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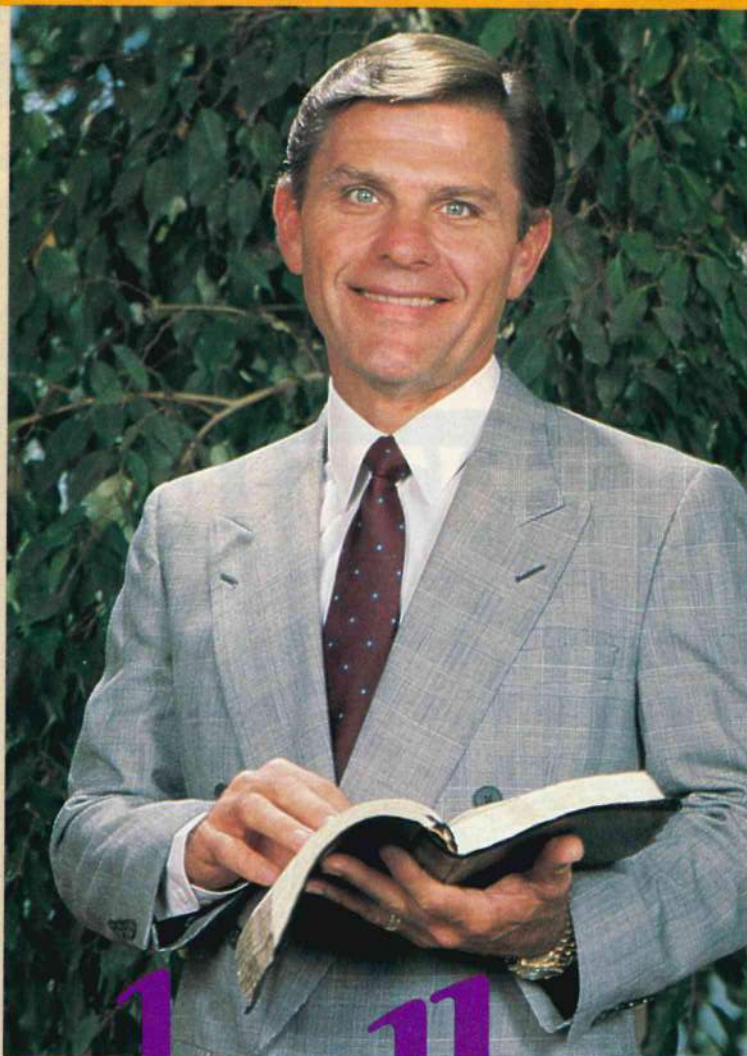
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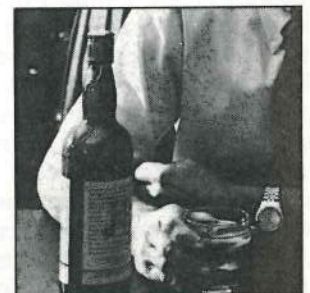


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## EDITORIAL

# A sign over salvation's gate welcomes us to The Sphere of the Spirit

by Bruce Longstreth

**A**s I was reading Romans chapter 8 the other day, it occurred to me that the words "Welcome to the sphere of the Spirit" need to be boldly inscribed over the narrow gate leading to the abundant life in Christ. They contain both a genuine welcome and a solemn warning to all who desire to enter.

The welcome echoes the theme found in Romans chapter 8, beginning with verse 1: "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus" (NIV). What a joy and sense of relief! What shouts of praise from all who pass through the gate! "I'm free from the constant reminder that I couldn't measure up. I'm no longer a slave, but a son. I can never be separated from the love of my heavenly Father. I'm an heir with Christ and in Him I'm more than a conqueror." Hallelujah and welcome!

But hidden within the inscription is also a solemn warning. It's found tucked away in Romans 8:9. One translation says, "You are...in the sphere of the Spirit, provided that the Spirit of God is in residence in you."

Did you catch the warning? It's really quite simple, but let me paraphrase it: "You have come to a place you've never been before. What proved successful outside this place will not work here. The Spirit has absolute control here, and you must follow Him to enjoy the life He so generously offers to you."

Many believers never see that the world of the born again—the sphere of the Spirit—differs significantly from the one they've been redeemed from. If we could inscribe such a message over salvation's door, perhaps certain initial questions could be asked that would enhance each pilgrim's jour-

ney, and save many a disastrous wrong turn and dead end.

Question: "How did I get here?"

Answer: "You didn't just get here. You were invited by the Father, enabled by the Son, and led by the Holy Spirit. The whole process is a result of God's grace. You had nothing to do with it."

"How do I behave?"

"With careful boldness—careful to honor the name of Jesus in all you do, but bold to war against our enemy, the devil."

"Enemy? War? Is there a war going on?"

"There has always been a war going on, but people aren't aware of it until they enter this spiritual place. We have constantly been at war against principalities and powers, against spiritual wickedness and rulers of the present darkness. We struggle daily to reclaim territory that is owned by the King of kings, but is in the grasp of His enemy. There are special weapons that we must learn to use and a suit of armor to wear. But above all, warfare is the major task of everyone who comes through the narrow gate."

The message over the doorway to the sphere of the Spirit offers both a warm welcome (freedom, praise, and covenant love) and a stern warning (grace alone will keep you here; walk carefully but be bold to war; the Spirit alone is in charge). We will need both for our journey. But the bottom line for all who would walk in the sphere of the Spirit was spoken centuries ago by the prophet Daniel: "But the people who know their God will display strength and take action" (Dan. 11:32 NAS). The chief characteristic of this new place is found in strength and action against the forces of wickedness that threaten to destroy us.

This issue is for all who have

come through the narrow gate that leads to life and who are eager to serve God in the power of the Spirit. Charles Simpson's exciting word on risk takers and road makers challenges such spiritual people to blaze new trails. David Allan Hubbard, president of Fuller Theological Seminary, then encourages us to unwrap the gifts that God has given us, gifts we might have kept in a locked closet for too long.

Don Basham next talks about the excuses that keep us from following the Spirit's leadings. The real issue is if we have heard from the Spirit, do it!

And whether it's stepping out, unwrapping hidden talents, or overcoming hindrances, you'll be encouraged by the testimonies of people who did obey the Spirit and found the great adventure that awaits every child of God who follows His leading.

Finally, you'll meet a man who shares how even as a Christian he fought the battle with alcohol addiction. As he reveals how he broke free, he offers great encouragement for others who fight the same or some other equally devastating battle.

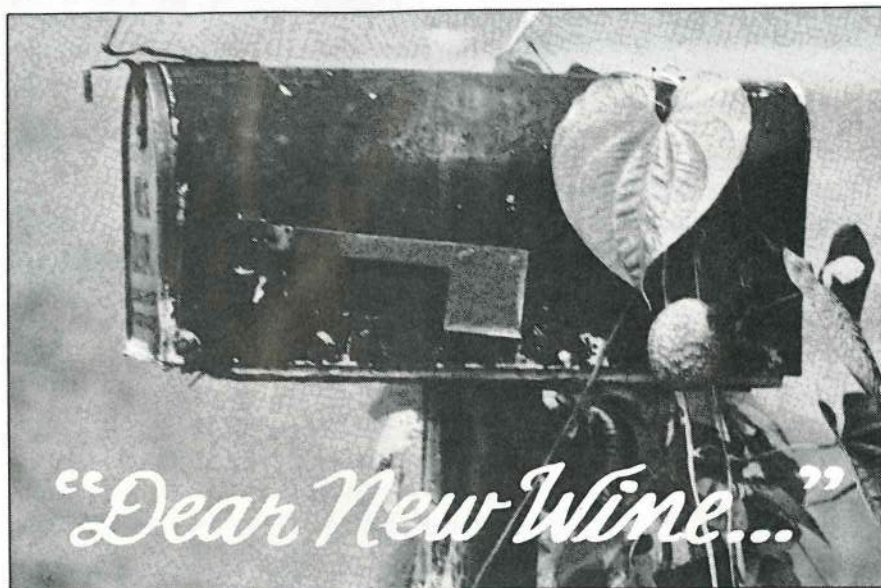
The sphere of the Spirit is where Spirit-filled, Spirit-led believers daily overcome the King's enemies and extend the boundaries of His kingdom, where those who know their God display strength and take action. □



Bruce Longstreth is editor of *New Wine* and *Fathergram*.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



### *Regarding the March Issue*

President Reagan said, "We have a sacred duty to protect the innocent human life of an unborn child."

In the U.S. Supreme Court on a frieze above the heads of the justices is a likeness of Moses holding the tablets of the Law. If the justices look up, they will see that the abortion issue was already decided four thousand years ago when God gave man the sixth commandment.

Marches and demonstrations, legislation and brilliant speeches, letters to congressmen and letters to the editor, are not enough to end abortion on demand in America. Our battle is with powers and principalities, and our weapon is prayer.

"I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land, so I would not have to destroy it," said the sovereign Lord to Ezekiel, "but I found none." Will the Lord find the intercessors He is seeking today?

Congressman Mark D.  
Siljander (R-MI)  
Washington, D.C.

### *Halting the AIDS Plague*

I was reading 2 Samuel chapter 24 a few nights ago and God showed me something. When King David,

in his pride, counted the people in his kingdom, God became angry and smote the people with a plague that killed seventy thousand! It seemed odd to me that although David sinned, others (the very objects of his pride) paid. God stopped the plague when David repented. After I finished the chapter, suddenly AIDS popped into my mind. It was as if God was telling me that AIDS is a plague sent because of the sins of the Church.

This is a shocking statement, I realize, because most people think of AIDS as a punishment to the homosexual community. As I thought about this, I realized that it seems as if AIDS came about after some churches declared that homosexuality is an "alternate life-style," began ordaining professing homosexuals to the clergy, and even blessed homosexual unions.

If AIDS is a plague sent to punish homosexuals, which have been around for thousands of years, why did God wait until the 1980's to send it? I submit that if a cure is to be found for AIDS, then the Church is going to have to repent.

Sandy Scherer  
Morrow, GA

### *Putting Life on the Line*

We wanted to write and say how much we appreciate your printing

the Petition for Life in *New Wine* (March). We know that your efforts are not in vain. As God's people become more aware of the tragedy of abortion, and see it as He sees it, we trust that they will want to become involved in the fight for the unborn.

Currently, we have more than 1.6 million signatures, with more than 15,000 coming in each day. Because of the overwhelming response we've had, we are postponing the prolife rally in Washington, D.C., where the petitions were to be presented to President Reagan on May 1. It will be held next year so that we can mobilize as much support as possible. We will keep you informed.

Red Shepherd  
Americans Against Abortion  
Lindale, TX

### *Another Reason to Live*

I read "A Reason to Live" (February), and was greatly encouraged and edified by how much God's overcoming love can be manifested through His saints to people in need, especially those who have suffered from physical, spiritual, or emotional sickness. I went through somewhat the same ordeal in a mental institution in Minnesota, and through much love, concern, and especially prayer, the Lord has helped me overcome habits of smoking and taking pills, and is constantly helping me in my relationship to others. Thanks again.

Name withheld

### *The Real Question*

As I read your January issue, "Equipping the Saints," I felt excited. As I have read through different parts of the Bible, I have been struck by two things: Nothing infuriated my Savior more than quibbling over details and legalities, and Jesus asked few real questions. The only one I am aware He asked was, "Who do you say I am?"

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### ***Waiting for the Prodigal Son***

"Born Again, Spirit-Filled Rebel" (January) was of particular interest to me. Just last week, after months of escalating rebellion, our sixteen-year-old son left home. He was saved at the age of four, and in his preteen years seemed to grow as a Christian. To many people he was a model child.

In his teens he began to have less to do with Christian things as he developed an increasing interest in rock music, particularly heavy metal. His marks at school declined, and his appetite and sleeping habits changed as well as his appearance. We know now that in addition to the music, he has been involved with alcohol and drugs, and with satanic materials.

I am not certain what actually began the downward slide for our son, but I have no doubt whatever that rock music fertilized the seeds of rebellion. We also know that however he may try, he cannot flee from the presence of the Lord. We pray that he will return home, but it will not be without complete repentance, including abandoning rock music in all its forms. I am confident that my son will return to the Lord. I can pray for him now with more peace than when he was at home.

Thank you so much for publishing Phil Tolstead's testimony. It was a great encouragement.

Name withheld

### ***Worshipful Music***

I want to share with you how your Hosanna! Music tape "All Hail King Jesus" was used. I took it over to the home of a friend, Norm, who had been dismissed from the hospital with no hope, as cancer was spread throughout his body. We were praying for a miracle healing, and I know he was ready to believe for a miracle, but he was also trying to help his wife by letting her know his wishes for a funeral. By the time I took the tape over, he could hardly talk at all. But when he heard the tape, he used sign language to indicate that two of the songs, "All Hail King Jesus" and "Lift up Your Heads," should be sung at the funeral.

Norm died at home on Novem-

ber 30 at 2:30 a.m. He had been struggling as his lungs filled with fluid, but his pastor began to pray and peace filled the room. He wasn't struggling anymore. We put on the tape, and as the first four words of "All Hail King Jesus" played, you could see Norm's body give up his spirit—just as if he greeted Jesus.

I want to thank you for sending the tape at that time. It really ministered to his whole family.

Geri Mehta  
New Brighton, MN

### ***God Is Moving in Poland***

Thank you for sending me your magazine, for your care and faithfulness. I am a student at a university in Poland, and I cannot find words to describe my joy and anxiousness when waiting for each issue. I can reach many people at the university just by lending them the magazine and then discussing with them the subjects you touch. We also listen together to each of Bob Mumford's Recommended Tapes. May the Lord use you in your work for Him all over the world, as He is doing here in Poland.

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# Road Making a

Are we venturing out into the purpose

by Charles Simpson

**W**e shall not travel by  
the road we make,  
Ere day by day the  
sound of many feet  
Is heard upon the stones that  
now we break,  
We shall but come to where the  
cross-roads meet.

For us the heat by day, the cold  
by night,  
The inch-slow progress and the  
heavy load,  
And death at last to close the  
long, grim fight  
With man and beast and stone:  
for them—the road.

For them the shade of trees that  
now we plant,  
The safe, smooth, journey and  
the ultimate goal—  
Yea, birthright in the land of  
covenant:  
For us day-labour, travail of the  
soul.

And yet the road is ours, as  
never theirs;  
Is not one thing on us alone  
bestowed?  
For us the master-joy, oh,  
pioneers—  
We shall not travel, but we make  
the road!

—V. H. Friedlaender

"The road is ours as never  
theirs." The road builder has a  
special relationship to the road—  
different from a mere traveler.  
Road makers are pioneers.

