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FROM THE EDITOR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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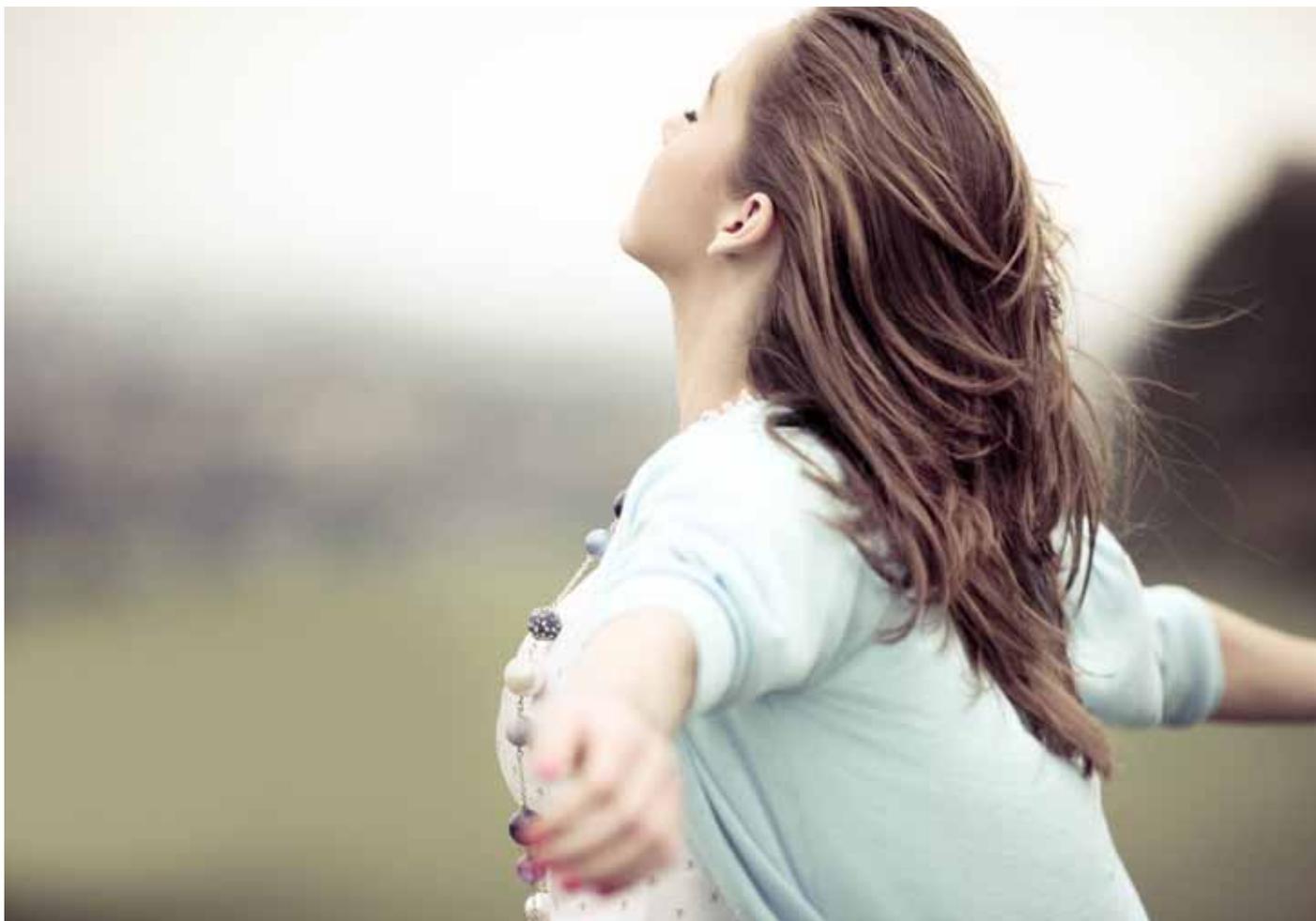
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LIVING FULL, IN HIM

ANDRÉ & JENNY ROEBERT

Life is for the Living! But, in this day and age, can we honestly believe that a good, fulfilled and peaceful life is attainable? With the daily pressures and escalating trouble people are facing, all over the world, and from all walks of life; can an excellent quality of life become our reality? Well, according to the Word of God, it most certainly can. In John 10:10, Jesus declares that the thief, being the devil, comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. But He, Jesus, came that we may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows). Proverbs 3:2, promises a life that is well worth living and full of tranquillity, inward and out! Since we know the Word of God to be true, and that God is not a respecter of persons, there is no reason for us to believe otherwise.

To live a full, satisfied life that is productive and at the same time, full of peace and tranquillity, seems so idyllic! Yet, it's a promise the Lord Jesus has secured for every believer to enjoy, if we dare to open our lives to it.

How do we attain it? Well, since the circumstances of life are constantly changing, we can certainly agree that they cannot be recognised as our source of a good, peaceful life. After all, we all know that physical things and riches, while bringing temporary happiness, can never fulfil or completely satisfy the human soul. After all, the news feeds we read are full of stories of the rich and famous, who seemingly have all the things their hearts desire; ending their lives because of their desperate unhappiness. So since the source of true happiness goes deeper than what is on the surface, perhaps it's worth digging a little deeper to discover its mysteries. For example, complete surrender was Paul's key to a fulfilled life.

