

# A CHALLENGING WORD

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## Can I Teach You?

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(Part 1)

A young teenager from a rural part of the country had the wonderful pleasure of spending a summer with his grandparents on the east coast. One Saturday morning he woke to hear the clanging and activity in the garage and jumped out of bed and rush to see if he could learn at the hands of his grandpa. Cautioned by everyone in the kitchen, to “be polite”, “don’t get in his way”, and “be patient, he’ll be grumpy at first but hang in there”, he bounded off. When he got to the back, he found his grandfather snuggly position almost completely under a raised ’67 Chevy impala. Meekly he let his presence be known, acknowledge by a grunt from the floor.

After what seemed to be an eternity, he mustered enough courage to finally ask if there was anything that he could do to help, “nope”, was the quick reply. “Anything, please”, after a frustrated sigh, the old man instructed, “you see those oily rags sitting on top of the barrel there, “yes sir”, “put them in a plastic bag, close it up and put in the trash can”. Hurriedly, he eagerly rushed off and attended to the meager task.

“Done grandpa, anything else, I can do?”

“I don’t think so son.”

“Please, let me help you do something’

Another long sigh.

“You know where I keep my coffee mug in the kitchen?”

“The big ivory one, yes sir.”

“You know how I like my coffee?”

“Yes sir.”

“Fill it up and bring it to me.”

He took off like a flash and prepared the coffee just like he knew his grandfather liked.

Carefully it rushed back with the brew.

“Here it is.”

Without a word his grandfather stuck his hand out and took the cup.

Expecting a hearty “thank you”, he only heard another long deep, frustrated sigh.

“Son?”

“Yeah, granddad?”

“I can’t drink this”

“Why not?”

Without another word, he simply stuck the once ivory mug out from under the car.

What should be a pristine ivory coffee cup was instead a greasy dirty oil covered mug.

The dirty rags.

While the coffee on the inside was hot and pure, the outside cup rendered what was inside undrinkable.

God would love to use a willing heart to do His awesome work, but unfortunately, the outward deeds of this life have clung to us in such a way that the filth of the world has stained our testimony so badly that He can not endorse us.

As once dear preacher has said, all weight is not a sin, but every sin is a weight.

True words, but in each case, the stain of an undisciplined life will hinder God from doing His precious assignments.

So what must be done?

God must in His own way pull us aside and take us to the classroom of the Holy Spirit and instruct us in the way of righteousness.

## Rebekah's Story

A testimony by Dianne

L. Coventry

(Part 4 conclusion)

Jesus healed the sick by forgiving sin,

[Psalm 32:5](#)

[I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, I will confess my transgressions to the LORD, and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.](#) NKJV

I believe that by confessing my sin and repenting, **God healed me.**

My symptoms are non-existing at this point. I believe my illness was a direct result of the guilt of my sin and my healing was a direct result of my acceptance of Jesus, confession, repentance and forgiveness. How awesome is that!

### Church's role in healing

I'm thinking that if people feel shame and guilt for their sin and are suffering as a result, then the church needs to be a safe place for us sinners. We can't judge others until we remove the plank out of our own eye.

And how many people won't come to church because they feel unworthy or shame and guilt for a decision that was made so long ago or even last week?

How many men and women have died from a disease that stems from shame or guilt of sin? How many men and women out there don't know that God loves them and He already knows all about them and their sin?

You can't hide if from the Lord, so don't. Confess, and walk in the light. **It is freedom!**

[Isaiah 25:8](#)

[He will swallow up death forever, and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces; The rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; For the Lord has spoken.](#) NKJV

Isn't that good news? God's words are so comforting. Come to Jesus and confess your sin, forgive yourself and others, repent and you will be set free!

[Psalm 100:5](#)

[For the LORD is good and His love endures forever, His faithfulness continues through all generations.](#) NKJV

God so loves you and He doesn't want you hurting anymore.

I hope and pray that my testimony will help men and women understand that there is healing for them and there is hope.

I also hope to share with our young people in crisis the consequences that I lived with in hopes that they make a better "choice".

[Psalm 30:11-12](#)

[You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; You have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, to the end that my glory may sing praise to You and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever.](#) NKJV

I am forgiven. His love has made me whole. I have PEACE.

[The conclusion of this testimony will be in the next few issue of "A Challenging Word". National Helpline for Abortion Recovery 866-482- 5433 (You may download the entire testimony at [www.challenge-ministries.org](http://www.challenge-ministries.org). Go to the Directory's Corner and click on A Challenging Word and Rebekah's Story will be listed among past issues).]

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