

The Power of a Parent's Blessing

With Craig Hill

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Dr. Joseph Peck: Welcome everybody to Webinars777, the global leader for life-changing webinars to empower dreams, transform communities, and disciple nations.

The title of today's message is The Power of a Parent's Blessing. Our guest speaker is Craig Hill. He's at the top of the family mountain. Maybe you've heard of the seven mountains that influence culture. He (Craig) is at the top of the Family Mountain. You're in for a real treat today.

Let me ask you this question. Do you know that every father, every mother holds a key in his or her hand that can open the door for children to prosper? In our culture today we really don't understand what the concept of blessing is. The actual Hebrew meaning of the word that describes this key is to empower, to prosper. Doesn't that sound good for you and for your children or your grandchildren?

I'll introduce Craig Hill shortly.

I'm Dr. Joseph Peck, the Time Doctor. My passion, and actually God's passion, is creating a movement empowering dreams of millions of people globally through coaching, journaling, and life-changing webinars, so empowering dreams.

This message today is to empower your dreams, your children's dreams, and your grandchildren's dreams. Doesn't that sound good?

I want to thank each of you. We have over 600 people who registered for this broadcast from probably every state in the United States and from multiple countries around the world. We want to thank you for choosing to invest your time to connect with us today.

I want you to know that today the Lord is releasing the sights and sounds of heaven, so be ready to receive all that He has for you.

Today your life will change forever. Holy Spirit's orchestrating this conversation and He's expanding each of our minds and our spirits to new dimensions and they will never retract to their original size or shape.

I put on this slide so that during this session you may download the notes in the control panel, but guess what? I didn't upload them through GoToWebinar in time so they're not there. We're sending you a follow-up email where you have access to those notes, so I just want you to know that you'll have access to a lot of this material that you're hearing today.

Take notes during this conversation. I'm going to remind you to write down the one thing that stands out the most for you from today's message. I want every one of you to enter that in the GoToWebinar control panel on the right side of your screen after Craig is done presenting, also what one action step you're going to take as a result of today's message, and then any question that you have for Craig. We're going to have a time for Q&A at the end.

Let me introduce Craig Hill and then you can see him on your video if you have him on video right now. Craig is the founder of Family Foundations International. Doesn't that sound great? Family Foundations, it's a Christian ministry dedicated to helping individuals, couples, and families become people of influence and build a godly heritage for multiple generations by restoring a culture of blessing to families, churches, and communities.

He's discovered that the primary reason many Jewish families tend to prosper today is largely related to their Biblical custom of regularly blessing their children. You're going to hear more about him from that.

Craig has written 15 books including the bestsellers *The Power of a Parent's Blessing* and *The Ancient Paths*. He's the leading expert on the topic of generational blessings. It's a blessing to have Craig sharing with us today. It's a blessing to even be on here, let alone hosting him, and so I'm so thankful you said yes to God's invitation to participate. He's also a leader in the world with Christian rites of passage, emotional healing from lack of parent blessing.

Craig, I could go on and on introducing you but I want to thank you for saying yes to Laura's invitation to be our guest today. I want to thank you, too, for being a good steward with this ministry that God has entrusted to you, so welcome to today's broadcast.

Craig Hill: Thank you, Joseph. It's a pleasure to be here and I'm glad I ran into Laura also a couple weeks ago and got familiar with you and all you're doing in the Kingdom of God. Thank you as well for all that you're doing to expand the Kingdom and disciple people.

Dr. Joseph Peck: Amen. Craig, let's have you go ahead and say an opening prayer and then we're going to get started because you're the main draw for today. Your audience knows your course, but many people haven't met you here in my audience. Let's get started with prayer.

Craig Hill: Father, we just thank You for this time. We commit our time this afternoon to You. We pray, Holy Spirit, that You would invade our thoughts, that You would invade this time, that You would accomplish Your purpose. We give You permission to do whatever You want to do in our time, in our hearts, in our lives. Accomplish Your purpose in the mighty name of Jesus, Messiah, amen.

Dr. Joseph Peck: Amen, you're on. You can go ahead and start from the beginning. That sounds like a good place to start.

Craig Hill: Yeah. Joseph, I want to talk today about the power of a parent's blessing, as you mentioned, and I think most people don't really understand that. Here's just an amazing thing. When you look at this concept of blessing, we see some examples of it in the Bible. Actually all the way from Genesis in the beginning to maps at the very end of your Bible you will find Hebrew parents laying hands on their children, looking them in the eyes and imparting blessing to them, but when we think about it in our culture today, it's not something that we understand very much.

We use that word "Blessing" very lightly. People say to each other, "God bless you, God bless you," but yet when you look at the family of Isaac and Rebekah and Jacob and Esau, this impartation of blessing that these two sons wanted from their dad was something so powerful, so important that the one son, Jacob, was willing to steal, to lie, to cheat, to deceive to get whatever this thing was. The other son, Esau, he wanted to kill his brother for getting this blessing.

You think about that. What was Esau so angry about that he didn't receive because his dad didn't say, "God bless you, son"? You'd think, "Now it's got to be more than that. It can't just be that his dad didn't say 'God bless you' and he did say 'I bless you' or something like that. Why would somebody be willing to kill over this thing and somebody else willing to lie, to steal, to cheat, to deceive? It can't just be what we think of as blessing, of somebody saying 'God bless you' or 'I bless you' or something like that.

I thought there must be something more than meets the eye here, so as I really began to study that out, Joseph, what I realized is that blessing is not just words. There is a spiritual impartation that comes from God through a father, through a mother that opens a door in the spirit for a son or a daughter to fulfill a destiny, to accomplish a purpose. We don't understand that today.

As a matter of fact, I believe there are many people not accomplishing their purpose today for the simple fact that they never received that impartation of blessing. Some people go through their entire life trying to figure out how to get blessed, but we see just in the very beginning here, Genesis 12:3, God gave a promise to Abraham. He said, "I will bless those who bless you, the one who curses you, I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

We know that actually that is a Messianic promise, talking about the coming of Jesus the Messiah. That's the greatest blessing that anybody could ever receive, of course, the forgiveness of their sins and eternal life, but it's interesting that God said to Abraham, "I will use you, through your seed," which really is Jesus, "I will bless all the families of the earth."

It's interesting that Paul actually called that blessing the gospel. We read in Galatians 3:8 that God preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham and we look at what He's referring to. It's actually this Genesis 12:3, talking about blessing. I believe that we have a responsibility to learn what it means to impart blessing to our own families. How is it that we are going to be able to impart to our children, our grandchildren, our great-grandchildren this thing that Esau so desperately wanted and this thing that Jacob stole from him?

What is it? What does blessing really mean? What does it entail? I find that at any moment in time we can be agents of blessing, we can be agents of cursing, and all

of our words, our actions, our attitudes either bless other people or they curse other people.

What does that actually mean? What does blessing mean? As you talked about in the beginning, Joseph, I looked up that word in Hebrew. It's the Hebrew word "Baruch." It primarily means to empower, to prosper.

It's interesting the word in Greek is the word "Eulogia." Blessing is eulogia. Does that sound like anything that we've ever heard of in English? Of course it does, eulogy. The crazy thing is, when do people usually speak the eulogy over someone? The answer is, of course, at the funeral. The point would be, does that do the person who died any good? No.

When does somebody need to hear and receive a blessing? Not after they're dead and passed away but while they're alive, while they can receive it, while they can do something, change something in their life. It's just interesting to me that the Greek word for blessing is "Eulogia," in Hebrew it's the word "Bo." It means to empower, to prosper.

There will be some other definitions that I've found. To bless is to accept, to consider a success, to speak well of. Really, you can think of it this way. When I bless somebody, I step toward them in relationship. The opposite, when I curse somebody, I step back from them.

Another person had this definition I thought was pretty good. To bless somebody is to add something to their life. To curse somebody is to take away or remove something from their life, so the primary meaning of the word "To bless" is to empower, to prosper.

The literal meaning of that Hebrew word Baruch is to kneel in front of someone. That's very interesting because in our culture today when we bless someone, who usually kneels and who usually stands? The answer is the person giving the blessing normally stands, the person receiving the blessing kneels.

Do you know that in God's culture it is exactly the opposite? To bless means literally to kneel in front of someone. In God's culture the greatest blessing that anybody could ever receive is Jesus coming to this earth and forgiving our sins. How did He do that? Did Jesus remain in heaven, look down from heaven and say, "Bless you, people of the earth"? No, of course not, He came down from heaven,

He walked in our midst and, from a posture of humility from basically His knees, He imparted blessing to us, gave up His life, died for us. We see that example in Jesus.

If blessing is to empower, to prosper, then obviously what is cursing? Cursing is the opposite. Cursing is to disempower someone from prospering. It would be to reject someone, to consider them a failure, to speak ill of them, to step away from them, to take something away from their life. When we use that word prosper a lot of times people think of money, "I want to be blessed," meaning "Are you going to give me some money? Does that entail receiving money?" When we look at that word "Prosper," it's not just talking about money, it's talking about every area of life.

It's talking about if I bless my son, I'm opening a door for him of course to do well financially, to do well in his business, to do well in his future marriage, to do well with his children, to do well spiritually, to have a greater and a more profound relationship with God than I do, to be able to stand on my shoulders economically, physically, spiritually, emotionally, relationally, in every area of life, that he would have opportunities beyond mine as a father. That's God's idea, that each generation ought to prosper a little bit more than the last.

