

Astonished A Story Of Healing And Finding Grace

This book explores the life history of Reverend Honorary Canon Lazarus Muyambi, a man who left his teaching career to dedicate his life to priesthood. Lazarus was called to serve God not only as a priest but also as a spiritual healer. He was the founder of the religious community of Holy Fire, the St. Agnes Gokwe Childrens Home, and the Zimbabwe Spiritual Healing and Manger Centre, to name a few. This biography explores his experiences, which include his accomplishments and challenges throughout his healing ministry and priesthood. It also features testimonies of the people who were healed through the channel of God, Lazarus Muyambi.

"An outstanding collection that brings an extraordinary international perspective to the growing literature on the treatment of the survivors of torture." -- New England Journal of Medicine

In a house teeming with life, young Maura, voted the Most Quiet Girl in Catholic school, notices everything but says little. Eager to penetrate the secret world of her father, FBI agent Joe Conlon, she is drawn to the bureau drawer where he places his badge at night. The time is the late 1960s, and Vietnam and the Cold War are fomenting unrest outside Maura's suburban Los Angeles home. Inside, the Conlons and their five children are still bound by tradition:

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baseball games, Sunday dinners of roast beef and mashed potatoes, and The FBI on TV. Under the watchful gaze of J. Edgar Hoover's picture, Maura's mother, a former New York bathing beauty, remains a housemaker even as she slips out for assertiveness training. And there's the one unshakable rule of all: Joe Conlon never talks about his job. In fact, he rarely speaks at all. Believing that he communicates in code, Maura is determined to crack it. She uses clues gleaned from Nancy Drew mysteries, eavesdrops on adult conversations, and spins larger-than-life fantasies in her head, with her younger brother, Joey, who has Down syndrome, at her side. But her flights of fancy turn sober with a murder in the family. Suddenly her father's silence speaks volumes, and she learns a lesson from him about fierce love during a time of devastating loss. Bathed in luminous nostalgia, resonating with hilarious and painful memories, FBI GIRL is the coming-of-age story of a highly imaginative girl and a passionate homage to family bonds, the trials that test them, and the triumphs that make them stronger.

Substantial articles on 2000+ Greek words that are theologically significant in the New Testament. Traces usage in classical Greek literature, the Septuagint, intertestamental texts, and the New Testament.

Have you ever puzzled over a strange word in the

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Bible, a hymn, or a prayer book, or wanted to explore a familiar term more fully? In either case, this book can serve you on your quest for deeper understanding. Here you will find essays on topics from “apocalypse” to “worship,” as well as narratives and insights by the author. Words matter for Christians, because they are the tools used in our journey with God.

This book investigates stories of Jesus’ exorcisms in the Gospel of Mark. The story of Jesus’ first public ministry in the synagogue (Mark 1:21–28) and the Beelzebul controversy story (3:20–30) are examined to understand the other acts of exorcism that Jesus performed (5:1–20; 7:24–30; 9:14–32). Both Mark 1:21–28 and 3:20–30 highlight Jesus as a teacher and as an eschatological exorcist. The latter stresses Jesus’ own understanding of exorcism and relates his identity with that of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, the first two exorcism stories in Mark’s Gospel confirm Jesus as the bearer of the kingdom of God. The motif of discipleship, which is evident in both stories, contributes to delineating Jesus’ christological identity as the Son of God, as indicated by the incipit of Mark’s Gospel (Mark 1:1). Markan exorcism stories in Mark 5:1–20; 7:24–30; and 9:14–29 further develop the presentation of Jesus’ exorcisms and other primary motifs. The motifs of authority, identity, and mission confirm the christological identity of Jesus within gentile territory,

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and are an important part of his mission to the gentiles. Jesus' specific mission in Mark 9:14–29 presents the exorcism that Jesus performed in the context of his role in both death and resurrection. In this way, Jesus as the bearer of the kingdom of God defeats the kingdom of Beelzebul.

