



When The Impossible Becomes Possible

(Pastor Cynthia A. Burns Creative Miracle)

When my wife was thirteen years old her teeth had become very unattractive. More than half of them had turned black in the front and some were just hollow shells on the side. She, nor her parents, knew what had caused this problem with her teeth. Can you imagine how difficult this must have been for a thirteen year old young lady who was entering the years where her looks had begun to matter to her?

She shared with me that she felt so embarrassed to open her mouth and smile. She never showed her teeth because they looked so bad. When she did smile it was always with closed lips. My wife Cynthia had grown up in a very devout catholic family. Both her parents were raised catholic and they passed their denominational faith on to their six children.

Over time her mother and father began to experience a deeper hunger for intimacy with God. They were invited to go on a three day cursillo where they had a born again experience and were baptized in the Holy Spirit speaking in tongues. After these things her mother spoke to a catholic priest she had become acquainted with and was sharing this new experience she had received with him. Her desire to know God more intimately was steadily increasing. He then recommended a non-catholic book from a renowned Charismatic minister, and told her that she needed to get her hands on everything he had written and study it!

She followed his suggestion and found that she and her husband's hunger was being filled and they began to want to share with others what they were learning. They opened up their home in Paducah, Kentucky and began hosting a weekly prayer meeting where biblical exhortations were also shared every Wednesday. This went on for years and it grew and grew until they consistently had over 150 people in their large ranch home! People were sitting on the furniture but most were standing or sitting on the floor, in the kitchen, formal living room, den and even the master bedroom! For two to three hours people prayed in their heavenly language and found that heaven was listening.

A friend of mine once shared with me that *God does not meet us according to our need, but He meets us according to our hunger!* Everyone has needs of some kind or another but not everyone has a deep passionate hunger for the things of God. Jesus said, *"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled"* KJV. Hunger and Thirst are the only two human passions that can never be permanently satisfied. You can only temporarily satisfy them and then afterwards you find yourself hungry and thirsty again. The good news, spiritually speaking, is that spiritual passion can be developed within you as it did in my wife's family and those that came to their home to pray.

One day a priest from their church called and asked her dad if he would be willing to move these large home prayer gatherings to the Church Parish Hall? Her dad quickly agreed. In addition to the weekly prayer meetings they also conducted various six week *Life in the Spirit Seminars*. The meetings grew even more as the spiritual hunger was increasing. Catholics, Baptists and unchurched people were drawn in and were gloriously born again and baptized in the Holy Spirit. With over five hundred people consistently attending the seminars, you could say they were experiencing a Spiritual renewal.

I'll never forget my father-in-law telling me during one of these *Life in the Spirit seminars* that their pastor, Father Rhiney, asked him if he could also help pray for people to be born again and to be baptized in the Holy Spirit? Cynthia's dad told him, *"No!" "Why can't I?"* he asked. *"Because you are not yet born again and baptized in the Holy Spirit!"* The catholic pastor asked, *"Can you help me receive these things?"* Right there my Father-in-

love led his catholic pastor into a born again experience and in the Holy Spirit baptism with the evidence of speaking in other tongues.

Things were changing in a beautiful way as this Holy Spirit filled catholic priest began to teach God's word during Sunday mass and even prayed for people to be baptized in the Holy Spirit and for divine healing. Unfortunately the Diocese which had oversight of this congregation heard about what was happening and felt it best to move Father Rhiney out and bring in an old school type priest who shut things down. It is sad to see what happens in the church world when man tries to dictate what God can and cannot do. My father-in-love received a phone call from this new priest who gave him an ultimatum. *"Connie, you have to make a decision that it will either be the catholic way or you and your family will have to leave this church!"*

It was never Cynthia's dad's intention to leave the church but when faced with such a proposal my father-in-love said, *"Father, you leave me and my family no choice. We have experienced too much to deny what we have found. My wife was raised off of her death bed and my children have been impacted by these things and we cannot deny them!"*

During this time Cynthia's family would attend the 9:30AM Sunday Mass at their Catholic Church and then head over to the Full Gospel Church to get in on the Word of God at their 10:30AM service. So when this ultimatum was issued they had a church family willing to embrace them. Just a few years ago when Father Rhiney retired, the folks in Paducah had a celebration to honor him for his years of service. Cynthia's parents attended and something significant happened. Father Rhiney pulled Connie aside and told him, *"I never should have let the diocese transfer me out of Paducah. I truly believe God wanted to transform all of Western Kentucky with the power of what we had experienced."*

This full gospel church was not only welcoming to my wife's family but they also welcomed the Holy Spirit and his power. They had planned some special meetings with Rev. Kenneth W. Hagin from Tulsa, Oklahoma and Rev. Charles Cowan from Nashville, Tennessee. Pastor Cowan was a charter class graduate from the school founded by Rev. Hagin, Jr. and his father. This week long faith seminar was focusing on **Romans 4:17**, *'(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he*

*believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and **calleth those things which be not as though they were**' KJV.*

All week long they attended these meetings during the morning and in the evening. Toward the end of the week they would be praying for those with need of healing or whatever. Cynthia's mom asked, *'Cynthia, do you think God could heal your teeth?'* *'Sure He can mom! God can do anything!'* Her mom suggested that she go down for prayer which she did. While in line, waiting to be prayed for, she noticed that as hands were being laid upon different ones that they fell backwards like they were passing out! She said to herself, *'When they pray for me I'm not going to fall because I can hold myself from falling'.* Moments later she was prayed for and when she opened her eyes she was looking up at the ceiling!

What she did next is important for you to hear. When she got up she ran up to people and began to say, *"LOOK! God just gave me brand new teeth"* and she would open her mouth to show them! Then she would go to someone else and do the same thing. Again and again she did this until her mother overheard her and said, *"Cynthia, come over here. Did God really give you brand new teeth?"* *"Of course He did mom, where have you been all week long?"* Then her mom realized what she had been hearing during that week long seminar on faith about calling things that be not as though they were. *"Oh, that's right! Okay, open your mouth and let me see those brand new teeth."*

When Cynthia opened her mouth, her mom let out a scream as she saw that God indeed had given her the most beautiful set of teeth in an instant! Cynthia had not seen them yet so she said, *"Quick give me a mirror so I can see them too!"* One side note to her miracle is that all of the teeth in her mouth were new except for one. Her mother prayed and asked the Lord why would one be left undone? She said the Lord spoke to her heart and said that He left one undone so that others could see what the rest used to look like!

What was it that caused this creative miracle to be made possible when it looked impossible? That is what I want to talk about in the next chapter. Don't stop now!

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