In my own searching, I have come to understand that to resolve our inner struggles and complete our quest for true happiness in life, as children of God, there must be a clear and accurate perspective of who we are in Christ Jesus. In the New Testament, the Apostle Paul confessed to have found the key to true fulfilment and the ultimate purpose of life. He believed it had everything to do with intimately knowing the person of Jesus Christ and the power of His resurrection (Philippians 3:10). He often linked this theory with the importance of dying to his own selfish nature, and absolutely surrendering his personal independence to God. He spoke about abandoning the idea of self-preservation and instead, leaning and relying entirely on the trustworthy nature of God. Paul referred to a kind of life that is fully enveloped and given over to the complete love of God, and absolute devotion to Him. He spoke of our very identity being in Christ alone, and not in anything of ourselves. To me, that seems to mean a total yielding and deliberate turning away from self; and completely conforming to God's nature and character. I have to say, at first thought, this seems to kick against the core of who we are as individuals. What about that internal struggle for self-preservation and identity? Isn't that what has kept the human race in existence? Isn't that what causes those who are oppressed, to rise up and take dominion, instead of being dominated over?

Well, I have certainly given this much thought, and have consequently found, that when we, as individuals, really know the Lord, we see this concept of complete surrender, from a very different perspective. The more time we spend getting to know the Lord, in His Word and prayer; we begin to experience and enjoy His overwhelming, unconditional and absolute love for us. This love, is the game changer. It makes all the difference in how we perceive ourselves and our God. If we don't 'get' the love factor, we will always have a missing link when it comes to our walk of faith. Personally knowing and experiencing God's love for us is what fuels and sustains our beliefs. It crosses the bridge between a mechanical and clinical religion to a spontaneous and most satisfying relationship with God.

Like the Apostle Paul, I do believe the missing link to understanding the true meaning of absolute surrender to the person, nature and will of God, is LOVE itself. Love is what answers the question, why we should surrender all and completely sacrifice our own self-preservation, to become one with our Creator. 📌



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BETHEL MUSIC'S BRIAN & JENN JOHNSON AFTER ALL THESE YEARS

Brian & Jenn Johnson are co-founders of Dove Award winning Bethel Music, WorshipU, and have been integral in the production of more than 15 albums that have influenced the culture of worship across the global church.

More than 10 years since their last solo release, The Johnsons debuted their highly anticipated studio album *After All These Years* at the end of January 2017, capturing the wonder, conviction, and tenderness of heart behind the story of who they've become and who they've remained over the past season.

In addition to writing and recording songs for Bethel Music's compilations, their previous solo releases include live-worship albums *Undone* (2001) and *We Believe* (2006).

The album is filled with new music penned by Brian and Jenn, along with never-before-heard worship songs that have been years in the making. "We wrote this album because of seasons that God has proved His faithfulness in," share the Johnsons. "This project is the overflow and expression of that. We hope it inspires you to go after all that God is asking you to do. We've watched our parents and grandparents do this, and they have handed down a model that has influenced how we live and how we are dreaming into the future. Community, family, and carrying His name - that is the kingdom - and that is for every believer."

From its start, the album's title track sweeps listeners across a moving orchestral landscape paired with honest lyrics sung by Brian, "It amazes me after all You've done, it amazes me,

You're still running after us..." This theme marks the project as a whole: a reflective look back on God's faithfulness, and a hopeful looking ahead.

Each song reflects the seasoned journey of its writers and carries a message that the unseen history we build with God is the greatest treasure that sustains our lives personally, and from generation to generation. This 10 track album hit No. 1 on the iTunes Christian Albums chart. It has been applauded as "beautiful offerings of worship" and "sure to be one of the top worship albums of the year."

Stylistically, the album takes a distinct turn from anything Bethel Music has previously recorded; lush arrangements recorded by an 80-piece symphony orchestra are the hallmark of each track. In lyric and instrumentation, the project evokes a feeling of timelessness and unfettered hope.

Brian & Jenn are committed to raising healthy family, cultivating community, and fostering unity among worship leaders from around the world. Together they are passionate about raising up worshippers who take hold of their true identity and pursue intimacy with God above all else. Brian and Jenn reside in Redding, California, with their three wonderful children. They are committed to raising healthy family, cultivating community, and fostering unity among worship leaders from around the world. 📌

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A Q&A WITH GARY THOMAS

1. When did you first get the idea and prompting to write the book *Cherish*?

Not intending to sound too mystical, but I honestly believe the thought of focusing on “cherish” was a call from God. It dawned on me that though we pledge to “love and cherish” in our wedding vows (at least in the United States), 99.9% of marriage books focus on love, not on cherish. I lived with this idea and practice for a couple years in my own marriage and began writing down my thoughts when I saw the fruits.

2. Why do you think that the wedding vow “to cherish,” isn’t widely concentrated/focused on?

Love really is the backbone of marriage, so it’s reasonable for us to focus on love. But love without cherish can become like a ballet that focuses on the strengths and athletics without the grace and beauty. We need to keep cherish in mind so that we don’t lose the wonder of what God calls us to in marriage.

3. Do you believe that once a married couple truly knows how to cherish one another that there could be 100% healing after such devastation as an affair?

In the face of true repentance, yes. I just talked to a couple last week that overcame an affair. The wife told me that while they hate what happened and wish it hadn’t happened, they also would never want to go back to what their marriage was like before the affair. In this instance, the

husband was really and truly repentant and was duly accountable, and cherishing was thus an appropriate and effective remedy to rebuild their marriage.

The reality is, we all want to be cherished, and we all want to cherish the one we marry. When that happens it can create an entirely new marriage. In the book, I tell the story of a man who was married to a woman who died of cancer. He then remarried a second wife who also died of cancer. Terry tells me his second marriage was much richer than his first not because his second wife was more excellent than his first wife—he doesn’t believe that at all—but because his attitude in his second marriage was so different. In the second marriage, he learned to cherish his wife and it made all the difference. It led him to a much closer, happier, and more fulfilling marriage.

