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FROM THE EDITOR



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I was wondering the other day about how different our life experience would have been had we not been subjected to the consequences of sin. The Bible retells the story of man's transgression through disobedience and the subsequent closing of the garden. But what if it never happened?

For one thing, we would still be frolicking in a lush garden, playing with lions and eagles, fed by God, walking with God, doing no work that would break a sweat and have all our children delivered pain-free. Sounds like paradise, doesn't it? Compare this idyllic picture with your everyday life and the divide becomes a chasm that is impossible to span. I recently watched the film *"2012"* (for a 3rd time), and in it were some serious craters, fissures and tears in the crust of earth to remind me just how far these two worlds are separated from one another.

A striving after success drives the world we live in, and the culture of the day demands that we satisfy those needs. Most people go to work, not because they would love to go, but because they are driven there by fear. This fear finds its expression in relevant questions such as, *"Will I have enough money to pay the bills?"* and also in the more superficial, *"I need a bigger car and better house."* Fear of not being able to provide for our families will drive us to work, and once there, to succumb to the demands that *"success"* places on us.

This culture is supported and perpetuated by the media around us – newspapers, television, billboards, flyers and

peer pressure. I think of it as a *"Media Culture"*. For me it refers to the constant pressure it places on us to have bodies that look a certain way, dress an acceptably labelled way, relax in a comfortable way, move itself around in fashionable transport, and rest itself in a suitable home. Branding has literally become the gospel to marketers around the globe – a product without branding is dead in the water.

Branding isn't really the problem, but the associations that are made with it are. Some associations are obvious and in-your-face, while others slip through more unobtrusively. Be it from bikini-clad ladies lounging on the hood of the latest model car or motorbike, to innocuous looking cartoon characters that really are demons in disguise. The dangers of our media-saturated culture are real and we should be aware of them and take precaution.

Our striving after success will drive us from guru to therapist and back again; it will force us into behaviour patterns not consistent with those in Eden; it will make us living contestants in a Fear Factor show called life.

The truth is that while the gate to Eden is shut, the road to peace and tranquillity is still available – we read encouragement after encouragement and find ourselves uplifted in the pages of a living Word. And so it is possible for us to exchange fear for faith, and Earth for Eden (in a manner of speaking). Let us test the things our culture holds up as normal and acceptable in the light of our conscience and faith, and let us keep that which builds up peace and discard the seeds that produce a harvest of dread.

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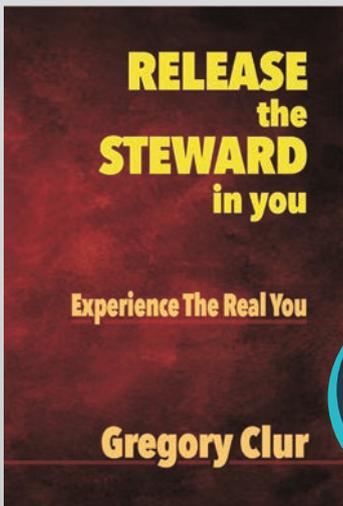
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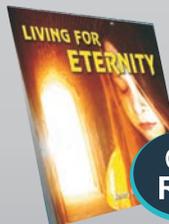
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The Evidence of the Word

ANDRÉ & JENNY ROEBERT

Jesus said if we don't bear evidence of what His Word says, we will be cut off as a withered branch; and if we don't allow our saltiness to influence this world, we are of no significant value to the kingdom of God. But, on the other hand, if we do abide in Jesus and have His Word remain and produce fruit in our lives so that we begin to live supernaturally by the power of His Holy Spirit, He said **"Ask whatever you will and I will give it to you"** (John 15:7).

God has given us all these powerful and marvellous gifts of the Holy Spirit as tools to manifest His goodness and love on this earth. They are such a dynamic way to supernaturally represent the truth of Who He is to all people. When we stop being ignorant about them and learn to yield to the Holy Spirit, asking Him to teach us how to sharpen our sensitivity to remain in tune with Him, He will do His supernatural work through us! Can you imagine to what extent we can destroy the work of the devil and extend the kingdom of God if we live this way? All we need to do is be willing and obedient to the Spirit of God Who lives inside us.

Now, when we explore the gifts of healings, there is a reason for the plural use of the words gifts and healings. That's because when people need the healing power of God in their lives, every situation is different, which means different gifts will work together to bring different healings. Smith Wigglesworth operated in the gifts of healings in such a powerful way, and he said the Holy Spirit would always reveal and teach him how to deal and work with each individual person that he would minister to. He said the most important requirement for this gift to work is to feel and be led by the compassion of God for the person who needs healing. He also said it's vital to exercise the fruit of patience while ministering to them. He said he would always see the person through the eyes of God, being ready with a word of comfort for them, encouraging them in their faith. But he said he would always have a Holy anger towards the devil and the pain and suffering he inflicted on them.

He said we are to deal with sickness as we deal with the devil. There will be times when the Holy Spirit will reveal that something is amiss in the person's life, either through a word of knowledge or the gift of discernment. In some cases, they may have neglected certain things in their lives which gave place to the devil, and they first need to deal with that before healing can take place. Things like



unforgiveness, or known sin, can certainly give the devil permission to hold them in bondage through sickness. Once that is quickly taken care of, he would feel the faith of God rise inside him, and his own faith would rise to embrace that conviction and he would curse the sickness or cancer or whatever was plaguing that person and holding them in bondage.

The Bible says we have been given the power to bind and loose on earth, whatever is bound and loosed in heaven, and it's important to remember that it's not our power that deals with the devil, but the power of the Living God that lives inside us. We are a temple; a vessel filled with the Holy Ghost Who longs to operate His supernatural healing power through us!

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The Key to Fulfill Your Purpose in Life!

JOYCE MEYER

God loves you and He has a good plan for your life. You are a wonderful creation made by Him and you have a unique purpose to fulfill in this world.

Ephesians 2:10 (AMP) says that as Christians, ***“we are His workmanship [His own master work, a work of art], created in Christ Jesus...for good works, which God prepared [for us] beforehand [taking paths which He set], so that we would walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us].”***

It’s so exciting to know we are each created with a purpose and God has a good life that He has prepared in advance for us to live. But it’s important to understand that we have an enemy, Satan, who wants to keep us from having the life Jesus died to give us.

Yes, Satan has a plan for us, too, and his plan is destruction and death. John 10:10 (ESV) says the enemy ***“comes only to steal and kill and destroy.”***

The good news is we have everything we need through Christ to overcome the enemy. We just have to know who we are in Christ, believe that we have His authority, and know how to release the power God has given us.

The Measure of Your Faith

Faith in God is required for us to release the power and authority we have in Christ. Romans 12:3 (ESV) says each person has a ***“measure of faith that God has assigned.”*** This means God has given you enough faith to do His will, whatever it may be and no matter what the enemy throws at you to stop you.

There are many challenges and difficult situations we have to face in life. You may have a child with special needs to care for, or maybe you’re in a difficult marriage. You could be facing a devastating illness or have serious financial problems. Whatever your situation is, God has given you everything you need, through Christ, to keep you moving forward in His plan for your life.

We need to always remember that God is greater than our problems - nothing is too hard for Him and nothing catches Him by surprise. When we’re going through hard times and the enemy is attacking us, we don’t need to ask, ***“What can I do?”*** The question is, ***“What can God do?”*** The Word says all things are possible with God, and greater is He who lives in me than he who is in the world. (See Matthew 19:26 and 1 John 4:4.)

I want you to really get this in your heart today: In Christ, you have enough faith and the strength you need to do whatever you need to do in life! Get rid of ***“I can’t”*** thinking and focus on the truth of God’s Word, which says, ***“I can do all things through Christ who***



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strengthens me!” (See Philippians 4:13.)

The Simple Solution to Overcome Enemy Attack

Prayer is a simple, powerful way to interrupt Satan’s plan because we release our faith through prayer. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 (ESV) says, **“Pray without ceasing.”** This basically means prayer can be as natural as breathing, and our first response in every situation. It’s so amazing that we can talk to God all the time.

Now the enemy doesn’t want us to pray, so he will do everything he can to discourage us. He wants us to think prayer is hard, that we need to use eloquent speech and sound poetic, that we need to be careful what we ask God for so we don’t overload Him with too many requests, or that we have to be in a certain place with a certain posture (on our knees, head bowed, eyes closed) for God to hear us. But it’s actually simple to pray effectively.

James 5:16 (ESV) says, **“...The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.”** God wants

you to come to Him honestly, with a sincere heart, and just talk to Him as a friend. Be yourself and don’t approach conversation with God as a religious activity. Humble yourself before Him and open your heart to Him. He loves you and wants you to walk in His will for your life victoriously.

As a believer in Jesus Christ, you are God’s child and He is always with you. He is Almighty God, and if God is on your side, who can be against you?

In Christ, you have what you need today to live in victory. Put your faith in God constantly. Pray, take God-inspired action, and fulfill your true purpose in life!

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The Death of an Unbeliever

ANGUS BUCHAN

If we look at the Word of God in Ezekiel 33:11 (NKJV), the Bible says: ***“...I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?”*** It breaks the heart of God to see anyone perish. In Matthew 23:37 we read that Jesus wept over Jerusalem, just like a mother hen over her chicks. In 2 Peter 3:9 we see the main reason why Jesus has not come back to earth as the Judge yet; He does not want one soul to perish, but that all may be saved.

Never ever lose the main purpose of our existence or of our creation. The main purpose is to glorify God and then to be a witness for Him in a dying and lost world. If you recall in Mark 16:15, the last words spoken by our Saviour before He ascended to heaven to be with His Father were: ***“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.”*** The acid test and proof that Jesus means this is found in John 3:16 – I believe the most famous verse in the whole Bible – which will give you an idea of how much our heavenly Father loves us:

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” (NKJV)

This instruction to preach the Gospel is not only for preachers or evangelists, but for every single believer... A mother at home with the baby, a construction worker, a medical nurse, a farmer, a sportsman, a school pupil, an old-age pensioner; Jesus requires each one of us to witness. He uses the whosoever of this world to do His bidding for Him. We just need to look at his selection of the disciples. Most of them were illiterate – they could not read nor write – they were fishermen, tax collectors; even a zealot (terrorist) was among their number and yet God had no Plan B. It was this plan or no plan...and we know that these men did not fail. You and I need to get on with the job and to finish strong.

In the book of Romans 10:13-14 (NKJV), the Word of God says: ***“For ‘whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?”*** We need to keep telling people about eternal life and about a Saviour called Jesus.



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Gypsy Smith, whose real name was Rodney Smith, was a semi-illiterate Romany gypsy. He used to preach off the back of his painted wagon to crowds of 10,000 people at the time. One burnt-out lay preacher came to him and said ***“I have preached everything from Genesis through to Revelation; I don’t know what to do any more.”*** Gypsy said, ***“Just keep telling them what Jesus means to you.”***

In other words: one hungry beggar showing another hungry beggar where to find bread. That is evangelism, and that is preaching the gospel.



Jessica Dalla Torre
Bringing Jesus' Heart to People

My Story

JESSICA DALLA TORRE

I was born and raised in Johannesburg, South Africa. My parents are Portuguese, and so I speak Portuguese fluently. I was raised in a Christian home where we listened to a lot of worship music. I've loved worship from a very young age. I've been attending and singing in church for many years.

I've been happily married for 10 years and have two beautiful daughters. My love for worship drew me to record this new album. My hope is that the album will be meaningful, life-changing and will inspire a closer relationship with Jesus. I recorded the worship album in Nashville with Daniel Ornellas and it's titled ***"Into Your Heart"***. It was a wonderful experience to work on this album with Daniel, who has become a good friend. Daniel is South African and has been living in Nashville for the past 14 years. He is an accomplished bass player, performing artist and producer, and an absolute pleasure to work with.

I wrote my single ***"Into Your Heart"*** with Daniel Ornellas and Josh Varnadore. The song was inspired by a dream that I had. In that dream, I saw God's heart as it fed and gave life to a tree which signified His people. The people that accepted Him flourished and grew, and in the dream the branches extended as this happened. We, as the body of Christ, are all connected to each other as branches in the tree. It doesn't matter what state our life is in we can always be restored by God, just as a tree blossoms after a long winter.

We had a blessed time writing ***"I'll Never Leave You"*** with Garner Macgregor as well as my dad, Amadeu Lourenco. We connected immediately with Garner as he shared that his parents are South African missionaries that moved to the US. We shared our love for simple worship. We really felt in our hearts to write a song coming from God's heart, speaking to us as His children. The message is that no matter the trials and pains we experience, Jesus never leaves us. The message of hope and faith is that no matter what we've done or how we feel He is always carrying us. ***"He will walk the waters to where we are"***.

