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Dear Believer:

May the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ fill you during this season of celebrating His birth.

I believe three things to be of key importance this month: 1) God is purifying His church and pouring out grace in the process; 2) God wants to deal with unbelief in our hearts; 3) what the Lord is saying over our city and to the church generally for 2007.

The recent uncovering of sin in the life of Pastor Ted Haggard of New Life Church in Colorado Springs shows that the Lord is purifying His church and using even the worst of situations for good. Though the sin is to be mourned, Ted Haggard's statement of guilt (which included confessing that hiding his struggle made it worse) and acceptance of responsibility are examples of godly response as opposed to looking for someone else to blame. Gayle Haggard's letter to the women of the church is a powerful example of covenant commitment. I encourage you to read these documents go to: [newlifechurch.org](http://newlifechurch.org). Reports to me from the church are that the love shown to the Haggards has resulted in people coming to New Life seeking help to escape the destructive homosexual lifestyle. God works in every situation to do His will. May we all be willing to be such examples of God's grace.

A public uncovering of sin is shocking, but the truth is that many of us suffer from a very insidious secret sin. It is the sin of unbelief. Unbelief is an area consistently targeted by the Holy Spirit as a hindrance to the work of the Lord in our city. It comes in many forms, but is always a rejection of the testimony of the work that the Lord is doing as shown in Mark 16:14. *"Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen."* We must allow God to expose our sins of unbelief so that we may repent and allow Him to cleanse us. This will prepare the way of the Lord for His work to prosper in our city.

Recently someone asked me, "Where is the church going?" Immediately a number of scriptures came to mind. Later, I heard the Lord saying in my spirit, "Draw near to heaven in 2007." The scriptures are shared here for your meditation and prayer.

Daniel 11:32b (Truly knowing God is power to accomplish all that He desires in the earth.)

Isaiah 58:8-14 (When we put off evil in our own lives then the result is life and power to restore the things of the kingdom.)

Isaiah 60:1-5 (As we humbly stand up in the power and authority of the Lord there will be a massive harvest of souls.)

2 Chronicles 7:14 (Corporately seeking God's face & turning from all He calls wicked will bring healing even to the very earth.)

We have great expectations for next year including for the National Day of Prayer in May. Because of your prayers and gifts this year we have hosted the Pastor's Prayer Breakfast each month; hosted the 2006 Pastor's Prayer Retreat, a National Day of Prayer planning dinner, supported works in Ghana & Venezuela and other things as God has directed. Thank you for being faithful.

Sincerely,  
William W. Lumry, II

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