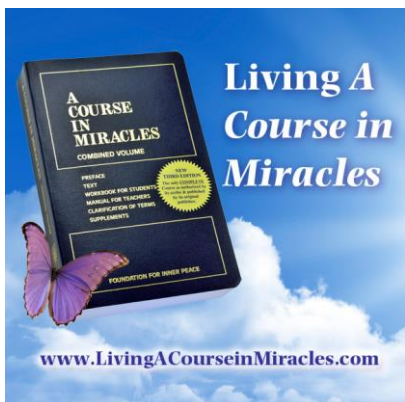


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## How to Keep from Failing



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# How to Keep from Failing

Welcome to *A Course in Miracles: Living the Love, Walking the Talk* with Reverend Jennifer Hadley. Get ready to focus on your intent to be the Love, be the Peace, through practical application.

Here is your host, Reverend Jennifer Hadley.

Jennifer      Bonjour! Bonjour! Oh! What a beautiful opportunity we have to join together, and I am fired up! **Fired up!**

I'm **so grateful** to be able to share with you today and let us dive right into it!

## *Opening Prayer*

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Let's begin, as we always do, with a prayer and a blessing. I invite you to place your hand on your heart and take this breath of Love and gratitude with me.

So grateful and so thankful to join together with the Higher Holy Spirit Self. So grateful and so thankful to consciously attune to the Perfect Love of God shining our heart and in our mind.

So grateful to open ourselves to a healing. So grateful, so thankful, to allow ourselves to experience the fullness of Love shining in our awareness. We are calling forth a healing. We're calling forth **true spiritual success**, reverberating throughout our life and Being.

We are sharing the benefits of our spiritual success in our loving heart with everyone, because we are One with them.

## *Feeling Like a Failure by Playing Small*

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Mmm! Indeed! We are blessed!

My topic today, it's interesting. I really--I feel **so** blessed. I feel so, so blessed to be able to offer this radio show. Hundreds of episodes, and it's always exciting to me. It's always interesting to me. The topic this week is, *How to*

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*Keep from Failing.* Yeah! This is something that **really** feels so charged right now, and I'm excited to share with you. Ah!

One of the things that I have seen, year after year, is that I encounter-- through the Power of Love Ministry, through the classes that we offer-- I encounter beautiful, talented Beings--Light Workers, or as I sometimes call us, "Lightpreneurs". Light Worker Entrepreneurs-- people with a tremendous amount of insight, and talent, and great heart, great willingness. They are playing small. That's one of the reasons why I do my [\*Stop Playing Small! Retreat\*](#). Sometimes I do my *Stop Playing Small!* classes. You might be able to find that old class, I don't know. Maybe I'll do a new series on how to stop playing small.

It's a subject that's so near and dear to my heart, because I played small for **such** a long time, and it was such a painful experience for me. I didn't know how to get out of that loop of limitation and lack. I was trying different methods in the world of form. I was taking classes, I was going to seminars, I was doing programs, I was doing various kinds of research, all to try and figure out **how** to be successful--how to be successful as a teacher. How to be successful with marketing. How to be successful as a minister. How to be successful as a counselor. How to be successful in many different ways.

I found that the more I studied these things, the more I felt like a fraud, and a fake, and a failure. That was rough! It was **rough!** It was so hard to feel like I was failing, like I was just missing the mark as a spiritual teacher. My heart was **so** inspired to share, and I had such a vision of what was possible, but I couldn't seem to get over this gap between what I **believed** and **felt** was possible and the lack and limitation, the failure, that I was experiencing. It was like there was a gulf, a gap, a big Grand Canyon-sized [laughs] crevice that I couldn't get over, and nothing I **did** was really helping me. It was something that bothered me, tremendously.

What I remember was getting to a point where I just decided, "I'm not going to try to figure this out anymore. I'm just going to give it to Spirit. I'm going to lay it on the altar."

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### *Daily Podcasts, Prayer, Inspiration*

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If you are someone who listens to the daily prayers that I publish, if you're getting my daily inspiration--I write daily inspiration, I call it my "[Daily](#)

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[Shot of Spiritual Espresso](#)”, and it’s my daily blog. It comes with a recorded prayer every day. You can get it in your e-mail, and then you can click and pray--either dial from your phone, if you’re reading on your phone, or you can just listen to the audio.