I covered Kari Jobe's ***"Forever"***, Bethel's ***"Ever be"*** and Lauren Daigle's ***"How can it be"*** and translated these songs to Portuguese. I also covered a Brazilian song from Nivea Soares titled ***"O Senhor e' bom"***, which was translated to English ***"The Lord is Good"***. I chose to cover these songs as I identified with the message and meaning it will have for people.

I would like to thank God for inspiring us and for allowing us to make this album. I would also like to thank my family for their continued love and support, as well as all the wonderful people that were involved in the production. I pray that people will be touched and inspired, that God's word will shine through and that people may have a deeper connection with Him.

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What makes your programme extreme and adventurous?

We offer students a wide range of extreme activities to participate in such as: sky diving, bungee jumping, scuba diving, mountain biking, abseiling, kayaking etc.

What is the value of a gap year programme?

A gap year gives young people time to reflect on what they think would be the college/varsity or career choice best suited to their needs. It allows them to clarify their interests and become aware of their strengths and weaknesses.

We also believe a gap year allows them to take advantage of learning that takes place outside the classroom and apply these skills in real life situations, within a protected environment. It is imperative that youths experience life in communities different from those in which they have been living and our extreme gap year programme offers them this experience. We further believe that gap years allow students to learn about a variety of careers before making a critical decision and to gain maturity, initiative and resourcefulness, all valuable life skills.

What outcome do you hope is achieved in every student's life once completing your programme?

Our programme is designed to meet, challenge and grow the complete individual, body, soul and spirit, as we train tomorrow's leaders today. Our desire is for the young person to have fun and 'discover themselves' as they are developed into a person with vision and purpose. We endeavour to take boys and girls and to mould them into young men and women that will have a positive influence on our society and the world.

Describe how the programme works - when is your intake, how long does it last and how much does it cost?

The Beyond Adventure Extreme Leadership Gap Year Programme was launched in 2001. We are located 100 kilometres north east of Port Elizabeth in Alicedale. We are situated close to some of the great game reserves such as Addo Elephant Park and Shamwari. Our programme runs from the last week in January till the middle of November. The students are accommodated in rooms where they will learn to live with three other students. Cost enquires and further info can be obtained from our offices as well as our website www.beyondadventure.co.za, under the download section.

What makes your programme unique as opposed to other Gap year courses?

We believe the Beyond Adventure concept to be unique in South Africa. The concept of 'Extreme Education' was designed to provide a challenging environment for young people to discover and develop their leadership potential. Leadership deals with direction, vision, purpose and principles and our leadership programme focuses on building the students up, making them aware of other cultures, helping them with emotional bank account building and strengthening them as individuals functioning in a group context.

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The Gift of Peace

SAMANTHA MALAN

Not sure about you, but this year has gone and is going so fast! So much has happened! In my spiritual life, I can honestly say I have never been closer to Christ; in my physical life (I can say with great adoration for myself) I have cut down on most of the bad foods and I'm following a more plant based diet along with a healthy dose of gym; and when it comes to intelligence I can honestly say university ain't for the faint of heart. But, you know, when I think about everything that keeps me going, I have to say it's peace!

For a while I have lived in the absolute unknown. I didn't know where I was going or when, I didn't know who I could count on, I didn't know if I could follow the dreams I had and have success when I was split between countries and so on. But there has been one scripture that has kept me going no matter what and that is John 14:27, it says ***"I am leaving you with a gift - peace of mind and heart! And the peace I give isn't fragile like the peace the world gives. So don't be troubled or afraid."*** Isn't that beautiful? Jesus promised us that no matter what He has given us the gift of peace!

In other words: it doesn't matter what may come your way, what stress is trying to attack you, you can still have peace over it! The other day I read this quote that said ***"you can't have success without stress"***. This, my friend, is the farthest thing from the truth! Our saviour has promised us that no matter what, we can have peace. Not

**CAST ALL YOUR ANXIETY ON HIM
BECAUSE HE CARES FOR YOU**

only peace in our hearts but in our minds. Think about a moment when you were stressed - can you honestly say with all truth you were able to think clearly? There are so many verses in the Bible that speak about casting your anxiety and burdens on Christ that you may have peace.

If we are honest it's a daily struggle. But we can stand on what 1 Peter 5:7 says ***"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."*** We have been given two promises: (1) we have a Saviour that cares so much for us that He is willing to take on the burdens of this world because (2) He cares for both you and I!

Stand on the promise that you have a Saviour that loves you so much that it doesn't matter what happens around you, He has given you the peace and help you need to make it through!

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In Religion Or In Relationship?

TRACY TREDREA

A momentous occasion recently took place in my life when I took my daughter to her first day of “**big**” school. Her smile was beaming from one ear to the other and even though I could see that she was little nervous, it was totally outweighed by her excitement. Suddenly my thoughts were transported back to my first day of school. Where did the time go? In many ways it seems like yesterday. The curiosity to learn. The apprehension to meet new friends. The awe and respect I had for my teacher. Looking at my daughter in her uniform and with plaited hair, the look on her face reminded me of me. Minime! The way she was talking reflected the “**undercover**” enthusiasm I had been brewing in her for school. The phrases she was using was almost exact to the way I had “**coached**” her for her first day of school including the intonation in her voice. Her hand movements explaining to me that she was going to learn to read and write was a mirror image of the way I had explained it. Even though my daughter was only a few months shy of turning 6 years old, she resembled me in just about every way.

This experience, as emotional and exciting as it was, reminded me of one of my favourite scriptures found in 2 Corinthians 3:18, “**And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into His likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes**

from the Lord who is the Spirit.” Transforming into the image of Jesus, one bit at a time – imagine that! Just as my daughter had been transformed into my image, likewise we can be transformed into Jesus’ image. What does that mean though? Being transformed into someone’s image suggests a few things.

Firstly, it implies that you do not yet look like them hence the reason you are being transformed. Being transformed shows that active change must take place to resemble the likeness of the person. And the likeness of the person is their image – the way they walk, talk, act and react. Therefore, change must take place in the way one walks, talks, acts and reacts to look like that person.

When I thought deeply about this, it became apparent to me how easy it is to have your image changed negatively simply by hanging around with the wrong people. Think about a possible time when maybe you were talking to someone who had an issue with swearing. Every second word they used was a curse or blasphemous statement. If you spent a lot of time with them, your language or the thought of using the swear words would have been more prevalent than if you were talking to someone who did not swear. A change in your likeness took place simply by being with them.

Think about the movies you watch, the music you listen to, the places you visit. These influences can cause change in our “images,” in a good or less appealing way.



The things or people you spend a lot of time being busy with can influence your decisions, your way of thinking, even the course you choose to take in life. Have you ever heard someone refer to a person as, **“Rugby is his religion?”** or **“Buying shoes is like a religion to her?”** That means that the person’s life revolves around that hobby or in extreme cases even worships it. Most of their conversations revolve around that. The clothes they wear and even the way they decorate their room can be influenced by it. Basically, the thing you worship ultimately determines the way you look! Can I then therefore say that then depending on the religion you follow will determine the image you carry? Absolutely!

On the flip side of this coin, I can also then say, if you say that you are a Christian – for example, yet you do not look anything like Jesus, then you must be fooling yourself and those around you. Then possibly you are just talking the religion and not necessarily following it. Let’s take rugby for example. If I said I was an avid supporter of a certain team yet I did not know who the captain was, knew nothing about the team or when they are playing their next game and what their jersey colours are, then all I know is their name – I’m not actually connected with the sport.

Likewise, that’s the difference between speaking the religion of Christianity and being in a real relationship with Jesus. To be transformed into the likeness of Jesus, one can’t simply know of Jesus in the religious sense.

One should and must pursue a relationship with Him. My daughter would never resemble my behaviour without being in relationship with me – watching me, spending time with me, questioning why I do things the way I do, just sitting with me while I read a book, listening to the way I talk and mimicking it! That’s what we need to do to be transformed more into the likeness of Jesus. Be with Him. Be in relationship with Him. Allow Him to rub off His ways of doing things onto us. Then bit-by-bit we will be transformed.

“My determined purpose is to know Jesus more and more each day” (Philippians 3:10). Is that your determined purpose? Are you just in religion or actively pursuing relationship? It was an honour for me to look upon my daughter as she imitated my ways and to think of her as a mini me. How much more so would it please the Lord to look upon you and say that you look like a mini Him? Walk the talk readers and don’t just be in religion but be in relationship with the One who created you. Pursue relationship!

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Ten Critical Keys for Designing a Creative Culture

PHIL COOKE

It's no secret that culture is more important than vision. I've worked in creative, vibrant cultures where original thinking is valued and wonderful things happen. On the other hand I've worked at organizations where you could literally feel the oppression when you walked into the building. Those destructive cultures often have leaders with great vision and potential, but because the culture is so negative, that vision will never be realized.

So how do you create a creative culture? Here are 10 principles I've used to turn around numerous organizational cultures:

1. Create Stability – Creative people need stability. If they're worried about losing their job, financial problems, or excessive turnover, they'll never release their best ideas. I've seen terrible leaders think they're motivating the team by threatening them with being fired - which is the worst thing you could ever do. Even when you're going through difficult times, create an atmosphere of stability for the team. You'll be rewarded down the road.

2. Make it Safe from Excessive Criticism – Critics are a dime a dozen, but leaders who can help their team move from bad ideas to legendary ideas are rare. There's a time to look at what doesn't work, but that should be

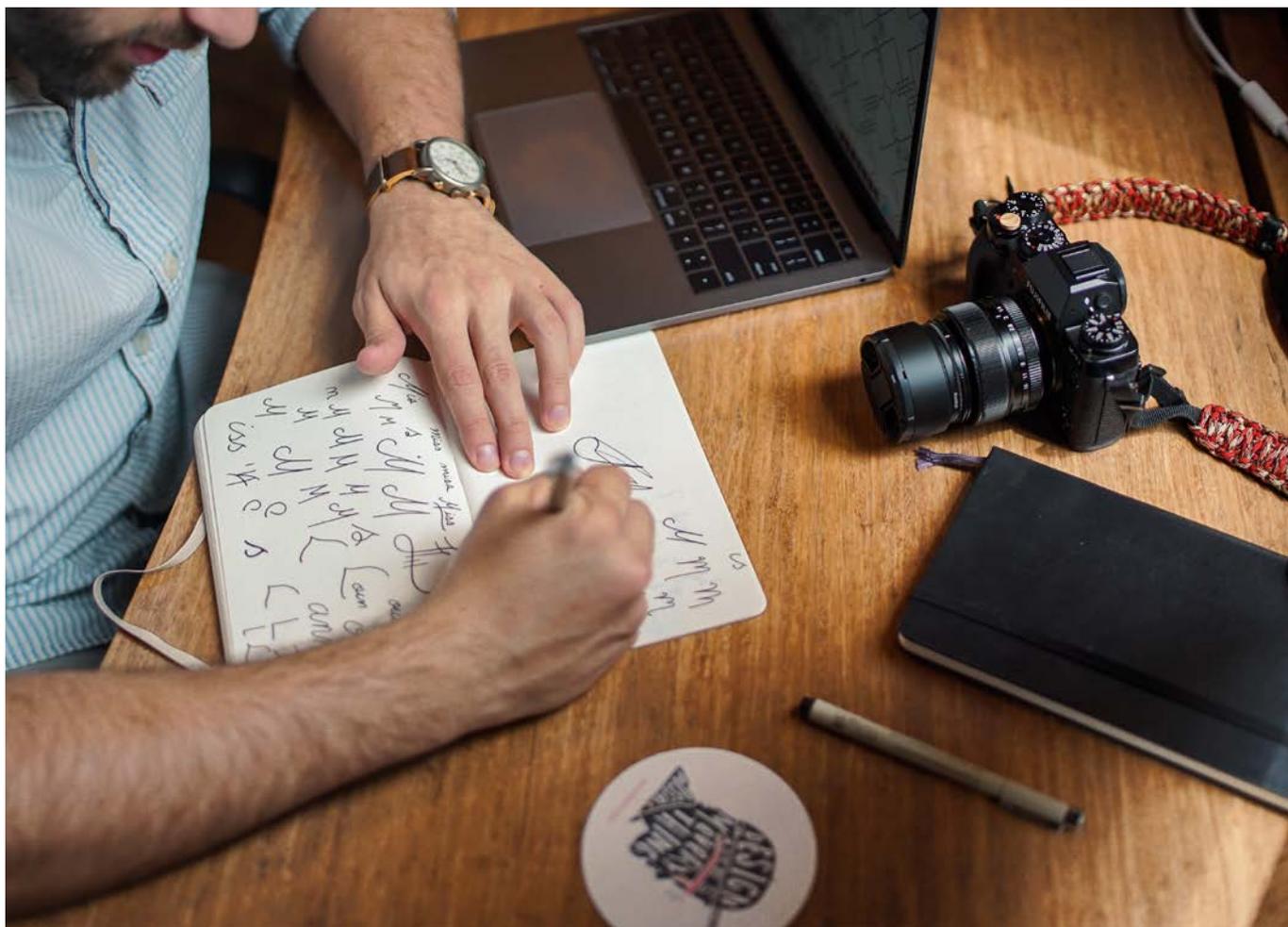
done in an atmosphere of trust. Criticism always goes down better when it comes from a trusted and respected source.

