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### **Preface:**

*The following is the baptismal testimony of Suzanne Stoughton, December 19, 2012, directly proceeding her salvation testimony, and a message on faith. Truly, the Lord hath done great things and only Jesus Christ can be accredited therewith. Praise the Lord!*

*It is not our general practice to baptize at night, but necessity was laid upon us. May the viewers (readers) examine themselves and may souls be saved (2 Corinthians 13:5).*

*Sincerely,*

*The Church of Wells*

### **Suzanne Stoughton's Baptism**

*"Opening Prayer"*

**Ryan**– Praise the Lord. If y'all would pray with me.

Our Father which art in heaven, through the name of Jesus Christ thy blessed Son, our Lord and Saviour and Almighty God, we pray before you, O God, to pray that thou wouldest be sanctified in this time. That you would be pleased, Lord God, with this baptism O Lord. That you, Lord God, would get glory for your name for this testimony, O God, of what thou hast done and not a man, and no man can touch the glory Lord God. No one can do such things but thee thyself, Lord God, and thine effectual word working in the soul of a man or a women, Lord God, to make a sinner a saint, to make darkness light through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Father, we pray that thou wouldest, Lord, sanctify this time under the blood of Jesus Christ, that thou wouldest surround us, O God, with holy angels. Father, that you would give us all ears to hear what the Spirit of God has done, that thou art still working in this world, Lord God, and though iniquity abounds on every side, and though the love of many wax cold, yet the Lord is still on the throne in heaven. Thou art at the right hand of the throne of God, and thou, Lord God, are in the business of saving sinners. Thou, Lord God, art in the business of drawing souls to thyself, and thou, Lord God, wilt be to the end Lord God, by thy grace.

Thank you for saving faith, for the blessed Gospel of Jesus Christ, for power Lord God, even in these vile bodies of death, by the cross, to live a holy life in a world of sin. Bless you, Lord. Be exalted, we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Amen.

*Let the reader consider...*

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. (Romans 1:16-17)*

**Ryan**—Maybe you could just share how religious you were in your background, and how deceived you were to show the capability, as many of us have seen, of the human heart to deceive us, and why we need the word of God, and why we need the mercy of God to open up our eyes.

*Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. (Matthew 7:13-14)*

*Reader, are you the few or the many? The saved or the deceived?*

**Suzie**— Yeah, I grew up and my parents had just gotten falsely-converted, and put right into a false-Christian church, and so they raised me. As they learned, they poured into me, they taught me. They were taught works, works-based [salvation], pretty much works can save you. So for me, it was I always had to memorize my verses, and I was always the kid that knew the most of them, and I was so proud of it. You know you go to camp, and you do all these different things, and growing up it was go to youth group, and then you go to Christian college, and then you go to Bible college, and then you meet someone in Bible college and you get married.

Brett, he came to be the junior high youth pastor at this church, and so I was just boasting in that, really just trying to read the Bible and do all these different things, and pour into these kids, but just realizing that I had no passion, no heart. I was just so empty. I was trying to fill my heart with doing all of these different things, praying as long as I could, and I would boast, I was a Pharisee, boasting in how many hours I prayed, even just boasting to myself, and always wondering why I was never satisfied, and why I didn't have intimacy with the Lord. I didn't understand it. And I would ask God, "God, why don't I have intimacy with you? And I feel like I don't know you," but I would never, never myself go as far as to say, "what if I'm not saved," because that was the big thing, you don't do that in false-Christianity. You don't ever question your salvation because you prayed a prayer when you were 10, and I was baptized, and my dad was the elder of this church, but it was still gnawing at my heart.

And Brett had gotten multiple emails from Jordan, and I think Masao, Ronnie, and Ronnie had posed a question. When we heard that Jordan, because we met him in bible college, when we heard that he got saved, we were just shocked because we thought, "you were always saved, and you went off the deep end, what's going on?" And so I automatically just shunned him, and I thought he went crazy, and didn't want anything to do with him. And he would write Brett, and say "I'm burdened for you," and Ronnie would write Brett and say, "I'm burdened for you," and I would always tell Brett, "Don't listen to them, don't listen to them, they don't know what they're talking about and they're just trying to deceive you."

I was just trying to warn us, but Ronnie— I know it was the Lord that said through Ronnie—

“Brett, are you alive?” And Brett had said that “Ronnie asked me if I was alive,” and it was like those words just pierced me, and pierced Brett, and just realizing, no, we're so dead! Like we've been doing all of this stuff, and we're so lacking. We've come up short. That was kind of the driving question.

It was mostly Brett, he came to me one day and admitted, “Suzie, I don't think I'm saved,” and I was right there with him. It was so hard for me to admit that just being where I was, and my background, and especially being the daughter of the elder of this church, and us being in ministry. It was like, “what are they going to think of us? This is going to be huge!”

