

HEALING IS HERE 2016

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IMPACT INTERVIEWS

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There was an atmosphere of hope, healing, and restoration at the *Healing Is Here Conference* in 2016. People were healed and transformed by realizing who they are in Christ and what He has given them. We hope you enjoy these stories as much as we enjoyed interviewing the people who shared them.



Denise Spinell – Lemont, IL

What is your occupation?

I'm a small business banker and commercial lender for small businesses.

How did you become acquainted with Andrew Wommack?

I became acquainted with Andrew through watching his programs for years. I learned about the finished work of the cross, *The Believer's Authority*, about how much the Lord loves me—those types of things.

What is your favorite teaching of Andrew's, and how has it impacted your life?

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You've Already Got It! is my favorite teaching because it explains the finished work of the cross, what Jesus has already done for me, and that everything that I was—He took it all. I was already healed of all my infirmities and everything. He died for my peace too.

Have you been healed through one of Andrew's teachings?

I was diagnosed with thyroid cancer. My blood work was showing a tumor marker that was extremely high. The endocrinologist said that I needed to get the tumor removed. I went to see the surgeon, and they scheduled the surgery for a week later. I felt the Holy Spirit put the brakes on the surgery. So, I went to another doctor and got a second opinion. After learning about the finished work of the cross and that

I'm already healed, I felt God wanted me to go to a particular meeting. A minister that I didn't know, who understood the authority of the believer, came up to me with a word of knowledge and placed her hand over my thyroid. She started speaking to that mountain of thyroid cancer, and I just received. After she prayed for me, I got the baptism of the Holy Spirit. I went back for more blood work, and my tumor marker went from 500 all the way down to 50. My nodules shrunk. It was amazing! They did a needle biopsy and did not find any abnormal cells. I praised the Lord! From that time until now, I still get checked, and it's still low. I believe it's finished, and I praise Him for it. My healing is here!

What is Andrew teaching on, and how are you being helped by this teaching?

What I learned from Andrew is that it was already finished on the cross. I don't have to earn my healing. It was already done! And I don't have to earn it in any way by trying to be good, or to beg God for it. I was set free from that idea, and it was through Andrew's teaching.

What does partnership mean to you?

Partnership is supporting this ministry so that people all around the world can know the true nature of God, and the truth can set them free.

Are you a Charis student? How has Charis changed your life?

I prayed to the Lord about being hungry for the Word, and He led me to Andrew's ministry and Charis Bible College. I couldn't get enough. It's taken root, and I see the fruit of that in my life. Everything that I've learned at Charis, and continue to learn, I've been sharing with young women. I have become a mentor for young women, and I'm a part of other women's ministries too. And sometimes I serve at conferences as a prayer intercessor.

Would you like to say anything to Andrew?

Thank you so much for your ministry. I've been set free by knowing the truth through your teachings and Charis Bible College. It has been amazing!

Caleb Knox – Jacksonville, FL

What is your occupation?

I was doing pool maintenance. Now I'm hoping to focus on Bible college and work in construction.

How did you become acquainted with Andrew Wommack?

I found out about Andrew through my in-laws. We saw the transformation that happened in my stepdad. His life was totally transformed. I equated that with Andrew Wommack. I started watching him and was just blown away.

What is your favorite teaching of Andrew's, and how has it impacted you?

The Andrew Wommack teaching that impacted me the most is definitely *Spirit, Soul & Body*. It made me recognize who I truly am, now that I am born again. I was never taught and never understood that the Holy Spirit is living in me and transforming me from the inside out. But all of Andrew's teachings, and the revelations he shares have just impacted me.



Have you been healed or had a significant life change through one of Andrew's teachings?

"I went up for prayer, and I felt instantly the chains were gone."

I was addicted to pornography for many years, and it was eating me away inside. The teaching that I had received in the past was on how to manage my sin. I got born again back in 2008 and got free of a lot of things instantly right then, but I could never get free of pornography. When I came to the conference last year, I received key truths that I needed to apply to my life. Two thousand years ago, it was already paid for. It was done, and I was healed. I don't have to do anything to get set free. I received praying in tongues, and that helped build me up and give me the courage to stand against this temptation. At the end of a pastors' conference, I went up for prayer, and I felt instantly the chains were gone. That was a year ago! I'm free, and I never could say that before. Lies that I had heard kept me in a state of confusion, and I didn't understand the power that the Holy Spirit has provided for me. It's all God. It was almost like a jail cell was open, but I didn't know how to walk through it, because I thought it was closed. It's the greatest thing I've ever experienced.



The reason pornography seems so powerful is the shame and condemnation that comes with it. It keeps you in darkness and keeps you scared to step out. But the door is wide open for you to be totally free as long as you partner with the truth of Jesus Christ that by His stripes, we are healed. If the enemy is saying you've been in this for too long, you're so addicted, and you'll never get out, that's an absolute lie. You're free in Jesus's name. Start declaring that over your life. Addiction steals your ability to walk in the power that Christ has given you. It's a deception, and it's designed to kill you. It was killing me. It was stealing my family away from me.

Are you a Charis student? How has Charis changed your life?

We decided, as a family, to come to Charis because we saw the transformation that happened in my in-laws. I stopped my whole life to come here. The Holy Spirit is

transforming people's lives here. Truth is being spoken over people. That's why we decided to come to Charis.