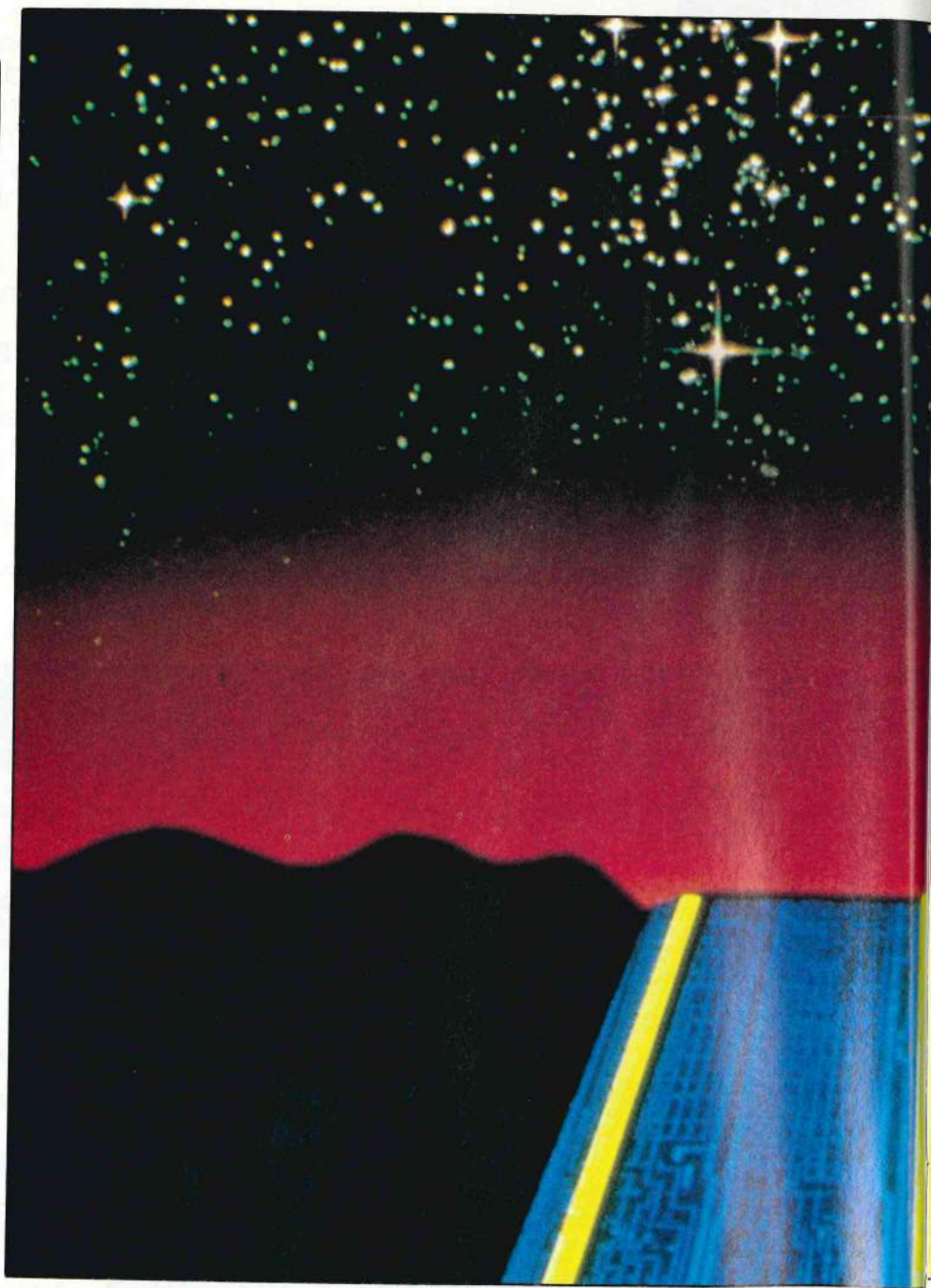
Noah Webster, himself a pioneer  
in word definition, defines a pioneer  
as "one who goes before to remove  
obstructions or prepare the way for  
another." Pioneers are road mak-  
ers, cutting paths through the wil-  
derness and extending dominion  
over creation.

In several New Testament pas-  
sages Jesus is called the "author of

our faith," or the "author of our  
salvation." In Hebrews 2:10, The  
Amplified Bible translates the  
word *author* as "pioneer." Jesus is  
"the pioneer of our salvation." He  
did not simply originate our salva-  
tion; He pioneered it. He built the

road. An old gospel song says,  
"Jesus is the way maker." He is  
the road maker—making the road  
where there was none.

If Jesus is the pioneer of our  
faith, should we not also be pio-  
neers? Is the Church producing pi-





# and Risk Taking

for which we've been prepared?



oneers—road makers who are extending the boundaries of dominion? Or is it merely producing settlers—“map readers” who have confused scriptural knowledge with pioneering. Possession of knowledge and courageous application of

it are not the same.

President Theodore Roosevelt said:

“It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or

where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, and comes short again and again.”<sup>1</sup>

## The Pioneer Spirit

Pioneering is risky. The possessor of truth is in no danger until he acts on the truth he holds. The pioneer of our salvation, the incarnation of all truth, was crucified for pioneering and extending dominion.

The faith of the pioneer is not measured by knowledge, but by actions and risk taking that extend the boundaries of God's kingdom. God was displeased with Adam and Eve because they opted for the knowledge of good and evil, as opposed to the risk of extending His dominion along the four rivers that flowed from Eden. Abraham, on the other hand, gained God's favor by his willingness to venture into the unknown. Even a cursory look at Abraham reveals his character flaws, but all his weaknesses were overshadowed by his pioneering spirit. He was a road maker who built much of the road we all travel.

The 1965 annual report of the Carnegie Corporation made this observation:

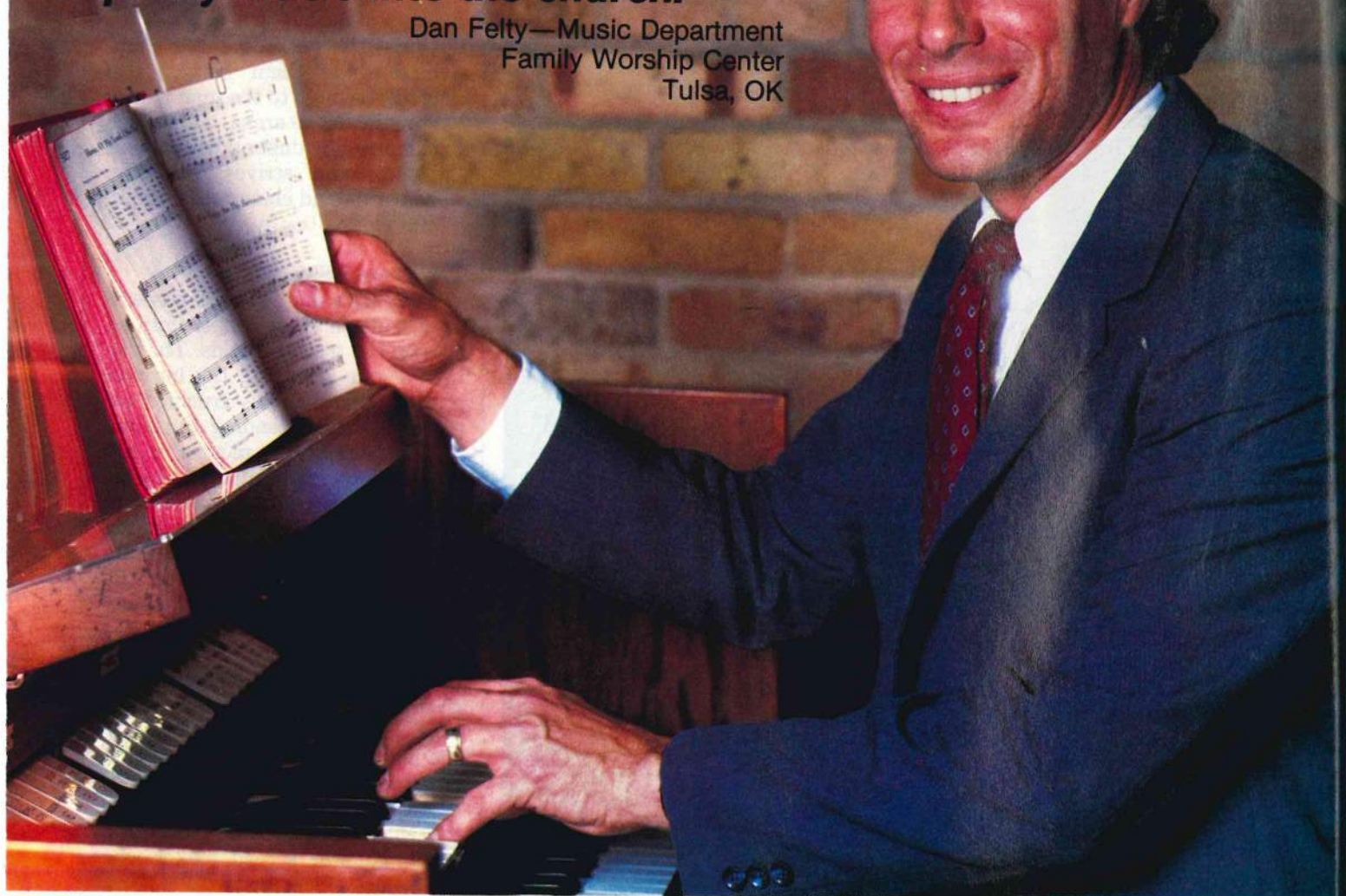
Anyone who accomplishes anything of significance has more confidence than the facts would justify. It is something that outstanding executives have in common with gifted military commanders, brilliant political leaders, and great artists. It is true of societies as well as individuals. Every great civilization has been characterized by confidence in itself.

The United States has had many courageous pioneers and  
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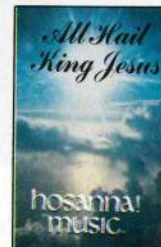
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## **Pioneers**

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road makers. The pioneer spirit runs deep in the soul of our nation. Ours was a largely untamed land, a land of promise to millions of immigrants. Our forefathers crossed oceans, mountains, rivers, and deserts to extend boundaries of hope and dominion. Our government was established by courageous, confident men who were motivated by a spirit of mission.

These pioneers were not perfect. Their very imperfection often motivated them to find a better way.

Pioneers are not always tactful or civil. The battle to build roads through rough places often makes them rough.

Pioneers are practical, preferring action to talk. Pioneers are confident that they can endure until they arrive at their destination.

Christopher Columbus, Hernando de Soto, or Daniel Boone could understand better the pioneering spirit of Abraham than many scholars. Romans 4:17 says of Abraham:

"A father of many nations have I made you" in the sight of Him whom he believed, even God, who gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist (NAS).

Pioneers believe in something that does not yet exist. All that we have exists because of some road makers and risk takers who built roads to their realities.

### **A School for Pioneers**

We cannot force people in our churches to become road makers and risk takers. But we can create an atmosphere that motivates them. The Church can become a school for pioneers.

Maturing Christians is much like rearing children. My own parents were faith missionaries. When I was born, Dad was proclaiming the gospel in a remote and sometimes hostile area. Faith was the water of life in our family.

Parents who are primarily providers and protectors unfortunately produce children who are permanently dependent. Parents who prepare their children for responsibility

**You cannot just "peer over the edge" and please God. You will never know the purpose of your preparation until you obey the inner voice and launch out in faith.**

will usually produce effective achievers.

The Church must care and provide for its people. But it must do more. It must prepare them to extend the borders of God's kingdom—it must instill a pioneering, road-making, risk-taking attitude!

How can we produce such people? Here are some ways we can contribute to that goal:

1. We must be committed to the Bible as God's Word in a way that moves us beyond an analytical and intellectual posture. We need to emulate its leaders. The Bible is a handbook for road makers and risk takers. It will never be understood by skeptics or cowards.
2. We must recover the realities of prayer—biblical prayer. The examples of prayer that have affected God and history were born of passion, honesty, and purpose. Such prayers were God seeking and continued until God was heard from. Pioneers have to pray; their lives depend on it.
3. We must recover the supernatural. Roads may be paved with principles, but they are pioneered by power. Every Christian who advances against the powers of darkness will do so by the supernatural power of God.
4. We must renew covenant love,

the kind of love that binds people together to achieve God's purpose. The love of God is the only atmosphere where people will be secure enough to take risks and do new things.

5. We must provide practical opportunities for people to demonstrate their knowledge and gifts. Practice alone can prove the authenticity of a gift. If the Church discourages the exercise of spiritual gifts, or fails to encourage their development, it will become a rest home for dying souls.

6. We must instill a sense of corporateness. Whatever our personal gifts or calling, none of us can do it alone. Abraham was not alone; he had numerous servants. Columbus was not alone; he had companion ships and crews. The apostles moved in companies. Even pioneers need corporate support and accountability.

7. We must encourage a boldness that enables the average church member to speak up, to act upon the first indication that the Holy Spirit has spoken. For the Church to recover its pioneer heritage, it must cease its continual quenching and grieving of the Holy Spirit.

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some kind of graduation—a formal release. The Church must also recover a sense of training for purpose—the release of its members into ministry.

During my high school days, I was involved in school activities to the point of exhaustion. Like everyone else, I looked forward to the day I would graduate. After graduation, however, I was not prepared for how quickly I was replaced. The teachers were now occupied with new students. I was not expected to hang around the campus. My student days were over.

Some Christians want to become career students, never finding out what they want to do. Someone said recently about such a student: "He never could find himself, because there was no one there." A little harsh perhaps, but will the Lord be any more kind to a people who never "find themselves," who never move on to act in faith?

Elisha faced such a day. Elijah was carried into the presence of God, and Elisha picked up his mantle. Timothy had such a day. Paul wrote: "I solemnly charge you ...preach the word....I have finished the course, I have kept the faith" (2 Tim. 4:1-2, 7 NAS, italics mine). The disciples had such a day. Jesus said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations" (Mt. 28:18-19).

Release means entrance into the purpose for which we have been prepared. The Church exists to prepare and release its members to function in their gifts and callings. The Church's attitude must be preparatory, not proprietary. The Church is trainer, not owner. If the Church does not experience the tears of graduation, it will experience the tears of frustration.

The mother eagle knows the importance of preparation and motivation. If her young do not show sufficient desire to fly, she begins to remove the down from the nest until it becomes very uncomfortable. Our "nest dissatisfaction" is not designed by God to inspire inquiry into nest structure. It is intended to get us to fly. It is time to fly.

## Peering Over the Edge

"What if it does not work? What

if I really cannot fly? What if the creatures in the wilderness get me?" These are not new questions. Anyone who has pioneered has had to face these questions. We are reminded in Hebrews chapter 10 that the Lord takes no pleasure in those who shrink back. We who trust Him are not among those (see verses 38-39).

Several years ago I sent a young minister I had trained to a particular church. He asked, "What will I say to them?"

I said, "When you get there you will know what to say. The circumstance will call your training into action."

You cannot just "peer over the edge" and please God. You will never know the purpose of your preparation until you obey the inner voice and launch out in faith.

Here are some reminders that will help you spread your wings:

1. The Lord's own nature and Spirit are within you if you have trusted Him. You are born to faith (see John 3:1-18).
2. The Lord Himself is with you. He will not leave you alone (see John 14:16-18; 16:7).
3. Someone needs what you have been given. Your obedience will help build the body of Jesus Christ in the earth (see Ephesians 4:15-16).

We should regularly reread Hebrews chapter 11. Our heritage is the legacy of men and women who overcame great obstacles to extend the kingdom of God. They released their ministries and even their lives into ours. They were road makers and risk takers. We must do more than travel the road—we must extend it. □

### Footnote

<sup>1</sup>Richard Nixon, *Leaders* (New York: Warner Books, 1982), p. 345.



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# Mighty Man of Valor

"When I received that word of knowledge, I struggled with tremendous feelings of insecurity and fear."

by Terry Law

**M**any people know me as an evangelist who has ministered behind the iron curtain and many times encountered the opposition of Communist officials face-to-face. What they don't know is that my life has been one of insecurity and fear even to the point that in the early years of my ministry when I stood in front of people, I literally had to lock my hands on my hips to keep my legs from shaking.

I always wrestle with strong feelings of insecurity, especially when I first sense the leading of the Holy Spirit. It's frightening to receive a word of knowledge and speak it in faith when all I have is a sudden thought, and I'm not certain it's from God.

I encountered this challenge of faith at a church where I preached. I had just given an altar call, and people were coming forward for prayer when I received a word of knowledge. I struggled with tremendous feelings of insecurity and fear, but finally said to the audience, "There is a man here tonight who is planning to kill his wife. The Holy Spirit knows all about it. You are rebelling against God, and He has told me this to convict you of your sin, and bring you to Christ. This is the word of the Lord."

A gasp went through the crowd, and the women began to look anxiously at their husbands. I had

never said anything like that in a meeting. It was as if I had taken a pail of cold water and thrown it on the people. After the meeting I waited for that man to come and talk to me, but no one came. All the next day the pastor's phone rang as people called, asking him how I dare say such a thing. They insisted I must have been wrong because no such man came forward.

## The Power of God

That night, however, the presence of God was powerfully evident in the meeting. Some said they saw a cloud of glory over the front of the altar. Throughout the audience, the sick were healed and the oppressed were delivered from evil spirits. As the power of God continued to meet the needs of the people, I saw a man move out to the aisle, run to the front of the church, and fall on the altar. The counselor who went over to pray with him discovered he was the man who was going to kill his wife. That night he gave his heart to Christ.