3. Make Sure Your Leaders Are On the Same Page

– All it takes is one of your leaders to contradict what you're trying to do to wreck a creative culture. At the beginning of building your culture, make absolutely sure your leadership team is unified and moving with you. One critical or disconnected leader or manager can sow seeds of doubt that will topple the entire project.

4. Be Flexible – Creative people don't all operate on the same schedule or work the same way. Give your team some flexibility and it will revolutionize their attitude. At one major organization I talked the CEO into allowing the creative team to rip up carpet, repaint, dump the cubicles, and design their own work spaces. There was fear and trembling on the CEO's part, but within a matter of months, the creative team transformed the ministry.

5. Get Them The Tools They Need – Nothing drags a creative team down as much as broken, old, or out-of-date tools. Sure we all have budget challenges, but do whatever you can to get them the right computers, design tools, video equipment - and whatever else they need. Think about it: The less time and energy they spend overcoming technical and equipment problems, the more time and energy they can spend on developing amazing ideas.



6. Push Them Outside Their Comfort Zone – Leaders often think that creative people want to be left alone and operate on their own schedule. Sure they like to create their own timetable, but they also relish a challenge. In fact, while they probably won't admit it, creative people love deadlines because it gives them perspective on the project. I don't even like to start working until I can see the deadline approaching. There is just something about a challenge that gets my blood flowing and the ideas coming.

7. Get Out Of Their Way – One of the most important aspects of a creative culture, once it's in process, is to get out of the way of your creative team. We all know micro-managing is a disaster for anyone – especially creatives. So give them space and let them solve problems on their own.

8. Understand the Difference Between Organizational Structure and Communication Structure – This is a huge issue for me. Every organization needs an organizational structure. Who reports to who matters, and hierarchy is important. But when it comes to communication, I recommend you throw the organizational structure out the window. Your creative team should be able to call anyone to ask questions and discuss ideas. Don't force them to communicate through supervisors, managers, or anyone else. Create a free-flowing communications system, and the ideas will grow.

9. Walk The Factory Floor – Leadership expert John Maxwell recommends that leaders *“walk the factory floor”* and meet every employee. Develop a personal relationship with employees at all levels - especially when it comes to your creative team. Pixar and Disney Animation President Ed Catmull takes that seriously - even when it comes to giving bonuses. When they produce a box-office success, they share the profits with the team that produced it – which often numbers more than 100 people. But Ed doesn't just mail or direct deposit the check and send a nice note. Ed takes the time to either go to each team member personally or invite them to his office individually and hand them the check - and tell them how much their work is appreciated.

10. Give Them Credit – Finally, a great creative culture allows everyone to be noticed for their accomplishments. Never take credit for your team's work, and always give them the honour they're due. You'll find that when you protect your creative team and allow them to get the glory for their work, they'll follow you into a fire.

These are my ten keys to developing a great creative culture. Now is the time to start building...

10 Things Christians Would Be Doing Today If We Actually Believed the Bible

PHIL COOKE

Why aren't Christians making a greater impact in the culture? In my opinion it's our actions (or lack thereof). People don't listen to what you say as much as what you do, and in that category Christians are failing miserably. The truth is, to change today's culture we don't need more legislation, boycotts, criticism, outrage, or even evangelism campaigns – we just need to change the way we live. To that end, if Christians would start doing these 10 things, I believe there would be no limit to the impact we could have on the world:

1. Reading the Bible – Research from the Center for Bible Engagement reveals that engaging the Bible 4 or more times a week actually causes visible behavioral changes. But today, only 19% of church-going Christians read the Bible daily, and 40% read it “once a month, rarely, or never.”

2. Serving People – Pastor John Piper said, *“Christ will be known in the culture when we begin treating people better than they deserve.”*

3. Being the Church – Not just *“showing up”* at church, but being a vital, connected, and supporting member of a local congregation. *“And let us not neglect our*

meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.” – Hebrews 10:25

4. Taking Prayer Seriously – Today, only 63% of Christians say prayer is *“essential”* which means that more than a third of Christians attending church today don't believe it's essential.

5. Stop Looking at the Culture as the Enemy – Our regular denunciation, boycotts, and criticism of organizations and groups we don't like have blinded us to the compassion Jesus had even for his harshest critics.

6. Submitting to other Believers – How many Christians today look for a church that meets their needs instead of finding a church where they can serve? Nothing upsets the 21st century mindset more than *“submission”* and yet that's exactly what Jesus has called us to do.

7. Be more Mindful of Social Media – Today, Christians can be some of the most critical and judgmental people online. Social media is addictive, and it is incredibly simple to pass on information without checking the facts, which far too often damages other people's character and undermines the work of the gospel. It's time for serious believers to take social media seriously.



8. Taking Bold Chances – It's far too rare to hear of a standout leader in science, politics, business, entertainment, the Internet and other influential areas who is a believer. Part of the reason our influence is disappearing in the culture is because we haven't raised up many heroes that are remarkable in those fields. What if unashamed Christians were leading major technology, entertainment, educational, business, and other companies? How would their work in those fields change how Christians are perceived by the culture? What are we doing in the Christian community to find, mentor, and raise up these types of leaders?

9. Understand the Impact of Living a Moral life – For the Early Church, personal morality mattered. Rather than criticizing immorality in the outside culture, those leaders started inside by becoming examples themselves of what a moral life could accomplish. But in the last few years, we've seen a remarkable number of major pastors and Christian leaders fall from grace, and the damage that does to our witness can't be estimated. No one is perfect, but when we as a community lose our moral authority, we've lost all hope of influencing culture for the better.

10. Invest our Lives in Jesus – not in our Title, Position, Career, or What Others Think – Everyone is invested in something, and I'm not talking about financial investment – I'm talking about investing your status, your credibility,

and your career. For instance, if you're a college professor, you're invested in your standing among other professors, your academic credentials, and professional associations. If you're a real estate agent, you're invested in your local real estate association or your reputation in the community. It's what gives you perceived credentials. In the same way, religious leaders of Jesus' day were invested in their authority or office (See Acts 4:19). As a result, even those that believed in Him pulled back fearing the damage it might cause to their reputation, position in the community, or relationship with power.

The question is what are you invested in? If you had to make a stand professionally or creatively, what do you stand to lose? Would you be willing to do it? How far would you go to speak the truth? Know what you're invested in, because at a key moment of truth in your life, it will determine the amount of courage it may take to do the right thing....

Find out more about these issues and statistics in my book *"The Way Back: How Christians Blew Our Credibility And How We Get It Back."* The answer to how we impact culture just may be far simpler than we thought.....

The Chemistry of Nutrition

MARY-ANN SHEARER

David writes in Psalm 139 that we are fearfully and wonderfully made; the more we study the human body, the more we are overwhelmed at the 'fearfulness' and 'wonderfulness' of that creation.

The same God that created us, also designed the perfect food to sustain us. I am amazed at how easily we forget this and often just 'take something' to feel better. Whether it be medicinal drugs or supplements, they interfere with the delicate chemistry of our bodies. Just typing in the name of the drug you are on and 'side effects' will bring up thousands of sites which give you the known side effects of the drugs we take. Research also show that taking supplements is no better in many instances. Independent research shows that on average only 4% of most supplements are available for use by the body, the rest (96%) usually ends up in the toilet and sewerage system after overworking the kidneys and digestive tract.

Taking vitamin and mineral supplements usually throws out the delicate balance of other vitamins and minerals. Researchers have calculated that it takes 4-5 generations to see whether vitamin supplements are advantageous or detrimental to us; to date no such studies have been conducted since the average length of drug related research is two years. There is no conclusive research that shows that vitamins or other supplements cure or prevent

any condition. In fact, it is now known that no matter how much supplementary calcium you take into your body, it cannot prevent osteoporosis, only diet and lifestyle, i.e. sunlight, low acid-forming diet, and resistance exercise, can.

Overdosing on vitamin C for example, the most commonly taken vitamin (and thought to be the least harmful) can cause gout, arthritis, kidney complications, and irritate the stomach lining potentially causing ulcers, leach calcium from the bones, and destroy vitamin B12. Incidentally, 100mg per day is the RDA for vitamin C. On a healthy natural diet you can easily get over 500mg.

It is impossible to overdose on vitamins and minerals from fresh natural foods. Your body will simply let you know it no longer wants or likes certain foods. If I overeat on pineapple my tongue becomes sensitive to all foods containing high levels of Vitamin C. Supplementation can result in enervation due to stimulation. In other words, the body will then be too tired to eliminate wastes properly and this will add more problems to the average toxic body. It is generally considered in medical circles that the most common cause of deficiencies in affluent communities is vitamin and mineral supplementation.

VITAMIN SUPPLEMENTATION AND CANCER

A review of 60 studies concerning vitamin supplementation and cancer does not support the use of vitamin supplementation in the prevention or 'cure' of cancer. Rather it appears that the average vitamin user is more



likely to be female, Caucasian, well educated, affluent, a non-smoker, light drinker of alcohol, likely to exercise more, eat 4 or more servings of fruit and vegetables daily and eat a low fat diet, and it is these factors rather than supplementation that protects against degenerative disease such as cancer (Cancer Prevention Research Program- Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Centre Seattle Sept. 97 and Jan. 98).

VITAMIN A SUPPLEMENTATION AND CHILD GROWTH

A study was conducted in Sudan on 28000 children, where vitamin A deficiency and malnutrition are prevalent. The children were given either a vitamin A supplement or a placebo over a period of 18 months. The supplements were found to be of no nutritional benefit at all.

Reprints of this documented research can be obtained from the Department of Nutrition at Harvard University.

VITAMIN D AND BONE DENSITY

Although vitamin D is required to use calcium to prevent osteoporosis, vitamin D in supplement form appears to result in a decrease in bone mass or density. Bone density however appears to increase once supplementation is discontinued (Annals Internal Medicine 1/8/97).

CARROTS, SPINACH, VITAMIN A AND BREAST CANCER

Consumption of carrots and spinach is associated with a reduced risk of breast cancer. Eating these vegetables 2 or more times a week showed a significant reduced risk of breast cancer. It is not certain whether the reduced risk is due to the carotenoids or other unknown substances as supplementation of the known nutrients showed no reduced risk (Cancer Epidemiology - Biomarkers and Prevention, November 1997).

The latest info on supplementation was published in the Sunday Times: Britain's food watchdog ruffled feathers in

the food-supplement industry this week when it warned that thousands of people could be damaging their health by overdosing on vitamin pills and other supplements. The Food Standards Agency advises that most people can get all the nutrients they need from a balanced diet. The strongest warning relates to chromium picolinate, a supplement widely available and popular with dieters, body builders, and diabetics. The report says it could cause cancers of the upper respiratory tract and stomach, and should be banned. Having 10mg or less a day of chromium in other forms from food and supplements is unlikely to cause any harm.

Some substances may have irreversible harmful effects if taken for long periods at the highest supplemental doses. These include beta-carotene (especially for smokers and people who have been exposed to asbestos), nicotinic acid, zinc, manganese (especially for older people) and phosphorus.

The three substances, which may have damaging short-term effects in supplement form, are vitamin C, calcium and iron. Vitamin C can trigger stomach problems such as diarrhoea and flatulence and can make digestive problems worse. The report advises that no more than 1 000mg a day of vitamin C should be taken. Similarly, high intakes of calcium (above 1 500mg a day) and iron (above 17mg a day) may result in similar symptoms.

Either way, it is great that research is now starting to emerge showing that your best nutrients are still and I believe always will be in their original form; fresh fruit and vegetables and if you find that too time consuming, then try to include a glass of freshly extracted vegetable and or fruit juice making sure to include the three beneficial colours, green, red and yellow. Many people find carrot, beet and barley or wheat grass juice is the best.



THE VITAMIN AND MINERAL DESTROYERS

There are certain foods and substances that destroy vitamins and minerals in our bodies and in so doing upset our body chemistry.

Nitrates & Nitrites

Found in processed meats, (like bacon, cold cuts, polony, Viennas, salami etc) they deplete our supplies of vitamins A, C, & E All antioxidants that help the endocrine and (including lung and heart function) immune system function more efficiently.

Amines

They are the by-products of cooked protein - deplete vitamins A and C.

Chlorine

Found in our water, destroys vitamin C

Air Pollution

Lead, hydrocarbons, sulphur dioxide, ozone, nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide, and other gases deplete vitamin A, which is responsible for mucous membrane maintenance, as in the lungs.

Arsenic

Found in insecticides, it destroys a member of the B Complex family, Para-amino benzoate. This can result in greying of hair and a run down body.

