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EDNA JEAN GREEN HORN

A. Of course what they would do if that's the kind that wasn't big enough I've seen it around the house and had my parents tell that, of course, they would put their own pictures.. they were in a oval frame and as officers they would put their commission pictures in there.

Q. Do you still have those?

A. Yeh, there up home... there not here. I have very little here.

Q. Ahuh. Well, that's something.

A. They, .. they I think they, W. M. Booth I think it was customary for them to send officers a picture. (can't understand)

Q. She's not living now is she?

A. I thinks she's dead. I last heard her on radio

My father received the Baptism at 40 or 50 years old then he didn't know what it was.

Q. That's the same as my great grandfather. He hadn't it but didn't know what it was so he just kinda pushed it off.

A. That's right.

Q. That's the way I found out a lot of these old time preachers ... they didn't know what it was at first.

A. Yeh, And a he never fit. And my father said after he received the Baptism he never really fit in the army and then he ran a _____ house and never really fit. What I mean he got along okay, but a... he had that something in him and a.. he didn't dare talk about it because they said because they would say, "Oh, so you believe in the third work of grace, huh?" And I don't know if you know the doctrine or not.

Q. I've never studied the doctrine on it, no.

A. Well, a..the Wesley Doctrine taught a second work of grace that when you were sanctified that was the Holy Spirit and you were totally eradicated of the old man and the old carnal nature and a.. it would be an impossibility because to even get angry.

Q. Huh.

A. If you were eradicated. I mean the old man kind of nature is pulled out root and branch.

Q. That sounds like the old time people.. that's like grandmother was taught strick rules you burn the bridges behind you too. That's the way she used to tell me.

A. Ahuh. It's a good doctrine if you live up to it but the real truth is that we are being sanctified daily.

Q. yes, I agree with that.

A. You see what I mean... that's .. for instance something might come up that I never faced before and I have to make a decision to take the holy way. That's something to appreciate. (laughs)

Q. How many ministries are in your family background?

A. Well, my parents and a.. of course, my aunts, uncles and cousins. My grandfather was an anointed minister.

Q. How did they get mixed in with the Evangelites and the Pentecostal movement?

A. My father?

Q. Yes.

A. Okay, that's a wonderful story. When in the early part of the century I don't know.. possible 1907 or 08... they went down to visits relatives in Peori, Missouri and those relatives had received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit... third from Azusa Street? Have you heard of Azusa Street?

Q. Oh yes, I've heard of Azusa Street, it's one of my main interests is finding some more information on Azusa Street.

A. And a.. they .. Mother brought... was it Brother Browley.. does that ring a bell?

Q. I've looked in my files and I have never heard of the name.

A. Well, I can find out the names because I'm going from here down to some of his relatives and they'd know.. and a.. to save us writing a book on the cousin and do some research on her. She started 27 churches down there.

Q. 27 churches.. what is her name?

A. Her name is Zella Green Johnson....her married name was Johnson .. her maiden name was the same as mine.. Green. (chuckles)

Q. Did any of your family attend the Azusa Street meetings?

A. No, but Harry Boley and some of these people came from Azusa Street to St. Louis and brought what they called "bringing the message" and then they went down to _____, Missouri and held meetings and my relatives fell into it there... these relatives are from Michigan but they went down there for the... my old Aunt Mattie's health. So when my father went down to this one, he saw wonderful things happen and he believed in all of these things anyway and a.... he saw them speaking in tongues and healing the sick and he said, "That's what I had what I got when I was a boy". So he said he went to the alter and asked the Lord to renew it to him if that's what he had and the Lord just renewed it to him. (laughs). And a... a.. it was really the real thing.

Q. Did he ever speak of how they tarry for the Holy Spirit then? How long did he tarry for it?

A. He didn't tarry at all. He didn't know it.

Q. He didn't know what it was?

A. He said he was milking a cow for his father down by Grand River with these big meadows... and it's an now the Fair Grounds and a he was just in prayer and everything and he said all of a sudden he was filled with the Spirit and began to speak a strange language but he didn't know what was the matter and he said he was totally filled and overwhelmed and overjoyed he asked the Lord to stop it.