Now I discovered when I was thinking about this, whether we realize it or not, every single one of us answer two questions every day of our lives. Those questions are, "Who am I," and "Why am I here," not "Why am I here listening to a webinar today, why am I here on planet earth? Do I have a purpose? Do I have a reason or am I just an accident? I'm just a product of two people sleeping with each other a number of years ago, or why is it? What really am I here for? Is my life significant? Is there a purpose?"

As I began thinking about that, Joseph, I realized this. There are ultimately only two answers to those questions, "Who am I?" and "Why am I here?" God has an answer, Satan has an answer and they are absolutely diametrically opposed to each other. They're opposites so when you ask the question, "Who am I and why am I here," God's answer is the opposite of Satan's.

Satan's answer goes something like this. When you ask the question, "Who am I," Satan says, "You're nobody. You're nothing. You shouldn't be here. You don't

belong here. You're stupid, you're ugly. Your parents didn't even want a child. You're just a product of somebody's lust. You're a mistake."

If you were born a boy the devil says, "Well, your parents wanted a girl." If you were born a girl then the devil says, "Your parents wanted a boy. You'll never be acceptable because you're the wrong gender."

When you ask the question about destiny, "Why am I here," what's the devil's answer? It's, "Well, you don't have a destiny. You don't have a purpose. Even if you did, you're so incompetent you'd mess it up anyway. Yeah, so there's no reason for you. You're just taking up food, air and water on the planet for some 80 years and then you die, and that's it. There's no purpose or destiny for you." That's Satan's answer.

God's answer, of course, is exactly the opposite. God says to every one of us, "I love you. I love you. I created you. I planned for you. Your mother only carried you for nine months in her womb, I carried you for thousands of years in my Spirit. At just the right moment in time I put you on planet earth and you are absolutely unique. Nobody can accomplish what you can accomplish. Nobody can be a father to your children. Nobody else can be a brother to your siblings. You are uniquely qualified to do what you've been called to do. You will reach people that nobody else will reach. You have experiences and gifts in your life that nobody else has. God will use those to touch people that nobody else can touch."

About destiny, God says you're absolutely qualified. He said, "I put gifts in you that qualify you to accomplish your purpose. You have a very unique and a special purpose. Nobody will accomplish what you've been called to accomplish. You're absolutely unique, and I love you."

Do you know what? When you were born and it was discovered you were a boy, God says "I was not surprised. I knew you'd be a boy. I planned that for all eternity." "I knew you'd be a girl. I planned that for all eternity," so it's not like when you showed up in your mother's womb God took a step back and went, "Whoa. What are we going to do with him? He showed up."

No, God planned for you from before the foundation of the earth and He has something absolutely unique, a calling that's unique for you alone. Nobody else can fulfill that.

Then what I began to discover is that a battle for every one of us begins the very day that we're conceived. The reason a battle begins is Satan wants to impart his message into the depths of your heart, God wants to impart His message into the depths of your heart, and what I discovered is these impartations that can come from the earliest times in life actually structure the course of our lives.

We don't live out of reality. Listen to me now. We don't actually live out of reality, we live out of perceived reality. What that means is every one of us live out of the images that we have on the inside of our hearts. You will probably marry or have married a person that conforms to the image you have in your heart. You will probably do the kind of work that conforms to the image that God put or that's actually in your heart. My point is, from the very beginning of time Satan wanted to put his image in your heart. Satan wanted to create a feeling and an image on the inside that says, "You'll never amount to anything. You'll never make any money. You'll never prosper. Nobody will ever want to marry you. Nobody will love you."

Now people don't believe that in their mind. Do you know what that is? That's an image in the depths of the heart. From the very beginning of your life, the purpose of the enemy is to put his image in the depths of your heart.

The purpose of God is to put His image in the depths of your heart that you live out of the truth. Yeshua Jesus said in John 8:32, "You will know the truth and the truth will set you free." I don't believe that's just truth that people know in their minds.

For example, you can have a man who struggles with anger and he could read the Scripture that says, "Be angry and sin not." He knows it's probably not a good idea for him to explode on his wife, yell at his children. He knows that that's not right, that that's not of God. He knows the truth in his mind. The problem is, does that empower him to not do that anymore? The answer is no, it really doesn't. Why? That behavior is coming out of an image in the depths of his heart and until that image changes, his external behavior will not change.

That's ultimately coming from a root of lack of impartation of blessing, so what I began to realize was just regarding our own personal lives, fulfilling our own destiny and purpose, some of the biggest hindrances that we have are images in the depths of our own heart that the enemy put there that said, "You can't do

anything. You'll never prosper. You won't be able to fulfill a destiny." Those things live on the inside of us and we don't change them by just deciding, "Oh, I'm going to change that," but God gave us a very specific process of how to change that and we've used that process in seminars that we call Ancient Paths all around the world.

We've got a live event coming up actually in May in Denver, Colorado called Destiny Accelerator, May 5th through 7th that's designed to help people identify exactly those lies, remove them from the depths of their heart, and change those externals that would block and stop people from fulfilling that destiny. You can find out about that by just going to our website, which is www.FamilyFoundations.com. The word "Foundations" is plural. That live event here in Denver will be called the Destiny Accelerator, May 5th through 7th.

Going forward then, we're talking about the fact that Satan and God both want to impart their message and image in the depths of our hearts starting from the very beginning of life, the very beginning of conception, but what I noticed was both God and Satan use human agents. They don't directly impart, but God and Satan both use humans.

Who are the primary agents that God intended to impart His message through? I realize this actually in looking in the Word of God. I discovered seven critical times when God intended for there to be an impartation of blessing from parents. If you were to look back in the Hebrew culture in the days of Jesus, what you'd find is that it naturally happened in culture. You basically couldn't escape having an impartation of blessing coming from God through your family at these seven critical times, but in our culture today we find that the enemy has systematically ripped every single one of these out of our culture.

Now it was so important to God, especially at these seven critical times, that you'd receive His impartation and not the devil's that God actually put some very special agents in your life to make sure that you'd receive an impartation from Him and get His message in your heart and not the devil's. These agents of God, they are not called angels, they're not called pastors, they're not called teachers. The angels of God through whom God intended to impart His image and His message in the depths of your heart are called parents. They're called dad and mom.

If dad and mom do nothing else regarding their children, the one thing they were designed to do is to impart God's message and protect God's image in the hearts of their children. That is just an incredible thing.

Now a very interesting thing that I noticed was this I just began to observe in society. Do you know there is a very tiny group of people, actually it's only 2%, this particular group, 2% of our population in the United States is Jewish? A very interesting thing, these people tend to be at the top of every one of the seven mountains. If we look at these seven mountains in our society, do you know who prospers and occupies the top of many of them? It's actually Jewish people, and if you look at these statistics that we just put up, this is quite interesting.

Jewish people only comprise 2% of our population, but every year Forbes magazine does a survey of the Forbes 400. These are the wealthiest Americans, all billionaires. If you take the top 10% of them, 40% of that top 10% of the wealthiest billionaires in America are all Jewish people. 25% of all American Nobel prize winners are Jewish, 30% of all the people who win Nobel prizes in the United States in science are Jewish. 20% of all the professors at leading US universities are Jewish. 40% of the partners at leading New York and Washington, DC law firms are Jewish.

Now just think about these areas, these seven mountains. Think about this. Who owns a large majority of the movie studios in Hollywood? Maybe you don't know, but it's Jewish people. Who is the most famous director/producer of films the world has ever known? Of course most people, the first name that will come to most people's minds is Steven Spielberg, a Jewish man.

I began looking at these statistics, thinking about this. Wait a minute. Jewish people are at the top of medicine. They're at the top of business. They're at the top of banking. They are at the top of the film industry, the arts and entertainment, the media.

What is going on? Why is it that they would be at the top of most of these seven mountains when we read in Romans 11 that as believers in Yeshua Messiah, Jesus the Messiah, we're grafted in to their olive tree? Wouldn't you think that the statistics would be natural-born Jewish people and most of us who are probably watching today, people who are grafted into that covenant by the blood of Jesus,

we would all have one statistic and people outside of that would have a different statistic? That's what I would have thought. It's not that way.

The truth is that the natural-born Jewish people have these statistics that you see on your screen and then we are lumped in with the other group of people, even though we're believers grafted in. Yet when we read in the Bible, we read that the New Covenant that we were grafted into that came to us by the blood of Jesus is a better covenant than the Old Covenant. You would think that we would have better statistics. The answer is we don't, we should. Why would that be?

I was asking that question and as I sought God on that, what I realized was this. I ran across a Scripture many years ago that most of us would be familiar with, III John 2, and it says this, "Beloved, I pray that in all respects you would be in health and prosper, even as your soul prospers." I suddenly realized something.

Do you know what Jewish people do that most Christians don't, I won't say not any Christians, but what most Christians don't do? Jewish people know how to bless their children. When I read that Scripture, III John 2, what I realized is blessing empowers the soul to prosper, blessing empowers the soul of that person to prosper. I realized that Jewish people just have a natural habit of doing that.

I was asking this question. I was thinking this, "Why is it that a Christian boy growing up has this thought, 'You know, I have an interest in finance,' and maybe he says to his dad, "Dad, I have an interest in finance. You know what? When I grow up, I hope I can get a job in a bank.'"

A Jewish child growing up says, "Dad, I have an interest in finance, I will own the bank, or I will be the head of the Federal Reserve Bank of the United States."

