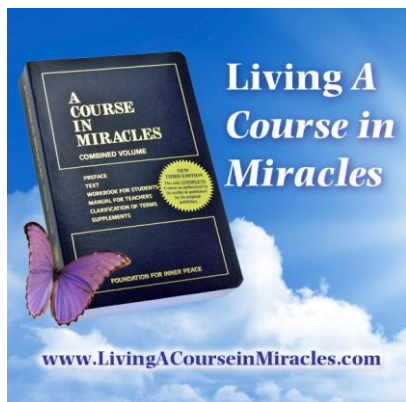


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## ***ACIM Around the World***



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## ACIM Around the World

Welcome to *Living A Course in Miracles: Walking the Talk* with Reverend Jennifer Hadley, a beloved teacher of the *Course*, who has helped thousands learn how to express their beliefs from moment to moment in their everyday lives. Get ready to focus on your intent to be the Love, be the Peace, through practical application.

### *I'm the Only Leader of Me*

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Jennifer      Hi there, everybody! It's Reverend Jennifer Hadley, and we're back for another episode of *Walking the Talk*, truly living *A Course in Miracles*. This is our third episode, and I wanted to share with you a little bit about me, because folks are getting to know me.

I'm an Agape-trained Practitioner and Minister. Many, many, many, many, many, many, many years of training to be a Practitioner, and then a Minister. Michael Beckwith has been my Minister and my teacher since 1994, and I so love and appreciate him.

Before I found Agape, I found Unity through Eric Butterworth in Manhattan. I lived in Manhattan for 10 years in the 80s and the early 90s, and I used to walk down the Lincoln Center on Sunday mornings to be with Eric and Olga, and that was my introduction to New Thought.

Before I moved to Los Angeles and found Agape, I did go to film school, because I'm really a storyteller. Before I left to go to Los Angeles and go to USC Film School, my Mom said, "What are you going to do if that doesn't work out?" and I said, "I'm going to go to Unity Village and study to be a Minister."

I didn't make it to Unity Village until **after** I became a Minister, and I'm going to be there this week with Gary Renard. I'm really looking forward to it. We're doing a *Living A Course in Miracles* retreat there. Thursday, we have a one-day intensive for leaders.

To me, if you are someone who's in a family, you have friends, you're in a community, you're a life coach, you're a parent, you're a mom, you're a dad, you are a teacher. If you're in any of these walks, then you're a

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spiritual leader. You really are, and that's what this show is all about. That's what everything I offer is all about. It's about stepping up to being a leader.

The first person, and the **only** person I'm really a leader of, is **me**. [laughs] I've actually taken responsibility for my life, which I didn't do for -- I was a full-grown adult for decades before I finally said, "Okay, I'm going to take my full responsibility for my life and stop blaming others for how I feel and what happens to me." That was a huge step in my spiritual growth and enfoldment.

### *Developing Trust & Faith*

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For me, it was awakening to a spiritual maturity. Spiritual maturity, spiritual sovereignty, is something that we can't really have until we're willing to take full responsibility. Oftentimes, we won't do that until we develop trust in God.

My topic in my class that I'm offering right now called, *Living A Course in Miracles*, and you can enroll in that. It's a free class, eight weeks, 16 classes at [LivingACourseinMiracles.com](http://LivingACourseinMiracles.com). Our topic this week is "Trust and Faith", and I'm actually going to be doing those two classes live from Unity Village while I'm there with Gary Renard. [LivingACourseinMiracles.com](http://LivingACourseinMiracles.com). You could get those details and join in for free.

Today, my guest on the show is David Hoffmeister. I met David through the last *Living A Course in Miracles* tele-class. He's doing it again. He's going to be one of the teachers. He's coming up in a couple of weeks, and you're going to love him. If you haven't already been connected with David, we'll be inviting him here in just a moment. David is the author of *Awakenings Through A Course in Miracles*, a beautiful book!

This is the thing that *A Course in Miracles* offers us -- it offers every single person who comes in contact with it a way **in** to that awakening, and so, they don't need to make the teacher outside of themselves. The teacher is really within, "Seek first the Kingdom, which is within, and all else will be added unto you."