Q. Asked the Lord to stop it.. that's the first time I've heard of that.

A. He said he thought he couldn't hold anymore.

- Q. Well, that has to be the Holy Spirit then.
Well, how did you relatives get it? Did they tarry or do they ever mention... or did they just go to the altar and got it?
- A. I think that in those days the way I think people did tarry in those days... but a.. tarrying can be a custom just like some other things that are going around now are a custom. And a... but I think the teaching of the old days was welcome him into your heart and of course, you had to be saved first and see that you had a clean heart... cleaned from all self. And a.. get .. if there was anything that might hinder the Holy Spirit, give it up, get it out of the way and see the Blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son the Bible says cleanses from all sin and so when we are saved we really are cleansed. And a.. but I don't know I wasn't...(laughs).. but I have worked with them since I left and some relatives and I think that a.. they just became very I think when one is consecrated you don't seek the Holy Spirit, he seeks you. The Bible says that God sent the Holy Spirit into the world to seek^{out} from the Gentiles a people for his Name. And so really He's seeking us we're not seeking Him.
- Q. Ahuh. Yes, I can see your point.
- A. She laughs.
- Q. A.. did they set up any kind of an organization or association?
- A. Not then, no. We didn't. I guess the Church of God, various branches of it are ordered in the Assemblies of God. But the Assemblies of God were formed in August of 1904. In a.. Athens.... I think it was Eureka Springs Arkansas.
- Q. I think it was to.
- A. And a... Jesus Only Doctrine by this time began to circulate.
- Q. That soon?
- A. Ahuh.. and the original reason the Assemblies of God I've got a picture of the original. You could get all the people in half of this room.
- Q. I've seen it. But you have a copy of it?
- A. Ahuh.
- Q. Where did you get your copy?
- A. I don't know.
- Q. You don't know.
- A. I probably got it from an evangelist somewhere.
- Q. Yeh, I've run across some of the old Assemblies of God first convention I guess you could call it...of them their all standing around.
- A. All standing around kinda ... I suppose I don't know how many were there but I don't know if there is anybody living... I did know quite a few of the people that were there but I suppose that their dead most of them now.
- Q. Most of them at least their about to die if their not already dead.
- A. Laughs,,, yeh... then my father filled in there in Missouri for Harry Boley.... He is one of the original ... Harry Boley later went to Africa as a Missionary.... for the Assemblies of God... he was very well know in the early days.

A. But they had formed to keep out the Jesus Only Doctrine coming in this and when the Assemblies of God was formed they didn't call themselves and organization they called themselves an organism... of the Body of Christ.. an organism.

Q. That's the first time I've heard that.

A. That's one reason I joined it but they've change since.

Q. Yeh, they have. They've changed tremendously.

A. She laughs.

Q. I have talked to some of them that are elderly old ministers that are still licensed with them and what they say happened back then is completely different from today. Really .. not weird, but different... how they've changed over the years. My grandparents were Assembly of God ministers. They've even told me how things have changed like tarrying for the Holy Spirit as you know they did too, but..

A. I believe in tarrying for the Holy Spirit but tarrying in the Bible didn't mean what they think it means. Tarrying means to wait.. until and Jesus told them not to depart from Jerusalem but tarry until.. that meant wait until you be endued with power from on high before you go out from Jerusalem to work but some people developed into the thing that you got to get down and say, "Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord", but that doesn't do a thing but get you tired.. laughs.

Q. Yeh. Ahuh.

A. She laughs.

Q. Yeh, I've seen them do them both. I've seen some just get down and get it and then I've seen some Praise the Lord for 30 minutes and didn't even get it you know.

A. I think it depends on the condition of your heart.

Q. I agree with that too, I really do. How old were you when you preached your first sermon, do you remember?

A. I don't remmeber... I was 11 or 12.

Q. Do you remember what you preached about?

A. No, it was about salvation.

Q. When can you rmember your first healing occurred in your service that you were preaching?

A. I don't know that I know except that I was in high school in the 10th grade. One of my school teachers sent me out to the sick because he expected something to be done and he was not a Christian.

