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Which is Called Sychar

“He left Judaea, and departed again into Galilee. And he must needs go through Samaria. Then came he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph” (John 4:3-5)

Sending twelve guys to buy lunch for thirteen seems like overkill. However, Jesus had a penciled-in appointment in an unlikely location with an unsuspecting individual. You can almost see the smile on his face as he sits in the sun watching her walking warily toward the well, an outcast among outcasts. The isolation of her current position portrays what has become a regular routine for her. Jesus simply asks for a drink and she immediately expresses how appalled she is. After all, she was a Samaritan and he was a Jew. Thankfully, her frustrations soon transition to revelation, and her demeanor shifts from accusation to appreciation. Acknowledging Christ’s understanding about the riddled relationships of her past and present seems to be a turning point for her. Soon her belief in Christ as Messiah would become obvious in her immediate evangelism of the people she had been seemingly avoiding. She is what we in the ministry would call a success story. We would want her testimony videoed and put on the church website.

To truly appreciate the power of her conversion, you need to understand the context of her life. Samaritans were a group of people with a rough history. Babylonians conquered the southern kingdom of Judah, exiling all but the lowest class of people. That pitiful remaining remnant began to intermarry with other non-Jewish groups, and as a result, the Samaritans came into existence. Their faith was a culmination of the Law of Moses, combined with oddly adopted superstitions. Therefore the Jews looked at them as half-breeds with false religion. Most Jews would take the long and more arduous process of walking around the region rather than traveling the more direct route through Samaria. However, there was more value to their location, especially the city “which is called Sychar,” than most gave them credit for (John 4:5).



This city called Sychar was the same place as ancient Shechem, making it rich in history. Abram’s arrival and the building of the altar, fresh from Babylon, occurred here and can be read about in Genesis twelve. Shechem is the same area where Jacob purchases land, builds an altar, and establishes a well as discussed in Genesis thirty-three. Not only did Jacob give Joseph land here, but after his death, Joseph’s bones would be carried here according to Joshua 24. While it felt odd for some people of the time to see Jesus Christ walk into the region of Sychar, he was vividly in tune with its well-established altars of old. Unfortunately, somehow over time, Shechem became Sychar. Patriarchs had died, altars had crumbled, and Babylon had carried off the best people. The havoc caused by Babylon caused a people to be lost, their religion to become tainted, and value to be questioned. Babylon’s ultimate effect on Shechem turned it into a city “which is called Sychar.”

For clarity, let us realize that Babylon is a parallel for the enemy of our soul and the promises of God meant for his people. The spirit of Babylon is working hard in this day and age to carry away the best of you and your family. The enemy’s goal is the perversion of religion built on superstition more than Scripture. Ultimately, if Babylon can have its way, you will become known as Sychar rather than Shechem. Instead of power and promise, you will live with crumbled altars and forgotten promises. Babylon’s unwavering desire is for you to be lesser, weaker, and regarded as inferior. Therefore, we must recognize and accept Christ’s truth for our lives rather than the lies of Babylon. If God has a blessing for your family, let no one rename it as destruction. If God has promised truth and clarity, do not allow Babylon’s attacks to institute a name change to confusion. Let us take hold of our families, keep them close and declare in the face of Babylon: we choose the promise of Shechem, not the confusion of Sychar.

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READING and Ministry Success

Written By Angela Repetto

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Joe Martinez, Peshtigo, WI - The study and reading of the Word of God are imperative to the ministry and the church. I usually read from other books about two to three days a week as time allows. Selections are based on teachings or subjects in the Bible, or if I know the author and have heard them speak about a certain subject before. For relaxation, I mainly read the Word of God. My reading accountability is to my wife and children, as they are who see me in my time of study and personal devotion. While I do like the convenience of reading digitally, I almost always choose hardcopy when I am studying and preparing for a message. I have been in a book club and love the discussion and different perspectives that come out of such meetings.



Timothy Froese, Arthur, IL - Reading is a critical part of studying and preparing sermons. It helps me stay current with the events in which we are living and address the issues affecting our congregation from a Biblical perspective. I mainly read religious books that give me additional insight into the Word of God or inspire spiritual growth in my personal life. Reading fictional books for relaxation is not something I enjoy and I have not yet gotten into reading digital books. My wife and

I share a lot of what we read. If one of us reads something that we feel would benefit the other, we encourage the other to read it. Most of the books I have read have been purchased from the Pentecostal Publishing House or bookstores.



Bryan Shock, Conway, AR - Reading is very important to our ministry's success. Technology has now made it easier to learn by listening. Several times a week I am listening to multiple presentations on any given topic. I choose my reading material in one of three ways: (1) I must feel directed to a particular book by the Holy Ghost; (2) It must be requested by my pastor or spiritual voices in my life; (3) The author is apostolic. I personally feel that putting things that

are not true in my mind has an impact on my ability to discern the things that I need to discern, so I never read fiction. I do read mostly digitally and have not participated in any book clubs.



David Manchack, Little Rock, AR - As a bi-vocational pastor, I do not get to read as much as I would like. While driving, I always have at least one book for relaxation and one book from an apostolic author in my truck. Since I like to read hard copies of books, I have not yet made the switch to digital. For relaxation, I enjoy reading biographies (especially from Pentecostal pioneers), military history, and the occasional Western novel. I have two bookshelves full of books on everything

from doctrine to church growth. While I prefer reading apostolic authors, I will glean what I can from others.



Ed Walden, Winterville, GA - I know that I am a much better preacher, teacher, and counselor when I am well-read in the Scriptures and books on various topics. I rarely finish one book and move to another, but I am constantly reading multiple books at the same time. I usually select the books that I read by subjects that will help improve my ministry and calling as a pastor. When I have the time, I do read some fictional books. I am a big Western fan, with Louis L'

Amour as my go-to author. My pastor taught me the importance of reading, but the responsibility of reading falls on me. I cannot get into digital books, as I like to hold the book, flip the pages, make notes in the margins, and use a highlighter.



Bryan Spooner, Flint, MI - Failing to read on a variety of subject matter can handicap a minister. I read both the Bible and another book resource every day. Monday is a book on biblical character. Tuesday is leadership. Wednesday is discipleship. Thursday and Friday are when I read on the subject I will preach about on Sunday. I read from a suggested reading list from mentors and peers, but I rely heavily on the Lord to guide me in the books that I pick up to begin reading. This

has proven very effective for me, as most every time what I pick up to read is perfectly timed for my current positioning. I do have a minister group that reads together and discusses the current topic. Most of my reading is hard-copy.



Mark Stacy, Purcell, OK - Reading has helped with maintaining a fresh and new perspective in my ministry. As I spend a lot of time driving, I am often listening to an audiobook. I select my reading based on recommendations, or if it appeals to me. While I listen to a lot of audiobooks due to convenience, I prefer a hard copy where I can turn the pages and feel the book. Oftentimes, the subject involves leadership or inspiration. For relaxation, I

do enjoy a good Western or mystery. I do not have any kind of accountability partner when it comes to reading and have never participated in a book club.



Ben Corbitt, Pampa, TX - Reading is very important for my ministry's success. I probably only read about six books a year that are ministry-related. Recommendations are usually taken from my wife or close friends, and I occasionally do read fiction. I read both digital and physical copies. We make it a point to encourage and reward Bible reading at the church. Sharing books that I have enjoyed and receiving suggestions from respected family and

ministers is a must. 2 Peter 1:3 sums up my feelings on too many extra reading materials as a necessity for ministerial improvement.

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REV. L.J. HARRY | MT. VERNON, OH

Written By Charlotte L. Pound

Desperation Brings the Key

Bro. L.J. Harry believes the most important key to having a growing church came to him in prayer a few years ago. "Seeing that our church was shrinking, I became frustrated with God and let Him have it during prayer one day. I cried out in desperation, "God, I'm trying to grow Your church here. I need You to help me grow Your church." God spoke back to me, saying, "I didn't call you to just grow a church; I called you to feed My sheep." Since then, I have tried to focus on feeding the sheep and leave the growing to God," he said.

Pastor Harry concentrates on feeding the sheep the Word of God through preaching and teaching. "Perhaps our strongest area of discipleship is our Wednesday Bible study where I teach through books of the Bible, one chapter at a time. I have taught in this way through Romans, I Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon, Hebrews, James, and am currently teaching through Revelation. This method of Bible study and teaching firms up our understanding of the Bible and its principles and allows me to teach on all the topics I would need to review if teaching topically," he said.

Becoming the Church of the City

"A revival-minded pastor should place his priorities on personal devotion, family, and ministry. I believe God gave me His vision about how the local church is to become the church of our city. Because of a major issue with addiction and hurt in our city, we began a program called Celebrate Recovery. It is a safe place

for people to come for help with their hurts, habits, and hang-ups, and as a way to meet Jesus in their recovery. God has used this as well as our food pantry for His glory in helping us meet physical needs and become the church of our city," he said.