This is what I see is really emerging in *New Thought*, is this strong impetus for people to stop looking outside of themselves for the healing and for the teaching, and even not to rely on books, not to rely on the book, *A Course in*

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*Miracles*, to be the teacher, but to Partner UP with your own Higher Self, your own Holy Self, the Holy Spirit, if you will, and **allow** Divine Guidance to be your teacher, and we can't do that if we're not willing to develop trust and faith.

I'm going to encourage everyone this week who is *A Course in Miracles* student to go to the *Manual for Teachers* and it's, Chapter 4, *Characteristics of God's Teachers*, which is one of my favorite sections. "What are the characteristics of God's Teachers?" The first Section is *Trust* and it says,

*"This is the foundation on which their ability to fulfill their function rests."*

We can't really fulfill our destiny, our life, if we're not willing to place our trust in God, and what I find is that people who are not trustworthy will not trust God, because we just project that on to God.

If you're the kind of person -- and I used to do this -- you make commitments, you

make promises and you don't keep them. I live in Los Angeles, and when I first moved to Los Angeles, it was funny, because I moved from Manhattan, so people in New York, I'd be talking to my friends in New York on the phone, and they'd say, "What's the difference between Los Angeles and New York?" I said, "People do something very odd out here. You'll make a plan with them to be somewhere at a particular place and time, like to go to the movies, or go to a party, or anything like that, go to a museum or have lunch, and people just don't show up!" My New York friends were like, "What?!" I said, "I know!"

In L.A., sometimes people just say, "Oh, I know! I'm sorry! I totally flaked. I totally flaked." And since the advent of the cellphone, people will just send a text message and say, "I'm not going to make it."

When I first moved here, it was a bit of, "Dude, really? Really? Just, you flaked? Is that how you live your life? Wow! How does that work? What would my life look like if I flaked all the time?"

And so, my experience is people who do not **feel** a strong trust and faith in God, it's because **they** don't keep their commitments, **they** don't keep their word.

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## Walking Our Talk

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Now, we can also get in to an ego pattern of “We have to keep our word, we have to keep our commitment” in such a way that it drives us in a very painful way, and we become very rigid and very judgmental, and we drive ourselves with fear, and blame, and shame to keep our commitments.

*Walking the Talk*, this radio show is really about finding the balance between loving yourself and not making commitments that you can't keep. This is something where I learned, if I say, or if I hear someone say to me, “Oh, I'm going to try and be there.” that's a signal that lets me know they are **not** going to be there. They are not going to actually be there, at all. If they say they're going to **try**, they're **not** going to be there.

I think of Yoda, in Star Wars, who said to Luke Skywalker, “Don't try. Do.” and so that, to me, is the Voice of the Holy Spirit is a lot like Yoda, saying, “Don't try. Do.”

Don't **try** to walk your talk, do it! Do it! And, we do it by being loving and compassionate with ourselves when we fall down, but it's about making our commitments, and  
keeping our  
commitments, and  
being devoted to the  
walk in faith and trust  
God, so we don't have any reason to judge ourselves.

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*Don't try to walk your talk, do it! Do it!*

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Do I break my commitment, sometimes? I do. Of course, I do. I'm such a busy person. I've got so much going on. I've got thousands of people in my classes, and in my world, and in my spiritual communities, so there's a lot of people who are looking to me for different things, and sometimes I have to say, “You know, I **thought** I would be able to do this, and this, and this in one day, but now I realize it's too much, so I have to scale back.”

If I'm going to change my commitment, I do it in a way that's really loving and kind, so I feel that I am in integrity, that I am not interested in giving myself **any** reason to judge myself or anyone else.

Here's a tip for you -- if you feel like people are judging you, and it **bothers** you, what they're actually doing is, they're letting **you** know that you're judging yourself. Because, various people judge me from time to time. You can't stand up in front of thousands of people and not have somebody go, “I

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don't like those shoes." "I don't like that haircut." "I don't like what you're saying." because some people, they **go** to see you with the whole intent of finding something they don't like, that they're going to then throw at you.

But, if it **bothers** you then you know that, somewhere in **you** there's an agreement with that, there's a resonance with that, and they're doing you a favor by showing it to you.