You can also get all those prayers--I don’t know how many there are now. I think we’ve been podcasting the prayers for a couple years now, so it’s probably a few hundred prayers in there, the podcast of prayers, which is a great thing to have on your phone, as a resource. All those hundreds of prayers, of course, they’re totally free, and you can pick a prayer at any time, on any topic. With each prayer, there’s also listed the daily inspiration that I wrote to go with the prayer.

So, if you need a pick-me-up, a quick pick-me-up, that’s a good resource to have. It’s all free, and it just shows up in your e-mail every morning, depending on where you are in the world.

In those prayers, I frequently use the phrase--which I don’t know where I got it from, or when I started saying it, but I just started, in my mind, laying things on the altar, and say, “Okay, God. I’m laying this on the Holy Altar Fire of Divine Love,” --just like it talks about in the *Song of Prayer, A Course in Miracles Song of Prayer*, to lay it on the altar, to give it to God.

### ***Placing All on God’s Altar***

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That the greatest gift we can offer to Spirit, it says in the *Song of Prayer*, is to lay the problem on the altar and let Spirit **heal it**, and to **stop** trying to figure out how to heal it, to **stop** thinking that we must put our Trust and Faith in our **own** ability to figure it out. Instead, give it to Spirit. Spirit can figure it out, believe me, **way** better than we can!

But, the tendency is, for most of us, is we’ll give it to God, we’ll pray about it, we’ll lay it on the altar, but then if it doesn’t get worked out and resolved pretty quick, we take it off the altar. We start worrying about it again. We start trying to figure it out again. We start complaining about it again. We have a **very** challenging time, a lot of us, just leaving things on the altar.

One of the things I learned to do is to say, when I was tempted to snatch it off the altar and start thinking about it, trying to figure it out, understand it, pick it up, look at it, shake it, turn it around, I’d say, “Nope! I’m leaving that on the altar. God’s got that! **It’s not my problem anymore!**”

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One of the ways that I stopped failing and started living a miraculous life was simply by putting things on the altar and **leaving** them on the altar. In my classes, sometimes I'll talk about literally writing it down on a piece of paper and putting it on your altar.

If you don't have an altar in your home, I encourage you to have one. Some simple things about making an altar, I'll just share with you. It's such a wonderful thing! I like to have an altar in every room. In fact, one of the challenges for me in not having had my own home for some time now is that there's **not** an altar in every room everywhere I go. I miss it!

But, I mean you can have an altar in every room, including the bathroom. And, you can just make an altar space out of a corner, or a windowsill, or a shelf. You don't necessarily have to have a special cabinet, or table, or something like that. You can just designate a certain area.

I suggest to people, if you feel like you'd like to have an altar at work, but you feel a little uncomfortable about it, you can make it in your desk drawer.

Some just basics of altars, it's nice to have a beautiful cloth to lay down. Many people like to use a white candle. In the Native American traditions, we like to do a glass of water, a glass of salt, or a dish of water, a dish of salt, and a dish of cornmeal. Those get changed out daily, and you take them outside and make offerings of the salt, the water and the cornmeal, blessing the land and the earth.

You can also, on your altar, you can put images that are meaningful to you. I like to place a picture of my teacher on my Holy Altar Fire of Divine Love. I have many teachers. There's my human teacher, there are my Spirit Teachers. I love Quan Yin, Mother Mary, obviously Jesus. Buddha and others are so meaningful to me. Sometimes it's wonderful if you're making prayers for someone, special prayers, you might put **their** picture on your altar.

One of the things you can have a "God Jar" or a "God Box" where you have a beautiful box or jar, and you put things--you can write things on slips of paper that you're giving to God--concerns, and challenges, prayer requests, placing them on pieces of paper and putting them in your "God Jar" or your "God Box". It's a wonderful way to ceremoniously **affirm** that you're giving your challenges to Spirit.

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Then, the way to avoid failure and to experience success is to **not take it off** the altar, to not put yourself back in charge of it, but to **leave** Spirit in charge of it.