Q. He sent you out to visit the sick?

A. Yeh. He was a nice man and he sent me down behind the tracks. When I say behind the tracks I mean behind the track section of town.. to call on these people and they had a baby that was totally born blind from VD I think and I forgot whether he said it was from that but the Holy Spirit some how gives you discernment to know and the baby lived with its grandmother. The baby I think had been born out of wedlock. I don't know what he expected me to do for sure but they thought I was a bright child you know.

Q. I can imagine.

A. But anyway the baby they were Catholics in those days.. Catholics didn't have much to do with Protestant Ministers and the baby's eyes looked like they were going to burst. They stuck way out here and they looked like at any moment they might burst.. they didn't have any coloring in them sticking out here to kinda of a point and they looked in effect like they might burst. I told the grandmother that Jesus could help that baby and of course, I was very inexperienced you know and at that.. and the Catholics and anyway I prayed for the baby and the baby begin to look all over and begin to climb to things.

Q. Huh.

A. I don't know if it saw or not, but the priest came down and she told the priest about it and he told her don't let her back in.

Q. Huh, isn't that something.. yeh , that sounds like Catholic's reaction.

A. So I never followed it up anymore. I was young and afraid to go back behind the tracks it was a very poor house.

Q. What did the grandmother do?

A. I kinda don't remember. She just held the baby. I think she just didn't know what to think. It was an unusual experience because the baby began to climb and the baby had never seen.. it was.. I don't know how old it was. I would judge it to be 18 months to 2 years. So she told the priest.

Q. And then imagine what the priest said.

A. But no, I don't know if that was the first healing or not. That was just.. there's been so many things back in life you know. But that was real outstanding to me because my teachers sent me down there.

Q. That is very unusual for a school teacher to send you out behind the tracks to pray for other people.

A. And I think he sent me to somebody else too. The way it was then was my father wouldn't let me go alone and I was real young and didn't let me go out to hold revival services alone until I was 16.

Q. You were 16. What did people think of you as a young girl evangelist or preacher?

A. Well, I don't know.. I hope they thought well of me but I know they were very successful. But I was different. In this respect that my father wouldn't let people make over me so I'd think I was somebody because he said and he wouldn't help me like my grandfather said, "Let me take her to Florida, I can make a lot of money with her". As a girl preacher. My father wouldn't let him. He said whatever happens to her has got to be God it's not going to be people.

Q. Did your ministry grow, or did you ever have a tent like the tent revival?

A. We owned a tent before I was married.

Q. How big was your tent.. how many did it seat?

A. About 800.

Q. About 800. That's pretty good size tent.

A. For then, for those days.. that was before they had such big tents.

Q. How did you receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

A. Well, when my relatives.. 15 of my relatives came up from down in Missouri to visit us and I had .. I don't know that what I've heard my parents talk about them and I.. my mother always said when my girls grow up I want them to be like Uncle Charlies' girls. She held them up as a big deal you know.. of course, his girls were in my mothers and fathers generation and a.. they came up to visit and I was already preaching in a Holiness Church and preaching her and there and holding meetings with my father and with other preachers and they.. my church was Pentecostals so they began to _____ right from the pulpit and so I ran up and tipped in that he didn't want to stay at our house so my grandfather owned oh, I don't know.. probably 75 houses .. I don't know how many and that was his business to rent them and so he had a vacant house and he told them they could live there until they found a house of their own to live in until while they sent for the preacher to start the meeting. And so the first night they came and I sat on a little footstool and listened to them and father talk and tell about the meetings. They tell about the blind seeing and everything you know and I thought, "Oh, this sounds like the days of Jesus." My life I had totally surrendered and dedicated to the ministry and I thought boy, that's the way it should be. I began to weep... just the tears begin to roll down my cheeks and I became hungry but I didn't know what I was hungry for. Doctrine, right? (chuckles)

Q. Yeh.

A. Yeh. And so I went on and tears were rolling down my face night and day and finally somebody invited me to their house for a prayer meeting and I begged my dad if I couldn't go and he let me. I heard my relatives speak in tongues. And that's the first I had ever heard. And this lady evangelist interpreted and I thought I never heard anything so beautiful. Every word was perfect English and just beautiful language you know and I began to realize that whatever they had I wanted but I didn't get it that time and then I asked my dad to go up to this little house where they moved in and while they sent for their tent and back to Missouri. Dad wouldn't let me go but finally he let me go and I went up there. And they said, "Alright, Edna Jean we know what you came after" and I prayed with them.. just knelt down in my little camp chair and I just very quietly received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. (laughs).. and it's lasted.

