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## MIRACLES IN MARCH...MOB-HOP OPENING IN KC

For over a year I have been part of a planning committee for a NEW prayer room here in Kansas City!

Soon the Mary of Bethany prayer room will be opened to the public.

Who was Mary of Bethany?

Now it happened as they went that He (Jesus) entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called *Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word.* But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, 'Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help

me.' And Jesus answered and said to her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. *But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.*" Luke 10:38-42

Listening to the Voice of God is not a personality type...it is the key for all who want to keep their hearts alive in the days ahead.

We cannot pray evangelize or DO anything until we first hear the Voice of God...Jesus only did what He saw His Father doing **John 5:10-20** "Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the **Father doing**; for

whatever the **Father** does, these things the Son also does in like manner For the **Father** loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself is **doing**; and the **Father** will show Him greater works than these, so that you will marvel."

In Luke 10:38-42 Mary is honored for sitting at His feet...but Martha began to listen that night and in John 11:5 it is recorded, "now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus."

There will be soft instrumental music playing and NO computers are allowed and all phones must be OFF! This will not even be a place to study...just for heart encounter for those who come.

**SILENCE IS GOLDEN!**

## SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

- **MY CHILDREN DAVID, DANIEL, ELIZABETH**
- INCREASING HEALING ANOINTING
- FOR THE SALES OF MY BOOK
- FOR INVITATIONS FOR THE DAYS OF ENCOUNTER RETREATS
- CONTINUING EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION FOR MY ROLE AS CHAPLAIN AND SERVING IN GRIEF RECOVERY

## Longing for You, the Journey from Intercession to Intimacy

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It is Jesus who invited you personally to begin the journey into His heart, when you gave Him yours. As each page is turned, it is like the ground of your heart will be tilled because you will hear His Voice of Love. This adventure of learning how to pray will bring you face to face with the One who is the answer to every prayer ever prayed, even when tears were the only words. There are many books now written on intercession, which is simply a fancy word for prayer. Jesus has invited you to partner with Him on the earth to see His Kingdom come. This book only contains 3 chapters. Praying is as easy as one, two, three, and yet part of a mystery words can never explain. What you will find contained in these pages is not describing a plan or program, it's all about a Person. His Name is Jesus, and He is **LONGING FOR YOU.**

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**God bless you for partnering with me on the mission field of prayer!**

## CURRENT SCRIPTURES I HAVE BEEN PRAYING FOR YOU...

- PEACE  
LUKE 2:14
- REWARD FOR YOUR WORK  
2 CHRONICLES 15:7
- FULFILLMENT  
RUTH 2:12
- VINDICATION  
JEREMIAH 51:10
- OVERCOMING VICTORY  
1 CORINTHIANS 15
- TAUGHT BY THE LORD  
EPHESIANS 5:10
- JOY  
ISAIAH 51:3

## ENCOUNTERING CHRIST WITHIN EXPRESSIONS AND EVENTS

I have now been teaching this class of encounter for over 4 years! This was originally an overflow from my times of leading and training in the Bethany Healing room where we actually practice this listening type of prayer in ministering to those who are Critically and Chronically Ill. These also led to me going out to host times of retreat and opportunities of encounter where ever invited.

Over the past year people have been physically healed and souls have been restored. This month I will begin again teaching the 8 week grief recovery course Holy Spirit helped me put together, but I will talk more about that on the next page!

One personal experience I had to 'practice the Presence' came during a flight returning from helping to facilitate a wedding in Pennsylvania. Suddenly we hit turbulence like I have never been in before. I was in an aisle seat, and the woman across from me went into a panic attack, and the stewardess was not handling it very well either. I decided to practice what I preach and asked Holy Spirit to take me to the bosom of the Father where we are told Jesus can be found according to John 1:18. After praying for my children and claiming the salvation of all on the plane with me, I was in that place of peace that surpasses understanding. Then I heard Holy Spirit ask me to pray the prayer of announcement...and since I had never heard of such a thing, asked Him what that was. He said for me to announce to the principalities and powers surrounding the plane the good and perfect and acceptable will of God...so that is what I did from the depths of my heart...with my mouth still closed...totally silent in the natural. SUDDENLY all the turbulence STOPPED! The woman across from me broke down and was crying...and as others let loose a sigh of relief, I was celebrating and enjoying the reality of THE LIFE resident within me!