Cigarette Smoke

Including side-stream, destroys vitamin C and removes calcium from the bones

Alcohol

It robs the body of B Complex and vitamin A, in particular the enzyme that converts vitamin A into visual purple - for night vision, because it (the enzyme) is also used to help the body detoxify alcohol. Alcohol consumption also destroys vitamin B1, which in the long-term will result in DT's or hallucinatory nightmares.

Stress

It can cause depletion or a greater need for all vitamins and minerals.

Violent Bursts Of Anger

This can deplete the body's vitamin C in a matter of minutes.

Refined Sugar & Other Carbohydrates

They rob the body of B Complex vitamins.

Phytic Acid

In raw fish and wheat products, it binds vitamin B1 and Calcium.

Tannin

In teas, it binds iron. It is therefore best not to drink tea after a meal if at all.

Caffeine

Found in coffees, teas, chocolates, colas, etc., it depletes vitamin B1 and many other vitamins and minerals to a lesser degree.

All forms of medication

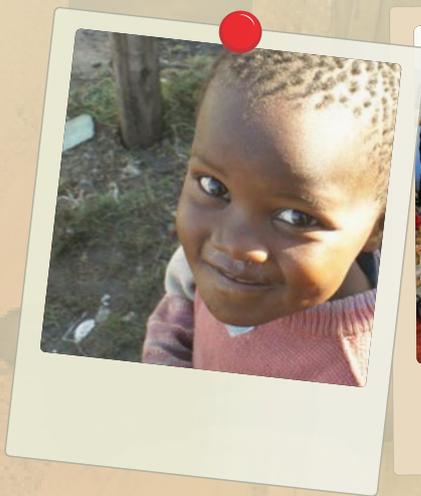
These rob the body of just about all vitamins and minerals. Aspirin for example can cause deficiencies in vitamin C, B complex, calcium, potassium, and iron (due to intestinal bleeding).

The only way to get enough vitamins and minerals for healthy perfect body chemistry is to eat a predominantly raw and alkaline diet (at least eat raw fruit and vegetables before each meal), and properly combine your food for maximum digestion and absorption of vitamins and minerals! If you feel the need for extra nutrients, rather buy a good juice extractor, and drink a glass of freshly extracted organically grown fruit and vegetable juice daily. I battle to find enough organic produce to juice and we need large amounts of dark green leafy veg to help us cope with environmental poisons and heavy metals. Barleylife is the most nutritious and convenient organic juice available together with Just Carrots and Redibeets, that I know of.

The chemistry in the natural foods God has made is perfectly balanced for our bodies, lets get healthy this year so that we can become Fit 4 God and have the energy and clarity to fulfil our God-given calling. If you need help with making the changes to a healthier, body friendly diet, log onto www.100daystohealth.com for a free day by day program.



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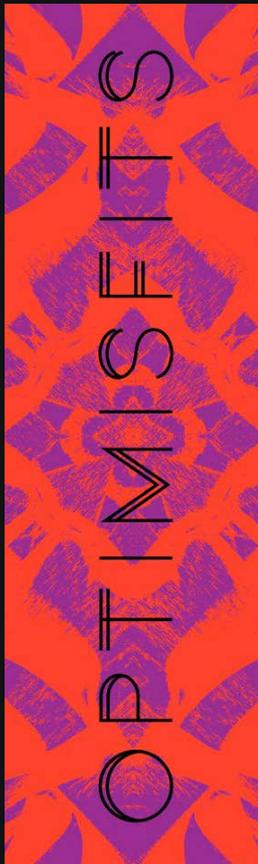
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Optimisfits: Igniting a Fierce Rebellion Against Hopelessness by Ben Courson



ABOUT THIS BOOK

Op•ti•mis•fit, n: a nonconformist, an adventurer, a person who lives with wild abandon, childlike wonder, and unapologetic optimism.

You were never meant to fit in. You were made to stand out.

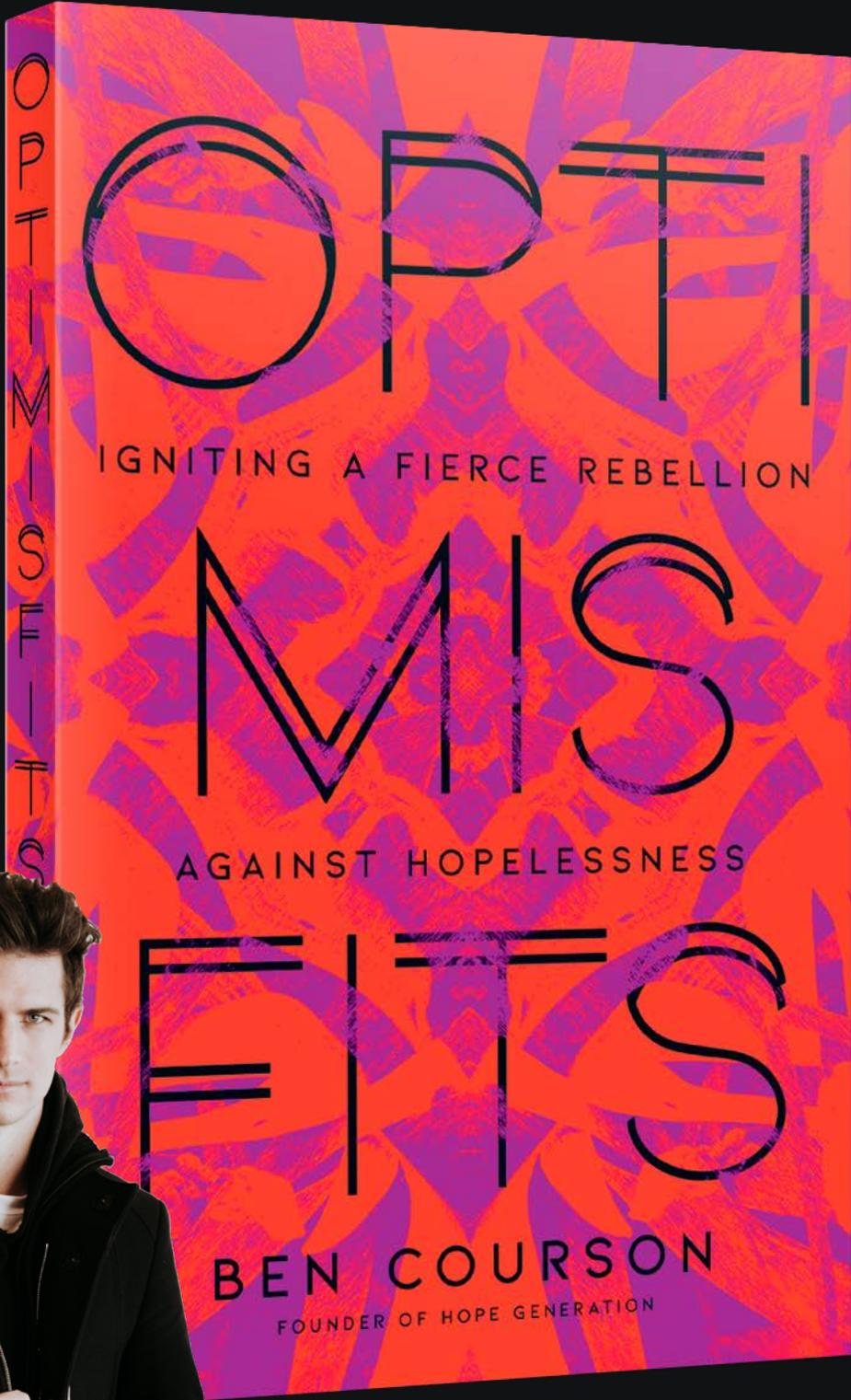
With passion, purpose, a large dose of humor, and a wild sense of wonder, Optimisfits offers a road map for a better way to live. It's calling you to seize your status as an outsider and wage a fierce rebellion against the hopelessness of the world by living out an intensely optimistic approach to every day.

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Computing Your Life

MELANIE VOIGT

I have a confession to make...I am a 'Facebook' addict. For those of you who don't know what Facebook is, it is a social networking website where you can write messages to friends, post photos and meet new people. This addiction started about two years ago when a friend of mine introduced me to the website. At first I wasn't too impressed, but then I realised how easy it made it for me to re-connect with old friends. After I signed up I could communicate with friends from my primary and high school days, friends that were now scattered throughout the world. I was so excited!

I know that I am not the only Facebook addict out there. I know this because every time I log on to the website, there is always a lot of activity going on. Facebook has become a global community of curious people. Everyday people log on to the website to see what their friends are up to and to tell them their latest news.

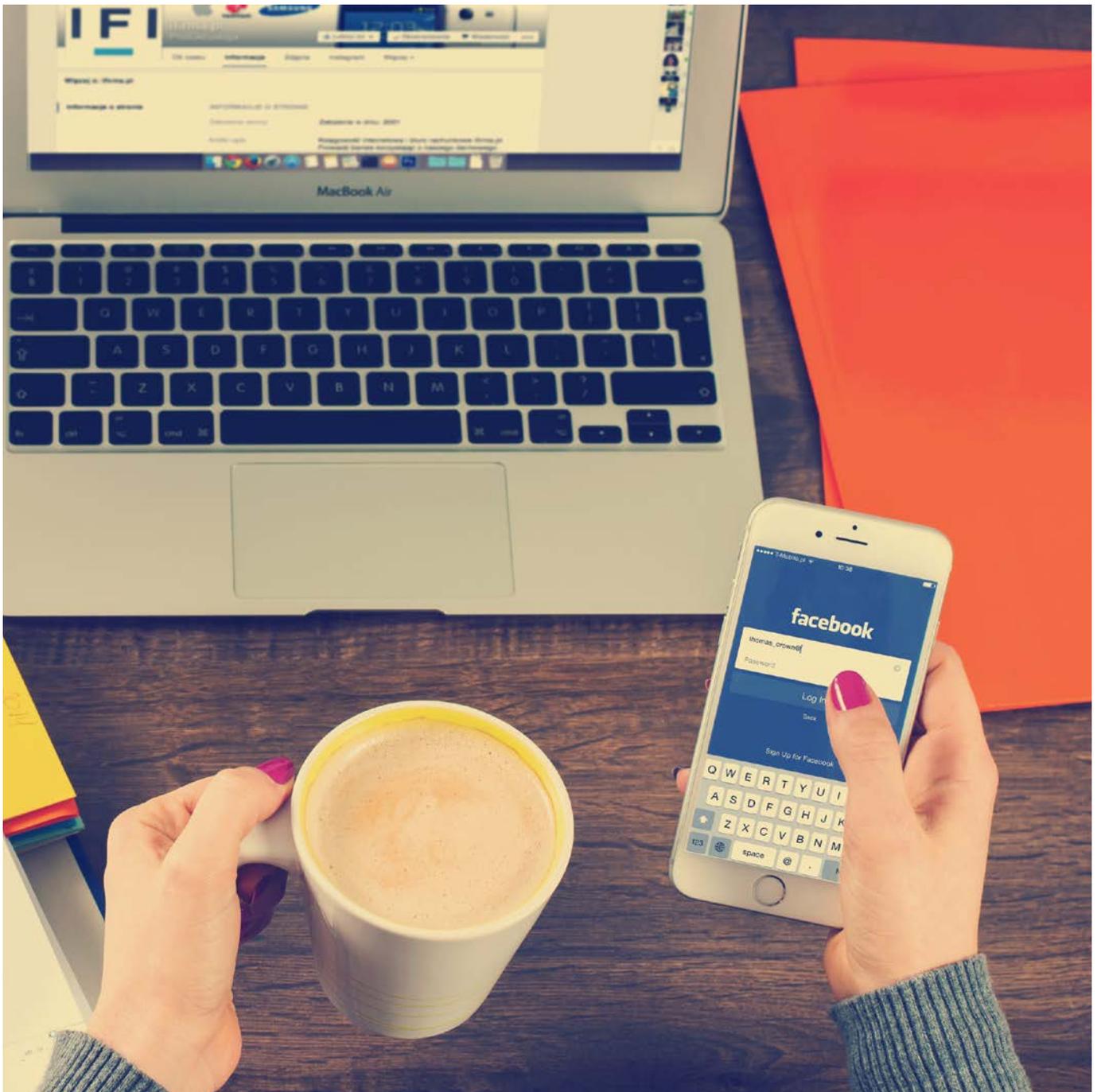
I've been chatting to several friends of mine about Facebook over the last few weeks, and one of the main topics has been about whether people are honest when they communicate on the website. I must admit that I don't believe that many people are portraying themselves accurately. Don't get me wrong, there are people who are brutally honest and they don't pretend to be someone else even for a minute.

This can even get them into trouble sometimes. I heard a story about a man who was fired because of what his boss read about him on this social network! The man had bragged on his Facebook status that he was bunking work, and had forgotten that he had his boss listed as one of his friends! Needless to say, his boss was not impressed.

