvation, and being anointed with the Holy Spirit. During prayer he was all over the rows of worshippers laying on hands on many persons. This followed his demonstration with three arrows of 2nd Kings 13 where stumbling blocks are always in front of us. He was convincing us that we are anointed but yet might not recognize the battle that we are in and must know that only Jesus can save us. The significance of this Blog is that Pastor Art laid hands on me, again from recent weeks and prayed over me for wisdom and my experience. I realized that he, other than Perry Stone, was the only pastor who ever prayed over me for anointing. Perry Stone prayed for me to be anointed by the Holy Spirit to speak in tongues in April 2020 surrounded by many of my brothers when, yes, I was slain in the Spirit with I was told a light shining on my face.

Now this experience followed a worship service where Dr Brian Cutshall at OCI a week previous when he taught on the younger generation trials and tribulations and the need for the older generation to stand in the faith with them. At the alter call he asked everyone under the age of 30 to come forward for prayer. Then he called for all of us over the age of 30 to come forward and stand behind someone under the age of 30. This way of prayer was not something I had experience with but with some reluctance I went forward and found an open space behind a young lady with long blond hair. The significance of this person was that she from the rear looked a lot like The Singing Angel, the young lady I helped when she and her husband could not support themselves with this artist, my only knowing her through one occasion when my wife introduced me as her hair stylist – I asked her to style Linda's hair and apply makeup for her funeral in 2019. Having determined that The Singing Angel had a dream to become an artist for Christian Country music I heard her sing and asked her to sing "I Can Only Imagine" at Linda's funeral which was beautiful and affected the audience greatly. So I equipped her with a studio to sing on YouTube and more importantly in the next year between her and a recording studio in Pensacola the song "More of You Jesus" was composed, recorded, and published then by myself in late 2021. She had medical problems at age 23 and fear of failure so she turned on me and the recording studio to not be a part of the publishing. On Wednesday after Easter I was convicted that the root of bitterness was a stumbling block in my walk forward to serve Jesus. I have prayed for forgiveness as I realize I have that root as a result of my relationship with The Singing Angel regarding the song "More of You Jesus – The Singing Angel" and the recent curtailment of that song which played for six months on "Today's Christian Country" radio station of the Legacy Broadcasting System to be taken down just before Easter. Lord forgive me as and I asked her forgiveness, as I forgive all transgressions toward me.

So then, to continue, I am confronted for praying for over 30 minutes and in tongues for this young lady until Brian came down the line of about 60 young people to pray for them and many were slain in the Holy Spirit for the first time. I was motioned to be prepared to catch her if she was slain, she wobbled but did not fall – she turned, smiled at me and thanked me for prayer. There is significance in this event which the Holy Spirit will reveal in me in time.

Now back to today, Mother's Day, I left church as I normally do on Sundays and went to the cemetery where Linda is buried now for approaching three years. I placed a flower arrangement on her gravestone, took pictures with my cell phone to send to our five surviving children. As I walked back to my car, I heard an older lady talking with looking around me I seen no one. It finally dawned on me that the talking was coming from the cell phone in my pocket. The lady was talking about wisdom and experience in raising

children and loving grandchildren. I got in my car and brought up the message which was a YouTube made on September 26, 2020. To my amazement this lady in her 80's looked and sounded just like my mother who died at the age of 89 in 2006. I was awestruck but, in my mind, went back to my memory of that time when I pulled up two other YouTube's of the same date that showed my grandson Jesse and his wife, then their wedding reception on that date. So the old lady was the bride's grandmother who died just days before her granddaughters wedding.

I am a signs and confirmation person who now realizes I am being tested and possibly be prepared for future service. You might be guided by my experience to realize you have a Spirit holding you back that once released by forgiveness you can be propelled forward in your walk with Jesus and His destiny for you.