A Christian child growing up says, "Dad, I have an interest in films. I hope when I grow up I could be a movie actor or maybe I could be a director one day."

A Jewish child growing up says, "Dad, I have an interest in film. When I grow up, I will be the most famous producer/director the world has ever known."

I began asking the question, "What is it that's getting in the hearts of these Jewish kids that didn't get in the hearts of Christian kids?" What I realized was this. Many Jewish families, again not all, but many Jewish families have a tradition or a habit

that actually comes right from the Bible. That habit is this, they bless their children on a weekly basis.

What does that mean? For many Jewish families, they practice Shabbat. What that means is that they honor and set aside from sundown Friday night until sundown Saturday night, and here's what happens in many families.

They have a meal together. Then after dinner the husband takes his wife aside at the table. He looks her in the eyes and he reads Proverbs 31. Sometimes I've actually seen people sing Proverbs 31 over their wives sometimes. That husband will say, "An excellent wife who can find, for her worth is far above jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good and not evil all the days of her life." He reads that over his wife and then he looks her in the eyes and he says, "You, you are the most beautiful woman on planet earth. I love you. I'm so proud of you. Our children are so blessed that you are their mother. I bless you this day." He blesses his wife, imparts something spiritually to her.

I would say to everybody watching, if you're a wife here my question to you is, "When was the last time your husband did that for you?" If you're a husband, "When was the last time you did that for your wife?"

Now if you would have grown up in a Jewish family maybe the answer would be, "Last Friday night. I do it every week." Then that husband, that father and mother together, they come to each of their children. They look their children in the eyes, and I think that's a critical thing, looking your children in the eyes. What does that do? First of all, that establishes an intimacy.

I would suggest, why shouldn't we do this same thing? Why should Jewish people have a monopoly on blessing and prosperity? We could. Any of us could do the same thing.

I would suggest this, have dinner together. After dinner, bless your wife. I know there are many people who are probably single moms and single dads watching this today, so if you live in a single mom home or a single dad home, then you would do this yourself as the parent. Obviously your spouse would not be there to facilitate this with you but if you are together as husband and wife, you'd do this together. If not, just the mother could do it or the father.

Look your children in the eyes. The moment you look them in the eyes, you know what you're going to find out is that if you've offended them, if you've hurt them, if you were too strong with them that week, they won't be able to hold eye contact. They'll look down, they'll close their eyes or they'll look away or they may start crying. You're going to realize, "Oh, we've got a problem right there," and what do you do? Repent, ask forgiveness on a regular basis.

You know, if you did that every week you'd never lose the hearts of your children in teenage years.

Then what that father and mother would say, they would look their son in the eyes, and suppose they said something like this. This is how we've done it in our family and you could do the same. Jewish people do it maybe a little bit differently.

Suppose I said this to my son, "Son, you're not an ordinary young man. You're called by God. You're anointed by God. You're connected by covenant to the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, by the blood of Yeshua haMashiach, Jesus the Messiah.

"Because of that covenant, you can expect the good hand of your God to be over you all the days of your life. Son, you will prosper in all you set your hand to. Son, you'll be at the top of your class in school. You will go to a top university.

"Son, I notice you have an interest in science. I wouldn't be surprised if you'd be a doctor one day, you know, and probably not just any doctor. You'd probably be a specialist. People will probably fly from around the world to consult with you, but son, more than that, I want to let you know this. You're my son. I love you. I love you, son. I am so proud of you. You're such a delight to me.

"Son, I want to tell you I bless every area of your life. I bless your spirit. I bless your mind, your will, your emotions. I bless your schoolwork, son. I bless your physical health. I bless your future marriage. I bless your future children, your grandchildren to a thousand generations. I bless your finances. I bless your career. I bless your ministries. Son, I bless your intimate fellowship and relationship with God the Father. Son, you're my son. I love you. I'm proud of you. I bless you, in Jesus' name."

What do you think is going to happen to that son? Probably exactly what his father prophesied over him. In adult life, it well may be that he will fulfill exactly what his father said.

As a matter of fact, a father, a friend of mine, sent me an email about a month ago from Monterrey, Mexico. He said, "You know, I heard you say that about 12 years ago, and for the last 12 years I've been speaking that over my son." He said, "The example you used of being a doctor, Holy Spirit actually quickened to me that is actually my son's calling, and so," he said, "I have been speaking every single week on our blessing night over my son that he is intelligent, that he'll be at the top of his class, that he'll get into medical school, that he'll be a doctor."

He said, "I want you to know my son is 18 years old, graduated from high school last year. In our country, in Mexico, it's not easy to get into medical school. The exam is very difficult. Most people have to take the exam three times if they get in at all. It's a very small percentage of people who get in."

He said, "You know what? My son passed the medical exam for med school the first time. He's now in medical school and he will be a doctor, exactly what I spoke over him week after week after week." That is the power of blessing.

Many parents don't understand that. What I've found is that many times people don't realize what the difference is between blessing and cursing. Let me give you another example.

Every daughter, every son wants to hear words from a father, especially from a father, but words from a mother too. Especially in teenage years, the father is the key role player. Every son or daughter wants to hear an impartation from a father that says, "Son, you're not a little boy anymore, you're a man. Daughter, you're not a little girl anymore, you're a woman."

Do you know that every culture of the world has a rite of passage except our modern culture? Every culture of the world has a way to release a boy to be a man and a girl to be a woman. We don't have a way to do that in our culture. As a matter of fact if I were to say, "When does a boy become a man," in our culture we can't answer it.

Somebody might say, "Well, a teen." Somebody else says, "Twenty-one." Somebody else says, "When he gets out of school, when he gets his first job,

when he joins the army, when he gets married,” but we don’t have a clear answer.

Do you know in the ancient Jewish culture, in the Hebrew culture in Jesus’ day, everybody would know and still, even in many parts of the Jewish culture today, there’s a ceremony called a bar mitzvah or a bat mitzvah to release a boy to be a man, to release a girl to be a woman? It’s clear-cut, like a wedding ceremony.

I could use a similar example to a wedding. If I were to ask someone, “Are you married?” most people can answer that question. It’s either “Yes” or “No.” Not many people will say, “Well, I’m not sure. Maybe, sort of.” There are people living together but if you ask, “Are you married?” they pretty clearly say, “Well, no, not really.” Who’s married? People who have had a ceremony, had a proclamation that released something in the spirit and changed something and transitioned that couple’s life from single life into married life and it’s evident to them. It shifts something in the spirit and emotionally for them.

I believe God intended that exact same thing to happen over every son, every daughter where there’s an impartation from a father that releases something spiritually and releases that boy into his adult destiny as a man, releases that girl into her adult destiny as a woman. In our culture we don’t have that, so people struggle for years in their adult life with a feeling, “Am I really a man?” or “Am I really a woman?”

Now people aren’t even sure whether they’re literally a man or a woman or a boy or a girl, or what. There’s complete gender confusion. There’s confusion about identity in all kinds of ways. I believe that that is all coming from lack of impartation of blessing in families. That’s a second thing that I believe would be a part of a culture of blessing, imparting a blessing at the time of puberty to release a boy to be a man, a girl to be a woman.

That’s just one of the seven critical times that I believe God intended for there to be an impartation of blessing. Actually I wrote a book on that called *The Power of a Parent’s Blessing*. That might be reversed. You might need a mirror to see that. Anyway, you can get that on our website. That talks about all seven of those critical times of blessing.

What I really wanted to say was this. Let me just give you an example of the opposite.

Suppose in a family you've got a 15-year-old daughter and her dad never knew that he was supposed to impart blessing to her. He never knew that it was his job to impart to her that she's not a little girl, that she's a woman and release her, so she still has that feeling of being a little kid on the inside. She is longing for that impartation of somebody to say, "You're not a little girl. You're a beautiful woman." Who was supposed to do that? Her father, and if he didn't, what will she do? The answer is she'll look somewhere else. She'll start looking all around.

Where is the most likely place she'll look? Probably peers. She'll look to other young men in her school, "Would somebody please tell me I'm not a little girl? Would somebody please tell me I'm beautiful, that I'm a woman?" Undoubtedly the enemy will see to it that there's a young man in her school who tells her that. She'll look to other young men to do for her what her father should have done.

Suppose her dad sees her going out one Friday night like, say, with her friends. He's never imparted blessing to her so she's looking for blessing from others. He sees her going out with her friends. He's shocked. He looks at the way she's dressed because she is dressed to draw attention to her femininity, hoping that someone will bless her and tell her, "You're not a little girl, you're a woman."

He looks at her and he says, "You're not going out of the house looking like that. Why, you look like a prostitute. That blouse is too low. Those jeans are too tight, and there is way too much skin between the top of your pants and the bottom of your shirt. You go back upstairs and change your clothes right now, young lady. If you keep dressing like that, you'll probably be pregnant inside of a year, and if you keep hanging out with those friends you have, I wouldn't be surprised if you ended up in prison."

Now what did that father do? Did he bless or curse his daughter? The answer is he cursed her. He just imparted Satan's vision to his daughter.

What did he tell her? What was the vision he imparted? "You look like a prostitute. You'll become pregnant within a year. You'll end up in prison." Yeah, that's a vision. That's the devil's vision for that daughter coming right through the mouth of a father who imparted Satan's vision, imparted Satan's image to the heart of that daughter.

Why was she dressing like that? Was she looking for sex? No. What was she looking for? Affirmation of her womanhood. Who is that supposed to come through? Her dad. He didn't know that, so he cursed her.