4. Can you share an incredible testimony from one of your readers of their marriage being healed?

I think the one that moved me most was when a couple lifted up their baby and said, “We call her our ‘sacred marriage baby.’” The wife had decided she wanted a divorce and had procured an apartment to move to. The husband went to his pastor, who gave him a copy of *Sacred Marriage*. As the wife was packing her things, she knocked her husband’s copy of *Sacred Marriage* onto the floor and it landed face up. She read the subtitle, “What if God designed marriage to make us holy more than to make us

happy?” and was intrigued enough to begin reading.

Several hours later, she woke her husband up and said she wanted to give their marriage another try. She never moved out, eventually got pregnant, and that’s the baby they showed to me. They told me, “This little girl would never have been born if we hadn’t read your book.”

5. Is there a short answer to the difference between actions to love & to cherish?

This might not be a short answer, but it helps to examine how the Bible defines “love” in 1 Corinthians 13 and compare that with the concept of cherishing in Song of Songs:

Love is about being gracious and altruistic. “*Love is patient, love is kind.*” (1 Cor. 13:4) **Cherish is about being enthusiastic and enthralled.** “*How much more pleasing is your love than wine, and the fragrance of your perfume more than any spice.*” (Song of Songs 4:10)

Love tends to be quiet and understated. “*(Love) does not envy, it does not boast.*” (1 Cor. 13:4)

Cherish boasts boldly and loudly: “*My beloved is radiant and ruddy, outstanding among ten thousand.*” (Song of Songs 5:10)

Love thinks about others with selflessness. “*Love is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking.*” (1 Cor. 13:4-5)

Cherish thinks about its beloved with praise. “*Your voice is sweet and your face is lovely.*” (Song of Songs 2:14)

Love doesn’t want the worst for someone: “*Love does not delight in evil.*” (1 Cor. 13:6)

Cherish celebrates the best in someone: “*How beautiful you are, my darling! Oh, how beautiful!*” (Song of Songs 1:15)

Love puts up with a lot: “*(Love) always hopes, always perseveres.*” (1 Cor. 13:7)

Cherish enjoys a lot. “*His mouth is sweetness itself; he is altogether lovely.*” (Song of Songs 5:16)

Love is about commitment. “*Love endures all things. Love never fails*” (1 Cor. 13:7-8; ESV)

Cherish is about delight and passion. “*Your name is like perfume poured out.*” (Song of Songs 1:3)

Love and cherish never compete—they complement each other and even complete each other.

6. Where is your favourite place to write?

My office, preferably with a cup of chai tea nearby.

7. Have you any advice to aspiring authors wanting to tackle the marriage theme?

One of the greatest challenges is that there are so many books out there on marriage that you need to find a distinct voice and purpose. Sacred Marriage was different due in part to my limitations—I’m not a trained therapist so

I couldn’t write another “how to” book. Instead, I explored how God uses marriage to shape us spiritually. I’m asked to endorse many books and the main problem is that so many try to be a “one size fits all” marriage book: they contain a chapter on communication, finances, spiritual intimacy, sex, conflict, etc. The problem is, I feel like I’ve read those books/chapters dozens of times. Find a unique angle—something that hasn’t been addressed—and bring your unique voice to it.

8. Who is your greatest critic?

Myself.

9. Which authors do you love to read?

I love to read the Christian classics: Calvin, Francis de Sales, John Owen, Pascal, Brother Lawrence, Fenelon, William Law, Jonathan Edwards, John Wesley, C.S. Lewis, Tozer, and many others. For contemporary writers, I’m a big fan of N.T. Wright and John Ortberg.

10. Do you believe knowing your spouse’s love language will enable you to cherish your spouse in a specific way suitable to them?

Yes. I believe the 5 Love Languages can be a very helpful and effective way to cherish your spouse. Cherishing is all about the “particular.” It means different things to different spouses. If you want your spouse to feel cherished, you need to find out what makes them feel cherished.

11. Can you describe one or two practical ways that you, Gary, cherish your wife Lisa?

Here’s the foreword Lisa wrote that might answer this in her own words:

I know what it feels like to be cherished.

A warm hand covering my cheek, maybe with a little eye contact

A gentle back rub

A cup of coffee by my bedside when I wake up in a hotel room

Words of affirmation, beyond what I deserve, sometimes even spoken in a room full of strangers

A hand pressed on the small of my back

A gas tank that remains miraculously full

Soft words when a harsh response might have been justifiable

Some of these things might make you feel annoyed rather than cherished! Cherishing takes on different forms for each of us, but for me, it is the little acts that leave me feeling adored, safe, worth the effort.

Just hearing the word *cherish* makes me want to hug Gary, give him a kiss on the cheek, and say thank you.