For many of us, that can be super challenging. Right? That's the whole thing about this world--we love all of our problems, and worries, and concerns, the judgments and the opinions, because we are the ones who made them. They're our little treasures. Who would we be without the world we made?

We'd be free! That's who we'd be! **Freedom!**

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### *Call Forth the Highest & Best for All*

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Another way to avoid failure and to experience success is **not** to pray for specifics. Instead of praying that, "They call today," or "I get this particular job," instead of that, always praying for the highest and best. This is one of the **miracle** things that I have learned, is no matter what the situation is--no matter how difficult it is, and how much we'd like to have a particular outcome, if we can stand **very** strong in our heart and say, "I am calling forth the highest and best for **everyone** in this situation."

What makes people kind of cringe about that, they're like, "Oh! Well, what if's the highest and best for **them**, but not for **me**?" That's not even **possible**, because we're One with each other. God is so Beautiful and so Perfect that the highest and best for **everyone** is the highest and best for **anyone**.

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the world we made?***

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In some people's minds, they have enemies. Believe it or not, the highest and best for their enemy is **also** going to be the highest and best for them. It **has** to be, because they're One with each other.

When we're consistently praying for the highest and best for all, and blessing all, then **we're** going to experience true spiritual success. We're going to experience Freedom.

Now, people doubt this, which is totally understandable, because the ego **cannot** accept this. It **has** to doubt it, because the ego is going to reject

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**anything** that has a premise of Oneness, a premise of Unity, because the ego's entire thought system is one of separation.

But, remember that the ego is not a thing, a personality. It's **not!** The ego has no volition of its own. It has no decision-making power. **We** have all the power, because we're of God. Spirit has all the power. **Ego has no power at all!**

**If we agree** to think ego thoughts, if we **agree** to, in essence, put our mind inside the ego thought system--if you think of our mind like an amazing computer, and we run the software of the ego, then it's going to seem like the ego has power. But **only** because we're endowing it with the Power of God by thinking the ego thoughts. Of itself, the ego can do nothing. It has no power. It only **seems** to have power because we have given it our attention, our awareness.

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because we're of God.***

***Spirit has all the power.***

***Ego has no power at all!***

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So, in order to keep from failing, we are focusing our attention on the highest and best for everyone at **all** times, in **all** situations, **being** a blessing to everyone at all times and all situations.

Now, many times we can feel that someone or something is working against us. But, it's actually not even possible. It can appear that way in the world, but everything works together for good, and there are **no** exceptions, except in the opinion of the ego. This is *A Course in Miracles* 101. Not Lesson 101, but just the basics of *A Course in Miracles*.

As is often quoted from Lesson 135,

*"What could you not accept, if you but knew that everything--"*

All situations, and circumstances, and events were--

*"...gently planned by One Whose only purpose is your good?"*

It can **seem** like things in the world are working against us. It can **seem** like things are happening **to** us. And when it seems that way, that's the indicator that we've misidentified--we've identified with the thought system of separation rather than the truth of our Being, which is Unity, unification, Oneness.

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### *Pray to Be Receptive*

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Naturally, we're going to **fail if** we're ego driven. That's a guarantee. This is why things happen--we've all experienced them. I just wrote an article for *Miracle Worker* magazine, which is a U.K. *A Course in Miracles* magazine, and I was talking about how years ago I was really struggling, and I had \$20,000 in credit card debt, and it was **very** hard for me. I had a student loan that I was paying off which, by the way, I'm still paying off, and I was struggling to earn enough money and live the life of spiritual practitioner.

I went to **my** Spiritual Counselor and I said, "Help! I'm really struggling financially here." My counselor said, "So, what is your **prayer** work about? What are you **praying** about?" I said, "I'm praying to know Prosperity and Abundance, to **be** prosperous and abundant."

She said, "And how's that working for you? I said, "Well, kinda sorta not so well."

At that time, I was really struggling. I had times when I'd think, "Okay, today do I pay my phone bill, or do I buy food? What will I do today? Do I put gas in my car, or how am I going to do this?" And, she said, "Why don't you pray to be receptive?"

So, I started praying to be receptive. It was **amazing** how **fast** things changed! I got a call from a former client, a business client, said, "I need your help for four months, five months. I can't remember what it was now, it was so long ago."