There was a woman who came into class one morning very excited to see me, but I did not recognize her. As she realized this fact, she told me she was a visitor and had come to my class last year. I usually explain about the ministry in the Bethany room, and share that during the class as they connect with Christ within...if they need physical healing, God will heal them. Well she believed it and asked God to heal an injury to her back that had caused her to be on pain medications and weekly visits to the chiropractor. She had been laying on the floor during encounter...and when she got up, she was totally pain free! This was a year later and she had remained pain free without any medications, and no more trips to get adjustments! GLORY TO GOD!

Then there was a 71 year old whose whole life was impacted. During that session we were mediating on 1 John 4:19...we love because He first loved us...and after we began she told God she had never felt love in her whole life...even her own mom did not love her! Well Jesus appeared to her and simply stated, "She does now" and was standing with His arm around her mom! This little girl of 71 wept through the whole encounter, and her whole family was impacted because she felt love!



# Out of Ashes...healing through grieving!

## TEARS OF WONDER AS LOVE PREVAILS

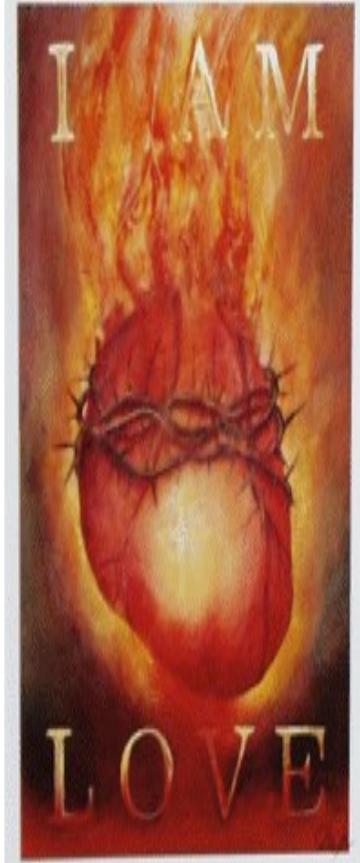
This month I will be helping those who come navigate through the journey of grief that has impacted their hearts. This is an 8 week course Holy Spirit helped me put together over 2 years ago.

I have been the Critical/Chronic Care Manager for about 4 years, just about the time I began teaching the Encountering Christ Within classes. Caring for those in life impacting circumstances, there have been physical healings and miracles, but there have also been many whose lives have been impacted with the loss of their loved one due to death. I longed to be able to stand with those seeking healing, and those who were left when their loved one died.

Most growing up in the church have not learned to embark on healing from the ravages of the death of a love one, or had their feelings validated or honored. I served for a couple of years as a volunteer for a local grief recovery center where children as young as 3 are helped, and I realized the world knows how to get through crisis and life loss better than those who know the Giver of life!

Jesus is the Man of sorrow and well acquainted with grief. The loss of someone special...even if they are now with the Lord, is devastating, because we are now without them and our lives are impacted...for the rest of our life. Whether you had time to prepare or not, things will NEVER get back to 'normal.' You will find a new normal. Death is an opportunity for those who remain in this age to embrace life like never before. Other life losses resurface due to displaced and unresolved grief, and each one has taken a toll on our hearts, even if not acknowledged!

I have 16 pages of handouts and helps. We will take time to Encounter Christ in each session, Who alone heals broken hearts!



## LOVE NEVER FAILS

I just returned from taking 8 different planes in 4 days! This is a picture of little Missy being held by my long lost TWIN!



My dad and Darlene had a Bischon for about 18 years who died last year, and so he flew me from KC to Tucson to get a puppy carrier..then to Virginia to get Missy from the same breeder they had gotten their first dog from...back to Tucson with her, then home to Kansas City, with one night in each place!

