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PART 3: ALYNN PIKE'S DEATH

The death of Alynn Pike, wife of the well-known minister Ted Pike of the National Prayer Network (NPN), sent shockwaves within the Christian community when he decided to share about the terrible demonic war he and his wife had been involved in for many years. Many graphic details were given in his report, and since most Christians are totally unaware of demonic activity, it has created many questions. In this message I will share what Ted revealed and examine it from a biblical perspective.

THE DEMONIC ATTACK BEGINS

Ted decided to write a book in 1971 to expose the myth that the current State of Israel is the work of God. He went to a cabin in the mountains to be alone and write undisturbed but there was no peace for him. This is his description of the first attack:

“That night, my sleep was shattered by violent, racing nightmares. I was woken at least a dozen times. I had never experienced such mental assault. This continued every night. Unable to write, I returned home. Soon after, I became so weak I couldn't walk 500 feet without lying down. Over months I experienced dozens of “visitations” by tangible presences in the night, temporarily paralyzing me, overwhelming in their sensation of evil. For the next 12 years, I could do only light work for no more than 20 minutes—usually accomplishing only five hours of work per week. If I pushed myself, I would be flattened by immobilizing exhaustion for at least five days. I existed on five percent of my former energy.”

Ted was attacked by the demons of fear and torment. These demons are identified in the Bible. **2 Timothy 1:7; Matthew 4:24**

I can identify with Ted because I too have experienced these demons. As a child I was petrified of nights and on many occasions it was so bad that I thought I would die of a heart attack. There was no relief because I was not walking with God.

One day around 1977 when I was the pastor of Christian Life Ministries in Carmichael, California, I went to work as usual at the church office. The building was located in a warehouse with no windows, and as soon as I parked the car, I was hit with a horrible fear that almost paralyzed me. In an instant I realized that I had to defeat the spirits of fear or they would control me for the rest of my life. I decided to stand on the Word of God and slug it out with the demons. **Luke 10:17-20**



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I opened the front door and decided to walk through the entire complex without turning on the lights, only to be led by the emergency lights that were on day and night. I started in the foyer and began to loudly proclaim that in the name of Jesus I had the power over all demons and that they had to submit to me in the name of Jesus. We had some 4,000 square feet on the first floor and about the same amount of space on the second floor with many rooms and hallways.

There was a fierce battle initially with waves of fear and torment washing over me, but I stood my ground and proceeded to enter into every room, and as I did the fear left and I could feel the sweet presence of the Holy Spirit and the angels.

What made the difference? ***It was the baptism of the Holy Spirit that surged through me with supernatural power and squashed the demons!*** Since that event I have no fear of the dark because I know that I am surrounded by holy angels with flaming swords who are there to minister to my needs! **Hebrews 1:13-14**

THE ATTACK ON ALYNN

Ted married Alynn in 1984 and she was a strong Christian with a healthy body, but shortly after their marriage, she was struck down by demons. Alynn was attacked by the same type of evil spirits that had attacked Ted and began to drain her life power. Here is Ted's account of what happened:

“After the wedding, my new wife—who was formerly able to work fulltime, walk up to ten miles daily, jog, and practice piano several hours a day—suddenly became extremely weak. We tried to leave for our honeymoon road trip but only got a few miles; Alynn was so nauseous and exhausted she had to lie in the grass beside the road. For the next 16 years, she experienced unexplainable and debilitating fatigue comparable to mine. During these years, she never wavered in her devotion to God and political freedom. She never shrank from the shameful libel of “anti-Semitism” hurled against a husband who criticized Jewish supremacism and Israel. She was not just willing to bear any shame or suffering for the sake of truth; she earnestly and repeatedly asked the Lord to let her sacrifice even more if that would produce spiritual power. She accepted her weakness as a badge of honor. Her will and life was laid before the cross of Christ.”

I don't know why Ted and Alynn didn't seek prayer from other Christians, nor do I know how much knowledge they had in spiritual warfare, but let me share a similar story with you. It was around 1966 and my wife Aina and I lived in Salt Lake City. We had turned to Christ in 1965 and joined a Southern Baptist Church in January of 1966. We became very active in the church and had never had so much joy in our lives as we did back then.

On a Saturday morning we picked up an elderly widow and took her to Sears to do some shopping. I saw Aina fall to the floor as we were about to step on the escalator to go up to the second floor. She said it felt like someone had hit her over the head with a brick and became very weak; instead of shopping, we took the lady home and we went home as well.

I want to remind you that we had just been saved and baptized in water and were members in a Southern Baptist Church. We knew nothing about demons and our pastor could not give us any help except to pray in general. Aina was 28 years old, athletic and strong like a horse.