Two days later I returned home to Tulsa and told this dramatic story on my radio program. Two weeks after the broadcast I received a letter from a man in Phoenix who said he had purchased a gun and was making a plan to kill his wife when he heard the program on his car radio. He said it was as if God were speaking directly to him. He pulled over to the side of the road

and wept uncontrollably as he cried out to God and accepted Christ.

In the Scriptures, Gideon was a man who when he received a word from the angel of the Lord was intimidated and insecure. But the Lord called him a "mighty man of valor" (Judg. 6:12 NKJ). He stepped out in what the Lord told him and delivered Israel from its enemies.

Like Gideon, I experienced fear at the thought of stepping out in the word of knowledge I received at that church. But I overcame it, and saw God's purpose fulfilled. Thank God, He does not see me in the terror and fear that the devil puts upon me. He sees me empowered through the Holy Spirit. Once I get past my self-consciousness, the Lord can work through me. □

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# UNWRAPPING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Are we using all that God has so generously given us?

by David Allan Hubbard

**T**hink how you would feel if this happened to you. For the past ten years you have sent a Christmas gift to a friend in a distant city. You have warmly cherished that friendship, and you have keenly respected the taste of your friend. Hence every Christmas gift you chose with exquisite care. Each gift was different from the other, and each was unique—hand crafted by master artisans throughout the world.

Beyond that careful shopping, you had paid detailed attention to how each was wrapped. Choice paper, fine ribbon, delicate bows—these adorned the gift as further testimonies to your depth of regard for the loved one.

Then how would you feel if this happened? After those joyful memories of ten Christmases, you are finally able to visit that friend. One thing that you look forward to is seeing the way in which your gifts have been put to work to grace and beautify the home. Yet when you finally arrive you see none of them in sight—no china vase on the piano, no brass candlesticks on the mantle, no hand-painted tile used as a trivet.

Finally your curiosity gets the best of you, and you peek in the storage closet. To your dismay you can count ten beautifully packaged gifts on the center shelf—each still unopened.

If you can sort out the range of sharp feelings that scene would evoke, you can begin to imagine how God feels about most of his people. He has given us meticulously chosen and eminently useful gifts, and we have left them un-

opened. It would not be too much to say that history's greatest untapped resource is the spiritual gifts the Lord of the churches has bestowed on his loved ones. It is time we unwrapped the gifts of God that we possess.

The first thing we need to do is to remind ourselves that they are *God's* gifts. A look at the Giver must precede an investigation of the gifts. Perhaps James' familiar words are the place to begin:

Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. Every good endowment and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures (James 1:16-18).

Though this picture of God's magnificent generosity embraces more than the specific gifts of the Spirit listed in passages like Romans 2, 1 Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4, and 1 Peter 4, it surely includes them. They are an expression of the constancy of God's grace—they are part of the renewal that he wants to bring to the world he has made. One facet of Satan's great plan of deception is to lull us into leaving them unopened.

One of the ways to fight this deception is to remember that God is the Giver of these gifts. To help us do this we shall look at three great realities which the Bible makes clear as it teaches us about the One who makes all gifts possible:

1) God's pattern as Giver; 2) God's presence as Giver; 3) God's purpose as Giver. Let's see what God's Word has to say about each of these.

## God's Pattern As Giver

From Genesis to Revelation God is portrayed as the Giver. He is God of the generous heart, God of the open hand. His first great gift and his continuing legacy is the creation—he is *the Giver of life to creation*:

These (the creatures of land and sea) all look to thee, to give them their food in due season. When thou givest to them, they gather it up; when thou openest thy hand, they are filled with good things. When thou hidest thy face, they are dismayed; when thou takest away their breath, they die and return to their dust. When thou sendest forth thy Spirit, they are created; and thou renewest the face of the ground (Psalm 104:27-30).

God is the *living* God, the only being in all the universe who is the source of his own life. All creatures—angels, animals, plants, human beings—live because of the gift of his life and because of that gift alone. Shut off that life, and the world would be deadlier than a doornail.

Our God is a Giver not only in the realm of creation but also in the

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arena of history—he is *the Giver of direction to history*:

Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns! Yea, the world is established, it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity." Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall all the trees of the wood sing for joy before the Lord, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth (Psalm 96:10-13).

God reigns, God comes, God judges—these exclamations proclaim his lordship. The peoples on every continent and the events of every century he uses to get his will done and to work out his purposes. His grace and judgment give human history its overall direction.

The rescue from sin and meaninglessness which the world so desperately needs is also a gift of God—he is *the Giver of salvation*:

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory. The Lord has made known his victory, he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God (Psalm 98:1-3).

No salvation without God's gift—that is the biblical word. Part of it at least. The other part has been put this way: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). As history's most lavish Giver, God climaxes his giving by the gift of his Son. He spared nothing; he gave his best. Our understanding of his spiritual gifts begins here: they are part of his process of bringing life, direction, and salvation to the human family. Since the greatest Giver sends them and they are among his good and per-

fect gifts, we unwrap them with delight and put them to work with enthusiasm.

### God's Presence As Giver

When we speak of God, all illustrations break down. His grace is too varied, his pattern of giving too splendid, to be embraced in any human illustration of giving—Christmas or otherwise. Not only did he give his Son, an act of love that defies illustration, but he himself comes to his people in the person of the Holy Spirit, who is his gift to all who have declared their full loyalty to him in repentance and faith.

To put it pointedly: *the Giver and the gift are one*. All who truly turn from their sins and believe that Jesus is God's Son and their Savior have the Holy Spirit. In fact, it is he who makes such turning possible; it is he who enables our hard hearts and blind eyes to know and see God's truth.

With the gift—singular—of the Spirit come the gifts—plural—of the Spirit. God, in other words, is not doing his work by remote control, sending signals from some heavenly transmitter. He is present within us—coaching us, encouraging us, equipping us, empowering us in our service for him.

### God's Purpose As Giver

God—the God who came to earth in his Son and dwells within us in his Spirit—is the Giver of spiritual gifts. He has done this for his special purposes, just as he has done everything else from the dawn of creation until now.

We must not miss what these purposes are. Because God is the Giver, *we can call his gifts good*. The "very good" with which he described his daily acts of creation in the beginning (Genesis 1) is the verdict that can be applied to all of God's gifts. They are "from above," as James taught us. They are part of the "every good endowment and every perfect gift" which he mentioned. The One who sends them is utterly brilliant and fully consistent—"the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change." God's gifts are called good because they are *purposeful*. No triviality or trifling,

no frivolity or frills here—God's gifts are given to us purposefully. And their purpose is to fulfill his purpose—winning men and women to faith in him and planting them solidly in that faith.

Because God is the Giver, *we can count on his gifts to work*. His gifts are expressions of his power and presence. When he spoke those powerful words of creation, "Let there be light!" did light have any choice not to be (Genesis 1:3)? When he stretched out his hand to cleave the sea, did it dare not split to let his people through (Exodus 14:21)? When he sent fire from heaven at Elijah's prayer, did the slaughtered sacrifices have the option not to burn (1 Kings 18:38)? God's gifts are *effective*. They are the work of his own Spirit through his people bringing holy change to human life.

Because God is the Giver, *we must treat his gifts with full seriousness*. They are not toys to amuse us on rainy afternoons. They are not heirlooms to be dusted and admired in a tidy cabinet. They are not trophies to display our prowess.

The Lord of creation, history, and salvation gives them as his way of including us in his work. As such his gifts are *essential*. Oh, he would get his work done another way if he were forced to. After all, he is God. But this is the way he has chosen. The Giver of all good gifts is a person who has enabled us as persons to do spiritual good in the lives of other persons.

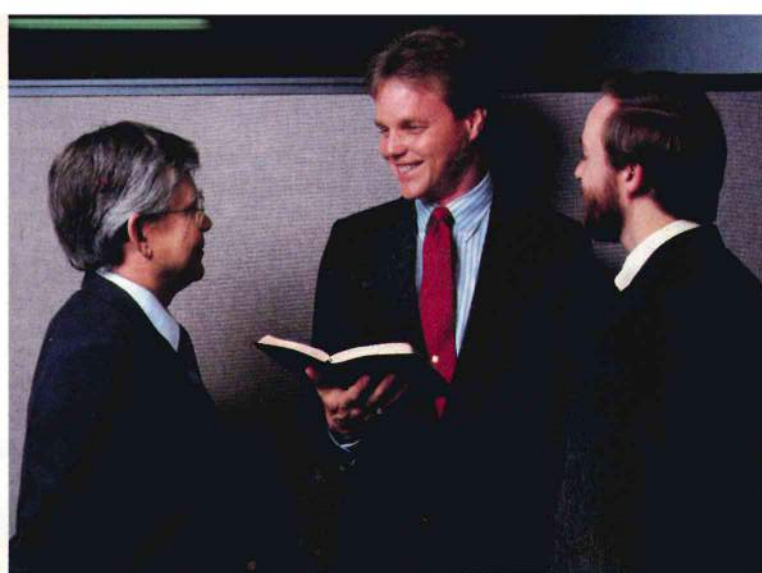
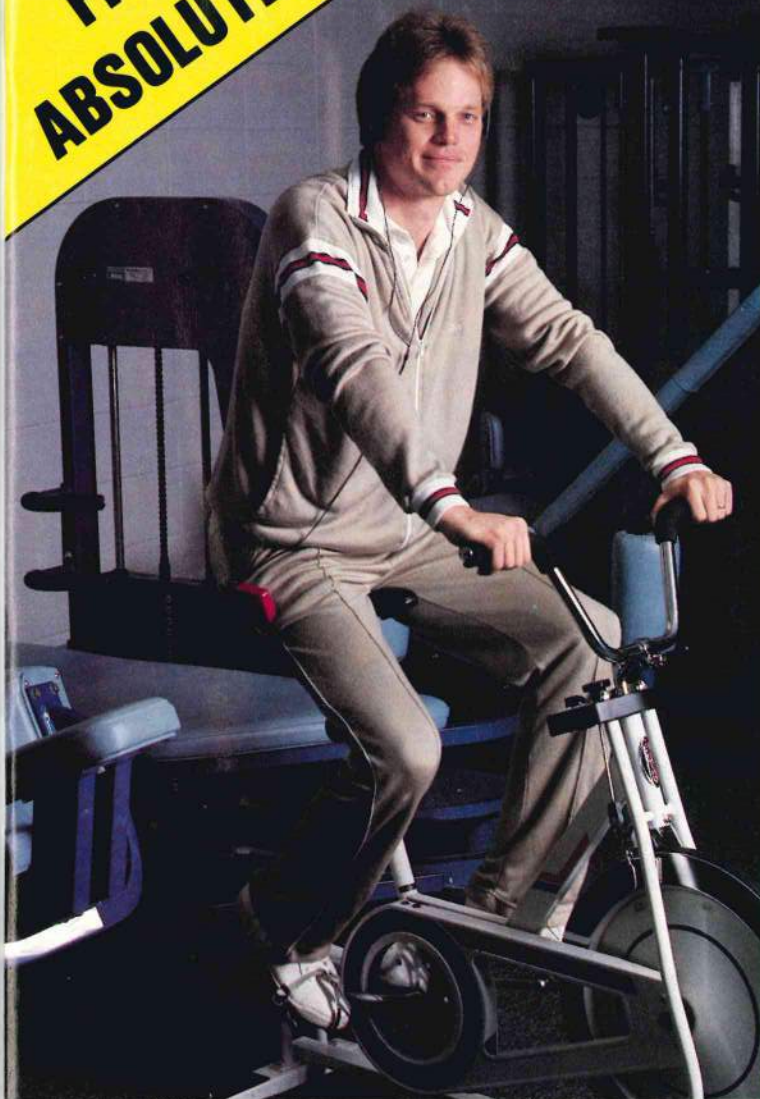
It is high time to check the shelves of our lives for any unused gifts. Nothing would benefit the church of Jesus Christ, nothing would delight the heart of the Giver of life more than a huge unwrapping party. We are all invited. □



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# When God Calls YOU!

Overcoming the hindrances to stepping out in faith

by Don Basham

**I**t was near midnight on a Monday in December 1967 when I returned home to the parsonage after tendering my resignation as pastor of the East Side Church in Sharon, Pennsylvania. I explained to the church board how I felt God was calling me into a free-lance traveling and writing ministry. I believed He wanted me to tour the country, teaching and interpreting the charismatic renewal to the body of Christ. My first book, *Face Up With a Miracle*, had been published just a few months earlier, resulting in an increasing number of invitations for outside speaking engagements. Moreover, I believed there were other books I was to write.

My new ministry sounded great while I was describing it, but back at the parsonage I was suddenly overcome with feelings of near terror. What had I done? Within a month, I would be without any steady income—no more salary, no

more car allowance or month's paid vacation, no more free parsonage or retirement program.

At forty years of age, with a wife and five children to support, how would I manage? Could I trust God to open sufficient doors of ministry? Would there be enough income to support my family? Was I really taking a step of faith or was I merely looking for a way out of the heavy responsibilities that go with pastoring a congregation of five hundred. How could I know for sure I had heard from God?

My wife and I had been struggling with the decision for many weeks. During those days we encountered all the fears, wrestled with all the doubts, and pondered all the questions that believers struggle with when they feel God calling them to some new aspect of His purpose.

During that fearful time I learned how much easier it is to talk about trusting God than it is to

step out and actually do it. I had told the members of my congregation repeatedly that they could trust the promises of God, that where God guides, He provides. It made good preaching and I believed what I was saying. But when finally faced with the decision to leave the pastorate and trust God not only to open doors of ministry but also to make daily financial provision, I found myself on wholly new and precarious ground. So I prayed long and earnestly for God to show me if I was doing the right thing.

Many Christians today are frustrated because they have not known how to deal with the questions that arise when they believe God may be calling them to some new spiritual endeavor.

But certain insights from the biblical record may prove helpful in overcoming the hindrances that keep us from stepping out in faith. Let's look first at the call of Moses.



## When God Called Moses

Exodus chapters 3 and 4 record how God spoke to Moses from the burning bush and told him that He planned to liberate His people from their bondage in Egypt. Imagine being present with Moses that day, seeing the burning bush and hearing the sound of God's voice! Moses must have been awed and thrilled, even as we would have been.

But the cost to Moses for sharing in that dramatic experience proved painfully high. His initial response may have been something like, "That's wonderful news, God. After all these years, You've decided to set Your people free. How are You going to do it?"

But, obviously, he was not prepared for God's answer: "So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt" (Ex. 3:10 NIV, italics mine).

At those words Moses' admiration and awe changed to fear and apprehension. All kinds of objections began to form in his mind, and he didn't hesitate to tell God about them.

"Who am I, that I should go?" (Ex. 3:11 NIV).

"What if they do not believe me or listen to me?" (Ex. 4:1 NIV).

"O Lord, I have never been eloquent" (Ex. 4:10 NIV).

"O Lord, please send someone else to do it" (Ex. 4:13 NIV).

Each of Moses' four statements represents a common hindrance to stepping out in faith. Notice how all of them spring from his imagination. The human mind is nearly always the major battleground when it comes to deciding whether we should follow God.

Moses was just an ordinary man. And like most other ordinary men, his initial reaction to God's call was negative. In fact, all his statements were reasons why he did *not* want to obey God rather than reasons *for* obeying Him. Most of us, when we first feel God calling us to some new endeavor, react the same way. Our objections are the same as Moses' objections. Let's examine each one.

### "Who Am I?"

The first objection, "Who am I

that I should go?" reflects the sudden identity crisis Moses was confronted with. Having buried in the sands of Egypt his first attempt to help his people, he had fled to the backside of the desert in Midian and for forty years built a new life for himself, trying to forget all about the plight of Israel. Confronted anew with his destiny, he was not at all sure he was ready for it. Any believer with a vision for new and more effective service for God struggles with a similar mixture of longing and fear.

It was that way in my case. The fear that God might not really be calling me to leave the pastorate and begin a faith ministry was competing with the greater fear that He *was* calling me, but that I was not capable of responding to His call. The crisis consisted not only of my struggle to accept who I was in Jesus Christ, and to believe that I had an unfulfilled destiny in God, but also whether I had the courage to attempt a new and radically different kind of life. Could I really believe with Paul that "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me" (Phil. 4:13 NAS)?