If I had to be honest though, even I am selective about what I publish online. I would much prefer to include the more interesting details of my life than the mundane. A friend of mine confessed that she also 'censored' what she wrote online because of the people she had listed as her friends, especially pastors or leaders in her church. The truth is that we want to look good to our friends, we want people to think that we're on the right track, that we're successful. It's like one long high school reunion.

'Facebook' users, as well as users of other social networking websites like 'Twitter' or 'MySpace', are creating (or rather computing) a whole new lifestyle. These websites can be an escape, a place where people can be anyone that they want to be. They can be popular in cyberspace when they are treated badly in real life, they can appear to be constantly happy when they are actually depressed, they can be 'perfect' people when in reality they are struggling with sin. It really is so simple – type in (compute) some information, and voila, a new life!

There are so many dangers when it comes to computing your life. In the extreme case there are people out there who use social networking sites to prey on children and



teenagers. This is getting more and more dangerous. But in a less severe way, it also encourages people to put on a front and to pursue the unattainable 'perfect' life. It can cause people to become dissatisfied with their everyday lives, to try to become these 'perfect' people that they are portraying online, or even become like those 'perfect' people that their friends are portraying online.

What a waste of time and energy it is to pursue the unattainable! The reality though is that we all make mistakes and no matter who we pretend to be, no matter how good we may seem on screen, we are still imperfect people in need of a Saviour. And the amazing thing is that God accepts us and loves us just the way we are. We don't need to compute our lives before we reveal them to God - He knows our weaknesses and our failures but He still chooses to be our friend. In fact, He chooses to be even more than that. He chooses to be our Father.

I hope that the next time you fellow-addicts log on to Facebook that you remember that there is no need to prove yourself and certainly no need to compute your life. Like Galatians 1:10 says: ***"Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ."*** Let's choose to rather be servants of Christ!

**THE AMAZING THING IS THAT
GOD ACCEPTS US AND LOVES US
JUST THE WAY WE ARE**

Manage the 90% Well

PAUL LEONARD

Most often when people have been taught about God's way of handling money, it has been about giving. In other words the teaching has been focussed on the 10%, but the other 90% has been neglected causing God's people to often manage the other 90% from the world's perspective, rather than God's. God wants us to be faithful stewards of the 90% as well as the 10%.

Fortunately, according to Dr Mario Denton (Director for FCCI and Crown Companies), the Bible contains more than 2,350 verses dealing with money and possessions where the principles by which we can successfully handle the 90% are also taught. Jesus taught more about money than almost any other subject.

Throughout the Bible we are encouraged to be generous. Crown Financial Ministries tell us that of all of the verses that relate to money the single largest topic covered is **"giving"**, and most importantly we are encouraged to give with the right attitude.

In essence God owns everything and He has entrusted some of His possessions to each of us to manage. We enter this world with nothing and we collect some **"possessions"** while we are here. In estate planning one

question you ask is how much will you leave behind? The simple answer is **"All of it"**. We just get to use some of God's possessions while we are here. He wants us to be wise and faithful stewards of those possessions. A steward is someone who manages someone else's things.

Learning to handle Gods **"possessions"** well develops our character and if we use it well we get to enjoy more of it – and God seems to like that. While reading the book **"Purpose Driven Life"** (Rick Warren) one thing that stood out to me was the concept that life is a journey of experiences designed to help us grow our character into the likeness of Christ.

If I am a level 4 person and I experience a level 5 problem it will be a big problem to me. However if I grow to become a level 6 person then a level 5 problem would be a small problem. If I grew into a level 9 person then a level 5 problem wouldn't seem like a problem at all – it would be something I can handle in the normal course of events during a day. The problem didn't go away – I simply grew in character so that I am a bigger person.

There is a quote that says **"God is more interested in your character than in your comfort"**. You do not grow in your comfort zone – therefore to grow you have to move out of your comfort zone. By definition and by implication it means that growth is uncomfortable. Where



**GOD IS MORE INTERESTED
IN YOUR CHARACTER
THAN IN YOUR COMFORT**

is this leading to in a discussion of money? One of the biggest character developing areas of life is in the area of money management. You can easily tell a person's priorities in life by looking at the way he/she spends money. Statistics tell us, for instance. That more divorces are caused by money problems than by infidelity. Many friendships have been broken by money problems. Money itself however is morally neutral – it is how we think about it, how we allow it to affect us, how we choose to manage it, how we act toward other people relating to money that reveals our character – and it is this character that God wants to grow into His likeness.

Anatomy of Anger

MICHAEL-JOHN PHILLIP

You're standing in a crowd that seems to be pulsating with a murderous anger. People are yelling out insults filled with venom. You're holding up a sign you made the night before. You start to shout along with the hundreds of people around you. You're crying, sweat and tears becoming an indistinguishable liquid on your face. The crowd's energy gives you an untold excitement and you feel invincible standing and screaming at another crowd you don't know. Why? Why are you standing there yelling out insults? You find yourself standing there, yelling at people you don't know, about an issue you're not even sure about. Why?

You are in a rugby stadium.

That's probably not the first place that comes to mind when you think about the above situation, but what would have been better? Would it have been better if you'd been on a street protesting the government's Affirmative Action Programmes? Or protesting about the latest school curriculum? Perhaps it would be better

if you were there advocating vocally for your personal religious beliefs. A martyr standing there for the God you serve. Maybe that would be better.

It's better that way for one family in America, the Phelps family. They are a group of Christian fundamentalists who claim to be on a crusade to hand down God's judgments to people around them. Their focus is on homosexuals and God's alleged hatred for gay people. 'God hates fags' one of their signs read. They stand on street corners yelling about God's hatred and receive hatred right back. They are known as 'The Most Hated Family in America', and they live in an environment created by their own anger and hatred, which makes you think about doing unto others as you would have them do to you.

I started getting angry as I watched a documentary on this family. How dare they claim to believe in the same Jesus I do? How dare they be so hateful towards people? How dare they...

I was standing in the crowd, holding the sign, yelling at the Phelps family. And maybe that's how you feel also hearing about them, and maybe you don't think that's wrong but I'm not convinced it's the right way.



**THE PROBLEM WITH ANGER
IS THAT IT DOESN'T CHANGE
ANYTHING**

During the documentary the journalist, Louis Theroux, started a conversation with a 21-year-old girl in the cult, talking to her about the response she received from people. She spoke of a childhood without friends, and I could see into her sadness as she spoke about all the hatred she had received her whole life. This girl, my age, was a broken girl, struggling to understand why people hated her so much and unsure of the beliefs she'd known her whole life. Now I couldn't simply stand in a crowd and yell at her. It wasn't some faceless person I could get angry at; she was a broken girl in need of love, a girl who was making a lot of mistakes but still a girl in need.

I look at Ghandi and his peaceful protests called Satiyagraha, which translated means 'holding firmly to truth'. Ghandi would not fight and get angry but would simply stand in quiet protest and often he would be beaten. He did this not because he wouldn't stand for truth, but rather because he would. It's so easy to get angry. Anger is the easy solution. We can all access anger. It is a superficial emotion that costs nothing. The problem with anger is that it doesn't change anything. It lets you vent, without changing the situation in any way, without investing anything into a relationship. The Phelps family project their message and when the response from the public is one of hatred it only serves to further entrench their beliefs. The cycle will just carry on if all we ever do is stand in the crowd yelling at people we will never know.

Do not be overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good - Romans 12.

Another Missing Link

NIELL BESTER

Many people associate evolution with the phrase “**a missing link.**” However, I would like to prompt your thoughts to a few other missing links that are often neglected. You see, popular thinking has become the norm. Now as you probably know, popular thinking is a sophisticated way of saying – No thinking at all! Let me explain.

I recently attended a financial seminar teaching business principles based on Biblical grounds. Our kids were with us and during a short recess someone enquired whether our kids had already finished their homework. Now, as anyone involved in education (not school) would know, someone who educates their kids at home does homework the whole day. The outdated “**thing**” which those in the school system call homework is just a superficially interesting pass-time, with fundamentally little or no relevance at all.

After the homework-thing there were a few more questions/comments (I’ll briefly mention some of them):

Question 1 - To my wife – Are you a qualified teacher? (I’ll not go into the answer now, but anyone who knows anything about education will know that there is not a direct link between good education for you children and your own qualifications.)

Question 2 – Do you submit to any system? Or something like that! (My translation – What program/curriculum

do you use and do you have a set of prescribed schoolbooks?)

I responded that we submit to the Kingdom system, which I thought would be well accepted since we were discussing Kingdom principles. However, her response was that the Kingdom system doesn’t teach mathematics. “**What a novel idea,**” I thought. I must admit, I was caught a little off-guard and responded slightly less than overly polite, and then invited the person who posed the question to one of my education workshops.

The same person then proceeded to ask me what qualification I had and after hearing that I was a Chartered Accountant she was satisfied that my kids would “**automatically**” be able to do accounting some day. However, she was still concerned that they might struggle with geometry. (Now this makes me wonder a little bit. What is really important in life?) “**And parents just do not know these things,**” she offered. That’s correct, parents do not know everything, and very few parents will disagree with that. The problem for me was that it seemed she had the impression that teachers know everything.

This article is not aimed at discrediting teachers! Many teachers have a calling to do so, and love doing what they do best. It felt to me that just because I have not written a mock geometry exam every year since I matriculated, I should consider sending my kids to school, hoping all will go well, just in case they wanted to become engineers or something. Somehow that doesn’t make sense to me.



I think Darwin's theory of evolution has about as much chance of being true as the statement that the school system can be better for children than their own parents. There might be exceptions to this. I am talking about loving parents who want their children to reach their potential and achieve their purpose. Oh yes, somewhere during the conversation I was accused of being negative. Let me explain my perceived **"negativity"** by way of the following hypothetical dialogue between two people.

Joan: *"First Bank is a great place since they helped me buy a home. Imperial Bank is a great bank since they assisted me in buying a car, a computer, a TV and a Hi-Fi. Second Bank is a great bank as their credit card helps me eat every month. Their garage card helps me travel to work and back."*

John: *"Wait a minute, they exist to make money out of you, and if you are caught in the system the natural effect will be that you get nailed. That's the way the system works. They want to make money! And they want the money from you."*

Joan: *"You are such a negative person. Banks help you to get all those things and then you find fault with them."*

Do you get the point I am trying to make? Does that mean that banks are evil and should be avoided like the plague? Certainly not! Does it mean you will get into trouble if you depend on banks for your financial prosperity? No doubt!

The same with schools! Now, if you fail to see this, please contact me and I'll help you make this and a few other connections. If you do see it, you can also contact me. We might have something in common. By the way, if I invited you to a six-course meal with snacks and drinks and I told you that I would add strychnine to only one of the courses, would you accept? Remember, I won't tell you which one.



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Even When It Hurts

MATT GIOIA

“Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.” (1 Thessalonians 5:18 NLT)

A frequently asked question within the Christian community is, ***“What is the will of God for my life?”*** Honestly, I’ve asked this question many times myself. We often complicate this question by examining it through the lens of our vocation or destiny while failing to view God’s will in its simplicity.

Paul clearly states that thankfulness in all circumstances is God’s will for all who belong to Jesus. Notice that Paul wrote to give thanks in everything, not for everything. Could he be revealing a key that unlocks God’s purposes in our life?

In Acts 16, there is an account of Paul and Silas in Philippi, the prominent city of Macedonia at that time. On their way to a prayer meeting, a girl having a spirit of divination followed them closely, continuously crying out prophetic utterances. When this continued for several days, Paul became greatly annoyed, turned around, and commanded the spirit that possessed her to come out.