Intentional Ministries and Leadership

The various departments and ministries in the church consist of: Connect Kids, Connect Students,

a burgeoning Hyphen group, Ladies', Men's, Seniors', Celebrate Recovery, Facilities and Grounds, Food Pantry, Global and North American Missions, Life Groups (interest-based), Media, Music, Small Groups (devotional-based). The department leaders meet monthly as well as annually. They don't hand in

reports because Pastor Harry asks them to write job descriptions based on their understanding of their role. He then will compare their answers with his expectations of that role to see if they are on the same page. "For training our leaders, we use Ministry Central. Approximately 60% of our members are involved in some form of ministry. 30% are involved in evangelism. I'm working to change the culture from evangelism as a ministry or event into a lifestyle as a disciple of Jesus. We promote and encourage involvement through life groups for social connections and through volunteer ministry," he said.

Miracles Still Happen

"We are still rejoicing over one special miracle that happened in our church. I had officiated the wedding for a young man and woman who were both in the throes of active addiction. One of our local law enforcement officers had sadly told me that he thought the young man would likely die by an overdose or in a drug deal gone wrong. But God is still in the miracle business, and thankfully, the young man and his wife have been clean, off supervision, and living their lives for the glory of God. They visited the Ark Encounter during their honeymoon. People in active addiction don't typically make the Ark Encounter or anything focused on Jesus a priority," he said.

Guided By Principles

"My philosophy of ministry, meaning any deep guiding principles that give our ministry direction and purpose, is relatively simple. God called me to feed sheep, not to grow a church. Healthy sheep will grow and tell other hungry sheep where to be fed," he said.

Bro. Harry loves preaching through stories in the Bible. "I do my best to stay in one story for each message so as not to confuse the listeners. Some of my favorite stories are the Gospel, the woman at the well, and the three Hebrew children," he said.

One of the areas or target groups that Pastor Harry considers the "focus" of ministry would be Celebrate Recovery. "My wife and I are heavily involved in Celebrate Recovery, so we treasure ministering to the hurting and the addicted in our city. I also thoroughly enjoy teaching our midweek Bible study to our core church family and firming up their faith," he said.

Built Through Sacrificial Giving

The current building was built in 2005 and will seat 300 comfortably in the sanctuary. ACC has a gym the same size as the sanctuary that doubles as a fellowship hall. "Dr. Robin Johnston taught us at Gateway that the fellowship hall of a church needs to be as valuable as the sanctuary—because fellowship is



Hands Lifted in Worship



Pastor Harry and Family



Celebrate Recovery Group



as valuable as worship in a church family. We have a chapel that seats between fifty and sixty for our adult Bible study, Wednesday Bible studies (morning and evening class), and Celebrate Recovery. I love the separate setting for teaching because I have a 32' square whiteboard with which I teach. We acquired this facility through sacrificial giving. We bought land in the late 1990s, built and dedicated the building in 2005, and by the grace of God, remarkable sacrifice by our Bishop, and generous giving by the church family, paid it off in 2015," he said.

Room to Build

The pandemic has made it difficult to track the growth of ACC this year, but prior to 2020, the church was growing quickly and consistently. For a few Sundays, they had to borrow chairs from the chapel for the sanctuary. Nine were baptized in 2020 and one received the Holy Ghost. This year has seen two baptized in Jesus' Name, and two have received the Holy Ghost so far.

he average attendance for several years back is between 140-150. "We are on nearly thirteen acres, so we have room to build. Our next steps would probably be mirror services on Sunday mornings. We already have two classes on Wednesdays (morning and evening) to promote social distancing and allow seniors and retirees an opportunity for discipleship without having to drive at night. I'd love to build a youth center once we outgrow our building," he said.

The Early Years

Pastor Harry grew up in Mount Vernon, Ohio, and was blessed to be raised in the church. He was baptized on September 11, 1988, and received the Holy Ghost on January 5, 1992, at twelve years of age.

"One unique aspect of my youth was that I always loved God but didn't really have a daily walk with Him. I wanted to be a preacher, but not vocationally. Then, however, God called me into ministry during Ohio Senior High Camp in the Summer of 1996. I remember preaching my first sermon at sixteen years of age during a youth service in Mount Vernon. I didn't want to preach. I was praying for a shout-out or cry-out service, or for someone to pull the fire alarm. It was worse than bad," he said.

Bro. Harry went on to receive a Bachelor's of Practical Theology from Gateway College of Evangelism in 2001. He is currently pursuing a Master's in Theological Studies from Urshan Graduates School of Theology. He recalled several men that have influenced his ministry greatly: Duane Kramer (pastor), Dan Monk (assistant pastor), Scott Graham, Robin Johnston, Steve Willeford, and Bill Hobson.

Stepping Stones of Ministry

There are always significant milestones of any ministry. Pastor Harry described, "My lovely wife, Andrea, and I served as Youth Pastors in Longwood, Florida for five years.

We then moved to Ohio, where I served as Pastoral Aide for four years, and Associate Pastor for six years. We took the church we now pastor on May 22, 2016, and have pastored here for nearly five years. The circumstances that led us to take this church were that we had moved to Ohio in 2006 with the understanding that Pastor Kramer wanted me to succeed him as Senior Pastor at the time of transition,"



Pastor Harry Preaching

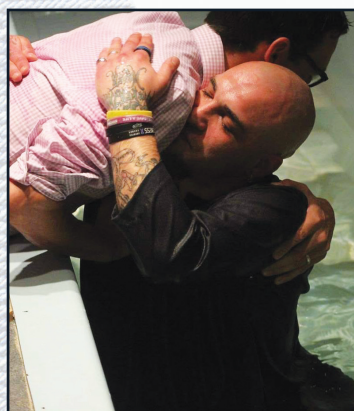
Some Will Plant and Some Will Water

"Bill Cooley planted the church, and a handful of pastors pastored it: Dale Dickson, George Hinkle, Scotty Teets, Duane Kramer, and now I have the privilege to pastor my home church. The date of our first service at this church was in February of 1992. The first sanctuary was a split-level brick building in a residential neighborhood.

It was dated, with a 'shotgun' sanctuary and bright red pews, but it was home. We don't have a record of the number of members or saints when we came. That 'first service' was less than wonderful. I even cried because I wanted to go back to our country church we had just left. It did get better with time. The outreach methods we used in those early years were door knocking, street services, and high-pressure evangelism," Pastor Harry said.

Family Time, Interesting Facts, and Contact Information


The Apostolic Church of Mt. Vernon is flourishing under the pastoral leadership of L.J. Harry and his wife, Andrea. They have two children: McKenna (15) and Raylee (11). Bro. Harry is the former Ohio District Youth President and is currently the Editor of the Ohio News Magazine. "One thing people would be surprised to learn about me is that I play XBOX games and I memorize license plate numbers. My preferred leisure activities are cycling, video games, and basketball. My favorite preacher is my pastor, Rev. Scott Graham. Family activities that we enjoy most are board games or card games at mealtime. My favorite author, next to Jesus, is Max Lucado," he said. For more information or to contact Bro. Harry, you may email him at LHarry@vernonchurch.org. You can also go to the church website: www.vernonchurch.org.



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If you feel a desire to make a lasting impact on the children at TCMA, we are always accepting applications for qualified teachers. Email your resume with a letter of interest to ermajudd@mansionkids.org. #LoveWorks

Rev. Kara Dibble - Missionary to Scotland, Part II

Interviewed By William Turner



Kara Dibble

After two years of short-term missions work in Scotland, Kara Dibble returns to Indiana Bible College (IBC) this month to assume the position of front office secretary. She will be coming back to America with some valuable lessons learned abroad in terms of both material and spiritual priorities.

Kara graduated in 2018 and finished IBC's fifth-year Advanced Leadership program under the direction of Biblical Studies Dean Bobby Killmon. Soon after, she began a Global Missions short-term missionary assignment as an instructor at Harvest Bible College in Glasgow, Scotland. More recently she has served as Harvest Bible College Academic Dean.

The full-time, onsite college was founded by resident missionaries Robert and Jerolyn Kelley and serves not just Scotland, but all the UPC of Great Britain and Ireland (GB&I). It is accredited with the British Accreditation Council, UPCI's Global Association of Theological Studies, and endorsed by the UPC GB&I. Kara said she went to Scotland with the desire to teach and minister, but now realizes that life there had valuable lessons for her, as well.

Cultural Adjustments From the Material Standpoint

In Scotland, "living with something you don't need," she said, "is excess and wasteful and reserved for the very wealthy. The houses and apartments are smaller; storage space, wardrobes, and even the cars are all smaller. Washing machines are standard, but dryers are considered a luxury. This makes one load of laundry a two-to-three-day process, even when the sun is shining."

