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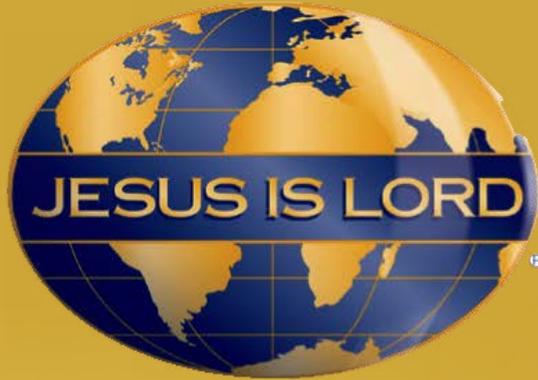
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From the Editor



Ah! It is the merry month of May. And if that alliteration doesn't satisfy your need, add to it may the month of mothers! It is in this month that we traditionally celebrate mothers, and where we allocate a special day of honour and remembrance to them.

This reminded me of the picture God paints of Himself as a mother hen brooding over her chicks; "How often would I have gathered your children together as a mother fowl gathers her brood under her wings, and you refused!" (Matthew 23:37). This is such a beautiful analogy of the care of God over His children, and further strengthened by David writing that we can seek shelter in the shadow of God's wings (Psalm 91:1).

What really grabs our heart is the nurturing and caring that we receive from our mothers. Where would many of us be today had it not been for that caring touch of our mothers? So, let us celebrate them this month, but then, also take it a step further and celebrate them daily. Every day should really be a mother-appreciation day! Building on from there, every day should also be a father-appreciation, and children-appreciation day, since God is really passionately concerned for the wellbeing of healthy families.

God is a family-God... a relationship-God... a caring and nurturing God. So let us start off each day by making it a God-appreciation day. "This is the day the Lord has made, let's rejoice and be glad today!" (Psalm 118:24). God calls us His children and names Himself as our Father. What a special place of absolute security and safety that provides for each of us!

To all the mother-readers of this issue – we honour your love and dedication to seeing your family nurtured and cared for. We appreciate the hours of selfless sacrifice and the lesson we learn that the world doesn't revolve around us alone. The practical application of loving God first and then our neighbours as we love ourselves was in part learnt from the example set by our mothers.

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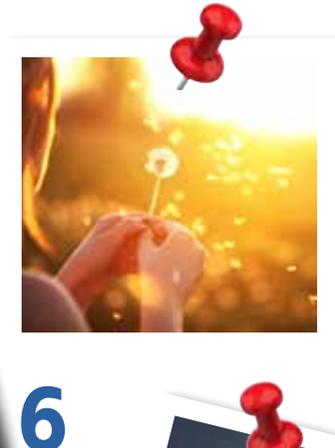
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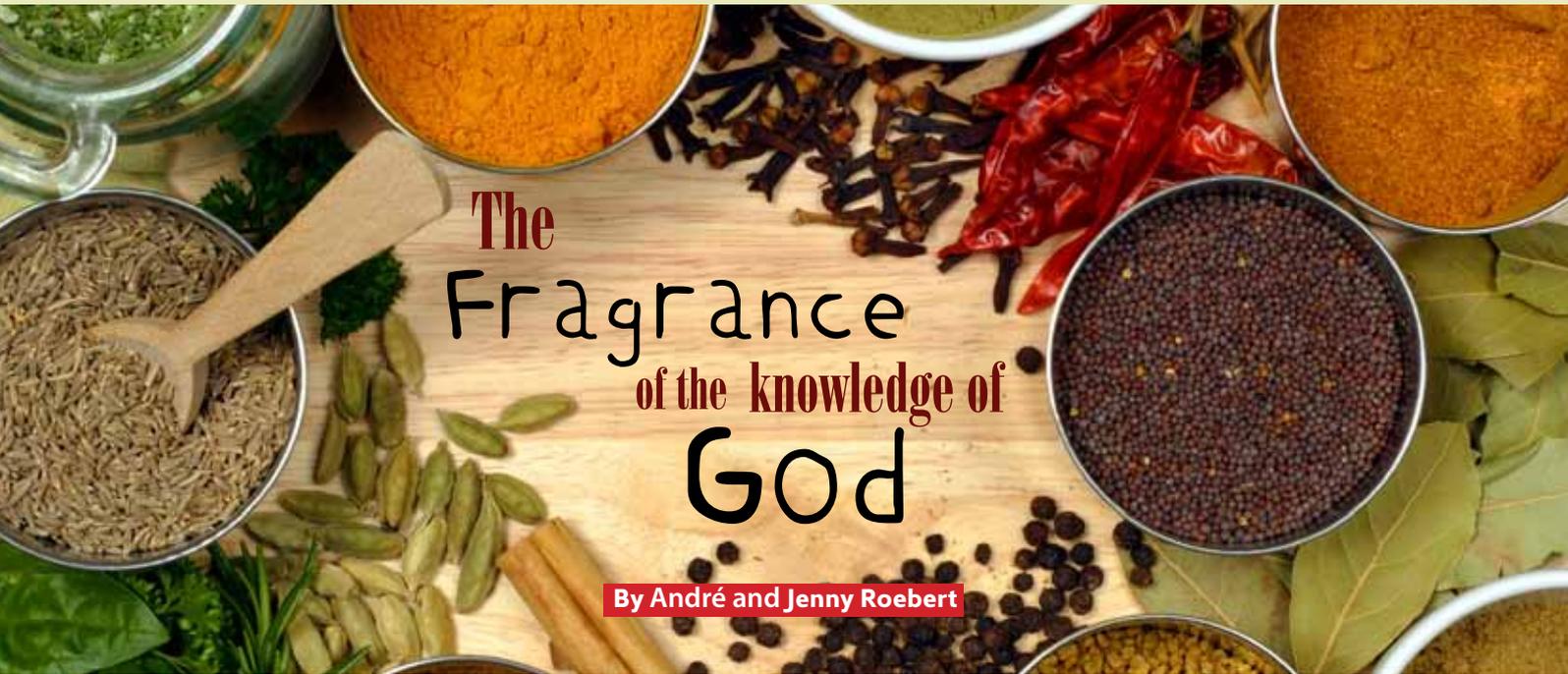
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The Fragrance of the knowledge of God

By André and Jenny Roebert

On one of our travelling trips, my son woke up one morning rather unhappy with the smell of his sleeping companion, his teddy. He promptly got out of bed, walked to the bathroom and sprayed his teddy with his father's deodorant. Then he climbed right back into bed, holding his cuddly companion tightly to himself and in a most satisfied tone, exclaimed that now his teddy smelled just like his daddy! So once again, all was well with the world because the fragrance that reminded him of his father was safely snuggled, close to his heart and under his nose.

When I thought about that, I remembered the scripture in 2 Corinthians 2:14, that speaks about the fragrance of the knowledge of God. I must say, as I looked into the verse and began exploring its depths, a ripple of excitement and a deep familiar warmth began to well up inside of me. I was reminded once again that the essence of our Christian faith has everything to do with getting to know and experience the reality of Who God is. You see, according to this scripture, living a life of victory has everything to do with knowing God.

2 Corinthians 2:14, says, "But thanks be to God, Who in Christ always leads us in triumph [as trophies of Christ's victory] and through us spreads and makes evident the fragrance of the knowledge of God everywhere."

When trouble comes, and if you are alive, you know it does, as children of God, we have spiritually been positioned in Christ. The Bible says that we are one spirit with Him. Since our spirit is alive in His Spirit, we have the ability to hear His voice and we have His written Word that will lead us into victory, one step at a time. According to 2 Corinthians 2:14, being led by the Spirit of God guarantees us being led, step for step into victory, every time, without fail!

Knowing God in His Word

The scripture teaches us in 1 John 1, that Jesus is the Word of life. This means that the Spirit of Christ is alive in His written Word. The same fragrance of the presence of the Holy Spirit we experience when we know Him and sense Him in our lives is found when we open our hearts to His written Word.

Let me show you what I found to support this when I began to study 2 Timothy 3:16. It says that, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God..."

The word inspiration in the Greek translation is very powerful when you understand what it means! It comes from the Greek word theopneustos. This is a compound word made up of theos, meaning God and Pneuma, which comes from the Greek root word pneu. This communicates a dynamic movement or waft of air. It can be translated to emit a fragrance, or a sound, blown through a wind instrument. Now, when the word pneu becomes the word pneuma, as in this verse, it carries a profound list of meanings, such as, life-force, energy and power. The Jews used this word to describe the great creative, life-force of God that created the world and everything living as well as the power to sustain creation.

Together, these words literally mean, God breathed. It gives a picture of God breathing or emitting His substance into something, like a powerful, life-giving fragrance or sound. So like a musician plays an instrument to create a distinct sound or a perfumer creates a perfume with a distinct fragrance, The Holy Spirit breathed on the people who wrote the scriptures, they became the vessels that expressed the essence of Who God is, His heart and His will and recorded it on paper. The Word of God carries the sound and fragrance of Himself. They were the writers, the instruments or vessels and God Himself, was the musician and perfumer that blew His essence in and through them, into the very words that represent Him.

As we renew our minds to His Word it has the power to produce the powerful force of faith. According to the Bible, it's that faith in God and His Word that always leads us into victory. But don't forget, as we spend time studying and meditating on God's Word, we are in fact, receiving and taking in His very fragrance - the life force and essence of who He is. As a result, no matter what trial we may go through, that very fragrance of the knowledge of God (the essence of Who God is), becomes so evident in us that when people see what we have come through, they are amazed. Instead of seeing someone burnt out, stressed or broken, they see the goodness and kindness and mercy of God. Your peace and inner strength is the fragrance of knowing God and it's very evident! It's spread in and through you, touching everyone you meet.

