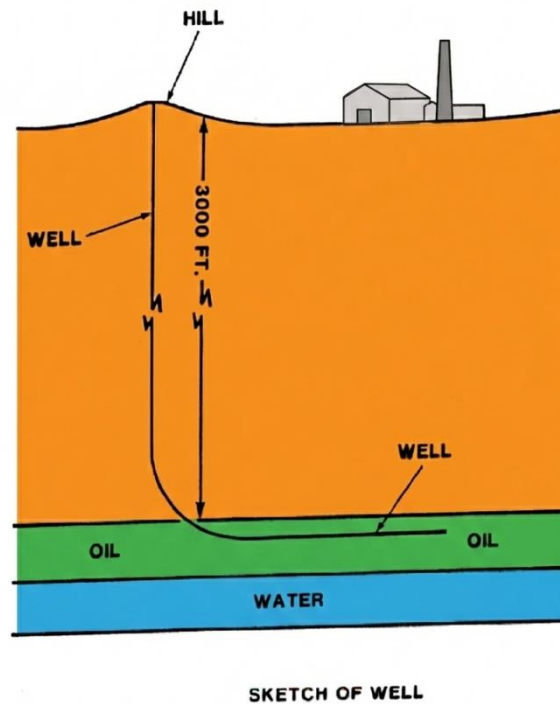


Well of Miracles

The Testimony of Miracles in the Life of a Christian and Termination from the Oil Industry



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"But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." Isaiah 40:31

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PREFACE

In the late 1980's an outlandish thing occurred in my life involving work in the oil industry. While certain things have possible explanation some issues probably remain outstanding.

At the time I was working as an engineering supervisor for a company called Alberta Energy Company (AEC) in Calgary, Canada.

For several decades, I have let the matter rest. Subsequently I heard about some developments concerning AEC. In April 2002, Pan Canadian Petroleum Ltd merged with Alberta Energy Corporation to form EnCana. In 2019-20 the company was rebranded again as Ovintiv and relocated to Denver, USA.

I also heard about the 'war' between Wiebo Ludwig and Encana plus the high profile Ernst v. EnCana Corporation legal case. Recently I decided to revisit the matter and write up the narrative plus my latest thoughts on my own case.

The purpose of this book is to help other Christians, who find themselves in a similar predicament and enlighten others who are not familiar with the activities of born again, Spirit filled Christians.

Also my prayer is that everyone who reads this book will draw closer to The Lord Jesus Christ. ...*Michael R*

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SOURCE OF THE MIRACLES

On November 5, 1986 for the first time in my life, I unexpectedly went to a Bible study meeting. During the study, most of the scripture mentioned appeared applicable to my life at the time and without warning my legs started to shake slightly; prior to that time I had no problems with nerves. Afterwards I gave a woman a lift home and she invited me in for a cup of tea. I sat on a sofa in the living room and looked around while she prepared the tea - the room was both neat and clean and there was nothing particularly special or unusual about either the room or furnishings. The woman was a kind and pleasant type of person.

After we had drunk our tea and discussed some of the things, which had occurred at the Bible study, the woman asked a simple question, 'Do you want to pray?' 'Yes,' I replied, not really thinking about the implications of what I had just said.

'Repeat the words of this prayer after me', she instructed. I repeated after her the simple prayer phrase by phase and immediately my legs started to shake such that I could not walk for about 30-45 minutes. Prior to that time, I had never shaken anything like that. For the first time in my life, I had witnessed the sudden infusion of the power of God. Later I discovered that I had been 'Born Again'. The Gospel According to John Chapter 3 uses this expression two times:

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 3:3)

and

"Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." (John 3:7).

Below is a suggested prayer that you could pray out ALOUD from your heart.

Heavenly Father ... I admit I am a sinner and need your forgiveness; I believe that Jesus Christ died in my place paying the penalty for my sins; I am willing right now to turn from my sin and accept Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour and Lord. I commit myself to you and ask you to send the Holy Spirit into my life, to fill me and take control, and to help me become the kind of person you want me to be. Thank you Father for loving me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

To continue as a true believer you must repent (turn away from sin), submit your life to God and follow the Lord Jesus Christ. This involves: 1. Read the Bible; 2. Pray to God in Jesus' name; 3. Fellowship with other born-again believers; 4. Get baptized in water (full immersion); 5. Tell others about the way of salvation. Also I would recommend being baptised in The Holy Spirit (discussed below).

In the case of some people such as myself, there were dramatic physical effects but with other people there is no apparent immediate change. It is important to stress that your feelings have nothing to do with salvation. Your salvation is based on God's Word and not on the way you feel.

As we walk with the Lord, we will make mistakes and fall occasionally. Therefore, it is important to ask Jesus to be faithful and just and forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1: 9).

At the time of this experience the lady gave me a prophecy that I would meet a professional man who was a Christian. Six days later, I was in a cafeteria and after I had obtained my food, I looked around and saw that all the tables were occupied. I started to walk down the aisle and then noticed a man who worked for Alberta Energy Company (AEC) but whom I had never spoken to before.

'Do you mind if I join you?' I said. As I sat down I noticed a book on the table and subsequently tried to see the title as we chatted. I could not discern whether it was a Christian book so I took a chance and inquired,

'Are you a Christian?'

'Yes, why do you ask?' he replied.

'Oh, a few days ago I was born again and I am looking for a good church.' I had found a Christian with whom I could share my recent experiences.

To some this event may be considered a coincidence but it just happened that this encounter steered me in the right direction. On November 16, I went to my first Pentecostal church. I was a little apprehensive about going but it turned out to be a joyful time.

Later I was opened up to a new dimension in Jesus - namely being baptised in the Holy Spirit. According to John the Baptist, it is necessary to be baptised not only in water but also in the Holy Spirit and fire:

"I indeed baptise you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptise you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire" (Matthew 3:11).

The first time it was recorded that man was filled with the Holy Spirit (Ghost) was on the day of Pentecost:

"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:4).

Baptism in the Holy Spirit I believe is the doorway to a closer walk with the Lord. To receive this experience the relevant scripture is in The Gospel According to Luke, Chapter 11, verses 9 to 13:

⁹ And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

¹⁰ For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

¹¹ If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?

¹² Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

¹³ If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"

Basically the scripture instructs that if you ask and then you will receive. A prayer you can speak out aloud to receive the Holy Spirit is:

"Father I come to you now, and I come according to your Word and ask you now in Jesus' name to fill me with the Holy Ghost. I thank you Lord that you said in your Word him that asks will receive so that I thank you that I have received the Holy Spirit today. In Jesus' name, Amen."

When you are baptised in the Holy Spirit the evidence of receiving this experience is you will begin to speak in tongues. You must open your

mouth and speak the words that the Holy Spirit gives you utterance. Sometimes your tongues may be baby-like but with time and usage your tongues language will mature and probably become varied such that at different times you are speaking different languages. An important point to remember is that Jesus is the baptizer but you must also do your part.

Tongues are a heavenly given unique language and are a continuing sign of the baptism in the Holy Spirit. It is similar to all languages in that you can speak loudly, softly, quickly or slowly, you can even sing (1 Corinthians 14: 15) and like all languages you can stop or start when you want to. Tongues are understandable to God and when you don't know what to pray you can pray in tongues and the Holy Spirit "...maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God" (Romans 8: 27). When you wish to praise God and you are not able to express your feelings you can use tongues.

When you are baptised in the Holy Spirit unpredictable things may happen. I saw two ladies receive the Holy Spirit at the same time and one cried whilst the other laughed and danced. The only physical manifestation I felt at the time was that I broke out in a profuse sweat. I wondered if I had not only received the Holy Spirit but had also received the fire mentioned in Matthew 3:11.

"...he (Jesus) shall baptise you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire."

Several months later, a lady told me there were two people in my life that I should forgive. I did this right away and about one week later I felt led to drive from Calgary to Okotoks (a distance of about 28 miles) and speak in tongues all the way there. Once in the Okotoks area I began to get a sudden release in my heavenly language in that I started to have more variety in tongues and also sing in tongues. I remember the tremendous joy associated with this experience.

After this incident a friend of mine at the time could consistently interpret the tongues I was speaking. (As mentioned below a companion gift to speaking in tongues is interpretation of tongues.)

After being baptised with the Holy Spirit one is opened up to the spiritual gifts.

In 1 Corinthians 12: 8-10, nine major supernatural gifts are mentioned: -

Word of wisdom; word of knowledge and discerning of spirits ...
sometimes called the revelation gifts.

Faith; gifts of healing and working of miracles... often called the power gifts.

Prophecy; divers kinds of tongues and interpretation of tongues...
frequently called the utterance gifts.

These gifts are given to each one just as the Holy Spirit determines. Among a group of believers baptised in the Holy Spirit you will find people who operate both in prophetic gifts and healing. The signs and wonders associated with the Spirit filled believer are discussed in subsequent chapters.

Now there are other important aspects which can be discerned from study of scripture; for example:

"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." (John 14:26)

and

"But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him." (1 John 2:27).

These verses say that the Holy Spirit will teach you all things, not just some things. With time I found the Holy Spirit teaching me how to do a variety of jobs such as write letters and look after my garden. I once heard it said that the Holy Spirit could teach you more about a particular subject in 15 seconds than one would learn in 15 years working normally.

Prior to being born again I know in retrospect I was moving away from God but was only able to make a positive turn when I said the sinners' prayer. With respect to the baptism of the Holy Spirit, it helped me draw closer to God. Subsequently I started to move even closer as miracles started happening and I came to hear the voice and leading of God.

Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." (John 10:27-28). So I believe it is paramount to hear the Lord's voice, check it is His voice and ask for God's grace to follow Him. Jesus said to His early disciples "Follow Me" and I believe that is the basic instruction today. For example, in Matthew 16:24 the Bible states: - "Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." Sometimes I have been in discussion with people from different beliefs and I say to them 'how can you follow God if you can't hear His voice?' Also it says in Romans 8:-

Verse 14: "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." And Verses 16 "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." 'Right now do you have a witness in your spirit that you are a child of God?'

Another favourite Scripture is:-

"Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." (John 8:12).

And finally for now a very sobering passage where The Master said:-

²¹ Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

²² Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

²³ And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. (Matthew 7:21-23).

Many people have covered themselves with religion but have not yet found fellowship with God.

CHAPTER 2

THE MIRACLES START TO FLOW

Near Misses

In two cases whilst I was at University in England it appears that God spared my life. In the first incident I fell while rock climbing at Stoney Middleton in Derbyshire, England. The person that was leading the climb held on to the rope and stopped me falling to the bottom of the cliffs. The rock was slightly over hanging and I was unhurt even though I fell a considerable distance.

In the second case a large truck sheared off the top of my car. The posts holding the windscreen were cut at their bases, the roof totally demolished and glass was everywhere in the car. I cut my hand very slightly on a small piece as I extracted myself from the car.

Prior to my salvation experience, I had also two other narrow escapes in Canada – one involving a light aircraft and the other involving a near avalanche in the Banff-Jasper area.

Up to November, 1986 I was not aware of the baptism of the Holy Spirit and knew nothing about healing miracles, tongues or other spiritual gifts.

In my earlier years I had been a regular attendee of the Methodist church. I remember Sunday school, attending chapel many times twice on Sunday plus the special times in the year such as Christmas, Harvest Festival and singing in the streets with the Salvation Army band but had not been witness to God's miracle working power.

At University in England and during my first fourteen years in Canada I had rarely been to church. Until the night of November 5, 1986 I had never been to a Bible study. Prior to being born again I had a circle of friends both at and outside work but none to my knowledge were Spirit-filled Christians. The other remarkable aspect of this story was that I was not saved, through a crisis experience or in a denominational church but in the living room of a woman's home. God is omnipotent, omnipresent and omniscient and therefore not limited by time or place.

After November, 1986

After November 5, I started to experience a constant stream of miracles in my life and this begs the question why the changes? The only possible explanation is that I had said the sinners' prayer. Other people have discussed in much detail their conversions - for example, Charles Colson (1976), once Special Counsel to President Nixon, explains in his book 'Born Again' how he was introduced to Jesus Christ through the Chairman of the Board of a large successful corporation and how he later accepted Jesus by the coast of Maine.

Before I go on, I would like to stress the most important message in this book. Your personal salvation DOES depend on one thing and one thing only and that is whether you are born again as discussed in Chapter 1. Salvation is the greatest of God's miracles.

Salvation DOES NOT depend on any of the following:-

- * Denominational church you attend
- * Number of times you go to church
- * Whether you go to a Bible Study
- * Number of sins in your past life
- * Whether you are rich or poor
- * Whether you are fit or in poor health

It is a gift from God, which gives you deliverance from hell and prevents separation from God.

"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son" (Colossians 1:13).

There is no neutral ground; you are either in the kingdom of darkness or in the kingdom of God. You cannot sit on the fence because there is no fence to sit on. You are either born again and your king is God or your ruler is satan.

Prior to being born again, I had been to church many times.

In **comparison** to many people I probably had less sins in my life but living a good life is not the only prerequisite to getting saved.

Notice what the Scripture says:

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3: 23).

Also, God has given every individual a free will - they can either accept Jesus or reject Him. If a person offered you a \$20 bill you can either accept it or reject it - the choice is yours. Similarly, with salvation the choice is yours to make. Also don't put off your decision, make it now.

"... behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." 2 Corinthians 6:2b

After being born again people started seeing changes in my life for the better. The Bible says:-

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

However, this process of renewal takes time - it is analogous to the growth of a tree - it needs to be planted in good soil, it needs water, it needs pruning so that it grows in the direction that the gardener intends. In fact Psalm 1 contains the passage:- "... he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water..."(v3). If the tree does not receive water it will wither and die. If it is regularly watered and remains in a good environment then of course it will grow. The water and the environment include love, praise, praying, reading/studying the Word and fellowshiping with other believers.

Pruning is also important. It is referred to in John 15: 2; it is a time when one appears to lose gifts in a certain area but subsequently one starts to develop more in another area.

At the beginning of my Born-Again experience I did confess to friends and relations that I had become a Christian.

"Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 10:32-33).

By the spring of 1987 most people in the AEC department and a few others in the company had heard bits and pieces of my testimony.

A truism that I learned early in my walk was that Christians come in all shapes, colours and sizes and that you must get your eyes on Jesus and not on this Christian or that Christian. Some people tend to look at this kind or that kind and proclaim, 'If that is Christianity, I don't want any part of it.' In response I would sometimes say, 'Don't judge the bus by the people who are riding on it.' This means people claiming to be Christians don't affect the Holy Bible since I believe it is 100 % the Word of God and "Every word of God is pure..." (Proverbs 30: 5).

Jesus is a constant and His laws will not change but a person will change as you draw closer to Him - it is impossible to draw closer to God and not change.

"Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you" ... (James 4:8a KJV).
When you company with Jesus you get smarter.

"Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus" (Acts 4:13).

One of the exciting aspects associated with the Christian life is the miracles.

In Mark 16:15 -18, Jesus said:-

"...Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

16 He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

This passage of Scripture known as 'The Great Commission' is applicable today as it was 2000 years ago. As you probably know in the New Testament there are many miracles recorded. Today there is a group of people called cessationists who believe the miraculous sign gifts have

ceased. I believe this is an erroneous teaching since there are scripture verses such as:

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." (Jesus words in John 14:12).

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever." (Hebrews 13:8).

In recent times there have been many Christians who have had very powerful healing ministries. One such couple was Charles and Frances Hunter (1981) and I challenge people who have problems in believing in healing miracles to read their book 'How to Heal the Sick'.

In this book they describe many miracles which have happened when the Holy Spirit is actively working. Also Smith Wigglesworth and John G. Lake had notable healing ministries.

Wigglesworth was an English evangelist who was influential in the early history of Pentecostalism. There were numerous claims of divine healing during Wigglesworth's ministry. In addition, people were raised from the dead, including his wife Polly (Frodsham, 1948).

John Lake was born in Ontario, Canada. In 1914, John G. Lake was called by God to Spokane, Washington State, USA, where he brought together a team of men and women who he named "Healing Technicians". He opened a suite of rooms in downtown Spokane which eventually became known as the "Healing Room." Within a five to six year period there were documented over 100,000 healings and Spokane was named by a federal government representative as the "healthiest city in the world" (Lake, 1981).

An important milestone which assisted me greatly in my Christian walk was that on January 17, 1987 I started attending a non-denominational church where the Holy Spirit worked in a mighty way on many occasions. In these meetings I saw many miracles performed in the name of Jesus. I saw people healed; sometimes the healing would be specific to one area of the body. For example, people who had a bad stomach would all be healed in one night. At other times there would be an assortment of miracles. Very powerful testimonies were common at this church.

The greatest testimony of God's power I heard there was given by a sister in the Lord called Lily Beaver from Ramah, New Mexico, USA. She testified that she fell from a moving vehicle and suffered multiple head injuries. Shortly thereafter she was pronounced dead and lay in a morgue for two days. On the third day, she came back to life and then travelled around North America giving her testimony.

I also witnessed the working of prophecy from the Lord and this manifestation of God would be very common at the meetings - very similar to the New Testament church. Prophecy concerning specific events I would treat with particular caution since the Bible says:-

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world." 1 John 4:1.

"Let us diligently search for the well of life in books of the New and Old Testaments, and not run to the stinking puddles of people's traditions." - Thomas Cranmer

Visions

In the King James Version of the Bible the word "vision" appears 79 times and the word "visions" appears 24 times. They are mentioned throughout the Bible, for example in The Old Testament we read:-

"After these things the word of the Lord came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward." (Genesis 15:1).

"And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it." (Habakkuk 2:2).

In The New Testament we read:-

"He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius." (Acts 10:3).

"And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us." (Acts 16:9).

God can speak to people through visions and dreams today (Stone, 2011). 2000 years ago Apostle Peter mentioned visions on the Day of Pentecost:

¹⁶ “But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

¹⁷ And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

¹⁸ And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:” (Acts 2:16-18).

Therefore dreams and visions can be expected today. Visions from God usually reveal something to come in the future.

In May 1940, the night Germany invaded Holland, Corrie Ten Boom (1971) had a vision. She saw herself sitting in a farm wagon together with relatives and friends and as the wagon began to move, she realised that she couldn't get off the wagon. Approximately four years later the Germans arrested her together with the people she had seen in the vision and as they were being transported to prison Corrie recalled the vision.

Tari (1971) referred to visions as 'God's television' since God shows people future events just as though they are on a screen. Some people receive visions very frequently; in fact, one man I prayed with very regularly could very easily have as many as five visions in a prayer session.

More discussion of visions in the body of Christ today is covered below.