Grocery shopping was also different. "There's no buying in bulk," she said, "because it won't fit in your fridge or cupboard. You walk to the grocery store every two days if not every day. It's a mindset of 'don't be wasteful.' At first, I hated having to go to the grocery store so often, but then I realized that I recognized the employees much quicker, and even the other shoppers. When I shifted my perspective from 'what an inconvenience' to 'what an opportunity,' I started to love what I used to hate."

What would you advise others preparing to become involved in short-term and even long-term global missions work?

"Get over yourself! If you want to be of any positive use, you have to allow the Lord to bring you to a place where you see others instead of yourself. Learn to see things through the eyes of others," she said. "Most of the time, you'll end up being the one apologizing, instead of feeling offended over what you imagined they did to you."

After you get your personal priorities straight, she said her next advice would be, "Teach Bible studies! If you can't teach a Bible study, what do you think ministry is about? You don't have to have a degree or know Greek and Hebrew. You just have to know the Lord Jesus. You don't win people by bringing them to church. You win them by connecting and building relationships so that they can see the character of Christ shine through you. Don't practice preaching skills; strive to know the Lord Jesus better so that you can introduce Him to others."

What did she like the most about life in Scotland?

"The people I've met and the history they share, and the Highland scenic views. Every person you walk past has a story, and sometimes their story can change your life. Scotland is full of such rich history around every corner," Kara said "As an American, it's awe-inspiring to walk past a stone that has the year 843 A.D. engraved in it."

At the same time, she returns to America with a renewed appreciation for her own country. "I have never been more thankful to be an American. We don't get everything right, but it is the freest and most blessed country on earth. I think living abroad has helped me hone my focus. There are a lot of things that aren't bad, but they aren't the best, either. Many things we become consumed with begin to seem insignificant when compared to things eternal."

What has been the biggest lesson you have learned in your missionary involvement?

"Asking the Lord if your pursuits are pleasing to Him or not takes courage. Actually, listening for His answer takes more courage. Changing course when He says no takes more courage still."

What is it about IBC that makes you willing to accept a staff position?

"Leadership, excellence, vision, and integrity are the words on the IBC emblem. IBC takes these guiding principles and unapologetically stands for Truth. I have been personally changed by the impact of staff members in my life, and I hold it as an honor and privilege to turn around and do the same."



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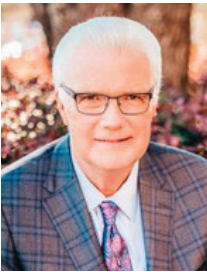
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Brian Kinsey
Pensacola, FL

Bro. Kinsey, tell us a little about yourself and your ministry.

I'm happily married to Lanette, my wife of 45 years, and we have three children and six grandchildren. I currently reside in Pensacola, Florida, where I am the pastor of First Pentecostal Church. My goal is to encourage, develop, equip

and train the next generation of Apostolic leaders and believers.

The Old Testament (OT) is filled with individuals that succeed despite all odds. What OT character inspires you the most and why?

The story of Joseph is the greatest example in the Old Testament of a godly man who advanced in adversity, persevered, and was rewarded for his righteousness because he kept his integrity intact. Joseph demonstrated steadfast faith in God because he never lost hope and he always moved forward with excellence. When faced with temptation that could have destroyed his character, he resisted and ran. When he was mistreated, misunderstood, and forgotten, he forgave. When he was discouraged and lonely, he remained faithful. He succeeded in all of his jobs with wisdom and competence, yet he remained humble and gave all the glory to God. He never allowed the misfortunes of life to become his identity.

What other OT characters should inspire us and what do we learn by reading their biblical accounts?

Moses, Joshua, Job, and Nehemiah are among the best examples of strong leaders. Moses and Joshua helped deliver Israel from Egypt and take new territory by possessing God's promises. Job taught us that God has a purpose even in suffering, and he persevered until God manifested His presence and visited him with a double portion of victory. Through Nehemiah, we learn that all broken things can be restored by a godly leader willing to continue the fight and to give others hope. They were all men of vision who were willing to trust God and who took the appropriate actions in the midst of adversity and eventually overcame great obstacles to become what God had purposed for them.

David and Esther are also prime examples of courage in the midst of crisis. Both could have lost their lives in their respective situations. David as a young shepherd boy accepted the challenge of a seasoned warrior, and

Esther approached the king without being summoned. Our takeaway from them: Have passion for His purpose, with the attitude, "If I perish, I perish," and have unshakable confidence in God

How can we best apply these stories to our lives today? Can we expect God to move in our situations in similar supernatural ways?

We can apply these stories to our lives by being grounded in the Word. Reading God's Word, praying His Word, and living the Word opens the door for God to move in a supernatural way. Romans 4:21 says that Abraham was "fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform." To be so empowered, we must have faith in God while we are going through the crisis, not just when we are victorious. Each of these Old Testament characters saw themselves as God's choice and spoke words of faith to their destiny. They understood who they were and that by the power of God they were able, they were capable, and it was their responsibility to follow God wherever He would lead them. When you lift your vision to see the possibilities God has for you despite your current circumstances, you will be empowered to move forward into new territory.

In the case of Moses and Joshua, God worked in supernatural ways to provide deliverance from the most powerful government in the known world. He gave them provisions in a desolate wilderness, which gave them strength to make the journey and then enter the Promised Land. In the case of Job, Nehemiah, David, and Esther, God showed them divine favor and protected them from every enemy. They were prepared to be used in any circumstance and He used their willingness to accomplish His goals. God will move in supernatural ways if we will open the door and make room for Him to work.

No one likes or wants adversity. Why does God put us through such difficult trials? How can we stay positive, upbeat, and faith-filled?

Sometimes trials occur through no fault of our own, and we must learn to live God's principles in those times and let Jesus be revealed in us. Other times, we are the ones who created the predicament. So, we must learn to be aware of our own faults and be humble enough to repent. It's the learning curve that can be the hardest step to take. Here are two important lessons: (1) Do not

be surprised that you encounter problems or experience loss of various kinds. We face illness, natural disasters, accidents. Jesus taught us that it rains "on the just and on the unjust." Satan can also target us for hardship, which we learn from the story of Job. Also, some of the difficulties we face may come specifically because of our stand for truth and our faith in Christ. Suffering is normal in that it is something we all go through. But God's grace is sufficient.

(2) We do not have to give in to fear. When you feel anxious about the future and are tempted to do something foolish, stop. Resist the devil, pray to the Lord, and ask for peace of mind, clear thoughts, and the ability to persevere. Remember that in the same breath that Jesus called the devil a thief, he pointed to Himself as the giver of life. Do not panic at the problems you face. When you feel anxious about your circumstances, trust Jesus. We can get upset when we face adversity because all we can see is the inconvenience, loss, or pain that it represents. Look deeper. Each trial is a test of your faith, and that faith will grow stronger as you become more and more mature through adversity.

You recently wrote a book, "I Choose to Win." What's the story behind your motivation to write it?

I see too many saints who are not growing and progressing in their spiritual walk. In the midst of adversity, it is possible to become petty, resentful, jealous, and jaded by circumstances and disappointments. I wanted to place a book in their hand that would give them the understanding and motivation needed to overcome their adversity through the power of God. It reveals how God works through our adversity to bring us to maturity and our purpose. I wanted to help them form a new attitude, understand God's work in their life, receive deliverance, and move forward in faith. God will open the door for opportunities to grow, and we will discover our purpose and learn that the greatest choice we can make in the midst of adversity is to choose to win.