Q. It has lasted.. a tell me if...

A. Now.. oh, here's a very important thing in connection with that. Early that Spring around very late in the Spring, my great grandmother was they thought going to die. She lived in Grand Rapids and the Baxters were college professors.. well off people and my father had given up all of that to be an army officer and dedicate his life to God you know.. so I felt that I must go and talk to my great grandmother to see if she was saved or not... cause I couldn't stand it. And I told everybody on my street and everybody I knew .. and my relatives didn't want me to go because I was young and _____ these people with it, so I couldn't go. So finally one of them decided maybe they'd let me go. But anyway I prayed in the meantime about it and had a dream. I dreamed that my father and I were fishing and actually we were holding meetings. We did hold meetings in this place later and that whenever we were fishing I caught a serpent on the line. (I was fishing for men you know). That was what we were

fishing for and the serpent grew, and grew, and grew to such great proportions until it was so big around and everything there was no way I could handle it. And I dreamed that I went up to one of my grandfather's houses and this was before my relatives ever came and I dreamed that I went up to this particular house and got a hatchet and killed the serpent and later it was this house that I went to and received the Baptism.

Q. Tell me some of the healing that occurred in your ministry?

A. Well, lots and lots of blind people were healed.

Q. First one you can remember.. I mean that you can remember the blind seeing?

A. Well, I was holding meetings in Lansing, Michigan. I don't know if it was the first one or not, somebody came and seen I was a teenager yet and he followed us around nearly all his life until he died you know, kept in contact with us and he was instantly healed of his blindness.

Q. In your meetings or in your tent meetings, did you have a prayer line.. did they come through or did you just pray for them from the pulpit at one time or did you go and lay hands on them.. each one of them.

A. Usually I had a healing line and on some of my tent meetings and meetings I designated a certain night praying for the sick or else you wouldn't get much else done.

Q. I guess.

A. Because in order to build a church in the peopel you have to build it on more than one line.

Q. A.. were there cripples healed in the meetings?

A. Yeh.

Q. What's the first one you can remember and how did it happen?

A. Well, I don't know that I can remember the first cripple, I never thought about it. To remember which was first.

Q. I usually ask questions like that and it takes a long time the first cripple and after I leave they will remember and write it down and sent it to me or call.

A. In through my radio programs I saw a woman healed. I don't tell this very much because a lot of people don't believe it.

Q. Well, I believe it. I've seen them come out of stretchers, wheelchairs and

A. And I can't run all over praying for people that write in for the radio you know.. that's impossible so I would sometimes pick out a letter and ask the Lord out of the letters I received which one would be possible to call on them in person because it's nice to that once in a while. And if it wasn't more than 100 miles why I would maybe try to drive over tosee them and this lady wrote and said she was 83 years old and blind and if I could just see to get around the house I would be so glad. So I drove over near Detroit to this town , a little town between Conneaut and Detroit and my daughter went with me because she was old enought to drive the car and the kids like to drive. We found the address and I knocked on the door and pretty soon I saw somebody groping their way to the door, her hair was all deshuffled, and so I tried to talk to her and to tell her who I was and come to see her and I had to scream in her ears and so I found out that she couldn't hear.

I said well we can't communicate this way and so we stood in the middle of the floor and I prayed for her hearing and she got it instantly and so then we could communicate thus, I did this rather than scream at her. I don't know how she heard me on the radio or if she could paly it high unless somebody told her that she could get to write to me. She had to have somebody write for her so she says, "Oh my, she says, I didn't know that could happen." And so I said now come over here and sit down and we'll talk. And I said, "If the Lord could open your ears don't you think he could heal your eyes?" And she says, "Oh, I think that would be harder for Him." I tried to reason with her why she thinks it's harder and I ask her what she did when she was younger and she was a school teacher and so she said she had cataracts and I let them operate and it was a failure and then I let them try again and let them operate on the other eye and it was a failure and then I had to have more surgery to cut away the jagged pieces of her eyeball.. and her eyeball was completely gone.