Healings

On April 5, 1987 a remarkable thing happened - I prayed for a lady with influenza and God healed her immediately. After that event, I stepped out in faith and started praying for other people with all sorts of ailments. Examples of early testimonies involving praying for the sick follow:-

Uwe's Wife And Mother

On the morning of June 16, 1987 Uwe came into my office at work and closed the door, 'I hear you are involved in healing the sick?' Uwe said as

he sat down in the chair opposite me.

'Not really, I do the praying and Jesus does the healing, 'I ventured not being sure where that rhetorical question was leading.

'You know what I mean Mike,' Uwe continued and then started to explain why he was asking questions. My mam is here from West Germany and she has a bad back and I wonder if you could help?' I discovered later that this person had this problem since she was 15 and needed a support walking stick to get around.

We arranged that Uwe visit my house that night at 8 p.m. Uwe arrived at at 7.30 p.m. - half an hour earlier than planned and for three hours I talked to him about God, the Bible, the gifts of The Holy Spirit and my testimony. At 10.30 p.m., he stood up and said I am overwhelmed and cannot take anymore. Nevertheless, it was agreed that I visit Uwe, his wife and mother 2 days later in the evening.

The next day I checked my diary and discovered that on June 8th I had a 6 in band of heat on my back for some time. The heat coincided with the position of pain on the lady and the time coincided with the day that Uwe's mother had left Germany to visit her son. Because of these confirmations, I prayed that night that God would heal the lady. The following day Uwe informed me that his mother's back had been much relieved during the night and that she had the best sleep in a long time.

That night and the following day, I visited the family and prayed for Uwe's mother again and the pain in her back had gone completely but she still had some pain in her knee. On the second visit, I prayed for both Uwe's wife and mother who both had pains in their knees. Before I prayed for the wife I asked if she needed any other healing and told her that she need not speak out the request aloud but could quietly tell God in her own way. Immediately after praying her knees were healed and a few days later I found that she had also been healed of bulimia.

On the day the wife was healed, she had a vision of her husband, mother-in-law and herself walking along a fairly rough path close to the Bow River. Also the mother was not using her stick in the vision. Several days later that vision became a reality and the three walked a distance of about 2 miles at which time Uwe's mother did not use her stick.

Arnold's Cracked Ribs

This account is that of the healing of a man's ribs and is included because there is medical evidence showing his condition before and after prayer.

Key dates in this miracle follow:-

- December 7, 1987: a man named Arnold (82 years old) had a car accident and cracked 5 ribs. At this time he was admitted into Rockyview Hospital, Calgary.
- December 15: At 3 p.m. Arnold was discharged from hospital but still was in pain. At 6 p.m. I just finished my dinner and received heat in my lower left ribs corresponding to the point where Arnold was in pain. Subsequently I received confirmation that God intended that Arnold be healed. I then phoned Arnold's wife and asked if it would be convenient to go over to their house and pray for Arnold's healing. At 7 p.m. I prayed for Arnold and his pain departed.
- December 22 the doctor confirmed that Arnold's ribs were completely healed.

Man With Back Pain

On May 22nd, 1987 a man came over to my home complaining of a bad back. After I prayed for him using the name of Jesus he told me two spirits travelled down his legs and shot out of his toes. This is significant because this is the first time I had witnessed evil spirits been cast out when I used the name of Jesus. The Lord said, "Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven." (Luke 10:19-20).

After I was baptised in the Holy Spirit I became more aware of the anointing. The Bible says in First John chapter 2 verse 27:-

"the anointing which ye have receiveth of him abideth in you."

In the Spring of 1987 I started to get tingling sensations in my fingers, hands and forearms. In addition, I started to receive inner heat in my fingers. By summer, tingling on the upper part of my head was common and I could receive heat anywhere on my body. The tingling and/or heat could last from periods of less than a minute up to periods of over an hour. With time, I started to learn and understand what these anointing

signs meant. Over one period the heat would be used by the Holy Spirit to indicate where pain was on a person.

The sacrifice of praise results in mighty miracles today.

"By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of *our* lips giving thanks to his name" (Hebrews 13:15).

You have to concentrate on the Lord and take your thoughts off daily problems. Paul and Silas after being beaten offered a sacrifice of praise and prayed to God and the result was an earthquake which shook the prison, their chains were loosened and the prison doors opened (Acts 16: 25, 26).

During the time of praise and worship, it is not uncommon for people to be healed without the laying on of hands. Merlin Carothers (1970, 1972) discovered the power in praise and shares in his books the miracles wrought by the truth that we should thank God for everything. People with various problems consulted with him and in many cases his advice was to praise God for their unfortunate situations. The result was salvation, physical healing and restoration of lives.

An example from my own circle of friends involves a lady who broke a collarbone. Subsequently during a time of worship, she raised her arms, praised God despite the pain and immediately God healed her. The doctors confirmed afterwards her healing and that her reflexes were normal again.

Lilian Yeomans, M.D.(1926) called it The Praise Cure.

One significant event that is pertinent occurred on July 10, 1987. On that day, the department manager/supervisor, Paul Carr, told me,

'I don't want you to try and convert people at the office.'

'What is the difference between others talking about non-related work items such as sports events and entertainment and myself talking about Christian activities?', I replied.

'There are two things which are not to be talked about during office hours and these are religion and politics.' and added, 'I want you to promise right now not to try to convert people at the office.'

I agreed not to witness (win souls for Jesus and share the good news) on company time. As best I could, I respected his request. It is of note that a later time at a supervisors meeting later in which Carr asked everybody present what they did over the weekend. When it came to my turn I asked, 'Do you really want to know?' He said; 'Yes.' I replied 'I have been to the hospital to pray for the sick!'

It is interesting that one is urged not to talk about Jesus Christ but there is no censure of dirty jokes and profanity in many places. In retrospect this incident brought to mind one aspect of Wilkerson's (1974) vision - namely that religious freedom would be threatened in the future.

Later I found the following instruction:

"For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!"(1 Corinthians 9:16).

Apostle Paul said that it is mandatory for the Christian to preach the gospel. Paul Carr was banning gospel witnessing. Therefore, the Christian under these circumstances is between the rock and the hard place.

On November 20th I had some people over for supper and after supper we had a prayer meeting. Whilst praying both my hands got hot (a sign for laying on of hands) and I prayed for people with bad and knee pain and Jesus healed them. Two people were slain in the Spirit*; there was also prophecy and visions. One person present was a 10-year-old boy who was slain in the Spirit, saw a fantastic vision of heaven and received a word of knowledge.

***Slain in the Spirit**

...means that people fall when they are overwhelmed by the Holy Spirit. It is not uncommon for people to be slain in the Spirit for a period up to 30 minutes or more. Usually when people go down for this length of time Jesus ministers to them and they receive healing and/or a prophetic word.

CHAPTER 3

THE HORIZONTAL WELL

Work In Calgary

In 1972, I commenced employment as a post-doctoral teaching fellow at the University of Calgary, Canada. After about 18 months, I moved from the University to the business area. Companies worked for in downtown Calgary included Home Oil, F.G. Bercha and Associates, and Gulf Canada before starting with Alberta Energy Company (AEC).

On December 13 1982, I joined AEC as a senior staff engineer in their Reservoir Engineering Department, mainly responsible for exploiting oil and gas sources.

One year-later I was promoted to the supervisor-level and transferred to the Heavy Oil Development department. In December, 1987 I received an employee service award in recognition of five years' service with AEC. At that time I was congratulated on the good job I was doing.

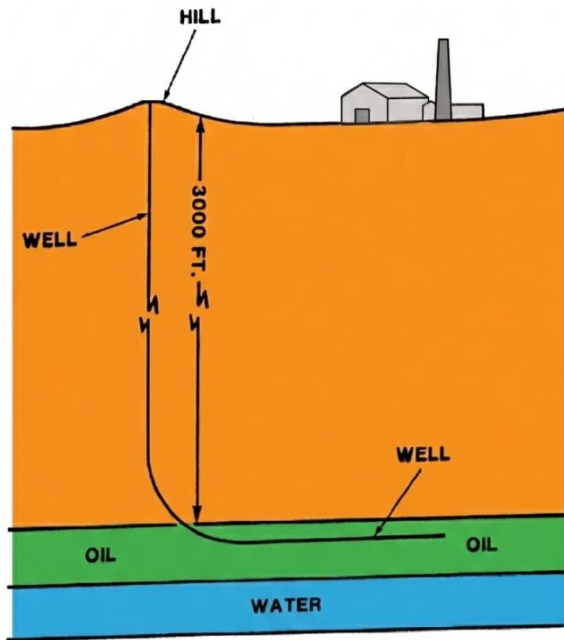
During my time as a supervisor at the company I was responsible for up to 7 people.

Our principal projects were all in Alberta, Canada – in particular on the Primrose Bombing Range in the Cold Lake Area (a huge land area of approximately 2000 square miles) and the Suffield Military Range in the Medicine Hat Region.

At Primrose AEC owned an incredibly large oil reserve-some 24 billion barrels of oil (figure taken from AEC 1987 Annual Report). Because of the viscous nature of the oil it required heat to make the oil flow to the surface and the company was experimenting with pilot projects. The most common method of recovery being tested was high pressure (and temperature) cyclic steam injection.

At Suffield the oil in place volume was much lower but the natural oil fluidity was much higher. Here we were also developing new and improved methods for oil recovery. Our responsibilities included determining the number of wells to be drilled, spacing and well completion, definition of operating strategy and forecasting of production volumes.