In those few months I earned so much money--and she paid all my food expenses, flew me back and forth to New York each week, and it was amazing! I paid down that \$20,000 in credit card debt. Totally paid it off, super-fast!

That was so an eye-opener to me about how prayer works, because I had no resistance to praying to be **receptive**. I had no resistance to that **at all**. I was **wide** open to it. **Wowzer!**

Also, during that time, I had a birthday party, and a friend threw me a birthday party, and I ended up getting 60 gifts and having 60 Thank-You cards to write. Wow! Talk about becoming super-receptive. It was **amazing** how much things changed for me!

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I really learned that it was essential for me, as a spiritual teacher and a leader, to become **very** receptive. Because there's only **one** place to receive from, and that's pure Spirit. If I'm **not** super-receptive, what's **that** about? **I'm blocking Spirit!** That doesn't even make sense!

But you see, at the time that I was learning this lesson I was experiencing tremendous lack and limitation, **so** that's all I thought about. "I don't

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have enough. I don't have enough. I'm worried, worried, worried!" So, I just kept energizing more lack, and more lack, and more lack and experiencing more lack, and more lack, and more lack.

I'm looking at the clock. I'm going to continue with this story after the break

### ***Upcoming Teacher Training Retreats***

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Just before we go to break, I would like to share with you that we've got some **wonderful** events coming up. If you **are** one of those Light Worker entrepreneurs, and you'd like to shine and share your gifts and talents, you might be interested in joining the wonderful author and *A Course in Miracles* teacher Jon Mundy and myself. We're going to be in Scottsdale, Arizona at a beautiful resort in August for three separate Teacher Training retreats--inspired writing, teaching and speaking. I'll tell you more about that, but you can find it at [JenniferHadley.com](http://JenniferHadley.com)

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Thank you for tuning in for *A Course in Miracles; Living the Love, Walking the Talk*.

### ***Teacher Training Workshops in Depth***

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Welcome back! We are talking about *How to Keep from Failing*.

As we were going to the break, I was just mentioning that we, Jon Mundy and I, have these wonderful three [Teacher Training retreats](#) that are

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coming up in August--Inspired Writing, Inspired Teaching and Inspired Speaking.

The Inspired Writing is for anyone who would like to be able to **write** inspiration--inspirational blog, articles, books. Between Jon Mundy and myself we have written stacks, and stacks, and stacks and we definitely know how to do it.

What's important here is, it's **not** really just about what makes something inspiring to read. It's how **you can** write from that inspired, inspired place and **share** that point of inspiration with others, so that when **they** read it, **they** get ignited and actually feel that same corresponding inspiration, too.

It's a **wonderful** thing to be able to do. I **love** being able to write inspiration, and I've found that it's really quite, quite easy for me. That's something I'd like to share with others, and really--I'm excited to see how Spirit is going to bring this wonderful teaching that we're doing for the first time.

I've taught so many workshops, and so has Jon Mundy. Oh, my gosh! It's my Joy and pleasure to be able to teach a workshop and see people have a healing in the room. I **love** when somebody will come back two years later, and they'll say, "You know--do you remember me, Jennifer?" I'll say, "Oh, yes I do! How are you?"

They'll say, "Do you remember what I--" I say, "Yes! Oh, yes! I remember how you were on the brink on divorce," or "Your children stopped talking to you," or "You talking to your parents," or whatever it was that was going on with them. They'll say, "Well, let me just tell you! We just had--we recommitted in our marriage vows." Or, "We just had a family reunion." Or, "We just had Christmas together for the first time." Or, whatever it might be that--and it's **because** of the work they did in that workshop.

I don't know how to heal anyone, but I know how to **share** with people so that **they** can have a healing in their own mind, in their own heart. That's what I would like to share with people who are interested in leading workshops, even how to really organize a great workshop on any topic, because there are **many** things that we can learn to do that are **so** effective. Oh, my God! I wish people had taught them to me, but I have discovered them. Spirit taught them to me, and I'd love to share them with more people.

