



Angel Ministries

Letter from Anne Graham Lotz

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Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God, saying, "Glory to God..." Day and night they do not cease... -- Luke 2:14, Revelation 4:8

Angels praise God without ceasing. But sometimes this AnGeL finds it requires intentional focused effort to maintain uninterrupted praise. Especially when life unravels and I'm hit with multiple problems at the same time. Let me share just a few of the ones that occurred within the two months leading up to Christmas...

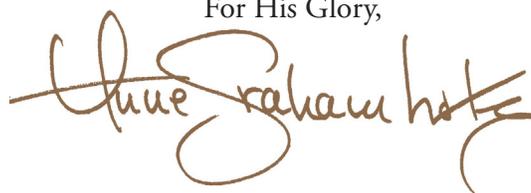
At the end of October, my husband was hospitalized, then my father was hospitalized. My father was released in time for his 95th birthday, and I drove the four hours up to his home in order to celebrate. I returned to my husband, who then was also released and came home. Two days later I left him in the hands of a daughter and friends, and drove to the Billy Graham Training Center at The Cove where I led a four-day intensive seminar for leaders. The day the seminar began, my husband had an emergency which I helped to manage with several long distance phone calls and consultations. I completed my responsibilities at The Cove; then on the return trip home, I received a call asking me to turn around, as my father was being readmitted to the hospital. I declined, knowing I had to get back to my husband. I spoke with my father's doctors by conference call that night. The next day, I once again found myself sitting with my husband in the emergency room. He was sent home, but the following afternoon, I had no option but to put him on an ambulance ninety minutes before I stepped up on a platform to address 1200 people at a Fellowship of Christian Athletes fundraiser. While I was speaking, he was readmitted to the hospital with the help of dear friends. At the same time, my father was released, but this time my husband remained for twelve more days. As I write this, I am sitting in my husband's room at a rehabilitation center where he is trying to regain his health and strength. In addition to all of the above, I had other ministry responsibilities to complete...and major decisions to make... and Christmas to celebrate...

I share these things not to provoke sympathy, but to relate a lesson God taught me in the midst of the turmoil. One morning, in my devotions, I was meditating on Matthew 26:30. Jesus and His disciples had finished their last supper. Jesus knew He was being betrayed by one of His best friends at that very moment. He knew He was facing imminent arrest, trials, torture, crucifixion, and death. He bore the eternal weight of responsibility for fully completing His Father's will and redeeming mankind from sin. If ever there were multiple reasons for praise being interrupted, Jesus had them on that Thursday night. Yet Matthew 26:30 says that He sang! That was stunning to me. And the thought was not encouraging...it was deeply convicting. If He maintained His praise under that kind of monumental pressure and stress, why don't I? Surely, it's a choice.

With sincere repentance and deep humility, as I drove to sit beside my husband once again, I silently began to sing. There was no tune. Just words of praise for the faithfulness, strength, grace, presence, lovingkindness, and tender touch of the One who will never leave me or forsake me. The One whose everlasting arms are beneath me. The One who upholds me with His righteous right hand. The One who has given me the bright hope for a heavenly future. As I pulled into the parking lot of the rehab center, I found that my spirits had lifted, and the smile on my lips was coming from my heart.

As you and I face the New Year that will surely contain many problems, crises, and challenges, would you join this AnGeL in giving glory to God by choosing to praise Him? Then keep on praising Him...

For His Glory,



Anne Graham Lotz

Instruction: The Power of Praise

Read Acts 16:16-36

- ** Describe Paul's circumstances in 16:16-24.
- ** How do you think he felt physically? Emotionally? Spiritually? Mentally?
- ** Under the same circumstances, how would you feel? How would you react?
- ** How did Paul react in 16:25?
- ** Give phrases that reveal the power of praise from Acts 16:26-36 and also 2 Chronicles 20:1-25. What difference would it make in your circumstances today, if you began to praise God...now?

Intercession

Paul praised God when he was in an incredibly difficult and dangerous predicament. *Praise God with us ...*

- ** For the bestseller status *Wounded by God's People* achieved before Christmas.
- ** For our new weekly 30 minute radio feature that is now airing in 13 states, and on the internet.
- ** For our new premium channel now being offered to subscribers on the iDisciple Mobile App.

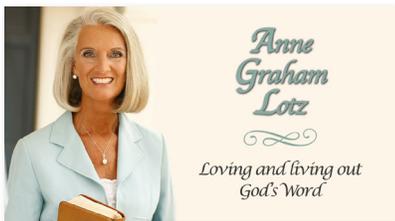
Paul not only praised God, he also prayed. *Please pray with us ...*

- ** For continued creative ways to conduct strategic, life-changing ministry without the necessity of travel for Anne.
- ** For each speaking responsibility on the calendar to be fully blessed by God so that lives are changed and hearts are revived.
- ** For an increase of outlets to pick up Anne's weekly radio program, *Living in the Light*.
- ** For the new children's board book, *Heaven: God's Promise for Me*, to be used to bring many little ones to Jesus.
- ** For Danny Lotz' health to be stabilized and his strength restored so that he can function more independently and continue his own ministries.

New Ministry Opportunities

Living in the Light

We are delighted to introduce a new weekly radio program from Anne, *Living in the Light*. Through these 30-minute messages, Anne challenges listeners to get to know God personally, intimately...as His friend - then live in the light of His Word. Her desire is that listeners would be drawn into a life-changing relationship with God. To learn more about Anne's weekly radio program, or to find out how to have it offered in your local area, please visit our website www.annegrahamlotz.com/new/living-light-radio-program.



iDisciple

Anne has many resources, as well as a premium channel, that are now available through iDisciple, a Family Christian ministry. iDisciple offers a new mobile app designed to deliver a wide variety of Christian content in one place while enabling users to donate to other Christian ministries. The iDisciple app offers anytime, anywhere, any device access to sermons, podcasts, devotionals, Bible studies and a host of customized Christian content.

Information

MARCH

16 FLORIDA, Amelia Island - Elam Founders Weekend

21 NORTH CAROLINA, Charlotte - North Carolina Baptist Missions Conference
Kecia Morgan kmorgan@ncbaptist.org; 1-800-395-5102, ext. 5613

APRIL

29- DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, Washington - Events for National Day of Prayer, with Anne serving as
MAY Honorary Chairman; www.nationaldayofprayer.org

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