Nevertheless, Brett and I realized, this was our souls. This is the biggest thing ever! We can't, we can't play around with our soul, and just hope that we're saved. So we started praying, and we ended up telling my family and his family and everybody– the same thing that we thought about Jordan and Ronnie, “you guys crazy,”– our whole family did the same thing, but God was just not letting up, just not at all, we could not, we could not, we could not resist. As much as I tried to take the false peace, God would just not let me take it anymore.

So I ended up really feeling like I needed to talk to Nickie Fraker, and so I called her, and she told me her testimony, and it felt like my heart was just opened up and she was reading my life, just about how she felt. And I realized I worshipped so many things. I worshipped myself, my image, you know, just so many things, my daughter, my husband, everything but God. Anyways, so after talking to her I ended up talking to Ashley also, and it felt like at first I was saying, “God, you know, I don't think that I'm saved, but don't send me to Texas. I don't want to go there. I want to stay here, my family's here, everything's here. Let's just stay here, we'll get saved real fast, and then we'll going back into ministry.” I had no idea, no idea. God has, through this church exposed the lie of false Christianity.

But anyways, so Ashley had mentioned the sons of Zebedee. Jesus commanded them to leave their father, leave their nets, and just come, follow him, and she just encouraged me to leave everything behind and just go where you know God is, and it was like God just showed me he's here. He's here! And it was like I had to just follow that, and the moment he gave me the grace to let go of my family, I think my biggest idol, it was like all I wanted to do was just come to Texas so bad. I just wanted to come and learn truth and I was praying like, “O God, just move on Brett!”

I prayed that Brett would want us to come, because he has a son, and it was just this complicated thing, but long story short: God ended up moving on Brett. We ended up just fleeing. The night we came out, I didn't know anything about Texas, I just knew that God was moving here and his people were here, and they would speak truth to me, and I would be taken care of, and so we happened to have one suitcase in our room. We packed up whatever we could in this one suitcase, and just flew on a plane, and got here.

Even coming here I thought, “I want God, I want God so bad,” and the whole past two and a half weeks, God has gotten me to this point where I just realized I can't, I can't want him. I just didn't want him. It took me so long to realize that. Everyone had been preaching to us over and over, you know, “you don't want God, you hate God,” and I just wouldn't accept that.

Long story short, God worked on me. I tried to get into works, if I read this much, and then listen to these sermons, and this, then I'll get saved, and it'll be this wonderful experience, and it was like God just kept hammering my heart, "that's now how it works, salvation is a mystery, it's of me only." You know, he brought me to the part of just surrendering that.

Last night, Jordan and Rick came by, and were preaching. And all day that day I had just been fighting the Lord with this concept of that I hate him, and I would say, "God, you know I want you, please save me, I want to follow you," and then I would think of this sin, and how much I *liked* it! And it would scare me, and I would say, "no, no, no, I hate that sin, I hate that sin, I want to die to it, I want you." And it would come up again, and it was just like this battle, and I would try to convince myself that *I wanted*, I wanted the the Lord.

I'd also read about the people who would yell, "Crucify, crucify," and I would think "I know that's me, I just don't really understand how that it's me," it just wasn't clicking in my mind, you know, that I would be the one to cry, "Crucify!" because I want to follow God. Just this wrestling. And through preaching that night, God really used these men to show me that I did hate God, even with the question, Rick had asked, "why do you want to be saved?" And I said, "I want to know God!" And he said, "good, because when you want to know you God you'll realize that you have been hating him," and it shocked me!

And he ended up explaining that, and by God's mercy, I was just shut up, like I was just guilty, that I was the one who had said, "crucify him," and I wanted him dead, and I was just guilty before him. And I was literally just speechless, just didn't know what to say, not even weeping, just this knowledge of "I know I'm guilty." And through a lot of the scripture about salvation it just came to the point, where it was just this command that God said, "Suzie, you are, you are passing from death to life," and he just commanded me, and I had no faith! But he just gave me that commandment, and I, by him, I was able to receive that.

And instantly, it was just an instant– I was burdened for my soul, my husband's soul before– but it was like this instant burden for my husband's soul, and an instant *love, love* for the brothers and sisters that were at the house at the time. It was just radical, like new eyes. And all night I was sleeping but I was awake, and I was so happy. I'd grab my Bible and read a little bit and then you know sleep, and then wake up and read some more, and I never ever had that love, I wanted that love for the word, and never had it. But God did a miracle and he rescued me, because I didn't want to be rescued!