12. What have you learnt the most about your marriage after publishing your first marriage book?

A good marriage takes a lot of work, but it’s worth the work. To be married and not work on your marriage often leads to misery. If you do the work to grow your marriage, the effort will repay you tenfold. A happy, close and intimate mar-

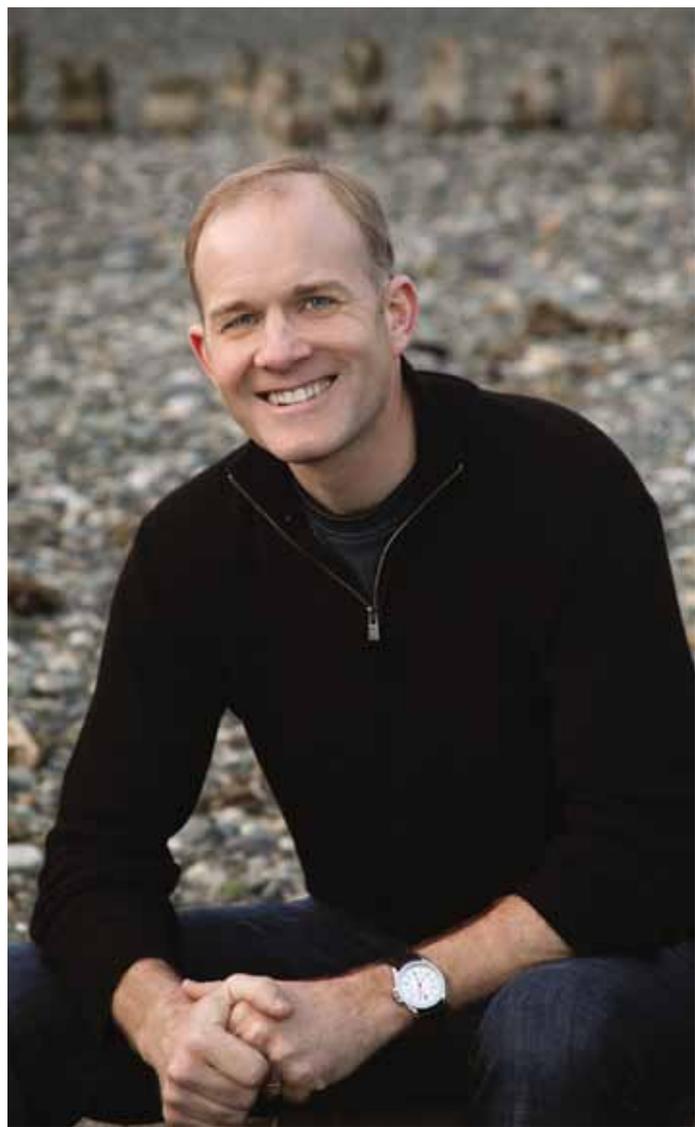
riage is one of the best gifts in life.

13. In summary, what do you believe is the power of Cherish?

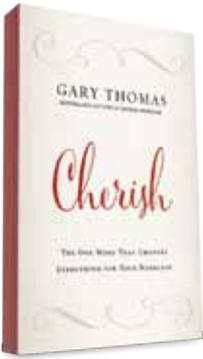
Cherishing teaches us to rely upon God and to prize our spouse in a way we never have before. When a spouse is cherished, the environment is set for him/her to grow in their beauty and excellence. Cherishing can be chosen and learned, and cherishing really can transform a good marriage into a great one, and a frustrating marriage into a satisfying one.

14. Are you writing another book now, can you share a sneak peek with us?

Yes, I'm working on a devotional to help engaged couples get spiritually prepared before their wedding day.



CHERISH - GARY THOMAS



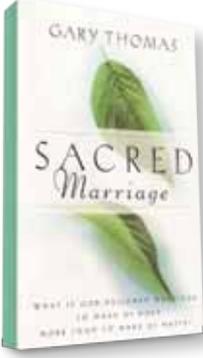
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If we look in the Word of God in 1 Timothy 4:15(NKJV) Paul tells Timothy, "Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all."

When we meditate we have an opportunity to digest what God is trying to tell us. I would call it; one of the disciplines that the church is not majoring on in these days. It is evident by the way in which we see so many believers, who are not totally convinced about the fundamentals of God's Holy Word.

When we meditate on The Word of God there can be no doubt about what God means when it comes to Bible principles. For example John 14:6 (NKJV) Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." Now if you meditate on that scripture, you will see that it is impossible to agree with the interfaith people who say that all roads lead to heaven, if you don't meditate on that scripture and you "speed read," than you will overlook the importance of the fact that there is only one God. Speed reading is a clever technique to get lots of work done, but to extract deep nourishment we need to read slowly. If you and I say that we do not have time anymore to meditate, we are in deep trouble.

Vance Harner said, "When we are too busy to sharpen the axe, then we are too busy." Abraham Lincoln the very famous US president came from the country. He would win all the agricultural competitions and shows. He was a tall, strongly built man. They said that when he took off his top

hat and his tails, he would roll up his sleeves, take an axe and beat everybody at splitting wood. They once asked him, "If you had 6 hours to cut down a large tree, how would you go about it?" He said, "I would send the first 4 hours sharpening the axe."

Some of us have problems with our memory, especially as we grow older, and especially when it comes to memorising Bible scriptures. The great theologian Matthew Henry said "Meditation is the best help to memory."

I often have people write to me and they would say they have a problem with different temptations in their lives. Some tell me they have a problem with lust and yet they continue to engage in pornographic material. Josiah Holland said, "The mind grows on what it feeds on." If we cannot meditate on God's Word we leave the door wide open for all kinds of temptations from the world to enter in. So we need to start, not only to read the Bible slowly, but most of all to meditate on the words that we read.

Remember that all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. If we cannot give ourselves time to systematic meditation on God's Word we will never grow in the Kingdom of God. We will become standard Christians, who bring no glory to Jesus Christ.