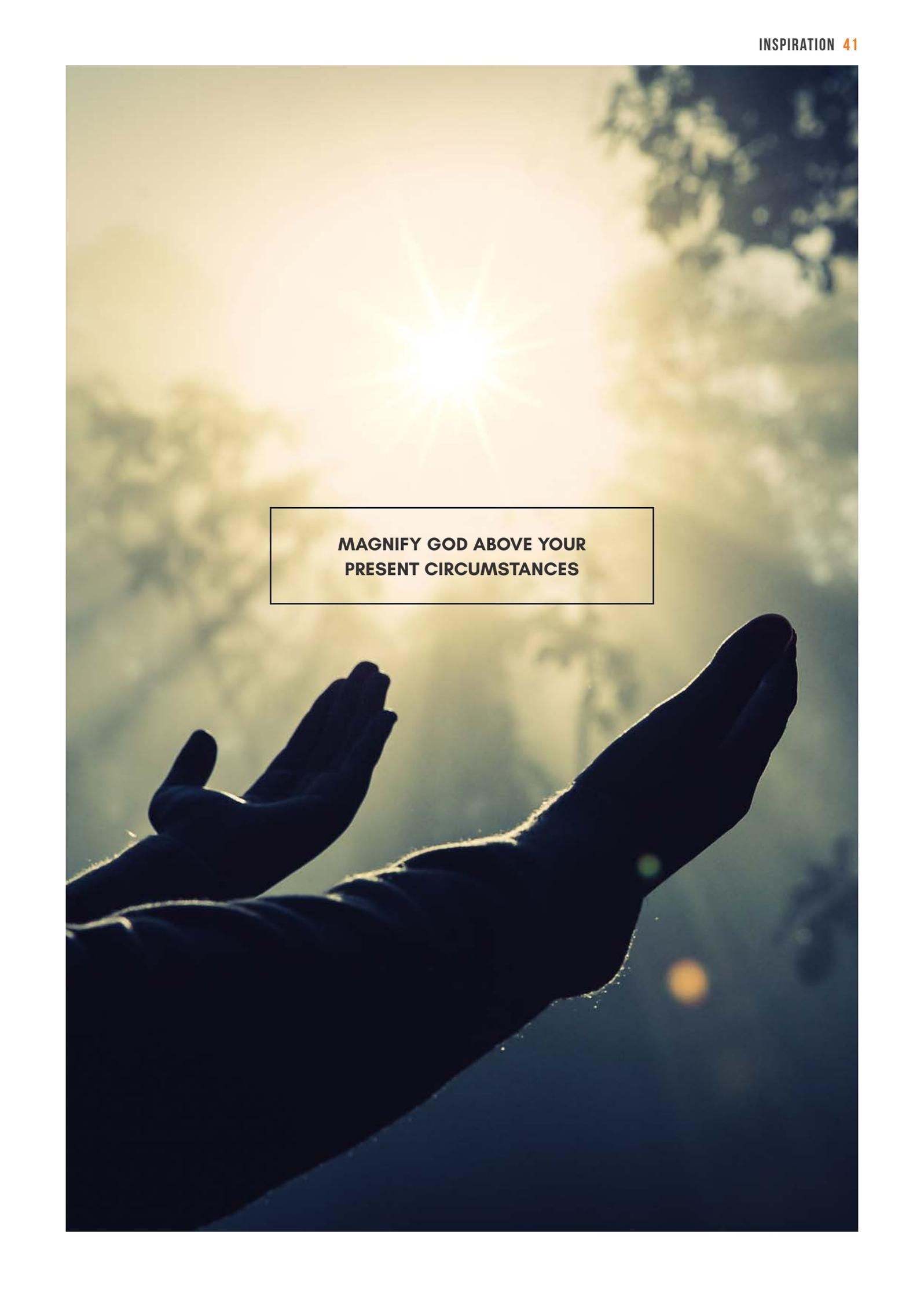
Because this girl brought her masters great profit from fortune-telling, and now that was lost, they violently dragged Paul and Silas into the marketplace and

presented them to the authorities. This resulted in Paul and Silas being severely whipped and afterward imprisoned under maximum security.

During the midnight hour, while chained and in pain, Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God. As the other prisoners listened, suddenly a great earthquake shook the prison, causing all the doors to open and everyone’s chains to be loosed. When the prison guard realized what had happened, he desperately ran before Paul and Silas, asking, ***“What must I do to be saved?”*** (Acts 16:30 NKJV). After Paul and Silas shared the gospel, the prison guard and his whole family were converted.

Despite a series of unfortunate events, rather than complain about the unfair treatment they received, Paul and Silas chose to give thanks to God. This enabled them to magnify God above their present circumstances. As they worshiped the Lord, this positioned them to receive divine breakthrough and deliverance. Thanksgiving unlocked God’s purpose in their situation. God suddenly invaded their prison and set them free—also leading to the salvation of the prison guard and his family.

Victory is on the other side of your praise! Thankfulness sees beyond the present and fixes its gaze on the One with Whom all things are possible - resulting with breakthrough! Be diligent to offer God thanks in all areas and seasons of your life.



**MAGNIFY GOD ABOVE YOUR
PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES**

When Others Don't See Your Calling

JOHN BEVERE

“Moses thought that his own people would realize that God was using him to rescue them, but they did not” (Acts 7:25).

Your calling is revealed to you before it is revealed to others. God often gives us a glimpse of the future long before it is actualized. Consider Moses as an example. We are told: **“Now when he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren, the children of Israel”** (Acts 7:23).

When Moses was forty, **“it came into his heart”** to visit his people. Destiny had been awakened within him. He felt a burden toward his brethren, the children of Israel. He knew he was called to deliver them from Egyptian bondage. Immediately, he was compelled to action.

On a particular day, Moses witnessed an Israelite being mistreated by an Egyptian. Struck with a sense of justice, Moses defended the Israelite and killed the Egyptian: **“For he supposed that his brethren would have understood that God would deliver them by his hand, but they did not understand”** (Acts 7:24).

“The next day he came across two Israelites as they were fighting, and tried to reconcile them, saying, ‘Men, you are brethren; why do you wrong one another?’ But he who did his neighbour wrong pushed him away, saying, ‘Who made you a ruler and a judge over us? Do you want to kill me as you did the Egyptian yesterday?’ Then, at this saying, Moses fled and became a dweller in the land of Midian, where he had two sons” (Acts 7:25–29).

In an attempt to act out of the revelation given to him, Moses was mocked, **“Who made you a ruler and a judge over us?”** He was ridiculed, misunderstood, and rejected. Not everyone knows and understands your passion. They're not supposed to. You may be mocked and ridiculed as you share your heart with others or as you step out in obedience to what God has spoken to you. Perhaps you're haunted by tormenting words that you would never amount to anything, you're not good enough, and that you don't have what it takes.

Understand that the wilderness season you're in is a time of discovery and preparation. Others may not recognize the hand of God upon your life, but that doesn't mean it's not there. God is with you and has you in the palm of His hand. In God's timing, all will be made clear.



IN GOD'S TIMING, ALL WILL BE MADE CLEAR

Many years later, Moses eventually did become a ruler and a judge over the children of Israel: ***“This Moses whom they rejected, saying, ‘Who made you a ruler and a judge?’ is the one God sent to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the Angel who appeared to him in the bush”*** (Acts 7:35).

God knows where you are. In a heartbeat, He can thrust you from a place of anonymity into your destiny. Treasure and protect what God reveals to you in regard to your calling. Don't forget where He is taking you—but don't try to force your way there either. You can't accomplish it in your own strength.

Remember, God often reveals your calling to you well before others see it. Don't get discouraged. Don't lose hope. Stay the course, stay obedient, stay faithful, and let Him do the leading.

God will promote you in due time.

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P.S. If this blog post encouraged you, check out the my new course where I dive much deeper into this topic!

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This is Our Reality

DARREL HOFLAND

What drives you?

We are all driven by something. We have something that motivates us. I have discovered in my travels (I had an idea of it before, but am more certain now) that there are **“different realities”** being lived out by different people here on this beautiful planet called: Earth.

I write this as a not perfect yet forgiven child of God. I try my best to follow the way of Jesus and to see people and life as He would. I know that in many ways I am far from it. But I won't back up or back down from trying to live more and more like Jesus. This is my reality, this is our reality. I feel that if we read through 1 John 4: 7-20 we get a glimpse and a unique angle to **“our reality”** that we as Christians have chosen to live in.

God lives in us and his love is made complete in us

It seems unheard of. It seems rather unusual. How does God live in us? Is this Christianity a fairytale? Or maybe should the question be; is it possible that fairytales and other epic tales and stories actually point us to deeper truths of the Christian way?

No way, our reality is not simply a **“black and white, only what the eye sees”** reality. How boring! This is an epic reality that we live in, our God who creates the entire universe has the ability to dwell within us and transform us. We all need transforming: Believers and non-believers alike.

If we all looked at ourselves, we'd see and say there is something that we're not happy with. So what does God living in us look like? Well, what we know of God may help us: He appreciates beauty. He sees all people: He sees those who are lonely, those who are lost and those who are hurting. He sees hope when everyone else sees despair. He believes in others. He is caring. He **“goes the extra mile.”** He is confident. He thinks the best of others. He serves others. He puts others first... yes, God does that.

So if God lived in us, surely our words and thoughts and actions would represent a very similar pattern? It won't happen over night, but it will be made complete in time. The question is; are you willing to give your life for this reality? Do you want to give over your thoughts, words and actions to the God who gave your very life and the spectacular planet you live on in the first place?

A night sky filled with stars and the Milky Way galaxy. In the foreground, a large, dark rock formation is visible. A small silhouette of a person stands on a ledge in the lower right corner, looking up at the stars.

THERE IS NO FEAR IN LOVE, BUT PERFECT LOVE DRIVES OUT FEAR

There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear

Again I ask, what drives you? I think it's easily possible, whether consciously or not; that fear motivates many of us in the way we live? Will I be as successful as others? Will they like me? Will I have enough? Do I look okay? ... Are just a few of the many internal questions we ask ourselves?

Have we ever thought about our lives from the basis of God's love? Because I am wholly and beautifully loved by God, this is why I do the things I do. Imagine how life like that would look like...

I am happy with who I am and what I look like, because this gracious God loves me. I am content with what I have, I don't always "**need, need, need.**" I have been provided for. I have done my best, because I asked God to strengthen me in this that I attempted. If we '**Let Go and Let God**', I think we live in a sweet new reality. Let's do it!

A Symphony of Praise

MICHELLE FROST

Ludwig Van Beethoven was a genius whose music will forever resonate through grand halls and echo in the hearts of music lovers. Perhaps one of his greatest works is the Ninth Symphony, of which the fourth movement contains the famous Ode to Joy; this chorus speaks to the soul, beckoning it to a place of adoration and exaltation. The lyrics to this stunning composition call us beyond ourselves, to appreciate the awe and wonder of our creator:

Even the worm can feel contentment and the cherub stands before God... Brothers, above the starry canopy there must dwell a loving Father. Do you fall in worship, you millions? World, do you know your creator? Seek Him in the heavens; above the stars He must dwell.

What a beautiful call to praise! The Bible is full of calls to praise, too. **“Great is the Lord and most worthy of Praise”** (Psalm 96: 4) and **“I will extol the Lord at all times; His Praise will always be on my lips”** (Psalm 34:1). Webster’s dictionary defines Praise as **“to say good things about”**. Praising God thus requires us to say good things about Him. Churchgoers are well versed in the art of singing praise songs and hymns but

unfortunately for many of us, that is where the praise remains.

Yet, praise is more than mere lip service. It is an expression of our hearts and it need not be restricted to our weekly moments in church pews (although there is much to be said for praising the Lord together, as a body of believers). The Bible does not tell us that we need only praise Him when we feel like it, or when things are going well. The Psalmist says we need to Praise God at all times! Yes, that’s right - even when you wake up on a Monday morning, with a singular desire to pull the covers over your weary head, or when the pile of bills on your kitchen counter is larger than your bank balance and even when the pregnancy test reads negative bringing with it an umpteenth disappointment.

I often get this one hopelessly wrong. I have never understood how it is possible to be thankful, let alone full of praise, when things go hopelessly wrong. I have come to understand, however, that praise is a matter of the heart. You see, when tragedy hits, or things go wrong I have a choice: Am I going to stand on my belief that God is in control; or am I going to let my faith fall to the wayside and lose all hope in God? It is a seemingly simple choice, but, as it turns out, it is far more difficult to make than I supposed it might be.



In my opinion, praise is choosing to say, ***‘God, I don’t understand you and I don’t understand this situation but I know that you are God and that you are in control. Thank you for being with me in the midst of this circumstance.’*** I don’t think God expects us to haul out the tambourine and start dancing around while our world is falling apart (although the Holy Spirit may prompt you to do just that at any given moment!). Let us, however, beware of falling into the trap of self-pity that leads us to the conclusion that God must not be who He says He is. We must hold onto Praise in the midst of the chaos—even if all we can muster is a simple prayer. ***“Even the worm can feel contentment...”*** We all have reasons to be joyful and reasons to Praise our creator. This is one of the poignant reminders in Beethoven’s 9th symphony.

Which prompts a thought - a symphony is a musical composition, an agreement of sound. How is this related to praise? Well, perhaps praising God is not as complicated as we think it is, perhaps it is just the agreement of our souls with heaven’s resounding praises; the composition of our hearts, amalgamating our hurts with our desire for our creator. Praise is a matter of the heart that often displays itself outwardly but when the body and mind are too weak, praise can be as simple as a surrendered heart, allowing its maker to mould and caress it.

PRAISE IS AN EXPRESSION OF OUR HEARTS

The greatest symphonies are those where the listener is swept away by emotion as the melodies ebb and flow, rise and fall. It is the same with God’s love - His love for us is the source and inspiration for all things, so even if things are not going well in your life right now, be assured of His great love for you. Allow His love to be the inspiration for your praise, regardless of the circumstances you face.

One of my favourite bands, Switchfoot, says it magnificently in ***“Your love is a song”***:
Your love is a symphony all around me, running through me.
Your love is a melody underneath me, running to me.
Your love is a song.