AEC in 1988 Alberta Energy Company (AEC) was a major Canadian corporation with an asset base of some \$ 2 billion with diversified revenue streams from operations such as conventional oil, synthetic crude, natural gas, pipelines, fertilisers, coal, lumber and forest products.



SKETCH OF WELL

In July 1987, a novel horizontal well was designed and drilled. My group was responsible for selecting and positioning of the well. A conceptual picture of the well is shown in the sketch. The well was drilled vertically a certain distance and then the well bore rotated so that it was horizontal in the oil zone. These wells, at the time, were very uncommon and this particular well was the first of its kind in Canada. Technical details are provided in the public domain (Anon (1987); Freeborn et al (1990)). The well was an experimental pilot well and in early 1988 had been on only been brought on production.

I personally presented the proposal on the horizontal well to several groups within Alberta Energy Company (AEC) including senior management. {Later AEC was rebranded as Encana; its latest name is Oviniv and has headquarters not in Canada but the USA.}

Our group was not responsible for the mechanical details - this part of the program was under the direction of the Drilling Department. During drilling there were problems!

The series of events pertaining to this special well and associated visions are described below in chronological format.

January 5, 1988 ... {VISION #1} A mature Christian lady called to inform me about a vision she had of black/gold 'syrupy' oil running down a hill. She also saw people studying maps and two or three men wearing white hard hats and received words such as 'oil'; 'maps' and 'geology.' I should stress that neither the lady nor myself had been praying about this well or any other well for that matter.

January 6 ... {VISION #2} A Christian man had a vision of a 10-15 ft. deep hole full of oil (diameter of hole was approximately 6 ft.) and a pipe

8 to 10 in. placed in the hole flowing oil.

January 29... I made a written recommendation to pump the horizontal well harder because this change would help determine the well capacity. The department manager asked for reasons to substantiate the recommendation. Because it was an experimental project, I told him it was the only way to determine the maximum pumping rate of the well.

Later I went to the AEC slide library and borrowed two slides of the horizontal well when it was being drilled. One photograph showed the drilling rig on top of a hill and in the foreground the slope of a hill. The other photograph showed three men standing around the wellhead.

That night I showed the lady who had the original vision the two photographs and she recognized the hill and the incline of the hill as seen in the vision and were confirmations to her that God had spoken to her.

February 1 ... We had a meeting and the last item on the agenda was the horizontal well. It was simply a question whether or not the well should be pumped harder. Prior to getting into the agenda item I distributed copies of the visions related to the horizontal well (typed up and approximately ½ of one page long.) Copies were distributed to everybody present. My manager took one glance at the sheet and before I had an opportunity to explain myself, swore at me and told me to get out of the meeting.

About ten minutes later the manager came into my office and asked, 'How does this paper help me?' I replied, 'it is supplemental information and may be of interest.' He left my office without saying anything further.

February 3 ... {VISION #3} On this evening I was talking to another Christian woman on the phone about the AEC matter and as I was explaining what had happened she had a vision. She saw the vertical and curved sections of a well but not the horizontal part. The well, she said, was golden in colour.

Horizontal Drilling

Today improved technology in horizontal well drilling (Springer et al, 1993), together with hydraulic fracturing, is much more common and the

main reasons for the resurgence of oil and gas production in the North America.

CHAPTER 4

CHANGE OF DIRECTION

February 8... This morning I received notice that the department manager wanted to see me at 11.30 a.m. but he did not give a reason. When I went up to his office he ushered me down the hallway into the office of Richard Rybiak (Senior Personnel Officer). Also in the room was a person called Glen Poole who later I found was an Outside Human Resources Consultant. Carr left and I sat down and talked with Rybiak and Poole. They had in front of them a copy of the Chronology which I had prepared on January 31st. They said that the company was concerned about this and they were going to give me two weeks of medical leave. They told me that they had made an appointment for me to visit Dr. Anderson at the Foothills Clinic tomorrow morning.

They asked if I would be agreeable to go to a doctor and I said that I would. Poole then went back to my office with me and I informed him a little about my Christian testimony. At approximately 12.30 p.m. Poole and myself left the building.

In the afternoon I later found out that Carr had spoken to the members of the Heavy Oil Development department (about 15 people) and said words to the effect that we are concerned about Mike. I was told by a person in my group that Carr had said: 'When one has a broken leg we send a person to a bone doctor but when one has a broken mind we send the person to another type of doctor.' This statement was very wrong to make because at that time I had not been to see any doctor about my mental health.

At approximately 7.00 p.m. I returned to the AEC building to obtain my overshoes and found that my computer access card no longer functioned - nevertheless someone working inside let me onto the floor and I went down to my office and collected the shoes.

After I was dismissed from AEC I wrote up a brief summary of my Christian testimony to assist in the discussions with Dr. Anderson. It included an overview of how I had come to be born again, baptized in the Holy Spirit, an account of some of the miracles I had been involved with and in particular two healing incidents which had occurred in December,

1987. Also in the letter I mentioned the activities of the Full Gospel Business Men Fellowship International (FGBMFI) which is a worldwide organisation with one million members in 93 countries, at the time. I also obtained copies of the Voice magazine (the publication of FGBMFI) and the one I gave Anderson included an article concerning Demos Shakarian, founder of FGBMFI, talking with President Ronald Reagan.

February 9... In the morning I gave Dr. Anderson of Foothills Clinic the letter mentioned above (February 8) plus the Voice Magazine. We had a friendly chat for about 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ hours and no physical examination was made.

He told me a second opinion would not be required because I was not having pathological dreams.

February 10... At lunch time I went to see Glen Poole and delivered a copy of the letter which I had given to Anderson.

February 11-12... During these two days copies of the Anderson letter were delivered to 16 people including Gwyn Morgan (president of AEC Oil and Gas Company), Roger Dunn (senior vice president) and Paul Carr.

February 16 ... Glen Poole telephoned and asked me to report to a psychologist called Dr. Keith Krull on February 17th. That day I delivered a copy of the Anderson letter to Krull.

February 17...For an hour Dr. Krull and myself discussed the situation. Towards the end of the interview Krull stated that in order for him to make proper conclusions he would like me to complete pencil and paper tests at a later time.

February 20 ... At noon, February 20 (a Saturday) Rybiak of AEC instructed me to remain at home until they received reports from the psychologists.

As requested by Krull I returned the completed 400 question questionnaire to him and for one hour completed two types of visual - word association test. At the end of the meeting I asked Krull for a copy of his written report and he made a note of the request in his diary.

February 24... I received a telephone call from Rybiak stating that I was not to communicate with people in the office until this matter had been resolved.

March 2... Rybiak called and said he would like to talk to me on March 3rd at 2.30 p.m.

March 3... At 2.25 p.m. I walked into the AEC Human Resources department located on the 17th floor of the Standard Life building. It was 24 days since I had been sent home on medical leave of absence. After a short wait I was invited into a small conference room and was somewhat surprised to see not only Richard Rybiak but also my supervisor Paul Carr sitting at a round table.

Carr began by saying, 'Effective today you are being laid off from the company for technical reasons!'

'Could you cite a case where I have been technically incompetent?' I replied. Carr did not answer.

'You are being laid off without cause,' continued Rybiak 'Which reason are you laying me off for?' I inquired.

'It doesn't matter which reason you are being laid off for', was Rybiak's answer.

I looked outside at the adjacent office buildings and the grey sky in the background and thought I cannot do much now - the decision to fire me had been made. After I had established that I was being laid off for no particular reason, the conversation turned to a new subject.

'Could I get a copy of the doctors' reports?' I said.

'No, but you can try and get them from the doctors themselves,' Rybiak replied and added, 'we will tell you that the doctors concluded in their reports that no therapy was required.'

Also at that time I was given an offer regarding termination of employment. Pertinent aspects of that letter included the following:

As a result of our discussions today related to the difficulties we could foresee with your continuing employment with Alberta Energy Company Ltd., I have prepared the following concerning our decision to terminate your employment with the Company.'

And '...the foregoing offer may be accepted only by signing the Acceptance and Release and returning such signed copy of this letter to

the Company. This offer will remain open until Friday, March 11, 1988, at 4:00 p.m.'

After this short meeting I was introduced to Tim Haley of Technical Services Council (relocation counsellors) who had been retained by AEC. We went over to his office and chatted about what had happened. Later that evening Haley came to my home unexpectedly asking for keys and a computer access card.

March 4... I started writing letters again and received the scripture in regard to the situation:

"Woe to them that devise iniquity, and work evil upon their beds! when the morning is light, they practise it, because it is in the power of their hand" (Micah 2: 1).

March 10... By this time I had sent out close to 90 letters regarding the AEC situation including a brief copy of my Christian testimony and had received no written replies.

March 11... I replied to the AEC offer for termination of employment stating I was prepared to sign their offer providing they gave me a reason for termination of employment in writing, I indicated in my letter that my counter offer would remain open until Monday, March 14th at 4.00 pm.

March 14... I wrote to The Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta (APEGGA) of whom I had been a member for 15 years informing them of the situation.

I did not receive any written reply from AEC in response to my letter of March 11th.

March 16... I personally delivered to the offices of Anderson and Krull a letter requesting that they provide me with copies of their written medical reports. (I received neither a report nor acknowledgement of my requests.)

Rybiak called Haley and said that I was laid off without cause and AEC could not retract their offer.

March 17... In response to my letter of March 11, I received a letter from AEC saying that '...our offer is both fair and appropriate. Therefore, our offer remains unchanged.'