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In fact, one of the things I'm going to do in this retreat about workshops is share with you how to lead my [Forgive & Be Free workshop](#), so that you can go home and do that, that you'll be certified to do that. That's **very** exciting for me, that more and more people will be sharing forgiveness because, as I'm going to share in this episode, forgiveness is the thing that kept me from failing. It got me into leading a successful life and to stop feeling I was constantly failing.

Then, the third retreat we're offering is *Inspired Speaking*. Jon and I have given, I think it's safe to say, thousands of talks and it's wonderful when you can hit that sweet spot, you're talking from that sweet spot, and you don't need notes, you don't need anything. You are just on fire with the Spirit. Spirit is leading you. You're in the **zone**, and that's what I would like to be able to share with you. So, Jon and I are teaching that, too.

Three separate retreats. Come to one, two or three of them. All the details are at [JenniferHadley.com](http://JenniferHadley.com). We have payment plans. We'll do whatever we can to support those who are interested in coming.

And, because I used to struggle with all of these things, and feel like a failure, it's **powerful** to know that--for instance, I don't remember teaching a class and thinking, "Meh! That wasn't good at all!" I don't think I've ever--I can't remember ever feeling that way.

Some classes are fantastic, and amazing and super inspired. But, I've never had one that didn't go well, that wasn't good. Same with workshops, and I always feel good about my writing, as well. Some is far better than others, but I don't feel like I'm ever writing things that are just not good at all, and I don't get writer's block. Very important, I don't get writer's block.

It's **exciting!** It's exciting to live in the God Zone!

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### *Success Through Forgiveness & Practicing Nonjudgment*

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To complete my story before--so, I paid off all that debt, and I had that birthday party with all those presents, wrote all those Thank-You notes. I had gotten into this receptive zone. I was **more** receptive, **more** intuitive. I was really feeling **great!**

But then, I stopped praying to be so receptive. It took years, but after a number of years, I was back in debt even **more!** It's just exactly like

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someone-- well, you know, one of the things I had done, too, was I had quit smoking, but then I started again. It creeps back in, and next thing you know you start with a cigarette here, a cigarette there, and then a cigarette every day, and then two, and three, and next thing you know, you're buying cigarettes all the time. I've had **that** experience.

I've also had the experience of--oh, it just slipped right out of my mind. It must be not for me to share about right now.

I had twice as much debt, and then three times as much debt. So now, I had \$60,000 in credit card debt. At that time that that debt was mounting, I felt like it was happening **to** me. Not happening **by** me, but **to** me. I was feeling like a **victim**, like I was doing the best I could.

But, what crept back was, thinking about lack, thinking about limitation, thinking about "not enough". It was a slow creep. A slow creep on the debt. A slow creep on those thoughts.

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Now, I'm so glad that happened, because it taught me **so much!** It taught me about being vigilant for God, and God thoughts, and it taught me about the very nature of debt and debt-ing. Because, for me, I can remember people talking about unforgiveness and debt being related. I thought, "I don't see that. I **do not** see that. Where's the connection? I don't get it."

However, as I became rigorous with practicing nonjudgment and forgiving everything--everything, everything, everything, in all directions of time and space-- as I became **deeply** committed to the forgiveness and looking in my mind, "What **else** can I forgive? What **else** can I forgive?" And, of course, what was so important was to understand what true forgiveness was.

### *Archive of Podcasts to Support You*

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By the way, if you go to [LivingACourseInMiracles.com/radio](http://LivingACourseInMiracles.com/radio), or just go to the Home page at [LivingACourseInMiracles.com](http://LivingACourseInMiracles.com), you'll find the archive of this radio show and all the episodes. We have an easy search function there, and you can search for all the topics. We've got--this is the 351<sup>st</sup> episode of this broadcast, so you can find every previous episode there. Of course, you can get them in the podcast, too.

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You can search key words, and if you search for forgiveness, you will come up with many topics. Many, many! Also, “Faith” - how to leave things on the altar, if you search for “Faith”. If you search for “Trust” you will find many episodes there.

You can also, if you sign up for the podcast, you’ll have easy ability to search there, too. Most people’s smartphones and most people’s--well, every iPad, they have podcast apps. So, the Apple products have a podcast app. You can easily search for *A Course in Miracles*. You can search for me and find this radio broadcast.