So, if people are yelling at you for not keeping your commitments, if they're disappointed, if they're blaming you and shaming you, and that makes you feel bad, then you could look at that and know that there's something in you that corresponds to it, and your work is not to change **their** mind, but to change their own.

### *David Hoffmeister Traveling with ACIM*

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When you're willing to do your work at **that** level, you will transform your life so quickly, so powerfully, so beautifully it'll blow your own hair back. That's what David Hoffmeister lives in every day, and that's what *Awakening Through A Course in Miracles* is. That's the kind of commitment that he talks about in his book.

So, David, are you there?

David Yes, I am.

Jennifer Yay! Good morning! How are you?

David I'm very good. How are you doing, Jennifer?

Jennifer I'm great! So, you're in New Mexico right now?

David Yes, I'm in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and just did a gathering at the Unity Church, actually, here. I've told some friends to tune in to Unity.fm this morning.

Jennifer Oh great! How wonderful!

I'll let people know that in the *Living A Course in Miracles* tele-class we're doing, your class is going to be on healing. For people who are interested in using spiritual principle to understand healing in their heart, and their mind, and their body, and whatever area of their life, they can tune in and hear that through you or through me at [LivingACourseinMiracles.com](http://LivingACourseinMiracles.com) coming up soon.

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But today, we're going to talk about "A Course in Miracles Around the World" and we haven't talked about this, so I'm interested to hear what you have to share, because you have traveled how many countries now?

David I think it's about 26 countries, so far, and I've got two more on the horizon as far as Mexico and China.

Jennifer Mmm! Yeah, there's a lot of *A Course in Miracles* students in Mexico.

David Yes, I've heard that Mexico City and Buenos Aires, apparently, have the most *A Course in Miracles* groups in the world as far as cities, and there are just a lot of people. I've heard in the Mexican prison system, there was a woman down there near Mexico City who got the *Course* in the Mexico prison system, maybe over a decade ago, and there's been early paroles, people have had huge turn-arounds.

I don't know if there's anything that's even better than being a captive audience, so to speak, and having a book like *A Course in Miracles* in front of you. That's a pretty powerful combination.

Jennifer Wow! That sounds **so** fantastic! You and I have talked about, I have this strong intention that, at some point, I'd like to do some forgiveness work in the prisons, but I didn't even think about teaching *A Course in Miracles* there. Do you know anyone who does that?

David Yeah, I've actually been in contact with a number of people. I think as far as *A Course in Miracles* history, Bob Skutch, who's a part of the Board of Foundation for Inner Peace, he went in, in the early days when the *Course* was first published. He was over, I believe -- it's not Alcatraz. It's San Quentin, I believe, and he has maintained a prison ministry, I think, for many years there, and I know of other ministries that are in Wisconsin, and different friends that I've known over the years who have just taken the *Course* in to prisons.

Right now, Joe Wolfe, who's based in Chicago was Spirit Light outreach, he is actually doing one of the strongest prison ministries where he's sending *Course* books for free into a number of prisons, and I know there are hundreds and hundreds of prisoners that are in direct contact with him. He's going to be speaking at the same conference that we're speaking at, so, maybe you can hook up with him, and he can really send you in the direction there.

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## *Sharing ACIM as an Act of Service*

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Jennifer Yes, and let's encourage other people to consider, as an active of service to see if they could reach out to even a -- oh, I'm thinking of half-way houses and different places where they might be able to take these teachings in.

Because people, a lot of people, once they get tuned into *A Course in Miracles*, they immediately want to start sharing it, and so they can sometimes try and coerce their friends and their family in to studying these teachings, and friends and family can sometimes be reluctant, so maybe going to a more captive audience, if you will.

David Yeah, I think one of the best examples is in *A Course in Miracles* where Jesus says that He is in charge of the Atonement, and He will direct where to bestow the miracles.

So, I that's a great point that you bring up, that a lot of times, just through the sense of enthusiasm, and it's almost like wanting to convince friends, and family, and relatives, that the ego can slip in there and want to -- in a sense, it's almost a little bit of proselytizing, and yet it comes out of it like an early enthusiasm, but it's really not guided by the Holy Spirit.

