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Refreshed But Not Free

by Pastor Tim Dilena, *Senior Pastor*

So often a Sunday church service can become just a routine, but the battles of the previous week must help us realize that we don't need a church service, we need an encounter with God—a move of the Holy Spirit. We need God to move in power across the face of this planet, now more than ever.

Many people visit Times Square Church because hotel concierges and tour groups recommend coming here to hear a gospel choir. People come and are moved by the music, but the minute that the speaker starts the message, rows of people get up and leave. But I want you to know that only half of the work was done. They may have been refreshed, but they have not been set free just yet. When people walk into this church, they get relief from the things that terrorize their souls. Worship can push back hell; worship can give breathing room. I believe in praise and worship, but worship is not able to deliver

and set free. It's just half the work. The danger is when people choose refreshment over freedom, they choose feeling good instead of being delivered.

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In 1 Samuel 16:23, Samuel was talking with God. God had removed the anointing from the present king, Saul, and put his anointing on a new king, David. The Bible says that the Holy Spirit departed from Saul and that Saul was being terrorized by a demon.

Some men in the palace said, "There's a kid with a harp in the field with sheep."

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They believed that he had a gift and that if Saul allowed him to come to the palace and play, he would feel better. That kid's name was David, the soon-to-be king. David was brought to the palace. He became Saul's armor bearer and was so close to the throne that he eventually would inherit it—but that wouldn't be for another decade or so. He played the harp for Saul, the man terrorized by demonic forces, and the demon-terrorized man was refreshed.

As I was looking at this story again, two passages stuck with me:

"Now the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord terrorized him" (1 Samuel 16:14, NASB).

"So it came about whenever the evil spirit from God came to Saul, David would take the harp and play it with his hand; and Saul would be refreshed and be well, and the evil spirit would depart from him" (1 Samuel 16:23, NASB).

Now, these two passages have become both disturbing and even revelatory to me. The demonic spirit would depart Saul when David played. That's the power of anointed worship, and we have to acknowledge that, but it's also the limitation of worship because it was an unfinished work. Worship can refresh, but worship cannot set free. I'm not saying you're demonic because you're fighting hell's control, but we are fighting hell's dominance in our lives. Anointed worship can push back hell long enough for people to hear and respond to the Holy Spirit. We have in this church thousands of people who are part of our Connect Groups from all over the world, including more than 70 different nations and 40 different states.

One of these Connect Groups is comprised of parents like Tracy. Tracy is a mom who is in Canada and has been praying for her daughter as she was watching our service. Then while we're worshiping and I'm getting ready to share the Gospel, the girl who came to the altar was Angeline, the young lady who they had been praying to come back to Jesus. She happened to walk down while her mom was watching Times Square Church from Canada. Worship and the words converged at that moment as Angeline asked Christ into her life with Tracy watching right there online.

Angeline said, "Isn't it interesting that I walked in right at this time when God was using this moment to call people to repentance, to call people to salvation, the worship and the music and the word all coming together?"

Tracy said, "There are no accidents. Hallelujah! My daughter has come back to Christ."

See, worship can make them open and able to listen so the Word can be preached, and the Holy Spirit can do the work inside of their hearts. In the same way, I believe God gave Saul a chance when the worship was happening, and the demon was being pushed away.

God began to use the incredible hands and gifting that David had, who would eventually write many of the Psalms in the Bible, songs that have been preached and sung and put to music all over the world for generations. But I want to pause here for a moment and speak to those involved with worship, those who are musicians. I want you to keep in mind who the man behind the instrument was. Listen to

what was said about the man that was playing that harp.

"Then one of the young men said, 'Behold, I've seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite who is a skillful musician, a mighty man of valor, a warrior prudent in speech... and the Lord is with him'" (1 Samuel 16:18).

David had gifting and character. Simply said, you can be skilled but lacking in character. But if the character is not there, you are dangerous. High character with low gifting means God is maturing you and developing you. And when you have high character and high gifting, God's using you. That's David, who had both high character and high gifting.

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God began to use David. But Saul wanted refreshment, not repentance. Saul only wanted to be in the worship service. It's easy to mistake the emotions of refreshment as the surgery of the Spirit. You can be refreshed and never have the Holy Spirit work in your soul.

In our nation, we have refreshing services but not services that provide freedom, all the while sin is intensifying. We have assumed because the worship is great that the church is set free. And all the while we're watching leaders and musicians going down a road of bondage and sin. I don't want to be refreshed. I want God to set me free. I want to be liberated. I want the work of God in my soul.

David's music had a purpose. God was going after the soul of the disobedient man in Saul. But it's important to remember that lyrics don't set people free, the Word of God does. Worship will open people's hearts, but it's the Word of God that goes in and sets us free. Don't expect music to do what only God's word can do inside of us.

Psalm 19:7-9 (NASB) says: "The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the judgments of the Lord are true; they are righteous altogether."

In these verses David is saying that worship is more than refreshment. Saul was dealing with one demon that terrorized his soul. Can you imagine 6,000 demons? There was a man in the New Testament in the book of Luke who met Jesus with a legion of demons inside of him. A legion is 6,000 demons.