For the next five years or so we lived a nightmare. Aina became very weak and developed a severe headache that at times would cause her to stay in bed all day long while I worked. She had to keep all the windows covered because the light made her headache even worse. Since I was a good Baptist and not baptized in the Holy Spirit, I followed the advice of my pastor to seek medical help. We went from doctor to doctor but there was nothing the medical establishment could do for her.

When we moved to Mill Valley in California in the fall of 1969 to attend seminary, Aina got some relief. God led us to a Full Gospel Business Men's International Fellowship meeting in the San Francisco Bay Area around 1970-71 and there was a dynamic speaker at that meeting by the name of Bill Basansky. Aina asked for prayer after the meeting and he laid hands on her and rebuked the illness. In a few weeks there were no more headaches and she completely regained her health and strength.

Remember, if you do not know that something exists, you are not going to look for it.

When my Baptist eyes were opened to the reality of the spiritual realm, I realized that I had not taken dominion over the demonic forces attacking my wife, but simply allowed them to have free reign until God sent us Bill Basansky.

Years ago there was a woman who came to Jesus who had been tormented by evil spirits for twelve years and Jesus set her free. **Luke 8:43-48**

THE ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT DEMON

Life was pretty good for us after Aina's healing and we lived an active Christian life of preaching the Gospel, Aina singing in meetings and helping in counseling. But I had a problem that no one knew about. I was a grown man but inside I felt like a little boy with no value. As a pastor I called my elders and deacons "the boys" and felt inferior when I led the meetings.

I met with other pastors and felt they were mature men while I was a little boy trying to do the work of a man. In 1988 someone sent me a write-up entitled, "The Arrested Development Spirit." Suddenly I realized that all my life I had been held back by a demonic force that had hindered my emotions from maturing and my soul was held captive in this area. When these spirits were thrown out I began to grow spiritually and a year later I no longer felt like a little boy; instead, I now felt like a man and had much more confidence when I dealt with other people. I no longer call my elders and deacons "the boys," I am now meeting with the men in the church. **1 Corinthians 13:11**

I was no longer afraid of asking for help in spiritual matters and I feel this might have been the problem with Ted and Alynn. I talked with Ted on January 10th and

asked him why he had not sought the help of other Christians to battle the demons? He told me that the Holy Spirit had told him and Alynn to battle this themselves and not ask others for help. I then asked him about the Scripture in James 5:14 that says to call for the elders of the church to come and pray for him. His replied that "he was the Elder of his church and needed no one." I then realized that the demons had blinded him and put him and Alynn in isolation so they could wear them down.

MORE ATTACKS

In 2003 Alynn had a seizure while driving a car and later she was diagnosed with a benign brain tumor which was removed through surgery. This caused her to have symptoms of attention deficit disorder, bipolarity and nervous frailty.

"On a pleasant evening in the late summer of 2005, Alynn and I were strolling in a large rock quarry. Suddenly, she exclaimed that the sky was covered with what seemed like an aurora borealis of streaking, flashing lights, a living version of Van Gogh's Starry Night. She saw an enormous black silhouette of a man's torso and head in the heavens. This was all invisible to me. As we left the quarry and drove home, the sky remained alive to Alynn with fantastic shapes and lights. The stars darted around; colored lights appeared on trees and moving cars and inside our own car."

Since the demons were not restricted by Ted and Alynn, the manifestations intensified more and more. Here is how Ted described it:

"Soon, the demons began to communicate through her voice box. She spoke in unknown tongues daily. She said she could powerfully feel the demons in her throat and upper chest, as well as nonstop chatter from them in her brain. They constantly resisted her attempts to pray. Our house was filled with clicking sounds, streaking lights, whirring presences across the ceiling, and occasional sickening odors. I would be overcome with intense nausea for no reason. Alynn saw a galaxy of every kind of lights in nature, in the skies and in our house. One evening in the darkness she described for an hour how the Oregon City Bridge bristled, like Christmas decorations, with twirling, streaming, and flashing lights. Curiously, when she took her glasses off, it was the same bridge I saw. She sometimes saw my eyes glowing green or purple. She was shocked by an eye staring at her from inside the sink drain. She said a menagerie of fantastic glowing creatures, like slugs and worms, swarmed around our night light in the darkness. I once flashed an encouraging "V for victory" sign to her, and she then saw glowing V's in the tracks of my footsteps, following me throughout the house. Going outside, she saw an enormous "V" in the sky. I frequently saw momentary, tiny, intense, red lights in the trees, fields, roadside and house. On one occasion she pointed out large grass-green squares like a lattice imposed on the evergreen forest and I saw exactly what she described.