Healing is one of the most constant themes in the long and sprawling history of Christianity. Jesus himself performed many miracles of healing. In the second century, St. Ignatius was the first to describe the eucharist as the medicine of immortality.

Prudentius, a 4th-century poet and Christian apologist, celebrated the healing power of St.

Cyprian's tongue. Bokenham, in his 15th-century *Legendary*, reported the healing power of milk from St. Agatha's breasts.

Zulu prophets in 19th-century Natal petitioned Jesus to cure diseases caused by restless spirits. And Mary Baker Eddy invoked the

Science of Divine Mind as a weapon against

malicious animal magnetism. In this book Amanda Porterfield demonstrates that healing has played a major role in the historical development of

Christianity as a world religion. Porterfield traces the origin of Christian healing and maps its

transformations in the ancient, medieval, and

modern worlds. She shows that Christian healing

had its genesis in Judean beliefs that sickness and suffering were linked to sin and evil, and that health

and healing stemmed from repentance and divine

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forgiveness. Examining Jesus' activities as a healer and exorcist, she shows how his followers carried his combat against sin and evil and his compassion for suffering into new and very different cultural environments, from the ancient Mediterranean to modern America and beyond. She explores the interplay between Christian healing and medical practice from ancient times up to the present, looks at recent discoveries about religion's biological effects, and considers what these findings mean in light of ages-old traditions about belief and healing. Changing Christian ideas of healing, Porterfield shows, are a window into broader changes in religious authority, church structure, and ideas about sanctity, history, resurrection, and the kingdom of God. Her study allows us to see more clearly than ever before that healing has always been and remains central to the Christian vision of sin and redemption, suffering and bodily resurrection.

“Fans of Sarah Dessen and Mary Kay Andrews will enjoy this grown-up Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants, a story of risk, reward, loss, and love” (Booklist). A Publishers Weekly Pick of the Week and a New York Post Required Reading Pick It all starts when four unsuspecting women, on a singles' bike trip through Normandy, discover a mysterious red book about love. But did they discover it—or did the book bring them together? Somehow the possibly magical Love Book will insinuate itself into Emily's, Beatrice's, Max's, and

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Cathy's lives, which so far haven't turned out exactly the way society, their families, or they themselves have planned. Along the way, they'll be nudged, cajoled, inspired—perhaps even “guided”—in spite of themselves to discover love, fulfillment, and the true nature of being a soul mate. “The Love Book should come with a warning: Do not begin unless you can afford to finish it—today. I could not, and did not, put it down. A contemporary Jane Austen, Nina Solomon has written a smart and funny book about what it's like to be a woman, no longer young but not yet old and still single, looking for love in all the wrong places, only to find life. I laughed out loud so often I was downright downcast when I reached the last page and had to give up the good company of these wonderful characters.” —Beverly Donofrio, author of *Astonished: A Story of Healing and Finding Grace* “Happy endings abound in this novel about the power of love and friendship.” —Kirkus Reviews “A compelling mix of story lines . . . Plenty of good banter and characterization.” —Publishers Weekly This is the story of Ann Vaz, a humble wife, widow and mother. Ann, aided and inspired by Saint Padre Pio, the Capuchin mystic, gave birth, in difficulty, to six treasured boys. She is one of God's little superstars whose light already glows across five continents. This story tells of a woman's suffering, faith and trust when unexpectedly stricken with a virulent and inoperable cancer. With only a short time to live she remembered her father's directive (“Look up to the sky when in danger, call on God and He will help you.”) This she did in prayer. To the dismay of her children she prayed not for a miracle to save her life

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but rather that God's Will be done in her. As a pilgrim in Medjugorje, she was told by a charismatic priest that "God is going to touch you today." God did touch her and restored her to full health again in what Ann refers to as "The Father's Embrace." On her return to Canada her doctors were astonished and delighted that they could find no trace of cancer in Ann. It is so to this day, 25 years later.

Offers a fresh reading of the much-debated Synoptic Problem.

