

HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERED

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- Social worker
- Boy with mangled legs
- 2 Years later he could walk on his own, and even did a cartwheel.
- What did he grow up to become?

How and Where to Walk

The best of human intentions desire to help heal, to help redeem, and to help set free but without pointing people to the Savior, to He who is the Ultimate Answer, we simply help people exchange one prison for another.

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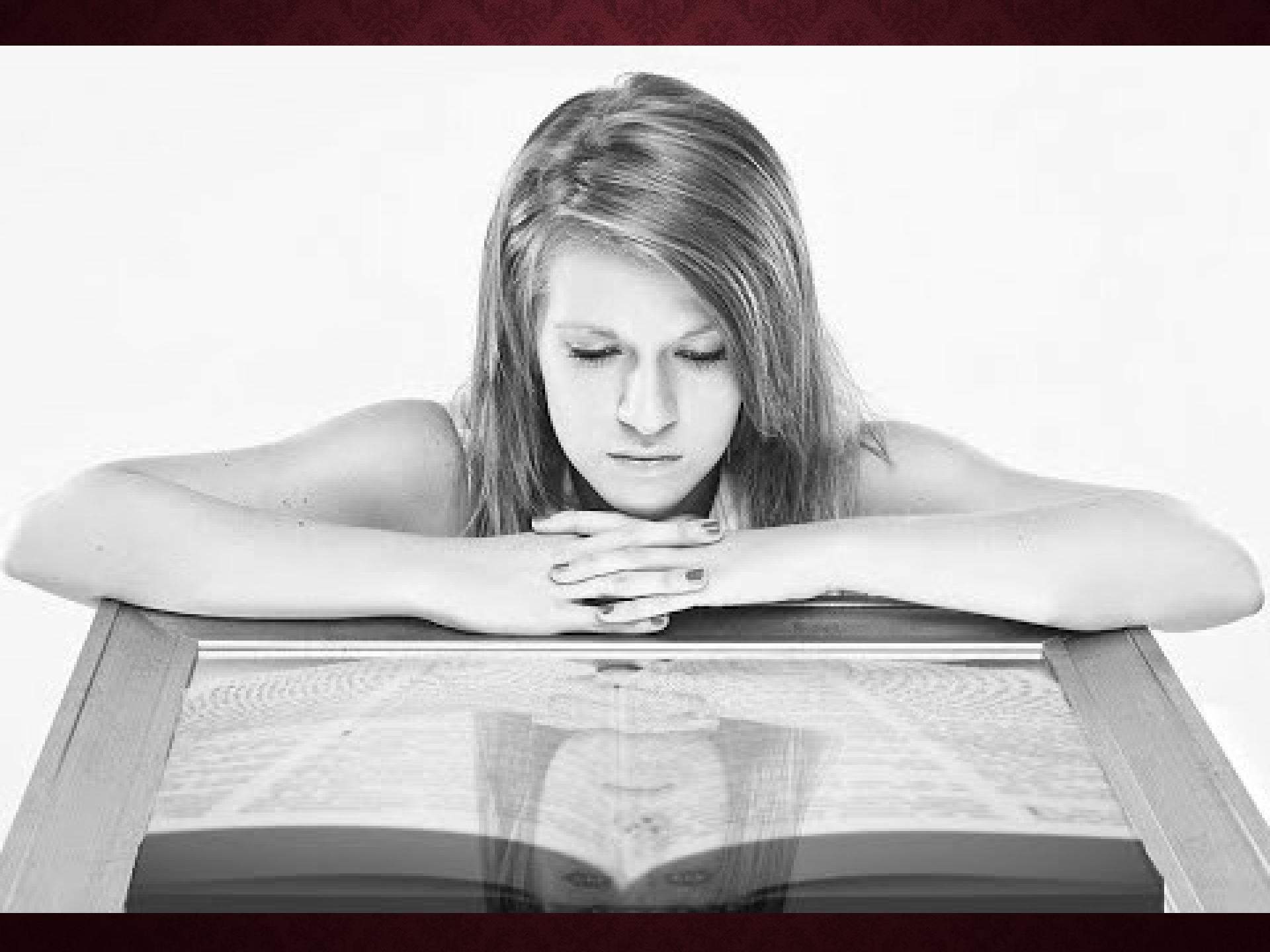
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Who Needs It?

- Those who wound themselves in a misguided attempt to relieve their inner torment.
- Those who are tied down, enslaved, or imprisoned by the enemies of God.

Who Needs It?

- Those who seem to be divided against themselves.
- Those who are forced to live amongst the tombs of life.
- Those who are all alone because of an affliction.

Who Else Needs It?

- The upstanding citizens of a community who beat, chain, and/or dehumanize other human beings.
- Those who instinctively use force instead of love to conquer evil.

Who Else Needs It?

- Those who care more about the loss of property and money than they do the redemption of a soul.
- Those who shun one type of uncleanness only to embrace another.

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- Those who are not filled up with Holy Spirit empowered grace, compassion, righteousness, and forbearance for others.
- Those who do not seek the Lord and Master.

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What do I do?

When the Lord has not yet transformed a person who we believe desperately needs it right now, it is because He is willing to bear with them as they are. It doesn't mean that the Lord loves the way they are but He does love them!

What do I do?

God puts up with them as they are because He is waiting patiently for their opportune moment. So shouldn't we do the same? Should we be more demanding than God?

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Principle #7

**Holy Spirit empowered
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models, and shares with others
all that God has done and all that
He is still doing!**

What About You?

- **To what extent are you experiencing the transformative power of the Holy Spirit?**
- **What has happened and what is happening that is only explained by the power of God?**

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