

Title: Testimony & Endorsement – Laura Funk

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Greetings all,

I thought the rest of you might enjoy seeing some of the endorsements that have come in. Some of these almost make you want to run out and get a copy of the book! (Which will hopefully be available withing the next couple of months). I have included one of my favorites below.

Blessings,

Dr. Lehman/Karl

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From Laura Funk, July 2016:

"I was introduced to Immanuel Prayer through the prayer teams at church. Since then I have taken trainings with Karl and Charlotte and have used IP extensively in prayer ministry and Spiritual Direction for over 10 years. It is an amazing blessing for me to see Christ at work in such a profound way - healing memories in me and in the people I have worked with! I have seen my own life changed in profound and simple ways. For example, I used to need to have all the doors closed before I could go to sleep. I realized through IP that this was due to my own feelings of insecurity in the world, of not feeling safe. After one session of IP, I went home and as we were preparing for the night, I told my husband that I didn't need to have the doors closed anymore. It wasn't anything that I needed to be brave about, it was just something I didn't need to do to feel safe anymore. And when a close friend died, I was shown how she is held in the heart of Jesus, where there is joy and perfection - the old has passed away and she was made new. It was enormously comforting.

I have some Spiritual Direction clients who come to me solely for Immanuel Prayer. They love it so much and have seen so much transformation in their own lives because of this intimate connection with the Holy Spirit/Jesus/the Divine. Sometimes Jesus takes interesting forms so as to meet people where they need to be met. I know it is Jesus by the fruit of healing in people's lives. People are genuinely transformed because of an interactive connection with the Divine through Immanuel Prayer. People come to a deeper understanding of how much they are loved. This changes how they treat themselves and how they interact with the world around them. They bring that light of Christ to others, too.

I worked with one young woman whose faith was lukewarm at best. Through an Immanuel Prayer encounter, she became deeply convinced that Jesus is real. She left the session completely blown away at the reality of the risen Christ. Soon after she joined a church and was baptized. When I meet her again, even years later now, she still exclaims, "Jesus is REAL!". Through Spiritual Direction and Immanuel Prayer, I have the privilege of working with people from all walks of life. I am in awe of how everyone's relationship with the Divine is so different, and yet every IP encounter is filled with so much love. People come with doubts, pain, trauma, fears, anxiety, trepidation, and so much more. Jesus is able to meet them in all of this and bring them each to a place of greater wholeness and trust in him. It is an awesome thing to watch him work in this way in people's lives."

Laura has a Bachelor's degree in Theology and a Master of Arts in Christian Ministry. She started Butterfly Journeys in 2013, and offers Spiritual Direction individually and in groups, retreats, seminars, and workshops in a variety of topics. She has offered training events in Immanuel Prayer and other topics both locally and internationally.