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*Oh! Holy  
Spirit, please!  
You guide the  
way!*

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What happens is, people get doors slammed in their face, and hanging up on phones, and some pretty sharp, negative reactions. They think, "Wow! I just really was enthusiastic and wanted to share something that's really touched me." And what happens is, they really haven't been guided by the Holy Spirit to share it. Theirs are not really the ears to hear, and then there's a sharp reflection back of quite a negative reflection. That's just, again, the student, or the practitioner, or the teacher should take that right back to mind and go, "Oh! Holy Spirit, please! **You** guide the way. I will step back and let You lead the way, and tell me where to go, and who to go to, to share these ideas."

That's actually very essential, because that's like you said, based on trust and inner listening to the Higher Self, and that's what it's all about.

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Jennifer Yes, indeed!

We are about to take a break. What I would love to do after the break, David, is we'll see if we have any callers. The call-in number is 888-558-6489 to see if anybody has a question for you.

I am really interested in hearing some of your experience in other parts of the world, and what other people are doing and how it compares.

We'll be back in just a couple of minutes with David Hoffmeister, author of *Awakening Through A Course in Miracles*.

Thank you for tuning in for *Living A Course in Miracles: Walking the Talk*.

Here is your host, Reverend Jennifer Hadley.

### *Adventures & Invitations Worldwide*

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Jennifer We're back with David Hoffmeister, and I want to give you the number to call in. 888-558-6489. It doesn't change from week to week, so if you ever want to call in and ask a question of one of my guests. Next week, my guest will be Chris Cade, who's also one of the teachers of *Living A Course in Miracles*, the class at [LivingACourseinMiracles.com](http://LivingACourseinMiracles.com). Chris is a wonderful spiritual teacher. He's got a lot of insight for us.

Right now, we're talking about "A Course in Miracles Around the World" with David Hoffmeister.

David, can you just name some of the more adventurous countries that you've been in, where you've had some really interesting experiences with the *Course*?

David Well, it started out for me after the United States of going to Canada quite a bit in the 1990s. But in the early 2000s, I was invited to Argentina. That kind of began this experience of going places where I didn't speak the language, and having all these translators show up, and being hosted in people homes, and kind of whisked around the countries.

I'd say there has been some great adventures in South America, and then a little bit after that, going to Europe, and the South Pacific, and then just kind of going wherever the invitation was very strong.

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I would say, off the bat, when going to Argentina, the culture that was so different from up here in the United States. One of the things that struck my attention right away was that in Buenos Aires, they really didn't have stop signs and not many traffic lights, at all.

You were talking about people flaking out, imagine if the city of 15-1/2 million people, about four times the size of Sydney, Australia, with no stop signs and no traffic lights, very few traffic lights.

That was the one of the things that struck me right away, was that, "Wow!" When I was in this taxi cab ride going to all these *A Course in Miracles* gatherings that I noticed that the drivers were very telepathic, and they told me that they **had** to be, otherwise their cars would be smashed up. I just was like, "Oh my God! This is amazing!"

And so, a lot of the economy had crashed down there, and we had people like doctors, and lawyers, and teachers that were driving cabs, because that was the only job that they could get, and they were very telepathic. They told me forgiveness stories of having cars smashed up, and then thinking they would go to court over it, and then finally just getting this guidance from the Spirit to forgive and let it go.

So, that was one of the things that just really, immediately, grabbed my attention of "This is a great adventure, down here!"

Jennifer I should say! And you said that Buenos Aires and Mexico City have more *A Course in Miracles* Study Groups than any other city in the world?

David Yes, that's it! It was -- they quit counting by the time I was down in Buenos Aires, and then I've talked with friends who have been to Mexico City and they say it's the same thing. It's like a proliferation, or just a huge expansion of groups, and nobody can even keep track of it, there are so many.

Jennifer What do you attribute that to?

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David Well, I think the Spanish culture has just always really been open to Jesus Christ, and I think that people who go through a lot of extreme conditions, and they find that this world is not providing answers, and the hierarchies of popes, and cardinals, and bishops is not really working, and they find that the penance, and some of those, we say ego-based concepts and ideas

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that they just don't work at all to bring them happiness and Joy, and bring them to the Kingdom of Heaven.