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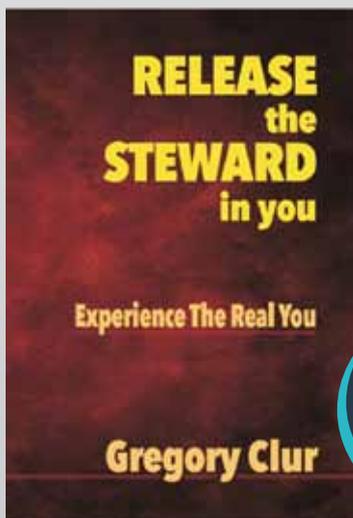
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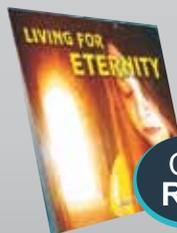
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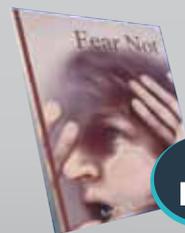
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YOUR EMOTIONAL HEALTH: GOOD FRUIT OR BAD ROOT?

JOYCE MEYER

Are you emotionally healthy? It seems there are a lot of people who aren't, and I used to be one of them. Because I grew up in a very unstable, angry atmosphere and was abused by my father for years, I became a miserable, angry, controlling adult and didn't know how to have healthy relationships. And until I learned how to grow in my relationship with Christ, I was a mess in my soul.

Many people have wounds in their soul because of things that have happened to them. They've been abused or mistreated and it's caused them to have a victim mentality, to get stuck in self-pity, to have an out-of-control temper or a constant sense of insecurity, and so on. When we have unhealthy emotions, and the bad behavior that comes as a result of it, we have to get to the root of the issue to fix it.

Matthew 12:33 (NLT) says, "A tree is identified by its fruit. If a tree is good, its fruit will be good. If a tree is bad, its fruit will be bad." In other words, where there's rotten fruit, there's a rotten root!

I remember years ago when I would complain to Dave, saying, "We don't talk about anything!" Finally, one day Dave said to me, "You know, Joyce, WE don't talk. YOU talk and you want me to listen and agree with you." He was right! Whenever I would share an opinion about something with Dave, if he didn't agree with me, the fight was on!

We would get into these big arguments and I would end up so confused, thinking, "I don't even know what we're talking about anymore!" The really frustrating thing was I didn't understand what my problem was, so I just kept blaming it all on Dave.

When we don't take responsibility for our problems, we blame them on someone or something else. But when I finally got to the point where I was sick and tired of arguing with Dave all the time, I prayed for God to show me what was wrong. He answered my prayer and revealed that I had a root of rejection in my soul from the way I was raised, and until that root was dealt with, the fruit (or behavior) in my life would never change.

When you're afraid of rejection, if people don't agree with you, you feel rejected by them. So when Dave and I were trying to have a conversation, if he didn't agree with me, I felt that he was rejecting me.

The truth is when Dave had a different opinion, he wasn't rejecting me; he was rejecting my opinion. And I had to learn to separate who I am from my opinion and trust that whether or not he liked my opinion, he still loved me!

It was a major breakthrough for me to get this revelation. Through this situation I learned how to be a person who is loved and valued by God, because of what Jesus has done for me, and to separate my "who" from my "do." It took some time and I had to be determined to trust God's Word, which says He loves me unconditionally and nothing can separate me from His love, but eventually, I became secure in knowing who I am in Christ.

I want to ask you again: Are you emotionally healthy? Are you dealing with a root of rejection in your life? Is there a person in your life that you can't talk to without getting upset or losing your temper? When someone disagrees with you does it make you feel insulted, stupid, rejected, or disrespected? If this is you, then you need to know that God doesn't want you to live this way.

In Ephesians 3, the apostle Paul prayed for the Ephesians: *"That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God"* (vv. 17-19, NIV).

This is my prayer for you—that you would be planted deep in the knowledge that God loves you unconditionally and know that, while He may not always love

everything you do, He always loves you! I also want to encourage you to spend time every day alone with God in prayer and study the Word. Dig in to scriptures about the love of God and choose to trust that every one of those promises is for you.