### "What If They Don't Believe?"

The second objection, "What if they do not believe me or listen to me?" reflects one of the most common and powerful deterrents to acting in faith: fear of failure. Moses formed a picture of himself trying to obey God and ending up in humiliation when his efforts failed. The negative mental image he projected is familiar to every Christian who has struggled with doubts about taking a step of faith—and that includes almost all of us. The devil is expert in the art of etching such fearful pictures on the tablets of our imaginations.


Our fear of failure is closely tied to our fear of public opinion, since in each of us there resides a deep hunger for approval and approbation. Yet following God into some new and untried endeavor almost always means we will encounter some misunderstanding, criticism, and loss of approval. Moreover, when we do fail or fall short, our failures are almost always public failures. If we could only follow God secretly, then it wouldn't be so



embarrassing if we failed. No one would know but us and God. Unfortunately, that's not the way it happens. Jesus Himself warns us of the price we may have to pay when we attempt to follow Him in faith.



## God seldom calls us to a task that we can perform acceptably without His help.



"Blessed are you when [not if] people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven" (Mt. 5:11-12 NIV).

To make matters worse, some criticism will not qualify us as "suffering for the Lord's sake." Rather, it will come because of our own ineptitude. For all our best intentions, when we try something new, we will inevitably make some mistakes for which we can be justly criticized.

Like everyone else, I yearned for approval and sought to escape criticism. I could easily identify with Moses' fear of failure and rejection. That fear was one of the main factors that made my own decision so difficult. In fact, when I returned to the parsonage after resigning that night, I suddenly became so afraid I had made a terrible mistake that I cried myself to sleep.

### "I've Never Been Eloquent"

The third objection, "O Lord, I have never been eloquent," reflects Moses' further retreat into low self-esteem. He was cataloging all his limitations, collecting all the rea-

sons he could find to prove that God had chosen the wrong man for the job.

Moses was intelligent enough to realize that the task God was calling him to required talents he did not possess—the ability to argue persuasively and the eloquence needed to inspire great crowds. Taking inventory of his limitations and discounting God's own promise of divine assistance, he concluded he was not qualified.

I wrestled in similar fashion with my own inadequacies. Although I had read and been inspired by the testimonies of great men who stepped out in faith, I convinced myself that I was far from batting in their league, possessing few if any of their abilities or ambitions. I was a spiritual nobody, a timid pastor who had his hands full, conducting a modest ministry with complacent people who were comfortable with their limited faith and vision.

I had yet to discover a basic fact of the spiritual life, namely that God seldom calls us to any task we can perform acceptably without His help. My efforts to follow God in the years since have repeatedly confirmed that truth. Anytime I feel called to a task that will be a snap to perform, a job that requires no faith and little dependency upon His grace, I usually end up dissatisfied, having to admit that the desire originated with me and not God.

Limiting what we attempt for God to only those things we know we can accomplish requires no faith. And without faith we will never rise to the level of effectiveness God knows we can reach. It is always God's intention when He calls us to a new task to accompany us and—if we will trust Him—to provide us with all the resources needed to perform it. But like Moses, I had a hard time remembering that.

### "Send Someone Else"

The final objection, "O Lord, please send someone else to do it," is the only outcome one can expect from dwelling on such a list of negatives. Giving up is inevitable when we agree with all the devil's reasons why we will fail instead of

agreeing with all God's reasons why we will succeed. As my friend Rufus Moseley was fond of saying, "God is always voting for us, the devil is always voting against us, and the way we vote carries the election."

In spite of every reassuring answer God gave in response to Moses' first three objections, he still sought a way out. He was learning a powerful lesson every faithful Christian must learn sooner or later: It is one thing to have an experience with God and be blessed and strengthened by it, but it is quite another to respond to the call that often issues out of such an experience. As the Scripture says, "From everyone who has been given much shall much be required" (Lk. 12:48 NAS).

Unfortunately, Christians often seek spiritual experiences for their own sake. But spiritual experiences are not given just to make us feel good; they are given to equip us for ministry. Too many Christians who are eager to remove their shoes to stand on holy ground never get around to putting them back on to walk out the task or ministry assigned to them.

Peter was so thrilled to be with Jesus, Moses, and Elijah on the Mount of Transfiguration that he longed to erect three tabernacles and go on basking in the glorious splendor of the presence of God. But down at the foot of that mountain a desperate father waited, seeking deliverance for his epileptic son. Human need camps at the foot of every Mount of Transfiguration.

### The Step of Faith

To his credit, in the end Moses did not allow his identity crisis, his struggle against low self-esteem, his fear of failure, or his fear of public opinion to prevent him from obeying God. And through his obedience, God delivered the children of Israel out of Egypt and into the promised land. But only after he began to obey did Moses find the power of God present to help him.

Anytime God calls us to some new task or ministry, no matter how powerful the call or how filled with supernatural confirmation, we will still have to wrestle against our doubts and fears. Those "but what



if's" we voice when God calls us are all classic objections all believers raise when the time comes to take a step of faith. But only as we take that step of faith do we discover the power and presence of God.

In my own struggle, I finally came to see that if I insisted on waiting until all my doubts were resolved, I could wait forever and never do anything significant for the Lord. But that conclusion did not come easily. Before resigning from the church, I prayed long and earnestly, "God, I do believe You want me to step out in faith—but please show me what my new ministry will be like. Show me where we will live and how we will be provided for. Show me those things and I'll step out." And over and over, I heard a quiet voice answering somewhere deep in my spirit: "You step out and I'll show you."

I eventually realized that by insisting God show me ahead of time how it would work out, I was trying to eliminate my need for faith. If I could be sure God was calling me, it would take no faith to respond. But there is a basic contradiction between being sure and exercising faith. And the Bible clearly tells us that "without faith it is impossible to please God" (Heb. 11:6 NIV).

Can we ever be absolutely sure—ahead of time—that we are doing the right thing? I don't think so. But many have asked, "What if I make a mistake? What if I step out and it isn't God?" Of course, there's always that possibility. But God easily forgives the mistakes and blunders we make in attempting to follow Him. And if we make a wrong first step, He's there to help us take the right second step. The far greater tragedy is believing in our hearts that God has a higher purpose for us, yet never summoning the courage to step out and give Him a chance to prove it.

### What Happens When We Obey

Were I to pretend there have not been severe trials and testings and even some humbling failures during the years since I left the pastorate to begin a "faith ministry," I would be less than honest. There have been. But far more important are the accomplishments and the

victories.

As I look back over almost two decades of following God, I can only give thanks for His faithfulness. Had I "played it safe" and remained in the denominational pastorate, I'm sure my ministry would have continued to help certain people and provide certain satisfactions. But I also know, had I settled for that, I would have settled for so much less than what God had in store.

When I stop to count my blessings and ask myself why things have turned out so well, or when I consider the increase in the extent and the effectiveness of my ministry, I must concede it has little or nothing to do with natural ability, and everything to do with trust and obedience.

In retrospect, it has become my conviction that when—with fear and trembling—I faced the hindrances and found sufficient courage in God to step out in faith despite them, I made God more directly responsible for me than I had ever let Him be before. He accepted that added responsibility and poured His grace into both my speaking and writing ministries in an abundant measure. Undreamed of opportunities for ministry began to appear, and through the years signs and wonders have confirmed my teaching and ministry to a degree I never expected.

I know the fear that momentarily overwhelmed me that night I resigned still dogs my footsteps as relentlessly as ever. I have had to confront it many times in the years since. But I am trusting the grace of God to continue to guard and keep me through my remaining years.

### It Will Work for You

I know what it is like to hear some thrilling testimony only to have the devil immediately whisper, "But that can never happen to you." And I know some of you reading these words have the deep longing to do more for the Lord but continually wrestle with doubts and fears about how it can happen. You find yourself accepting the devil's lie, saying as I often said, "But that can't happen to me."

You fight the same fears, and

struggle with the same doubts and questions that I have fought and struggled with, fears and doubts and questions that if surrendered to can postpone or finally thwart the fulfillment of God's highest purpose for your life.

You deeply desire to be a more fruitful Christian, you believe God is speaking to you about some new direction for your life, but you don't want to be foolhardy. You don't want to miss God but neither do you want to do anything stupid. Besides, some of the friends you have talked to seem to question whether you are hearing from God, and have sincerely cautioned you about making any sudden changes in your style or manner of living. Believe me, I'm familiar with all that.

Only the counsel from your pastor or from other mature believers who have accepted some specific spiritual responsibility for you should count when you are prayerfully considering some new step of faith. And even after receiving and weighing their counsel, in the final analysis, you must act solely on what you believe God is telling you to do.

Remember, the only way you will ever find answers to all the fearful questions, the only way you will work your way past all the hindrances the devil loves to throw in your path, the only way you will ever know for sure God is calling you to some high and holy adventure in Him is by taking a step of faith, trusting God to confirm His word to you as you walk with Him day by day. He has promised He will never leave you or forsake you.

I believe His word. I have proved it to be true. And so can you. □



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# With Signs Following

A diary of incredible miracles in Zaire  
by Mahesh Chavda

**L**ast year, Mahesh Chavda was invited by a committee of pastors in Zaire, Africa, to hold a crusade in the capital city of Kinshasa. Mahesh saw many powerful manifestations of the Holy Spirit at those meetings. Here is his account of what happened.

## Sunday

At 10:20 a.m., our plane touches down at Kinshasa Airport. The men who have come to meet me excitedly report that hundreds of area churches are cooperating in organizing my crusade. In fact, they expect thirty thousand to fifty thousand people to attend the meetings scheduled for Kasavubu Square.

But already there are problems: They had scheduled the main meetings for Saturday and Sunday, but I am due to leave on Saturday morning. Flight reservations have to be made weeks in advance and there is

no possible way of changing my flight by two days. We will have to wait on God and see what He wants to do.

## Monday

Two thousand Christian leaders pack Cultruna Auditorium for a morning seminar. The subject spiritual warfare through prayer and fasting is my theme for each morning session of the crusade. After this session many come forward for personal ministry, and fall under the power of the Holy Spirit.

People begin gathering for the evening meeting at three-thirty in the afternoon. By five o'clock, thousands begin streaming in from their work places. An hour later the crowd already numbers 120,000! The needs of these people are overwhelming. Their poverty is desperate. The average male wage-earner brings home forty dollars a month. Spiritual poverty is just as desper-

ate. Their hunger for spiritual reality is so great that many walk several miles to attend the meetings. But because there is no seating in Kasavubu Square, they stand for hours packed together.

As the evening meeting begins, various people come to the platform to share testimonies of healing at the morning meeting. A woman whose pain-racked body had been covered with cancerous tumors is now completely healed. When we ask who would like to receive Jesus Christ as Lord, about five thousand people raise their hands. As the Holy Spirit begins to confirm the power of the gospel, some of the deaf begin to hear and many cripples hold up their crutches and begin to walk.

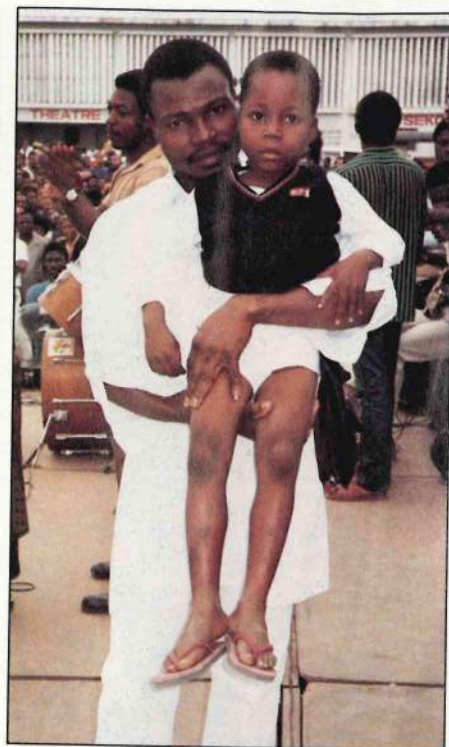
## Tuesday

Word about the miraculous healings has spread through the city, so the morning crowd at the sem-





*When Mahesh Chavda held a crusade in Zaire last year, 350,000 people attended one meeting. Many were touched by the power of God that week, including 6-year-old Katshinyi (right photo), who was raised from the dead.*



inar swells from two thousand to thirty thousand! Word of what is happening has even reached government officials, and the brother of Zaire's President Mobutu sends a message inviting me to his home, saying that he wants to confess his sins, accept the Lord Jesus, and be prayed for.

The city officials have developed a systematic way of estimating crowd attendance in the square. Workers had marked off the square in sections, with each section holding a specific number of people. To estimate the size of a crowd, they simply count the filled squares. This evening they report to the committee of sponsoring pastors that attendance is 180,000 people.

Ten thousand indicate they want to receive Jesus. Many are slain by the power of the Holy Spirit as they pray to receive the Lord. The Holy Spirit also leads us in a specific ministry for the dumb and for barren women. Often, when the people are touched by the Lord, they scream out as evil spirits leave them.

#### **Wednesday**

In the morning session, I teach

on using our spiritual weapons. The hunger of these people for spiritual truth continues to overwhelm me.

Tonight the official crowd estimate is two hundred thousand. I am told it is the largest gathering ever in Kinshasa! Several government officials are present. The Holy Spirit touches many in the crowd who have cancer or heart defects. Fifteen thousand people respond to the invitation to receive the Lord. I hear a teenage girl speaking and praising God. Yesterday her mother brought her to me for prayer because she could not speak!

#### **Thursday**

Officials estimate that thirty-five thousand people are attending this morning's session. When the Holy Spirit begins to move among the people, I personally lay hands on almost fifteen thousand. It takes more than four and one-half hours. Nearly all fall under the power of the Holy Spirit. At the close of the session I am taken to an enclosed area to pray for government officials and their wives who are in attendance.

Tonight we take time for several

testimonies. A boy who could barely see has received his sight. A woman who looked like walking death yesterday stands before us in vibrant health giving glory to God! Another who had diabetes is now healed. A demon-possessed, insane girl is totally restored to her senses. A woman testifies that a large cyst disappeared when she laid her hands on it during my prayer. Eighteen thousand give their hearts to Jesus. After the meeting, I go to pray for the deputy of the People's party and his wife.

#### **Friday**

The Lord performs yet another miracle! Several government officials, including the head of security and the wife of the General of the Army, intervene on my behalf with Sabena Airlines, resulting in an available seat on Monday night's flight. I will not have to wait three weeks to leave and will be able to hold the meetings on Saturday and Sunday.

Tonight one quarter of a million people assemble in Kasavubu Square! Among them is the son of President Mobutu. We estimate



# One drop of the blood of Jesus has enough power to destroy the entire kingdom of Satan!

that twenty thousand people receive Christ. There are more testimonies of healing from blindness, diabetes, and other diseases, and deliverance from evil spirits. Late in the evening we visit the home of Kilolo Musambu, head of Zaire's civil service. He and his wife confess their sins, receive the Lord Jesus, and are baptized in the Holy Spirit.

## Saturday

Three thousand people gather in an open field to hear the gospel. The Holy Spirit again ministers to the sick, and many are healed.

Tonight I minister on deliverance. As I am speaking, the Holy Spirit shows me a picture of two men who have been stealing from the offerings that are being used by the local churches to cover crusade expenses. The Lord instructs me to announce that He knows who they are, adding His words: "If you do not repent, the angel of death will visit you tonight." After my message, two very frightened and repentant ushers come forward to confess! They promise to return every penny they have stolen.

Of the crowd of three hundred thousand, more than twenty-five thousand receive Jesus as their Savior! The Holy Spirit anoints a powerful time of deliverance from evil spirits as well as healing. What a miracle to watch hundreds of thousands of people being set free from the bondage of centuries of witchcraft! I see so clearly that one drop of the blood of Jesus has enough power to destroy the entire kingdom of Satan! Several more cripples and paralytics carry their crutches forward, not needing them anymore.

Tonight I visit General of the Army Boteti and his wife. They both receive the Lord. We then go to the home of the president's

counselor, and as the Holy Spirit ministers to his wife, her body is freed from severe pain for the first time in years.