You can also find my prayers there, and same if you have an Android podcast app. This radio broadcast is pretty much wherever you’re going to get a podcast.

I’ll just mention one other thing here that if you **are** listening to the podcast, wherever you get it from, if you would write a review, that would be **awesome!** It only takes a minute or two, and your writing a review **will** help more people find it. So, for instance, at iTunes, at Stitcher, places like that, the more people that write reviews, the more they show the podcast to people who are searching.

### *Giving All Limiting Thoughts to Spirit*

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Going back to what I was sharing about true forgiveness. True forgiveness is recognizing that this world is an illusion, therefore what we **think** happened only happened in the illusion, so it’s **not** permanent. It’s not part of our permanent record. And so, in our true reality, in our spiritual reality, we’ve never been hurt, we’ve never been betrayed, we’ve never been damaged. We’re still completely perfect in every way, shape and form, no matter what **we** have done to others to hurt them, intentionally or unintentionally, no matter what others have done that affected us. **We’re** still perfect. We’re still innocent, and free and pure. And so, remembering that is true forgiveness.

True forgiveness is relinquishing the judgments, the interpretations and the meanings that we made of things.

I know I say that so often, but I get so many questions from people who listen to me frequently, and they’re still asking, “How do I forgive?” It’s really relinquishing the **meaning** that we’ve made of things.

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And so, true forgiveness, that relinquishment of our **attachment** to our interpretations-- our point of view, our perspective, the meaning we made, the decisions we made about life, about ourselves, about others-- relinquishing all of that to the Holy Spirit for healing, putting it on the altar, putting it in the “God Box”, the “God Jar”, **that’s** what true forgiveness is.

Leaving it there, and saying, “Holy Spirit, I feel really hurt by what happened. I’m interested in releasing **all** judgments, **all** the decisions I made about this, **all** the meaning, all the interpretations, known and unknown, recognized and unrecognized, felt and not felt. Let **all** of it be washed away. I am no longer interested in those opinions, those judgments, those pronouncements, those attachments, those interpretations, those meanings. I’m not interested in any of it anymore.”

“I’m interested in Freedom. I’m interested in Peace. I’m interested in Harmony. I’m interested in Love. I am interested in Abundance and Prosperity. I am interested in **true** spiritual success. Take from me **every** interpretation, **every** misunderstanding, **every** misperception, **every** wrong decision, and undo all the consequences of my wrong decision. Let **everyone** experience more Freedom because of **this** prayer, right now.

That is how we keep from failing. We’re calling forth the highest and best. We’re calling forth **the** full release of all attachments to our meanings and interpretations of the past.

Now, what I experienced--right? So, I had \$60,000 in debt and I decided to go all-in and double-down on forgiveness. And so, I was forgiving everything, everything, everything, everything! Some things happened in my life that were **really** challenging for me and brought up my stuff. Intense! **Intense!** It was a time of great intensity, because I was interested in what I said every day was--many times a day is, “I am forgiving everything, in all directions of time and space. Past lives. Future lives. I’m forgiving it **all!** Everything! I’m forgiving myself and everyone else! I’m setting everyone free with my forgiveness.”

And so, maybe I’d be walking down the street, driving in the car, and I’d remember, slightly, something that happened to me when I was in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, where I got hurt. Or, maybe I did something to someone else and hurt **them**.

My way, in the past, had been to say, “Well, I don’t want to think about that. Ugh! I’m over that!”

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But, now that I was practicing true forgiveness, **all-in**, I'd say, "Oh! What's that? What's that? Something more I can forgive? What is **that**, Holy Spirit? Let me see **that!**" And, I'd look at it. "Oh, yes! I remember that. I'd forgotten about it, but there it is. Yes! I can see now that, at that time, I made a decision. 'They're wrong. I'm wrong. They're bad. I'm bad.' And, the interpretation I made was something--some judgment, some meaning that I gave it, some decision that I made, that had disturbed my Peace and was there, operating, like a software on a computer in the background, and it was draining off my capacity to live a joyful, prosperous life."

It was part of that lack and limitation foundation that I was experiencing. The mounting debt **was** related. I started to see how it was related to the unforgiveness, the holding onto resentments and regrets, the holding onto the guilt, the blame and the shame.