What are some of the consequences we have on the screen right now, just some of the consequences of not being blessed? What happens sometimes is parents curse their children and the children are fulfilling in their adult life the prophetic negative words their parents spoke. There's a lingering feeling in the heart of many people of still being a little kid that never goes away at any age.

Do you know I had an 87-year-old man tell me he still had that feeling on the inside of his heart of being a little kid that had never gone away? People struggle with lack of confidence. They strive to attain valiant significance. There's performance orientation, perfectionism. People strive to become a man or a woman. Some of the things people do, they join a gang. What is a gang in the inner city? It's a false family. They have a way to become a man. There's affirmation of your manhood or womanhood that occurs there.

Some other people join the military. Some men try to become a man by sexually conquering women or women try to sexually attract some incredible-looking man and that'll prove that I'm not a little girl, I'm a woman. I'll perform some heroic deed or act, attain a lot of money or some high position of prestige or wealth. These are all things people do when they've never received an impartation of blessing. They're trying to make that feeling in the heart go away.

There are things that we can do that will change that. We can learn, first of all, how to establish a culture of blessing, how to create blessing within our own family at those seven critical times.

You could learn that, you know. We have a seminar called Blessing Generations that teaches just that. Of course we've got the book I mentioned, *The Power of a Parent's Blessing*, that talks about all seven critical times, but we don't have time right now to talk about what I call the Six-Minute Prayer that a husband and wife could pray with each other. I suggest that husbands and wives pray together, just three topics, one minute each, repentance and forgiveness, asking each other forgiveness on a daily basis, a prayer of thanksgiving and a prayer of blessing.

Then here's one that all of us could do. Why not establish a regular time to bless your children? Your children might be older, maybe they're grown, they don't live

with you anymore. Call them on the phone. Invite them for dinner. Find a time to bless them, maybe grandchildren. Find a time to bless them. Then you can invite others over and learn how to bless them, teach others.

Let me just share this one last story as we're wrapping up the teaching part. Do you know that that longing for blessing from a dad and mom doesn't go away with any age, that there's something inside every one of us that was created by God to receive an impartation spiritually from a dad and a mom that releases something on the inside? It changes something in the spirit.

I had a friend, Mario, who told me this story. He had a 21-year-old son. Mario's son just couldn't decide what to do. He couldn't decide if he wanted to go to university or if he wanted to get a job or what.

Mario said, "Son, you can't just sit at home watching TV, you're 21 years old. You either have to go to Bible school, go to university or get a job, but you just can't sit here in the home and watch TV all day." The son said, "Yeah, I know," and would never do anything. Mario and his wife were frustrated. They didn't know what to do with their son.

Finally they heard this teaching and they realized, "You know what? Our son, we've never blessed him. We've never released him to be a man. He's still behaving like a little boy because on the inside he still is a little boy." When I looked in my son's eyes, I saw like a scared eight-year-old little boy that was indecisive, couldn't make a decision, he had no confidence.

They arranged a time to bless him, had a ceremony like Jewish people have, like a bar mitzvah. They called it a "Bar Baraka." Baraka means "Blessing, son of a blessing," instead of son of the commandment.

He said, "You know, it changed my son's life. It was only two weeks later my son enrolled in the university and pursued a course of study." He said, "Right after that impartation of blessing, I looked in my son's eyes and for the first time I saw a 21-year-old man staring back at me."

He said, "But then we received some sad news. My parents, who had been married 45 years, had decided to get divorced. They'd been separated for nine months and my mom said, 'I don't want to come home. I want a divorce.'" He

said, "Our whole family was saddened and I wondered, 'What do we do to help my parents?'"

Mario said, "You know, I had the strangest thought. I remember when I looked in my 64-year-old dad's eyes I saw the same scared little boy that I saw in my son's eyes, and my dad's 64." He said, "You know what? I realized my dad has never been blessed by his dad."

He said, "I had the strangest thought. I placed a phone call to my grandfather, who is 87 years old, lived in a different country. I said, 'Grandpa, my dad is about to celebrate his 65th birthday. If I were to buy you an airline ticket, would you be willing to fly to our city and help us celebrate my dad's 65th birthday? I have a special request. Would you look your son, my dad, in the eyes, lay your hands on him, bless him, give him your blessing as a father and release him to be a man?' Grandpa said, 'You want me to do what? My son's 65 years old. If he's not a man yet, he never will be.'"

Mario couldn't explain it to him but grandpa was willing to come. When he got there, then Mario was able to explain to him what he wanted. He said, "Grandpa, have you ever in recent years looked your son in the eyes and told him, 'I love you, I'm proud of you, I bless you, and have you ever released him into his adult destiny and identity as a man?'" Grandpa said, "No, but he knows I love him. He's my son." Mario said, "No, grandpa, there's a spiritual impartation that my dad, your son, has been longing for all his life. You hold the key in your hand to release that to him. Would you please consider it?" Grandpa said, "Oh, I don't know. It's sort of embarrassing. I don't know," but he agreed to try.

The day of Mario's dad's 65th birthday came. The 87-year-old father and the 65-year-old son sat in chairs opposite each other and the father began to try to speak. All he could do, he burst into tears. It happened three times. Finally the 87-year-old father said to his son, he said, "Son, do you remember when you were 15 years old?"

The jaw of that son began to quiver. Tears came to his eyes and suddenly it was like the dam burst. Deep emotion came out, a wail from deep inside that son. What nobody in the family knew is that when that son was 15 years old, he and his dad had gotten in a huge argument. It had actually turned physical and they got in a fist fight. That dad literally kicked the son out of the house, called him

horrible names, the son called his dad horrible names, and dad said, "I hate you. Get out of my house and never return," and the son did. That was his initiation into his adult life, leaving on those terms with his dad with bitterness and hatred in his heart.

Now they had reconciled their relationship but in 50 years they had never spoken of that event. Nobody else in the family knew of it so when the dad said, "Son, do you remember when you were 15 years old?" oh yeah, he remembered because there was 50 years of pain, anguish, bitterness, hatred, failure, feeling worthless locked up inside the heart of that son. When the father said that, it was like it popped it open and out came all this emotion and pain.

That son just fell forward into his father's arms, buried his face in his father's breast, and that father put his arms around him. He said, "Son, I'm so sorry. I am so sorry. I was wrong that day. Could you please forgive me? I said things I didn't mean. I cursed you that day, I didn't bless you. I imparted the devil's message to you. Son, please forgive me."

That son just wept and wept and wept. Finally when he sat up he looked in his dad's eyes and dad grabbed him by the shoulders. He said, "Son, forgive me." The son said, "I'll forgive you," and then he repented. He said, "I said terrible things also. Dad, would you forgive me?" The dad said, "I forgive you."

Then the dad began to bless. He said, "Son, do you know what? I'm so proud of you. You're such a delight to me. Son, you've married a godly woman who loves Jesus. You have three children. All three of your children love Jesus and all three of them married godly marriage partners who love the Lord, and all of your grandchildren, my great-grandchildren, they're all born again. They're all serving the Lord. What greater legacy could a man ever ask for?"

"Son, you've done well in business. Son, you've done well with your family, with your children, with your grandchildren. They're all serving the Lord. Son, I'm so proud of you. You're a delight to me, and this day, if I never said it before, this day I bless you and I release you as a man to fulfill all God has called you to."

That son began to weep again, fell into his father's arms and they just held each other.

When it was all over, my friend Mario told me something changed in my dad's heart that day. He said, "You know, after that impartation of blessing from his dad when I looked into his eyes, for the first time in my life I saw a 65-year-old man looking back at me, confident. The fear was gone, the insecurity was gone, the anger was gone. He said, "My dad's life was changed that day through an impartation spiritually that came from God but it came through his own dad on his 65th birthday."

He said, "It was so life-changing for my dad. The miracle was two weeks later. My mom moved back home, cancelled the divorce. She said, 'I don't know what happened, but this is not the same man. I don't want to divorce him, I love him. This is the man I thought I married 45 years ago, but for the last 45 years I've been trying to live with an insecure little boy who gets angry at everything and blames me for most of the stuff that doesn't work in his life. Now he's not like that anymore. He's completely changed.'"

What was Mario's dad looking for? Impartational blessing, a spiritual impartation that comes from God that should have come through a dad and a mom that never happened for him. He received it when he was 65 instead of 13. It came a few years late but my point is it's never too late.

I think this is something that God wants to reimport to the Body of Messiah for us to understand this again. If we can get hold of this, I believe we'll have the same kind of statistics that Jewish people have. We'll see our children and grandchildren be at the top of the seven mountains, and I'm convinced that's God's plan.

That's the end of my little teaching for the moment.

Dr. Joseph Peck: Wow. What a blessing to me, I'm sure, and what a story to end on. It's just such a touching story.

Before we field the questions from the audience, I want you to actually, as a spiritual father, speak a blessing to each person here. Obviously God has positioned you at the top of the family mountain for a reason. I want to share, too, this message is a real eye-opener, a game-changer. I didn't realize the importance of a weekly blessing. I thought it's something you do once a year or once [every year 00:53:44] ...

Craig Hill: Yeah.

Dr. Joseph Peck: ... once a lifetime.

Craig Hill: Yeah, right.

Dr. Joseph Peck: Just that habit of the Shabbat, having that family meal and practicing that, something that seems so easy. You think, “Well, how does that really matter?” Then even talking about the seven critical times of blessing, you mentioned puberty as one of them.