Q. Totally gone?

A. And her eyes you know instead of rounding out this way they were this way shape, looked like a grayish whitish piece of skin there and I said, "Well, after I had asked the Lord to lead me to which letter to go to you know I said, Well, who made you? And she said, God. And I said did you ever make a dress or sew and she said, "Yeh", when I had eyes. I said well if you made a dress would you know how to patch it or mend it and she said, "Oh, yeh when I had eyes". And I said well, who made you? And she says, "God". And she says what will I do? And I said nothing, you don't need to do anything, Jesus did it all. And I says just go set down in the chair and I said when you had surgery you trusted them to cut out your eyes and now Jesus, the Lord who created you knows how to put them back in and this won't hurt. And I said, just trust yourself to Jesus just like when we prayed and oh, within 15 minutes or so she had new eyeballs.. new brown eyes.

Q. New brown eyes.

A. Laughs....

Q. Did you set there and watch them?

A. Yeh, we just watched. My daughter went over and sat down. We stood by her and I said what color were your eyes before they were gone and she said brown and I said, "Well, they are brown now". And she saw.

Q. What was her reaction to this happening?

A. Well, she was amazed. She went to the door and looked out the window she looked across at my duaghter and says, "Her right leg is crossed over her left and she described the flowers on her hat and she went to the window and said that's a light gray car and that's a blue one, you know.

Q. Ahuh.

A. Laughs.. there was no excitement.

Q. I've seen some that if something like that would happen to them they would go crazy.

A. Well, we weren't in a meeting. Probably if we had of been in a meeting there would have been but it was totally new to her.

Q. A.. When did the first cripple in your meetings walk out of a wheelchair?

A. (Can't hear)

Q. Well, pick one that is extra special?

A. Well, there was a little boy crippled from muscular dystrophy that takes all of your muscles away and there were quite a few cripples. There was a lady she was like a board. You know.. if you picked her up she would be just like a board from arthritis and if you'd stick a pin in her leg she wouldn't have felt it and she was instantly healed of arthritis.

Q. What did the crowd do when they saw that?

A. Huh?

Q. Was that in the tent meeting?

A. No, that was not in the tent meeting it was in a convalescent home. They'd call us every once in a while.. she'd empty her home out.

Q. What did the doctors have to say? Did you ever have any problems with doctors?

A. Well, I've had pro and con. I'd always... I didn't do like Katherine Kuhlman and some people do and I should have got documentaries. I should have you know but I remember one blind lady that was healed. I never bothered to get any documentary you see I started young... and I didn't have managers and anything and I just didn't do that. I never advertised anything.

Q. How did you advertise your meetings or did you?

A. Well, mostly wherever had a meeting they were advertisement. I might have an old bill or two here. (can't hear.. laughs)
I asked this old lady, I refused to pray for her at first. Sometimes I refused somebody. I said you set and listen a while until your faith comes up and you'll be healed. Anyway her face dropped and one day I called her and she came out and went up there so I asked her to go. I said meet me one day and I took her to the doctor and asked him to examine her and he said she had no cataracts.

Q. She has no cataracts?

A. Here she was to be blind in a matter of weeks... totally blind.

Q. A..

A. Another doctor had called me a couple of times from another town to come and see his patients. He said there was nothing he could do for them.

Q. The ones that were against you.. what was their purpose of being against you.. what was their reasoning? They didn't like you or they didn't believe or.. call you a crank or.. what was the reason?

A. No, because we believed in speaking in tongues.

Q. They did believe in healing? Divine healing?

A. Some of them. The Baptists didn't. The way we had been written up in the newspapers by the Baptists.

Q. Those guys just can't get around.

A. They said if those people believe in divine healing they should go to all the hospitals and get all the people out and they should go up to the cemetery and raise the dead .. ridiculous you know.