This book takes the established fields of orality, performance, and first-century Christian healthcare studies further by combining analogues of praise performances to Apollo, Asclepius, and those from the Dondo people of South Eastern Zimbabwe to propose that Jesus's healing stories in Mark's Gospel are praise-giving narratives to Jesus as the best folk healer within the region of Capernaum. The book argues that the memory of Jesus as the folk healer from Capernaum survived and possibly functioned in similar contexts of praise-giving within early Christian households. The book goes through each healing story in Mark's Gospel and imaginatively listens to it through the ears of analogue from praise-giving given to Greek healers/heroes and similar practices among the Dondo people. The power, completeness, and effectiveness in which Jesus healed each of the mentioned conditions provoke praise-giving from the listeners to the best folk healer in the village. In each instance, while Mark is calling for attention to the new healer, more so, he is raving praise-giving. This year, experience deep healing and refreshment.

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We're all sick and we're all hurting. Whether it's a broken arm or a broken heart, a chronic illness or wounds from our past, the fact remains: We are all in desperate need of God's healing. In our pain, it can be easy to believe God has forgotten about us, to believe that he doesn't even care. Dr. Reggie Anderson, author of the acclaimed memoir *Appointments with Heaven*, knows it can't be predicted how God's healing work will come to pass in our lives and hearts . . . only that it will. As a country doctor who has had remarkable experiences attending people in pain, Reggie wants you to see what he sees every day—that whatever your sickness, whatever your hurt, God is alive and active in your life. He wants you to be truly well, even if that looks different than you might expect. Rich in story and inspiration, *The One Year Book of Healing* will reveal the many ways our Savior heals and intervenes in the lives of the sick and the hurting—giving you the faith, hope, and patience to believe that God can do the same in your life.

Way of the Ancient Healer provides an overview of the rich tradition of Filipino healing practices, discussing their origins, world influences, and role in daily life. Enhanced with over 200 photographs and illustrations, the book combines years of historical research with detailed descriptions of the spiritual belief system that forms the foundation of these practices. Giving readers a rare look at modern-day Filipino healing rituals, the book also includes personal examples from author Virgil Mayor Apostol's own experiences with shamanic healing and dream interpretation. The book begins with an

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explanation of Apostol's Filipino lineage and legacy as a healer. After a brief history of the Philippine archipelago, he describes the roots of traditional Filipino healing and spirituality, and discusses the Indian, Islamic, Chinese, Japanese, Spanish, and American influences that have impacted the Filipino culture. He presents a thorough description of Filipino shamanic and spiritual practices that have developed from the concept that everything in nature contains a spirit (animism) and that living in the presence of spirits demands certain protocols and rituals for interacting with them. The book's final chapter thoughtfully explores the spiritual tools used in Filipino healing—talismans, amulets, stones, and other natural symbols of power.

Examining his professional interactions in the context of the world in which he lived and practiced, Galen and the Rhetoric of Healing provides a fresh perspective on a foundational figure in medicine and valuable insight into how doctors thought about their patients and their practice in the ancient world.

The Augsburg Commentary on the New Testament Series (ACNT) is written for laypeople, students, and pastors. Laypeople will use it as a resource for Bible study at home and at church. Students and instructors will read it to probe the basic message of the books of the New Testament. And pastors will find it to be a valuable aid for sermon and lesson preparation.

Classic Christian author A. J. Gordon expresses curiosity about whether the healing miracles from the Middle Ages up to his day can be verified as a continuation of Christ's Spirit in the church. Through deep study and

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inquiry of the established history, Gordon concludes that the power to heal followers remains with the church—there was no special era of miracle working. God and His powers remain the same in the modern era as they have right through human history. For Gordon, God's intervention in the suffering and sickness of His followers is frequent; the will of the Lord however is variable—but He will not prolong the pain of someone whose illness is too great. Throughout this text, A. J. Gordon makes his argument from a biblical perspective, citing passages in both the Old and New Testament that support the continuation of spiritual gifts. Quoting testimonies of believers across the ages, he offers a convincing argument that the church ministry is, to this day, one of healing.