My life’s slogan is “Blessed to be a blessing,” and in my emails I put, “Blessings.” In fact, when I see “Regards,” it’s just like, “Regards what?” “Sincerely what?” I put blessings, but a lot of times it’s blessing whatever I’m hearing the Holy Spirit like it’s a prayer going forth with that thing, but with my own family I can definitely do better.

Even this has been an eye-opener for me, Craig, it really is. I’m sure everyone in the audience has been impacted. I’m definitely going to get your book myself and I recommend all of you purchase *The Power of a Parent’s Blessing* by Craig Hill and visit their website at FamilyFoundations.com.

I also want to encourage every one of you to watch the replay. My Sabbath inspiration this week is going to be about this *Power of a Parent’s Blessing*, where I send it out to 14,000 people or so. This is huge, what you’re talking about, Craig.

Craig Hill: Right.

Dr. Joseph Peck: I’m going to bring up a slide here while he’s praying. For those of you who have participated in one of our broadcasts before, you know the drill, or if this is the first time you’ve ever been connected to me or *Webinars777*, here’s our drill.

I want you to write down the one thing that stood out the most for you and then what one action step you are going to take as a result of today’s message.

Even though these are webinars and we’ve got a lot of people participating in them, I still consider them group coaching calls and coaching is not coaching unless the client takes action. Inspiration without application leads either to

stagnation or frustration. I want every single one of you watching or listening to the sound of my voice right now, whether it's live or the replay, to write down one action step, it's got to be simple, that you're going to take as a result of today's message.

Then if you have a question for Craig, I want you to type that in the GoToWebinar control panel in the question box, that box on the right side of your screen. Laura Nieminen will be fielding these questions in the Q&A time. Because some of you might have to leave early before we do that, I want Craig to pray this father's blessing on every one of you and me too.

Craig Hill: Super. Good.

Just before I pray let me mention, Joseph, two action steps that I know that people can take. One is if people have really struggled with destiny, fulfilling your destiny, and wondered "Why is it that I try so much stuff and it doesn't work, this or that," we've got a personal transformation 10-day conference coming up that is limited to just 40 people, a lot of intense ministry. That'll be July 13th through 23rd in Gunnison, Colorado in the beautiful Colorado mountains. If that's something of interest to you, check on our website, FamilyFoundations.com. It's also how we initially train our coaches so people who want to be coaches for others in this, I'd consider that.

The second thing is, just a weekend event we've got coming up called The Destiny Accelerator, and that will be in Denver, Colorado, in our area. That'll be May 5th through 7th. Now I'd like to pray that blessing and I'm actually going to pray two blessings. I think it's a little bit different by gender. I'd like to pray for the men first and then the women.

Let me just speak this over men. If you're a man, would you just receive this now? Father, I thank You for every man listening to this webinar today, whether it's live or recorded. I thank You for Your Holy Spirit's presence. I pray that You'd increase Your anointing right now over every man.

"Father, I pray that You'd begin to touch the heart of every man listening right now, and Father, some of us never heard those words from our own natural father, "I love you. I'm proud of you," for many reasons. Some of us didn't even know our father, he wasn't even available to say anything. First of all, Lord, before we even receive that blessing, God, we forgive our natural fathers."

You might just want to say that. If there's still pain in your heart, will you just say, "I forgive my dad..."?

Dr. Joseph Peck: I forgive my dad.

Craig Hill: ... for the lack of [inaudible 00:58:38]. He can't pay for that, but Jesus did. Now I speak over every man words that your dad should have spoken many years ago.

"Son, you're my son, I love you. You're not a little boy anymore. Today I declare over you, 'You are a man. You're a man of God. I release you into your adult destiny to fulfill and accomplish everything that was written in the book about your life from before the foundation of this earth. I take a sword in my hand and it'd be an emotional umbilical cord that's still tied you to your mother and made you feel like a little boy. I take a sword in my hand today. I cut that by the blood of Jesus. I cut that emotional umbilical cord and I release you as a man of God.

"I declare over you, son, you shall prosper in every area of your life. I bless your intimate relationship and fellowship with God.

"If you're married, I bless your marriage. If you have children, I bless your children, your grandchildren, your great-grandchildren to a thousand generations.

"I bless your business. I bless your finances. I bless your marriage, if you're married. I bless your ministry. I bless your physical health. I bless your emotional well-being. I bless you with joy, with peace, with prosperity in every area of life, and I declare you are connected, son, to the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, by the blood of Jesus, Messiah, and because of that covenant you will prosper in every area of your life. The good hand of your God will be over you all the days of your life, and this day demarks something in the Spirit.

I declare over you that you will not translate the past into the future, but you shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty by covenant. I bless you and I release you this day, in the name of Jesus, amen."

Over every daughter, over every woman, I pray this, words that your dad should have said many years ago.

Again, maybe you didn't hear those words ["I love you"] from your dad and he abused you or beat you or yelled at you or abandoned you.

He can't pay for that, but Jesus did pay. So if there's still pain in your heart from your own dad, would you just speak these words? "I forgive my dad, and I release him. He can't pay for his failure to bless, but Jesus did pay. Because of His blood, I forgive my dad."

Now I'm going to speak these words over you, words that should have come many years ago. God your Father says, "My daughter, you are not a little girl anymore. You are a beautiful woman of God. Today I declare over you, you are a woman. You're a virtuous woman, you're a woman of integrity. You're a woman of purity."

This is for somebody, "Nothing any man has ever done to you changes who you are. Any sin committed against you that you might have felt stole or took something from you does not change who you are." God your Father says, "You are still My daughter, a virtuous woman, a pure woman, a beautiful woman, and I declare over you this day ..."

Boy, there's somebody struggling. You're struggling in your own heart because you're saying, "It's not what was done to me, I opened the door. I did it. I did things I'm ashamed of."

You know what? You can't pay for what you did, either. Would you allow the blood of Jesus to be enough, to pay for everything you did wrong, all sexual defilement, all sin, ways you didn't bless your own children that you're feeling guilty about? You can't pay for that. Would you let the blood of Jesus be enough?

If so, if you're struggling with that, if you go, "I'm having trouble forgiving myself, I'm having trouble receiving this because of what I've done," would you just speak these words? "Lord Jesus, I cannot pay for my own sin. I did open doors, I failed to bless. I did things that I'm ashamed of. I can't pay for that. Lord, forgive me by the blood of Jesus and I receive that forgiveness today. Jesus, if You forgave me, today I choose to forgive myself."

Now let me finish speaking that blessing. "I declare over you this day you're not a little girl. I declare you are a virtuous, beautiful, pure, righteous woman of God, and that umbilical cord that might have tied you emotionally to your mother and

created the feeling of a little girl, I take a sword in my hand today and by the blood of Yeshua HaMashiach, I cut that cord. I release you into your destiny as a woman of God. I bless you this day. My daughter, you are beautiful. I bless your personal intimacy with the Father. I bless your emotional life. I bless your physical life. I bless your spirit, I bless your mind, I bless your emotions, I bless your will.

“If you’re married, I bless your marriage. If you have children, I bless your children and your grandchildren to a thousand generations. I bless your business, I bless your ministry, I bless your finances.

“I bless every area of your life and I declare over you, my daughter, you are connected by covenant to the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob by the blood of Jesus the Messiah and because of that covenant, you can expect the good hand of your God to be over you all the days of your life. From this day forth you shall prosper and you shall not translate the past into the future. Today is a demarcation in your life and I release you into the fullness of your destiny and calling this day. I bless you to fulfill every aspect of your calling in the name of Jesus the Messiah. Amen.”

Dr. Joseph Peck: Wow. This is God’s gift to you and people that you know.

Craig Hill: Do you feel that anointing?

Dr. Joseph Peck: Yes.

Craig Hill: It’s anointed over the internet.

Dr. Joseph Peck: Yes, I’m talking to the people in the audience. This is God’s Valentine’s Day present to you. It’s His gift to you on Valentine’s Day week. We celebrate that in America, I don’t know about other countries of the world. We celebrate Valentine’s Day on February 14th. God is just releasing His love and blessings.

We’ll make the video replay, the audio replay available. I’m going to have this transcribed so that you have access to that. We’ll separate out the blessing for the men and the blessing for the women so you can listen to that multiple times and get right to that.

This is something I encourage every single one of you to multiply, this message, to let everyone know, your friends, every friend you have and your enemies as well. I'm being serious. This is a message that we need to multiply. We need to share this message as a Valentine's gift from God, our Heavenly Father, to the world.

Laura, before we call on the audience with the questions, I want your feedback. You were the one who made this connection, who arranged this broadcast. I want your feedback if you can talk.

Laura Nieminen: I can, but I have been blessed today so much. I knew when I heard Craig speak several weeks ago that he was somebody whose message needed to go out to a new audience, that this message has to become a revolution in the area of family and in the family mountain.

Just briefly looking at the comments, I saw somebody sent a comment about how the blessings books came out several years ago and I'm thinking, "This is what happens in our nation. We have so much information, we have so many books that a book comes out like this, it's very powerful but it ends up underneath the pile. It's time for this message to come out from underneath the pile and gain traction in our nation for sure and around the globe, in the other nations as well.

In talking with Craig, they do seminars. 3000 seminars a year are done by the people who work with him, they're coaches. I know that you can go to his website and if you can't find a place to find it, you just put it in a contact form or something. You say, "I want to know. This is where I live, where's the closest person to me?" There will be a seminar somewhere nearby you. You might have to drive a few hours, but I'm just telling you, it will be worth it.