- Q. Well, tell me of some of your experiences in raising the dead. I know you mentioned some of them?
- A. Well, I don't know for sure how many but I'm positive of one and when I was a.. One day there came a knock at my door and a man stood there and said is this where Edna Jean lives. He said he had been in my meetings when I was a teenager and had seen the sick healed and miracles take place and that's the only time in his life he ever seen it. So when his mother took sick years later, why he said he went all over to try to find me but I was married and so he couldn't find me because my name wasn't Green anymore. So he kept going from place to place and finally traced me down under my married name and he asked me if I'd come and pray for her that he had been to see her. I'd have to look at my notes at home to tell you about if that was straight. He said he had been days looking for me so I said, "Yeh, anybody that will try that hard I will go to her". And a. but I had to drive to another town and when I got there I went to another lady that I knew there and said, "Do you know where this street is so I can get there and she said, Yeh, I'll go with you and show you where the street is. So anyway I got there and the woman was dead and laid out and her children were all there except one maybe, of course, her children were all grown up as she was an old lady and she was dressed to go to the undertaker.
- Q. She was already dressed?
- A. And there she lay and I didn't know what to do because you don't .. as the Bible says, lay hand suddenly on no man and you just don't go around presumptuously to raise the dead you know. Jesus healed multitudes of sick but there was only a few cases he talked about of raising the dead. And I didn't know what to do. So I prayed and asked the Lord to show me what to do and the scripture came to my mind about this person that called for Jesus and he tarried for 3 days and didn't go.
- Q. Lazarus.
- A. Lazarus, but He brought that to my mind so I prayed for her and she raised up.
- Q. What did she say when she raised up? What was her.. what did she say?
- A. Whatever she said I don't remember. Of course, her family was...
- Q. Probably in shock.
- A. They were in so much shock I guess we hardly talked. I didn't say much to them. I just went out. When I see a miracle I usually don't stand around and talk. Just go.
- Q. I think that's a good thing to do. When a miracle happens. When a miracle happens in your ministry they are going to look to you and start.. that's the same way. I've done some preaching myself and when something like that occurs I like to leave as quick as possible because they try to worship you or something.
- A. Anyway, I didn't think much about it.. in fact, I even forgot about it. Because I don't even believe in advertising that. Because to advertise some great thing and some great person because I feel it was the Lord. and if the Lord leaves us what do we got? Anyway the end of this story is a number of years later we came into church. A small church that we were pastoring. We didn't have to pastor a small church but we had started this church from scratch and my husband was semi-retired so we didn't look for any other church or whatever. I was involed in all this radio and nvolved in a lot of things... (continued next page)

- A... Cont'd... but we walked into church one morning and there sat a man and we shook hands with him and we all come in, our people begin to come in about the same time. He says, "Don't you remember me?" I said, "No." And he said, "Well, I'm the man who came _____ Walker's mother was raised from the dead. You don't remember me?" And I saw people who were kind of astounded you know.
- Q. How many time have you told this story or do you tell it to people?
- A. No, I don't tell it very often. No.
- Q. That's common in ministries. Like this they just don't tell you know miracles and especially raising the dead. I've talked to some of the you know that will tell you one or two. It's very rare for you to tell it.
- A. Yeh, yeh, I don't know why. Maybe people will say that we were just trying to make some big deal. Bit it was true.
- Q. How did you pray for the dead?
- A. I rebuked the death.
- Q. You believe.. I heard Pat Robertson say the other day that you shouldn't do that? Do you agree with him on that?
- A. Well, I didn't hear what he said.
- Q. Well, I didn't get.. I just walked through the room and he said something and I turned around and he said that somebody was asking him about death.. should you rebuke death if it's time for the person to go or something and he said, "No, you shouldn't."
- A. Well, I rebuked death many times. When the person is dying and Jesus told his disciples to go lay hands on the sick and raise the dead didn't he?
- Q. Yes, he did.
- A. And I don't think it will happen often like healing does but I think I rebuked death and then I asked the Lord to send His life into them and usually prayed for the Lord to send His life to every blood vessel, every muscle, every circulatory system, every atom and every molecule of the body to bring life in.
- Q. You said that you rebuked death. Did you repeat that over or did you just say it once?
- A. I don't remember.
- Q. Did you lay your hands on them when you said that or did you just stay back and say it?
- A. I don't remember. I have a practice of not laying hands on people when they are demon possessed.
- Q. Why?
- A. Because the laying on of hands is a type of anointing.
- Q. So you don't have any contact with them?
- A. It's a.. your not blessing them or anointing them. I don't anoint them with oil, but oh, I do if they want to be anointed, but what I mean is that laying hands on the sick is one thing; it's bringing blessing to them, but when you rebuke the devil you take authority over them.
- Q. Yeh. When is the first person that you dealt with demon possessed?
- A. Oh my. Probably about the time I received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. We had some bad cases back there.