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AUG 20-22	Indiana Bible College Welcome Weekend IBC welcomes incoming and returning students to begin our Fall 2021 semester.	Indiana Bible College 1502 E. Sumner Ave. Indianapolis, IN 46227	Our first chapel service of the year will take place the following Tuesday, August 24th, featuring IBC President Joshua B. Carson.	Apply online at: https://indianabiblecollege.org/apply/
AUG 29	Move the Mission Offering Due Date Formerly Sheaves for Christ, Move the Mission is the fundraising ministry of the Youth Ministries of the United Pentecostal Church International. Since its inception in 1953, over \$134 million has been raised to fund missions and ministries around the world.	This event will be promoted at churches nationwide.	When you invest in Move the Mission you intentionally share the gospel around the world!	Visit www.movethemission.com for more information.
AUG 31-SEPT 2	The Movement Conference The Movement Conference is created for pastors and their church leadership teams who are pursuing the missions model of multiplication.	First Apostolic Church 1331 William Blount Dr. Maryville, TN 37801	Kenneth Carpenter, Timothy Lee, Matthew Ball, JH Osborne, Jimmy Toney, Raymond Woodward, David Poole, Aaron Bounds, Sam Emory	Visit www.livethemovement.org for more information.
SEPT 9-10	Mid-America Renewal Conference (MARC) Indianapolis, Indiana - A power-packed preaching conference in the heart of the Midwest.	Calvary Tabernacle 902 Fletcher Ave. Indianapolis, IN 46203	Joshua B. Carson, Doug White, Gary Keller, Aaron & Cindy Bounds, Tim & Stacy Gaddy, Jason & Valerie Staten, Scott Graham, James Wilson, Wayne Huntley	ibc@apostolic.edu indianabiblecollege.org or call (317) 262-4030 or (317) 514-8069
OCT 1	CMI - Awakening Registration Available The Virtual Conference for Apostolic Campus Ministers	This event will be held online.	Aaron Soto, Lindsy Walker, Mike McGurk, Kaleb Saucer	Visit www.upciyouth.com/events for more information.000
OCT 5-8	UPCI General Conference 2021 Don't miss this incredible gathering of apostolic ministers and acquaintances worldwide.	Indianapolis, IN	Jim Blackshear, Ryan Crossley, Jack Cunningham, Tes Stewart, David K. Bernard, Joshua Herring, and more	Visit www.upcigc.net for more information.
OCT 20-23	Winds Conference A conference with a powerful apostolic atmosphere to empower and equip young ministers and millennials.	East Wind Pentecostal Church 1021 Emerson Dr. NE Palm Bay, FL 32907	Jerry Jones, Victor Jackson, Josh Carson, Aaron Bounds, Mark Brown, Joel Urshan, and many more.	Visit www.WindsConference.com for more information.
NOV 1	AYC Online Applications Available Apostolic Youth Corps is a branch of UPCI Youth Ministries.	Destinations will be announced closer to the event date.	AYC North American trips are open to applicants 15-35 years of age.	Visit www.apostolicyouthcorps.com for more information.
NOV 12-13	Chicagoland Men's Conference Our goal is to continue to be a meeting that men can gather from all over our fellowship to be strengthened, renewed, inspired and blessed to become better godly men, husbands and fathers.	Steeple Hill Christian Life Center 9000 W 87th St. Hickory Hills, IL 60464	Nathaniel Haney, Tim Gaddy, Oscar Borrero and Music by Thomas Trimble	Pastor Bob Miroballi 708-330-5252 Visit www.chicagoland-mensconference.com for further information
DEC 19	Christmas for Christ Offering Christmas for Christ is an annual offering received during the Christmas season that supports church planters in North America. Our goal is to raise \$6 million dollars.	Churches nationwide will participate in this offering.	Every church should set a special day to bring their best offering to Jesus. The official date is December 20, 2020, but can be altered according to the local need.	Visit www.christmas-forchrist.faith for more information.
FEB 24-26 2022	Winterfire Conference WinterFire is where action is birthed from revelation. Every leadership team will leave renewed and empowered! It is the place where those who pour out every week in ministry are poured into. Be a part of WinterFire 2022 to be challenged, encouraged, and instructed by the Word of God.	First Cathedral 1151 Blue Hills Avenue Bloomfield, CT 06002	Speakers for this conference will be announced closer to the event date.	Visit www.winterfire.org for more information.

Church Growth: The Law of the Harvest



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We Cannot Manipulate the Wind

Proverbs 30:4 asks the question, “Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son’s name, if thou canst tell?”

In the Bible, there are many references to the wind. Sometimes the wind that we see referenced in Scripture is gentle that blows in the evening, and other times, it is roaring like a whirlwind. The wind appears in the Bible over and over. It first appeared when the flood came and God sent that wind that began to trouble the waters. But then He remembered Noah, and what did He do? He sent the wind to pass over the Earth, and all the waters began to recede. We later see a mighty wind that opened a path through the Red Sea, so that the children of Israel could walk through on dry ground. That wind that kept them also protected them, because when Pharaoh and his army made it into that sea, what did God do? He allowed that wind to subside, and the waters come crashing in.

We find that many times, the wind not only helped and aided but also protected David as he marched to battle against the Philistines. He marched, unsure of whether God was going to deliver them or bring about a victory. In 2 Sam. 5, he heard the rustling of the wind, and the mulberry trees began to flutter. David knew this was the promise that God was going to give them victory. It was also a great wind in the wilderness which smote the four corners of the house that his children were in; those walls fell, and they were instantly killed.

We see a young man by the name of Ezekiel step out in the valley of dry bones. The question is asked, “Will these bones prophesy?” Ezekiel begins to call forth and says to the four winds, “Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live,” and there stood upon their feet an exceeding great army. So the wind brought forth life out of dry bones, according to the will of God.

Winds appear for the very last time in the Bible during the interlude of prophetic judgments which fell upon the earth when the seven seals were opened. John saw these winds as four angels standing at the four corners of the Earth holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor over the sea, nor move any tree.

What do these winds mean? In Scripture, the wind is a type of the Spirit of God. The wind is that complicated phenomenon that seems to go and do of its own will, with its own mind and timing. We cannot control the wind. We cannot manipulate the wind. We cannot control what we cannot even harness, nor predict. May we always remember that this principle is also true of the Spirit. We cannot afford to believe that we can manipulate the Spirit in any capacity.



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What does it mean that Scripture “cannot be broken?”

The reference I believe you are asking about is fascinating. It is an aside that Christ mentions just in passing. Jn. 10:35, “If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken;” Without getting too bogged down on “gods” and the references in the OT that show “elohim” could also refer to false gods, mighty men, judges, or even angels, the argument Christ is making is one regarding the source of authority. The central idea in this comment of our Lord is critical to our own understanding of Scripture as Apostolics. It is simply this: what did Jesus believe about the Bible?

As Apostolics, we only believe what Jesus and the Apostles taught. As born-again believers, we follow Christ’s example, and by the empowerment of the Spirit, we obey His commands. However, we should also believe what Christ Himself believed about the Scripture. This is a much bigger question than even how Christ interpreted or how He fulfilled the Old Testament Scripture. Fundamentally, what did Christ say and believe about His Bible, the Old Testament? It must be said that whatever our Lord said about Scripture, we as Apostolics must all not be afraid to say about our Bible today. To be plainer, we must never be ashamed to affirm what Jesus affirmed about the Word of God.

This response of Jesus in Jn. 10 is often perplexing to people because of Jesus’ reference to “gods,” but alongside His dealing with His detractors comes one of the most important things Christ has said because of what it discloses. He says, unequivocally, Scripture cannot be broken. Jesus is making an authoritative argument based on a single word in one of the lesser-known Psalms! He shows that Scripture is true and authoritative down to the individual words of even the more “obscure” passages. For Jesus, all the words of Scripture hold unquestionable authority. The Greek word translated “broken” is the Greek word “λυθῆναι” which is an aorist, passive, infinitive; this simply means that nothing can ever break Scripture. The word carries the sense of nullifying, invalidating, or breaking.

Jesus is saying not one word of the Scripture will ever be falsified. Nothing said will fall short of its assured fulfillment. Jesus believed He had the inspired and inerrant text of Scripture available to Him in His day! Praise God, we can say we have no less! It would be an egregious wrong, and an act of impiety to claim less than Christ did. If Apostolics follow our Lord’s example in identifying with His death, burial, and resurrection through repentance, water baptism in Jesus’ name, and the infilling of the Holy Ghost with the initial evidence of speaking in tongues; why would we somehow hold a lesser view of Holy Scripture than He did? Apostolics can have the confidence to affirm, along with Christ, that not one single word of Scripture has any errors, any errant words, no, not even one broken word.



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One of the greatest insights into church growth is for a pastor to fully grasp and implement what is commonly called the Law of the Harvest: “... whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap” (Gal. 6:7). Paul earlier

states: “He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully” (2 Cor. 9:6). I believe these powerful truths are the greatest tool of growing churches.

Harvest is the result of planting seed. How much harvest you have is in direct proportion to how much seed you have sown. Sow much, you reap much. The key question:

how much gospel seed is your church sowing each week, month, and year? You need to know; your growth depends on it.

This is why I promote the CCC (Contact Constant Consciousness) ministry so strongly. It provides you with a thermometer of sorts of how much witnessing and inviting is occurring each week. A lack of visitors and Home Bible Studies (HBS) is a symptom, not the problem. The problem is a lack of witnessing and inviting. The more your saints are “constantly conscious” of the need to make “contacts,” the more guests and HBS you will have.

Growing churches tend to have a healthy dose of holy boldness. They have soul-winning awareness. They are excited about living for God. They feel the need to share their excitement with other people, and have been trained regularly on how and when to witness to them.

Growing churches schedule a good number of evangelism events each year; often one or two every month. Last month I listed a good number of evangelism events you might consider. But for these to work you have to schedule them, promote them, raise excitement and awareness, and encourage church participation. This requires a solid evangelism plan for the coming year.

