were saying." "No," she would say, "but I know Jesus." The hippies became a barb between us and I tried to avoid the Strip or the Boulevard as much as possible. I tried to reason with her, "Look, honey," I said, "everything you want to do is wrong, believe me. Do you think any of the people I have promoted would ever have made it if I had stood on a corner with a little handful of paper, handing them out? Believe me, it won't work. Let me make money and I will show you how to get the gospel out."

Susie began to pray for me to go broke and I began to lose everything I had. If I started to the bank to make a deposit, it cost me money before I got there. It didn't bother Susie at all. Every time I mentioned that I was going broke, she said, "Praise the Lord." Finally I figured it out. She was praying for me to go broke! She hated that house in Malibu, she hated the new expensive furniture in it. She wanted to go out into the streets with the hippies, and that was that.

One evening, coming home from a service, she delivered an ultimatum to me. She was going out into the streets to the hippies and I could go or stay. I knew she meant what she said. I begged, I persuaded, I tried to reason; she paid no attention to anything. She went and got some little gospel tracts, marked them with our telephone number, called a group of kids we had won for Christ and said, "Saturday night we are going to the streets." What could I do? I could not see her go out there alone. She might get killed. I begged, "God, please Lord, show her how wrong she is. Don't let her do this." But every time I took it tc God something was happening. God wasn't telling her she was wrong, he was telling me I was wrong.

So we went to the streets, me very reluctantly, and here is where the Jesus Movement began. You hear a lot today of where the Jesus Movement started. I can tell you all about it. Many people have tried to take the credit for the great revival that has swept the world, but believe me, there was no one else in the streets when Susan and I first went out there. The kids were singing songs that "God was Dead," "Burn Down the Churches," "Kill the Pigs," "Kill the Establishment."

At first we had no church. We financed our own ministry. We took the kids home with us, fed them. Many of them were half dead, dying of drug addiction and malnutrition. We led them to Christ Jesus, saw them filled with the Spirit and grounded them in the word of God.

Since we started the work we have seen many other youth groups spring up. Some are good, some are bad. Some of them are nothing more than Communistic counter groups, designed to destroy the faith of the youth in God, teaching young people that they can smoke pot, drop acid, commit adultery, do their own thing. They all operate under the banner of "God is Love." Beware of the "God is Love" movement. What they are really saying is that God is permissive. Grace to these groups means sin. We teach our young people that God is a holy God and when they speak of Him to do so with all reverance. To us, "Get High on God" is blaspheming. To compare the Spirit of God to an acid or pot trip is blaspheming the Holy Ghost. Check carefully into the Jesus Movements before you become involved. Opportunists have gotten in like they get into every move of God: to pervert the gospel and make merchandise of it. As Susie says, "You don't buy a gospel work, you build it up on that solid rock, Christ Jesus."

The Jesus Movement did not just happen. It was not started by some youth with psychedelic lights flashing in his head. The price has been high. Oh, my God, so high. Higher than human flesh wants to pay. It came with blood, sweat and tears. I am glad that the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the eternal everlasting keeper of the Lamb's Book of Life, knows where and when and how the Jesus Movement began and that he saw my sweetheart, as she went into the street with cancer eating through her body and took the gospel to the hippies.

You know something? Susie is so smart! She was right! Jesus is the greatest promoter in the world. He said, "If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto me." Yes, even with paper bags filled with little gospel tracts.

Jesus wants to draw you near to him right now and you can know Christ like Susie and I do. Yes, this very moment all you have to do is repeat this prayer to God and you'll feel the Spirit of God enter your mortal body. Say it right now, and you'll see that he will.

PRAYER

MY LORD AND MY GOD, HAVE MERCY UPON MY SOUL, A SINNER. I BELIEVE THAT JESUS CHRIST IS THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD. I BELIEVE THAT HE DIED ON THE CROSS AND SHED HIS BLOOD FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF ALL MY SINS. I BELIEVE THAT GOD RAISED JESUS FROM THE DEAD BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY GHOST. I OPEN UP THE DOOR OF MY HEART AND I INVITE YOU INTO MY HEART, LORD JESUS, WASH ALL OF MY SINS AWAY IN THE PRECIOUS BLOOD THAT YOU SHED FOR ME. YOU WILL NOT TURN ME AWAY LORD JESUS; YOU WILL SAVE MY SOUL, I KNOW BECAUSE YOUR WORD, THE BIBLE SAYS SO. YOUR WORD SAYS THAT YOU WILL TURN NO ONE AWAY AND THAT INCLUDES ME. THEREFORE I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE HEARD ME AND I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE ANSWERED ME AND I KNOW THAT I AM SAVED AND I THANK YOU LORD JESUS FOR SAVING MY SOUL . . . NOW THAT YOU ARE SAVED RAISE YOUR HANDS TOWARD HEAVEN AND PRAISE THE LORD.

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