The truth is: You are loved and you are valuable to God! ❖



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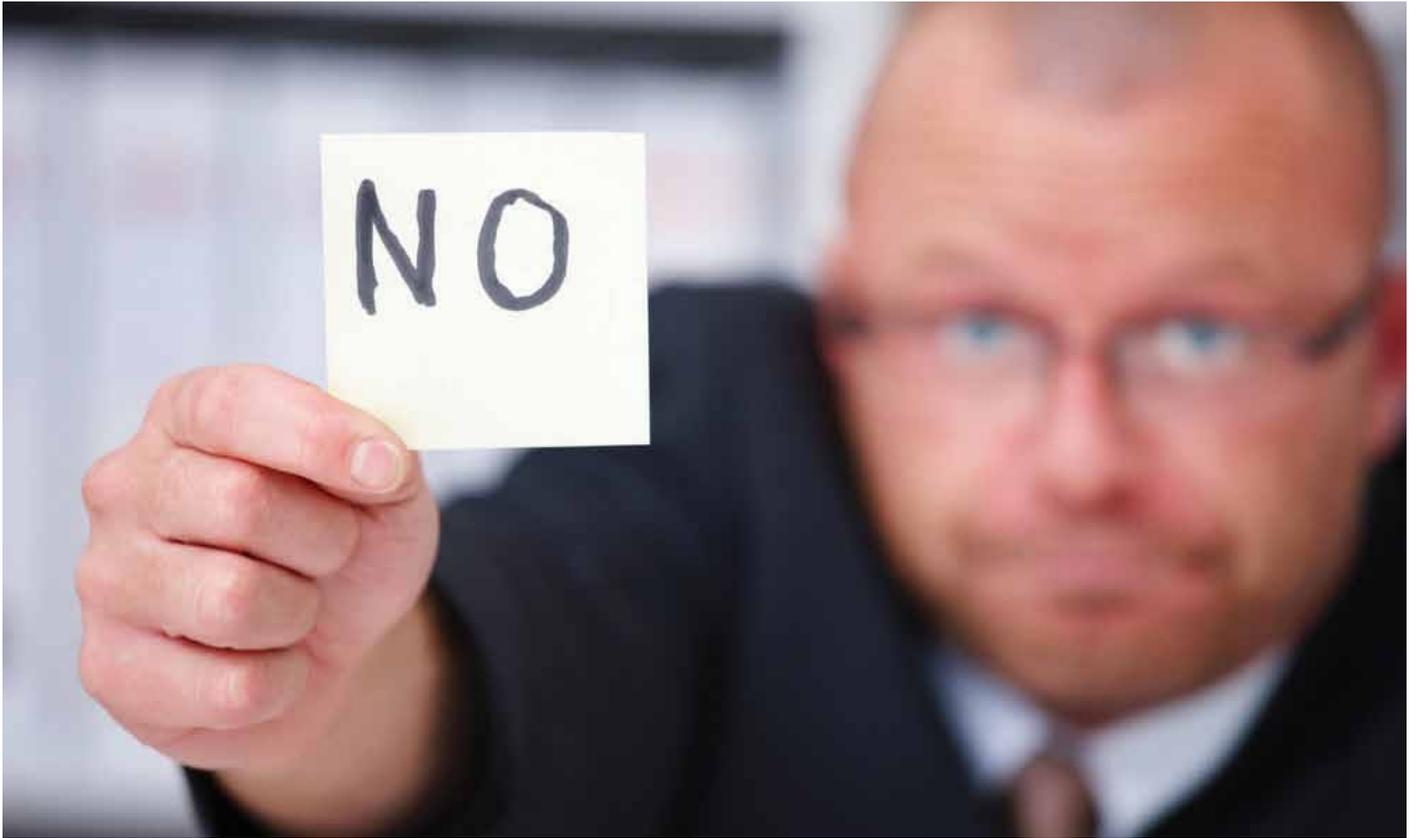
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WHAT TO DO WHEN PEOPLE REJECT YOUR IDEAS

PHIL COOKE

If you're a creative person, at some point you'll find a boss, investor, studio, or colleague who rejects your ideas. Sometimes it will happen so often you'll start to question your own ability, and wonder if you're really creative at all. In these moments (which will definitely come) my advice is:

Never base your creativity on other people's opinions of your ideas.

Early in my career I worked with a boss who disliked so many of my ideas he eventually fired me. Low and behold, I discovered other clients were willing pay me to execute the very ideas he hated! It reminded me about Walt Disney being fired by a newspaper editor because, "he lacked imagination and had no good ideas."

Years later, I had a few friends that asked me for advice about their careers. But they simply refused to listen to any advice – solicited or unsolicited. It was incredibly frustrating because those simple ideas could have made a profound difference for them. But time after time, they used excuses like "I'm simply wired differently," or "You don't understand this particular situation." The truth is, they weren't willing to

put in the discipline and hard work of making those ideas happen.

But rather than be discouraged I simply launched a blog and started pouring that advice into it. And that's a big reason I launched what you're reading now.

After his first book – the iconic thriller *Carrie* – received 30 rejections, writer Stephen King finally gave up and literally tossed it in the trash. But his wife fished it out and encouraged him to resubmit it. He finally found that person who recognized the value of the idea, and the rest is history. Today, he's one of the best-selling authors of all time.

GREAT IDEAS DON'T HAVE AN EXPIRATION DATE. PHIL COOKE

So don't be discouraged. When your ideas are rejected, write them down, keep them nearby, and sooner or later the right person, project, or situation will come along. 🍀



THE SINGLE GREATEST KEY TO BEATING STRESS

PHIL COOKE

Is life, your job, or your career stressing you out? If you're trying to accomplish anything with your life, and you were honest, I'll bet you'd admit to being stressed out at least some of the time. In fact, you may be stressed out pretty much ALL the time. So if stress is a bigger and bigger part of your life, then here's one important thing you need to learn: The greatest key to beating stress is to control the things you can. The truth is, we often allow simple things that we can control to get away from us. And when we start harnessing those things once again, the stress equation dramatically changes.

Certainly we can't control airline schedules, client behavior, the weather, unexpected events, difficult co-workers, or other things out of our influence. But there are plenty of things we can control, and when we do, those issues start making a much smaller impact. For instance, we can control our sleep schedule, and science has proven that simply getting enough sleep will dramatically change our attitude and productivity. We can control showing up late, and that issue alone will reduce enormous stress.

We can control how we respond to a crisis, how often we exercise, quiet times, our spiritual life, and our attitude about work. When you stop and think about it, you have far more control over life than you think.

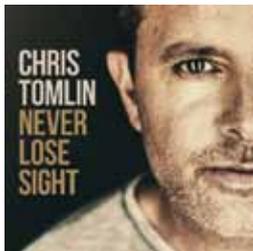
The bottom line is that far too often, we give up controlling things we have power over, and when that happens, our personal stress levels escalate.