The Global Bible Commentary invites its users to expand their horizon by reading the Bible with scholars from all over the world and from different religious persuasions. These scholars have approaches and concerns that often are poles apart. Yet they share two basic convictions: biblical interpretation always matters; and reading the Bible "with others" is highly rewarding. Each of the short commentaries of the Global Bible Commentary is a readily accessible guide for reading a biblical book. Written for undergraduate and seminary students and their teachers, as well as for pastors, priests, and Adult Sunday School classes, it introduces the users to the main features of the biblical book and its content. Yet each short commentary does more. It also brings us a precious gift, namely the opportunity of reading this biblical book as if for the first time. By

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Structural Commentary on Matthew's Faith, 1987), as well as, most directly related to the GBC, Ethics of Biblical Interpretation (1995), The Challenge of Discipleship (1999), Reading Israel in Romans: Legitimacy and Plausibility of Divergent Interpretations (ed. with Cristina Grenholm, 2000), The Gospel of Matthew: A Contextual Introduction (with Monya Stubbs, Justin Ukpong, and Revelation Velunta, 2003). José Severino Croatto, Professor of Exegesis, Hebrew, and Religious Studies, at Instituto Superior Evangélico de Estudios Teológicos (ISEDET). A contributor to Revista de Interpretación Bíblica Latinoamericana (= RIBLA) and the Movement of Popular Reading of the Bible, he published 22 books, including three volumes on hermeneutics, Exodus, A Hermeneutics of Freedom (1981); Biblical Hermeneutics. Toward a Theory of Reading as the Production of Meaning (1987); Hermenéutica Práctica. Los principios de la hermenéutica bíblica en ejemplos (2002); three volumes on Génesis 1-11 (1974; 1986; 1997), the last one, Exilio y sobrevivencia. Tradiciones contraculturales en el Pentateuco; three volumes on the book of Isaiah (1988; 1994; 2001), the last one, Imaginar el futuro. Estructura retórica y querigma del Tercer Isaías (Isaías 56-66); two volumes on Religious Studies (1994; 2002), the last one, Experiencia de lo sagrado y tradiciones religiosas. Estudio de fenomenología de la religión (2002). Rev. Dr. Nicole Wilkinson Duran, after teaching New Testament in the USA, South Africa (Zululand), in Turkey, is currently teaching part-time at Rosemont College and Villanova University, and with her husband raising twin sons in the

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suburbs of Philadelphia, PA. She has published articles on topics ranging from gender and race in Esther, to the unread Bible in Toni Morrison's novels, to body symbolism in the story of John the Baptist's execution, and edited (with G. Phillips) *Reading Communities Reading Scripture* (2002). She is an ordained Presbyterian minister and does occasional preaching and adult Christian education. Teresa Okure, SHCJ, a graduate from the University of Ibadan, La Sorbonne, École Biblique of Jerusalem, and Fordham University (Ph.D.), is Professor of New Testament and Gender Hermeneutics at the Catholic Institute of West Africa, Port Harcourt, Nigeria. She is or has been a member of the executive committees of several associations, including EATWOT (Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians, as Executive Secretary), the International Association for Mission Studies (IAMS), and the Society for New Testament Studies (SNTS). She published more than 100 articles and six books including *The Johannine Approach to Mission: a Contextual Study of John 4:1-42* (1988), ed. *Evaluating the Inculturation of Christianity in Africa* (1990) and ed. *To Cast Fire upon the Earth: Bible and Mission. Collaborating in Today's Multicultural Global Context* (2000). Archie Chi_Chung Lee, Professor of Hebrew Bible, Department of Cultural and Religious Studies, The Chinese University of Hong Kong. A specialist of cross-textual hermeneutics, especially Chinese text and the post-exilic biblical tradition. He is the author of several books including *A Commentary on the Book of Koheleth*, (in Chinese 1990), *Doing Theology with Asian Resources: Ten Years*