- Q. What's the first one when you received the Holy Spirit? How did you come in contact with a demon possessed person? How did you deal with it?
- A. Well, they were in my meetings. The would fall on the floor and froth at the mouth and you know, demons will often show up when the Holy Spirit is present and they would talk and we just rebuked them.
- Q. Did the person throw any kind of fit as it was coming out or did it just..?
- A. Oh, yeh. I remember one person would bang on the floor and having a time of catching them. When we began to pray she says, "Your all a darn bunch of hypocrites" and that was the devil talking and she said a lot of other things you know. We'd command it to come out and it would say, " I won't, I don't have to."
- Q. Did they ever cuss you out?
- A. I don't remember them cussing. In some cases they begged me not to cast them out.
- Q. Did you ever have any of them physically attack you or your father?
- A. Yeh.
- Q. What was your reaction. How did you deal with that?
- A. Well, a.. this was only a few years ago and I was called by a Presbyterian Elder (laughs). The pastor was gone but he wouldn't have known what to do anyway, but this man was trying to be available to drug addicts and anybody that needed him and he got a call in the night because he had his name in the phone book for that so the pastor was gone and so the elder answered in his behalf and so he called me up in the middle of the night and he said would you come down and he said we have a problem and I don't know what to do about it because this man was having seizures. He says my wife and I will come after you because he lived clear across town and it was in the middle of the night and I said, "No", I hate to have you drive clear across town and I didn't have a car so I said I'll see if I can find a way so I called the police and asked them if they would take me because I had the police get after me for going out in the night alone to pray for people.
- Q. They actually got after you?
- A. Yeh.
- Q. Was this a small town?
- A. About 10,000. But everybody knew me. I was on the radio and everything.
- Q. What would the police say to you when they'd catch you out?
- A. You shouldn't be out like this walking alone, you might get knocked over the head.
- Q. What year was this, do you know or could you give me an estimate?
- A. Not too long.. too many years ago. Maybe, I don't know if I have any records. May '70. Let me estimate '74-'75. I just don't know. I'd have to look up where this minister lived.. Presbyterian. I worked in their church for a year and on Wednesday nights taking care of drug addicts. Anyway so, he said, "Well, we'll go down there and take a look and if he needs one we'll get a priest."