Knowing God in this way is living as an overcomer. While we are surrendered to living in Him and His Word, we will always carry His fragrance and be led into victory! ✦



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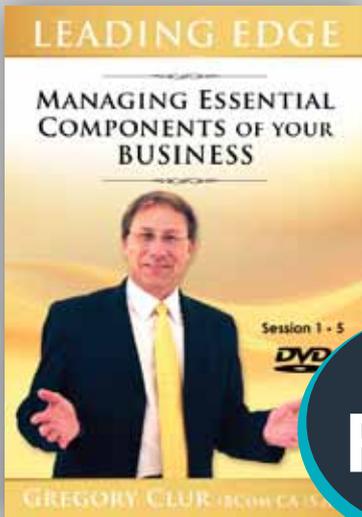
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BY JOYCE MEYER

LIVING WITHOUT *Frustration*

We all go through times of frustration in our lives. Frustration happens when we're trying to do something in our own strength—something that only God can do through His grace in us. My personal definition of grace is "God's power made available to us free of charge, enabling us to do with ease what we could never do on our own with any amount of struggle or effort." The truth is, our human effort can never bring the changes that God's amazing grace can bring.

The word "grace" has become so common in church or other religious settings that we sometimes forget its value in our life. God's grace really is amazing, and once you have a revelation of His grace in your life, you'll know just how amazing it is. It is the power we need to live an abundant life. And His grace can do more in us in five minutes than we could do in twenty-five years of living.

In fact, we are saved by the grace of God through our faith in Him. Ephesians 2:8 says, "For it is by free grace (God's unmerited favour) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation) through [your] faith. And this [salvation] is not of yourselves [of your own doing, it came not through your own striving], but it is the gift of God." God's grace is a gift and all we have to do is receive it. It's not something we can ever earn or deserve or take credit for it.

LIVING IN GOD'S GRACE

Salvation is given to us freely, by God's grace, and the same way we receive Christ's salvation, is the same way we have to live—by grace. God's grace not only saves us, it also gives us everything we need to live a joy-filled life. Colossians 2:6 says, "As you have therefore received Christ, [even] Jesus the Lord, [so] walk (regulate your lives and conduct yourselves) in union with and conformity to Him."

I remember how frustrated and miserable I used to be before I learned how to receive God's grace. I loved God and really wanted to please Him, but I was always trying to do what I thought was right in my own strength. No matter how hard I tried, I couldn't make things happen by my own effort.

For example, when I first started this ministry, I thought I had to make everyone like me and the pressure was more than I could stand! I would get discouraged when it seemed like someone was giving me a funny look or left during my teaching because I would think they didn't like what I was



saying. One day I finally said, “God, it is not my responsibility to make people like me; it is my responsibility to do what You are telling me to do.” The pressure I had put on myself to please people was released when I got this revelation: God is not just with us but in us and He will do through us what needs to be done when we stop trying to do it ourselves and let Him work.

STAY PLUGGED IN

Experiencing the grace of God comes as we learn how to stay plugged in to our Power Source. Plugging in means we need to keep feeding ourselves with God’s Word and stay connected to Him through prayer. If we can learn how to receive the grace of God, and let Him do things through us, we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

When you feel like you are losing your charge, don’t let anything keep you from plugging in. Just take a moment and pray, asking God for His strength. It’s also vitally important to remember to keep your focus on God’s Word and His many promises to provide everything we need, when we need it. If you’re frustrated and struggling, I want to encourage you to stop trying to succeed in your own effort and start asking God for His grace. He knows what you need and what needs to change in your life. We can never ask for too much grace, and God’s grace has no limit. It won’t run out. God loves you and He wants to help you. He always knows exactly what you need, and He wants you to enjoy your life while you are in the process of becoming all He created you to be. ✦

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GOD, SEX & Politics

By Waldo Malan

Whether the world around me chooses to ignore God, I and my household will continue to talk about God, sex and politics, and fulfil our mandate and instruction from the One who intentionally and uniquely fashioned us. How about you?



I remember clearly most of the routine from my days at boarding school. Being an all-boy school the teachers made sure they started early to rid the boisterous boys of any excess energy. Our day started at 05:45 when the wake-up bell rang, giving you exactly 15 minutes to do ablutions, make your bed, get dressed and get to the PT assembly point. The PT instructor would start at 06:00 sharp and being tardy in arriving on time usually meant 20 or more push-ups. After 45 minutes we were given another 15 minutes to have a shower and get changed for breakfast, which was served at 07:00 sharp. Each mealtime was started with a prayer of thanksgiving. At 07:15 there was school assembly, which always included a Bible reading, short devotion, prayer time, the singing of the school song, and ending off with the singing of the national anthem while the flag was raised.

The reason for my rather long introduction is simply to point out that things have changed dramatically in school and our society since I was at school. My entire life was based around the Word of God, and even my friends who may not have known God at home were exposed to a biblical worldview while at school. I am not by any means trying to say that everything I experienced in my childhood was "holy" and "right", but my overall experience was cloaked in Biblical standards.

Later, when I was a teacher, and sometimes invited to speak at other meetings, the instructions were clear – I could speak on anything but had to leave out God, sex and politics. These days it seems to be the politically correct thing not to mention religion, sex or politics in polite company. The underlying philosophy that supports this view is humanism, which seems pervasive in many parts of the world today.

A street-definition of humanism would simply say, "I do what I want and feels right for me, and no one may object." This philosophical environment is breeding ground for all kinds of equality laws, same-sex marriages, euthanasia, and such like things. This environment, by its very definition, will have to exclude God and make room for an all-inclusive religion, and by doing this, the Bible will need to be minimized an ultimately excluded.

So where I experienced and lived life according to Biblical standards as a boy, this all seems to have changed. Many schools have excluded the Bible and prayer to God in favour of a more politically correct approach – they now pray to "god" which is inclusive of a host of deities. In polite company now, we cannot speak about God, sex or politics. However, the very basis of a biblical worldview is precisely that! God, the uncreated, is the Creator of everything. He is the architect and builder, the finisher and the decorator, and everything else before, during and after. The entire universe rests in the very mind and being of God, and nothing can exist outside of Him. In fact, it is His very breath inside all people that make them alive – we are alive because God breathes through us! Also take into account that we are made in the image of God.

In this incredible environment that God created for us (as humans) there are two basic laws that rule the interaction between human and environment. And these two laws were given to mankind as a gift from God – multiply and rule. If we were to exclude God, sex and politics (God, multiply, rule) out of our conversations, beliefs and worldviews, we would simply end up with... emptiness and chaos – the way it was prior to Genesis 1.

Sex in the environment of God is a holy union designed for abundant fulfilment in a God-approved relationship. Sex was not designed for one-night-stands, abuse of other people, or as a weapon or means of manipulation. I will talk openly to my children about sex, and instruct them, before they get "lessons" or "ideas" from others that may not share our view on God.

I don't know about you, but I really couldn't imagine believing in nothing, speaking about nothing, and hoping for nothing. I would rather believe in something, talk about something and hope in something. And this is where I have to come back to God, because it is God that gives definition to something. When God can define the "somethings" we encounter in life it will all make sense, since He is the great planner of all.

Political correctness or not, my conversations will include God, sex and politics. I will judge people, circumstances and decisions according to God. Yes, I know Jesus said, "Judge not," but He was speaking about an unfair judgment on people based on the way they look and dress, and without taking into account their state of heart. John tells us to "judge righteously," in other words, judge people by the same standard, as would God. God is not a respecter of persons, therefore neither should we. God does not "judge a book by its cover," neither should we. God loves all people – so should we. God hates injustice – so should we. And the list goes on.

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Politics in the environment of God is about righteous rule. The Bible is full of examples of politicians, both righteous and unrighteous, and there are lessons to be learned. All politicians, whether in our country or another, will be lost without the God-environment, the God-law, and the God-rule. When God gave the instruction to mankind to subdue, rule and multiply, it was intentionally to be done "in His image" and not outside of His likeness! In other words, we need to do things like God does.

Whether the world around me chooses to ignore God, I and my household will continue to talk about God, sex and politics, and fulfil our mandate and instruction from the One who intentionally and uniquely fashioned us. How about you? ❏



GUARD YOUR HEART

ANGUS BUCHAN

There is an old saying that goes like this “you can fool most of the people most of the time but you cannot fool all of the people all of the time.” It has often been said that the truth will always find us out. We need to guard our hearts in order to be able to discern truth and deception. Our hearts are the wellsprings of our lives. In Judges 8:21 we read that as a man is, so is his strength.

Over the years, I have found that when I am speaking, it is always a good thing to look at peoples eyes because the Bible says the eyes are the windows of a man’s heart, and what is in the heart of a man is what he will speak – it will always be the overflow of his heart. In these times that we live in, it is so important to read and spend time in the Word of God. His Word feeds our spirit man and we need to be spiritually strong, so that each day we live, we would be led of our spirit and not of our flesh (Galatians 5:16-17). That’s why the Word says, as a man is, so is his strength.

I do believe it is important to keep abreast of what is happening in our world, although we are, as Christians, not of this world, we definitely live in this world. It’s just that to spend more time concerned with this world’s affairs and its newspapers and telecasts doesn’t input strength and purpose into our lives like the Word of God does. We need to pray and desire to read His Word each day.

After so many years involved in speaking and preaching the gospel, I find that, when I attend a church meeting, after just five minutes, I am able to know whether the speaker has a new Word from God for the people or whether its something that is rather like “yesterday’s bread, heated up.” God has new manna for us each day. What we say and who we are must add up. So many things tell others about us which are not always spoken. For example, when a man introduces his wife to me, and I see she is looking well and has a peaceful spirit, I can know that he takes his role in the home as prophet, priest and king and he shoulders the responsibility that are his. If, on the other hand, his wife is looking tired,

warn, sad and nervy, I know this man is abdicating his responsibilities he is likely not disciplining his children, not putting bread on the table, not paying his accounts and it is coming down to his wife, and it is wearing her out. We need to walk our talk. Francis of Assisi once said “Preach the gospel at all costs, and if you really have to, use Words.” So it’s not what we say so much, as it is who we are, that counts.