*Friend, in light of Suzie's testimony...*

*ARE YOU ALIVE?*

*HAVE YOU BEEN BORN AGAIN?*

*IS YOUR HEART RIGHT WITH GOD?*

*ARE YOU FREE FROM SIN*

*HAS THE LORD MADE ALL THINGS NEW IN YOUR LIFE?*

*ARE YOU WASHED IN THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB?*

*Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, Strive to enter*

*in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are: Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity. (Luke 13:23-27)*

### **A Message On Faith**

**Ryan**– Well I would like to just fill in a couple gaps. Bless the Lord for that testimony. Well said, I believe. But last night, one thing that was very noticeable in this testimony that I want to highlight was the hearing of faith. So y'all, many are very adept in the scriptures in this group, but it says in Romans chapter 10, “faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” And we know it says in Romans 5:1, and this is the gospel, that “we have peace with God” through *faith*. “Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God,” and it's through faith in Jesus Christ alone, by grace alone, and faith alone, in that Jesus Christ alone, that's how you get saved.

But how do you have faith in the living Lord Jesus Christ that you're born deaf, dumb, and blind to? That you could never see, that you're a man groping about in the darkness as it were. That you're a man that's dead, in the grave to God in your trespasses and sins before you're awakened and born again. Well that's how through the hearing of faith, spiritually speaking, where God opens the heart of Lydia and she can finally, for the first time in her life, hear the voice of God speaking through a man, in an earthen vessel.

That *is* the gospel. That is how a soul is saved, it's by revelation, it's by manifestation, it's by unveiling. It's by the Lord Jesus Christ coming and revealing himself to a man like Paul on the road to Damascus. He revealed himself *in* Paul. He'd never seen, he'd never known the Lord. He couldn't know. He was ignorantly persecuting this way even unto death, and men and women and children, until the Lord just opened his eyes and shocked him, and Suzie even said that word. She was shocked when she realized this, and she was believing, and she met the Lord in a moment of time.

She was shocked. She had hated him, she didn't even know that, but it took God coming and stopping her mouth, so to speak, so that she was condemned under the law as a sinner. Sin became real, revived, and she died, and so she was just wallowing for a time, for these last two weeks, as she sought the Lord. Brett's in the same place, right now, until God came, and picked her up.

“He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.” Salvation is of the Lord. And it wasn't of her will because she willed it, and it wasn't of her willing, because she was trying to run in the flesh, but it was of God that showed mercy by the hearing of faith.

Paul says of the hearing of faith, what I'm saying, that you're saved through that *word*, that still,

small voice of Elijah, receiving with meekness the engrafted word which is able to save your soul. Paul said in Titus 1:3, "But [God] hath in due times manifested his word," his son. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" himself.

"Hath manifested his word through preaching, which is committed unto" my trust, and we're saved through the foolishness of preaching. That's why it must be not just with enticing words of man's wisdom, as Brett and Suzie heard their whole life during Bible college, before they were saved. Her father's an elder and a pastor in a church, reading Bibles and verses and scriptures and doing church activities their whole lives, saturated in the letter which killeth, but the Spirit giveth life, the New Testament of the Spirit and life in Christ Jesus. It is the Spirit that quickeneth in a moment of time, and she heard the Lord. She heard Jesus Christ calling her, "come home! Be reconciled to God through an ambassador, through an earthen vessel who is in weakness."

And if you know, and many probably do know what happened last night, but Jordan, as they were preaching, was praying for a word as they were preaching and crying out, "O Lord, please, put the word of life, a word of life in Ricky's heart. Please put some word from thy throne, a decree from heaven of salvation, commanding deliverance, into Ricky's heart," and Jordan's just praying. Ricky knew nothing about it, just as they're preaching, the whole time, just praying, and Ricky has this word in his heart, and it's just there. And he was a man of like passions as Elijah, and he's just having weakness and fear and trembling, "Lord, do I say it? Do I say it?"

What was in his heart was "Suzie, I say unto thee, arise" in essence, was in his heart. And finally, he just waxed bold, and Suzie was broken at this point, she's seeing for the first time, she's pricked to her heart, just like in Acts chapter two when the Spirit came to convince them of sin, of righteousness, of judgment to come, and they were all pricked and cut to the heart and said, "men and brethren, what shall we do to be saved?" And Peter preached— boom, they're ready for the seed of the gospel, for the word, that word, that still small voice.

She was ready. Ricky didn't even know it, necessarily, that she was seeing for the first time that she crucified Christ, that she, her sins put him on that cross and put him to open shame. That she hates the Lord! She hates God! Nothing in her wants to follow this God of the Bible. She's at enmity against him by her very nature to the core of her soul, and she realized it, and right upon that time, Ricky has this in his heart, trying to obey the Lord, and he said, "Suzie, arise," and something along the lines of, "you've passed from death unto life."