I think that the combination between that deep Love of Jesus and the dissatisfaction with the false teachings of Jesus has driven people in to the *Course*, where they just are in to true Love and forgiveness, and really coming in to a sense of non-duality, and Love and Oneness.

Jennifer Yes, and those Latino cultures also are very oriented in the family, very oriented in gathering together and celebrating.

David Yes, I think that's true. It's almost like *A Course in Miracles*, even though it's talked about as a self-study book, that they actually take great advantage of the *Course* Groups and *Course* gatherings, and they pour their hearts out and really get in to that transparency, and exposure, and disclosure that we know is so essential for healing.

Jennifer Right, right. And what about some of the Mediterranean countries? What are the *Course* Groups there like?

David Well, it's interesting. I've done some gatherings, like in the South of France, and they were quite open. I found that when I spoke and just let it pour through for a number of hours, that they actually just cheered at the end.

Jennifer [laughs]

David They were so ready for this message. Maybe it was from the centuries of Catholicism and some other expressions of Christianity that, again, were not satisfying, so I would say that some of the Mediterranean countries of Spain, I've been there a number of times, in Madrid and the mountains outside of Madrid and Majorca, an island off the coast of Eastern Spain, they were very, very open and receptive, and so open that I did a four-week retreat and a six-week retreat, which is very unusual for me, and it worked out perfect.

But again, they're kind of burned out in Europe, in general, over the -- we'll say, the misuse and abuse of the Christian teachings. They feel like a lot of people have turned away from the church, and moved more towards Atheism, actually, because there's been like a huge revolt against organized religion. People have left the churches in droves. There are pockets of people that are just really thirsty for a deeper experience that they were going for before, but never found.

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So, I find it, quite a strong receptivity over there in those Mediterranean countries.

### *Translation Challenges of ACIM*

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Jennifer      Yeah, I can imagine! Do they study it in their native tongue or both, or English and --?

David          Yeah. I would say there are quite a few English-speaking in people in most of the European countries that I have visited, although it took a long time to get the translation in to French, because there were a lot of difficulties. For example they have, "l'esprit" they have the same word for the Spirit and the mind, and as you know, from *A Course in Miracles*, Jesus is talking about the Spirit, and then He's talking about the mind -- the right mind, the wrong mind, the Divine Mind, the Mind of God, the Mind of Christ. He's got all kinds of variations of use of "mind" and they just have one word over there for all of them. So, it took many, many years of a lot of work to try to come up with a good translation in French.

Jennifer      Huh!

David          But, I would say there was German, there was Finland. All those Scandinavian countries have their own translations of the *Course*. The *Course* in Spanish is really Rosa Maria Wynn was the translator, and she was guided to use -- we'll say Spain Spanish as opposed Latin America like Mexico, or Central America, or South America Spanish, and each variation has their own dialect.

We have different dialects here in the United States of Southern, or New Englander or North Western and so forth. You have those language little idiosyncrasies that enter in to the picture.

Jennifer      Yeah, it's interesting, because I was talking about this in my Sunday service, speaking about the Bible, for instance. When I was in Ministerial school -- I'm not a Bible scholar, and I was never raised as a Christian, so I never started going to church until I started to go in to Unity Services with Eric Butterworth in Manhattan.

But in ministerial school, Rocco Errico, who's a Bible scholar out of Atlanta, used to be in L.A., and was one of my teachers, and he taught us that, for instance, Jesus spoke in the language of the Aramaic, the language of the

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people, but the scholars wrote it down in Hebrew, and then it got translated into Greek and to Latin and then, of course, into German and English.

So, all these different interpretations and, of course, each interpreter having someone with a political agenda standing over them, and Hebrew, being the language that has no punctuation. So, all of these translations can get quite complicated, and that's why we have to rely on our divinity to hear what's true.

David      Yeah. You make a very good point that, as I've gone to other countries -- for example, I have friends in Argentina who studied the book in English, which is the original language in which it was given to Helen Schucman, and also in Spanish. They'll go back and forth between the translations and really look for places where, perhaps, a better word would come in. And from what I understand, the Spanish version is going through a revision with Rosa Maria Wynn through feedback that she's been receiving.