Would you like to say anything to Andrew?

I'm so grateful for this place, for Charis Bible College, and for Andrew's ministry. My family was almost stolen from me because of my addiction. But because of the truths that you [Andrew] stand for, I have been healed, and I am addiction-free. My family is restored, and we're walking in healing.



Jolene Hamel – Venice, FL / Lake George, CO

What is your occupation?

I was a second-grade teacher for about twenty-eight years. I also taught at Fort Hays State University in the Department of Education.

How did you become acquainted with Andrew Wommack?

I first started watching Andrew on Christian TV stations. I met a friend who works for the ministry, and I became further acquainted with Andrew through her.

What is your favorite teaching of Andrew's, and how has it impacted you?

I think the most profound information I've received from Andrew is the idea of speaking to the mountain. It's a simple concept, but as I've read some of his books—one being *Sharper than a Two-Edged Sword* and the other being *A Better Way to Pray*—I've started to become knowledgeable about how important that is. And also, how profound it is to actually speak away pain, symptoms, illness, fear, or whatever it happens to be. To actually speak to the mountain—that's been a big revelation to me.

Have you been healed or had a significant life change through one of Andrew's teachings?

This summer, I was presented with some symptoms that turned out to be pancreatitis. The information wasn't very welcomed. I just immediately started declaring my faith and standing very strongly without fear. This was the first time in my life I've really been able to just say *no*, talk the fear away, and speak to the fear. I came here for healing, and I believe I've received it. I'm still speaking to some of the lingering symptoms, but I know that I've been healed. Every time Satan presents another little blip, I just start speaking against it. And before I know it, it's gone! It's a process. I have no doubt that I am clean, and it's going to be a bright future. I learned today that God doesn't expect us to die of diseases. The fact that we have a certain number of years in our lives doesn't mean that we should start looking for things to go wrong. We can stay strong to the end. I have the energy I had twenty-five years ago. I just bought two kayaks, and I'm ready to go, so I don't have time to be sick. I'm going to keep speaking to the mountain!

How are you enjoying the conference?

My daughter asked me to attend this four-day conference, and [it has]

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blessed me. Four days seemed like a very long time, but I can tell you that I have enjoyed every session and every minute. I look forward to staying until closing time and coming back tomorrow. It's one of those mountaintop experiences. It's been exhilarating, refreshing, energizing, spiritually feeding, and fulfilling. It's something that I would recommend to everyone. In Richard Robert's session, I was amazed at myself. He taught us to minister to people, how to lay hands on people, and [how to] pray. I would never in a million years have guessed I would be doing that anytime soon, and it was amazing to me. I mean, I am just excited. I want to go out and give it a try. I know God will be with me, and that's something I'm going to take with me. I'm ready to go!



Would you like to say anything to Andrew?

Andrew, I would just like to tell you how grateful I am for whom God has made you to be. I am so grateful for this conference, for all the teachings that you have shared, and for the people that you have selected to speak as well. It's been profound. I'm a teacher, and I always try to give my students something they can take home with them that day. A person can grasp onto the simplest concept and take it home and change their life with it. I am just very grateful. Thank you!



David Bartholdi – Hemphill, TX

What is your occupation?

I worked for Shell Oil for about twenty years. After I got married, I went to work with my wife, full-time, as chief operating officer of the home health agency. We take care of the old folks.

How did you become acquainted with Andrew Wommack?

It was in November of 2014; Melda, my wife, was at MD Anderson [hospital] with her daughter Kim. Kim had been diagnosed with cancer. While there in the waiting room, she met a lady named Jeannie. God kind of put them together. Jeannie told Melda about Charis Bible College.

What is your favorite teaching of Andrew's, and how has it impacted you?

Spirit, Soul & Body is my favorite. I was an alcoholic and drug addict. I was not a very good person, and I couldn't hold jobs for very long. I felt like I was just a balled-up mess of a person because I could not break away from my sinful behavior. I heard Andrew's teaching *Spirit, Soul & Body*, and it confirmed who I was in Christ. First John 3:9 says that if His seed remains in you, you've been born again, and you cannot sin. I understand now that Scripture is true because in my spirit Christ lives in me, and there could be no sin in my spirit. My soul must be renewed by the Word of God.

Are you a Charis student? What has been your experience?

We've had an amazing first year with teachers Arthur Meintjes, Greg Mohr, Barry Bennett, Lawson Perdue and, of course, Andrew. Everything they teach is aligned, and it agrees with the Word of God perfectly. Charis has brought habits into our lives like reading, studying, and meditating upon God's Word. I would say to anybody that has heard the call of God in their life and feels a void, Charis is a place where that void is filled. When you come here, and you get connected with Andrew Wommack Ministries and Charis Bible College, you become free to do God's will anywhere that He sends you. It becomes peace and joy and love in the Holy Ghost. It is an amazing place to be.

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Would you like to say anything to Andrew and Jamie?

Andrew and Jamie, I want to thank you so much for everything that you are doing and everything that you've done personally for Melda and me. You have brought so much truth into our lives through God's Word and through the teaching of Charis Bible College. Thank you, thank you, thank you. From our hearts, we love you so much. Thank you!



Verbal testimonies have been transcribed and edited for length and clarity.