And she looked up, and immediately— she had hated Jordan before, she did not like Jordan at all, and Jordan was right there, she did not like the brethren like this, she *hated* Jordan particularly, of everybody else, she had a problem with Jordan as far as I can find out— and she looked up, and all of a sudden, she loves this man beyond a natural affection. All of a sudden, all of the brethren, Nickie and Ricky and Anna, Anna comes in and there's just this love bubbling over, this beyond a natural affection! Even for a child!

There's something that's beyond this world, it's surreal, and they'll know they're my disciples by their love one for another in a moment of time. That's what God did: translation from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light, and she was now in the light of God, and now she's burdened for her husband at that time, but yet she's just so just emphatically enthralled by

the Lord Jesus Christ. The songs, she says, the hymns were different from that time, noticeably, as she sang to God. There was a new song in her heart, even praise to the most high God, many shall see it and shall fear, by the grace of God, and they shall trust in the Lord.

It's a sword, and it's a dagger. There's not any in the world, generally speaking, that are more religious than she was. She was utterly deceived by her heart. But God came, and he's formed his Son in her, by the grace of God, by the hearing of faith. So it says in John 5:24, another passage on that, Jesus Christ said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me" – heareth me, and through hearing him you can believe on him that sent me – "hath everlasting life," when you hear him. When you hear him calling, repent, believe. That's not presumption.

When Jesus Christ comes down, he commands deliverance, and there's a decree in heaven, he said, "it's time," and the Lord speaks, and he says it through an earthen vessel, and you believe it, that's salvation. Through the foolishness of preaching you believe, and you say, "Amen, yes, Lord. Here am I Lord, send me," but he heard the Lord saying on the throne, "Who will go for us? Who shall we send?" "Lord, send me! Here am I!" And she was just there. She was ready. Her ground was broken up. She was hating her life for the first time in her life, hating her sin, shut up under the law, a condemned criminal.

She was the guilty one that had committed adultery against God, and the Lord called her, and she said, "amen, here am I." She submitted to the Lordship of Christ. Resist the devil and he will flee from you – you cannot do that but by the grace of God, and all of a sudden now the word of God alive, jumping off the page. All of a sudden the love for brethren is there, one of the main evidences that a man is saved is there. You can't muster that up. People do not like the Spirit of God, generally speaking. People do not. They're uncomfortable by the people of God. Except you become the people of God, and the Spirit of God comes in you, and then you can understand and comprehend, and the Spirit of God becomes a savour of life to life, and not a savour of death to death to such a one.

But the hearing of faith, God manifested his word, himself, through preaching. And once he comes and reveals himself to you, that is salvation, because in him, Jesus Christ, is life, and his light was the light of men, and all the promises are yea and amen in him. And now, she has been engrafted in Him. And Suzie's in his authority, and in his name, and now the first thing the Lord had said, "he that believeth on me and is baptized shall be saved." So she's going to be baptized now and go into that watery grave, and it's symbolic of what has happened. And so basically so I am going to baptize her in representation of the Lord, nothing of myself, I'm just going to represent the Lord, represent what has happened spiritually in her soul when she's been baptized in the Spirit.

And she is *not* the one that's putting herself in the water, I've put her in the water, and I've pulled her out of that water. And she goes, and she's been in the kingdom of the world, she's been in her sins, she's been in the old Adam her whole life, and now she's being buried, just like the Lord was buried, was crucified and buried for three days, and resurrected to walk in newness of life to go and take the throne of heaven. And now she was crucified with Christ, metaphorically, spiritually, mystically speaking, and now she's going to be dropped into that water, symbolic of

that, the old man dying, the old kingdom of the world that she was born in, and raised to a new kingdom, the kingdom of heaven.

And there's a king on the throne of the kingdom of heaven. Do you want to get into the kingdom of Russia? You better bow down to the Russian king, the Tsar of Russia, or you can't have admittance. But the problem is we are so dark and wicked and depraved and sinful aside from the grace of God that we *will not* have that man to rule over us. We *will not* bow the knee, but she did it. And it's all of grace. He was found of those that sought not for him, and that was Suzie.

If y'all would join me, we'll go baptize her.

*I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD. Blessed is that man that maketh the LORD his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies. (Psalms 40:1-4)*

*Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. (Matthew 7:21-23)*

*Our sincerest desire for you, the viewer (reader), is the prosperity of your soul. Our prayer for all, after considering such a fearful testimony, is that many would take heed. May the Lord pour down his rain from heaven, may the salvation of Suzie be a token of good things to come, and may many more souls be saved from the wrath to come. Grace and peace to all that love the Lord Jesus Christ in truth.*

Sincerely,  
The Church of Wells

*And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. (Revelation 22:17)*

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