

MISSIONARY STORIES

REAL STORIES ABOUT SPREADING GOD'S WORD

The Praying Lady and the Healing Church!

THIS STORY IS ABOUT: FAITHFUL PRAYER BRINGS GOD'S POWER

BIG IDEA

The same Jesus who healed sick people in the Bible is still healing today! When God's people believe and pray in faith, amazing things happen.

THE STORY

In a city called Alexandria, in the state of Louisiana, there is a special church called The Pentecostals of Alexandria. For many, many years - longer than you have been alive - God has been doing powerful things in that church!

Helping to lead that church was a wonderful woman of God named Vesta Mangun. She loved Jesus with her whole heart. But do you know what Sister Vesta was most famous for? PRAYING!

Vesta Mangun was a mighty prayer warrior. She believed with all her heart that when God's people pray, God listens - and God moves! She would pray and pray, full of faith, expecting Jesus to do something wonderful.



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THE STORY CONTINUES

And He did! Over the years, so many people came to that church sick and hurting. Some had been suffering for years and years. Some had problems no doctor could fix. They came hoping, praying, and believing that God would touch them.

And during those services, the power of God would come down! People were healed of serious sicknesses. Some got better slowly, day by day.

And some were healed in an instant - just like THAT, completely well!

Person after person walked out of that church with a testimony. 'I was sick, but now I'm whole!' they would say. 'Jesus healed me!' There were so many of these stories over the years that they were too many to count.

Sister Vesta knew the secret. She taught it again and again: the SAME Jesus who healed people in the Gospels is still healing today! Jesus has not changed at all. He still loves to make people well.

She taught that God moves when His people believe and pray in faith.

Faith means trusting God even before you see the answer. And faith is exactly what filled that church!

The Pentecostals of Alexandria became a place where people came expecting God to show up. They didn't come to just sing a few songs and go home - they came believing Jesus was going to do something amazing!

And year after year, they left with their arms full of testimonies of God's power. It all reminds us of a beautiful truth: when we pray with faith like Sister Vesta did, the God of miracles is still listening - and He is still healing today!





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DID YOU KNOW?

- The Pentecostals of Alexandria is a real church in Alexandria, Louisiana, that has seen God move powerfully for many decades.
- Vesta Mangun and her husband G.A. Mangun helped lead the church, and later their son Anthony Mangun led it too.
- Vesta Mangun was known all around the world for her powerful, faith-filled prayer life.
- Hebrews 13:8 says 'Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever' - which means He still heals today, just like in the Bible!

MEMORY VERSE

“The prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up.” James 5:15

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

1. What was Vesta Mangun most famous for doing?
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- 2 What did Sister Vesta teach about the Jesus who healed people in the Bible?

- 3 What does it mean to have 'faith' and to pray believing, even before you see the answer?

- 4 Is there someone you know who is sick? How could you pray a prayer of faith for them?

- 5 The people came to church EXPECTING God to move. What is one thing you can expect God to do when you pray this week?

LET'S PRAY

Dear Jesus, thank You that You are the same yesterday, today, and forever, and that You still heal people today! Teach me to pray with faith like Sister Vesta did. Help me believe You will answer, and use me to pray for others who are hurting. In Your name I pray, Amen.

TRY THIS!

Start a class 'Prayer of Faith' list! Write down the names of people who are sick or need God's help. As a group, pray over the list with faith, believing Jesus hears you. Keep the list and check back later to celebrate the answers God sends, just like the testimonies at Sister Vesta's church.