Once you have experienced that change, you in turn will become the person who shows to somebody else your life can also be changed because that's how this is supposed to work. It's not just that one person like Craig is supposed to minister to everybody around the globe. It's fantastic we can do this webinar and we have this opportunity, but it's really about you, it's really about your family, it's about your marriage, it's about your destiny and it's coming into that place where you can uniquely move into that place God uniquely set aside for you. That's what this is about today and this is just cracking the surface open.

What you felt today during Craig's prayer, that's a father's heart for you. It is, I agree with Joseph, this is a Valentine's Day gift to you and yours for the next

thousand generations if, and there is an “If” there because you can choose not to, but if you choose to take the action step and move in this direction.

Buy the book. Go to one of these conferences that Craig mentioned today, the one in May and the one coming up in July. Make a move toward that, don’t just sit on it, or find a seminar and go. Take your spouse, go receive what the Father has for you because that’s the key.

This is from the Father. It is ministry, yes, but it’s not just some business trying to make money. Craig is here because he has a destiny and a desire to change the culture that surrounds our families of the nation.

Thank you, Craig, for coming.

Craig Hill: Thank you, Laura. My pleasure.

Dr. Joseph Peck: Thank you.

Laura Nieminen: Some of the questions have [crosstalk 01:10:59] ...

Dr. Joseph Peck: Yeah, go ahead. We’ve got some good questions, including about a mother blessing the children.

Laura Nieminen: Yes.

I just want to repeat this from Robert. He says, “Mind-blowing. Wow,” from the first comments that came in almost an hour ago. That’s true. It’s amazing, it’s powerful, it’s been anointed.

Somebody says, “I’ve always believed in blessing people, especially our kids. You put words to the thoughts that I have had. My husband and I are 51 now, our parents have never blessed us. Our kids are 26 and 22 now, and we bless them every time we talk to them. They are living a prosperous life. Thank you for this message.”

Craig Hill: Wonderful.

Laura Nieminen: Someone says, “Oh yes, thank you, Dr. Joseph, for asking him to do this.”

Here's one. Georgia says, "When I married, my husband wrote out a three-page blessing for me. Would you comment on the power of this?"

Craig Hill: One of the seven critical times of blessing is right at the time of marriage. It's important for parents to be able to impart a blessing at the time of marriage as well, but for marriage partners to bless each other at the time of marriage is very powerful. It sounds, Georgia, like you have a very special husband because not many people do that.

Again, when people understand the power of proclamation, the power that they have to release things in the Spirit, it sounds like your husband had an understanding right from the beginning of imparting something spiritually that would release you as a wife to prosper and bless your marriage, so tell him that was an awesome thing for him to do.

Laura Nieminen: Yes. Thank you, Craig.

While we're on the topic of marriage, someone asks, "What advice would you have for my situation where I have newly married and separated from my husband and my father? My father is unsaved. Father would not be willing to play such a role to bless me, and my husband also is already divorced and doesn't believe in covenant."

Craig Hill: Was there more, Laura, you were going to say?

Laura Nieminen: I was just wondering, based on her question, that if she's meaning that her husband had been divorced once and now they are married?

Craig Hill: I don't know that. That's not clear from the question.

One of the things I would say to that is I know I have seen marriages restored, lots of them, from absolutely impossible situations. Many people who have been already divorced and sometimes divorced for many years we've seen restored. I never put it past God to be able to restore something even when people say that there's no hope, so in a situation where you're separated or your husband is not with you or you're at odds with your husband, that's not a permanent situation. God can change that and I've seen that happen many times.

I have a book on that that may help you called *Two Fleas & No Dog: Transform Your Marriage From Fleedom to Freedom*. Again, that's on our website, a book about marriage. God can change that.

I think the root at your question is, "So who's going to bless me if my husband is not available and my father is not available? How is that going to happen?" The answer to that is parents are the natural channel or pipeline that God intended to use for blessing, but when the pipeline is blocked or the natural channel is not available, God is always looking for different channels.

As Laura mentioned, we have seminars called *Ancient Paths and Blessing Generations* that are going on. She said, "We do about 3000 of them in 53 nations around the world. The purpose of those seminars is not just to convey information but to bring people into the presence of God where they can receive directly from God what they were not able to receive or never did receive through their parents." That's another option, and our purpose in those seminars is not just to teach people something but to actually give them the experience of receiving that impartation of blessing that they missed from their parents. That's an option there.

Of course I know that God is an opportunist. God will use pastors, God will use uncles, grandparents, everybody around. God will look. When your heart is opened to the fact that "I missed out on blessing, God, where will I receive this?" God will engage and bring you into the presence of those who are key in your life who can bless you.

Again, that's really the purpose of the blessing generation seminar. There are a bunch of those listed on our website that you can have a look at.

Laura Nieminen: Thank you, Craig.

Darlene is saying her action step is to "Release a blessing on each of my children today."

Craig Hill: Wonderful.

Laura Nieminen: That's excellent, Darlene. Make it happen today. That's awesome.

Somebody else is saying that she's going to send notes with blessings to who she can. She has one daughter who's not talking to her, but she has one that she can mail a card to each month. That's her action step, to put a blessing in a card.

Craig Hill: Great.

Laura Nieminen: One thing that stood out to Rosemary is "To weekly bless my six children as their mom and pray for their dad to do this, even though he is not yet a believer. I am thankful he is a good dad, regardless." Do you have any suggestions for how she might potentially draw her husband into this, even though he's not a believer at this time?

Craig Hill: Yeah, it depends on where he is, what he's open to receive. Sometimes people who are even not believers would be willing to read a book like *The Power of a Parent's Blessing* because they realize it's about their children and they want their children to be blessed, so as a wife you have to determine what your husband would be open to receive and he might receive a book like that.

The other thing is, you don't have to put it in real spiritual terms. You could even do something just as simple as, say, "You know, honey, I think it would be powerful if we just spoke some kind words over our children every week."

I know that many times unbelievers will rise to that occasion and say, "Yeah, I could do that," whereas if you asked them to pray, that's intimidating. Maybe they don't know how to do that, they don't know what that really means but if you say, "You know, why don't we just take a few moments and speak some kind words over our children every week?" I've found that unbelievers will rise to that occasion and many times will be willing to join their spouse in doing so.

The funny thing is, Holy Spirit will use them without them even realizing it. They will end up speaking prophetic words over their own children that they don't even realize are originating in the heart of God and coming through their mouth to their own children. A person definitely does not have to be a believer to do this. People can do this just because they have a care and concern for their children so you could start even just on that basis, "Could we once a week make a habit after dinner of just speaking some kind words over each one of our children?"

I wouldn't be surprised if your husband would not be willing to do that. I bet he would.

Laura Nieminen: That's an excellent suggestion.

Jane says, "Wow." Her action step is to forward this webinar to all parents that she knows and the question is, "Can a wife bless the husband if he is not walking with the Lord?"

Craig Hill: Absolutely. Blessing opens the heart.

Here's a real simple principle. Blessing opens the heart, curses close the heart. If you've got somebody that's closed to God or closed to you, how do you get their heart open? Bless them.

Matter of fact, Jesus said there's a specific class of people who you're supposed to seek out and go out of your way to bless, and those people are called enemies. Jesus said, "Bless your enemies and those who spitefully use you."

Why did He say that? The answer is if you'd like that person not to be your enemy anymore and to be your friend, how do you do that? Bless them.

Why is that? That's a basic faith principle, Romans 4:17, "Calling things that be not as though they were." If you bless somebody who's persecuting you, if you bless somebody whose heart is closed to you, if you bless somebody who's rejecting you, what are you doing? You're actually, through your actions, calling that person your friend, which is releasing action in the spirit to move that person toward becoming your friend. You're actually by faith calling them your friend when they're behaving as your enemy. That's really what the power of blessing is, so yes, you can bless a husband who is not walking with the Lord.

You just have to be very careful. Don't use your blessing to tell him all the things wrong with him, "Lord, I bless my husband with patience. I bless my husband that he would really love his wife the way he should." Don't do that kind of thing, but you bless him by truly calling out characteristics in him that you appreciate, things that really are true.

I Peter 3, of course, says this, "In the same way you wives be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the Word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior."

There are things that you can do that will win the heart of a disobedient husband. I'm afraid most wives don't know what the word "Respect" means. God showed me three very specific things that respect means and if a wife will bless her husband with those three things, it will open a door, it'll open his heart. Those three things, of course, are in that book, *Two Fleas and No Dog*.

Laura Nieminen: Thank you, Craig.

Nathan asks, "Can ADD and being chronically late for everything be a result of a curse?" He says, "This seems to run in my family."

Craig Hill: I have seen that to be the case. I remember one man who struggled with being late for everything in all his life came to one of our seminars. When we prayed and said, "Lord, where did that originate? Where did that start," the Lord identified a fear that had gotten in this man's heart actually from before birth, while he was still in the womb. It was a fear of change. He actually had a deep-rooted fear of being born and he was three weeks late. His mother went three weeks over her due date. It was basically that little boy in the womb did not want to come out of that safe, secure environment and have to face the world. That fear had gotten in his heart and actually carried with him on into adult life.

When we ministered to him and we were able to identify that fear, that deep-rooted lie and image that had gotten deposited in the depths of his heart and allowed the Lord to minister to that, the Lord removed that lie and replaced it with the truth that, "No, you were supposed to be born. You were supposed to come out into the world. You are secure. You are adequate. You are loved. You are valuable. You are protected." Those are nice words, but God actually imparted the feeling to him. That was life-changing for him and eliminated the being late for everything. It never happened again in his life. It changed that thing on the inside that was motivating him to do that.