**LET GO OF THE THINGS YOU
CAN'T CONTROL, AND START
CHANGING THE THINGS YOU
CAN.**
PHIL COOKE

If you take this advice seriously, and do it on a daily basis, you'll be amazed and just how quickly you'll start relaxing and getting your life back in control. 📌



ENTERTAINMENT



Chris Tomlin – Never Lose Sight

GRAMMY® winner & one of the worlds most loved Worship leaders, Chris Tomlin has unveiled his eleventh studio album, Never Lose Sight. As the songwriter behind the worship favorites “How Great Is Our God,” “Our God,” and “Whom Shall

I Fear,” Chris’ songs lead people to the heart of Jesus and into a deeper worship of Him. Featuring “Good Good Father” and the new single “Jesus,” this brand new album is filled with songs that draw us closer to Jesus and give voice to our praises, prayers, cries and hopes.



Kari Jobe – The Garden

GRAMMYnominated and renowned worship leader Kari Jobe has released her third studio album titled The Garden. This album follows the highly acclaimed live project Majestic that produced the hit singles “Forever” and “I Am Not Alone.”

The Garden was written and recorded during a season of pain and loss for Jobe’s family where she invites listeners to drink of the wellspring of hope she’s found in the midst

of unimaginable tragedy. She’s become a trusted friend to listeners throughout a career that includes more than 1 million albums sold. Listen out for The Cause Of Christ, Heal Our Land, I Am Not Alone & Fall Afresh.

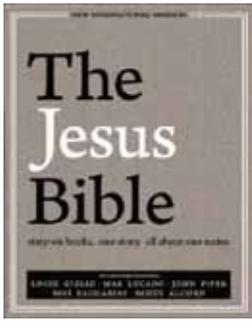


Rend Collective Campfire II: Simplicity

Rend Collective goes back to its roots to bring simplicity and authenticity in worship with their new album Campfire II: Simplicity. As a followup to their hugely successful Campfire album, they capture

openness and vulnerability with their own unique brand of worship songs with a community of friends.

Rend Collective is a celebration band, worshipping for God’s Glory. In their formative years they gathered at Rend, a ministry for young people seeking an authentic and raw expression of church. The band has garnered international success with soldout headlining tour dates and their recent album debuting #1 on every iTunes Christian Albums Chart in six countries. The band has proven to be an international fan favorite and is one of the leading voices in modern worship.



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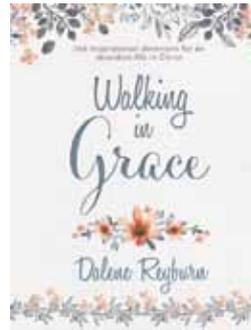
Esther Fleece : No More Faking Fine

If you've ever been given empty clichés during challenging times, you know how painful it can feel to be misunderstood by wellmeaning people. Far too often, it seems the response we get to our hurt and disappointment is to suck it up, or pray

it away. But Scripture reveals a God who meets us where we are, not where we pretend to be.

No More Faking Fine is your invitation to get gutlevel honest with God through the lifegiving language of lament. Lament, a practice woven throughout Scripture, is a prayer that God never ignores, never silences, and never wastes. As author Esther Fleece says, "Lament is the unexpected pathway to true intimacy with God, and with those around us." Esther learned this the hard way, by believing she could shut down painful emotions that haunted her from a broken past she tried to forget on her fast track to success. But in silencing her pain, she robbed herself of the opportunity to be healed. Maybe you've done the same.

No More Faking Fine is your permission to lament (a passionate expression of grief or sorrow) —to give voice to the hurt, frustration, and disappointment you've kept inside and silenced for too long. Drawing from careful biblical study and hardwon insight, Esther reveals how to use God's own language to draw closer to Him as He leads us through any darkness into His marvellous light.



Walking In Grace : Dalene Reyburn (also in Afrikaans: Omvou Deur Genade)

Dalene Reyburn is a writer and speaker, sharing weekly at www.dalenereyburn.com. She has a Master's degree in Applied Language Studies and was a high school teacher before giving that up to become a fulltime mom, writer and speaker. She and her husband, Murray, have two sons and a golden retriever. They live in Pretoria, South Africa.

From the moment our eyes open to the last minute of the day, life is filled with nonstop activity. There's no question that our fastpaced society can leave us feeling exhausted and depleted, wondering how we're going to make it through another day.

Walking in Grace motivates readers to seek God's heart and know the peace and purpose of a committed, enduring faith. Concise but substantial, these daily readings, written specifically for women in all walks and stages of life, will change the outlook of your day and give you the inspiration you need!

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Sielskos Vir Die Vrou wat Leef – Milanie Vosloo

Vroue wat smag na vervulling, geestelike groei en om buite gewoon-wees te lewe, kan nuwe krag en in-spi-ra-sie put uit Sielskos vir die vrou wat lééf! Word heel-jaar versterk deur sielskos ...

- vir 'n nuwe begin
- vir seer- en swaarkrytje
- vir 'n positiewe lewe
- vir jou, vandag se vrou

- vir gesonde verhoudings
- spesiaal vir jóú
- vir spanningsvolle tye
- vir jou toekoms

Met haar unieke en vars perspektief op die lewe help Milanie Vosloo die vrou van vandag om in haar hu-we-lik, gesin, werk en vrouwees die vreugde en ver-vulling te smaak wat God vir haar bedoel het.