A man once said, (and you know how much I love horses) “Show me your horse and I will tell you who you are.” In other words, he was saying that when he looks at a man’s horse, he will immediately know a lot about that man. In Proverbs 12:10 (NKJV) we read “A righteous man regards the life of his animal.” Now, as an old farmer, I can drive onto a farm and one look at the fences hanging loose, the weeds growing among the crops, the cattle thin and the yard untidy, it’s likely that that man is lazy and doesn’t deserve to work on a farm, let alone live on a farm. It’s always been strange to me, that many farmers, who have farms like that, are often found telling other farmers how to farm their farms! There is a lesson here for us, as Believers that we cannot afford to speak one thing and live another. Our lifestyle must live up to our convictions otherwise we are nothing less than hypocrites, and hypocrites, I believe, are those who keep many out of the Kingdom of God. It’s because of double standards that people stay away from church.

In Titus 1:16 (NKJV) the Bible says very clearly “They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him” Friends, let’s not be found amongst those who bear a poor testimony for our Lord. Spend more time with God, be strong and brave and true and let’s rather lift up Jesus, so that He can draw people to Himself.

Yours in Christ,
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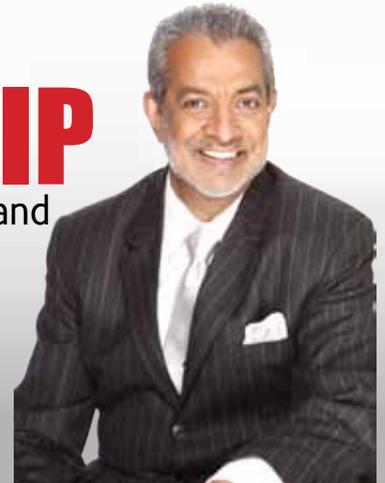
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THE PERILS AND PRIZE OF LEADERSHIP

An Interview with Dr. Sam Chand



BY PHIL COOKE

One of the most respected voices on church and ministry leadership today is Dr. Sam Chand. On his website his tag line is "My Life's Vision is Helping Others Succeed" - and he's good at it. Sam and I have shared a number of clients over the years and time and time again, I've seen him turn around struggling churches, inspire frustrated leaders, and transform the culture at failing organizations. Recently, I did an interview with Dr. Chand because I wanted to share some of his experience, wisdom, and insight on church and ministry leadership. Take notes. Share it. This is powerful stuff:

Phil Cooke - You have worked with hundreds of churches, ministries, and non-profit organizations in your career. What's the challenge you see the most?

Sam Chand - The greatest challenge I see is organizations "pack" for where they've been and where they are rather than "packing" for where they are going. All of us who travel know that part of packing is to know the weather, culture, context of where we are going so appropriate apparel and accessories can be packed. You don't want to land in Chicago in January while packing for Hawaii! But that's exactly what churches do. We talk (pack) about where we've been, what we're doing presently and even about where we are going—but, little strategic thought is given to alignment for synergy for the proposed destination. This includes aligning (packing) resources (staff, volunteers, programming, structure, culture, facilities, media etc.) for where you are going as an organization.

Phil Cooke - Why does having a leadership strategy matter with Christian organizations? Shouldn't Christian leaders be focused on spiritual issues?

Sam Chand - Of course, Christians should think strategically about how the call of the Lord unfolds in their lives. Let me use the most spiritual person to every walk on this planet—Jesus—to make my point. In Luke 4 Jesus overcomes the temptations in the wilderness and starts unfolding his leadership strategically.

- Luke 4 - Jesus establishes himself via the Word of the Old Testament and prophetic utterances that there was something special about him.
- Luke 5 - Jesus picks his executive team (Pet, Js and Jn)
- Luke 6 - Jesus picks his staff (12 apostles)
- Luke 4-9 - Jesus continues to do miracles gaining popular following and dissenters
- Luke 10:1 - "After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also,

and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come."

This verse gives us a great glimpse into the strategy of Jesus.

- A. "After these things"—His choosing his team, creating a groundswell about Himself, both negative and positive..
- B. "Appointed"—No volunteers, no nominations, no elections. These were handpicked and chosen for this specific part of the strategy.
- C. "Sent them"—Sending is different than going. When you're "sent" somewhere it is done by someone else with a defined purpose. No ambiguity.
- D. "Two and two"—Teams are better.
- E. "Into every city and place, whither he himself would come"—This means the 70 we divided into 35 teams and sent to the 35 cities and places Jesus was planning on going to. This means, Jesus' strategic plan involved knowing his 35 city and places itinerary, knowing which team would be best matched and suited for that city and place. This was his "advance launch team".
- F. In the verses following, Jesus even gives them the script of what to say when they are accepted or rejected. By the way, the script doesn't change regardless of the reception.

Acts 1:8 - Jesus, again, give the geographical strategic plan—Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and uttermost part of the earth. Jesus strategic plan can be capsulized as Discover - Develop - Deploy. **Christian organizations shouldn't feel it is spiritual to not be strategic.**

Phil Cooke - A big challenge with many leaders is developing a great team. Are the best teams hired from the outside or developed from the inside?

Sam Chand – One hiring issue that many churches are wrestling with centers on whether it's better for them to promote from within or to hire someone from the outside. I typically recommend following the example of many healthy organizations, which first look inside for a qualified candidate before searching externally.

If no candidates are found inside, then looking outside is a legitimate option. Those who want to hire and promote only from within think that insiders are better suited because they already understand the church culture and its operations. This paternalistic hiring philosophy appears to have more disadvantages than benefits. Only hiring from within might match your organizational DNA; just keep in mind that it can also result in:

◆ **Slower growth.** Churches that are limited to hiring internal candidates grow at a slower pace. When they realize they need people with experience and skills beyond what they presently have, they begin looking externally. In the end, they find that hiring believers who have worked in corporate settings satisfy many of their needs.

◆ **In-fighting.** Rather than simplifying a search, limiting hiring to internal candidates can actually complicate matters. Once the policy is known, people will begin jockeying for position, which is not the type of motivation we want to encourage. When only one internal candidate is selected, it can also create awkward situations, uncomfortable feelings and resentment among those who weren't chosen.

◆ **A limited pool of candidates.** Hiring from within limits the number of qualified people. For example, let's say that we're looking for a person to handle accounting and need someone who is a CPA. In addition to looking within our own ranks for a CPA, this person also has to meet the qualifications of church membership, and have a willingness to leave their outside job and come to work for a church. We might be searching for a needle in a haystack.

Focusing on the internal/external debate, however, avoids addressing the most important issue: finding and hiring the best possible candidate.

The goal of every hiring process should be to find the best qualified person – regardless of where they come from. To do that, we must be very clear about the job's requirements and qualifications. The clearer the profile, the better are our chances of finding the right person. If we have people on the search team who are still tied to the idea of internal hiring, a clear job description can stop this debate by making it clear that we don't have a candidate inside the church. By not imposing limits on hiring searches, we open ourselves up to God's provision. Whether the right person comes from within the church or transfers in from the business world, we'll have the right combination of talent and strength to move the church forward.

Phil Cooke – Speaking of hiring, what should leaders be looking for with potential employees?

Sam Chand – In my book "Who's Holding Your Ladder" I say "We hire people for what they know and fire them for who they are." Competence is important. Character is entry qualification. But I've found the ultimate determining factor is Culture—"do you fit here?" Potential employees have to be thoroughly vetted for cultural fit.

Phil Cooke – What's the biggest mistake leader make in hiring?

Sam Chand – Feeling that a vacancy must be filled. A vacancy should give an organization the opportunity to ask itself important questions such as:

- Do we really need this position?
- How does this position need to change?
- Can responsibilities from this vacancy be delegated to others?
- What type of person will be best qualified?
- Hiring in a hurry. The best predictor of disaster.
- Feeling pressured by others to hire quickly or even their candidate. Pressured decisions don't last.
- Not being clear about what success would look like in this position to be filled.
- Not taking time to scan the horizon for the best person and hiring the most needy person who needs a job.
- Hiring as a "Pastor" and not a "CEO". Hiring to help someone and encourage them rather than the best person for the job. It doesn't take long for a "gift" to become "entitlement".

Phil Cooke – What about firing people? Do Christian organizations do it enough, or do it well? What should leaders know about letting people go?

Sam Chand – In my book "Who's Holding Your Ladder?" I say that we need to "hire slowly and fire quickly". In fact the best time to fire someone is the first time it goes through your mind. I know, this sound harsh, even unchristian. Once you know a person has to go and don't act on it, you'll keep searching for reasons to keep them. We continue tolerating people and their incompetence because of our pastoral calling and ignoring our responsibilities of godly stewardship.

Christian organizations pay their staff by the funds we receive via people's generosity such as tithes, offerings, pledges, donations etc. People give as unto the Lord. It's the Lord's money. We pay people with the Lord's money. Therefore, is paying (rewarding) incompetence, bad attitude, cultural misfit etc. good stewardship? Lord pleasing? So, if you as a Pastor want to help someone, don't tie it to pay for work. Just help them from your benevolence budget.

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You have to know that everyone in the organization knows who need to go. I've consulted with hundreds of organization and the only person surprised by the firing is the person being fired.

Everyone else wasn't. Moreover, the longer you allow such a person to remain on the team you are affecting your leadership equity adversely. The rest of the team is asking three questions:

- Does our leader see what we see? If he sees what we see and isn't doing anything about it, what's wrong with that picture?
- If our leader sees what we see why doesn't she do something about it?
- If our leader doesn't see what we see, what kind of leader is he?

We must also know that a person could be the wrong person and not necessarily a bad person. Early intervention and surgical removal of cancer can save a person's life. So is it with employees—early intervention and removal can save your leadership and organization.

Phil Cooke – Statistics show that many pastors and leaders are burning out. From your perspective, why does burnout happen, and what's the remedy?

