



# Stronghold Ministry's Monthly Newsletter

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The 700 Club aired a six minute interview with Joe and Terri Fornear about Joe's miracle healing of advanced melanoma.

[youtube.com/watch?v=OAFxixbj7wo](http://youtube.com/watch?v=OAFxixbj7wo)

Or search "Joe Fornear" on [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com).



#### **Healing Prayer Meeting**

3rd Tuesdays

7:00-8:00 p.m.

Dallas Bible Church  
15765 Hillcrest Road  
Dallas, TX 75248

We meet on Tuesday the 17th this month. Call 214-221-7007.

### **Facing the Facts**

-by Terri Fornear

I have allowed myself to be diagnosed this year. I have had proof that a character defect controls my life. It's the disease of negativity. I see this even more being married to my dear husband who wakes up every morning like he was on a Hawaiian cruise. I see the ease of his God-given temperament—which just puts more light on my negativity!

Well-intentioned people try to help me. Statements like: "If you're positive, good things will happen," and "just be thankful." All are true (I guess—smile) but somehow just doing those exercises takes every ounce of energy in me to do. So the question for me is how does one get healed from this disease?

I love God's Word because He doesn't pretend. He uses real people to demonstrate His ability to bring relief and peace into impossible situations. So I am going to share with you how God is healing me from negativity.

*Romans 4:19-24 - Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead— since he was about a hundred years old— and that Sarah's womb was also dead. Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what He had promised. This is why it was credited to him as righteousness. The words, "It was credited to him" were written not for*

*him alone, but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.*

I've come to the conclusion about the disease of negativity: the first step in healing is to face the obvious facts just as Abraham did in Genesis 15.

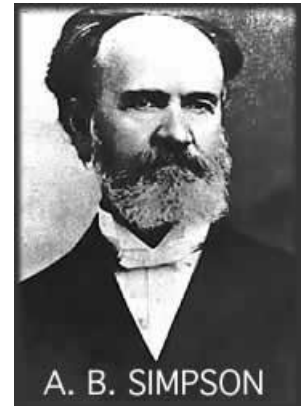


It's okay to face those facts, that's not being negative, that's being real. I see sickness around me... I see unmet emotional and physical needs of those I love. Yet I need to fully grasp His promises despite my feelings. Facing the facts also allows me to see that it is the Lord when things change — it's certainly not me doing it. So I can go to Him in honesty and dependence.

- \* Then He really needs to show up.
- \* And He does every time I face the facts and look to Him.
- \* After all, He is the *Creator*.
- \* He is able to say the word and bring something out of nothing!

## Testimony Time

*This month we share excerpts from an inspirational and thought-provoking tract on healing by A. B. Simpson (1843-1919). He was a pastor and prolific author who founded the Christian and Missionary Alliance. The excerpts below are from a now public domain tract he wrote called, "Himself." Simpson struggled with severe weakness and sickness for years before being healed by the Lord. The tract's title comes from a passage on healing from Isaiah 53:4-5:*



Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.

I wish to speak to you about Jesus, and Jesus only. I often hear people say, "I wish I could get hold of Divine Healing, but I cannot." Sometimes they say, "I have got it." If I ask them, "What have you got?" - the answer is sometimes, "I have got the blessing," sometimes it is, "I have got the theory;" sometimes it is, "I have got the healing;" sometimes, "I have got the sanctification."

But I thank God we have been taught that it is not the blessing, it is not the healing, it is not the sanctification, it is not the thing, it is not the *it* that you want, but it is something better. It is "the Christ"; it is *Himself*. How often that comes out in His Word - "*Himself* took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses"; *Himself* "bare our sins in his own body on the tree!" *It* is the person of Jesus Christ we want. Plenty of people get the idea and do not get anything out of *it*. They get *it* into their head, and *it* into their conscience, and *it* into their will; but somehow they do not get Him into their life and spirit, because they have only that which is the outward expression and symbol of the spiritual reality.

I once saw a picture of the Constitution of the United States, very skillfully engraved in copper plate, so that when you looked at it closely it was nothing more than a piece of writing, but when you looked at it at a distance, it was the face of George Washington. The face shone out in the shading of the letters at a little distance, and I saw the person, not the words, nor the ideas; and I thought, "That is the way to look at the Scriptures and understand the thoughts of God, to see in them the face of love, shining through and through; not ideas, nor doctrines, but Jesus Himself as the Life and Source and sustaining Presence of all our life."

*For the complete "Himself" tract—go to [http://www.biblebelievers.com/simpson-ab\\_himself.html](http://www.biblebelievers.com/simpson-ab_himself.html)*

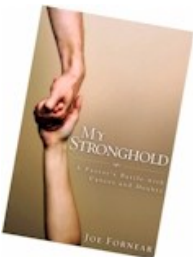
### My Stronghold

Visit our website for more on Joe Fornear's story and book about his cancer battle, *My Stronghold, A Pastor's Battle with Cancer and Doubts*.

[www.mystronghold.org/My-Stronghold.html](http://www.mystronghold.org/My-Stronghold.html)

If you're a cancer patient or caretaker, we'll send the book at no cost. Simply write and tell us your story.

**We want to be in your corner!**



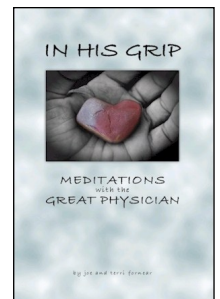
### In His Grip—New

Terri and Joe Fornear's new devotional with short encouraging lessons on their cancer battle:

*In His Grip, Meditations with the Great Physician.*

[www.mystronghold.org/In\\_His\\_Grip.html](http://www.mystronghold.org/In_His_Grip.html)

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# Stronghold Prayer Wall



*Please join us in prayer for these warriors*

Stronghold is reaching out to these individuals who are fighting cancer, or are survivors, and a few have other serious illness. We believe in the centrality of prayer for healing. Will you take a moment to intercede with us for these whom Jesus loves?

Mike D	Michael	Akadrianna	Ethan	Sandra	Michael	Lana	Molly	Liz	Jenny	Hollie	Deb
Mr. W	Robert	Janet	Myrna	Steve	Vicky	Sheryl	Leslie	Susan	Benjamin	David	Ria
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Susan	Rick	Debbie	Grace	Meg	Jim	Nikki	Elaine	Charlotte	Kelly	Jamie	
Joseph	Linda	Sara	Pam	Tim	Mark	Carletta	Joanie	Angelica	Justin	Darlene	

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