## Sunday

There are many testimonies this morning, but the most marvelous is that of Mulamba Mai' Kai whose six-year-old son, Katshinyi, stands by his side as he speaks. He tells us that on Monday Katshinyi was taken to the medical clinic of Mikondo with complications from malaria. He died Wednesday morning. The medical team of Iwanga Embum and Izebe certified his death after conducting several tests.

Mulamba tells us that he had heard of the miracles at the crusade and came that day, calling on the Lord. I remember that day because the Lord gave me a word of knowledge concerning a man whose son had died. When I shared it, I said, "Don't be afraid. The Lord is going to intervene." I prayed specifically for the needs of people's family members and at the same time loosed the spirit of resurrection to minister to those needs. With tears in his eyes, Mulamba tells us that his son's body was ten kilometers from the crusade, and although he had been dead for several hours, he came back to life! To the amazement of all, he was totally restored to life and health.

Among the other eyewitnesses were Katshinyi's mother, the family's pastor, the Reverend Lemina, and Mulamba's brother, Kumba Mai' Kai. Later, the medical team of Iwanga Embum and Izebe testify that they had indeed pronounced Katshinyi dead.

Tonight some 350,000 people fill the square for this final meeting. I preach about the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and at the invitation to receive Jesus, an estimated twenty-

five thousand raise their hands. I then tell the people how they can receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Eighty to ninety percent raise their hands, indicating they wish to receive the baptism. As I pray, a tremendous wave of speaking in tongues rolls across the ocean of people, and again the Holy Spirit ministers healing to hundreds of the sick. Pastor Mpoy Muambi later reports to me that several people with AIDS are healed during the crusade. No plague is too powerful for Jesus!

## Monday

With the last day of the crusade behind me, my plane taxis down the runway at Kinshasa Airport. It seems much longer than a week ago when I arrived and crusade organizers told me they expected up to fifty thousand people to attend the meetings. I marvel as I realize that twice that number received Jesus Christ as Savior, and that many others were touched by the power of God during the crusade.

But I remember also the pleading faces and outstretched hands of so many spiritually hungry people who still want a touch from the Lord. I am encouraged, though, because I have seen that God is reaching the nations, with signs following. □



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# "You're Going to Get Saved"

A frail-looking young woman confronts a

I had just killed someone—someone very close to me—and the guilt was unbearable. For the first time in my life, I didn't want to live anymore. No one knew I committed the murder. In fact, I even agreed to get together that evening with some of my friends to mourn the loss of the person I had killed. We planned to meet at my house, a house I had bought three months earlier with money I had made from selling drugs.

The friends who came over that night were the most notorious drug dealers in Indian River County, Florida, and they brought with them every kind of drug imaginable. But before we could begin our get-together, we had one obstacle to overcome. My live-in girl friend, Mary Ellen, had invited over a friend named Lynn. She did not exactly fit in with our group; she was a born again Christian.

Six months earlier, I had broken up with Mary Ellen. Lynn helped her get through that time, and even led her to the Lord. But when we decided to get back together, I put a stipulation on our relationship: If Mary Ellen wanted to have me, she couldn't have God. She chose me.

My friends and I waited outside. I didn't want to be in the same house with Lynn, or with any Christian for that matter. I disliked Christians, and I disliked God. I knew nothing about Him, but I knew we were in competition. He was changing a lot of young people in our town—the same young people who used to buy drugs from me. My business was threatened and I didn't like it at all.

## Getting Rid of Lynn

As my friends and I waited, a half hour passed, then an hour, then two hours. It was beginning to get dark, and the mosquitoes were starting to eat us alive. Finally, we decided the only way she would leave was if we went in and

began taking our drugs.

One by one my friends filed into the living room and sat down. I was the last one in, and took the only seat left, one right next to Lynn. I had never had trouble intimidating anyone or being rude, so as Lynn was busy talking, I hit her on the shoulder and said sarcastically, "Hey, Lynn! How are you doing? I've heard a lot about you."

She was a petite, frail woman, and of course, I expected her to react with fear. But instead, she pulled out a big Bible and started telling me about the love of Jesus—right in front of everyone! I was so embarrassed that I could hardly listen to what she was saying. Instead of me intimidating her, she was intimidating me! Yet somehow I could not bring myself to be rude to her anymore. Although I deeply wanted to tell her to keep quiet and get out of my house, I couldn't.

As she began talking to Mary Ellen again, I tried to plan how I would get her out of my house. I knew she was a threat to me and I was beginning to panic. Suddenly, she turned back to me, touched me on the hand, and looked me straight in the eye. "Jim," she said, "you're going to get saved in twenty minutes." Then, she turned away without even giving me an opportunity for rebuttal.

I didn't know what it meant to "get saved," so I asked one of my friends. He said, "It's when a person gets down on his knees and asks Jesus into his heart."

"No way!" I said. But Lynn didn't say a word to me. In fact, no one did, and in the silence I couldn't stop thinking about what she had said about Jesus and about the twenty-minute deadline. As the minutes ticked by, I couldn't take my eyes off the clock on the wall across the room.

Exactly twenty minutes later Lynn turned back to me, touched my hand again, and said, "Let's go,

Jim."

To this day I don't know what happened except that I was overwhelmed by the power of God. I got up, completely oblivious to everyone else in the room, and followed her into the dining room. "Let's get down on our knees," she said.

Then, she said we should lift our hands to heaven "because then we feel closer to God." I remember thinking that made sense because that's where God is, so I lifted my hands and repeated a prayer after her.

When I said, "Lord Jesus, forgive me and come into my heart," something hit me. A warm feeling flowed through my body, from my head down to my feet, and came back up again, lifting the guilt and burden that moments before had been crushing me. I knew I was free.

Although I'd never said, "Praise God!" I jumped up and shouted it out loud as I headed for my friends. But they had been watching the whole scene intently and were halfway out the door. They saw something they couldn't explain, and it scared them out of the house.

I called to them to come back, but they only replied, "We'll see you when you're feeling better, Jim!" Little did they know I had never felt better in my life.

## Walking With Christ

When I awoke the next morning, I knew that if I had truly surrendered my life to Christ, I would also have to surrender to the police. It was the only logical alternative. For the first time in my life, I didn't run from a difficult situation. Now, I had the strength to face it. I walked into the county sheriff's department and told them about killing my friend. They arrested me, and two months later I was found guilty of second-degree murder and sentenced to thirty years in prison.



# ...ved in Twenty Minutes!"

a murderer with his destiny. by Jim Newsom

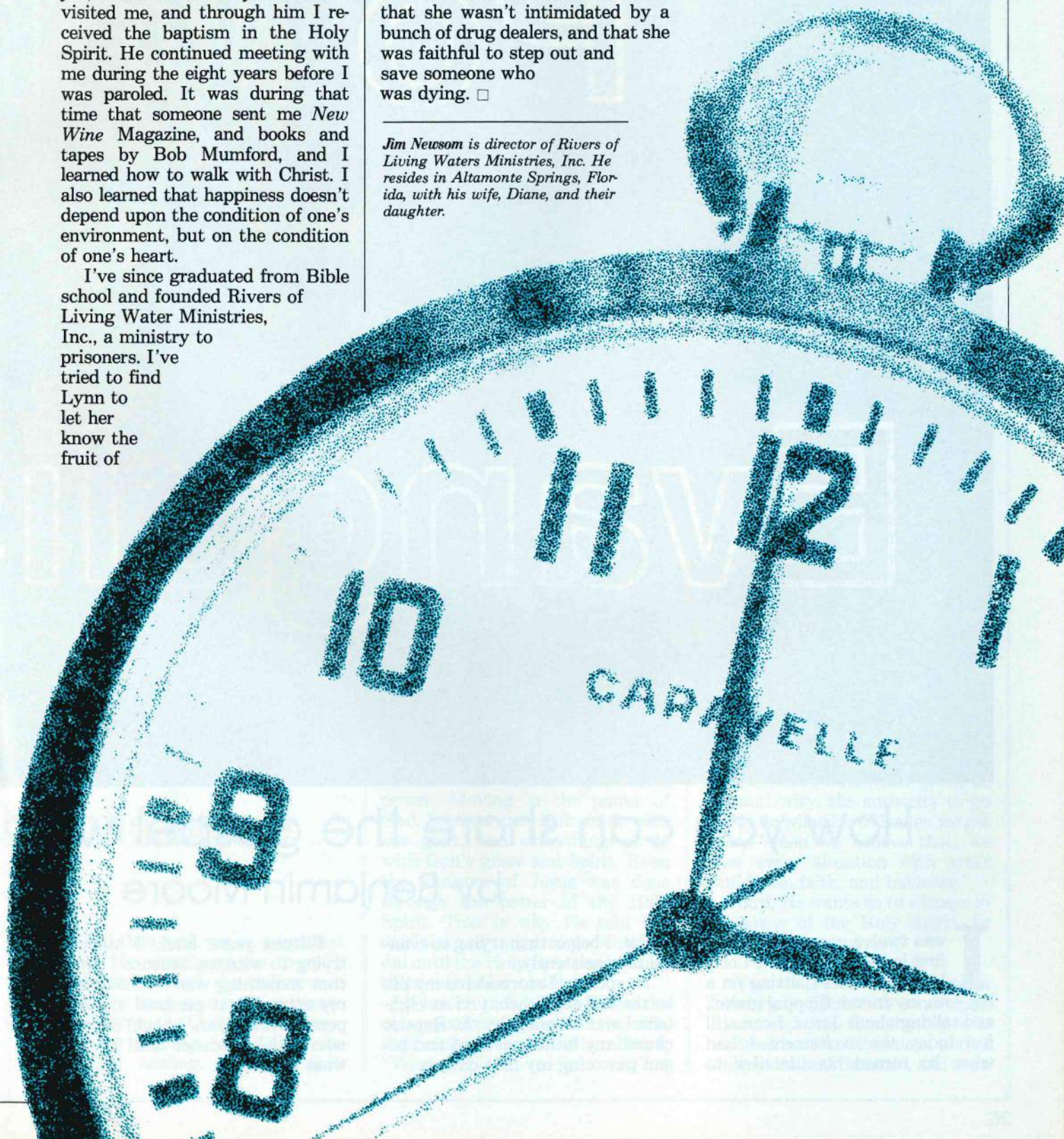
While I was still in the county jail, a minister from Lynn's church visited me, and through him I received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. He continued meeting with me during the eight years before I was paroled. It was during that time that someone sent me *New Wine Magazine*, and books and tapes by Bob Mumford, and I learned how to walk with Christ. I also learned that happiness doesn't depend upon the condition of one's environment, but on the condition of one's heart.

I've since graduated from Bible school and founded Rivers of Living Water Ministries, Inc., a ministry to prisoners. I've tried to find Lynn to let her know the fruit of

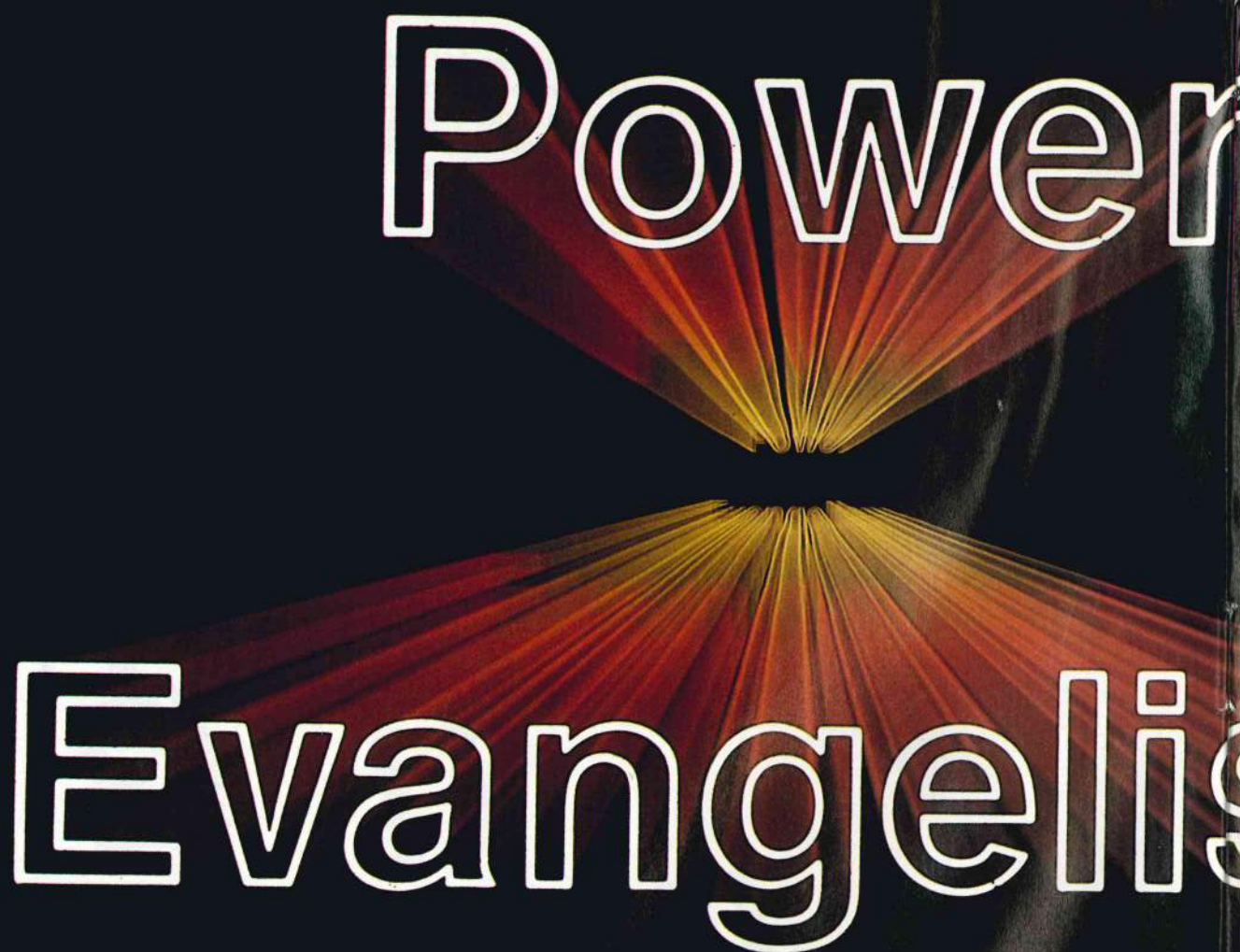
her Christian witness, but I haven't been able to locate her. I thank God that she wasn't intimidated by a bunch of drug dealers, and that she was faithful to step out and save someone who was dying. □

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# Power Evangelism

How you can share the gospel with  
by Benjamin Moore

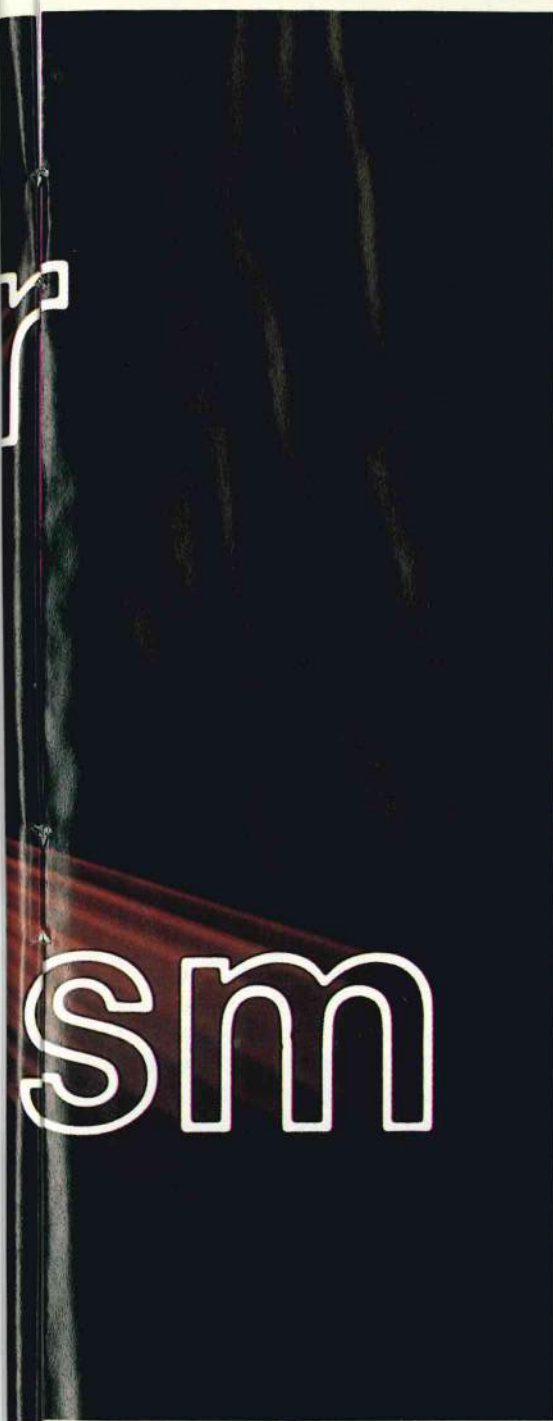
**I** was twelve years old when I first led someone to the Lord. I can remember sitting on a log with my friend, flipping gravel, and talking about Jesus. I can still feel today the excitement I had when he turned his life over to

Christ. I began then trying to evangelize consistently.