March 22... I received the first written reply - a very encouraging letter from a church in England called Hollybush Christian Fellowship (Wilkinson (1984)) in which they stated that 'we pray also that you may find favour with people' (Luke 2: 52).

March 23... Technical Service Council recommended that I settle termination matters with AEC. I did not do this.

March 26... Up to this point I had sent out 192 letters. Subsequently I started sending out a copy of the Hollybush Christian Fellowship letter- with my letter.

April 5... Received letter from The Law Society of Alberta stating '... the Law Society is unable to be of any assistance to you.'

From the Alberta Human Rights Commission I received a similar reply '... 'The nature of your problem does not appear to fall under the jurisdiction of our legislation and regret we are unable to help you in this regard.'

April 18... A private investigator called Mike Frazer called and said he wanted to get some material on me and what was happening. He would not disclose the name of his client.

April 25... Received letter from Legislative Assembly Province of Alberta Office of the Ombudsman, part of which stated:

'The Ombudsman of Alberta has the authority to investigate complaints against the administrative activities of departments and agencies of the provincial government. Under the terms of the Ombudsman Act, the Ombudsman does not have the authorization to conduct inquiries into the actions of private companies. Regrettably, I must advise you your complaint does not fall within the scope of the Ombudsman's jurisdiction.'

At the time Alberta Provincial Government owned 37% of AEC; the remaining 63% was privately owned.

April 29... I met with Mike Frazer at a restaurant where we discussed the situation and he recorded the conversation on a tape recorder. Also I

gave him copies of letters which I had received in response to my letter. At the end of the meeting he asked if he could come to the prayer meeting on May 6th at my home and I said he was welcome. He also stated that he would give me an opportunity to comment on his written report prior to him giving the same to his client.

May 16... I sent out replies to the responses which I had received from MLA's in the Alberta Government indicating that my future plan was to continue writing letters as long as the Lord leads me. As mentioned above the Alberta Government owned 37% of the shares of AEC.

June 6... I contacted Mike Fraser and asked him for a copy of his report as he previously promised. He informed me that he had given his client a verbal report and there was nothing I could see in writing.

Fraser informed me that he had spoken to Rybiak at AEC and Rybiak had stated that AEC would only respond to a bona fide prospective employer who inquired about me in writing. When they were in receipt of such a letter then they would only confirm the dates during which I had worked for the company.

July 8... Five months after I was dismissed I had received a total of 30 response letters. Discussion of these letters is contained in Chapter 6.

July 18... A letter was received from the Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta (APEGGA) stating '...since your dismissal from Alberta Energy Council is considered to be outside the purview of APEGGA, Council will take no action in that regard. However, the substance of your letter has raised concerns with Council inasmuch as it implies that your engineering judgements are not based on generally accepted principles. Therefore, Council has concluded that it would be appropriate for a review of your practice to be carried out.'

July 25... I wrote to APEGGA and included a Draft copy of the book. I stated 'I was surprised with your comment that my termination from Alberta Energy Company is outside your jurisdiction. I believe that Alberta Energy Company is a corporate certificate holder of APEGGA and therefore must be bound by your Code of Ethics as per your Act and Regulations. 'One purpose of APEGGA is to maintain high standards of professional ethics and performance.'

September 7... A meeting was held between Don McKinnon of APEGGA and myself; APEGGA were mainly interested in reviewing my engineering practice. I elaborated on my engineering recommendation as covered in Chapter 3. I mentioned other cases where God has helped Christian engineers in design and operations.

September 27... Don McKinnon discussed the matter with Paul Carr. McKinnon told me in a telephone conversation that he had concluded that no further action should be taken against me.

However the matter still had to be discussed by the Practice Review Board.

I received a letter from AEC Personnel in Edmonton saying your termination date is December 1, 1988.

September 30... Major outstanding issues still included:

- written conclusion of APEGGA regarding my engineering practices.
- receipt of formal termination papers from AEC.

CHAPTER 5

FLOWING WELL

A flowing oil well is one in which the oil flows to the surface without the use of a pump and this type is very desirable.

With time your walk with the Lord should be more of a natural flow. After I was terminated from AEC I continued to grow in various gifts.

God gave me wisdom many times and I started to learn that God would give me information mainly on a 'need to know' basis. God has a perfect detail and timing for everything. I believe many times He just wants us to concentrate on the job at hand and not start worrying about a large number of other jobs, consequences and interaction. I decided not to retain the services of a lawyer because I had the services of the very best - Jesus - "...and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9: 6).

God can speak to people through visions and dreams today (Stone, 2011).

2000 years ago Apostle Peter mentioned visions on the Day of Pentecost:

¹⁶ "But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

¹⁷ And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

¹⁸ And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:" (Acts 2:16-18).

Therefore dreams and visions can be expected today. Other methods God communicates with people include through the Scriptures, audible voice, the still small voice, angelic messengers, the anointing and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The audible voice and angelic messengers are probably the least common.

When I first heard the still small voice over a lengthy period I listened with trembling.

God can speak through another person and Table 1 gives a portion of a prophecy given me through a pastor whilst in Calgary. God can also speak directly using other methods and Table 2 gives some of the confirmation I received to return to England.

TABLE 1

Prophecy through Pastor 1987 July 6

Break Yokes (through Don)

... in your life, but God is going to raise you up and He's going to send you forth, and you shall break the yoke of the enemy over the lives of many. You shall go forth with the anointing of the Holy Ghost, and you shall know the leading and the direction of the Lord, and God shall give you discernment. And you shall see the yokes of bondage that bind God's people, and you shall break those yokes, and they shall go free.

TABLE 2

Example of God Speaking Directly - September 12, 1988

On the morning of September 12 God gave me the word 'Great.' I then went to the local supermarket to buy some food and there was a British Food Sale in progress and Union Jacks were everywhere.

When I returned from the store God gave me Matthew Chapter 2 to read. It is the story of Jesus' early life and includes the flight into Egypt and the return to Nazareth. After reading this passage God spoke to me and said,

"It is not fair."

I replied, "What do you mean Lord?"

The voice continued, "It is not fair that you are separated from your children - I want you to go back to England."

Subsequently God told me to get my map of Great Britain and showed me that I should live in the Birmingham area, close to my children. God also told me to go to a particular Christian meeting that night. At that

meeting two American evangelists were visiting. In one testimony mention was made of a country and western song:

'Write me a letter, send it by mail, send it care of Birmingham jail.'

The word Birmingham was stated four times and each time I received a positive confirmation through the anointing.

To receive proper direction from the Lord I found it very important to test the Spirit. 1 John 4:2-3 states:-"Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world."

I regularly use this scripture to determine the validity of the prophetic word. Also as a double check all directions should line up with the Word of God.

Recently I have started praying for sick people again much more. One example is as follows:-

Healing in Birches Green

On June 18, 1989 I had an opportunity to preach on 'Healing' in a church at Birches Green, Birmingham. Ten people were prayed for and five were slain in the Holy Spirit. One lady's face became contorted as she went down under the power of the Holy Spirit but she relaxed with more prayer. When she got to her feet she had a glow on her face. Later I heard that night after the service the wax in her ear drained out on the pillow.

Her friend was upset by the number of people slain in the Spirit and informed the pastor that she was leaving the church. Two weeks later she returned to the church and towards the end of the service started to cry. Subsequently she said the sinners' prayer and was saved. That lady had been going to church along time but was not saved.

God gives gifts not only for our own benefit but also for others. This fact is apparent from the prophecy given in Table 1 and also is backed up by scripture. Because of miracles reported in Acts 2,

"... the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls" (Acts 2: 41).

In Acts 3 a certain man lame from his mother's womb has healed. This resulted in about five thousand men believing (Acts 4:4).

The grace of God takes place today. For example, Frodsham (1948) tells of similar miracles involving Smith Wigglesworth where thousands of people were saved at one time.

In a literature review I found that the miracles reported in the New Testament have been repeated in a similar manner in recent times. This includes raising the dead and literally walking on water. In the future I believe that some of the miracles will be of a nature not witnessed before. Jesus said: "... the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. (John 14:12). These will be achieved only by obedience to God.

God also wants his people to grow in the fruit of the Spirit which is defined in Galatians 5: 22, 23 as:-

love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance

Also 1 Timothy 6: 11 says: "...follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness."

Notwithstanding this fact we must attempt to live godly lives otherwise we cannot go forth if we are bound with unforgiveness and other sin.

Another important aspect of being a Christian is faith and I had to find new meaning in the words:

"And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and power. That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men but in the power of God." (1 Corinthians 2: 4, 5).

I started to experience what this passage really means. In other words the AEC situation and related matters were exercises in practical faith. I had to start putting my trust more and more in God for blessings such as finances and house which I had previously taken for granted.

When David volunteered to fight Goliath the Philistine, David said to King Saul:

"Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God." (1 Samuel 17: 36).

David knew that with God's help he had overcome both the lion and the bear which had attacked the sheep and these victories had built up his faith to take on the challenge of Goliath.

Apostle Paul of Nepal

Of the people I met personally in Calgary, the person's faith that stands out most strongly is that of Prem Pradhan from Nepal.

Between 1960 and 1975 Prem spent 10 years in a total of 14 different prisons for his faith. The following text is taken directly from a pamphlet published by Christian Aid (ca 1988):-

'Then the authorities decided to break Prem. They took his Bible away from him, chained him hand and foot, then forced him through a low-cut doorway into a tiny cubicle previously used to store bodies of dead prisoners until relatives came to claim them.

