

# The Birth Canal

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**Matthew 7:13-14** *“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.”*

You don't have to go far to hear a sermon that preaches the promises of God for you. Whether you need healing, prosperity, freedom or love, all you have to do is pull up a You Tube sermon or go to your local church on the corner. We have preachers all over the world telling you of all the great things that God can and will do for you, but few and far between are those who will tell you the truth about how to activate those promises.

I have watched for years as people have given their money in hopes of getting a windfall of money back, only to be disappointed that it didn't work for them. I have seen people come up for prayer in the healing line, only to turn around and go back to their seat in the same condition of which they came. The church has promised a magic wand type message that if people will only follow these 4 steps, or give this amount of money, they will get their breakthrough. If only it was that easy, we would be the richest, healthiest people on the planet. But just like diet fads that promise weight loss if you just buy their product don't work, neither do the gimmicks we see in church work.

The key to everything you desire from God is found in God. There is no trick to getting the promises of God to be activated in your life, but there is a gate you must pass through. The bible says only a few find it, for it is not an easy gate to pass through. It is the narrow gate. Narrow in the Greek means, to press; afflict; suffer; compress; constrain; squeeze; break; confine; experience a tribulation that may affect either body or mind or both. Paul talked about how suffering produces, but very few people are willing to suffer in order to obtain the promises of God for themselves. I wonder if the reason we preach the promises without the pain, is because people want to believe there is a shortcut. The truth is, there is no shortcut, you have to go through pain in order to obtain the promises of God.

As I was studying this out, the Lord began to speak to me and He said, obedience is the birth canal you must go through in order to give birth to life. When a baby is conceived in their mother's womb, everything is provided for them, they have food, shelter, safety, comfort, etc. But there comes a time in that babies life cycle where it grows to the point where it must enter the birth canal if it is ever going to experience life. Many Christians are so content in the womb, that even though they have outgrown the womb, they are not willing to go through the birth canal of obedience, in order to really live. I believe this is why we have not seen all that God has promised us, because most Christians are comfortable in the womb.

The birth canal is a very narrow place, doctors even say, it can be the most traumatic experience a child will ever go through, though they will not remember the trauma of it. As we enter the birth canal of obedience it is very narrow, it is painful, it is a tribulation that affects your mind and body. I have been through this birth canal, so I know first hand the pain of it, the process of it, and the amount of time it took me to get through it. The Apostle Paul was in the birth canal for 14 years, it is no quick process. However, if you will stay in obedience and allow the process of the birth canal to complete its work, you will come to life. It is a life that is beyond anything you have ever experienced before. But to get there you must go through the birth canal.

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