My wife often complained of cacophonous music from no known source, which I heard occasionally. I saw an armadillo-like, mechanical animal crossing our

road with whirring propeller-like legs. We often witnessed water dripping from dry ceilings far from any water source, as well as from the headliner of our car. We commonly heard banging and scurrying sounds and sometimes saw physical disruptions, especially as we entered a room. Alynn frequently saw human figures in and out of our house, including a man wearing a baseball cap, standing on the tiptop of a fir tree. Often there were knocks on our doors with no one present. She became perpetually frustrated over the years attempting to get normal affection from a succession of cats, all of whom could see the demons surrounding her. Often, I saw the cats stare wide-eyed at them and flee. But our most frequent experience was dematerialization and materialization of objects.

Familiar and necessary objects would disappear and then reappear a few hours later in a place we couldn't have missed. Alynn's expensive prismatic eye glasses were taken for six months. The day she finally brought home a \$600 replacement pair, the originals suddenly appeared in plain view on the cushions of the sofa we had sat upon innumerable times. About seven miles from home, my wife's car keys disappeared out of her hand. We had to take her the spare set so she could drive home. Alynn and I always kept our keys out of the car, but about a week later we opened the car door and the missing keys were in the ignition! On another occasion Alynn asked me to get a cosmetic out of the zippered section of her handbag. I found no zippered section. I repeatedly ran my hand over the interior of the handbag, but it was perfectly smooth. Alynn looked, with a woman's intimate knowledge of her handbag, and was astonished. The whole compartment was gone, along with all its habitual contents! Several hours later she checked again, and there was the zippered section, complete with all she carried in it. Another time I had seven pages of very important documentation for an article stapled together. Then page 5 disappeared. A few hours later it had rejoined the stapled pages in its proper place! A number of times they took documentation and manuscripts opposing Jewish supremacism. Sometimes such were returned in a few hours, but often had to be replaced or reconstructed.

In 1983 a newspaper was placed upon my first, nearly finished 345-page manuscript of *Israel: Our Duty ... Our Dilemma* and both were thrown into a wood stove and consumed. The demons seemed eager to tell Alynn they were responsible. They also told her they had caused all the factors (possibly her tendonitis, depression, ADD, etc.) that kept her from playing her beloved piano. A demon told her he didn't want her to have self confidence.

Yesterday, a fresh hamburger I had seen prominently displayed in the front of our refrigerator vanished. I searched the refrigerator again and again without success. Today, it reappeared in exactly the spot I first saw it. This is typical of many minor dematerializations we experienced.

If a small object, such as a pen or bottle lid, was inadvertently dropped, the demons enjoyed either dematerializing it in midair, never to be found again,

or taking it to a distant location to be conspicuously displayed. Other times, I have seen lids fly obliquely across our kitchen. A very large and heavy book on Michelangelo, placed on a chair next to me in the kitchen, suddenly slammed onto the floor with a bang, directly under the chair! Once, Alynn had sealed a letter in our living room ready for mailing. We found it lodged tightly between containers in the back of our refrigerator. On one occasion, demons took her vital medications and hid them in the back corner of our lower kitchen cabinets.

Every day for nearly six years, Alynn frequently babbled in tongues. Among gibberish, two names were always clear and repeated many times daily. The first was Baal Shem Tob. The second was Shabbathai. Students of Jewish Kabbalism will recognize these as two of the most esteemed and wicked Jewish Kabbalists in history. Baal Shem Tob founded Hassidic Ultra-Orthodox Judaism.”

VIOLENCE AGAINST ALYNN

Since the demons had been allowed to roam freely in the home of Ted and Alynn, the demonic forces began their final onslaught to kill her. Here is how Ted described it:

“The preceding malevolence toward Alynn was mild compared to the mental and physical attacks that soon came. She experienced concerted violent seizures of irrationality preceded by greatly heightened demonic chatter and accusations. Following such manifestations, a battered Alynn almost predictably became manic.

A danger to herself, she had to be taken to a mental hospital. There, she quickly calmed and became entirely rational. The same thing happened about a year later, and we protected her at home by wrapping her in a blanket. She raved incessantly for 36 hours with the vilest profanity and a rate of speech of which I would never have believed the human mind and tongue capable. Then she became suddenly calm and perfectly coherent, remembering nothing of the experience.

One night after I had gone to bed, she knew a major attack was coming. She decided to spare me and go out to our implement shed to do battle alone. She was lifted in the air and thrown violently back and forth across a room littered with hard metal edges. Miraculously, she survived unbruised. Another time she was suddenly hurled wind milling into space and fell 15 feet down a 45-degree cliff head first. She emerged with only briar scratches, protected by angels from breaking her neck. Just as incredibly, after every major attack she boldly asserted her willingness to undergo this torment for Christ’s sake.”