Sam Chand – Burnout can happen to anybody—no one is exempt. But it doesn't have to happen. Much has been written on this and there are ministries that specialize in serving church leaders so my answer will sound superficial. However, in my experience with leaders facing this dark valley of doubt, disappointment and hopelessness the common denominator is seepage. Yes, seepage. Burnout is not an event. It can be traced to when joy and fulfilment started seeping. When joy turned into a job. There are predictable behaviours as well. Hard charging leaders who don't realize that this is a marathon not a sprint are susceptible. Leaders needing high doses of affirmation create an insatiable appetite ending in deep disappointment. Stages of life in late 40's and on lead to asking existential question of being, meaning, purpose and legacy. Feeling trapped with no way out pushes a person internally into a foetal position. Less than satisfying family relationships deplete the energy source available most readily.

The remedy? I don't think there's one, but plenty can be done to build guard-rails to prevent it:



- Don't take yourself too seriously. Life is fleeting. You are replaceable.
- Work on healthy family relationships.
- Take care of your finances to never feel trapped.
- Have a 911 list of friends. May be one or two such 911 friends.
- Be introspective enough to do early detection on seep age.
- You're not the Messiah. You can't save anyone. You can only help.
- Pace yourself. You have a lot to do, but all that can't be done today. Set realistic expectations.
- Know that no human being can satisfy your deep yearning for meaning, fulfilment and affirmation.
- Be grateful. He saved you, trusts you, called you and is for and with you.

Phil Cooke – Years or decades in leadership can frankly wear people down. The day to day struggle can be a grind. How can leaders re-capture the passion they had in the beginning?

Sam Chand – Re-capturing might not be the most healthy aim. That's reaching into the past. God is always leading us into the future. In my book LADDER Shifts I write about eight shifts that are taking place in the lives of leaders. Once you tune into those shifts, you don't think you are going crazy or obsess with re-capturing what once was.

Here are the eight shifts:

- New people
- New pains
- New places
- New perspectives
- New priorities
- New passions
- New preparation
- New possibilities
- Instead of bemoaning the loss of the past, charge forward with the excitement of the shifts taking place in your life.

Phil Cooke – If there was one thought you'd leave with our readers about leading Christian organizations, what would it be?

Sam Chand – Leading Christian organizations is a joy yet not easy. Challenges are many, resources often don't match them. Therefore, the one thought I would leave with you is captured in one word:

Measurements.

Most Christian organizations measure the ABCs—Attendance, Buildings and Cash. Measure vitality of volunteers. Measure transformed lives. Measure children immersed in strong Christian values. Measure reaching the community. Measure salvations and baptisms. Measure lack of divorces. Measure children born in wedlock. Measure people who want to follow in your footsteps.

Measure what really matters. ☒



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Are You Looking For Love In All The Wrong Places?

By Bradley Kirsten



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It apparently makes the world go round and it's also, apparently, 'the answer'. We want it, we need it, and I'm as convinced as ever, that we aren't quite complete without it. Of course, I'm talking about good ol' L-O-V-E. It would be a very safe bet to assume that most songs or pieces of music are inspired by love. Want it, have it, lost it, sad without it, need it, found it. Love, love and more love. What has broken more hearts, or set more hearts ablaze? Yeah, we all get the point, but what is the power behind it? How can this love thing just hold in its hand, the key to our contentment, or our misery? Its power seems other-worldly. I agree, Huey Lewis, the power of love is a curious thing. So how is that it 'turns a hawk into a little white dove'?

I think I have some insight into this. If God made us, in His own image (Genesis 1:26) and God is love (1 John 4:8) it would suggest to me in the simplest terms, that we are made with a desire to be loved, the capacity to thrive when loved, and a built-in ability to love because it would be an expression out of our very make up! God loves us. This is a truth even the staunchest non-believer has heard expressed somewhere in their lives. It's true. God's entire plan from the very beginning, was to pour His love out on us. That's His very nature, and why He made man. Even after sin entered the world, He acted out of His nature to ban Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden, but He never stopped loving them. He promised a Saviour, even in the midst of His disappointment. (Genesis 3:15), and that Love (John 3:16) was expressed throughout the pages of the Bible and culminated at the Cross. Because God loved us first, we can love others, and do good to them. That love is so strong, that when we fully understand it, we should be able to do good without the need for it to be reciprocated, because we won't feel like we're serving out of a place of a love vacuum. Have you ever noticed how hurt, unloved people will accept any old expression of love just to feel that contentment? How can you ever give away something that you don't have?

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As you allow these thoughts to spurn you on to deeper thinking, why not evaluate and ask yourself if you really feel loved. Search for and spend time thinking about those verses of the Bible that deal with God's love for you, and how incredible life becomes when you live from a place of a full 'love tank'. When you are confident in your 'love identity' then the way you treat others, and the way you respond to the treatment of others, will change. 1 Corinthians 13:13 expresses that there are 3 virtues that carry us from where we are now to what we hope to be in the future, and that is faith, hope and love; but the greatest of these is love. It's now time to accept what is freely offered, to soak it up, and out of the excess, to share it. There's a broken world out there that needs to be reminded of what we've just chatted about, so don't just sit there; go and tell someone that they are loved, and teach them what it means to love back. That's what a true disciple would do. ■

FIGHT *OR* FLIGHT

BY PS THANDO KENTANE



In many instances in the life of an individual, one is faced with a decision whether to persevere against the odds or simply throw in the towel and run away from the obstacle... this was the case when we went out on the mission field with Every Tribe Missions! We, together with our youth group, had committed to going on the mission field to minister the Gospel to those who would otherwise not hear it. When we realised just how cold the weather was; that we would have to pitch up tents and sleep separated from hard ground by a mere mat that's barely over a centimetre thick, thoughts of going back to convenience seemed to flood our minds more and more – and I speak for both the first-timers and those of us who had been there before! Yet we found our bodies moving into action with every passing second.

I can still clearly remember camping around the fire, singing "How Great Is Our God" and really meaning the simple yet powerful words of truth that He indeed is a great God, with our hearts determined to praise Him. The entire group abandoned themselves in true worship to the King, "filling up" before an eventful day of ministry the next morning.

The ministry begins... we walked unfamiliar, long distances in order to share the Gospel with the community. Some homes welcomed us with warm hearts open to receive; while we were met by resistance as we entered other households. To watch the faces of people glow with such radiance after accepting Christ as Lord and Saviour was simply priceless. So many people were delivered from influences of darkness that had bound them since their lives began on planet earth. People were healed from all sorts of diseases.

I remember one experience of going to a house where there was an old man bound in a wheelchair in his room; a neighbour who was assisting him welcomed us at the front door of his house. There were four of us in the team so two group members went to speak to the lady helping in his home, while the other two of us went on into the room to speak to the old man. We soon established he was saved and was very involved in his church. He told us that he landed up in a wheelchair because he was bewitched by someone who was jealous of him as a young man playing soccer over 30 years ago. He had read of healings in the Bible but believed that if God had wanted him out of the chair, He would've

healed him already; therefore he would "carry the cross" of being in a wheelchair for the rest of his life. We prayed with him and then told him that upon our return later that afternoon he would be walking on his own without assistance. He was astonished that young people were sacrificing their holiday to minister the Gospel and had such 'bold' faith in the healing power of God. When the other team members went to check on him later, he was walking strong! And that testimony was just one of many that took place during the trip.

The truth is: many encounters of sharing the Gospel are uncomfortable; you never really know what to expect. You're met with all thoughts of doubts and questioning whether or not the hearers will receive the Gospel, particularly when you even have time to think about it. But eventually you realise that it's not about you but it's all about Christ being made known to all; it's about plundering hell and populating heaven. Right there and then you face a decision point of "fight or flight", whether you'll persevere in faith and do what's right or give up and quit... The lost people deserve an opportunity to get to know Christ, just as much as us believers have received that great joy. It is our duty to go into all the world and preach the good news to every creature of the human race (Mark 16:15) in any way possible. One of the awesome ways in which we were privileged to do that was through one-on-one ministry in the mission field; in some remote areas.

The greatest testimony for us still remains... seeing the youth ignited by the fire of God and going out, impacting their surroundings. No amount of money could ever compensate for the freedom found in knowing Christ and watching the youth get passionate about the true, uncompromised Gospel of truth at their own will! ✦





The Right to Learn

By Martie Du Plessis

Most systems in our country have failed us. Think of Eskom, corruption in municipalities, tax evasion, the unethical behaviour of various political leaders and the great lack of a supportive medical system. The low results in 2014 in the standardised ANA Tests (10,8% for Grade 9 math literacy) and great percentages of children suffering with learning disabilities, has also resulted in parents not trusting the educational system. Good teachers become totally despondent with results such as these since they have a passion to teach and a hope to see positive results.

Though parents might feel inadequate to change large infrastructures, it is possible by having the relevant knowledge, pressure can be put on those who are involved in their children's education. Many principles have seen the "light" as I share with them how children can learn more effectively. Often, as a result of this knowledge they change their methods and revisit their vision to come in line with their original call from God to be involved in effective education. Across the country people with a passion for education start transformational centres and small school learning centres in the interest of their communities by making themselves available to a different way of learning - not as slaves of a failed system but rather as leaders who want to be vessels of God in bringing hope.

It is clear that the current philosophy of education in South Africa will not bring the change parents are hoping for. What is even more concerning is that private schools, and specifically Christian schools, are guilty of sending learners away because they cannot offer a learning climate to produce the desired outcome. Children that do not fit the mould move from school to school, and province to province, in the hope to get help. Often parents are exhausted by this search.

I want to give a few pointers to inform parents, schools and churches to act in the interest of their children. It is of no use to change a wrong system with yet another burdensome system, and of utmost importance that people responsible for education seek God to bring boldness in a process of change for this country. It will start with the selective few who grasp this and embrace a radical different approach.