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in the Formation of Living Theology in Asia (1993, ed.) and Interpretation of the Megilloth (in Chinese 2003) and numerous articles including "Genesis One and the Plagues Tradition in Ps. 105," *Vetus Testamentum*, 40, (1990): 257-263, "Biblical Interpretation in Asian Perspective," *Asia Journal of Theology*, 7, (1993): 35-39, "The Chinese Creation Myth of Nu Kua and the Biblical Narrative in Genesis 1-11," *Biblical Interpretation* 2 (1994): 312-324, "Cross-Textual Hermeneutics on Gospel and Culture". *Asia Journal of Theology* 10 (1996): 38-48 and "Biblical Interpretation of the Return in the Postcolonial Hong Kong," *Biblical Interpretation*, 9 (1999): 164-173.

Mayri of Magdala had the same needs as most people today; to understand themselves and feel they have value. Her goal was to satisfy an emptiness within herself, but for years she juggles career and family values against a life of secret sin. Only through her relationship with the Master did she finally feel as a person of worth. Mayri, eighteen-years-old, youngest daughter of a respected family in Bethany, smart and pretty, and fallen... Unthinkable... a harlot anointing the feet of a King.

In this series of messages based on scripture, the author demonstrates the vital applications of the Bible for our times, dealing first with the greater words of faith such as love, grace, and reconciliation. It then sheds light on various events in Jesus' life and beyond. A third group of messages shows the Bible addressing social issues such as sexuality and violence.

Mornings with Jesus, an annual, 365-day devotional,

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delights devotional readers with daily entries that include a Scripture verse, reflection on Jesus's words, and a faith step that inspires and challenges. "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." (John 15:5) Spend the year following Jesus, reflecting on daily devotions that show us His unchanging love and faithfulness. In *Mornings with Jesus 2020*, you can read one all-new devotion each day that will encourage you to embrace Jesus's love, to lay down your worries and abide in Him, and to focus on Him as Redeemer, Friend, and Faithful One. Lifting up their voices in heartfelt gratitude, thirteen writers consider the character and teachings of Jesus and share how He enriches and empowers them daily and how He wants to do the same for you. Every day you will enjoy a Scripture verse, reflection on Jesus's words, and a faith step that inspires and challenges you in your daily walk of living a Christ-like life. In just five minutes a day, *Mornings with Jesus 2020* will help readers experience a closer relationship with Jesus. It's full of inspiring and lasting motivation and spiritual nourishment that fill readers with hope and direction.

Sunday Times bestselling angel author Theresa Cheung is back with a new collection of extraordinary stories revealing how our guardian angels intervene in our lives, bringing us a lifeline of hope, healing and spiritual transformation. The honest and astonishing accounts in *An Angel Saved Me* are proof that, even in our darkest hour of need, we are never alone. These remarkable stories of miraculous intervention remind us that there is

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so much more to this life than we can ever know. Even in a troubled world, angels can bring us protection, guidance and a sense of hope, comfort and purpose when we need them the most.

First published in 1989. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company.

This volume offers groundbreaking dialogue by many of the most prominent scholars in the field in a definitive treatment of central issues in theism and Christian faith. Jir? ?Dvor???k examines the usage of the messianic title Son of David in Matthew's Gospel against the background of contemporary Jewish ideas, focusing especially on how the Solomon as exorcist tradition shaped Matthew's final portrait of Jesus as the healing Messiah.

A bestselling memoirist bravely tells the story of the night evil paid her a visit—and how prayer chased evil away Beverly Donofrio had already lived two lives, first as a scrappy young mother on the streets of the East Village and later as the bestselling author of *Riding in Cars with Boys*. By the time she reached her fifties, she thought she had seen it all. Now, even though she was living in a vibrant, picturesque Mexican town, where she practiced yoga, drank margaritas in her backyard, and took salsa lessons, she felt lost and was searching for monasteries to visit. The religious practice that had nourished her for several years had faded. She missed God. Then one night she woke to find a rapist holding a knife to her throat. So begins the memoir that charts Donofrio's journey—a long and twisting road through denial, mourning, anger, vulnerability, and retreat at five very

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different monasteries. Told through Donofrio's brutally honest, often ribald, emotionally unsparing voice, *Astonished* is a tender and hopeful narrative of healing and learning to love life again.