Not that that would be the same for ADD or this particular thing, but in many cases we find that these are things that are passed down from one generation to the next can be patterns. The good news about them is Jesus died and shed His blood to break every one of them. We can appropriate the blood of Jesus to break that and change it and sometimes it's not enough just speaking words, "I break that in the name of Jesus." Many times there are actually deep-rooted emotional

lies on the inside and images that go along with it that need to be removed and replaced by the truth that the Lord had in mind for that person.

Laura Nieminen: Thank you, Craig, and maybe several thank you's here, people saying "I needed that prayer. Thank you for praying and blessing on us women."

Darlene says, "I accept."

Craig Hill: Amen.

Laura Nieminen: Many people are feeling the Spirit of God, feeling blessed.

Craig Hill: Great.

Laura Nieminen: Flo asks a question, "If a father curses his son, can his mother's blessing negate the curse?"

Craig Hill: I don't 100% know the answer to that because you're talking about spiritual dynamics, but I'll tell you this. The blessing of a mother certainly will not hurt. We see a case to be made in I Corinthians 7 that when there's an unbelieving husband, for example, Paul said that the prayers of the wife actually sanctify the children. Let me just read that specific thing, "For the unbelieving husband is sanctified through his wife," I'm in verse 14 of I Corinthians 7, "And the unbelieving wife is sanctified through her believing husband, for otherwise your children are unclean, but now they are holy."

It's talking about that there is a spiritual authority that's there in a believing wife and a believing mother. I don't know 100% that you can nullify things that have been imparted from a father, but as a wife you can certainly intercede and you can certainly bless. You can certainly teach your children, "Look, you don't need to receive everything that comes from anybody, including your father. Everything that's coming from anybody needs to be weighed out by what the Lord says. When somebody says you're stupid, for example, or you're ugly, all I need to do with that is go to the Lord and say, "Lord, is that the truth? If You tell me I'm stupid and ugly I'll believe it, but let me hear what You have to say, not just receive it because somebody said it to me."

A mother can certainly train her children that the ultimate authority on identity is not even a father or a mother, it's God Himself. A mother can say, "Even I might

lose my temper sometime and say something to you that I don't mean that's very hurtful. Don't receive it. Please just go to the Lord and ask Him, 'Lord, who am I? What's the truth? I need to hear what You say.' He is the ultimate authority on our identity, not any person, actually."

Laura Nieminen: Yes, that's excellent teaching for everyone, for all of us and people we talk to.

Sandra says, "What impacted me the most is looking in the eyes when blessing. I will now do the weekly blessing with my husband. The question I have is, 'Am I able to cut the umbilical cord of others that are not in my family?'"

Craig Hill: Probably not. I don't think that it works that way but you can certainly intercede and pray and people can get understanding of that. I'm not sure that a third party from the outside is so easily able to do that, but we can certainly intercede and pray.

Laura Nieminen: Thank you.

Clementine is from New Zealand and wants to know if there are ever any seminars in New Zealand, in the north island. Do you happen to know off the top of your head?

Craig Hill: You're on. We have an office in Hastings, in Hawke's Bay, talk to Paul or Helen. Look on our website, FamilyFoundations.com. At the bottom are listed all the international offices. Click on New Zealand and that will put you in touch with Paul and Helen in our office in Hawke's Bay. We do have seminars in the north island, especially we have more in the Wellington area than we do in Auckland, but we've got them in Hamilton, in Hawk's Bay, in a number of places around the north island in New Zealand.

Laura Nieminen: Thank you, Craig.

Robert has a question, "Is there an online teaching or seminar available?" If so, how would they find that?

Craig Hill: There are online resources available that are on our website. Another real good resource where some of these things are available is on my Facebook site. If you just go to my name, Craig Hill, you'll find my Facebook site, and if you

“Like” that, then you’ll get notification of all the online things that we’re doing. There are a fair number of online resources as well.

Laura Nieminen: Wonderful. Thank you.

Someone says, “One thing stood out, Shabbat blessing on the family every week and the Jewish family.” They said, “Most Christians don’t do that, which is so sad. The action step is to bless everyone, any time I meet with someone. I can be a minister of impartation of blessing to everyone.”

I think you got the prize today.

Craig Hill: Yeah.

Laura Nieminen: You got the connection, that we have the power to bless. What’s in our tongue? The power to bless and the power to curse. Thank you for that.

Craig Hill: Exactly.

Laura Nieminen: Somebody wants to know what are the seven critical times of blessings?

Craig Hill: We’d be here for another couple hours. I can list them but that won’t tell you what to do or how to do them. I really encourage you to get the book *The Power of a Parent’s Blessing* or go to *Blessing Generations*, but just so that you won’t feel like I’m avoiding the question, I’ll tell you what they are.

The very first one is right at the time of conception, the identity of a child can be blessed or cursed. During the time in the womb, while you’re a little child in the womb, you can be blessed or cursed during that time.

You can imagine what happens if a woman becomes pregnant and she was not intending on becoming pregnant, maybe she’s not even married. What if she spends several months in the first few months of pregnancy basically cursing the child and saying, “I wish I wasn’t pregnant, this is ruining my life. How could this happen to me?” There’s an impartation that comes spiritually to that little child.

I know somebody's feeling really guilty right now because you did that. What you do is just go to the Lord and say, "Lord, I can't go back and reset that. Forgive me, by the blood of Jesus," and now begin to bless your son or daughter.

The second time is time in the womb. The third time is right at the time of birth, a powerful time of impartation to the heart of a son or daughter. Again, Jewish people, Jewish families have a tradition, they certainly did in the days of Yeshua in Bible times of blessing that child eight days after birth. There was an impartation of the name and being brought into the covenant of circumcision for little boys, so that was a very powerful time of blessing at birth.

The next time is in early childhood when that child is an infant, basic trust is established. The mother is the primary role-player during infancy, being used by God to establish basic trust when the heart of a child is saying, "Is there somebody here bigger than me, stronger than me who really loves me, who will meet my needs?" God's resounding answer is, "Yes. I have placed my agent in your life. Her name is mom," and there's a security and trust established there.

People who never have consistent impartation of blessing from a mom many times end up with difficulty trusting outside of self, they only trust self. Later on when they become Christians, they're born again and they meet the Lord, they say, "Lord, I give you everything. I trust You," but when crisis or pressure comes to their life they have great difficulty trusting God. They take it back into their own heart and never actually allow God to finish what He started. They take it away from Him because they never learned basic trust.

The same thing happens when they get married, they have great difficulty trusting a husband or trusting a wife. That's coming from lack of impartation of blessing in infancy.

The fifth time would be at the time of puberty. That's the time we mentioned when a boy should be released to be a man and a girl should be released to be a woman, and as you can probably tell through the prayer I prayed, what happens many times is the doctor cuts the physical umbilical cord when the baby is born but there is a good and right emotional and spiritual umbilical cord that still ties the heart of that child to a mother and generates the feeling of, "I'm my mommy's little boy. I'm my mommy's little girl."

That's a good and right feeling, but that is cut and is meant by God to be cut right at the time of puberty through the voice of a father that releases that son or daughter into their adult destiny, an adult identity as a man or as a woman. It's the voice of the father that cuts the emotional umbilical cord with the mother and releases a boy or a girl into their adult identity and destiny.

Again, in Jesus' day that would have happened for everybody. You couldn't escape it. In our day, it happens for very few.

The sixth time would be right at the time of marriage. God intended every marriage would be blessed by both sets of parents. Again, there was a system in the Bible that pretty well ensured that would happen.

In our culture today, many times people get married without the blessing of their parents and struggle for a long time trying to disprove the negative words, curses, and prophetic impartations that came through parents of, "You married the wrong person, this marriage will never last, it'll never work out." Those kinds of things are not prophetic words from God but many times come through the mouth of parents. The sixth time would be marriage.

The seventh time is a reversal of the roles. Proverbs 31:28 says regarding the virtuous woman, "Her children rise up and bless her." That is later on in life that children rise up. As their parents have blessed them in the first six areas, when your parents are older, that's the time for an impartation of blessing to your father, an impartation of blessing to your mother.

We did that in a formal sort of way for my parents probably 20 years ago. I think it was about 1997, 1998, something like that. My father actually just passed away last week and we'll have his memorial service. He was 94 years old. We'll have his memorial service next week. I'm glad that I can go to the memorial service and I will read the same blessing that I spoke over him 20 years ago, in 1997, I think it was.

I'm glad that I can go to his memorial service and be able to say I'm glad I had a chance to look him in the eyes and impart my blessing to him while he was alive and not have to be a person who goes to the funeral with a lot of regrets saying, "I wish I would have done this, I wish I would have said that," being able to go to my father's celebration of life after his getting rid of his physical body and going on into eternity with the Lord, that I can go to that celebration service and say,

“I’m glad I took opportunity to impart blessing to him while he was alive and he could hear it.”

If you have living parents, I encourage you to plan to do that. Again, I’ve got a lot of suggestions of how to do that in the book, *The Power of a Parent’s Blessing*.

Laura Nieminen: Thank you, Craig, powerful testimony.

Jennifer says, “The thing that stood out the most to me was the actual power of the blessing at the end spoken over me and the impact it had. I wept. The action I want to take is to make a weekly habit of blessing my son on Shabbat. He is turning six. I want to reverse damage already done and see him transformed and healed. His father is absent.”