"The right to education is the right to develop all aspects of the human personality to its fullest extent" (United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child). The parents choose to embrace this development mainly at home or can have a tutor coming to their home. It is also an option to establish learning centres or even small schools. Community leaders get legal help from sites such as www.pestalozzi.org and www.sahomeschoolers.org. Both the small schools and learning centres should be no more than twelve children so that individual

attentions can be assured. Research shows that "first year university students have a Gr 5 level Literacy level and a Gr 7 level Reading Comprehension. No wonder that " 20 % of high school graduates qualify for university entry, about 50% of first-year university students drop out, in part because of poor school preparation for university disciplines" (Jonathan Jansen, Molly Blank).

There is absolutely no value in these learning centres following the same structure as a traditional school. Instead of it being graded, its focus should be on the level of the child's competency, since all children have different gifting in various areas such as mathematical, artistic, and technical or language ability.

The facilitator/s in these centres do not necessarily have to be qualified teachers, but rather a person parents can trust, with a gift of teaching willing to embrace change and has a heart for education. Since parents are the main educators, with the school as an extension of them, parents will pay more for such services purely because they will have peace of mind. This peace comes from understanding the curriculum used is not the same as used in public schools education since children learn differently in smaller centres. Even the world's leading educational systems (Finland) with the best outcomes, have decided in March 2015 to change their strategy for even better results. Finland is scrapping traditional "teaching by

subject" in favour of "teaching by topic." Pasi Silander, Helsinki's development manager, explained: "What we need now is a different kind of education to prepare people for working life."

See what a teacher on Facebook answers about this change in approach: "At the school that I am leading we have been doing this (new approach) for 40 years with great success. Our secondary-students experience a teaching that has relevance to their life and their parents see that what they learn and develop at school is relevant to their future. And the students are performing on the top-level of Norway. Finland is really approaching an education for the 21st century." It is therefore advisable that interested parties do a study of the different and amazing approaches to education and its effects in the learning environment.

The aim of this new way of learning is that children actually learn. Most parents complain about the fact that their children are not learning. Effective learning should have the desired effect/outcome on the life of a person; in the Information Economy all children can learn, even the illiterate, with a high emphasis on creativity rather than rote learning.

If there is no trust in the learning climate, one in which children can make mistakes, this kind of learning cannot take place. It is advisable in the structuring of these smaller schools that the facilitators form a strong bond with the learners to ensure a level of trust and that children stay with one teacher for many years.

All children do not learn in the same way, hence it is logical that the futurists of such centres focus on the different learning styles of children and how to differently and creatively motivate children and allow learning to take place in the most suitable manner. Young children up to six should sing, play, work (chores) and listen to stories and not be bound by formal classrooms.

During assessment or testing of children it cannot be required that all do a specific learning in exactly the same way. There should be studios in these centres where children are able to give feedback on what they have learnt in various ways. In a digital era, it is important that children use digital tools as an aid to prove what they have learned. The slow writer will not be discriminated against as he can type much faster. Various matriculation options are available if needed, but generally a wider education is needed.

In a digital era, where there is too much information to remember, it is important that children get knowledge, have comprehension (explain an idea), apply this idea (use it in their own way), and understand it in a wider context. Digital tools can be wisely used in this process.

During the ages of 4 to 16, children should work on discovering their passion and keep themselves busy with that, so that they know what subjects or interest choices they can make for specialised training in the future. In a traditional school system this I precisely the time learners are kept busy with school-work and homework. No wonder then that

school-leavers often do not have an idea what direction to take with regards to careers. Where children have focussed on their passions and gifts, the period from 14 to 18 can be used to mentor young people into specific skills or career paths.

It is of no value to be involved in the education of children without educating the heart and the willingness first to be changed as educators. It asks for a constant evaluating of goals with regards to character training in both the child and educator. Christian educators are at times the only Light source.

This is the time like never before for parents to rise up and be envisioned. It is the time to decline any participation in an educational system where the child does not learn, not be equipped for life or have a transformed heart. Parents need to know there is an answer. Home school, micro school, learning centre, unregistered private school, low fee school and cottage school are all different terms that are used to refer to a new and fast growing phenomenon in the South African educational environment. These are (mostly) small independent or private schools that are operated by a small group of entrepreneurs, parents, ex-teachers or volunteers. ❖

Martie du Plessis give guidance to families about alternative education, mostly home education. Martie explains to parents how to find the learning pathway for each child to enable the child to be a job creator rather than a job seeker. When parents have more time with their children, they can live a more value based life.



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BY ESTHER SAUNDERS

Thank you Father God that
Your plan and recipe for my life will
always bring me great success and
happiness no matter what challenge I may
face. Help me to be obedient to Your word and
follow Your instructions.
Amen

Jazz and I recently took part in our church's bake sale. It was our very first time and we were very excited. The church is raising money for the winter blanket drive we do every year. Every second Sunday for the next three months the congregation brings home baked goods, cakes, tarts, scones and many other delicious treats and it gets sold to raise money to buy blankets for the homeless.

Jazz and I decided to bake chocolate cupcakes because they are our favourite and we were sure that everyone else would enjoy them as well. Mommy bought us the ingredients and daddy volunteered to supervise us in the kitchen.

Jazz and I love our granny's chocolate cupcakes the most. Its soft with the sweetest icing so we decided to ask granny for her recipe. So Jazz and I gathered our ingredients and combined them according to granny's recipe following every step carefully. Then daddy put it in the oven to bake. Granny's recipe said they should bake for 20min. We were all sitting in the dining room when we smelt something burning, it was our

cupcakes. When daddy put them in the oven he set it at 220 degrees instead of 180 degrees like granny's recipe instructed.

Luckily for us we had made extra batter and could bake off the ingredients at the correct temperature. The next batch of cupcakes were perfect just like granny's and we managed to sell them and make a contribution to the blanket drive.

As christians, God gives us the ingredients and the recipe we need to have a successful happy life. If we do our own thing and disobey His commandments it will be like having all the right ingredients but burning the cupcakes with the wrong temperature oven. The Bible is our recipe book for success. If we follow its instructions perfectly we can never fail. The end result no matter what, will always be God's result which is always perfection. The Bible says that God has a perfect plan for each of us, it is a plan that will not harm us but that will give us hope and a bright future. ■

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EXTRACT from TAKEN by DEE HENDERSON

"...A young woman was sitting on the floor in the hallway outside his hotel room. She didn't rise when he drew near, just looked up at him. She looked . . . tired. And mildly curious. Her white shorts showed off long tanned legs, and the sandals revealed dainty feet with painted toenails. The contrasting pink top was remarkably sedate, blousy, and pretty. The look suited her and reminded him of his daughter. For that reason more than any other he simply offered a casual, "Looking for me?" She opened an envelope, pulled out a newspaper clipping, and held it up. "Is this you?"

He accepted what she ordered. The newspaper article with accompanying photo was old, well-worn, and crumbling at the fold. From the Boston Globe, he thought, recognizing the photo and knowing the date it had been taken. He was holding his daughter, her head lowered under the hood of a police'sweat-shirt, walking with her down the police station's steps. She had just turned sixteen-shy, scared, gangly, and thin. The photo had been snapped late on the day of her rescue as he was taking her home. It'd been the best day of his life since her disappearance when she was eight years old. "My daughter and I," he confirmed.

That image had captured the start for the two of them of a journey that had pushed them together into a father-daughter relationship that was to this day still hard to explain. Becky had been, in alternating waves, suicidal and angry, terrified and manic, overjoyed with freedom, so determined to rebuild her life and push away what had happened in those missing eight years. He'd been there for his daughter, getting her through those years and beyond to something now remarkably healthy, happy, and if not whole, at least wise and wonderful and able to deal with the past in a sane way when others brought it up. "She's finishing her first year in college," he mentioned, smiling as he said it, remembering Becky as she had been this last weekend, straddling a stool in the kitchen of their Boston home on a flying visit home from college to grab more clothes and different posters, munching on a carrot and arguing the fact he just had to get a haircut and please, please, please could he remember to lose the old leather jacket before he came to meet her new roommate's family? They already thought he was a Spenser-type tough guy with credentials as a licensed private investigator. Introducing himself as a retired cop would be okay, but a PI implied he liked to snoop.

He'd laughed at her request and fed her clam chowder that night, promising to be on his best behavior when he met the roommate's family, pleased that his daughter was moving from a single room to a double and acquiring a roommate. He had in fact done a bit of snooping. He knew more about her new roommate than the girl's parents probably did, and concluded his daughter would be safe with her. The roommate loved to party and be out and about town, but she refused to drink or do drugs and was exclusive in her relationship with her boyfriend. She was the extrovert to his daughter's more reserved nature and, Matthew thought, a very nice girl. One of the reasons he'd agreed to come speak at this Atlanta conference as a last-minute replacement was because his daughter had truly now settled at college, with plans to stay on campus to take summer classes.

Matthew took a final look at the article and photo, then refolded it. He wondered why this woman would have such an old clipping. He offered it

QUESTIONS and ANSWERS with DEE HENDERSON

1. Tell me about your most recent novel Taken. What's the story about?

Taken is the story of Shanon Bliss, who went missing when she was sixteen. Years have passed. She has just contacted a retired member of law enforcement. She wants to go home. Taken is the story of the next three weeks. Matthew Dane and Shannon Bliss are compelling together. He's helping her navigate a journey that only a few people ever experience.

2. Why did you decide to write Taken?

I wanted to write a story focused on a crime victim, to walk with her through the process of taking back her life and rebuilding a future. There's something unique in the spirit of a survivor that makes for a compelling story. Shanon is no exception. What she learned about God, how she handles family, how she deals with and navigates other people's expectations, is a window into how we all handle life when it doesn't go as we had hoped. She had to make some choices that most people will never face, and it was fascinating to watch her journey. I love the fact she could be optimistic about life in the midst of what was going on.

3. Your stories often have an underlying message about life or about God. What did you discover while writing Taken?

What I discovered is this: No matter how many years have passed by with a life you didn't want, that isn't the end of the story. You still have time to look forward and see a different future. God can do what seems impossible. You still have time to get there. This book is

mostly one of promise, of expectation, of wonder, as sometimes life can surprise you with good, too.