THE LAST DAYS FOR ALYNN

During the month of September, 2011, the demons attacked her through binge eating and she started to become very obese. Then suddenly the demons made

her sick of food and she rapidly lost weight until it became a life threatening situation. She would become nauseated just trying to eat. When the demons could not kill her this way, they went for the final assault. Here is how Ted described it:

“When she was alone, Alynn began to experience the sudden overwhelming conviction that she was hopelessly evil and always had been: No amount of faith could redeem her. She had committed the unpardonable sin. The grace of God, which availed for others, could not save her. Her very identity was insincere and opposed to God. As an "Achan" in our group, she felt obligated, in service to the Almighty and to our ministry, to die by throwing herself into the rapids of a nearby river.¹

Of course, these convictions came entirely from Satan. Such spells, which ultimately totaled about a dozen, manifested every few days. They would quickly dissipate when I arrived and countered the lies. After each episode, with enormous relief she would rush toward faith and cry, “Oh, I do want to believe you’re right! I’m so glad I’m not evil! I do trust in God! I know I am safe when I trust in Him! I would never kill myself; I would go to hell if I did.” Yet, alone, her brain mastered by the enemy's power, she was unable to resist the intensifying conviction that she was too evil to live.”

Alynn left their home on November 10th in the middle of the night and drove to a river and jumped in. For some reason she was able to get out and was taken to a mental hospital where she remained for twelve days.

On December 6th, she again left their home during the night and drove to the tallest bridge in Portland where she stopped her car, climbed over the fence and jumped to her death. The river carried her body out to the ocean and has not been found.

MY CONCLUSION

As a minister I have been involved with casting out of demons since 1970. During a period of 42 years we have encountered all the elements described by Ted Pike in our ministry and there is no doubt in my mind that what he and Alynn went through really happened. Demonic violence is nothing new and has been around for thousands of years. **Mark 5:1-15**

When Christians hear about a story like this with Ted and Alynn, it creates fear and opens the door for demonic attacks. It is extremely important to establish that Jesus is supreme. **Revelation 1:13-18**

Jesus has all the power. **Matthew 28:18**

Satan and his demons were defeated once and for all. **Colossians 2:13-15**

The power of Jesus has been transferred to every Christian. **Mark 16:15-20**

¹ This refers to Achan, a man who tried to keep plundered objects from Jericho when God had told them not to keep anything. He became a curse and Israel lost the next battle. Joshua 7:1-26

Demons have no other option than to submit. **Luke 10:17-20**

MISTAKES MADE BY THE PIKE'S

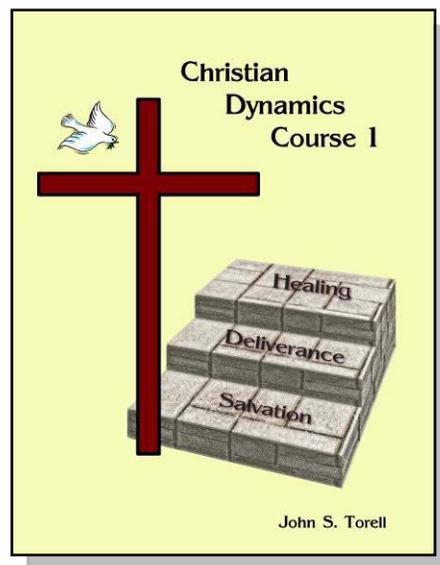
Let's take a look at the mistakes made by Ted and Alynn:

1. Ted was deceived by demons when he said that the Holy Spirit had told him and Alynn to battle the demons alone. God never goes against His Word. **James 5:13-16**
2. Ted and Alynn believed they had to suffer for Christ since they were doing His work on the earth. There is no place in the Bible where we are told to submit to tormenting spirits from Satan; instead, we are told to resist! **1 Peter 5:8-9**
3. Satan hunts his victim the same way a pack of wolves hunts their prey. They never try to kill a whole herd of animals; instead, they select and isolate an animal and then go in for the kill. The Pike's were blinded to understand this truth.

There were times in my life when I was severely attacked by demons and I came to the conclusion that I needed help. I enlisted the prayer chain we have in our ministry and asked the elders of the church to minister to me and cast out the demons. There have been times in the early years of deliverance that I was so deceived by the demons that I would shut down and stay in bed and refuse any help. My wife called for help and the deliverance team ignored my angry response to get out and just started to attack the demons. When I later regained my sanity, I thanked them from the bottom of my heart.

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During the last 16 years I have worked on my deliverance book. It was finished in 2011 and God had laid it upon my heart to write down step-by-step what my wife and I have learned during our years of deliverance ministry. I believe this is a training manual for every Christian, regardless if they are into the deliverance ministry or not. At the very least it will tell you how to keep yourself free of demons.



“How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.” (Acts 10:38)

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!