Epilepsy comes from the Greeks. It is a word that means to possess, seize, or hold. Epilepsy is described as short-lived burst of uncontrolled energy in the brain. Epilepsy is a neurologic disorder that affects the brain. Help bring epilepsy out of the world of darkness. Be part of the epilepsy awareness. Epilepsy is one of those disabilities that doesn't get the proper attention. Adults and children living with epilepsy deserve to be treated fairly and with resp

Following her husband's suspicious death, Merryn Huntley flees with her daughter to Mexico, where she discovers she can't outrun self-deception.

An annual resource for parish ministers, liturgists, pastors, and planning committees, *Living Liturgy* offers a practical means for reflection on and celebration of Mass for Sundays and solemnities as well as select other days. *Living Liturgy* integrates spirituality and celebration, catechesis and pastoral practice, the ministry of the assembly and other ministries so that celebrating and living go hand-in-hand. Written by a pastorally experienced team with expertise in Scripture, spiritual direction, liturgy, and liturgical music, *Living Liturgy* teaches that we learn from each other of the fullness of God's mystery, and by learning and worshiping together we enrich each other. *Living Liturgy* helps people live a liturgical spirituality. This is a way of living rooted in liturgy, which opens their vision to their

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baptismal identity as the Body of Christ and shapes their living according to the dying and rising rhythm of the paschal mystery. The paschal mystery is the entire saving mystery of Jesus Christ--his life, mission, passion, death, resurrection, ascension, sending of the Spirit, and promised second coming--and our participation in this mystery. Liturgy enacts in the here and now Christ's mystery and sends each one of us forth to live this mystery. Anyone involved with liturgical planning and preparation will benefit from using this resource, including pastoral ministers, liturgy directors, musicians, and liturgy committee members. Living Liturgy also assists those who serve the community in the visible liturgical ministries--presiders, deacons, music ministers, hospitality ministers, altar ministers, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion--because it clearly shows that each ministry deserves not only practical preparation but, even more important, spiritual preparation. Further, catechumens, candidates, and sponsors use Living Liturgy to support and deepen their liturgical journey within the RCIA. Members of faith-sharing groups use this resource as the focus of weekly prayer and reflection together. Parents and teachers will find that Living Liturgy can be simplified and shared with younger members of the liturgical community.

Over the last twenty years there has been a great surge of interest in the healing ministry, yet this ferment of activity seems not to have been matched by an equally fresh or energetic study of healing in the New Testament, which ostensibly forms the basis, and is still claimed as supplying the inspiration for the 'revival' of

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this ministry. This work is the first, serious, critical study of healing in the New Testament as a discrete subject. Its purpose is to arrive at a clearer understanding of what Scripture actually tells us about healing; not what we imagine it says or hope that it might say, not what we may have been led to believe it says, nor indeed what we have sometimes been taught that it says, but what the sacred authors actually wrote, and more to the point, what they meant by what they wrote.

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A highly regarded New Testament scholar offers a substantive commentary on Mark in the award-winning BECNT series.

Resurrect beauty from the ashes of betrayal Wife and mother Cindy Beall's world was shattered when her beloved husband of nine years confessed his pornography addiction, numerous affairs, and the stunning news that another woman was pregnant with his child. What could have been the end of a marriage instead became a testament to God's miraculous ability to restore broken hearts and damaged bonds. With the wisdom and healing she's gained in the twenty years that have passed since her husband's devastating revelation, Cindy shares her own experience as well as those of couples she's counselled. Drawing from her intimate knowledge of human pain and God's power, Cindy shows how you can... seek support, counseling, and prayer after deception has surfaced rebuild trust that's been eroded by infidelity, addiction, or other transgressions help your family heal from grief and reconcile with any long-term consequences rely on God