In that damp darkness, the jailor predicted Prem's sanity would not last more than a few days. The room was so small he could not stand up, or even stretch out on the floor. He could not build a fire to cook, so other prisoners slipped food under the door to keep him alive.

Lice ate away his underwear, but he could not scratch because of the chains, which soon cut his wrists and ankles to the bone. It was winter, and he nearly froze to death several times.

Prem could not tell day from night, but as he closed his eyes, God let him see the pages of the New Testament. Although his Bible had been taken away, he was still able to read it in total darkness. It sustained him as he

endured this terrible torture. For three months he was not allowed to speak to another human being.'

Through such sacrifices Prem and others workers are reaching an entire nation which is closed to outside missionaries.

In a less dramatic way I knew that God had worked through me to heal the sick and perform other miracles in 1987. In 1988 I basically took more time to hear the voice of the Lord and then became more obedient to His instructions. The more one obeys the more one hears from the Lord. With each victory it gives one confidence and faith to tackle new challenges.

One area where God started to challenge me was in the area of love. It is easy to show love to one's friends but it is also necessary to be able to witness in love to the unlovely, for example, to the terminally ill patient in the intensive care ward or to the young man with the punk outfit who has been wearing the same shirt for the last month or so. What do you do when a native Indian asks you for money? In all cases love is needed towards the individuals involved.

Regarding patience, in a corporation the adage 'we require it yesterday' is said in jest but it nevertheless is many times true. During my life in the companies and organisations I had worked for I thought my level of patience had been improving as I became older. After I left AEC God developed in me a new level of patience. I started to involve myself in gardening and even the mundane jobs of digging, weeding and watering helped relax me and develop patience. I could no longer say I am working on Engineering Project XYZ but nevertheless I found a new peace in my small jobs around the house. What I had to do basically was: "Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him..." (Psalm 37: 7).

In addition to patience, losing one's job can be humbling - I had worked in Calgary for 15 1/2 years and always had been blessed with good and interesting jobs. To lose my job without warning so quickly was a surprise and helped my growth in God.

I have covered some of the lessons which the Holy Spirit has taken me through. I believe I grew not only in the spiritual gifts but also in the fruit of the Spirit during this time. I praise God for the variety of teaching. I

found the Lord's methods are many times unpredictable and when I thought I had learned how God operates the lesson would start to change; because I did something one way yesterday doesn't mean that the same thing would be done that way today. I believe that one reason the Lord operates this way is so satan does not have time to set his traps. If your schedule is predictable then the enemy has more time to design more effective traps and pitfalls.

Furthermore, God has said that: "the sheep follow him: for they know his voice." (John 10:4).

This is God's plan for all of his believers. In this case I learned to hear His voice and the Lord was good to me and guided me through the problem areas and helped me overcome the unexpected and apparent setbacks.

Painful Experience

As of June, 2023 it is over 35 years since I was terminated...

The horizontal well incident which occurred on March 3, 1988 was undoubtedly was one of the most major milestones in my work career.

I could have gone back into another well-paid secular job and I had a major choice to make!

You may think that it is not too hard a decision to make but you see I had spent all my life training for that type of work ... training at schools, universities and gained invaluable industrial experience. I had spent countless hours getting into that type of position and shortly after this incident the Lord at the time was saying get rid of your engineering books, your technical papers, your computer programs, etc. What a decision to make!

I remember during this time my pastor coming to see me and I always remember a snippet of our conversation.

He said, 'There is only one person who can help you!'

My reply was, "Who is that?"

His answer was four words, "The Lord Jesus Christ."

How true and it is the same for you if you faced with any difficult decision ... the question is what is the Lord Himself saying to you!

After about a year of transition I could have still probably gone back into secular work but because I believed the Lord was leading me into "full time" Christian ministry I chose to follow Him in that particular path.

I have heard it said God uses painful experiences to prepare you most for ministry. God never wastes a hurt!

"A man is in a great place when he has no one to turn to but God." - Smith Wigglesworth.

Important Spiritual Experience

Anointing `Oil'

Before I left Canada in 1988 on October 22, at a local church as I was praising the Lord with my hands raised Jesus spoke to me and said put your arms down. I knew through the anointing that Jesus was standing by my side and I started to rock sideways involuntarily as if he had his arm around my back.

I felt that he was calming me down. He spoke to me again and said when I say raise your arms, raise your arms; when I tell you start speaking in tongues, start and when I say stop, stop.

After a couple of minutes, he told me to raise my arms and then shortly after he gave the word "Now" and I spoke in tongues until he instructed me to stop. After a short delay the English interpretation came through a man. Then I felt as if warm oil had been poured over my head and was running down my head onto my shoulders and chest. It didn't feel greasy - this was the feeling in the anointing. There was also a second and private interpretation from a lady who came up to me afterwards and said she was not to share the information publicly. I believe this experience was from God and is supported by Psalm 133.

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

² It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;

³ As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

"It is impossible on reasonable grounds to disbelieve miracles." -
Blaise Pascal.

CHAPTER 6

CASE REVIEW

Growing in the Holy Spirit is analogous to oil field drilling. Initially a large sacrifice is required. In the case of a well it involves a large capital expenditure. In terms of growing in the Holy Spirit it requires a sacrifice which includes self-denial and persecution including job loss. However there is an immense difference in other aspects - in drilling wells there is a major risk that the well may be dry or run dry prematurely and not give the investor a break even proposition. With growing in the Holy Spirit there is a 100% certainty that the 'well' will be successful providing one follows the instructions defined in the 'manual' - The Holy Bible.

When the well initially starts to produce there may be some teething problems and sometimes things seem to be out of control. In the case of the oil well there may be a blowout or plugging of the well bore which requires remedial work. In the case of growing in the Holy Spirit there are going to be setbacks but these are sometimes designed to increase faith and help you grow in the Lord.

In the case of the large producing oil well there is joy. In the case of growing in the Holy Spirit it takes time to generate those large producing wells but there is much more joy obtained from the victories given to you. These victories include salvation, healing and knowing that God has everything in control and no problem is too great for Him.

In the first part of Acts we read:-

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1: 8).

The Greek word for power is 'dunamis'; this word implies miracle power and from it we get the English word 'dynamite'. The miracles which happened on the day of Pentecost are recorded in Acts, Chapter 2. In Acts, Chapter 3 we read of the healing of the lame man at the temple. Later Peter and John were thrown into prison (Chapter 4), Stephen was arrested and stoned to death in Chapters 6 and 7 and in Chapter 8 the church faced great persecution. However it was this persecution which helped spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. Also one of the chief villains

responsible for the attack on the early church was Saul, later called Paul after his conversion, who wrote the majority of the New Testament and resulted in an even greater spread.

It appears that once satan attacks and tries to close the box on Christian activities God simply makes the box larger and this promotes the spread of God's word which is contrary to satan's intention.

There have been many current examples of this process. Bennett (1970), a minister in an Episcopal (Anglican) church in the Los Angeles area, received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. In the first part of his book he tells of the joys he and others experienced after baptism - speaking in tongues, interpretation of tongues, prophecy and healings. However after about a year he was forced to resign his position. He then moved north to the Oregon area and was given the responsibility of leadership for a church which was about to be permanently closed. As people in his congregation were baptised in the Holy Spirit the church saw a revival. Bennett not only helped this church grow but was invited to give his testimony in many countries. During this process many others received salvation and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

In my case the first phase was also the blessings which I have covered in earlier chapters. (In addition I experienced other miracles which are not covered herein but more important was the fact that I was blessed many times from hearing the testimonies of other Christians). Secondly at AEC I came under constraint to witness. Thirdly, a small incident occurred- Christians started having visions and prophecy pertaining to AEC's special well. I shared this information at work believing that it may be helpful and significant but the reaction was unexpectedly hostile and within a very short period of time I found myself under critical examination by various people including doctors and outside consultants. Fourthly I was discharged without cause.

If one examines Bennett 's book and some other testimonies and then distil down the contents one sees different circumstances but a familiar trend - initial blessings followed by constraint and opposition which in turn was followed by a dramatic event and subsequent spreading of the Good News. I believe this method is commonly used by God to draw people unto Himself.

Another procedure that God frequently employs is the use of what I would call the indigenous missionary. In foreign countries it is well known that the most effective missionaries are those that understand the language, the culture and the local problems.

In Bennett's case he was used to witness to people associated with the Episcopal/Anglican church because that was his background. The best person to witness to alcoholics is the Christian whom God delivered from alcohol and once knew that lifestyle and the associated issues. Similarly I believe God used me to approach certain office people. I make this statement based on historical information knowing full well God can change lifestyles and ministries.

In the horizontal well matter it is instructive to examine elements of the story. On January 5, 1988 a lady called me about a vision regarding the well. At that time I had no idea that one month later my sanity would be in question and after another month I would be discharged from my job because of that vision and related revelations.

A review of the key dates show the following: -

- * November 5, 1986... Saved
- * December 13, 1986... Baptized in the Holy Spirit
- * July 10, 1987 ... Warned about Witnessing
- * December 15, 1987... Spent 5 years with AEC
- * January 29-February 1, 1988 ... Mentioned Visions
- * February 8, 1988 ... Sent on Medical Leave' of Absence
- * March 3, 1988... Terminated from the Company.