Q. A priest?

A. Yeh. So finally they didn't call me and I felt disturbed. I felt that I should answer and I didn't call. So I called up this Presbyterian Elder and said, "You can come after me." So he came after me and I got up there and there were two big policemen who had been giving him accident resuscitation and whatever because he lay on a rollaway bed and he looked like he was, they had given up on him that he was dead. I don't know if he was dead or not but the chances were he was. No, a doctor had said the priest had given up on him so his wife and family were in the next room with their arms around each other wailing, crying and carrying on because he was dead.. according to them, the police, so I didn't know what to do and I just prayed right there and asked the Lord to show me what to do and I said they've gone to all this trouble to call me, maybe I should have left that elder come after me sooner. So anyway I knelt down by his bed and I prayed two or three prayers. I rebuked the Spirit of Death but I didn't let the person hear me do that. I rebuked the Spirit of Elipepsy, rebuked the demons and then I prayed and then I left them hear me pray one of the prayers. I didn't scream and yell, I just prayed quietly while they stood over me.. two huge policemen with their guns and everything (laughs). I knelt down right in front of them and I asked the Lord to give him a chance and pretty soon he just raised right up and his wife and family came in there they threw their arms around him and it was so exciting and they had already called the ambulance and so I don't stop an ambulance, they were stopping to take him to the hospital or anywyere so they were going to take him to Grand Rapids to a big hospital and pretty soon they wanted me to go along, to get in the back with him. I said, "No, no use of me going", so I let them take me on home and within a.. they brought him home that night or early the next morning, same night and they said he had a massive heart attack and the day after that he was out picking apples in the orchard, but he wasn't healed of his epilepsy. The Lord raised him up but he wasn't healed of his elipepsy and so everytime he's have a seizure I was available they'd call and I would go down and so he would come right out of it. So one day when they called after I prayed he came right out of it and he says, "Listen, sit down, I want to talk to you and then he told me. I was in prison for something that I didn't do, somebody set me up and set up a trick to make him ... they were guilty but they made him look guilty and he said I was so mad and he said I sat in prison and wasted away and wanted to kill him. And I said, "Listen, did you have epilepsy before you went to prison?" and he said "no". And I said okay, you have a spirit of murder in you that causes your epilepsy so the next time I called him I think it was the next time his wife called me and I went down there and he was in a terrible.. he was laying on the floor and I could watch him this time but he was having a terrible fit and when he saw me he came after me like this and he says, "I'll kill you" and there was no way I could run down the hill with snow on the ground..the place was located on a hill with about a 45 degree incline and it had dozens and dozens of steps leading up to the house and they were upstairs in an upstairs apartment and his wife says get out of here, run.. he will kill you and there was no way I could run. This hill like this and after all, I wasn't a kid anymore and there was no way I could run down the steps fast enough or run anywhere fast enough and because he was a weak man but when he was like this he could do anything and his wife says, "Get out of here, he'll kill you." So I said, "Lord, I have it or I don't have it", and you said we shall cast out devils and heal the sick so I didn't run, but I stood and faced him.

Q. What did you say to him after hs said he was going to kill you?

A. I rebuked the spirit.

Q. Did you do it out loud?

A. Yeh.

Q. Did you holler or?

A. No, I just said it with determined strong voice. I never holler much, it makes me tired.

Q. Makes you tired.

A. The deveil can't hear it anymore if you holler or if you don't.

Q. What did you say when you rebuked it?

A. Well, I rebuked that spirit of murder and epilepsy in him and they had several huge men.. they called in the man next door and he was a big 6'4 a great big towering man and they had several of them in there because he had gotten very violent and they tackled him and I rebuked the spirit and it swayed a little and they tackled him on the floor, put him back on the bed and put big straps on him and his wife probably weighed 300 pounds at least, and she sat on his knees on the bed. They had his feet tied and he had ppeople holding his feet and he had a man holding each shoulder down and he had men holding his head and his arms were tied down and he raised that bed right off the floor.

Q. Raised the bed off the floor, huh?

A. Super human strength of demon possession.

Q. When it came out what happened?

A. He said he'd kill me when he was on the bed too. He just glared at me and said he'd kill me and I rebuked that spirit and I said I have authority over you in the Name of Jesus and I demanded it to come out of him and leave him.

Q. What would happen when you sa, "Come out in Jesus' Name, I have power over you", did he reply?

A. Yeh, he'd reply I'll kill you, I won't do it.. but I said I have authority over you.

Q. Did he ever touch you anytime during this?

A. I had to face him though first, you know. I said Lord I either have what you said I have or I don't. And I knew I had it. You know what the Loard said I have. When he replied he would get a little weaker with each rebuke and he was delivered. I saw his wife a year or two after. They moved away and she was back in town and I saw her and she said he's never had another seizure.

Q. Great.

A. We had quite(a lot of folk with those kind of cases. I could set here half a day and tell you cases you know, but this is the only one I had to face that was ready to kill me.

Q. I had one in my ministry that jumped at me and would say a couple of things but that was about it. I haven't been able.. but I haven't had the chance to face one of those that say, "I'm going to kill you", but I've seen them

Q. Continued... at meetings do that. Foam and do all of their little rituals.

A. What meetings?

Q. I've seen some in my grandparents ministry and I've seen some in Oral Roberts on film. I've seen some in Kenneth Hagins jump at you. I think I've seen one in Kenneth Copelands. I follow his ministry real close. Every meeting that I can get to I go and see him. Lester Sumrall, I've seen one in Lester Sumralls.

Q. Well you see you can't always cast them out. If they don't.. if the person is not sincere enough to want to be delivered but you can render them helpless against you.

The End