4. Where can a reader learn more about *Taken* and your other books?

The first chapter of *Taken* and my other books can be found at the website www.DeeHenderson.com

5. *Taken* is your 20th novel. What comes next?

I like to explore how people handle life. Right now I'm working on a short story about a man whose mother goes missing. Those sudden full-stops that happen in our lives, when the road takes an unexpected turn, reveal what is most important in our lives and why. Love is a major deal, and the love between a mother and a son is one of the strongest forces around.

back to her. "Can I show you something else?" "Sure." She pulled another clipping from the envelope. Tired of towering over her, he hunkered down beside her, one arm resting casually on his knee, drink in hand. He took the second clipping. A missing-person case out of Chicago, picked up by the Associated Press, this also from the Boston Globe. Shannon Bliss, age sixteen, missing along with her car; she had not arrived home after visiting friends over the three-day Memorial Day weekend. A reward of twenty-five thousand was herefor information. The photo looked like it'd come from a high school yearbook. A pretty girl, he thought. He looked at the date on the clipping . . . this had happened eleven years ago. He studied the woman who had olered it. He could see a good resemblance.

He didn't work many missing-person cases anymore. Becky had asked him to give those up for a few years, to consider going back to being a cop working robberies, or teaching at the police academy—and let his company, Dane Investigations, be run by his stal, at least the day-to-day. A missing sister could explain why this woman had sought him out, and he did know some people in Chicago who might be able to help her. A few of them were at this conference, and he could make some calls and introductions on her behalf. "Your sister?" he asked. "That's me." Silence lingered after her quiet words. "I'd like to go home," she whispered. He watched her knuckles turn white where she gripped the envelope, her other hand flexed against the carpet. Her eyes averted from his to stare down the empty hall. A stillness settled into his muscles. "Did you run away?"

She was quiet for so long he wasn't sure she would answer. "No." More a breath than a word, but he heard it. He felt his heart begin to crack on her behalf. The nuances mattered now, seeing them, hearing them, and he didn't have history with this woman to fall back on to help him understand her. "What name do you go

by now?" "Shannon White." "Have you spoken with the police?" She shook her head swiftly. He didn't let himself show a reaction to that news, just absorbed it. There were things his job had taught him, experiences with his daughter, an awareness that came from so many he had talked with over the last decade, and it all coalesced and settled in his mind. He couldn't alord to project or assume the wrong thing here. The odds she was in fact Shannon Bliss were small, but they were real enough to pursue. She looked as though she was telling him the truth as she knew it. God, help me. The quiet prayer went straight to his Father, and he took a deep breath, let it flow out. A hallway wasn't the place for this conversation, but a pause would give her time to change her mind about talking with him, so he stayed where he was. There were things he had to know simply not to hurt her further, and he chose his next words with extreme care. "Eleven years is a long time. When did . . . ?" Her hand settled very lightly, very carefully, on his arm as she shook her head. "Please don't ask." ...

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Biblica and Zondervan

Celebrate the 50-Year Anniversary of the NIV, the World's Most-Read Modern-English Bible Translation, with a Year-Long Campaign and Launch of a Mobile App!

January 2015 marked the beginning of a year-long campaign to celebrate the 50-year anniversary of the commissioning of the New International Version (NIV). In its 50 years, the NIV has become the world's most-read modern-English Bible translation with over 450 million copies distributed worldwide.



To commemorate the 50th anniversary, Biblica and Zondervan will celebrate by releasing videos and articles that tell the historical story of the translation. The campaign is supported by four main themes: Made to Read, Made to Study, Made to Share, and Made for You.

“Made to Read” is the first theme that will launch the first quarter of 2015. “Made to Read” will highlight the historical milestones that led to the commissioning of the Committee on Bible Translation (CBT). This committee’s original establishment recognized the need and laid the foundation for an accurate Bible translation in contemporary language.

In 1955, the original vision for the NIV was cast by Christian businessman, Howard Long. After a failed attempt to share the Gospel using the King James Version, Long began his search for a Bible that was both readable in contemporary language and reliable to the original texts. Ten years later, a cross-denominational group of evangelical scholars was assembled to work toward one mission: to create a contemporary English translation of the Bible.

The formation of this group of 15 scholars, representing a broad spectrum of Christian denominations, marked one of the most significant events in the history of the English Bible. After more than a decade of painstaking translation work, the complete text of the NIV was published in 1978, enabling Christians to read the entire Word of God in contemporary English while also remaining faithful to the original texts. In less than 10 years the NIV became the world’s bestselling modern-English Bible translation, an honor it still maintains today. “Our prayer for this anniversary campaign is to capture the attention of Bible readers, pastors, and Bible teachers with the history of the NIV, to introduce the committee of distinguished scholars that continue to work on the translation; and to share the impact the NIV is having all over the world,” said John Kramp, SVP and Bible publisher for HarperCollins Christian Publishing.

“The first theme of the campaign – Made to Read – provides historical context into the need for a contemporary English translation of the Bible. Today we, along with the CBT and Biblica, celebrate a translation that is true to God’s Word and has changed how people read, experience, and live out the Bible.” The Made to Read campaign video can be viewed at www.thenivbible.com, along with several stories related to the theme under the “50th Anniversary” tab. Free

resources, including reading plans, Scripture memes, and Bible samplers are also available on the site, as well as a guide to assist readers in finding their best Bible match. In addition, Biblica, Zondervan, and Tecarta have launched a free **NIV 50th Anniversary mobile app** available on IOS and Android that provides free access to the NIV for the 2015 calendar year. In addition to providing the NIV text, the mobile app includes additional quarterly anniversary content and many study and devotional Bibles made available for a trial period.

For additional information on the NIV 50th Anniversary, please visit www.thenivbible.com.



About Biblica

For over 200 years, Biblica has provided God’s Word so people can enter into a relationship with Jesus Christ and be formed by him. The Colorado Springs-based non-profit organization works in Africa, East Asia, Pacific, Europe, Latin America, Middle East/North Africa, North America, and South Asia. Biblica translates and publishes the complete Bible into the world’s 100 most widely spoken languages and is the translation sponsor and worldwide publisher of the New International Version® (NIV®) Bible, the most widely used contemporary English translation in the world. For additional information, please visit www.biblica.com.

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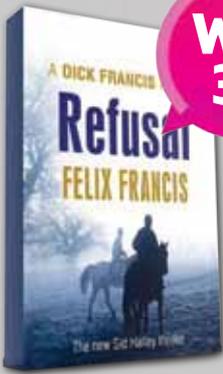
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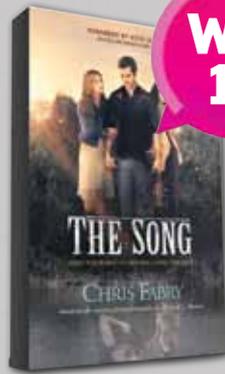


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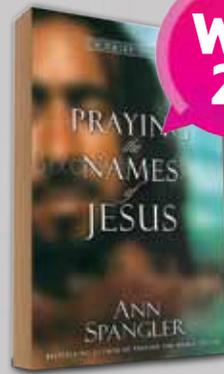


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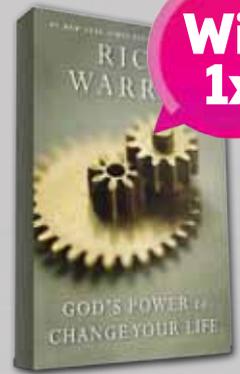


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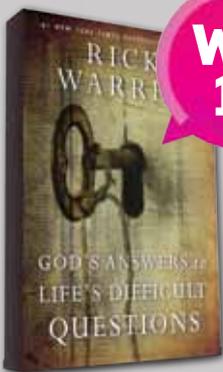


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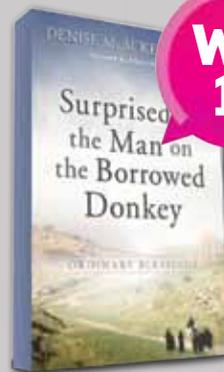


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ASHLINN GRAY

Singer Songwriter & Actress



"Courage is the most important of all the virtues because without courage, you can't practice any other virtue consistently." – Maya Angelou.

“When life throws you lemons, coat them with sugar.” – Ashlinn Gray



South Africa is abundant with talent, but oftentimes many don't get the chance to showcase their talent. It's not necessarily a lack of trying, but rather a lack of opportunities. What makes Ashlinn Gray a diamond in the rough, is not only her impeccable talent as a singer songwriter but the fact that she never gives up trying, risking it all to make her dreams come true.

“Time is my biggest enemy,” she says. “It really is a struggle to keep my school work up to date as well as find time to grow my career. I work seven days a week but even then I battle.”

Not only is it a struggle between music and school, but the ability to balance time spent with family and friends and ensure a “normal” life. A dedicated friend, sister, daughter, Ashlinn treasures the people in her life, whom without she wouldn't be where she is today.

Enlisting the help of close friends and fellow musicians Greg Jorden and Wesley Ayliffe, the three began to write songs together. Undeniably persistent, Johannesburg-based Ashlinn is finally seeing the fruit of her works come to life. At 17, the young and inspiring songstress has released her self-titled debut EP, along with first single Battleships, currently making its way onto local radio.

That doesn't mean it's been an easy road though. Growing up in an artistic family, her mother a marvel in the performing arts, along

with a bevy of talented sisters, Ashlinn had to fight for her chance in the spotlight. She began drama, singing and piano lessons in Grade 4 and unlike her acting ability, singing didn't come naturally.

Instead of being a deterrent, it became her motivator. Working closely with Adele Strombeck and Gerrie Durheim, she practiced her vocal exercises day and night in order to get her voice into shape. In doing so, she proved anything is possible if you set your mind to it and continues to capitalize on this philosophy to this very day.