May His love-song and melody envelope you today, as you seek to bring Him your own Symphony of Praise!

The Price of Discipleship

ADRIAN WRIGHT

This morning the Lord led me to study out something that the Holy Spirit had dropped into my Spirit while I was driving to work a day or two ago...

Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them, ***"If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple"*** (Luke 14:25-27).

The first thing that the Lord spoke to me about regarding this scripture, is that there will always be ***"multitudes"*** wanting to follow Jesus. Just as today we have millions of people who ***"want"*** to follow Jesus. But Jesus turns around here and says, ***"If you REALLY want to follow me then..."***

There is a great price to pay in order to become true a disciple of Jesus.

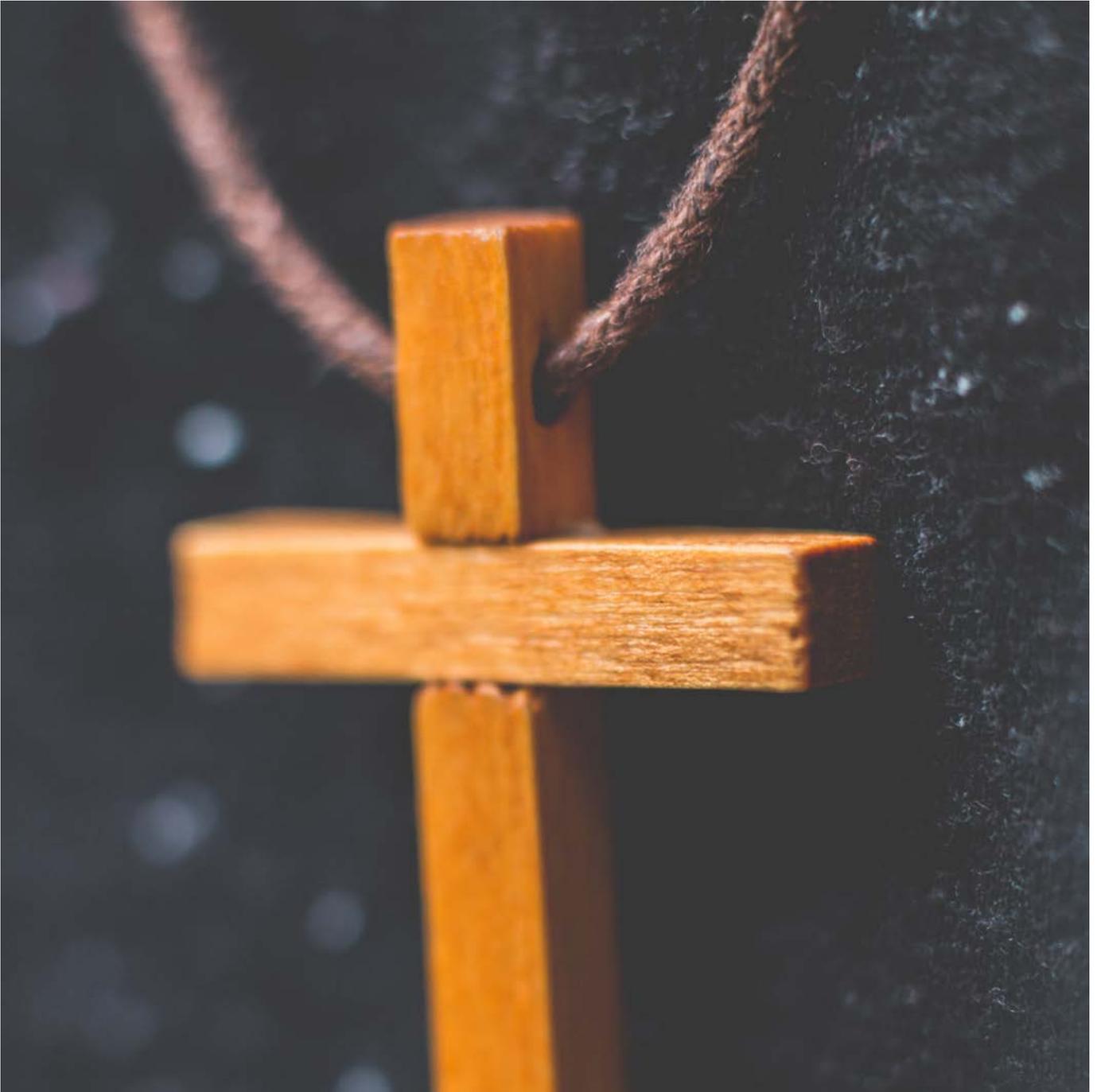
When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, ***"Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me"*** (Mark 8:34).

You see Jesus ***"calls people to Himself"*** but whether or not you will truly follow Him is up to you. Although many people accept the reality of Jesus Christ and are willing to make Him their Saviour, few count the true cost of making Him the Lord of their lives.

"For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it - lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish'? Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace. So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple" (Luke 14:28-33).

The Spirit of God is speaking to us, calling us to follow Jesus, to become His disciples. But there is a price to pay. That price, the price of following Jesus, the price of discipleship is nothing less than everything you are and everything you have.

Sometimes we think that following Jesus simply means resisting sin and the things we don't like to do. But true discipleship requires of us to place even those things that we ***"love"*** under the Lordship of Christ.



**LET HIM DENY HIMSELF, AND TAKE
UP HIS CROSS, AND FOLLOW ME**

Do you like to sleep late, or do you want to follow Jesus? Do you enjoy watching TV, or do you want to follow Jesus? Do you love drinking, or do you want to follow Jesus? Do you want to promote yourself, or do you want to follow Jesus? Do you want to have *** **** your girlfriend, or do you want to follow Jesus? Do you want to watch pornography, or do you want to follow Jesus? Do you want to chase after riches, or do you want to follow Jesus?

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death" (Revelation 12:11).

Jesus said that we must hate our lives. The old life must die so that we can be resurrected in the newness of His Life. This is not something to be accepted as a good teaching or solid doctrine, but something to be applied daily if you want to be like Christ.

Surrender to Him everything you are and have, study the Word and apply what it says, and Christ will manifest His Life in and through you. That is, if you are prepared to pay the price.

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03:30		Now Faith John Torrens [R]	Following Jesus with Tommy Lilja [R]	Manna-Fest Perry Stone [R]	Zola Levitt Presents [R]	Answers with Bayless Conley [R]	03:30	
04:00		Celebrate Life Tom & Bonnie Deuschle [R]	Ever Increasing Faith Fred Price [R]	Hillsong Brian Houston [R]	CHOOSE LIFE John Roebert [R]	Faith On Fire 2019 [R]	Previous week: Walking with Jesus [R]	04:00
04:30		CHOOSE LIFE John Roebert [R]	Zola Levitt Presents	Following Jesus with Tommy Lilja [R]	Manna-Fest Perry Stone [R]		Previous week: Rivka [R]	04:30
05:00	CRC Pastor At Boshoff [R]	Following Jesus with Tommy Lilja [R]	Planetshakers TV [R]	Prophetic Encounter Jacques vd Westhuizen [R]	The Messenger John & Lisa Bevere [R]		Ever Increasing Faith Fred Price [R]	05:00
05:30	Now Faith John Torrens [R]	Christian World News	Christian World News [R]	Real Women, Real Life Tracy Tredrea [R]	Healing Your Soul Katie Souza [R]		The Living Stone Edgar Holder [R]	05:30
05:55	Family Time - Angus Buchan							05:55
06:00	Creflo Dollar Ministries					Behind the Faith [R]	Reformation3 TV	06:00
06:30	Wisdom For Life Allan Bagg					Faith Matters André & Jenny [R]	Hosting the Supernatural N vd Westhuizen	06:30
07:00	Believer's Walk Of Faith Bill Winston					Superbook [R]	The Great Awakening Rodney Howard-Browne	07:00
07:30	Abundant LIFE Ashley and Carlie Terradez							07:30
08:00	Believer's Voice Of Victory Kenneth Copeland					The Living Stone Edgar Holder	Doxa Deo	08:00
08:30	Answers with Bayless Conley [R]	Higher Life Jenny Roebert [R]	Brand New You Luke Brugger	The Jewish Jesus [R]	Legacy TV Jeremy & Sarah Pearsons [R]	Planetshakers TV	Jerry Savelle Ministries	08:30
09:00	Enjoying Everyday Life Joyce Meyer					Keys To Breakthrough Debbie Rich	Faith Worship	09:00
09:30	Faith Alive Ted Shuttlesworth [R]	Miracles Happen Joan Hunter [R]	Hillsong TV Brian Houston [R]	Champion's Walk Neal Reyes	The Cross Miki Hardy [R]	Hillsong Brian Houston		09:30
10:00	Living Life Theo Wolmarans					On the Living Edge Mark Chironna		10:00
10:30	Gospel Truth Andrew Wommack					The Miraculous Wessel du Bruyn	Faith Matters André & Jenny	10:30
10:55	Sparkling Gems - Rick Renner							10:55
11:00	Quick Study with Rod Hembree					Winning Walk Ed Young Sr.	The Supernatural Now G Maldonado	11:00
11:30	LIVE BIG with Dr. Derek Grier	In Touch Charles Stanley	The Hope Connection [R]	Abba's House Ron Phillips [R]	Elijah's List Steve Shultz	CHOOSE LIFE John Roebert	Christ For All Nations Daniel Kolenda	11:30
12:00	The 700 Club					Pressing Matters Afrika Mhlophe [R]	It's Supernatural Sid Roth	12:00
12:30						Real Women, Real Life Tracy Tredrea	Creflo Dollar Ministries	12:30
12:55	Sparkling Gems - Rick Renner							12:55
13:00	Grassroots Angus Buchan					The Messenger John & Lisa Bevere [R]	Jesse Duplantis Ministries	13:00
13:30	Healing Your Soul Katie Souza					Jentezen Franklin [R]	On the Living Edge Mark Chironna [R]	13:30
14:00	Watchmen on the Wall with Errol Naidoo [R]	The Jewish Jesus [R]	Glenn Arekion	Prophetic Encounter Jacques vd Westhuizen [R]	Love Israel with Baruch Korman	Faith Alive Ted Shuttlesworth	The Hope Connection Harry Jackson	14:00
14:30	Higher Life Jenny Roebert [R]	Everlasting Love TV Patricia King	Preacher of Righteousness Mark T. Barclay	Miracles Happen Joan Hunter	Power Encounter Donna Schambach	Answers with Bayless Conley	Turning Point David Jeremiah	14:30
15:00	Paws & Tales	The Dooley and Pals Show	BJ's Teddy Bear Club	RockKids TV	Truth Quake	Underdog Zone with Renier Weideman	The Jewish Jesus	15:00
15:30	The Revolution TV	Superbook	KidsHubTV	Celebrate Life Tom & Bonnie Deuschle [R]	LIT Howard Fyvie	The Cross Miki Hardy	Ever Increasing Faith Fred Price	15:30
16:00	MXTV Tim Bisagno	Turning Point International	End of Age Irvin Baxter	Youth Bytes Chad Daniel	Hope Generation with Ben Courson	Bloom Today Paula Wallace	Building Champions with Kenneth Ulmer	16:00
16:30	Believer's Voice Of Victory Kenneth Copeland					One Cubed Naija	Enjoying Everyday Life Joyce Meyer Meyer	16:30
17:00	Jerry Savelle Ministries [R]	Jesse Duplantis [R]	Behind the Faith (LIVE)	Turning Point David Jeremiah [R]	Faith Life Church Keith Moore [R]	Celebrate Life Tom & Bonnie Deuschle	In Touch Charles Stanley [R]	17:00
17:30	Grace Grace Nina and Michelle	Pressing Matters Afrika Mhlophe	Faith Matters André & Jenny [R]	Manna-Fest Perry Stone	The Secret Place Christopher Lynn	Revival is Here Again with Goodheart Obi Ekwueme	Believer's Walk Of Faith Bill Winston	17:30
18:00	It's Supernatural Sid Roth					Faith Life Church Keith Moore	Believer's Voice Of Victory	18:00
18:30	Jentezen Franklin	Watchmen on the Wall with Errol Naidoo	Now Faith John Torrens [R]	The Messenger John & Lisa Bevere	Walking with Jesus	Save The World Jarrod Davidoff	CRC Pastor At Boshoff	18:30
19:00	Behind the Faith [R]	Legacy TV Jeremy & Sarah Pearsons	Till All Have Heard Patricia Bailey	Higher Life Jenny Roebert	Rivka	Hour of Salvation David Ibiyeomie	Sunday Praise	19:00
19:30	Faith Matters André & Jenny [R]	Your Miracle Moment Siva Moodley				RHEMA Praise Ken and Lynette Hagin		19:30
19:57	FRESH with Berni Dymet							19:57
20:00	Hour of Salvation David Ibiyeomie					Faith On Fire 2019	Faith On Fire 2019	20:00
20:30	Enjoying Everyday Life Joyce Meyer							20:30
21:00	Following Jesus with Tommy Lilja	Prophetic Encounter Jacques vd Westhuizen	Healing Your Soul with Katie Souza [R]	Reigning As Kings Basil Tryon	Now Faith John Torrens			21:00
21:30	Hosting the Supernatural N vd Westhuizen							21:30
22:00	The Supernatural Now G Maldonado					CRC Pastor At Boshoff [R]	Abba's House Ron Phillips	22:00
22:30	Brand New You Luke Brugger [R]	Jentezen Franklin [R]	Freshdew	Rick Renner	The Jewish Jesus	Healing Your Soul Katie Souza	Love Israel Baruch Korman	22:30
23:00	Abundant LIFE Ashley and Carlie Terradez [R]						Faith Life Church Keith Moore [R]	23:00
23:30	Winning Ways Matthew Ashimolowo					Chim's TALK Africa Chim Onyebilanma	Answers with Bayless Conley [R]	23:30