So, do you have your annual planning retreat date set? Fall is coming, and it’s best to have this event in October or November to plan the coming year. Gather all your leaders, brainstorm, discuss every department and ministry, and plan evangelism events and activities for each. If we will do our part (sow the seed), He will do His part (save souls). But God is waiting on us. If we will sow the Gospel seed, He will do the rest: rain, sunshine, germination, and enabling the plant to grow strong and healthy.

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Just as every believer should be reaching for another individual to be saved, we believe that every church should be reaching the next town by planting a church in that town. This year at General Conference, we will be asking you to step out in faith and declare your intentions to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and plant a church in the next town.

As Christ said in Mark 1:38... "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth." The mission of Jesus was **"The Next Town."** The mission of North American Missions is "The Next Town." **Will it be yours?**

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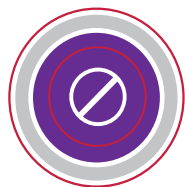
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Be of Good Cheer! (Shout for Joy or in Praise or Encouragement!)

We never know what a new day will bring into our lives. One year ago on July 2, my husband (Rev. Harold Clemans, ordained minister, 1937 - 2020) celebrated his last birthday on earth. He suffered a serious fall, had a difficult surgery, and never regained his strength.

We celebrated his 83rd birthday through FaceTime with family in California and family here at home. That evening, he thanked me for his enjoyable birthday. Sixteen days later, he went into the presence of the Lord. Four months after his death, I was faced with a forced move. It seemed to be an impossible situation, BUT GOD!

God knows our birthday and He knows our death day. God knows every minute detail of our lives because He has all knowledge. God is already in our tomorrow! Nothing surprises Him. God has every hair numbered on our heads. If we could completely comprehend these truths, our trust and faith in God would go so deep in our hearts that nothing would give us anxiety or fear.

My hubby and I received the Holy Ghost in 1955 in two different states. I'm nine years younger than he. We loved and served God throughout our 50-year marriage. He was supportive to my counseling nationwide, teaching, and writing ministry 1000%. Since he went to the Lord, God has carried me on this journey of widowhood.

It took several months to walk the journey of a physical move, BUT GOD! God performed a miracle to allow me to qualify for the purchase of a beautiful home in a gated community. He worked out the details of the actual move. It was tough, but God was faithful!

God's desire is for us to trust Him completely. His Word tells us not to worry about tomorrow; it has its own problems. I encourage myself in the Lord to praise Him and rejoice in each new day. It is not based on feelings! It is based on faith in God! "I don't know about tomorrow, but I know who holds my hand!" To God be the glory! (John 16:33)

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LIFE-Living In Freedom EVERYDAY (Part 5 - Maintaining Freedom)

We have traveled this journey of healing for damaged emotions and unhealed memories. We have learned how to trust others again, but most of all, we have learned how to trust God through His Word. Now it is time for us to be introduced to a few tools that will help us maintain this state of freedom. What a sad thought to think we have traveled this far to lose it all! We cannot allow this to happen. Take note of the three new tools that will be ever-so-beneficial to us in maintaining our freedom.

First, we will make time for daily devotion, prayer, and communion with God. It does not matter what time of day we choose as long as we meet with God every day. And you can be sure of this, "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:6. We will continue to "...grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 3:18. Personally, I have found it to work quite well when I give God the first part of my day. Everything that happens with me throughout the day first has to pass through the Spirit of God who I have set in place over my life at the beginning of each day.

Then, do a Personality and Gifting Profile Assessment. Find out what we naturally enjoy doing most and are drawn to. A few free assessment tools are Focus 2, TruTalent Personality, and TruTalent Multiple Intelligences assessments. These can be done online through a local college.

Finally, share our journey of recovery from damaged emotions and unhealed memories with a group of friends, or with any group that needs help. The Lord never allows us to suffer or go through hardship without a reason. We cannot let our sufferings be in vain. We must maintain our freedom whatever the cost. God did not bring us this far to have us go back and be bound by our damaged emotions and unhealed memories.

From now on, we are alive in LIFE (Living In Freedom EVERYDAY)!

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Perfect Hatred

The Psalmist, David, spends most of the 139th Psalm declaring the beautiful works of God on a personal level. If it's been a while since you have read Psalm 139, I encourage you to do so.

Then, David gets to the 19th verse and does an about-face. David clearly states his opinion of the wicked. David does not temper his voice with political correctness, nor does he cover up his feelings on this subject. He is not afraid of who is going to hear or read his words.

There is no misunderstanding David, when he plainly states in verse 22, "I hate them with a perfect hatred: I count them as my enemies."

There are two times I can think of that I experienced what I refer to as "pure, raw hatred." The hatred I felt was nowhere near perfect. Both instances scared me. Neither time lasted more than a few minutes, but I felt it. Both times were a result of injustices done towards me. I would doubt anyone, if they knew the stories, would disagree.

For those few minutes, I felt pure hatred. Not pure as in righteous. Instead, pure as in total. What I experienced was complete hatred.

This is a dangerous position to be in, for it presents a tee in the road. We have a choice to make. We either turn to God or away from God. We either stubbornly dig in our heels and allow pride to take us down the path of destruction, or we humbly turn to the Almighty God who is able and willing to save us.

David, a man after God's own heart, chose the latter option. Immediately after declaring his justifiably perfect hatred, David said, "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." After experiencing any emotional tirade, good or bad, it's always best to have God examine the heart.

Thankfully, I made the same choice as David. How about you?

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THAT'S OUTRAGEOUS**Kellogg's Promotes Radical Gender and Sexual Ideology in LGBTQ-Themed Cereal**

"Boxes are for cereal, not people," the Kellogg's company has announced as part of a new

"Together with Pride" campaign, which encourages today's children to choose their own pronouns. In a partnership with GLAAD—the

LGBT-advocacy group originally founded as the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation—the prominent cereal company is sharing a pro-LGBT activist message: "No matter who you are, who you love or what pronouns you use, you're too awesome to fit into a box."

The Kellogg's campaign will run through Nov. 30, 2021, The Christian Post reports. The company says it will donate \$3 to GLAAD for each box of "Together with Pride" cereal sold. The front of the cereal box shows the Kellogg's logo in rainbow colors—as well as the GLAAD logo. The side of the box pushes pronoun "options" for young children—including "they/them" and an "add your own" option.

In a statement, GLAAD president and CEO Kate Ellis praised the "initiatives that spotlight the importance of using correct pronouns to create safe and welcoming spaces for trans and nonbinary people," despite pushback from conservative Christian groups.

**Study Finds Only 6 Percent of Americans Hold to a Dominantly Biblical Worldview**

According to a new study by the Cultural Research Center (CRC) at Arizona Christian University, nearly nine in ten U.S. adults hold to a mixture of worldviews, otherwise known as syncretism.

The research was the first release in CRC's American Worldview Inventory 2021 survey, which observes a biblical worldview and six prominent competing worldviews — Secular Humanism, Postmodernism, Moralistic Therapeutic Deism, Nihilism, Marxism (including Critical Theory) and Eastern Mysticism.

However, when pitted against each other, veteran researcher Dr. George Barna found that 88 percent of U.S. adults hold to a mixture of worldviews instead of adhering to one single worldview.

**How "Woke" Critical Race Theory Contradicts the Christian Faith**

The following is adapted from an article by J. Lee Grady.

America is now "woke." People are tearing down statues of historical figures that are supposedly connected to racism. Celebrities are "canceled" because of racist comments they made fifteen years ago. Protestors are burning down government buildings or looting stores to denounce racism. At the root of this discussion is something called Critical Race Theory (CRT), an idea that began decades ago on college campuses but became popular in 2020 after the tragic death of George Floyd in Minneapolis. The philosophy was summarized in a bestselling 2018 book called *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo—a white woman who is described as a "diversity consultant." Ironically, an African American professor at Columbia University, John McWhorter, picked apart *White Fragility* last year in his scathing review of the book in the *Atlantic*. This discerning African American writer didn't buy DiAngelo's argument, and he described *White Fragility* as "the prayer book for what can only be described as a cult."