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Slowly making her way into the hearts of music fans across the country, the singer has a distinct ability to communicate emotion through her songs, achieving a sound that's both heartfelt and specifically satisfying to the ear.

From up-tempo folk tunes to distinguished power ballads, Ashlinn flaunts the vocal prowess of some of our most celebrated interna-

tional divas. Throw in her lyrical masterpieces together with her band of sophistication and you've got yourself a winning formula.

Through fulfilling her purpose of being a leader through her music, she hopes to inspire and influence the younger generation of today.

She says, “I'm just excited about life and love writing about it. Throughout my seventeen years on this crazy planet, I've always been fascinated by milestones and emotions, moments of frustration, love, hope and confusion that are game changers and path makers. I hope that by telling my stories and experiences through my music, and by recognising these moments, people are able to connect and see the value of life and all that comes with it.”

She concludes, “As a young woman to other aspiring artists I would say concentrate on being real, be determined, practice technique, believe in yourself because you need others to believe in you.”

Nothing is worth selling yourself short of high morals and ethics. It takes hard work, you need to pick yourself up and try again in order to succeed. You are only as good as your last performance so you can never give your second best.” ❏

For more information, press pictures or interview requests, contact Genevieve Vieira on 082 811 1360 or email genevievevieira@yahoo.com.

Faith Africa TV Guide - May 2015

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
00h00 - 00h30	The 700 Club	The 700 Club	The 700 Club	The 700 Club
00h30 - 01h00	The 700 Club	The 700 Club	The 700 Club	The 700 Club
01h00 - 01h30	Infinity Bible Church - D. Salaberrios	Wisdom For Life - Allan Bagg	Wisdom For Life - Allan Bagg	Wisdom For Life - Allan Bagg
01h30 - 02h00	Salvation Ministries - David Ibiyeomie	Believer's Walk Of Faith - B.Winston	Believer's Walk Of Faith - B.Winston	Believer's Walk Of Faith - B.Winston
02h00 - 02h30	Temple of Restoration - Angelo Barbosa	Believer's Voice Of Victory - K. Copeland	Believer's Voice Of Victory - K. Copeland	Believer's Voice Of Victory - K. Copeland
02h30 - 03h00	The First Word - Paul Crouch Jr.	Living Life - Theo Wolmarans	Living Life - Theo Wolmarans	Living Life - Theo Wolmarans
03h00 - 03h30	Abundant Life Ministries - F. Adeyeye	Grace Today - Derek Grier Ministries	In Touch - Charles Stanley	Pathway To Victory - R. Jeffress
03h30 - 04h00	New Psalmist Baptist Church - W. Thomas	Now Faith - John Torrens	Kairos Moments - N. vd Westhuizen	A New Life - Bert Pretorius
04h00 - 04h30	Word of God Fellowship - F. Summerfield	New Beginnings - Larry & Tiz Huch	Radio Pulpit - Heartbeat TV	Marriage Today - Jimmy Evans
04h30 - 05h00	Daystar Christian Church - Sam Adeyemi	Christ in Prophecy - D. Reagan	Kerry Shook Ministries	The Messenger - J & L. Bevere
05h00 - 05h30	Refuge Temple Ministries - W. Archie	Joni Table Talk	New Level - Hank & Brenda Kunneman	Changing Your Life - G Dickow
05h30 - 06h05	John Hagee Today	John Hagee Today	John Hagee Today	John Hagee Today
06h00 - 06h05	Family Time - Angus Buchan			
06h05 - 06h30	The Potter's House - TD Jakes			
06h30 - 07h00	Wisdom For Life - Allan Bagg			
07h00 - 07h30	Believer's Walk Of Faith - B.Winston			
07h30 - 08h00	This Is Your Day - Benny Hinn			
08h00 - 08h30	Believer's Voice Of Victory - K. Copeland			
08h30 - 09h00	Creflo Dollar Ministries	Creflo Dollar Ministries	Creflo Dollar Ministries	Creflo Dollar Ministries
09h00 - 09h30	Enjoying Everyday Life - Joyce Meyer			
09h30 - 10h00	Destined To Reign - Joseph Prince			
10h00 - 10h30	Living Life - Theo Wolmarans			
10h30 - 11h00	Gospel Truth - Andrew Wommack			
11h00 - 11h30	Life Today - James & Betty Robison			
11h30 - 12h00	Grace Today - Derek Grier Ministries	In Touch - Charles Stanley	Pathway To Victory - Robert Jeffress	Your Move - Andy Stanley
12h00 - 12h30	The 700 Club	The 700 Club	The 700 Club	The 700 Club
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13h00 - 13h30	Grassroots - Angus Buchan			
13h30 - 14h00	John Hagee Today	John Hagee Today	John Hagee Today	John Hagee Today
14h00 - 14h30	New Beginnings - Larry & Tiz Huch	Israel Now News	End Of The Age - Irvin Baxter	Jewish Voice - Jonathan Bernis
14h30 - 15h00	Christ in Prophecy - David Reagan	Jesus Calls - Paul Dhinakaran	Time Of Grace - Mark Jeske	Abba's House - Ron Phillips
15h00 - 15h30	The Adventures Of Donkey Ollie	Dr. Wonder's Workshop	What's In The Bible? - Buck Denver	Gospel Bill
15h30 - 16h00	Scaley Adventures	My Destiny Place	Save The World - Jarrod Davidoff	Maralee Dawn & Friends
16h00 - 16h30	MXTV - Tim Bisagno	Acquire The Fire - Ron Luce	The Green Room - Jonathan & Suzy	Youth Bytes - Chad Daniel
16h30 - 17h00	Jesse Duplantis	The Ramp - Karen Wheaton	Love A Child - Bobby & Sherry	Travel the Road
17h00 - 17h30	Ever Increasing Faith - Fred Price	Kerry Shook Ministries	Faith Connect LIVE	Manna-Fest - Perry Stone
17h30 - 18h00	Joni Table Talk	The Wave - Steve Kelly	Faith Connect LIVE	The Hal Lindsey Report
18h00 - 18h30	It's Supernatural - Sid Roth			
18h30 - 19h00	Overcomer - Joel Osteen	10nOne with Damon Davis	Changing Your Life - Gregory Dickow	Jack Van Impe Presents
19h00 - 19h30	Faith Connect REPEAT	Leadership Essentials - John Maxwell	Marriage Today - Jimmy Evans	Doccie Thursday
19h30 - 20h00	Faith Connect REPEAT	Radio Pulpit - Heartbeat TV	The Messenger - J & L. Bevere	Doccie Thursday
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21h30 - 22h00	Now Faith - John Torrens	Kairos Moments - N. vd Westhuizen	A New Life - Bert Pretorius	A New Life - Bert Pretorius
22h00 - 22h30	Supernatural Now - G. Maldonado	Supernatural Now - G. Maldonado	Supernatural Now - G.Maldonado	Supernatural Now - G. Maldonado
22h30 - 23h00	This Is Your Day - Benny Hinn			
23h00 - 23h30	Creflo Dollar Ministries	Creflo Dollar Ministries	Creflo Dollar Ministries	Creflo Dollar Ministries
23h30 - 24h00	Winning Ways - M. Ashimolowo			

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Friday Saturday Sunday Highlights

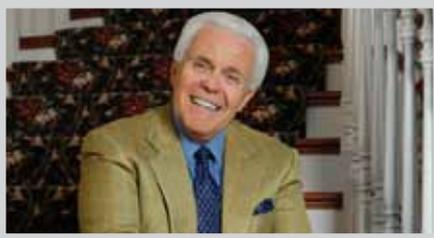
00h00 - 00h30	The 700 Club	Empowered by the Spirit - M. Lamb	Music - Alternative Rock
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01h30 - 02h00	Believer's Walk Of Faith - B.Winston	Believer's Walk Of Faith - B.Winston	Life By Design - Andre' Olivier
02h00 - 02h30	Believer's Voice Of Victory - K. Copeland	Believer's Voice Of Victory - K. Copeland	Real Woman, Real Life - T.Tredrae
02h30 - 03h00	Living Life - Theo Wolmarans	Living Life - Theo Wolmarans	Turning Point - David Jeremiah
03h00 - 03h30	Abba's House - Ron Phillips	Dreams & Mysteries - John Jackson	Treasures REPEAT
03h30 - 04h00	A New Life - Bert Pretorius	Planetshakers TV	Hour Of Salvation - David Ibiyeomie
04h00 - 04h30	The Higher Level - Chris Hill		
04h30 - 05h00	Manna-Fest - Perry Stone		
05h00 - 05h30	Jack Van Impe Presents	Friday Night Live REPEAT	Movie REPEAT
05h30 - 06h05	John Hagee Today		
06h00 - 06h05	Family Time - Angus Buchan		
06h05 - 06h30	The Potter's House - TD Jakes	Faith Connect REPEAT	Hour Of Power - Bobby Schuller
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08h30 - 09h00	Creflo Dollar Ministries	It's Up To You - Allen Joseph	Turning Point - David Jeremiah
09h00 - 09h30	Enjoying Everyday Life - Joyce Meyer	Life By Design - Andre' Olivier	
09h30 - 10h00	Destined To Reign - Joseph Prince	Hillsong - Brian Houston	Faith Worship @ The River LIVE
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10h30 - 11h00	Gospel Truth - Andrew Wommack	Turning Point - David Jeremiah	Supernatural Now - G. Maldonado
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12h00 - 12h30		New Level - Hank & Brenda Kunneman	Creflo Dollar Ministries
12h30 - 13h00	The 700 Club	Real Woman, Real Life - T. Tredae	John Hagee Today
13h00 - 13h30	Grassroots - Angus Buchan	The Messenger - J & L. Bevere	Steve Munsey
13h30 - 14h00	John Hagee Today	Kingdom Connection - J. Franklin	
14h00 - 14h30	Zola Levitt Presents - Myles Weiss	Henry Fernandez Ministries	Something Fresh - J. Garlington
14h30 - 15h00	Word Alive - Bob Rodgers	Answers with Bayless Conley	
15h00 - 15h30	Adventures In Odyssey	Speak the Word - Randy Morrison	The Potter's House - TD Jakes
15h30 - 16h00	iShine KNECT	Turning Point Int - Muiyiwa Olarewaju	The Higher Level - Chris Hill
16h00 - 16h30	Urban Revival - Judah & Lee v Staden	Urban Revival - Judah & Lee v Staden	Overcomer - Joel Osteen
16h30 - 17h00	Elevation Experience - Steven Furtick	UnderDogZone	Enjoying Everyday Life - Joyce Meyer
17h00 - 17h30		Living Effectively - Myles Munroe	In Touch - Charles Stanley
17h30 - 18h00	Empowered by the Spirit - M. Lamb	Creation Today - Eric Hovind	Believer's Walk Of Faith - B.Winston
18h00 - 18h30	It's Supernatural - Sid Roth	Faith Life Church with Keith Moore	Believer's Voice Of Victory - K. Copeland
18h30 - 19h00	Planetshakers TV	Save The World - Jarrod Davidoff	Discover Life - At Boshoff
19h00 - 19h30		Faith for Every Nation - Mark Hankins	
19h30 - 20h00		Rhema Church - Kenneth Hagin Jr.	Watchmen On The Wall - E. Naidoo
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23h30 - 24h00	Winning Ways - M. Ashimolowo	Treasures	Gospel Music Showcase - G. Penrod