At sixteen, I surrendered my life to the call to preach, and at eighteen I was ordained by the Baptist church my father pastored and began pastoring my first church.

Fifteen years later, I stopped trying to witness, because I knew that something was missing from my attempts at personal and corporate evangelism. I could not witness with confidence until I found what it was.





## confidence

God then took me on a journey. First, He introduced me to spiritual warfare and the deliverance ministry; next, to a more corporate approach to the Christian life; then, to inner healing; and finally, to physical healing. Through each

stage of the journey He taught me the necessity of moving in the power of the Holy Spirit, and in that I found some of the missing ingredients in my approach to evangelism. I saw the absolute necessity of the Holy Spirit's power in the communication of the gospel. Since that element has become a key part of my ministry, I have been back on the evangelistic trail. My approach is not perfected; it's often crude and clumsy. But I now share Jesus with renewed confidence, and I believe my discoveries can be helpful to others.

### God's Plan for Evangelism

God desires that none should perish but all be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth (see 1 Timothy 2:3-4). God also has commissioned us to reach the world with the gospel (see Matthew 28:19-20). But how does He want it done?

First, He wants us to minister as Jesus did. In John 20:21, Jesus says, "As the Father has sent Me, I also send you" (NAS). *As* is a key word; it means "just as."<sup>1</sup> Jesus is saying, "Do it the way I did it. Don't just say My words; do My works as well."

In John 14:12, Jesus says, "He who believes in Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do" (NAS). Jesus had three years to do the work that most Christians have many years to complete. As He works through each one of us, we should see more people powerfully touched, saved, and healed than He did.

Many of us long to move in the power of God. But the devil, the accuser of the brethren, makes us feel guilty and inadequate, and has talked us out of moving in God's power. Moving in the power of God, however, has little to do with our guilt, and everything to do with God's grace and Spirit. Even the ministry of Jesus was done through the power of the Holy Spirit. That is why He told His disciples not to try to do what He did until the Holy Spirit came upon them (see Luke 24:49).

When I pick people from the congregation to pray for the sick, their initial response is always, "Who, me?"

And I say, "Yes, you! The Bible says that as a Christian you have the power because the Holy Spirit lives in you." I remind them that the word of faith is near, that it is in their mouth and in their heart (see Romans 10:8).

When timid saints see the Spirit move in response to their prayers, they sometimes weep and ask God to forgive them for their unbelief. Once they recognize God will work through them, they become a miracle looking for a place to happen!

A friend in my church visited a local hospital and called on a man with a neck and leg injury. They talked for a few minutes, and then my friend asked the man if he could pray for him.

Although the man was not a Christian, he agreed. When we boldly ask even non-Christians if we can pray for their physical problems, they are often glad for us to. It is usually at a point of personal crisis that people are most open to God. My friend prayed very simply: "Holy Spirit of God, come on him."

The Spirit began to move on the man as he lay in his hospital bed. God touched his neck and he started moving it around. Then, God touched his leg, and he jumped up and began hopping around the room, saying, "I'm burning up! I'm burning up!" The man was dramatically healed, and although he has not yet accepted Jesus as his Savior, he knows the power of God is real.

Second, God wants us to minister with Jesus' authority. Jesus says in Matthew 28:18-19, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations" (NAS). Jesus has given us His authority: the authority to go and to do what He did when we get there. When we believe that, we enter every situation with great confidence, faith, and boldness.

Third, He wants us to witness in the power of the Holy Spirit. In Acts 1:8, Jesus says:

"You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even



to the remotest part of the earth" (NAS).

We need to bring power and witnessing together. I believe it is accurate to paraphrase this verse, "And you shall go and be 'power witnesses' for Me after the Holy Spirit is come upon you."

Smith Wigglesworth, who was called the apostle of faith, said, "Pentecost is believing that after the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you have the power."<sup>2</sup> We have allowed ourselves to be talked out of that. Seeds of doubt have crept in so that we don't believe we have the power. But we have the power because we have the Holy Spirit.

Fourth, He wants us to communicate His wisdom rather than man's good ideas. I often catch myself trying to live and share the gospel in the strength of the flesh. But Paul writes to the Corinthians:

When I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom....but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power (1 Cor. 2:1, 4 NAS).

Paul ministered to the Corinthians in spiritual power, not persuasive words.

Fifth, He wants pastors to be model witnesses for their flocks. The great commission was first spoken to the leaders of the Church. In Acts, both the apostles and the other believers went from house to house, proclaiming the good news. Evangelism is not *either* the leaders *or* the members; it is *both*. But leaders need to show their people how to do it.

These five elements are important keys to God's plan for evangelism. We must not only know all of them, but we must also do them. When we do, we gradually begin to see the fulfillment of God's desire for all men to come to the knowledge of Him.

#### How to Show Them Jesus

As we begin to move out in evangelism, we may run into difficulties in our approach to people. But that doesn't mean we should quit trying. I am committed to keep at it, and to learn from those who are better at it than I am. Here

are some helpful thoughts from my experiences:

First, we need to "live ready" at all times to share the gospel or to minister to someone in need. Scripture tells us to be always "ready to make a defense to every one who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you" (1 Pet. 3:15 NAS). Smith Wigglesworth said:

"Live ready. If you have to get ready when opportunity comes your way, you are too late. Opportunity does not wait, not even while you pray. You must not have to get ready; you must live ready."<sup>3</sup>

To me, living ready means approaching each day with a spiritual perspective. When we approach life carnally, we don't look to see what the Lord is doing in each situation. When we approach life spiritually, however, we look, expecting the Holy Spirit to move.

A man brought a load of firewood to my house, and as I started to write out the check, the Lord said, "Put a few extra dollars in it."

When I handed him the check, I said, "There's a little extra in there. God is not stingy with me and I don't want to be with other people." That may sound like an unusual approach to witnessing, but it was what God put in my heart to share.

The man replied, "Well, God is stingy with me. I'm having a real hard time financially. What kind of work do you do?"

"I'm a pastor."

"I didn't think preachers made good money."

"God takes good care of me," I said. Then, I asked him if he knew the Lord, and he told me that he practiced eastern religion. "That's the problem," I told him. "There's no power in that. I cast demons out of people all the time who have followed eastern religion."

That remark led to a conversation about his spiritual condition that never would have taken place had I not responded to the Holy Spirit's prompting.

We need to approach each moment from a spiritual perspective, expecting God to move wherever we are. We may be at the kitchen sink, the gas station, in a counsel-

ing situation, or a hundred other places, but the challenge of power evangelism is to see what God is doing and flow with Him in it.

#### Peddlers Not Allowed

A second point is that we need to show people Jesus by loving them, not by peddling religion. In Matthew 9:13, Jesus says, "Go and learn what this means, 'I desire compassion, and not sacrifice'" (NAS). Jesus was quoting from Hosea 6:6, the context of which makes clear that God calls for relational loyalty more than religious ritual; witnessing can become a religious ritual.

Jesus did not peddle religion to people; He simply loved them. To Zaccheus, He said, "Let's go have lunch together." People saw compassion in Jesus. He did not talk to them in a condemning way because of their sin; He demonstrated His love, and in so doing answered every objection, every question, and every defense. The love of Jesus still reaches the inner man to meet his needs.

I was in Dallas early one Sunday morning, and as I looked for an opportunity to witness, I got anxious and frustrated because nothing was happening. Finally, the Lord said, "Ben, quit looking for evangelistic targets, and start loving the people around you. If you will care for them, evangelism will take care of itself."

With God's help, I shifted gears, and began talking to a man I met on the street. He was dirty and had no home or job. I took him to breakfast, and then to my hotel room so that he could shower. We talked for a little while longer, and then decided to go to the church I had intended to visit while in Dallas.

When the pastor gave the invitation for people to come and receive Christ, the man rushed down to the altar and got on his knees. I was afraid that because the man's skin was a different color than any of the other five thousand people present that morning, they might mistreat him in some way. But instead, person after person walked up to rejoice with him. One man offered him a job, another offered him a place to live, and another



# Who's Really Qualified?

**N**ew Wine contributing editor Larry Christenson saw this humorous, yet insightful look at the disciples' qualifications on the wall at a doctor's office.

To: Jesus, Son of Joseph  
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From: Jordan Management  
Consultants

Dear Sir,

Thank you for submitting the resumes for the twelve men you have picked for management positions in your new organization. All of them have now taken our battery of tests, and we have not only run the tests through our computer, but also arranged personal interviews for each of them with our psychologist and vocational aptitude consultants. The profiles of all

tests are included, and you'll want to study each of them carefully.

As part of our services for your guidance, we make some general comments. It is the staff's opinion that most of your nominees are lacking in background, education, and vocational aptitudes for the type of enterprise you are undertaking. They do not have the team concept. We would recommend that you continue your search for persons of experience in managerial ability and proven capabilities.

Simon Peter is emotionally unstable and given to fits of temper.

Andrew has absolutely no qualities of leadership.

The two brothers—James and John—the sons of Zebedee, place personal interests above company loyalty.

Thomas demonstrates a questioning attitude that would tend to undermine morale.

We feel it is our duty to tell you that Matthew has been blacklisted by the Greater Jerusalem Better Business Bureau.

James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus definitely have radical leanings, and they both registered a high score on the manic-depressive scale.

One of the candidates, however, shows great potential. He's the man of ability and resourcefulness, meets people well, has a keen business mind, and has contacts in high places. He is highly motivated, ambitious, and responsible. We recommend Judas Iscariot as your comptroller and right-hand man. All of the other profiles are self-explanatory. □

talked about wanting him to help in a part of the church's ministry. They demonstrated the love of Christ.

## Total Dependence

Third, we must depend on the Holy Spirit. I was having tea with a Christian dentist in Europe when he saw a man near us and suggested we tell him about Jesus. I was reluctant, but how does a preacher say he doesn't want to talk to someone about Jesus? The man was obviously annoyed that we had bothered him, and angrily started firing difficult questions at us: "If there is a God who loves people, why are babies born

deformed?"

The discussion went back and forth until I couldn't take the pressure of the debate any longer, and I uttered one of those real spiritual prayers: "Help!"

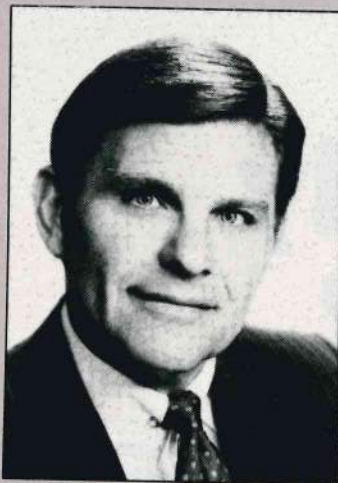
Then, I felt impressed to say to him, "If Jesus is who we say He is, then He is going to reveal Himself to you. It may be tonight, tomorrow, or ten years from now, but when He does, that revelation will break through all your objections and questions, and you will have to deal with Him."

Saying this seemed to relieve the tension, and the three of us had an enjoyable time talking together until we parted company that

night. The next morning, my friend ran into the same man. He said he hadn't been able to sleep that night, because the Lord had revealed Himself to him. My friend offered to pray with him, and he received Christ. He then told a tragic story of how his child had been born deformed and had died at the age of two. We never could have won the argument he had against God; only the power of God could reach him.

Acts 6:10 says that when Stephen spoke, "they were unable to cope with the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking" (NAS). Our only hope in witnessing is the activity of the Spirit working





Kenneth Copeland on sowing

## NEXT MONTH IN NEW WINE: OUR RICHES IN CHRIST

**Forgiveness:** Ern Baxter takes a hard look at the essential nature of sin, and then explains what we mean when we confess "I believe in the forgiveness of sins."

**Healing:** Charles Price, in an excerpt from *The Real Faith*, shares the secret of healing, and of Christian victory itself.

**Prosperity:** Kenneth Copeland explains that the "hundredfold" principle of planting and reaping is so simple that Christians often overlook it.

Plus Terry Fullam says it is vital to give as God gives, and to pass along to others what God gives us, and an interview with Lewis Smedes, author of *Forgive & Forget*, on the importance of healing the hurts we don't deserve.

All in the May *New Wine*

in the lives of those to whom we speak.

### Signs and Wonders

Fourth, we need to demonstrate the power of God. It is hard to find New Testament conversions that were not accompanied by a supernatural manifestation: a word of wisdom, a word of knowledge, healing, or deliverance. God's power, not just our words, moves people. I am astounded at how few words Jesus spoke when ministering. Rarely, if ever, did He preach to a person before or after He healed him. The touch said it all. "The kingdom of God does not consist in words but in power" (1 Cor. 4:20 NAS). We need to demonstrate that.

Two summers ago I was preaching in Derby, England. We ran out of time in the hall the church had rented, so we went outside to a public park to continue our meeting. As I began praying for the people, many were so overwhelmed by the power of God that they began falling all over the lawn. Three teenage girls rode up on their bikes and watched goggle-eyed. When I turned in their direction, they jumped back and screamed, "Don't touch us!" But two of them came to the Lord that afternoon. Through a demonstration of the power of God, those girls were saved.

Back at my church, we have been going from house to house in the area, knocking on doors, introducing ourselves, and telling people briefly that God is doing some powerful things in people's lives. We then ask if anyone in the house is sick or has a physical need. Not many people in this country have ever had someone knock on their door and ask them that question. But in experimenting with this concept, we have seen total strangers open their hearts and weep as the power of God has moved on them.

### Speaking a Word

Fifth, we must speak what is in our mouth and heart. In witnessing, the word I need is often in my mouth, but I talk myself out of it. I was at a men's retreat, and I noticed that the gift shop had postcards explaining the legend of the

sand dollar and its connection with the Holy Spirit. As I looked at the postcard, a thought came to ask the proprietor if he knew the Holy Spirit, but I didn't because many people were around and I didn't want to embarrass him.

Later that afternoon, I was near the shop and again sensed the Lord saying, "Ask him if he knows the Holy Spirit." So I went in and discovered the man by himself. Even though those words were in my heart, I got nervous and gave him a more standard statement. I said, "I've come to talk to you about the Lord." Nothing would have been wrong with that if it was what God had put in my mouth, but it wasn't. He had told me to ask if he knew the Holy Spirit, and because I didn't the conversation fell flat.

We must pay attention to the word that is in our mouth. We should speak it and let God take care of the results.

If we're going to evangelize effectively, we must ask the Holy Spirit to come upon us and to empower us. We should confess to Him that we cannot do anything unless He does it through us. When we do, He will enable us to do the works of Jesus—works that will demonstrate the power of God and extend His kingdom.

