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I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I will also hold you
by the hand and watch over you, and I will appoint you as a
covenant to the people, as a *light to the nations*... Isaiah 42:6

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Hebrews 4:14 (NKJV)

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

We are to hold fast to confessing, or speaking the Word, because we have a great High Priest Jesus, who is dealing with what we confess. A Biblical definition of the word confession is: "To say the same thing". Say the same thing as what? Same thing as the Word of God.

Speaking the Word or words that agree with the Word, invites the great High Priest to work on our behalf - High Priest of what we say. He hears what confession we make, and how often we make that confession, which tells Him how interested we are in receiving what we are confessing.

If we only say something rarely, how interested are we? We need to show our great High Priest we're interested in receiving what He's provided. That means you've got to say it more than once. Faith comes by hearing and hearing and hearing (to paraphrase Rom. 10:17). We also need to understand, we don't earn it the more we say it, but we do show that we are interested. And maybe even more importantly, **you** need to hear it, yourself! This demonstrates your faith and it demonstrates your level of interest in what He's made available to us.

Over a few pages in Hebrews 10:23 it says, *Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.*

That just means you don't say one thing one day, and something different the next day. Or saying something in faith one day, and then just let it go and not say anything about it for several days. Either way, that's wavering. And, if we're wavering, we're not holding fast.

For example we can confess, *Jesus is my healer*. That's a good confession of the Word, and a confession of faith, when we believe that. But how do we hold fast to something? The simple answer is: **Don't let go - don't waver!** Because He who promised is faithful.

We have mentioned, our weekly Skype teaching sessions. Every week we reach groups of people (live) in Hungary, Romania, Austria and Germany. Also, we send a recording of each message to several other people in other countries as well. At the end of each live session, after the microphone is turned off, we open it up for prayer requests, comments and testimonies.

The last few sessions have been especially amazing as we see what God is doing in the lives of so many in different parts of the world, all getting the same Bible teaching, and seeing that there is a hunger all over for God. Here are a few examples of recent testimonies:

We have written about Maria Vago in past newsletters. She and her husband Csaba were the first ones to feel conviction that they should finally get married after more than 30 years. But not long ago, Maria was feeling an extreme lack of energy along with an abnormal discharge. After a thorough examination doctors found a tumor - cancer!

Maria and Csaba are fairly new Christians, and have been faithfully joining us for every live teaching session. She listened attentively to the teaching, and began holding fast to the Word concerning healing, and looking to Jesus as her healer. Then on a recent follow up visit, the doctor asked where she had surgery? He was puzzled, but after double and triple checking, the tumor is gone!

In Germany, a young couple from Romania got jobs making meals for airline flights. Things were going well until out of the blue, they were told they had to leave the house they were in by the end of the month. That alone would be stressful enough, but in Germany people can wait a year or more for something to become available. Adding to the stress was that several other family members were arriving soon from Romania, because they had been offered jobs there as well. Part of their holding fast was that they had committed to tithing in January, and they were believing for favor in the area of housing. Sure enough, the last week of the month they miraculously were able to move into a bigger place, but it was unfurnished. Through a network of other Romanians working there, within a few days the house was furnished! Some people



Above left: Students in Hadad, Romania watch and take notes during a recent session in one of the Light to the Nations video Bible schools in Romania. Former student (and now Pastor) Barna Luczi is overseeing the school in Hadad as well as another one in Marghita. The hunger for God's word is growing all over the world! **Above center:** Attila and his wife Andi used to live in Székelyhíd, Romania and now live in Germany. We have known Attila for over 20 years. Recently, he contacted us to see if there was any way they could participate in the LTTN Bible school. We furnished the material and here, they are watching a session with Pastor Thomas Lohnke teaching and Marta translating. They are also joining weekly for our Skype teaching sessions. **Above right:** This is Maria Vago, who was recently miraculously healed of a cancerous tumor. We are honored to officiate the uniting of Maria and her husband Csaba in a "real church wedding". God is doing amazing things in Central and Eastern Europe! **Below:** When Spring comes, graduation is not far behind. These two young men, brothers Karesz (left) and Milan Gertner from Botpalad, Hungary are both graduating from different high schools. Karesz is finishing a 5 year course of study specializing in law enforcement. Milan is still exploring options for his future after finishing 4 years of his high school.

came from 100 kilometres to bring furniture, including bed, spoons - everything fully furnished for free. They are convinced that their commitment to tithe is why God has blessed them.

One of our faithful Skype listeners in Romania shared how he took his wife for a dentist visit during the time we were teaching so couldn't join with as usual. At the dentist office, though he usually went in with his wife (who has been having major dental work done) he felt he heard Holy Spirit tell him, "don't go in". So, he decided to listen to the live teaching on his phone. As he listened to the teaching, a total stranger inched closer and closer to listen. The man said he needed this, so our friend led him to Jesus! As he shared this testimony, he told everyone about the importance of hearing the voice of God.



Another testimony from a listener in a town near Budapest. She had a follow up doctors appointment because of an injury to her fingers and was dealing with great fear. She learned to pray and believe that God is with her and never leaves her, and could feel His presence and had no fear of what might happen. On her way home, she heard a homeless woman crying, so went out of her way to see if she was O.K. She was able to pray with her and lead her to the Lord, because she knew God was with her.

Jozsi Bacs, told us how three years ago he was scheduled for open heart surgery. He couldn't walk more than a few feet, and besides his heart issue his leg was damaged. Just recently a neighbor saw him and asked when he had the surgery, because he saw him working hard and getting around like a young man. Jozsi Bacs said, "No, God healed me!" When we heard this testimony, we stopped and prayed (the whole group) the Ephesians prayer that this neighbor would receive Jesus.

Finally, Szilvia Sule shared how she and husband Pastor Istvan were travelling home to Ózd from Szakcs, passed by a stand selling potatoes. At a roundabout, Szilvia told Istvan to turn around and go back. As they stopped and walked toward the stand, Szilvia took out a tract from her purse and gave it to the salesman, and prompted by the Holy spirit started to minister to him, telling him about Jesus and leading him to the Lord! Obviously, it wasn't about potatoes!

Thank you for your prayers and financial support, Your participation in this ministry is very much appreciated. Thank you!

Love, blessings and

Happy Mothers Day!

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