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EMPOWERING BLACK FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES THROUGH RESILIENCY, RESTORATION AND RECONNECTION

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CONFERENCE WORKSHOP (11:15 AM – 12:30 PM) A TWO WAY STREET: INTEGRATING FAITH AND MENTAL HEALTH

Excerpts taken from:

- Crawford, Dr. Beverly A., *The Power of the Soul*, Culver City: Bam Crawford Publishing, 2005
- Crawford, Dr. Beverly A., *Restoration of the Damaged Soul*, Culver City: Bam Crawford Publishing, 2005

Restoration is a process of recovery, which involves an enlightening of the mind, a change of the will and a renewed life. It extends to the total being; changing a person's desires and restoring them to right relationship. It is first a spiritual change brought about by an act of God.

The first step of soul restoration is reconciliation to God. It is the deliverance from the dominion of sin. Abuse and damage to the soul stems from the sin nature. The soul is the inner life of humanity, the seat of emotions and the center of human personality. Soul power creates, restores and repairs. This spiritual power proceeds from God.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, Luke 4:18

The anointing heals the broken heart and brings back its vigor. This encouragement excites life to a new effort and fills it with joy. Restoration of the soul puts you back in control of situations that caused you incredible, emotional or physical damage. When hurt and pain have been suppressed it takes deliberate effort and time to recover.

The damaged soul is injury, hurt and harm to the intellect, mind, emotions, memory and feelings. It is anything that lessens the value of a person, and diminishes their character, impairs their soundness, produces insecurity, distorts the meaning of authority, perverts innocence, manipulates the emotions, obstructs success, or destroys human rights.

What Is Abuse?

Abuse must be identified. It is something you don't always have control over. Abusers are weak, with personal limitations and have not come to terms with their own past emotional issues. It can come from parents, spouses, children, coaches, teachers, ministers, boyfriends, girlfriends, family members and family friends, etc. Why do people abuse? Some people do what they do with the absence of conscience and reason. People who have been abused, abuse. Abuse damages the soul. It can take on many forms. The abused many times are often prone to illicit behaviors and emotional instability exhibited through promiscuity, violence, anger, drugs, alcoholism, truancy, control, isolation, self-mutilation, depression, and trauma which can cause mental illness.

Abuse is any behavior that is designed to control and subjugate another human being through the use of fear, verbal or physical assaults. When a person feels devalued, this cuts to the very core of the person. Core feelings that were born in the environment of abuse strangle emotional and developmental growth. However, you can learn to rise above abuse and become productive. Evaluating the level of abuse can help you begin to see alternative thoughts and feelings.

Addiction creates a moral blindness. We can change addictive behavior. All addictions destroy the power of the soul. Activities and behavior takes control of the person. It is a form of progressive abuse that is difficult or impossible to control. When a person is excessively devoted to something or surrendered compulsively and habitually to it, that pathological devotion becomes addiction.

¹ Addiction is also a soul dependency or soul tie that creates a force that unites people emotionally, psychologically or sexually. A person's mind and will can become joined to another through emotional or sensual involvement. In the case where there is transference of spirits, this can be an entry point or gateway for demonic activity. A soul tie can develop through unforgiveness. This can be a demanding impulse to perform rationally. Mental oppression is like a compulsive obsession.

IV. The Brain and Behavior

- Thoughts and impulse affect behavior
- Our brain is involved in the process of recovery
 - o Ps. 23:3 "he restoreth my soul"

¹ See Restoration of the Damaged Soul – Part Two - Developing the Soul – Chapter 12

- The mind is the area of our soul from which we reason and consider messages from our five senses
 - Col. 3:1-2 "seek those things which are above" "Set your affection on things above"
 - o Rom. 7:25 "with the mind I myself serve the law of God"
 - Rom. 8:6 "to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace"
 - o 1 Cor. 2:16 "we have the mind of Christ"
- We have all kinds of emotional patterns stored in the neurons of our brain that are still present if we have never changed them
 - o Rom. 12:1-2
- Daily Stress can cause physical damage to your memory:
 - Stress causes the brain to secrete cortisol
 - Cortisol deteriorates brain function by reducing the number of cells in the hippocampus blocking long-term memory
- Memory function involves motivation, repetition, and association

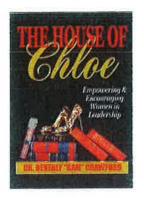
V. The Brain and Worship

- Grace is reality beyond the comprehension of our senses
- Grace is God's enabling power and his enabling presence designed to help us fulfill purpose and purify us from the corruption of pride
- Neuro Theology—is the study of neuro biology of religion and spirituality
- Something happens when the brain experiences dimensions beyond the senses
- When we have been touched during prayer, praise and worship, what we feel and think is mediated or created by the brain
- Everything we experience is reflected in brain activity
- Neuro theology affirms that what we experience in worship leaves neuro footprints
- Science basically doubts the manifestation of extra dimensions and cannot understand spiritual experiences
- The image of a cross seen by the brain's visual-association area is interpreted by way of emotions and memory (dreams and visions are generated in this association area)
- This can cause electrical stimulation and abnormal bursts of electrical activity in these regions
- Hearing the voice of God heightens our emotions and affects the brains arousal system