We may only be students on a pilgrimage of learning how Jesus wants evangelism done; we may be clumsy in our attempts. But the important thing is that we do it—and that we do it as Jesus did. □

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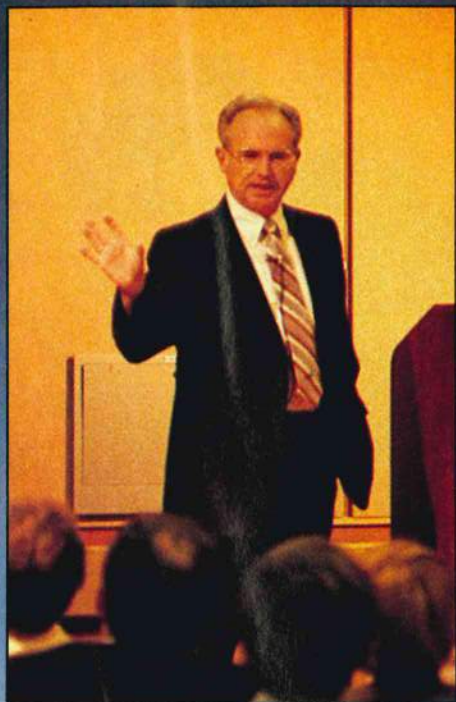
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# You're Invited to Be With Charles Simpson in April

"In early 1985, God directed me to visit our constituents across the country and minister face-to-face to those of you who receive *New Wine Magazine* and our other publications. Since that time, I've held special meetings in ten cities all over the United States. As we've gone out, God has anointed our time and helped us to minister to many needs.

"During these meetings, I've tried to share about what we're doing here, and how God is leading us in new directions. Besides teaching from the Scriptures, I have also felt the Lord directing me to include a time of prayer and personal ministry. These have been powerful times in the Lord! I look forward to being together with you and I am eager to see what God has in store for us all."

Charles Simpson

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# GOING OUT ON A LIMB



**You don't have to be a minister, elder, or evangelist to step out in faith. Here's proof!**


## **What if David Metzler had not shared his vision?**

Fifteen-year-old David Metzler and his friends were at a church youth meeting one night when they began praying for a friend who was struggling in his walk with the Lord. During that prayer time, David had a vision in which he saw his friend running away from his father. But the vision also showed them being reconciled.

At first, David wasn't sure he should share the vision. But during a pause in the prayer time, he began to describe it, and his friend was deeply touched.

At that time, he and his father had a poor relationship. But the night David had his vision, a healing began taking place, and in the following days, they were completely reconciled. □





## What if Steve Hilliard had failed to tell the man about Jesus?

Steve Hilliard worked all night at a convenience store, and at two in the morning the last thing he wanted to do was tell someone about the Lord. But as he talked with a man who appeared to be quite discouraged, he knew what the Lord wanted him to do. "The Lord can really help us all," he said.

The conversation took off from there, and for several nights the man returned to talk. The man said he had become a Christian some time ago, but had backslid. Eventually, he began going to church with Steve.

One day, however, the man was put in jail following a domestic dispute. But because the Lord was dealing with him, He used those circumstances not only in his life, but also in the lives of some of the other inmates. Now, Steve's church has a full-fledged ministry at that jail, and a revival has broken out there. Steve says that some of the guards have been saved, and the Lord even answered the prisoners' prayers for the guards to get a pay raise. □

## What if Sue Wicks had not acted on the impression she received from the Lord?

Ken Wicks, his wife, Sue, and their daughters walked around the state fair, listening to music and admiring the various farm displays. When they came to the peanut farmers' booth, Ken began talking with one of the men there.

The Lord impressed upon Sue that the farmer Ken was talking to had a physical problem. When they came to a pause in the conversation, Sue asked the man, "Do you have something wrong with your stomach?"

He said he did, and they offered to pray for him. Although he was not immediately healed, the man was obviously touched by their faith. His countenance changed remarkably, and he said he would attend a church they recommended in his hometown. □

## What if David Arnold had not spoken the word of knowledge to the cashier?

David and Linda Arnold were shopping when the Lord impressed upon David that the cashier was ready to accept Christ. He then asked the woman if she had ever considered becoming a Christian, and she burst into tears.

"I can't believe it!" she said. "Yesterday I was reading a book by Billy Graham and was thinking about it a lot. In fact, I drove thirty miles to talk to my grandmother about being a Christian."

David and Linda invited the woman to their home for dinner, and there she accepted the Lord. When she did, she said she felt as if a heavy weight had been lifted off her shoulders, and even admitted that she had been considering suicide. "You literally saved my life," she told them. □



## THE WORD

# A journey through the Old Testament From Eden to Babylon

**E**ach month we will study a portion of the Old Testament from three viewpoints: the Kingdom principle, God encouraging man to live under His rule; the incarnation principle, God demonstrating His nature through faithful men and women; and the Spirit principle, God acting in human affairs by the power of the Holy Spirit.

When God created the earth and man, He intended that the entire earth would be filled with people who voluntarily lived under His rule. He did not, however, create the first man, Adam, with perfect maturity, but rather with perfect potential. By placing a series of choices before him, God planned to bring Adam to a glorious maturity.

Adam, however, failed the first test, and thereby rejected the rule of God. As a result, he lost the rule over nature God had given him, and sowed seeds of sin and rebellion in the earth (see Genesis 1:26; 3:17-24). God then provided a salvation for Adam, which only brought him back to square 1. He still had to pursue the goal of maturity, but the specter of sin and death dogged his tracks. The seed of sin grew, and eventually Cain, his firstborn son, murdered his brother Abel.

From that point until the flood, the story of mankind goes downhill, although occasionally a bright spot occurs. From the line of Seth, the son whom God gave to Adam to replace his murdered son, Abel, came Enoch and Noah, who both were said to have walked with God. Amos 3:3 says, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" These men agreed with God—they came under His rule and did things His way. By following the paths of those who walked with God we can see the development of His

kingdom.

In Noah's time, the increasingly widespread evil in the earth caused God to destroy through a flood all mankind except for Noah and his family. Through that event, God demonstrated His determination to reward covenant and to judge rebellion. After the flood, He restored the covenant and man's rule over the earth because Noah had been righteous in all his ways (see Genesis 9:2-3). But there was trouble ahead.

At Babylon, the people's goal was to "reach into heaven." It seemed good, but they sought God in their own way, ignoring His desires as they reached for self-glorification. So God scattered them over the earth. God wanted a people who would walk in His ways and reflect His government. He would soon find in Abraham a man who would become the father of such a people.

Looking at these same events from the incarnation principle, we see that God breathed His Spirit into Adam, incarnating His life into Adam's flesh, and Adam became a living soul (see Genesis 2:7). But sin destroyed that perfection and henceforth the incarnation of God's life in man would be limited until the arrival of the "second Adam" (see 1 Corinthians 15:45). Enoch and Noah, however, were two men who had demonstrated God's righteousness in their behavior. Enoch was so filled with the nature of God that God took him to be with Him without his suffering death.

Again looking at these same scriptures, we see from the Spirit principle that the Holy Spirit was the agent of creation, brooding like a hen over the primordial chaos, molding and shaping it according to the purposes of God (see Genesis 1:2). It was the breath, or Spirit, of God that animated Adam, and it

was the Spirit of God that worked with men in the time of Noah, trying to change them (see Genesis 6:3).

From Eden to Babylon, we see God working, striving, and encouraging men to live under His rule, to demonstrate His nature in the earth, and to walk with Him in the Spirit.

**GENERAL READING ASSIGNMENT:** The reading assignment will take you through the historical narrative of the Old Testament this year. This month, read Genesis chapters 1-11.

### FIRST ASSIGNMENT:

1. To whom is God speaking in Genesis 1:26 when He says, "Let us make man in our image"?

2. What does it mean to be made in the likeness and image of God? (Look up the scriptural uses of these words in a concordance; also compare with Philippians 2:5-16.)

3. Why did God accept Abel's offering and reject Cain's (see Genesis chapter 4; compare also Hebrews 11:4; 1 John 3:12; and Jude 11)?

4. God restored much that was lost because of Adam when He re-established the covenant with Noah. In Genesis chapter 9, study the terms of this covenant. What effect does it have on us today?

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## TIPS FOR FATHERS

Building self-esteem in our families

# Grasshoppers vs. Giants

by Bruce Longstreth

**W**hen two and one-half million ex-slaves from Egypt faced the tough assignment of conquering ten thousand square miles of a land flowing with milk and honey, they jumped at the opportunity but staggered at the opposition—walled cities and giants! The report given by ten of the men who spied out the promised land indicated the condition of their spirit: "We became like grasshoppers in our own sight" (Num. 13:33 NAS).

In addition to lack of faith, these Israelites had a serious self-esteem problem. In Egypt, they had suffered the abuse of cruel taskmasters who constantly harped on their worthlessness. Now, as they faced the awesome task of conquering walled cities and the nine-foot giants who guarded them, they shrank back in terror at their inadequacy. They imagined themselves as bugs about to be stepped on by a size 14 sandal.

When we face the tough issues of life, each family member at times may feel as if he's a grasshopper facing a giant. For this reason, the home must be a place for building self-esteem. Although discipline and correction are necessary, they don't have to contain the many negative expressions that serve no useful purpose. In fact, they tear down the self-esteem needed for a productive life. For self-esteem to thrive, the language of the home must be positive and hopeful.

Let's look at three examples of conversation that tear down our families, and three ways that we can build them up:

"You are dumb, slow, and ugly." These kinds of four-letter words are poor choices for describing our kin.

The long-term effect of harmful words is that those who receive them develop a "grasshopper mentality." This attitude, if not checked, produces people of indecision rather than those who are eager to meet the challenge of new opportunities.

"Your friend Nancy is so outgoing. Why aren't you more like her?" "Your brother's room is always neat. Why does yours always look like a pigsty?" Faulty comparisons send a growth-stunting message: "You don't measure up." This persistent message insures a grasshopper's stature.

"You always leave your bike right in the middle of the driveway." "You never make it to dinner on time." "You never do anything right." *Always* and *never* are words that often indicate we are looking more for mistakes than for success. If we keep telling our kids they "always" or "never," it will probably be true.

The first step in changing the negative atmosphere in our homes

is to recognize the uniqueness of each family member. Each one is special; each one has different gifts and abilities. Focus on what each does well, and encourage them in that.

A second step is to find the biggest and best words to describe their uniqueness. Imagine a three year old telling someone, "My daddy says I am the scintillant effervescence of his old age." Positive remarks build confidence and self-esteem (and vocabularies too).

Two of the men, Caleb and Joshua, who spied out the land must have come from homes characterized by confidence-building words. Instead of calling the challenge hopeless, they said, "We can take the land. The Lord is with us. We are well able to do the job." Their statement not only indicates strong self-esteem and confidence but a third ingredient in family life we must never overlook: *God is on our side!* Caleb and Joshua believed the God who had delivered them from the land of Egypt would give the new land, giants and all, into their hands. A God who had gone to all the trouble to get them out of Egypt was well able to give them the land.

The central focus of the gospel is, "When we were without strength, Christ died for us." Christ paid a tremendous price to free us from slavery to live a new life in His kingdom. As fathers, we should teach our children to say with boldness, "We are well able. We are loved and accepted and great things are expected of us because of what the Lord has done." □

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# A CONSPIRACY OF SILENCE

A Christian tells how he overcame alcoholism.

Anonymous

**I** was the victim of a silent conspiracy—a conspiracy conceived more in ignorance than deliberate design, a conspiracy in which I was both perpetrator and victim. It was the silent conspiracy that surrounds alcoholism.

I call alcoholism the silent conspiracy because there are few who want to talk about it. And like so many other addictions, alcoholism can best spin its web of deceit when those involved remain silent—especially when the alcoholic is a well-known Christian minister.

But I want to strike a blow at the awful silence that has imprisoned so many. I write with passion because I have suffered the pain and felt the sting of this affliction. And I write with compassion because of the millions of others still trapped in the living hell of this addiction.

My first experience with alcohol was as a young teen. Although I had become a Christian at an early age and attended church regularly with my family, in high school I began to run with a wild crowd. As a teenager, I was introduced to the macho world of beer drinking, and I liked what I found. I enjoyed the release from inhibitions and the feeling of being someone I couldn't be when I was sober. As strange as it may seem, I felt more in control while intoxicated than sober. But this brief period of rebellion as a teen came to a halt when, at a Bap-

tist revival meeting, I recommitted my life to Christ and obeyed God's call to become a minister. I began to pastor a small church at age seventeen while I attended college, and continued to pastor through my seminary years. For nineteen years as a pastor, the problem of alcohol never came up. But then I was introduced in a very innocent way to "social drinking."

As a minister, I noted the Scripture was clear in its condemnation of drunkenness, but never specifically against drinking. For this reason, when I found that several of my Christian friends served wine with dinner, it was not offensive to me; in fact, it was an enjoyable experience and one that we began to practice at home.

## Too Late to Turn Back

Eventually, however, that pleasant feeling I got from alcohol became a persistent desire and that desire became an obsession. No matter where I was or what I was doing, I was constantly preoccupied with the next drink. I found myself gulping drinks down and hiding bottles to protect my supply. I would plan to drink only a small amount, but slowly my tolerance increased and I invariably ended up drinking much more and much faster than I planned.

To hide my drinking from my family and the church members, I began to do something that was quite dangerous, but something I

found later is a common practice among alcoholics. I would drive some distance from my home, buy a six-pack of beer, and then while driving down the freeway I would consume the whole six-pack, making sure that I finished just as I turned off the freeway to my house. Many times I couldn't make the beer and the drive come out right, and I would have to buy more and drive longer.

Sometimes after drinking even small amounts, I could not remember where I had been or what I had done. And worst of all, after every drinking spree, I felt deep emotional pains of remorse, regret, and depression. Slowly but surely, I became alienated from my family and isolated from my friends.

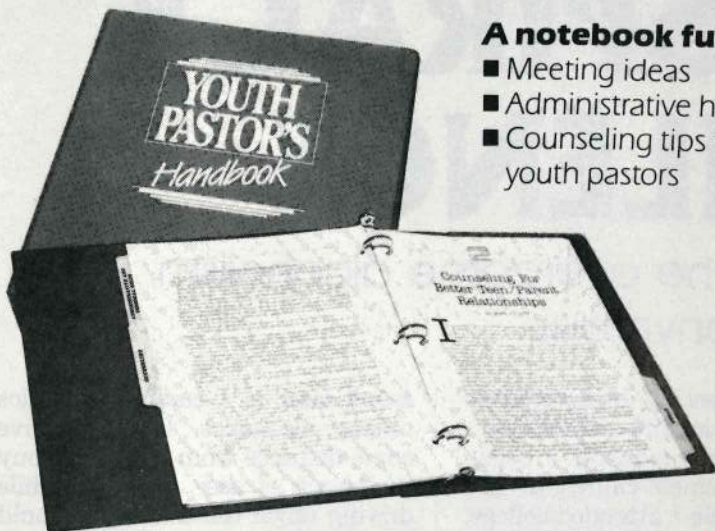
When I found I couldn't stop, I decided I would try to "control" my habit. But the only drink I had any control over was the first one. If I allowed myself that first drink, after that, I was out of control. I soon lost even the ability to resist the first drink.

As a minister who had shared the gospel and counseled many in trouble, I knew I had a serious problem. But this knowledge only increased my inner turmoil. I would fast and pray for God's help only to find myself helplessly out of control once again. During this awful period of darkness, I could not understand why Jesus would not help me.

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hidden from most of the people around me. I am sure more knew than I suspected, but most did not. Even when I was obnoxious in my behavior, friends would only say, "That's just him. He's kind of weird!" I preferred them to think that rather than to know the truth. My wife, who realized the desperate condition I was in, was the only one who ever confronted me. But she did not understand the problem. She would threaten to expose me, but I would promise to stop, threaten to leave, or deny the obvious truth until she began to think she was crazy. Then, she became what counselors call my number 1 enabler.

...family members, and friends frequently enable the alcoholic to continue drinking by accepting his distorted version of reality and sheltering him from the painful consequences of his conduct. This enabling dynamic springs from our instinctive impulse to comfort and protect sick people, but for the alcoholic, whose one lifeline to sobriety is honest self-confrontation, it has disastrous consequences.<sup>1</sup>

## Desperation

It is well-known that any attempt to help an alcoholic is fruitless until he reaches rock bottom. Finally, I arrived at that place. I was totally isolated from everyone. I drank alone, often starting in the morning and continuing throughout the day. Emotionally and spiritually, I had reached a level of unbearable pain.