Luke says the man was constantly screaming among the tombs and in the mountains, and he was gashing himself and cutting himself with stones. But seeing Jesus from a distance, he ran up and bowed before Him.

Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"

And he said to him, "My name is Legion, for we are many."

And Jesus looked at those demons, cast them out, and the people came to see what it was that had just happened. They came and observed the man who had been demon possessed, sitting down, clothed, and in his right mind. He was set free.

This means you can be here terrorized by hell like Saul or even this man in Luke. But what's so amazing is even with 6,000 demons inside of you, you can get to Jesus. Hell has control over people's lives except in the presence of Jesus. This is because when you worship, God says, "I inhabit the praises of my people."

When we praise him, hell is pushed back. We must understand the goal is not a choir. It's not a solo. It's for Jesus to be glorified in this place. That's why when you're sitting in church or online, we don't want you to just sit there and read. Worship Him, push back the darkness, and let the Spirit of God begin to do the work. The praises of God push the demons back to hell.

Saul was refreshed in 1 Samuel 16 but not set free. If you keep coming to church and just settling with refreshment, not allowing God to come through at some point, then you will not be set free. David's music at some point

no longer refreshed Saul's soul because two chapters later while David was playing Saul hurled the spear at David, wanting to pin him to the wall.

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Have you ever said this before? "The songs don't seem to refresh me like they used to. Something's wrong. I need to go to another church."

Listen, you can throw all the spears you want. It doesn't matter. You can go from church to church trying to find the same refreshment, and you can keep switching harp players. At first, you'll be satisfied with what you see and hear, but then it'll no longer be to your liking, and you'll switch churches again. You can keep looking for harp players, but the issue is inside your own soul. You need God to come in through the Word and the Holy Spirit and work on your soul. Worship pushes back the darkness so you can hear God again and respond. And regardless of how badly you've been tormented, deliverance is only in Jesus and in Jesus' name.

In conclusion, I have enjoyed reading all of C.S. Lewis' books, but my favorite is a hundred-

page book entitled "The Great Divorce." It's an allegory. The premise of the allegory is people take a field trip from hell to heaven on a bus. But everybody has a demonic figure (like Saul) on their shoulders, and they want to get away from God's presence.

But there is a Christ figure in the book, who speaks to one of the men getting on the bus, saying, "I can take that from you."

The man responds, "I'm okay. We're going back. We're getting on the bus. We're going back to where we came from."

And the Christ figure looks at him again and he says, "Let me take that from you."

Then the demon started to speak, "Don't let him do it. It's going to hurt."

The man says, "I'm going to get back on the bus."

Then the Christ figure says a third time, "Let me take that from you."

Something inside the man reaches out to the Christ figure, and when they grasp hands, an explosion takes place. The demon falls to the ground. And all of a sudden, instead of a man getting on a bus ride back to hell, this beautiful white stallion appears, and he rides into the presence of God.

Don't remain on the bus back to hell. Don't settle for just being refreshed but allow the Holy Spirit to complete the work of setting you free! ■

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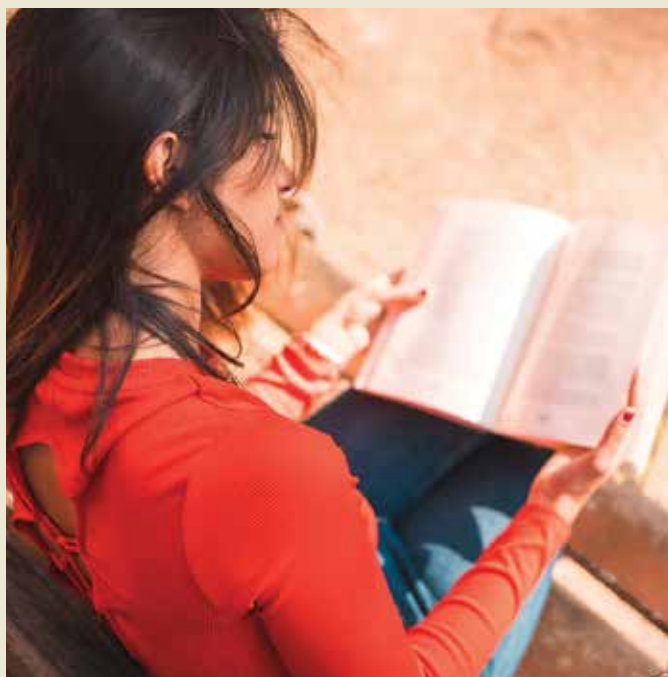
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Don't Quit

by Cindy Dilena

I don't know if you were like me—I was so proud that I paced myself in 2024—felt in control—felt balanced—felt like I was tackling prayer and my Bible regularly and deeply—felt like finances were in control—felt like I was fully present for my family and all of the memory moments—involved at church—having meaningful fellowship with people—and then—well—the Christmas season. Everything sped up and exploded—I was hanging on for the ride.



Then early January, I was resting, drinking tea to help my sore throat from the freezing weather and evaluating 2024 and setting new goals for 2025. I write my goals down, since they are 40% more likely to be achieved that way. But then I saw a Nike commercial that said the second Friday in January was “quitter’s day.” The day when most people have already failed at their new year’s resolutions and quit. How depressing. How can we give up on the new year in the first month?

