



STUDENT JOURNEYS

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I had a burning desire to grow in the gifts of the Spirit.

This desire led me to Andrew Wommack Ministries and eventually to Charis Bible College's online courses.

During my first two Charis Online courses, the revelation of Scripture and the key words spoken by Andrew were already making a difference in my understanding of the Word. I quickly started using what I was learning.

During a three-day weekend, I experienced God's love and healing power flow through me on what I now call my "God adventures."

That Saturday morning, I was on my way to a prayer walk at a local city park. I drove past an African American woman in a wheelchair being pushed by her daughter; her six-year-old grandson was walking alongside them. I parked nearby and prayed.

As the three got closer to my truck, I knew God was leading me to minister to them.

I got out to greet them and introduce myself. I was received with open arms. After asking if I could pray for them, the grandmother answered "Yes." As I prayed, the lady's arms and legs grew out. God removed



the pain in her shoulder, knees, and lower back too. The woman stood up from her wheelchair and walked thirty steps up the sidewalk with no pain.

Praise God, she no longer needs a wheelchair!

I then shared the Gospel with the woman's daughter, who had just witnessed her mother's supernatural healing. Glory to God, the daughter gave her life to Christ! Glancing at the six-year-old standing next to her, I saw big tears streaming down his face. When I asked if I could pray for him, the little boy choked up and began to cry even harder.

The moment I laid hands on him, the Holy Spirit touched him. He exclaimed, "My legs...!" and didn't say another word. Lights out!

I caught him in my arms as he fell under the power of the Holy Spirit.

That was a first-time experience for both of us. The grandmother said, "Today we had real church!"

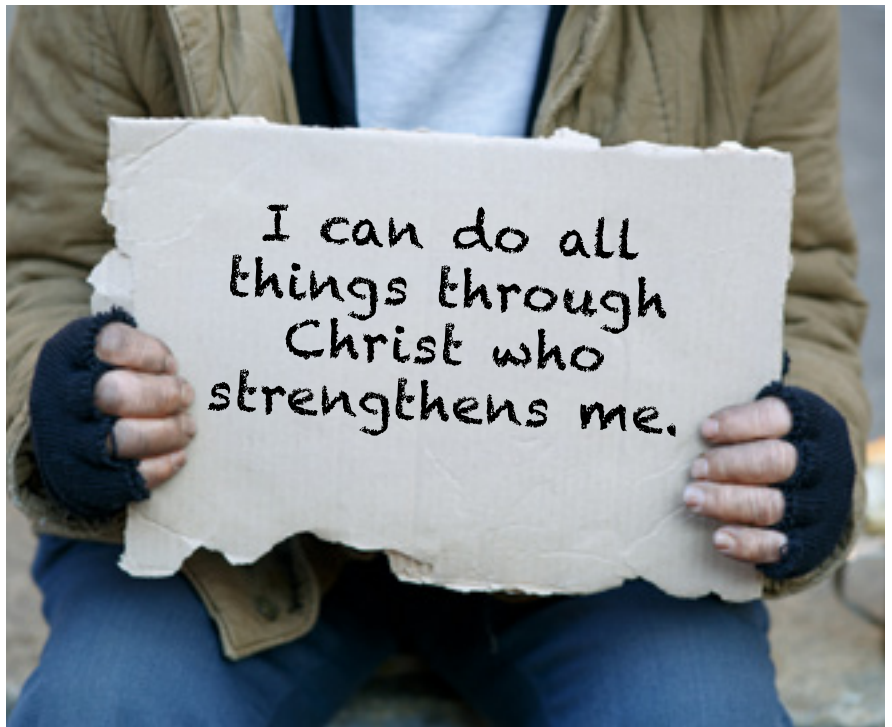
The next morning, I left my apartment with plans to eat breakfast and then attend church. On my way, I stopped to pray for a man who was struggling to walk. His name was Eugene, and he experienced God's power as his right leg grew. Pain was removed from both his knees and lower back. He then gave his life to Jesus.

But God wasn't done working. After driving to church and parking, I saw another man. Knowing it was God ordering my steps, I went to pray for him. God removed the pain in his collarbone, and he gave his life to Christ. I arrived fifteen minutes late to the church service, but I was rejoicing!

First thing Monday, I was ready again for another God adventure. As I drove to a coffee shop, I stopped and asked a man on the street if he needed prayer. He replied, "Yes, for drug addiction." I prayed for his deliverance, and he gave his life to Jesus. After finding out the coffee shop was closed, I drove to a different one. On my way there, I saw Eugene, the man from the day before. This time, he was with his friend Samuel.

Twenty years ago, Samuel was shot in the head with two bullets. As a result, he was paralyzed on the right side of his body and had partial brain damage. Samuel agreed to let me pray for him. As I did, I began to move his frozen arm. His fist was closed, and his wrist and fingers were locked. I did this for about fifteen minutes.

After twenty years of no movement in that arm, Samuel started crying tears of joy as he began to feel light pain and lightly squeeze my hand. It was awesome!



I prayed for Samuel's knee pain, and God removed the pain. Then I shared the Gospel with Samuel, and he gave his life to Jesus. On a piece of cardboard, I wrote Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (New King James Version). I wanted Samuel to start speaking God's truth instead of the negativity he had spoken throughout his life.

I used a three-day weekend to live out the kingdom of God.

Everywhere I went, I took Jesus with me. In doing that, I discovered that the world is hungry to see the Gospel lived out. It encourages me and stirs me up to make soul winning a full-time endeavor.

My advice to those who want to step out and operate more in the supernatural is just do it! No matter what you are feeling on the inside, just do it. It's just about growing in it. I'm happy to continue growing through Charis Online courses.

I just know that I am in the right place to learn everything I need to know and to be everything God says I can be.

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