CRT might sound good on the surface to some people, but it's a deceptive idea that divides people, makes race relations impossible, and actually demeans people of color. In summary, it says this: (1) All white people are inherently racist, whether they realize it or not. (2) White supremacy is built into our government and institutions—and even in the U.S. Constitution—because white people inherently seek to maintain power through law. (3) White people must work hard to rid themselves of the need for "white privilege," but in the end they really can never be truly free of their whiteness. They will always be at a disadvantage because they are forever linked to institutional racism. Some people who embrace CRT believe we should abolish all law enforcement, and some have even suggested that private property ownership should be abolished. The following are three fundamental ways Critical Race Theory contradicts our Christian faith:

(1) Racism is a human problem, not just a "white" problem. The "woke" crowd today insists that all white people are racists, but it leaves no possibility that a Black, Asian or Latino person can be racist because they are not "in power." To believe this is to deny the record of human history. (2) Racism is a sin that can be confessed and forgiven. The early followers of Jesus were all Jews, and they held to a form of Jewish elitism. Peter first struggled when he went into the house of Cornelius, an Italian, but when the Holy Spirit fell on those Italians, he said, "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons." (Acts 10:34b). (3) To heal racism requires forgiveness and restitution, not revenge. Proponents of CRT have a mantra toward what they deem a racist society: "Burn it down." But this is not the heart of Jesus, who told us to love our enemies and to pray for them. America has reached a critical junction: Will we choose the narrow path of Christian love, non-violence, and forgiveness? Or will we embrace the wide road of hatred, division, and "woke" political theories that have no power to transform us?

NEWS IN BRIEF

■ The U.S. Supreme Court has refused to hear a Virginia school district's appeal in a case brought by a trans-identified former high school student who sued for the right to use bathrooms and locker room facilities designated for the opposite sex. A representative of the anti-Christian ACLU remarked, "This is an incredible victory for Gavin and for transgender students around the country."

■ The SCOTUS has ruled that the city of Philadelphia can't exclude a Catholic charity from its foster program because the organization won't place children with same-sex couples in accordance with religious beliefs. In a unanimous decision, the high court ruled city officials were wrong to quit working with the charity for refusing to work with same-sex couples on religious grounds.

SOCIAL TRENDS**British Street Preacher Awarded \$4,500 for Wrongful Arrest**

A Christian street preacher arrested while preaching the Gospel has won his case against a police department that admitted liability in a lawsuit, agreeing to pay \$4,500 (£3,250) in damages in addition to his legal costs for wrongful arrest, false imprisonment and violating his human rights.



A Liverpool County Court has awarded \$4,500 plus legal costs to David McConnell, who was arrested by West Yorkshire Police in December 2019 for "a hate-related public order offense" and "for preaching on gay rights and abortion," The Christian Institute, which supported his case, said in a statement.

McConnell was preaching the Gospel when some passersby began to heckle him, asking him questions about sexuality and abortion while he had not mentioned either subject. He was then arrested and taken to Huddersfield police station.

McConnell was held for around six hours before being released without charge after a police sergeant listened to the recording of his preaching and found nothing wrong in it.

"This was a clear breach of Mr. McConnell's human rights and a failure to follow the laws governing arrest and detention," The Christian Institute's Deputy Director for Public Affairs Simon Calvert said.

LEGAL TRENDS**Poll: Most Americans Say Abortion Should Be Illegal After First Trimester in Most or All Cases**

The Associated Press and the NORC at the University of Chicago released the findings of a poll on American opinions on abortion legality in a recently published report. The report comes as the U.S. Supreme Court recently agreed to hear a challenge to a Mississippi abortion law that bans most abortions in the state after 15 weeks gestation.

Data for the report came from a nationwide poll conducted online and over the phone from June 10 through June 14 with a sample of 1,125 adults and a margin of error of +/- 4.2 percentage points.

While 61% of respondents said abortion should be legal in all or most circumstances during the first trimester, only 34% said the same for the second trimester and 19% for the third trimester.

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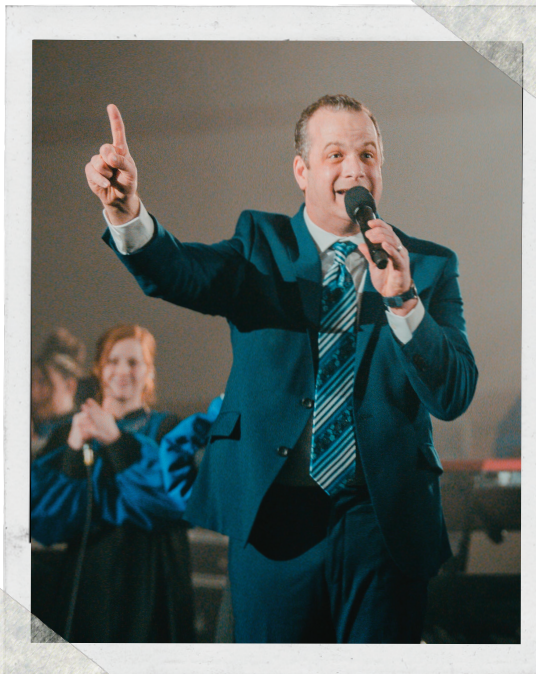
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hearts ABLAZE for the WORD

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Written by Ron Schoolcraft

The amazing book of Daniel is the second-most-rejected book by Bible critics and skeptics (Genesis being the first) because it is loaded with remarkably fulfilled prophecies, such as Nebuchadnezzar's Image, revealing the four Gentile world empires; Daniel's Seventy Weeks, showing the Messiah cut off after 69 weeks (483 years); and the remaining, yet-to-be-fulfilled, one-week (seven-year) Tribulation period. But Daniel 12:4 is a rarely mentioned, but very important, Old Testament prophecy that many believe is currently being fulfilled, showing clearly that the coming of the Lord is imminent.

The Time of the End

Daniel 12:4 "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." At the time of the end, many, probably all over the world, will be running to and fro and racing back and forth. It's fascinating to realize that for about 5,800 years (using Ussher's chronology), the fastest a man could move (race) was on a swift horse (30 mph). Then, in the early 1800s, the steam engine was invented, and by 1830, the train. By 1886, we had the car, and by 1903, the airplane (the Wright brothers at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, a 12-second flight). Then, the race began in earnest. In the next 66 years, man went from faster planes to jets, to breaking the sound barrier (767 mph) in 1947, to rocket ships. Consider the Saturn V, speeding 15,500 mph to get into orbit, and 25,000 mph in reaching the moon. In 1969, Apollo 11 put a man on the moon. From 12 seconds to the moon in just 66 years! Phenomenal!

A graph illustrating the fulfillment of this prophecy would show a long, flat line representing 5,830 years at a maximum speed of 30 mph on a swift horse. Then, in a mere 66 years, from 1903 to 1969, the line would rapidly rise and soar exponentially off the charts. That rise occurred in the last 1% of our timeline. And we are still soaring, now pointing for the planet Mars. Thank you, Daniel, for telling us what time it is. We will write, "*The Time of the End*" at the top of our graph.¹

Knowledge Shall Be Increased

Scientists have studied the "Knowledge Doubling Curve" to determine how long it takes for the total amount of human knowledge to double. They estimated that by 1900, knowledge was doubling every 100 years. By 1945, it was doubling every 25 years. By 1982, due to the advent of personal computers in the late '70s and early '80s, knowledge was doubling every 12-13 months! Time magazine called 1982, "The Year of the Computer." That was 39 years ago. What has happened since then? Much has happened, of course: the Internet, the World Wide Web, and smartphones and other devices that are connected to the Internet.

So, how fast is knowledge doubling now? In 2013, IBM reported that the creation of vast amounts of knowledge would be the result of (1) Leading-edge computer technology; (2) Artificial intelligence allowing collective problem solving on a larger scale, (3) The Internet, with 50 billion interconnected devices, and (4) Big Data (modern data analytics with collaborating teams sharing knowledge). Thus, IBM predicted that by 2020, knowledge would

double; not every twelve weeks, not every twelve days, but, incredibly, every twelve hours! The graph was titled: *The Coming Knowledge Tsunami*. (Source: Rosenberg, Marc. October 10, 2017. Marc My Words: The Coming Knowledge Tsunami. Learning Solutions. Accessed April 14, 2021.)