At times I would be overpowered with thoughts that I was crazy, or a demon had come to possess me. Other times I saw myself as a weak, rotten, immoral person.

Finally, when my wife threatened to expose me to a minister friend, I decided to attend an Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meeting. A man I was pastoring at the time had mentioned that AA had helped him.

I expected to find a group of broken down derelicts and bums sitting around, crying over their terrible past. Instead I was amazed to discover a very healthy, happy, and energetic group of people. I



was also impressed with the wisdom and common sense they shared as they discussed something called *The Big Book of AA*, the basic text for AA members.

I discovered two keys at this meeting that released me and set me on the road to recovery. First of all, these people spoke about their condition. They were open, honest, and transparent. There was no attempt to hide who they were and what they had done. And second, I heard a statement made by one of the men: "Alcoholism is a disease. Your first need is to get well, not better."

As a minister, I had often spoken out very strongly against this kind of statement. "Alcoholism is a sin, not a sickness," I would argue. "It is a moral problem, not a medical problem." Suddenly I realized that was nothing but rhetoric. It sounded good from the pulpit, but in practice the idea didn't work. As I began to accept that alcoholism is a disease, and that I could freely share my deep struggle, I began the long, slow road to healing.

At long last I saw my prayer for God's help being answered, even though help came in a way I had not expected. There was no quick fix. It was more like recovering from a debilitating disease. It took hard work, retraining, and time for me to be healed. But most of all, I found a strong support-system of friends who with love and understanding helped me break the silent conspiracy. I found that God had blessed me with a pastor who believed in me when I did not believe in myself. My family continued to love and endure, even when it did not understand. God surrounded me with Christian brothers who listened to me and prayed for me without condemnation. AA provided the proven principles and the warm fellowship of other recovering alcoholics. At last, the awful conspiracy of silence was broken.

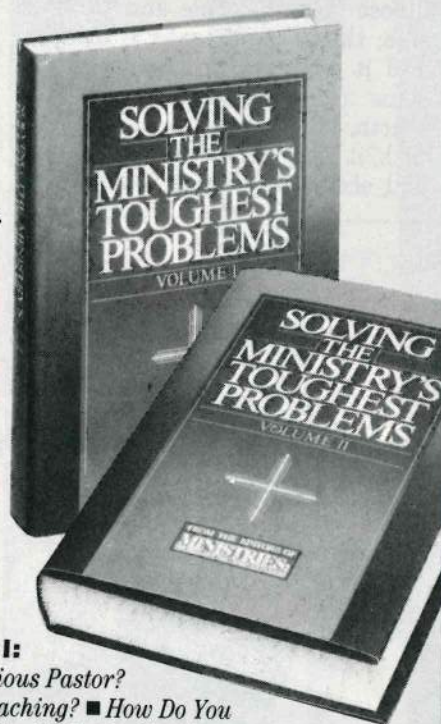
But what about others who still suffer as I did and have nowhere to turn? How serious is the problem of alcoholism in this country? What can I and others do to help? I have discovered many things during my recovery that I was only vaguely aware of prior to my struggle.

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### Sin or Sickness?

In 1956, the American Medical Association recognized alcoholism as a disease, which implied several things: First, the illness can be described; second, the course of the illness is predictable and progressive; third, the disease is primary and it is not just a symptom of some other underlying disorder; fourth, it is chronic or permanent; fifth, it is terminal if left untreated; and sixth, the illness is treatable,

although not curable. As many other diseases, it can be arrested.

Does this mean that all an alcoholic has to say is, "Alcoholism is a disease, and I am sick," and that will cover it? The answer is *no*! He must choose not to drink. Most people who choose to drink can also choose to stop at any point. Some people can drink until they're drunk, which Scripture clearly condemns, but their drunkenness does not mean they're alcoholics (see

Romans 13:13; Galatians 5:19-21; 1 Peter 4:3). Once an alcoholic has taken the first drink, however, he is powerless. That is the nature of the disease.

Even if he has not taken a drink in twenty years, he is still an alcoholic. And if he begins to drink after twenty years of sobriety, he will quickly become worse than when he stopped twenty years earlier. That also is the nature of the disease.

My initial picture of an alcoholic was like that of most people: a derelict lying in the gutter of some large city, clutching a bottle of cheap wine. But this kind of alcoholic represents less than five percent of the nearly twelve million addicts in the United States. The other ninety-five percent are businessmen, doctors, nurses, housewives, college students, ministers, salesmen. Some are Christian men and women committed to Jesus Christ.

To totally arrest the disease, an alcoholic must do two things: First, in addition to total abstinence from alcohol, he must develop a new life-style with new ways to handle his problem. He can no longer afford anger and resentment, which have long been standard commodities. He must replace worry about yesterday and tomorrow with a philosophy that enables him to live one day at a time. He must heal strained relationships and work each day to keep them healthy. If he fails to develop this new life-style, chances are very good that he will drink again.

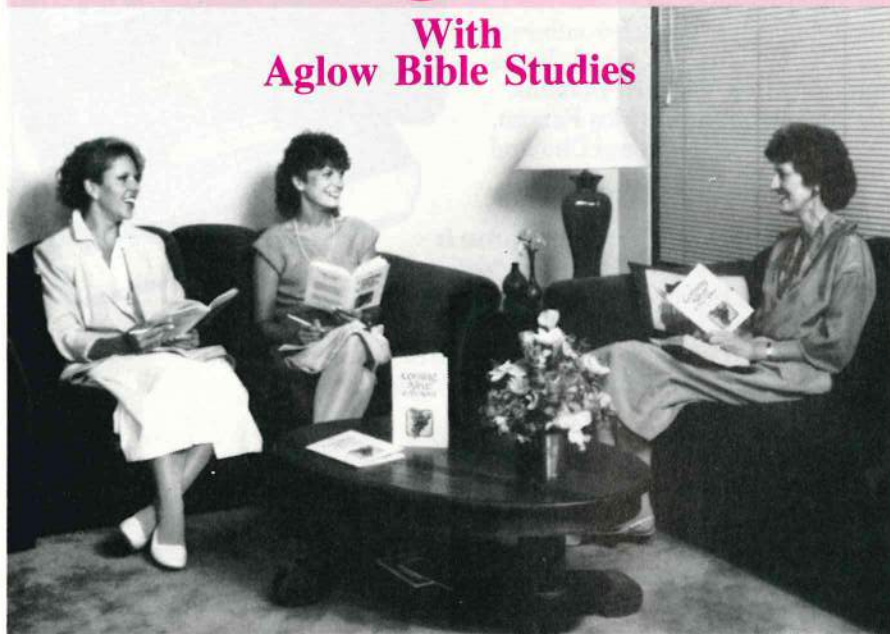
Second, the alcoholic must build his life on a spiritual foundation. I found that AA simply advocated living the Christian life I had preached about for so long. But as it is with so much other sound advice, we only follow it when we are forced to. We know we shouldn't eat fatty foods, but we only stop after we make our first visit to the cardiologist when we have chest pains. An alcoholic cannot afford the luxury of a cosmetic religion. He must find a spirituality that works.

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If you think you may have a problem with alcohol, the following questions can help:

Yes No

- ☐ ☐ 1. Have you ever decided to stop drinking for a week or so, but only lasted for a couple of days?
- ☐ ☐ 2. Do you wish people would mind their own business about your drinking—stop telling you what to do?
- ☐ ☐ 3. Have you ever switched from one kind of drink to another in the hope that this would keep you from getting drunk?
- ☐ ☐ 4. Have you wanted a drink in the morning during the past year?
- ☐ ☐ 5. Do you envy people who can drink without getting into trouble?
- ☐ ☐ 6. Have you had problems connected with drinking during the past year?
- ☐ ☐ 7. Has your drinking caused trouble at home?
- ☐ ☐ 8. Do you ever try to get "extra" drinks at a party because you do not get enough?
- ☐ ☐ 9. Do you tell yourself you can stop drinking anytime you want to, even though you keep getting drunk when you don't mean to?
- ☐ ☐ 10. Have you missed days of work because of drinking?
- ☐ ☐ 11. Have you ever had a complete loss of memory as a result of drinking?
- ☐ ☐ 12. Have you ever felt that your life would be better if you did not drink?

If you answered four or more of these questions with a yes, you may be in trouble with alcohol. Many organizations are helping alcoholics and their families. If you write to us at *New Wine*, the author of our alcoholism testimony will try to recommend an organization that would be the most helpful in your situation. Write to Alcoholism, P.O. Box Z, Mobile, Alabama 36616. All letters will be kept confidential.

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## Alcoholism

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opportunity to minister to alcoholics and their families. But to break the conspiracy of silence and to minister effectively, two things must happen. First, alcoholism must be recognized as a disease, and distinguished from drunkenness. When this is done, the door is opened to a second important attitude change—the Church must see itself as a healer rather than a judge.

In John 9:2, the disciples asked Jesus, "Who sinned, this man or his parents, that he should be born blind?" (NAS). They wanted to pinpoint the blame, but Jesus would not be pulled into the controversy.

As to who sinned, He replied, "Neither" (v. 3). Surely, He was not denying the presence of sin or the effects sin had on the human race. But He recognized that the problem would not be solved by ascribing blame to anyone.

In so doing, Jesus broke from the established tradition of His day. For Him, the important thing was not trying to find someone to blame. He came not to judge but to reveal the power of God over every sickness, disease, and tormenting spirit. The real issue was, what did His Father want Him to do? And the issue for us is the same. Are we willing to drop all of our preconceived ideas of blame and obey His loving purpose?

I believe this is the challenge for every believer. If we want to see the beginning of a new day for millions of desperate, suffering people, we must begin to seek solutions rather than scapegoats. The social stigma attached to leprosy in Jesus' day has changed. Today we see the leper as a sick person and not a bad person. The same can happen for the alcoholic. Breaking the stigma also breaks the bondage of the conspiracy of silence. Saying "I am an alcoholic" should carry no more shame than saying "I am a diabetic." For both, silence has proven fatal.

Finally, the most important thing I discovered through my struggle and rehabilitation was this: The Church must come to see itself as a long-term healer of those who come to it for help, not only for the alcoholic but for all forms of ad-

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diction. The following statement has become crystal clear to me in recent days:

Every year thousands of alcoholics...pass through the church looking for a way to stop drinking. Some of them find it. The vast majority, however, become victims of "the myth of the quick fix." They are persuaded by well-meaning Christian believers that if only they say the right words, pray the right prayers, or find the right person to lay hands on them, their addiction will miraculously disappear.<sup>2</sup>

I believe more than ever that it's the steadfast love of the Father and the covenant bond of God's people that will bring not only healing but health to many needy people. As a minister and member of His body, I'm here for the long haul—not only for myself, but for my family and friends, and for all who so desperately need the Master's touch. □

#### Footnotes

<sup>1</sup>Anderson Spickard, M.D., and Barbara R. Thompson, *Dying for a Drink* (Waco, TX: Word Books, 1985), pp. 58-59.

<sup>2</sup>Ibid. p. 14.

#### The Word

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#### SECOND ASSIGNMENT:

Read Genesis chapter 11.

Question for study and discussion:

1. Could the Babylonians who built the tower have accomplished what they set out to do? What connection do you see between Genesis 11:9 and Acts chapter 2?

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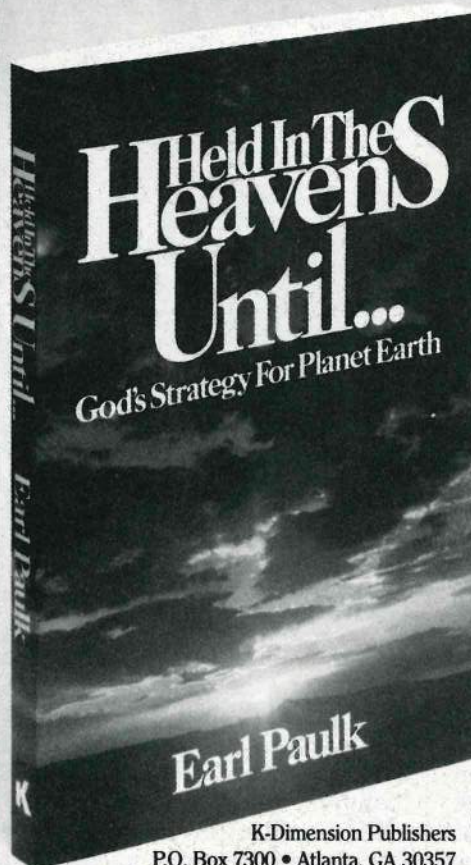
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## THE WAY I SEE IT

A warning to those who want an easy way out

# Downwind Landings Are Dangerous

by Don Basham

**H**e makes the clouds his chariot and rides on the wings of the wind" (Ps. 104:3 NIV).

In every art and profession there are basic rules to be followed if one is to be successful. Disobey the rules, and you end up in trouble.

There is no more basic rule in the art of flying than the one that says to always take off and land *into the wind*. Even great aircraft carriers swing around into the wind to launch or land aircraft from their decks.

To the natural mind, a head wind seems to be a hindrance designed to slow us down. Only when we understand the principles of flight do we see how essential heading into the wind can be and how dangerous tail winds are, especially when taking off or landing.

Some Christians seem to believe the grace of God should always provide a tail wind. They expect to spend their lives traveling downwind, following the path of least resistance. But being led by the Spirit of God does not necessarily mean our journey will be quick or easy. In fact, my own experiences with God indicate that although it may prove more difficult, the Christian life is more stable and rewarding when we live it facing into the wind. Believers seeking to breeze through life riding a tail wind are prime candidates for a crash landing.

In previous columns I have mentioned how, as a teenager, I learned to fly in a little yellow Piper Cub airplane. Certain experiences as an eighteen-year-old fledgling pilot proved later to have significant spiritual application—like the time

I tried so hard and so foolishly to make a downwind landing.

It was a cloudy afternoon in May 1944, with a strong hint of rain in the air. My instructor gazed carefully at the gathering clouds and gave me permission to fly for thirty minutes, provided I didn't go far from the airport. Assuring him all I wanted to do was shoot a few landings, I took off into air as heavy and smooth as cream.

The traffic pattern around the small airport at the edge of Wichita Falls, Texas, was similar to those the country over. Take off *into the wind*; climb to six hundred feet. Turn ninety degrees to the left and climb to eight hundred feet. Then, another ninety-degree left turn onto the downwind leg. Another left turn onto the base leg, you throttle back to fifteen hundred revolutions per minute and begin your descent. Turning onto the final approach, you line up with the runway, cut the throttle to idling, come in low over the fence and T-hangars at the end of the field, and level off over the end of the runway. Slowly ease back on the stick, raising the nose until, in three-point position, you lose flying speed just inches above the ground and drop to the runway.

The first three landings went smooth as silk. But the fourth time around all at once the little plane began to bounce around the darkening sky, buffeted by sharp gusts of wind. I realized it was time to head for the hangar. Steering through suddenly hostile air, I turned onto the final approach only to pass over the fence and T-hangars at bewildering speed. Overshooting the runway, I shoved the throttle forward and climbed to

six hundred feet to go around again.

Heart pounding, I turned onto the final approach a second time. But even with the throttle all the way closed, the little Cub sizzled across the boundary of the field like a fighter plane. I was approaching panic when I saw my instructor standing beside the runway, waving his arms wildly, gesturing toward the wind sock, which revealed the wind had not only radically increased in velocity, it had also changed 180 degrees in direction. I was trying to land downwind!

Slamming the throttle forward, I climbed once more to 600 feet, made a quick 180-degree turn back toward the runway, this time heading properly into the wind. Since the Piper Cub had a landing speed of under forty miles per hour, heading into a wind of more than thirty miles per hour put my speed over the ground at less than ten. The Piper Cub bounced to a landing and rolled toward the hangar door. I jumped out to help my instructor push it into the hangar just as the first blinding sheets of rain swept across the field, and listened as he summed up my foolhardiness with a single sentence: "Trying to land with a thirty-five-mile-per-hour wind at your tail can have a serious effect on your health."

Today, forty-two years later, with many a spiritual journey and some extremely rough landings behind me, I find it best to begin and end every spiritual endeavor facing into the wind. It seems so much safer.

At least, that's the way I see it. □



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