But I always tell people the same thing you've said, is that, ultimately, we have to rely on the Higher Self, on the Holy Spirit, to really interpret it for us and really that's the one thing you can say about the *Course*, is really the Holy Spirit and Jesus are the Ones that have the experience of what the *Course* is pointing towards.

Obviously, they're the Ones that are the best Guides to coming to that experience, and that meaning, and understanding at which the *Course* aims.

Jennifer    Yes. Mm-hmm. Here's a question for you. I am really interested in going to Ireland and to the U.K., partly because I'm of Irish and English heritage, and I have not yet been to Ireland, though, I've been to England a few times. I haven't been as a teacher, so I've been as a tourist.

In Ireland, for instance, where there's been -- not in immediate recent history so much, but certainly for decades, so much unrest, so many years of unrest, between the Protestants and the Catholics, how is *A Course in Miracles* there?

David      Well, it's coming along. I would say that Gary Renard and I have been there. I've been there for multiple visits, and I would say that there's starting to be an opening to, a very strong opening, to *New Thought* teachings. I know you've probably heard of the Abraham material and Esther Hicks. I know she's been over there.

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Jennifer Mm-hmm.

David I know that there has been some very popular teachers that teach more of the *New Thought* teachings that have come, and have had a very strong reception, in like Dublin, for example.

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As far as *A Course in Miracles*, there are these pockets of groups around the island. I've actually done a retreat, a couple of retreats, weekend retreats. One was down in a little tiny town called Tipperary, and so, there's more and more of a receptivity. But it's much more in pockets, as far as with *A Course in Miracles*. The people there are very thrilled with these teachings, and feel like they're drawn to them because they **have** witnessed decades of fighting between the Protestants and the Catholics.

For them, religion, many people, it just has a bad taste in their mouth when they say the word, because it's been so associated with conflict and fighting. And then they have a teaching that's coming and it's purely non-dual. It's focusing on the union of mind, the Unity of mind. It's like a breath of fresh air.

But I'd say, in terms of *A Course in Miracles*, it's relatively new, so as far as *A Course in Miracles* teachers going over, like yourself, I'm sure Gary and I could give you some really good introductions and leads on where to go.  
[laughs]

Jennifer Good! Well I'm intent on doing that and visiting some of the Celtic sacred sites there.

David Yes, and in terms of England, they have -- the miracles network is very long-running. Ian Patrick and a great crew of people over there, they have a non-profit going there in London, and they really do things in Scotland, in Ireland, and different parts of the United Kingdom over there. It's quite well-connected. He's just a great contact, as well. He's been speaking at some of these national conferences and he's a good friend of mine.

They actually are having *A Course in Miracles* Conference next April. That would be a beautiful lead-in to actually go there, and people come from all over the U.K. to their annual Conference, so I think that, that would be really good lead-in, too.

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Jennifer Oh, wonderful! Yeah! There are so many great things that are happening for *A Course in Miracles* students all over the world, and I really encourage folks to find the opportunities to gather with other *Course* students. Sometimes, it can be really challenging in the small groups to study the *Course*.

I know, in the *Living A Course in Miracles* class we did before, Paul Ferrini was sharing some of the challenges that he had 25-30 years ago in *A Course in Miracles* groups. Gary has written about that in *The Disappearance of the Universe*, because it's like any kind of relationship where you're with people for the purpose of spiritual healing and growth, and so, naturally, some of the people in the group, you'll have this tremendous affinity for, and then other ones you feel repulsed or repelled by them, and you just--non-stop judgment going back and forth, and it's all for our healing.

Sometimes, people just avoid that, they have an aversion to it, and yet, I really maintain that it is actually faster and easier to do our spiritual healing in community than it is to go off and be in some cave by yourself.

David Yes. It is definitely very supportive. I mean, all things in form are symbols to us, but we can say some of those symbols and configurations seem to be very nurturing and supportive, especially when there's a lot of fear about the material, and the ego's not so happy about where this is all heading, because it's heading to an experience of pure Spirit and the non-existence of the ego.

It's, of course, going to be stirred up in these relationships that unfold in *A Course in Miracles* groups.

I just have found -- I mean, I've gone around the country, and I've really felt honored and privileged to be invited to so many hundreds, and hundreds, and hundreds of *Course* groups, and just show up and kind of pray the prayer at the beginning of the *Course* about, "I'm here only to be truly helpful." and just show up and really let the Spirit kind of take the whole group or the whole session. I think that's probably the most important thing.