When I was in Virginia I got to see my son Daniel and his sweet girlfriend Jessi, and several people I had not seen for a long time. The girl in the picture is a friend I knew since elementary school who I recently connected with on facebook. Both of my sisters had blond hair, and now that mine is white, I look like I belong to the family! When I saw her I was shocked!



Angela looks so much like Julie, and now I do as well! Even both our families think we look alike, so now we are dubbed TWINS!

This little trip was an errand of love for the one God picked to be my daddy on earth, and we had a wonderful visit together. Getting ready to teach Out of Ashes has stirred up unresolved feelings about those I have lost, and granted me new passion for those I can still get a hug from!

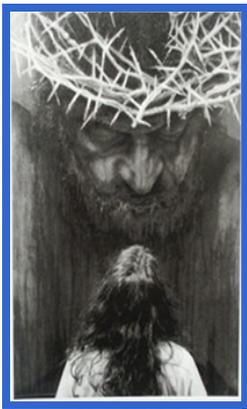
## COME UP HERE...YOUR PERSONAL INVITATION TO ENCOUNTER

There is a door standing open in heaven! This is the invitation in Revelation chapter 4. Jesus stands at the door of our hearts knocking unrelentingly. He is faithful in His love and any moment we open to Him, there will be deep fellowship. He is longing to share His heart with all who care to listen. We can discover what will be taking place after all is said and done...it will be WORSHIP! This is what Paul was shown in this chapter...continual worship and glory and honor begin given around the throne...but we do not have to wait. Today is the day He longs to hear your voice distinct from the 4 living creatures, the elders and all the myriads of angels in heaven that never stop. Your voice is what He bends down to listen to.



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### Seminars and Retreats

These weekend retreats or a one day seminar will implement worship, teaching, and ministry times of personal prayer for all who desire. There will be true heart encounters for everyone as we Practice His Presence together.

The Lord desires to heal in every area of our brokenness. People have experienced physical healings as well as relief from deep inner wounds during these sessions. Jesus proclaimed His mission statement in Luke 4:18 - "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, preach deliverance to the captives, recovering sight to the blind, to set at liberty those that are bruised, and to preach the acceptable year of the Lord". I believe this is my mission statement in life, and it can be yours as well.

These seminars and retreats are for anyone who longs for a deeper, more intimate relationship with Him. Jesus said "Come to me all who are burdened and heavy laden, and I will give you rest". Attend a seminar, and experience true love, joy, and peace in His unfailing love.

God longs for encounter with each of us. When we are willing to be still and know Him...we will come to know who we are with new clarity. We love because He first loved us, and as we get to the place of putting first things first, everything else around us is put into proper perspective as well. These times of ministry will provide not just healing for your hearts, but cause you to go forth and bring healing to others as well!

**FOR HE SATISFIES THE LONGING SOUL, AND THE HUNGRY SOUL HE FILLS**

### PERSONAL BIO AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Debra-Louise Cossu has been a full time intercessor with the **International House of Prayer in Kansas City** since June of 2002. She is native Virginian with three grown children, twin grandbabies, and claims many others as sons and daughters she pours her life into.

Her web site holds valuable information, helps, and resources that will inspire and touch your heart. Since beginning her walk with Christ over 3 decades ago, Debra has ministered in various places, including other countries like the Philippines, England, Malta, and Romania. She has

spoken at churches, pastor's conferences, women's retreats and Aglow meetings.

She is available for seminars and retreats where you can experience a personal heart encounter, and learn to Practice the Presence of the Indwelling Christ as a lifestyle.

She is currently teaching **Encountering Christ Within** on the Missions Base in Kansas City. This class is an on-ramp to beholding Christ in the secret place. She has designed an 8 week grief recovery course offered twice a year for those impacted by all types of death and life loss.

Debra also leads in the Bethany healing room and helps to manage the prayer requests that come in from all over the world. She cares for those who are in Critical and Chronic conditions on the mission base as well.

Prayer is her full time occupation, encounter is her joy and praying for you to experience encounter is her passion!

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