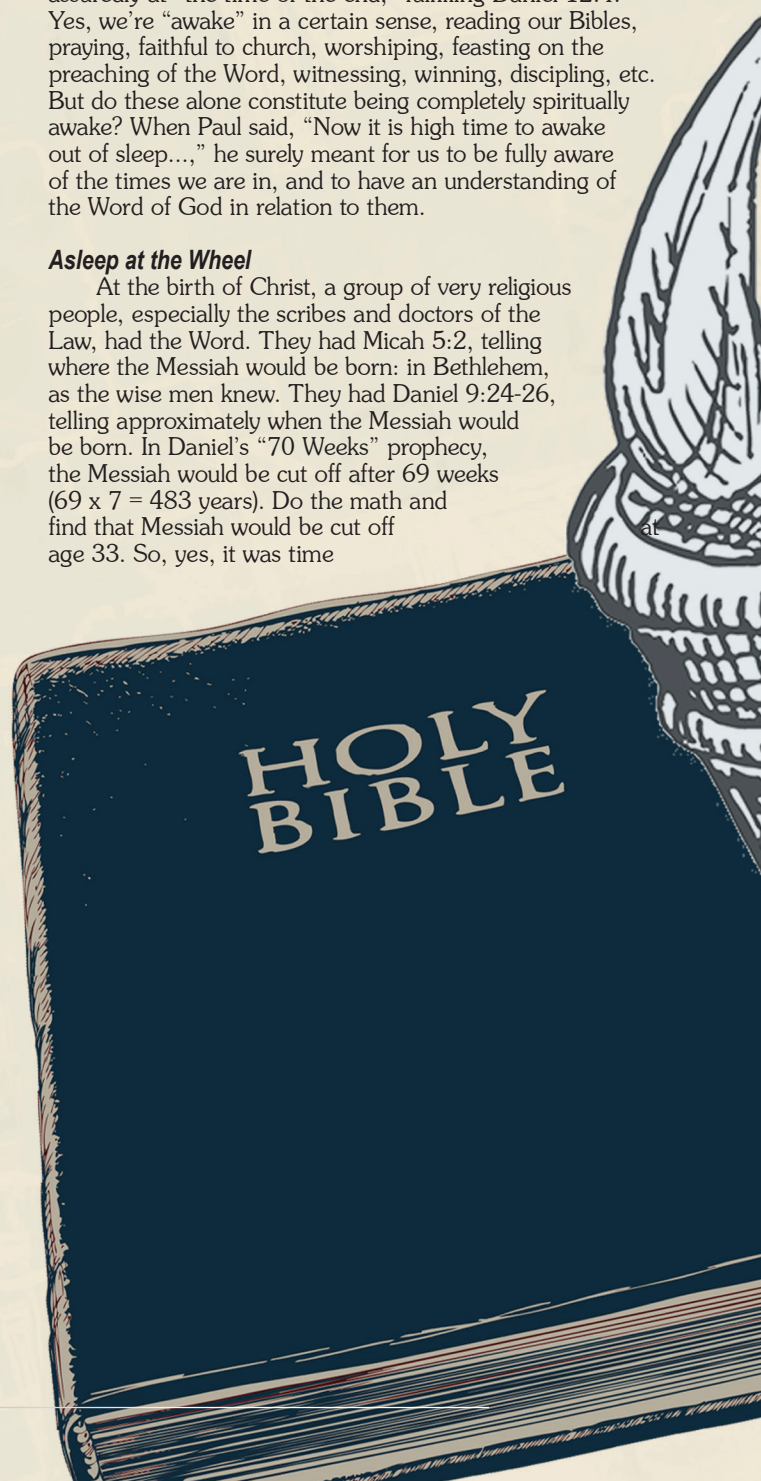
Note: this graph is much like the one for "many shall run to and fro!" And it is off the charts, too. They are calling it a tsunami. We will write, "*The Time of the End*" at the top of this graph as well.² Could it be any clearer? "To the time of the end... knowledge shall be increased." We know exactly what time it is.

It's Time to Wake Up

Romans 13:11, "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now, is our salvation nearer than when we believed." We are "now" most assuredly at "the time of the end," fulfilling Daniel 12:4. Yes, we're "awake" in a certain sense, reading our Bibles, praying, faithful to church, worshiping, feasting on the preaching of the Word, witnessing, winning, discipling, etc. But do these alone constitute being completely spiritually awake? When Paul said, "Now it is high time to awake out of sleep...", he surely meant for us to be fully aware of the times we are in, and to have an understanding of the Word of God in relation to them.

Asleep at the Wheel

At the birth of Christ, a group of very religious people, especially the scribes and doctors of the Law, had the Word. They had Micah 5:2, telling where the Messiah would be born: in Bethlehem, as the wise men knew. They had Daniel 9:24-26, telling approximately when the Messiah would be born. In Daniel's "70 Weeks" prophecy, the Messiah would be cut off after 69 weeks (69 x 7 = 483 years). Do the math and find that Messiah would be cut off age 33. So, yes, it was time



for Him to be born! They had Isaiah 7:14, telling how the Messiah would be born: "of a virgin." They had Isaiah 9:6, telling who the Messiah would be: the mighty God. They had Isaiah 53 and 61, telling why He would come: to suffer for them, and to set them free. They were the chosen

people of God, and they had the Word, but they were asleep and missed it. How indescribably sad that God's chosen people missed the first coming of Jesus. God forbid that the chosen generation of His Bride is slumbering, and miss His second coming.

In Spirit and In Truth

How can we receive a better understanding of God's Word? Read it, read it, read it! Don't rush; instead, slow down and meditate. The Lord commanded Joshua, "Thou shalt meditate therein day and night... then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success" (Joshua 1:8). Feast on the preaching of the Word. Be a hearer and a doer (James 1:22). Memorize it. Hide it in our hearts so we won't sin against God (Psalm 119:11). Pray the Word. In our lively songs and exuberant worship, we must also be sure to worship in spirit and truth (John 4:24).

Hearts Ablaze for the Word of God

It was the third day, and the two were journeying back to Emmaus. Jesus Himself drew near, but they didn't recognize Him. When He asked why they were so sad, they told him briefly about Jesus' crucifixion, how they had trusted that He was the Messiah and that His body was now missing. "Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself" (Luke 24:25-27). They constrained Him to stay and have dinner with them.

Verse 30 records, "And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them." At that precise moment, a most wonderful thing happened: an awesome awakening! "And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?" (Verses 31-32). When Jesus, the Living Word, opened to them the Scriptures, their hearts were burning with a wonderful, stirring, joyous, gotta-tell-somebody spirit! They had to share this with the rest of the disciples.

"Get your sandals back on!" "But it's eight miles back to Jerusalem." "Well, there's no sleep for us tonight. We are more motivated than we've ever been." "And they rose up the same hour and returned to Jerusalem..." (Verse 33), with burning hearts for both the Living Word and the Written Word. Thus, understanding of the Word and burning hearts appear to be synonymous, occurring simultaneously as the Lord opens to us His Word and we are touched with hearts ablaze.

The Ultimate Comfort of the Word

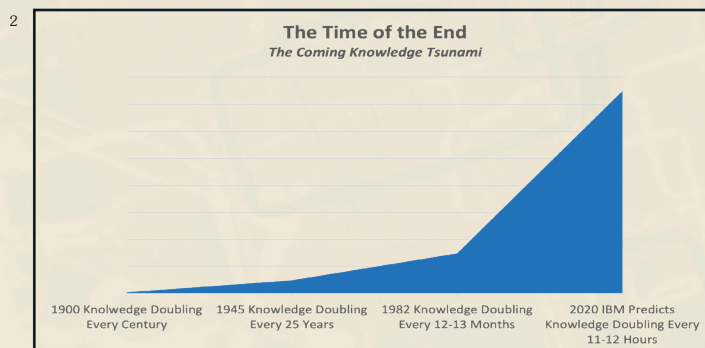
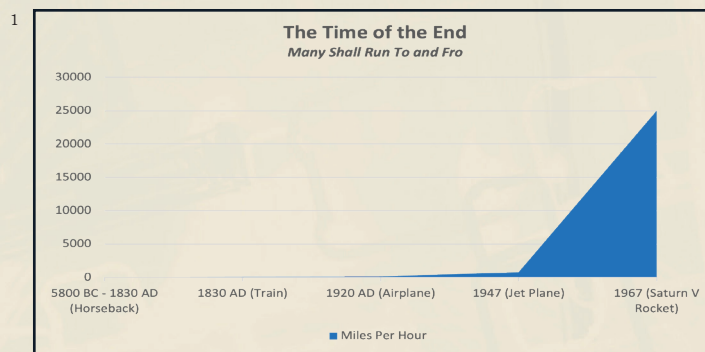
"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: And so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18).

Knowing the time, that now it is high time to have an understanding of the Word, may our hearts burn within us, as never before, as He opens to us the Scriptures, in Jesus' Name!



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By Linda Schreckenber



Sis. Carol Clemans
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Sis. Carol Clemans of Life Enrichment Ministries has provided anointed, God-based counseling for over twenty-eight years. She is a certified pastoral counselor, conference speaker, and certified Christian life coach. With a high standard of strict confidentiality, she has counseled thousands of people, including pastors and church leaders. Her first question in Christian counseling is this: "What is God's truth about this?"

Sis. Clemans and her husband, the late Rev. Harold Clemans, were married fifty years and have two children: a daughter, Joelle Povolni (Paul); a son, Jon Clemans (Kelli); and grandchildren, Jaden, Madelyn, Amelia, and Reid.

While serving as a teacher to adults at Christian Life Center in Stockton, California, people would bring their saved but hurting hearts to Sis. Clemans. She prayed for wisdom from God to help hurting people. The Lord opened the door for a fully accredited two-year college program, using the Bible as

the base for counseling, at the Institute of Christian Counseling. The instructors were all Spirit-filled and state-licensed counselors.