So—now I encourage you—those who made resolutions and have already failed or quit—start back up. You still have 48 more weeks of the year to accomplish them. Don't let a brief failure interrupt your plans to seek God more, to seek fellowship with Godly people, to attend or get involved at church more. Use the 80/20 rule—you can be disciplined 80% of the time and fail 20% of the time and still make your goals. My Bible reading plan from Navigators has 25 readings a month—but the month has 30–31 days—guess what that means? That I can “fail” 20% of the time—but still have read the ENTIRE Bible in ONE YEAR! And I can do that EVERY year.

2 Timothy 3:16–17 “All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, fully equipped for every good work.”

Make your Bible reading the foundation of all your goals and watch your 2025 become the best year ever. The Living Word will teach us, convict us, correct us and instruct us so that we are “equipped for every good work.” Sounds like a good plan for 2025!

Caring for Your Mental Health: A New Year's Reflection

by Evelyn Badillo-Cordero, Psy.D.

At the start of a new year, many of us reflect on areas in our lives that need improvement and set goals to achieve them. While health often tops our list, we may overlook a crucial part: our mental health.

As believers, we live in a fallen world and inhabit fragile human vessels, making us just as susceptible to mental health struggles as anyone else. Scripture recounts the stories of godly men and women who faced deep emotional battles. Moses doubted his ability to fulfill his calling. King David often felt overwhelmed and defeated. Job grappled with profound grief. These individuals expressed their raw emotions to God, and each was met with His encouragement and strength to persevere.

The Bible offers wisdom on navigating emotional struggles and improving mental health. Romans 12:2 reminds us to “renew our minds,” acknowledging that our battles often begin in our thoughts. By surrendering our thought processes to the Lord, we can influence our emotions and behaviors in ways that honor Him.

To support this journey, we invite you to explore the TSC “Mental Health and Faith” series. These short, psychoeducational videos address topics like depression, anxiety, trauma, grief, and emotional regulation from both a biblical and clinical perspective.

Isaiah 53:5 assures us, “By His wounds, we are healed.” This includes emotional wounds. As we engage with God’s Word, we allow His truth to bring hope and healing to our emotional lives. Let this year be a time



of renewal as we step into the abundant life Jesus died to give us.

May the Lord guide you as you care for your mental and spiritual well-being this year.

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Summit Revival Services: February 5–7

We are eagerly anticipating Summit's Spring Revival Services, happening February 5–7! These annual services are a cornerstone of our community, where we witness lives transformed, hearts renewed, and faith strengthened. From heartfelt worship that uplifts our spirits to messages that inspire deeper faith, every moment is infused with the presence of the Holy Spirit. This isn't just another event—it's a sacred time where God meets us right where we are, leaving us forever changed.

Summit students, TSC church members, and visitors from across the U.S. come together to worship, share meals, and create lifelong memories and connections. These revival services are a lifeline for those seeking encouragement, healing, and a fresh encounter with the Lord. Each session is thoughtfully designed to draw you closer to God, featuring worship led by gifted musicians and messages from speakers who have prayerfully sought His direction.

If you're longing for renewal and encouragement in 2025, we warmly invite you to join us. Attend in person at our campus or participate online from the comfort of your home via Summit's YouTube and Facebook pages. Wherever you are, you can expect to encounter God in a profound and personal way.

Dates: February 5–7, 2025

Location: David Wilkerson Chapel
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Sessions: Wednesday: 7PM
Thursday: 10AM & 6:30PM
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Livestream: YouTube & Facebook

Mark your calendars and stay tuned! We can't wait to see what God has in store for this year's revival services. Come expectant, come ready, and come open to His movement in your life. We'll see you there!



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Times Square Church was founded in 1987 by Pastor David Wilkerson, author of "The Cross and the Switchblade." It is an interdenominational church located in the heart of New York City.

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LOOKING BACK, MOVING FOWARD

As we look back on stories of God moving through our lives, we can move forward with encouragement and anticipation of what He will do next.

by Anna Ivanishchuk

PHIL'S STORY

Phil and his wife watch TSC online every Sunday morning at 7 AM their time. In addition, Phil leads a weekly Friday morning Zoom Bible Study, attended by men from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Nebraska, Iowa, Texas, New Mexico, California, and even Kenya.

One Friday in December, Dave, a participant from Washington, shared a powerful testimony. Following Phil's recommendation, Dave had watched the previous Sunday's service and noticed its unusual beginning when Pastor Tim addressed the attendees directly. Pastor Tim spoke of feeling the Holy Spirit's call for healing and encouraged viewers to reach out in faith.

During the prayer, Pastor Tim specifically mentioned someone watching who had "a problem in the neck." Dave, who had been suffering from severe neck pain, knew the message was for him. He claimed the healing in faith—and was instantly healed! The following Friday, Dave shared his joy, repeatedly emphasizing, "The pain was gone—right away!"

Phil reflects, "We ask the Lord to continue to use TSC for His good purposes."

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