Jennifer David, I've got to interrupt you right now. We're going to our break.

We'll be back in just a couple of minutes with David Hoffmeister, talking about, "*A Course in Miracles Around the World*".

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### *Partnering UP to Set Intention*

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- Jennifer Yes! Please join us at Facebook, and you can write your intention for the day, or comment on others. We've got a wonderful community there.
- We're talking with David Hoffmeister about "*A Course in Miracles Around the World*."
- David, you were talking about the Introduction that many people use in Study Groups.
- David Yes. Yeah, it's a thing where people get in there, and if you have that prayer and intention purpose out front, it seems to make it a very meaningful experience, and like anything else, if you go there and ego wants to fall in to rituals, and ways of kind of avoiding those deep connections, then ego will try to diffuse the whole experience. So, it's always important to have the purpose out front.
- Jennifer Absolutely! I'm a big believer in prayer and intention, and I find all the time that when people come to me and they are upset about something, it could be anything that they've participated in, and I say, "Well, when you went in to that, what was your intention? What was your prayer?" And very often, people say, "Oh, gosh! I didn't have one."
- I call it "Partnering UP". When we Partner UP with the Divine, with the Holy intention, with Holy Clarity, then throughout our experience, we're inviting in that Divine Insight and Guidance, so that we're not trying to just operate on our own, separate, figuring things out, and we can literally hear the Divine Guidance so much more clearly.
- David True. It's really so important.
- Jennifer Yeah, I take prayer in to everything and I actually teach classes in prayer from time to time. I don't know if you know this about me, David, but I record a prayer every day. I call it my "Power Prayer for Today" and I send out a link to it by e-mail, and I also offer that phone number to people.

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People can get all that information, and sign up for the daily prayer e-mail - I call it “My Spiritual Espresso” e-mail, and it’s like a shot of spiritual espresso. [laughs]

David Ah! Yeah! Beautiful reminders! Beautiful!

Jennifer You can sign up for that at [JenniferHadley.com](http://JenniferHadley.com) for anyone who’s listening that finds they are interested in that level of spiritual support daily.

David Beautiful!

### *Shining the Light & Walking the Talk*

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Jennifer We’ve got a few minutes left here. What other countries? Can you tell us some interesting experiences you’ve had? What about Africa?

David Well, I have been in contact with people in Cape Town and Johannesburg, Africa and, interestingly enough, there is quite a lot of *A Course in Miracles* activity going down there in South Africa, but as far as world trips and tours, it’s not really on the way to any place, unless you are going down to Antarctica or something. You know? [laughs]

I’ve had some wonderful contacts, and it’s kind of on my list of planning to go down there at some point. China is coming up, and that will be very interesting, because there is quite a bit of censorship, and they don’t even call them *A Course in Miracles* groups. I believe they call them, “X Groups” over there, or something like that.

Jennifer Huh!

David It’s very much of an underground, but it’s very strong. I find there’s a lot of people around the country practicing *A Course in Miracles* and taking the teachings very, very deeply, and we know China has a deep, deep tradition of spirituality. They don’t really have the Judeo-Christian theologies and teachings, but they’re very open to self-realization and Enlightenment, and deep teachings on that. So, they seem to be taking to the teachings of the *Course* very well, with Mandarin Chinese being the main language that the *Course* was translated in to.

I’d say, I think Australia, I’ve been down there six consecutive years, because the invitation has been so strong. There are a lot of teachers that around the *Course* and around the self-realization and Enlightenment that is passed through right along the East Coast of Australia.

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I find that Australia is kind of known as like “the rebel colony” from Great Britain down there, but that actually serves, as well, because people oftentimes who don’t conform, and who have a strong, rebel tendency actually, the Spirit can pull that around and say, “Yeah, let’s start questioning the status quo of the ego, and let’s go down and get to the underpinnings here.” There’s just a great openness and friendliness down in Australia and New Zealand. People are very deeply authentic, and facing the fears as they’re coming up, and really willing to turn them over to the Holy Spirit. It’s been just great experiences there.