Sis. Clemans became a columnist for the IBC Perspectives in 2004. "My nationwide counseling began in 2004 by a phone request from another state," said Sis. Clemans. "A graduate of a Bible college was considering suicide. He had heard me being interviewed, regarding healing for damaged emotions, by Pastor Norm Pasley on Hope Radio."

Porn addiction recovery, anxiety, grief, marriage/family, depression, fear, sexual purity, etc. are just a few of the issues people have brought to Sis. Clemans for counseling for over twenty-eight years. She said, "I pray daily for God's wisdom before each session. I do not have a 'specialty.' I never know what the hurting issues may be when I receive calls for help, but I do know I'm a conduit of God's truth. His truth has the answers for all of the issues in our lives."

She explained, "The greatest need among Apostolics is to develop an intimate dialogue relationship with God that impacts the details of our individual lives. I teach this in my counseling. God's Word trans-

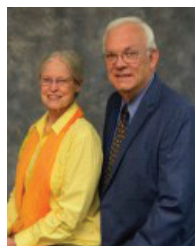
forms hearts. The miracle takes place when the hurting person takes God's truth from 'head' knowledge to 'heart' knowledge and is transformed by renewing their mind (Romans 12:1-2), choosing to replace toxic thoughts with God's truth about his or her life. It's a joyful thing to watch this happen, and I give God all the glory!"

Her counseling is available nationwide, weekly, bi-weekly, tri-weekly, and monthly by phone, Facetime, Facebook Video, Skype, and soon, through Zoom. Sis. Clemans invites those who are interested in getting to know her to watch her teachings on www.youtube.com/c/carolclemans. She has many resources on her website, www.carolclemans.org, including around 500 articles and videos. Her book, *God's Design for Marriage*, written from her experiences of almost thirty years in teaching marriage seminars, can be ordered through the website. Her ministry page on Facebook is Life Enrichment Ministries, and her personal page is Carol Theobald Clemans.

Sis. Clemans may be reached by email at carol@carolclemans.org or by phone at 636.448.0121.

SENT! Vol. 1: A History of UPCI Global Missions

By Jordan Blake



William & Elizabeth Turner
Indianapolis, IN

The UPCI started with approximately 4,000 to 4,500 constituents overseas, and it grew to nearly 4.2 million. How did it grow to such a large amount in just seventy-five years? The answers are revealed in the pages of the new book, *SENT! Vol. 1: A History of UPCI Global Missions* by William D. Turner. This is an exciting new look at the historical struggles and victories of Global Missions efforts in the United Pentecostal Church International.

Bro. William Turner recalls, "Bro. Bruce Howell, Director of Global Missions, asked me to head up a committee to write an updated history of Global Missions in conjunction with the 75th anniversary of the founding of the United Pentecostal Church International in 1945." He goes on to say that this committee was made up of himself, Sis. Darline Royer, former missionary to Uganda, and Bro. Dorsey Burk, former Executive Assistant of Global Missions.

In the process of writing this updated history, they realized it would be too much for a single book, so they decided to split it up into multiple volumes. Bro. Turner

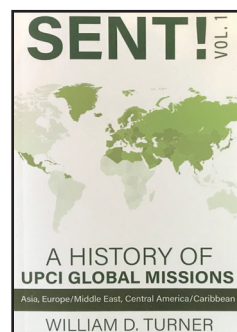
wrote this first volume, and it covers Central America, the Caribbean, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia.

Bro. Turner explains, "Numerous missionaries have written accounts of their own experiences in a particular field, and there are a lot of interesting self-published books. There was also one other history of Global Missions that Bro. Daniel Scott, missionary and Regional Director to South America and Administrative Assistant in Global Missions, wrote in 2009." He continues and says, "As Bro. Howell says, what we are doing is more of a narrative account. Bro. Scott provided a good resource for the unfolding story of Foreign Missions, as it was called in those days, but we are attempting to personalize it a little more."

This moving account of Global Missions begins with a brief history of the merger in 1945 and extends to the present day with stories that will surely build your faith. In providing a glimpse of the content, Bro. Turner says, "I believe the United Pentecostal Church came into being at a turning

point in history after WWII. It was like a historic hinge, and everything changed after that." He is hopeful, saying, "I believe we are entering into the most extraordinary revival and harvest that the church has ever seen, and the Lord of the harvest is putting this new generation of Apostolics into a position for great revival."

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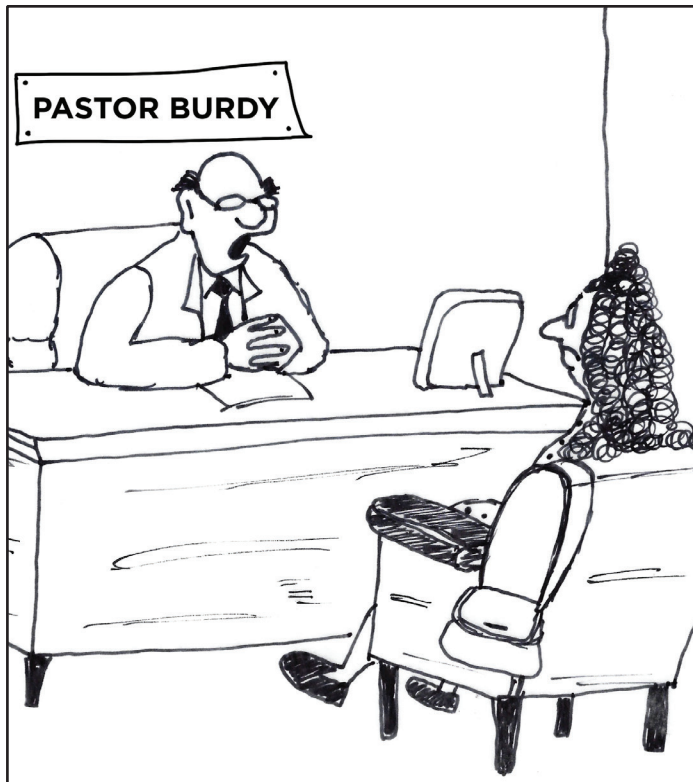
Word To The Wise:

"You know you're into middle age when caution is the only thing you care to exercise" - Unknown

A **minister** in a Georgia farming community convened a prayer meeting to pray for rain during a serious drought. On that cloudless morning the church was full to overflowing when he came to the pulpit and posed the following question to his flock. "You all know why we're here. What I want to know is, why didn't any of you bring umbrellas?"

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A **young child** asked a woman how old she was. She answered, "39 and holding."
The child thought for a moment, then said, "And how old would you be if you let go?"



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A **circuit-riding preacher** trained his horse to go when he said, "Praise the Lord," and to stop when he said, "Amen." The preacher mounted the horse, said "Praise the Lord," and went for a ride in the nearby mountains.

When he wanted to stop for lunch by a mountain stream, he said, "Amen."

He took off again, saying "Praise the Lord."

The horse started heading toward the edge of a cliff on a narrow mountain trail. The preacher got excited and said, "Whoa!" Then he remembered and said, "Amen," and the horse stopped just short of the edge.

The preacher was so relieved that he looked up to heaven and said, "Praise the Lord!"



"Whew! Let me guess. You're the guy who died in the septic tank explosion."

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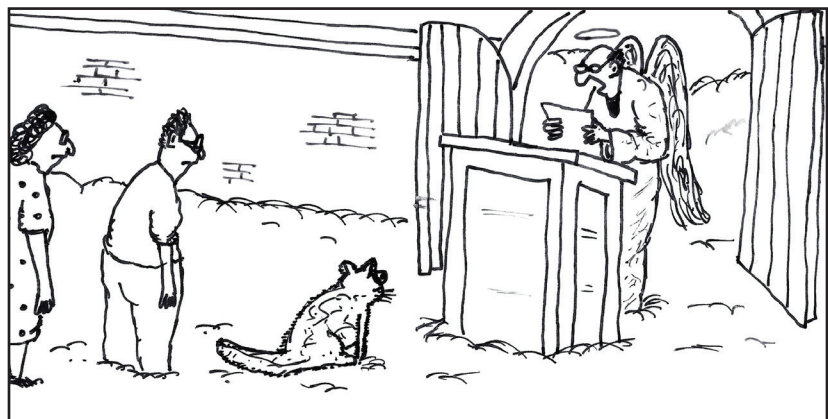
A **devout old shepherd** lost his favorite Bible while he was out looking for a wayward lamb. Three weeks later, a sheep walked up to him carrying the Bible in its mouth. The shepherd couldn't believe his eyes. He took the precious book out of the sheep's mouth, raised his eyes heavenward and exclaimed, "It's a miracle!"

"Not really," said the sheep. "Your name is written inside the cover."

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