- When this happens the hippocampus inhibits the flow of signals between neurons
- Prayer may cause certain regions of the brain to be deprived of neuronal input
- Songs and hymns also block neuronal traffic to some brain regions (hippocampus)
- Scientists are able to map our journey of sound as our brain interprets music
- While listening to music the body releases special neurons usually to combat pain, which causes endorphins into the brain's pathways to slow down activities
- Recognition of the Creator and God as sovereign over all the earth as a moral requirement for approaching him
- Worship expresses the deepest desires and yearns for communion with God

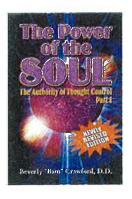
Books Released by Apostle BAM Crawford

Dr. Crawford brings understanding and balance to the subject of faith and biblical issues. Her unique style brings prophetic insight to varied topics. You will be challenged and encouraged as you identify and rebuild from a fresh spiritual foundation.



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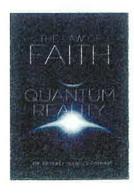
The Power of the Soul The Authority of Thought Control Part I

The Power of the Soul is a compelling manual on inner strength and mental stability. It builds hope and will help you gain confidence while directing your emotions and your thought life.



Restoration of the Damaged Soul The Power of the Soul Part II

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The Law of Faith Quantum Reality

Faith appeals to God's higher ways and higher thoughts. Intellect believes that nothing exists that is beyond the power of human reason to understand. Dr. Crawford integrates the realities of faith and science through subjects like:

- Miracles and Physics
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Schedule Of Services

Intercessory Prayer	Sunday 8:30 am
Worship Service	Sunday 9:30 am
Children's Church	Sunday 9:30 am
Frontline Soldiers(Jr. & Sr. High)	Sunday 9:30 am
Communion	(1st Sunday) 9:30 am
Right Hand of Fellowship(2nd Sunday) 9:30 am
Baby Dedications	(4th Sunday) 9:30 am
New Members' Class(week	dy) Sunday 12:00 pm
Bible Enrichment Seminar(wee (Communion)	kly) Tuesday 7:30 pm
Intercessory PrayerWednesd	lay 5:00 am - 8:00 am
Mid-Day PrayerWednesday	12:00 noon - 1:00 pm
Pathway Connection(weekly)	Wednesday 7:00 pm
Mid-Week Prayer Service(weekly)	Wednesday 7:00 pm
Bible Study(week	ly)Thursday 10:00 am
Marriage/Family Prayer	Saturday 7:30 am
Men's Prayer(1s	t Saturday) 10:00 am

Fellowships

Marriage Enrichment/ Covenant Heirs (1st Friday) 7:30 pm

M.A.S.S./ Mature And Saved Seniors (2nd Friday) 6:30 pm

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About Our Pastor

Apostle Beverly "Bam" Crawford



Dr. Beverly "BAM" Crawford has been graced by God to speak into the lives of audiences both nationally and internationally, sharing foundational truths and leadership principles essential for the maturity of God's people. A highly sought after speaker, she has appeal that transcends barriers of culture,

age, and profession. Teaching the Word of God for over 40 years, she has delivered powerful life changing messages, cultivating hope and releasing the power to change. Bam Crawford World Media Outreach consists of internet website www.bamcm.org and Livestream http://befic.christianworldmedia.com; teaching CD's, DVD's; and music albums by "BAM" Crawford's Purpose are enjoyed around the world. Apostle's latest books; The House of Chloe – Empowering & Encouraging Women in Leadership, The Law of Faith – Quantum Reality, The Power of The Soul - Part I and Restoration of The Damaged Soul - Part II. Each book, which is really a manual, will inspire, provoke and require a renewed mind to build back our lives to complete wholeness.

Apostle Crawford is Senior Pastor and Founder of Bible Enrichment Fellowship International Church (BEFIC) in Inglewood, California. She is also founder of BAM Crawford Ministries, The Company International Women's Empowerment, Chosen Vessels Women's Ministry, L.A.M.P.S. Leaders Apostolic Mentoring & Maturing Prophetic Seminars/Servants conferences, and missions project "Book of Acts". In November 2004, Dr. Crawford dedicated the Kingdom Community & Youth Center to the Lord. The facility consists of community outreach programs and community development to promote social and economic change designed to benefit youth, senior citizens and small businesses. The Vision of God is speaking.

God has blessed the Apostle with three adult children, ten grand and godchildren, which keep her on the cutting edge, provoking her to train and inspire this next generation.

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