Craig Hill: Powerful.

Laura Nieminen: Yes, Jennifer. We know that you’re going to see that.

Patsy says, “I’m 69 and everyone in my family smoked. My dad quit when I was about five. When I was 15, I dated a boy he didn’t like. I told him that I wouldn’t see the boy anymore if he would let me smoke at home. He said, ‘Okay.’ All these years I have tried to figure out why he quit smoking because it would kill him but that he gave me permission to smoke.” Indeed, that’s a good question.

Craig Hill: Say the question again, Laura. Why, what?

Laura Nieminen: She wondered why her father quit smoking and yet he gave her permission to smoke.

Craig Hill: I think that would just be an area of blindness on his part, that he didn’t realize the impact of that and didn’t realize the door he was opening for his daughter. I don’t think that was malicious, I think that was just something he really did not see in his own heart.

Laura Nieminen: Yes.

Craig Hill: If there is anything in your heart still by way of bitterness or resentment toward your father, the key there would be to realize your father was blind. He can’t pay for his mistakes or his sins, but Jesus did pay. Just allow the

blood of Jesus to be enough today to release your father from any resentment or bitterness in your heart against him. Your dad can't pay for his mistakes and he can't pay for his sins, but Jesus did pay and if you'll let the blood of Jesus be enough, that'll cut you free from what bitterness would hold you in bondage to.

Laura Nieminen: Good suggestion, Craig.

Marianna asks, "How would you suggest to do a bat mitzvah? We have an upcoming bat mitzvah and that is new to us."

Craig Hill: I wrote a book about that called Bar Baraka: A Parent's Guide to a Christian Bar Mitzvah. It's on our website and I'd encourage you to just get that book. That'll give you a boilerplate of some suggestions of how to do that and you can modify it for your own family and your own culture.

Laura Nieminen: All right.

Craig Hill: God gave me that little [term 01:39:33], Bar Baraka. "Baraka [ata 01:39:38]" in Hebrew is the word "Blessing." I thought as believers grafted in through the blood of Jesus in the New Covenant, what would we want to call a ceremony like that? I felt like the Lord gave me that little phrase "Bar Baraka," which is "Son of my blessing," or "Bat Baraka," "Daughter of my blessing," as well, but that little book would give you some suggestions of things that you might want to include in the ceremony, when to do it, how to do it, and there's the webpage from our store. That book is not on that page, but it'll be on some page on that website.

Laura Nieminen: All right.

Somebody wants to know when their replay will be available. Within 48 hours you'll find an email with the link to where you can find the replay, so be watching for that in your email inbox.

Somebody wants to share this with their cousins. Again, the best way is to take this replay link that you're going to get. You can forward the email to them or you can just put the link in an email to them and send that out.

Somebody wants to share this in Bahrain with family that is serving there. We just bless you in that.

Craig Hill: Super. We haven't had any seminars in Bahrain but we do a lot of them every month in Dubai, which is not far from Bahrain.

Laura Nieminen: Good.

Someone is asking about seminars planned for South Africa.

Craig Hill: Again, we have seminars every week in South Africa in virtually every city. If you go to FamilyFoundations.com, at the bottom of the site will be all the international offices. Click on South Africa. Our South African office is Kwa-Zulu Natal, near Greytown, actually. There's Family Foundations Africa and that'll give you all the seminars that are upcoming in various cities in South Africa.

Laura Nieminen: Wonderful. Thank you, Craig.

Marilyn asks, "How can you bless a daughter who does not talk to you or wants to have anything to do with you?"

Craig Hill: That falls basically into the category of enemies again, and Jesus said you should go out of your way to especially bless your enemies, so what you want to find out is what would she be open to receive? What pleases her? What does she love? You start with what pleases her, not with what pleases you. Find something that she would be willing to receive and begin to give to her what she would receive.

In the beginning she may not be willing to allow you to pray over her. She will later if her heart gets opened, but what you want to do is find out what is her love language, basically? What does she receive? How does she perceive love? Begin to bless her with that, whether it be time or gifts or kind words. I don't find anybody that resists kind words. You can use kind words and then it will basically open anybody's heart if they're sincere.

Dr. Joseph Peck: Can I add something to that too, Craig?

Craig Hill: Yes, please. Sure.

Dr. Joseph Peck: Dr. Susan Austin, one of our partners with the broadcast, wrote a book called *Courage to Be Real* and we did training programs with her for all of 2016. She still is doing ongoing training. For all of her broadcasts, she would write

a spirit blessing. The spirit knows no bounds, so you don't actually have to be present with the person to have that blessing take effect in their lives.

Now obviously there's power in looking them in the eye, as Craig's talking about, and laying hands on the person, them receiving it that way, but you can bless the person's spirit.

Craig Hill: Very true. Can I mention one other thing? Usually the reason somebody's heart is closed is they've been hurt, they've been wounded, so oftentimes I've found before you can bless somebody you'll have to go back to the root of that wound and repent. If you can discover what is the root of the wounding in their heart, of why they've closed their heart to you, they protect against you and they don't allow you in, repent and ask forgiveness from them. That's the [opinion 01:44:27] [inaudible 01:44:28] [deal with the same problems 01:44:31] that will open up their heart.

Dr. Joseph Peck: Thank you. It's about time to wrap this up. How was this for sticking within our 60 minutes? Craig asked about the boundaries and I told him, "Well, if people want to keep on going we're going to go ahead and keep on going if it was okay with him."

What a delight, Craig. This will be one of our most popular broadcasts we've ever done would be my guess. This gets multiplied out because I can't imagine people not wanting to share this with their family, with their friends, and some even with their enemies.

Craig Hill: That's right.

Dr. Joseph Peck: One of the ways you bless your enemies can be sharing something like this, for them to even understand the blessings, hearing from someone like Craig. He's not coming from just a religious spirit, he's just talking from someone who understands the blessings so people, I think, would be open to receive from him.

Laura, I'm going to thank you for the wonderful job you've done facilitating the Q&A ...

Craig Hill: Yeah.

Dr. Joseph Peck: ... and I want to thank each of you in the audience for choosing to be participating in a live broadcast, and for those watching the replay, thanks again for choosing to be part of this.

Craig, are there any closing comments you'd like to make? We're going to have you say another prayer, whatever you feel led to pray about this message just to begin to multiply.

Craig Hill: Sure. Now I just want to mention, I hope that for some who are watching today I might get a chance to meet you personally at one of our live events. Again, we'll be doing one called Destiny Accelerator in Denver, May 5th through 7th.

Then the longer one where we're really training our coaches, it's not just for personal transformation. That's a big part of it, but where we can really begin to train coaches in this process is our international school of ministry.

It will be international. We'll have people from many nations there, and that'll be in Gunnison, Colorado. We use the university campus there during the summertime when the students are not around there at Western State University, but I would love to meet you if you feel led to be a part of that. Go to our website and click on the International School of Ministry and Personal Transformation. It's July 13th through 23rd, so I hope I'll get to meet a number of people personally.

Other than that, I think the most important thing is love God with all your heart, bless people around you, and you'll make a difference in your environment.

Dr. Joseph Peck: That is simple and yes, I love this. This has really spoken to me. I'm going to be getting on the phone with some people here when I get off this broadcast.

We can know we need to speak words of life to people, but it really just lets you know, if we've cursed people in the past week, in the past month with words that we spoke for whatever reason, to go ahead and repent for that to the person ...

Craig Hill: Amen.

Dr. Joseph Peck: ... and go ahead and speak blessings over them, oh my gosh.

Will you say a closing prayer? I want you to say a prayer too just about God multiplying this blessing and whatever else you feel led to pray now.

Craig Hill: I'll do that. My sun went down and now it's messing up my light here and I've got these little shadows on everything. Yeah, let's pray for that.

Father, I just thank You so much for this time. Thank You for Dr. Joseph, for Laura, for all the people involved with this multiplication ministry, this online ministry, Father, of getting Your word out around the world. I pray that You continue to multiply Dr. Joseph's ministry. Multiply the webinars, Father. Thank You for giving him wisdom that he can impart to other people.

Father, I pray that You would bless his family, that you would bless his ministry, and Father, that You would continue to bring the team around him that are just the right people to continue to multiply this ministry.

Father, I pray for this time of blessing, that even this broadcast, this webinar, would be used in lives of people around the world to open doors for blessing.

Father, would You restore a culture of blessing to our families, those of us who are listening to this live or the recorded replay of it, Father? I pray for a culture of blessing, that You would do supernatural things in our own hearts and our own lives, and Father, that we would be able to be blessed to be a blessing, that that which we have received from You, You would give us many people to impart.

I pray for a viral infection of blessing to spread throughout the internet as well as to spread just house-to-house, family-to-family, person-to-person.

Father, would You use us to do that by the power of Your Holy Spirit? In the mighty name of Jesus the Messiah, amen.

Again, as you finish the rest of your day, love God with all of your heart. Bless the people around you, and you will see a tremendous difference being made in your environment.

Dr. Joseph Peck: Thank you, Craig. This concludes our global broadcast on WGOD, God's broadcasting station bringing heaven to earth and earth to heaven. God's collapsing the quiff, bringing the unseen into the seen. By loving God and

blessing people that are in your sphere of influence you will accelerate that, bringing heaven to earth.

Good-bye, everybody. We look forward to connecting with you again in the near future.