Just feeling it now. Hmm.

I really just said to the Holy Spirit, "Holy Spirit, take these thoughts out of my mind. Heal this back to the root cause, so I never experience it again. I don't **need** to judge that, myself or them, anymore. I'm setting **myself** free! I'm setting **them** free! I'm setting **everyone** free!"

And so, I started to experience a greater flow of Love in my heart, in my mind. And Love **is** success. It's the **ultimate** success. So, I started to feel more and more confident in placing my Trust and Faith in **Love**, in being loving.

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*I'm setting myself free!*

*I'm setting them free!*

*I'm setting everyone free!*

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I stopped placing my Trust and Faith in my **own** opinions and judgments. I stopped placing my Faith in being the one who's trying to understand everything, and figure everything out, and to **protect** myself from all the knuckleheads in the world. I stopped feeling that it was **my job** to be the spiritual police of everybody in my life, and always keeping track and keeping score of everything.

I decided to give **all** that up! I was **extremely** entrenched in it, because my mind, my personality is **extremely** analytical, and **extremely** opinionated and judgmental. It's all part of that intellectual analytical, like **many** A *Course in Miracles* people.

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So, I just kept giving it, truckloads, putting it on the altar every day. “Oh, this is for You, God! This is for You, God! This is for You! This is for You! This is Yours! I don’t know what to do with this, God. I’m giving this to You.” I just kept putting **everything** on the altar.

I started--somewhere in there, I started calling it the “Holy Altar Fire of Divine Love” because I felt that all of these patterns of lack, attack, limitation, and separation were being dissolved, resolved, and burned away in the Sweet Fire of God’s Love, because I was becoming less and less interested in them.

### *Focus on Love & Forgiveness*

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I noticed them coming into my mind less and less. I started to focus **more** on, “How can I be loving?” I started to notice that I was having clear insight and awareness.

I got this jolt of insight that I realized, “Oh! The only reason I fail is because I’m trying to do it myself.” Just like someone who would lose 100 pounds let’s say. They’re 300 pounds, they lose 100 pounds. But then, they gain back 150, because they didn’t shift their **consciousness**. They shifted their **habits** for a while, but they didn’t shift their consciousness permanently.

That was **me** with the debt-ing, and the experiencing the lack, the credit card debt. But, when I began to go all-in for forgiveness, that **really** shifted. In that time, what happened was I decided, “I’m paying off all this credit card debt, and that’s it! I’m done!”

And, I did! I did! I paid it all off, and I’ve not had credit card debt since then. I don’t carry debt on my credit cards, and I use my credit cards for **everything**, because I get airline miles with them, and that’s helpful to me.

I don’t carry that debt. I’m still paying off my student loan, but I’m paying it off, and I’m glad for that!

My life really changed through forgiveness, and through letting Spirit show **me** what’s the highest and best instead of telling **Spirit** what is the highest and best, what I **want** from Spirit, what I **need** from Spirit, what I’d like.

Now, I focus on “The highest and best is for **me** is the highest and best for all. That’s all that can occur.” That’s how I feel **successful** every day, and I stopped failing. I still have errors of perception. I still make mistakes, and I

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don't feel like a failure anymore. I feel like a success **all** of the time. I'm so grateful! I'm so grateful!

But, it's really **applying** these teachings of *A Course in Miracles* that did it for me. Yes! Mmm!

One of the things I'd like to share with you is that we're back up and running with the text messages. If you're interested in receiving my inspired text messages, you can re-sign up, or sign up, at [ACIMtexts.com](http://ACIMtexts.com). We figured out that we do need to charge a nominal fee for it, but if you'd like to receive inspired text messages and quotes from *A Course in Miracles* on a daily basis, it's a wonderful thing to help remind us to let the Holy Spirit do the heavy lifting.

Alright! It's time for me to pray!

### *Closing Prayer*

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Let's take this breath of Love and gratitude and go within. I am so grateful and so thankful that Love is lifting us, **truly** higher and higher. We're sharing the benefits with everyone, because we are One with them.

So grateful, so thankful, to **let** the healing be. In gratitude, we know it's done. And so, it is. Amen. Amen. Amen.

God bless you! Have a great rest of your week! Mwah!