In North America, all around United States and Canada, I’ve just done some recent gatherings up in Western Canada and Vancouver Island. There’s a great opening, little pockets here and there, but particularly, that little island, Vancouver Island. I’ve really enjoyed quite a few of visits up there.

I just go where there’s a strong invitation, because there’s really, it’s just for the ones online, and we’re not really actually trying to **spread** the *Course*. It’s more just to open up and clear away the obstacles, and just shine the Light and just go where there’s a strong invitation.

Jennifer Well that’s the thing to me. Some *Course* students really get hung up on trying to convince other people to **see** the illusion, the dream-like nature, and separation, and it feels, to me, sometimes like they have an ego attachment to convincing other people, versus just, walking the talk, **being** the Peace, **being** the Love, **being** the Joy.

David Yeah, I think it’s that’s a good point, in the sense that we’ve kind of coined the phrase, “metaphysical ghosting” to mean that if you start to share ideas from the *Course* that you’re working with, and you haven’t actually had the **experience** of it, the real deep, deep authentic experience of it, then we call that “metaphysical ghosting.” It’s like trying to almost proselytize or extend some ideas. You know, like from Lesson 132, the line, “*There is no world,*” or it’s those kind of ideas where people go around and will say “It’s all an illusion, anyway” and so on and so forth, but they haven’t actually had that **experience**.

Jennifer Mm-hmm.

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## *To Teach is to Demonstrate*

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David           And then it's interesting that someone like Jesus Christ, for example, who actually **had** that experience, He didn't go around saying those things, even. He **demonstrated** the Purity of God and the Love of God, and I think that's the key line in the *Course*, to teach us to **demonstrate**. It doesn't mean that you should go around and try to verbally knock people over the head with ideas that have not been experienced for oneself. I think that's a beautiful point you bring up.

Jennifer        "*To teach is to demonstrate.*"

That's the thing, is we **know** that on intellectual level, that no matter where we're going, what we're doing, what we're saying, we are **always** teaching the efficacy of our choices.

So, if we're encouraging people, inviting them, or coercing them to study *A Course in Miracles*, or to join **with** us in **our** study of *A Course in Miracles*, but we're demonstrating manipulation and judgment, then we're going to be teaching the efficacy of **that**, no matter what.

Those who are interested in finding new ways to judge people might be drawn in by that, and people who look at us and say, "Hmm. They don't actually seem to be walking the talk. I don't know if they've got anything for me."

You can always tell how well you're doing by how people are responding.

David           Yeah, I was one time in Miramar, Argentina, and with a group of people in a café, and the first question I received was, "I've heard that it says in the Introduction to the *Course* that this is a **required** course." And they said, "What does that mean?" And I said, "Well, it's just that this Universal Love, this Agape Love that we share, **is** reached through forgiveness, through releasing grievances, and hurts, and judgments, and we come **to** the Love through forgiveness, and in **that** sense, forgiveness is a requirement."

As far as the course as a book, I tell them, "It's just one path among many, many, many pathways that are beautiful, beautiful, legitimate pathways."

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When I travel around, I meet a lot of people that have pathways that are not *A Course in Miracles*. In fact, most of the people I meet around the world in buses, and trains, and planes, and so forth as I'm traveling, are not *A Course in Miracles* students, and have never even heard of the book.

I think that's really important, in the sense that I just rejoice with them in our Oneness, and whether they believe in God or not, whether they call themselves Atheists, or Agnostics, or believers, or non-believers of whatever, it's my task, my calling, really, to just shine the Light and to Love everyone that I meet, and so that makes it real simple.

### *Closing Remarks*

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Jennifer      It **is** that simple, and we are just coming to the end of our program here. It goes by so fast!

It is that simple, walking the talk.

David, in our *Living A Course in Miracles* class, which people can get the information and [LivingACourseinMiracles.com](http://LivingACourseinMiracles.com), you're coming up later in October and you're going to teach the class on healing, or offer your thoughts on that, in relationship to the *Course*.

In the last class, one of the things that Marci Shimoff said was placing our hands on our heart, so I'm going to invite everyone to do that right now and take a breath of gratitude with me as we set the intention to walk our talk again.

Thank you, everybody! Thanks for joining us!

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