

January 25th, 2007
Placencia village

Dear Brother Larry,

I want to thank you for praying for us over the holidays. We had a great trip to the U.S, good services and a wonderful time with our children and grandchildren. God is so good to Lavern and myself. I might add it is good to be back. We arrived back in Belize on January 6th. Since I have been home, the Lord have answered a big question I have had in my heart for many years. My question was, "How come I can preach on a subject, say healing or prosperity or joy, whatever the subject may be. All my people hear the same message, some get a hold of it but most don't? Some leave bored to tears and others leave with tears of joy, why? Why do some get a hold of what God is saying and it changes their lives for ever and others seemingly never get anything and so often they are not happy Christians. Oh they know all the bible verses and can quote them. Isaiah 53, Matthew 8:17, 1Peter 2:24, Gal.3:13. They know all the healing verses and can quote them but they never get healed and are always sick, why? Others know all the verses on prosperity but are always broke and hurting financially, why? Thank God I received some light on this. In Mark 8:31-33 Jesus began to teach his disciples that the son of man must suffer many things and be rejected of the elders and of the chief priests and scribes and be killed. Then after three days he would rise again, He spoke that saying openly. As you know, Peter rebuked Jesus and Jesus said to him, "Get thee behind me satan" When we read the gospels, we find Jesus told the story of him being killed and rising on the third day, over and over again. They all had the information, they knew what was going to happen. Jesus had even said "Destroy this temple and I will rebuild it in three days" The disciples knew he was speaking about his body. Now if we would read the crucifixion chapters in Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Jesus told his disciples again and again that on the third day he would rise again and on the third day Jesus arose but there was no one to greet him at his resurrection. After all, he had just gone to hell in their place. 1 Peter 3:19 says, Jesus went and preached to the spirits in prison. Colossians 3:14 says, Jesus blotted out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us and nailed it to his cross, then spoiled principalities and powers and made a show of them openly triumphing over them in it. That was a pretty busy 72 hours! Yet no one was there to meet him. Not his mother, not a brother, not even one of his disciples.

In Matthew 27:62-64, the Pharisees came together and remembered to ask Pilate to give them a Guard to watch the sepulcher because THEY remembered that Jesus had said after three days He would rise again. So the Pharisees had someone there, they believed Jesus more than his own disciples did. In Mark 16:7 the young man clothed in white told Mary to go and tell his disciples and Peter that Jesus had risen and that he goeth before you into Galilee. Verse 11 said the disciples believed not that he was risen. In verses 12 and 13 He appeared in another form unto two of them as they walked and went into the country. They went and told it to the other disciples but neither did they believe them. In verse 14 Jesus appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat and he upbraided them for their unbelief, because they believed not them that had seen him after he was risen. John 20:6-9 gives us a great insight. John tells it like this, Peter and John, after hearing Mary both ran together to the sepulcher and John outran Peter. When they saw the linen clothes that Jesus had been wrapped in, verse 8 says, they believed verse 9 holds the key, "For as yet they knew not the scripture that he must rise again from the dead" No revelation! This same Peter that Jesus had told, Get thee behind me satan, when Jesus told him, In three days I will rise again, Mark 8:31.

Then I remember Jesus telling his disciples time and time again things like, "How long must I suffer with you and "Have I been so long with you and still you have no understanding" These

are the same disciples Jesus had sent out two by two in front of him. They came back and told of the great healings and that even the devils were subject to them in the name of Jesus. Yet, not one of them had revelation on his rising from the dead. You see, in our heads we hold information but in our hearts we hold revelation. That is why good people can sit in church for years and have a tremendous amount of information in their heads. Information about healing or prosperity, joy or peace but never walk in what they know. You see when you really believe something in your heart, it causes action. If you believed the house was on fire, you would go outside. If the disciples had believed in their hearts that Jesus was going to rise in 3 days, they would have been at the sepulcher that morning, waiting, singing and excited. Even though they had the information and were his disciples, they had no revelation of the resurrection. That is still the problem today. Good people fill our churches every Sunday and they can talk the talk. they know their bibles and can quote them but they are still sick, broke, sad and broke down most of the time. Revelation is not going to come easy, it will take hungering and thirsting after righteousness, seeking, asking and yes, time. We pastors can give good information but we can give no revelation, that comes from God. Even the devil has the same information he and all his imps. I have talked with unsaved people that had great amounts of bible information or knowledge. So they could argue the bible but revelation comes from God. Revelation gets the word from your head to your heart. Where you can walk in it and the revealed word becomes life style, a rule of law in our hearts. If the disciples had believed that Jesus was going to rise again on the third day, they would have been there awaiting his arrival. Jesus had given them the information but the disciples did not believe. People today have the Information on healing, joy, peace, prosperity, faith. On the subject of tithes, people have read Malachi 3:8-12 they know what the bible say, they just don't believe. Remember, believing brings action. People would be obedient to the word if they believed the word. Jesus told his disciples again and again, on the third day I will rise again but not one was there, because they did not believe him in their hearts. No revelation! That is the great problem of today, lots of information, but not much revelation. It keeps us from walking in what we know. Hearers of the word but not doers of the word.

We are really excited about the preachers conference which will be held in March right here in our church in Placencia. We are expecting a life changing time for all who attend. The last conference was a real blessing to so many and we are believing God for an awesome time this year. Please be in prayer with us concerning this. Please know that you are in our prayers daily.

God bless you.

Gene.