Even though I had been warned about witnessing in July 1987 all things seemed to be satisfactory until January 29 - February 1, 1988 when I mentioned the visions. As previously mentioned visions and dreams are common so why then was the reaction so negative and hostile? Prior to February 8 I considered certain people at AEC were over reacting and it was merely a storm in a tea cup which would shortly pass over. On February 8 I was surprised with the decision to send me on a 2 week medical leave of absence. February 9 was the day that I went to visit the

first doctor and we had a friendly discussion and he assured me that a second opinion would not be required because I was not having pathological dreams. Everything seemed fine and I looked forward to going back to work in 2 weeks-time.

A few days later I heard of the accusation against me of having a 'broken mind' and that I had to report to a second doctor - it appeared that the clouds were rolling in again. I believe I also had good interviews with the second doctor and so on March 3 I was surprised again when I was discharged, especially in view of the fact that the reason given was 'without cause.'

Warnings about the future

Dam and Vase (through Paul)

On April 25 1987, a Christian man received two visions for me: one of a dam/waterfall and the other of a vase. He told me regarding the dam, God says look downstream, there may seem to be roadblocks - don't worry about them. Also in the dam vision, the water was choppy upstream and smooth, calm downstream – meaning I was about to take a fall but afterwards things would be more peaceful.

Regarding the vase, God says... to do what I want to do to reveal my power and glory through him.

Also a lady had a word for me in January, 1988 about going into the garden of Gethsemane" before this incident happened.

Jesus warned about wasting things of value on those who not only won't appreciate them, but might even be angered by the offer. (Matthew 7:6).

Looking back I see Joseph in the Old Testament (Genesis 37) got into trouble when he shared his dreams.

Perhaps I should have heeded these warnings more but I was a young Christian at the time and was interested in others hearing about salvation, healing, deliverance, etc and went ahead sharing the Good News.

People Accused of Insanity

The assessment of the sanity of Jesus Himself occurs in the gospels.

"When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind." (Mark 3:21 NIV).

There is another accusation contained in the Gospel of John which is more literal: "And many of them said, He hath a devil, and is mad; why hear ye him?" (John 10:20).

Apostle Paul was also alleged to have mental health issues:

"And as he thus spake for himself, Festus said with a loud voice, Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad. But he said, I am not mad, most noble Festus; but speak forth the words of truth and soberness." (Acts 26:24, 25).

There is also a reference to the sanity of an Old Testament prophet.

"Then Jehu came forth to the servants of his lord: and one said unto him, Is all well? wherefore came this mad fellow to thee? And he said unto them, Ye know the man, and his communication" (2 Kings 9:11).

Presumably today they wouldn't have thought much of Jesus or Paul, etc. Therefore today it is no surprise that Christians of sound mind are also accused of having 'a broken mind'.

For example, while Jack Coe was in the US army, his sergeant sent him for psychiatric evaluation. He says the authorities put him in nine different insane units. In all cases he was discharged.

One day he was reading a book by P.C. Nelson on Healing and fell asleep. He had a dream where he saw his sister close to death in a hospital but he saw a bright light come into her room and she was healed. He left immediately to see her and everything was as he'd seen it in the dream. She was healed and he was changed forever.

Valeri Barinov (1990) was a member of a registered Baptist community in the Soviet Union but was imprisoned for seeking to reach out to the lost youth of Leningrad through his talents in music. It is relevant that Valeri was arrested for the first time in 1983 and initially held in a psychiatric hospital. Even when he was in a labour camp he spent time again in mental health facilities.

In England I know of a Christian who has been arrested twice for quoting the Bible while street preaching. (eg Rollins, 2010).

Persecution

"Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you." (Matthew 5:10-12).

I like what Smith Wigglesworth (1924) said:- 'How it is that the moment you are filled with the Holy Ghost persecution starts? It was so with the Lord Jesus Himself. We do not read of any persecutions before the Holy Spirit came down like a dove upon Him. Shortly after this we find that, after preaching in His hometown, they wanted to throw Him over the brow of the hill.

It was the same with the twelve disciples. They had no persecution before the day of Pentecost; but after they were filled with the Spirit, they were soon in prison. The devil and the priests of religion will always get stirred when a man is filled with the Spirit and does things in the power of the Spirit. And persecution is the greatest blessing to a church. When we have persecution we will have purity.

If you desire to be filled with the Spirit you can count on one thing, and that is persecution. The Lord came to bring division, and even in your own household you may find three against two. The Lord Jesus came to bring peace; and soon after you get peace within, you get persecution without. If you remain stationary, the devil and his agents will not disturb you much. But when you press on and go the whole length with God the enemy has you as a target. But God will vindicate you in the midst of the whole thing.'

Legal Recourse

AEC tried to maintain a low profile during the affair. They used a professional human resource consultant, asked me not to communicate with peers, instructed certain peers not to talk to me, told myself and a person at Technical Service Council (relocation counsellors) that I was terminated 'without cause', would not give me a reason for dismissal in writ-

ing and will only give a bona fide prospective employer dates during which I worked for the company. Also AEC has tremendous advantages under the law in that litigation is a lengthy process and very expensive! Also the decision is always subject to appeal. In The Jessica Ernst vs Encana Case it cost Ernst more than \$400,000 and there was more than a decade of legal wrangling. (Nikiforuk 2017, 2021).

Before proceeding with their lay-off strategy, it is surmised that AEC would have consulted with their lawyers to determine the probability of legal action and costs. It appears that once a decision was made they then retreated into their stronghold hoping the problem would disappear.

On the other hand, I cooperated fully with the doctors and the private investigator but when I asked for their reports nothing was available. Discussion with both consultants was always harmonious. In the case of Poole I received no feedback whereas with Haley we had a good exchange of thoughts and news. In retrospect, maybe they were using the good cop, bad cop, psychological tactic?

Because information flow was generally one-way, I wrote letters explaining the situation and requesting help. I wrote letters to people in various organisations which included:-

- * Governments of Canada, Alberta and City of Calgary
- * Oil and Gas Companies
- * Canadian Investment Organizations
- * TV and Radio Stations
- * Newspapers, Magazines and Publishing Houses Christian Businessmen
- * Churches both in and outside Calgary
- * Cross-section of groups
- * Evangelists
- * Doctors

The letters were approximately 270 in total and were mainly sent out over a six week period. The major benefit I derived from these letters

was that many people prayed for me and I take this opportunity to thank those individuals and organisations. Up to July 8, 1988 (five months after dismissal), I received 30 written replies, not including those from relations and friends, and the breakdown of written responses by category was as follows:-

ITEM	RESPONSES
Evangelistic Associations	8
Magazines and Publishers	10
Politicians	5
Government Organizations	4
Other	3

Total	30

Letters from the evangelistic associations were encouraging and supportive.

Some magazines acknowledged receipt of my letter but no organisation would agree to publish my testimony in the public domain. I received not one reply from a TV company, radio station or local newspaper. The politicians said they appreciated hearing my concerns.

All government agencies and others said it is outside of their jurisdiction and therefore stated that they could not help. Not only did the Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists (APEGGA) state that it was outside their bounds but concluded that it would be appropriate that a review be carried out of my engineering practices. As of September 30, 1988 it appeared that APEGGA concluded that I am fully competent to practice engineering.

There were several groups from which I received no replies-these included other oil and gas companies and the medical profession. With the exception of one telephone call it is significant that nobody challenged me on the truth regarding the healings and my testimony.

The major benefit of analysing this incident is that others will become cognizant of the underlying message of salvation and the benefits of baptism in the Holy Spirit. Hopefully the testimony surrounding AEC's experimental well will act as a catalyst to draw others closer to Jesus Christ.

Job Loss

In the movie 'God's Not Dead2' the storyline is about a student asking an honest question about Jesus in the classroom and the teacher's response lands her in trouble. The teacher then has to face a court case that could cost her career.

One atheist blog claims the movie highlights "fake Christian persecution." However, at the end of the film there is a long list of court cases scrolled –real-life examples of religious liberties under assault.

All the above case histories are taken from America. In England, Christian Concern and The Christian Institute look at some of the Christian real life cases, which chillingly parallel the storyline of film God's Not Dead 2.

One of the most powerful lines of the film is spoken by the teacher: "I would rather stand with God and be judged by the world, than stand with the world and be judged by God. I will not be afraid to say the name of Jesus."

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven (Matthew 10:32, 33).

Forgiveness

Sometimes forgiveness is more of a process than a one-time event. One testimony which I have found most helpful is the case of Corrie ten Boom and her former Nazi guard.

Former Nazi Guard Asked Corrie ten Boom for Forgiveness

Corrie ten Boom was in Ravensbrück concentration camp during the Second World war. She witnessed her sister's death and many cruelties in that situation.

After the war she travelled worldwide preaching the gospel. In 1947 she was at a meeting in Berlin and recognized one of the former guards from her concentration camp. The ex-guard asked Corrie for forgiveness regarding all the cruelties. The message that God forgives has a prior condition: that we forgive those who have injured us. "If you do not forgive men their trespasses," Jesus says, "neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses."

Forgiveness is an act of the will, and the will can function regardless of the temperature of the heart.

She was able to take this man's hand. She said 'I had never known God's love so intensely as I did then.' (Corrie ten Boom, 1971).

"We must forgive all our enemies or be damned." - C.S Lewis

Interpretation of the Visions

God spoke to three Christians through visions mentioned in Chapter 3. These visions were independently received by mature Christians.