MAY 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

NEW PROGRAMMES

JESSE DUPLANTIS
MONDAY
16:30 - 17:00



Dr. Duplantis is one of the most unique and beloved ministers of our generation. He has been sharing his memorable mix of strong, biblical preaching and hilarious life lessons for more than 25 years in thousands of churches and convention centers. Dr. Duplantis reaches out in a way that captivates the lost and turns hardened hearts back to Jesus Christ.

1ONONE
TUESDAY
18:30-19:00



Legacy Worldwide's 1OnOne spotlights industry leaders, authors, pastors, humanitarians and entertainers, who have something to share and something to say to the world, in an up-close, candid magazine-style studio presentation.

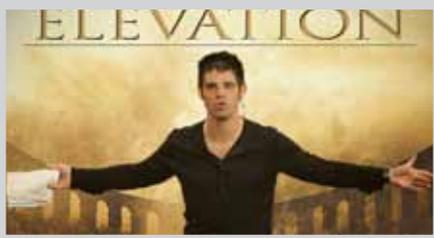
TRAVEL THE ROAD
THURSDAY
16:30-17:00



Travel the Road is a two-fold ministry, where the message of Jesus Christ is actively preached Jesus to remote people groups who have never heard the gospel, or are currently cut-off from active mission work. The expeditions of the team is documented and presented in a weekly television series to motivate the church to be active in missions.

TUESDAY TALKS

ELEVATION CHURCH – STEVEN FURTICK
FRIDAY
16:30-17:00



This dynamic program features Bible-based preaching and inspirational music and spotlights how the people of Elevation are reaching out and helping others around the world through outreach partners.

HEARTBEAT TV
WITH CHARLES & BONOLO
19:30-20:00



Does your heart beat for Christ? But do you know someone special with a different heart beat than yours? Then we would like to invite you and that someone, to watch Heartbeat where Charles van Onselen & Bonolo Nkosi your hosts, together with your Christian family member and friend, Radio Pulpit, will be your companion in the search for meaning in life.

WATCHMEN ON THE WALL
WITH ERROL NAIDOO
20:00-21:00



South Africa's first current affairs program from a Biblical Christian perspective. This weekly program will keep you updated about the many threats against the family & your values. It will also equip you with tools to defeat this godless agenda.

WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS

MARRIAGE TODAY

WITH JIMMY & KAREN EVANS

19:00-19:30



Marriage Today helps strengthen families and marriages worldwide through ministry and outreaches with family-building resources, conferences and seminars. They have counselled and encouraged couples for over 20 years of marriage ministry.

THE MESSENGER

WITH JOHN & LISA BEVERE

19:30-20:00



John and Lisa's God-entrusted messages have transformed millions of lives worldwide. Recognized for their boldness and passion for the Lord, they have a heart to see believers know the Word and also walk in the fullness of its power.

THE MARK GUNGOR SHOW

WITH MARK GUNGOR

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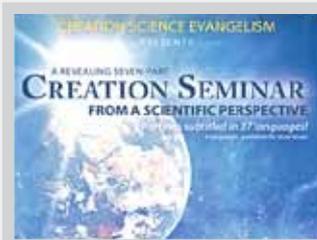
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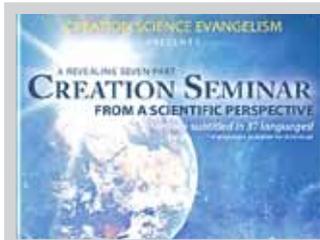


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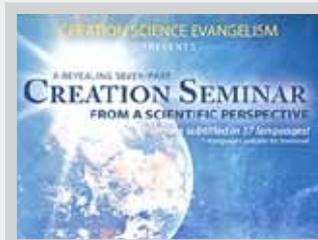


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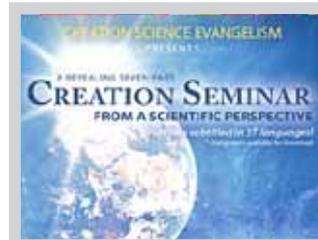


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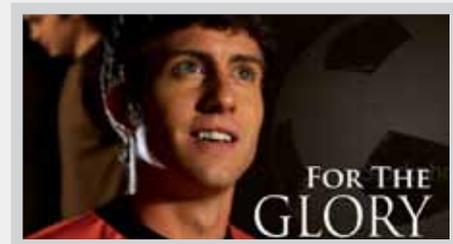
FRI, 29 MAY
19:30-20:00



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FOR THE GLORY

SAT, 2 MAY
20:00-22:00



"Golden boy" Kurt Kuykendall has it all: good looks, a spot on his college basketball team, and hopes for playing in the Olympics. But behind the closed doors of his Bethesda, Maryland home, Kurt's life is far from perfect. An alcoholic mother, a power hungry father, and a family tragedy make this home a living nightmare. When Kurt gets cut at the end of his freshman basketball season, all that he's worked for crumbles. But this is far from the final word on Kurt's future. Buoyed by friends and his new found faith in God, Kurt discovers courage and his true calling.

WELCOME TO PARADISE

SAT, 9 MAY

20:00-22:00



Welcome to Paradise is an inspirational family film about a preacher, Debbie Laramie (Crystal Bernard) and her son Hayden (Bobby Edner). They are sent from a big city church to a small town of Paradise, where Debbie finds a community in desperate need of direction and a town that turns its back on its neediest neighbours.

THE LAMP

SAT, 16 MAY

20:00-22:00



In what seems to be the final days of their already strained marriage, Stanley and Lisa Walters (Jason London & Meredith Salenger) are presented with a strange gift – an old oil lamp. Along with the lamp come a mysterious messenger (Louis Gossett Jr) and a statement that will cause them to search the depths of their hearts to find its truth. All things are possible if you... Just Believe.

SAVING GOD: ONE SOUL AT A TIME

SAT, 23 MAY

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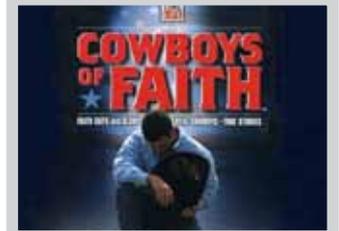


Armstrong Cane served 15 years in prison for manslaughter. Towards the end of his sentence, he reforms and finds God. Now, out of prison, he serves God as the Pastor of his community church. As he works to rebuild the community he left behind, the ex con meets Norris and recognizes a young man headed down the wrong path. While battling to keep on the right path, Cane fights to save Norris from a life of drugs and violence, but the ultimate question remains: Can people really change, or will the demons of their past overcome them?

COWBOYS OF FAITH

SAT, 30 MAY

20:00-22:00



In the world of competitive rodeo, a cowboy faces danger each time he bursts into the rodeo arena. To survive in this sport you need skill, courage, and most importantly - Faith! Cowboys of Faith presents a cross section of today's greatest rodeo competitors, who give witness to the power of Faith for themselves, their families, and their profession. Some had fallen. Others were blessed with a clear path. But each one of these men and women will inspire you by their honesty, passion, and dedication to their Faith.





By Thalia B Tsoaeli

HABITS: BAD AND GOOD

BAD

1. Selfishness
Philippians 2:4
2. Gossiping
Proverbs 16:28
3. Procrastination
Psalm 119:15-16
4. World Compliant
Romans 12:2
5. Failure to hearken to
God's voice
Jeremiah 22:21 I
6. Laziness
Proverbs 10:4
7. Idleness
Proverbs 21:25
8. Complaining
Numbers 14:2
9. Idolatry
Deuteronomy 12:2-3
10. Worrying
Matthew 6:34
11. Giving in to the devil
Ephesians 4:27
12. Stubbornness
1 Samuel 15:23

GOOD

13. Observing to keep
God's instructions
Psalm 119:56
14. Maturing in the word
Hebrews 5:14

15. Prayerful life
Luke 5:16

16. Vigilance
Proverbs 4:23

17. Time out
Mark 6:31

18. Maintaining unity
Acts 2:46

19. Sharing the good news
Acts 14:1

20. Soaking in the word
Acts 17:2

21. Encouraging your fellow man
1 Thessalonians 5:11

22. Willingness to change
James 4:7

23. Kindness
Matthew 7:12

24. A student of Christ Jesus
Ephesians 5:1-2

25. Integrity
Titus 2:6-7

26. Positive attitude
Philippians 4:8

27. Worship lifestyle
Hebrews 13:15

28. Conscience clear of guilt
Proverbs 4:23

29. Devoted to God
Deuteronomy 6:5

30. Unity
Philippians 2:2



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