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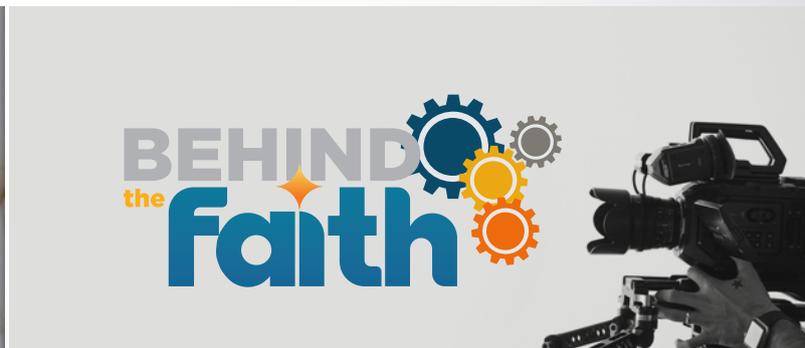


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ALLAN BAGG

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EST	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	EST
00:00	Save The World Jarrod Davidoff	Faith Matters [R] André & Jenny	Behind the Faith [R]	Faith Matters [R] André & Jenny	Behind the Faith [R]	Faith Matters [R] André & Jenny	700 CLUB [Monday R]	00:00
00:30	Reformation3 TV Brad & Wyona Norman	Creation Today Eric Hovind	Now Faith John Torrens [R]	Turning Point David Jeremiah	Jerry Savelle	Prophetic Encounter [R] Jacques vd Westhuizen		00:30
01:00	The Supernatural Now G Maldonado	Jessie DuPlantis	Jerry Savelle	Planetshakers	The Secret Place [R] Christopher Lynn	DOCUMENTARY	700 CLUB [Tuesday R]	01:00
01:30			Gospel Truth Andrew Wommack					01:30
02:00	Higher Life [R] Jenny Roebert	It's Supernatural [R/Mon] Sid Roth	Zola Levitt Presents	The Messenger John & Lisa Bevere	Manna-Fest [R] Perry Stone	Jesse Duplantis	700 CLUB [Wednesday R]	02:00
02:30	MOVIE REPEAT	Legal Edge Brad Dacus	Miracles with Peter Doseck	Curt Landry Ministries	Jentezen Franklin	CFC Theo Wolmarans		02:30
03:00		Turning Point David Jeremiah	Ever Increasing Faith Fred Price	Billy Graham Ministries [R]	On the Living Edge Mark Chironna	Discovering The Jewish Jesus Rabbi Schneider	700 CLUB [Thursday R]	03:00
03:30		The Messenger John & Lisa Bevere	Manna-Fest [R] Perry Stone	Legacy TV Jeremy & Sarah Pearsons	Planetshakers TV	Young Once		03:30
04:00		A Brand New You Luke Bruggler	The Secret Place [R] Christopher Lynn	Building Champions Kenneth Ulmer	Christ For All Nations Daniel Kolenda		700 CLUB [Friday R]	04:00
04:30	A Brand New You Luke Bruggler	Higher Life Jenny Roebert	On the Living Edge Mark Chironna	Reigning as Kings Basil Tryon	Faith Alive Ted Shuttlesworth	SATURDAY MOVIE [R]		04:30
05:00			Changing Your World Creflo Dollar				SATURDAY DOCUMENTARY [R]	05:00
05:30	Faith Matters [R] André & Jenny	Behind the Faith [R]	Faith Matters [R] André & Jenny	Behind the Faith [R]	Faith Matters [R] André & Jenny			05:30
06:00	Mark T Barkclay	Elijah Stream [R] Steve Shultz	In Touch Charles Stanley	Elevation Experience Steven Furtick	Abba's House Ron Phillips	Billy Graham Ministries [R]	Planetshakers TV	06:00
06:30			Grassroots Angus Buchan			Elevation Experience Steven Furtick	Legacy TV Jeremy & Sarah Pearsons	06:30
06:57	FRESH with Berni Dymet							06:57
07:00			Believer's Voice Of Victory Kenneth Copeland			Love Israel Baruch Korman	Manna-Fest [R] Perry Stone	07:00
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08:00	Jesse Duplantis	Jerry Savelle Ministries	Jesse Duplantis	Jerry Savelle	Jesse Duplantis	Jerry Savelle [R]	Jesse Duplantis	08:00
08:30	Elijah Stream Steve Shultz	Katherine Ruonala	Elijah Stream Steve Shultz	Katherine Ruonala	Elijah Stream Steve Shultz	Hope Generation Ben Courson	Faith Matters André & Jenny Roebert	08:30
09:00			Abundant Life Ashley & Carlie Terradez				Higher Life [R] Jenny Roebert	09:00
09:30			Healing Your Soul Katie Souza			Planetshakers TV	The Supernatural Now [R] G Maldonado	09:30
10:00	The Living Stone [R] Edgar Holder	Turning Point [R] David Jeremiah	Ever Increasing Faith [R] Fred Price	Billy Graham Ministries [R]	On the Living Edge [R] Mark Chironna	The Cross Miki Hardy	The Great Awakening Rodney Howard-Browne	10:00
10:30	The Cross [R] Miki Hardy	The Messenger [R] John & Lisa Bevere	Manna-Fest [R] Perry Stone	Legacy TV [R] Jeremy & Sarah Pearsons	Planetshakers [R]	The Hope Connection [R] Harry Jackson		10:30
11:00			It's Supernatural Sid Roth			Building Champions [R] Kenneth Ulmer	The Hope Connection Harry Jackson	11:00
11:30	Live Big Derek Grier	Legacy TV Jeremy & Sarah Pearsons	End of Age Irvin Baxter	Zola Levitt Presents [R]	The Messenger [R] John & Lisa Bevere	Billy Graham CLASSICS	Building Champions Kenneth Ulmer	11:30
12:00			Winning Ways Matthew Ashimolowo				End of Age Irvin Baxter	12:00
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12:55			Sparkling Gems Rick Renner					12:55
13:00	Debbie Rich [R]	Bloom Today [R]	Katherine Ruonala [R]	Grace Grace [R] Nina & Michelle	Higher Life [R] Jenny Roebert	Legacy TV Jeremy & Sarah Pearsons	Manna-Fest [R] Perry Stone	13:00
13:30	Miracles Happen! Joan Hunter	Glory Road TV Show Candice Smithyman	Miracles Happen! Joan Hunter	Glory Road TV Show Candice Smithyman	Miracles Happen! Joan Hunter	Jentezen Franklin	Higher Life [R] Jenny Roebert	13:30
14:00			Believer's Voice Of Victory Kenneth Copeland			Paws & Tales	Faith Life Church Keith Moore	14:00
14:30	Quick Study Rod Hembree	Healing Your Soul Katie Souza	Quick Study Rod Hembree	Healing Your Soul Katie Souza	Quick Study Rod Hembree	Bobo & Kipi	On the Living Edge Mark Chironna	14:30
15:00	Paws & Tales	Bobo & Kipi	What's In The Bible?	RockKids TV	Truth Quake	What's In The Bible?	Believer's Voice Of Victory Kenneth Copeland	15:00
15:30	The Revolution TV	Dooley & Pals	Hope Generaation Ben Courson	BJ's Teddy Bear Club	Co-Mission Expedition [R]	RockKids TV	Ever Increasing Faith Fred Price	15:30
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18:00	Planetshakers TV	A Brand New You Luke Bruggler	Grace Grace Nina & Michelle	Vision Of The Bible	Christ For All Nations Daniel Kolenda	Creation Today Eric Hovind	Building Champions Kenneth Ulmer	18:00
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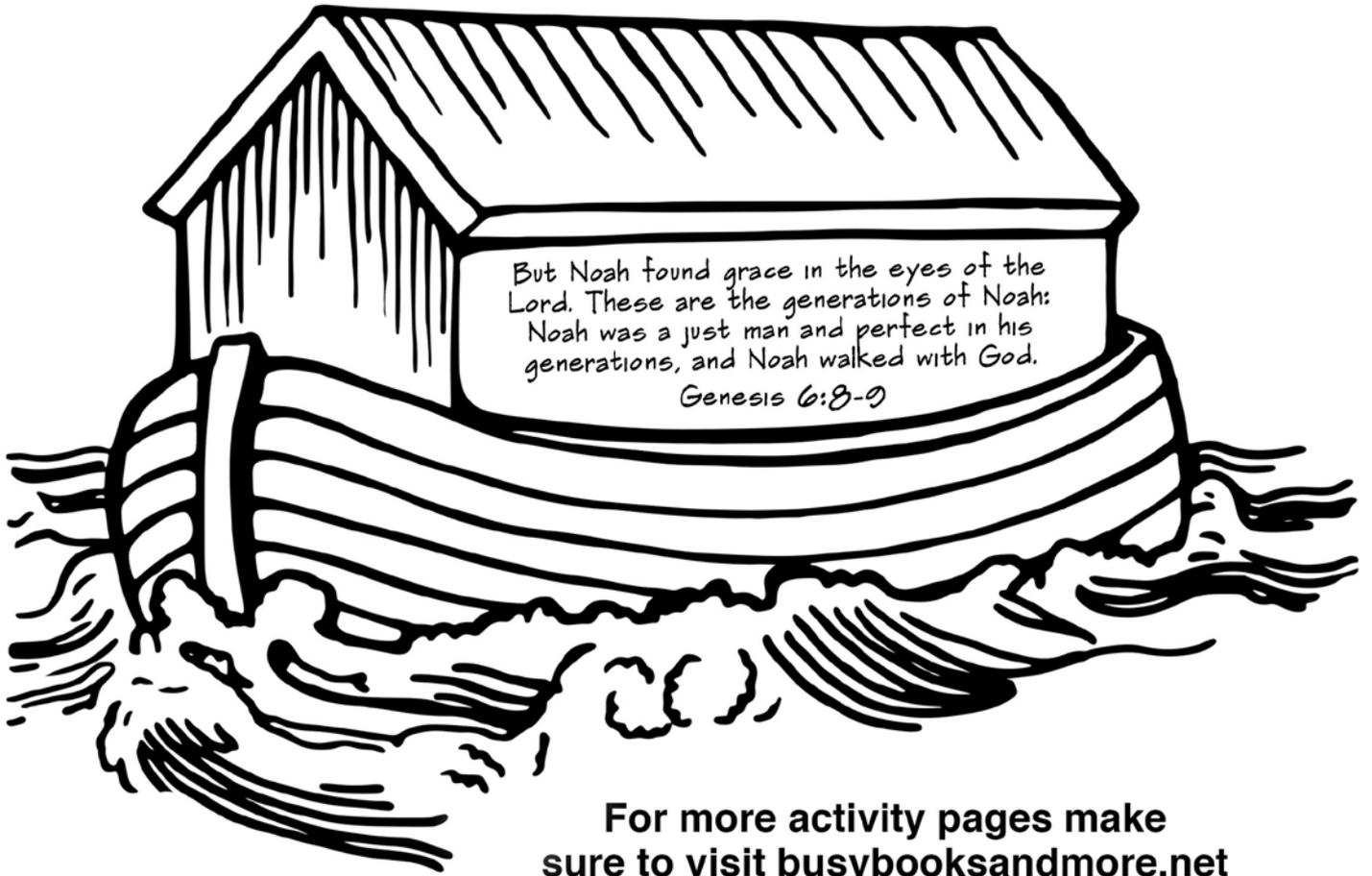
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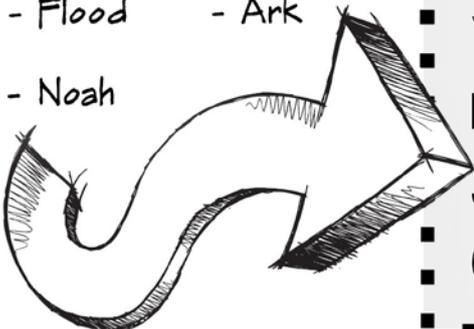
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