If all the visions are of a spiritual nature then the possible interpretations are as follows:-

#1 In Biblical symbolism, oil often represents the Holy Spirit or anointing. The vision could mean that oil had been discovered. When one of the early prolific wells was discovered in Alberta I remember reading that the oil flowed down through a field and entered a ditch near the road side. The oil was then pumped out of the ditches into road tankers.

#2 means there will be trouble. Preaching the gospel has its dangers. Apostle Paul was arrested more than once. Today people have encountered not only job loss, but prison and even martyrdom for the sake of the gospel.

#3 The well in this vision was gold in colour which is symbolic in the Bible of divinity or God's glory. The gradual deviating well indicates a change of direction. This has been true even after I left Calgary in Dec. 1988 I returned for a short periods in 1990 and 1993. Also, for example, when I started street witnessing in England I started with a table and free literature and this [morphed into street preaching](#).

Taking visions #1 and #2 literally they show pollution of the environment associated with hydrocarbon recovery.

In year of the Torrey Canyon oil spill (1967) I started research into oil spills in the UK and subsequently spent some time in Canada researching the subject. Publications included a thesis (R, 1972) plus some technical papers – for example, R and Mohtadi (1974).

In the case of AEC/Encana, I first heard of Wiebo Ludwig regarding hydrocarbon recovery pollution. Ludwig believed he had linked flared hydrogen sulphide sour gas and leaks from nearby wells with stillbirths, deformations, and miscarriages that began to occur in the community at the time, and began to protest sour gas development near his community. He appealed to both levels of government to regulate sour gas extraction near the community, but the government did not respond. The book 'Saboteurs' by Nikiforuk (2001) covers the Ludwig chronicles.

Of particular interest is that the RCMP with the cooperation of Encana bombed a well site in a 'dirty tricks' campaign. (CBC, 1999)

Also between October 2008 and July 2009, six explosive devices were detonated at Encana facilities located in North East British Columbia.

The sabotage campaign led EnCana, to offer a \$1mn reward for information leading to the saboteur's conviction. It is reportedly tied for the largest award ever offered in Canadian history.

The first attack hit a gas pipeline in October 2008, days after local media and corporate officials received threatening, hand-written letters demanding that EnCana "close down operations [and stop] endangering our families with crazy expansion of deadly gas wells in our homelands".

Later I heard of the Ernst v. EnCana Corporation lawsuit by Jessica Ernst against EnCana Corporation, the Energy Resources Conservation Board, etc. EnCana was accused of contaminating, by its hydraulic fracturing, the Rosebud aquifer near Rosebud, Alberta, and the Ernst water well. The book entitled 'Slick Water', documents the Ernst case (Nikiforuk, 2015). It was reported that, between 2003 and 2008, more than 100 Alberta landowners lost or reported damage to their water wells as a result of such activity (Nikiforuk, 2017).

Probably the most pertinent pollution incident involving Encana, which I could find, occurred in Texas. The well that blew out exploded outside of Karnes City in the Eagle Ford shale, one of the most heavily fracked places in the US. The fracking well spewed enough oil, gas, and chemicals to leave a ¼ mile gash of dead vegetation and contaminated land. EnCana barred impacted residents from returning to their homes, pets, and possessions for more than three weeks. Greenpeace (2015) state some may never return to their homes, as full decontamination is impossible.

Encana's hydraulic fracturing operations in the United States are portrayed in the 2010 documentary, *Gasland*, which alleges that hydraulic fracturing causes pollution of ground and surface water, air, and soil.

In 1999 EnCana started working with the country of Ecuador to drill and export Ecuadorian oil. Examples of human rights abuses, environmental contamination, unsafe construction, toxic waste deposits, and health issues by both EnCana and the Ecuadorian government are detailed in a video by Nadja Drost (2005). Graphic video of environmental contamination and toxic waste deposits are shown, as well as unsafe construction areas of the pipeline that run through numerous earthquake-prone and even volcano-prone areas.

Other criticisms mentioned in Wikipedia include:

Wyoming water pollution In spring 2008, residents from Pavillion, Wyoming, approached the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) about changes in water quality from their domestic wells. Encana was the primary natural gas producer in the area. In 2009, the EPA announced that it had found hydrocarbon contaminants in residents' drinking water wells.

Issues were also raised for the Deep Panuke project offshore of Nova Scotia, when it was proposed in 2006 as a smaller version with increased ocean discharges and when Encana asked for a "streamlined regulatory process" without public hearings.

Finally, in British Columbia, between 2007 and 2019, Ovintiv was charged for breaching provincial legislation 19 times, more than any other company, as well as being fined the highest amount.

CHAPTER 7

CONCLUSIONS

In this book I have addressed part of my testimony related to healing and other miracles. I have absolutely no power on my own strength to carry out these and in all cases look to the author of all miracles... the Lord Jesus Christ. What happened in New Testament times happens today:

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever." (Hebrews 13:8)

I was told by one pastor that 'God requires your availability not your ability.' In other words God has all the ability and He is looking for people like you and me who will make themselves available to carry out miracles in his name to help those around us.

Much more important is that you know you are saved:

"Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven." (Luke 10: 20).

I was saved in what appeared to be an accidental manner; other people have different stories but the main issue is that you become saved.

If you want to grow in the Lord I believe it is desirable that you are baptised in the Holy Spirit. Also you must devote time to God on a daily basis; during these devotions praise and reading/studying the Word is most important. You must fellowship with other believers. In time you will get to know the voice of the Lord and then you have to be obedient to the Lord.

Regarding prophecy God can speak to a person in many ways, for example, directly, through the Scripture, another person, vision, dream, through the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Within each of these categories there are also many sub-categories. On the horizontal well, God spoke to three other Christians at different times. **At the time of the horizontal well incident I was not having any visions but only reported on other people's visions!**

During the horizontal well incident I paid a major price for my faith. I lost my job in a field which I had spent most of my life being trained for and in an area where I had many years of direct experience. I was accused of being insane, others were told I had a broken mind and yet others started to wonder if there is an element of truth in these accusations.

I was also told I was technically incompetent-others were told the same thing. I was told not to talk to people at the office-certain people at the office were instructed not to speak to me. I attempted to publicise the situation and co-operate with doctors, consultants and the private investigator. When I registered a complaint about AEC to my professional association - I came under review myself. I wrote approximately 270 letters explaining the situation and allowed sufficient time to pass for the company to reconsider their action before I decided to write this book.

AEC was secretive and verbally stated twice that I was terminated without cause. In writing they would only state that their action is considered fair and appropriate and will only confirm the dates during which I worked for the company to a bona fide employer.

As far as the Government is concerned they say it is outside their jurisdiction. However, The Alberta Government owned 37% of AEC at the time. Regarding other groups, the main source of help was their prayers.

Many people would assume that this sort of action by a company is rare in the west but it has happened to many others in various walks of life. In the past the early church suffered persecution after they were baptised in the Holy Spirit. More recently others have been forced to resign their positions. In the future there will be persecution of believers as they move forward in the Lord. I believe that other Christians will go through similar situations in the workplace and my testimony is a warning to others. The very least you can do for that person in trouble is to pray for him or her. It is important that you do this because if you do not then it is very likely that you will walk the same walk possibly within weeks or months. Also kindness is desirable:

"To him that is afflicted pity *should be shewed* from his friend; but he forsaketh the fear of the Almighty." (Job 6:14). After leaving AEC I started to move forward in the Lord in a new manner because I had time to walk and learn in peace.

Instead of rush here, rush there I started spending more time drawing closer to God, learning how He operates and building up with His kind of strength. To become strong in the Lord one has to hear His voice and be obedient to His instruction.

This is a testimony of only a few of the miracles which have occurred in the first years of my life after I was born again. I have seen an incredible variety of miracles including healings, prophecy, visions and teachings. I know however this is only a small sample of what God has in store and there will be many mighty miracles in the lives of people who walk with God in the days to come.

Finally, we must not only grow in the gifts but also in the fruit of the Spirit. In particular love:

"For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another." (1 John 3: 11)

For those that grow both in the fruit and the gifts of the Holy Spirit, God has truly exciting days ahead-that is the time when the 'well ' will flow to the surface and produce abundantly.

The Bottom Line



A number of years ago I had a vision of the cross over hell/lake of fire. The Lord told me to stand at Point A (see picture) and tell people there is only ONE WAY to heaven.

Jesus said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

You will notice from the picture there are only two choices. A Scripture portion along these lines is:-

"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Matthew 7:13-14

To get on the narrow way you have to go through a narrow gate ... i.e. be born again (John 3:1f). Also you must do the will of the Father (Matthew 7:21f).

To get on the broad road you have to do absolutely nothing! In other words if you don't get on the narrow way by default you stay on the broad road.

Either/or sink or swim; gloom or gladness. No middle way, no purgatory and no limbo.

If you are saved this is as bad as it gets; if you are lost this is as good as it gets!

Other related verses include: Deuteronomy 30:19 and Jeremiah 21:8.

When Should You Choose? "Choose you this day whom you will serve" Joshua 24:15.

and

"...behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."
" 2 Corinthians 6:2b

On Oct.8, 1871, D.L. Moody a well-known evangelist asked people in congregation to consider over night the gospel message he had preached but that night there was a great fire in Chicago. Four miles of buildings were consumed and there were 250 human fatalities.

All through life we make decisions. Sometimes we choose right, sometimes we blow it! Make the right decision on this choice – it determines where you spend eternity.

Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last. - C.T. Studd

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