Thank you Lord that You are a faithful God that we can depend on. That You are powerful and that the history we read about doesn't make You old or irrelevant but proves to us just how great You are. Help us to always put our hope and trust in You, rather than an ever changing world. Amen

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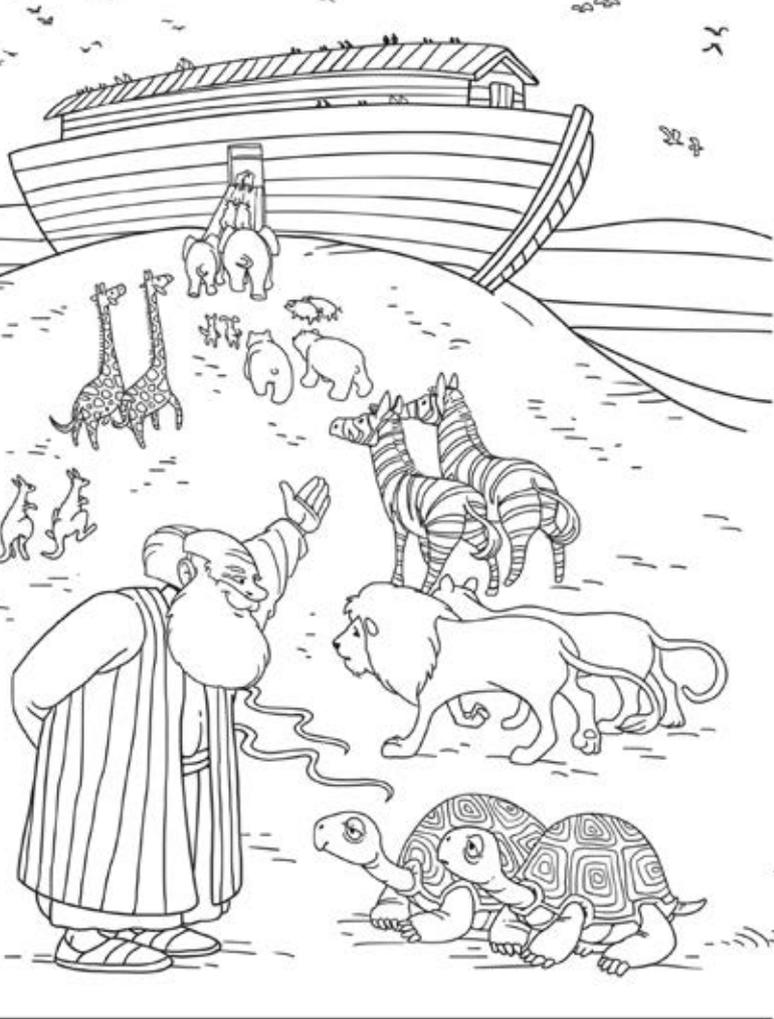
Hello boys and girls, recently Jazz and I went to the museum. We got to see lots of really old looking things. We saw a horse and cart like they used to use before there were cars, Jazz really liked that idea because he loves horses. I loved all the old dresses, people used to dress up like they were going to a ball every single day.

Our teachers explained that we were learning about our history and how things have changed over many years. From what we saw things were really different all those years ago. What people wore, where and how they lived, even what they ate and how they cooked food.

It's amazing to think that even though all these things have changed over hundreds of years that the God we serve remains the same. That's

what mommy said when we told her about our excursion. She explained that in the beginning Adam and Eve lived very differently to the way those people lived at the museum and even differently to the way we live now. The way we talk, dress, work and even the way in which her and dad raise our family, everything is different in one way or another. But who God is never changing. He is the same God who performed all the miracles in the Bible, the same God who saved the Israelites from slavery and the same God who raised Jesus from the dead. We and the world we live in may change but He remains the same.

That is why we are always able to put our hope and trust in Him and know without a doubt that He will never fail. ❖

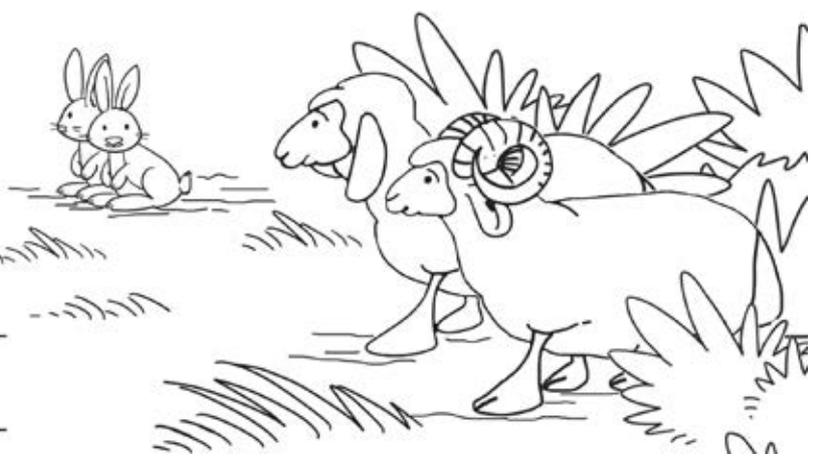
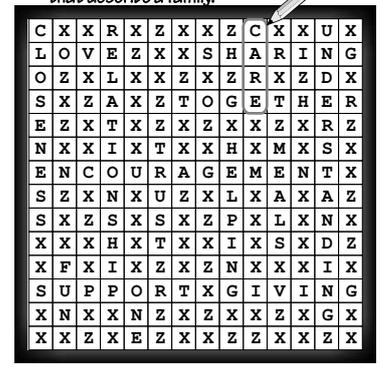


Noah, his family and two of each animal enter the ark. (Genesis 7:1-3)

God's family, the Church

What is a Church? Is it a special building or is it any place where God's people meet? The Bible tells us that the Church is actually a **group of people** who love the Lord. That means, WE are the Church (Read 1 Corinthians 12:27 and Colossians 1:18).
When God's people get together—like on a Sunday—that group of is called a Church. The Church is like a family, and in this family, God is our Father and we are His children.

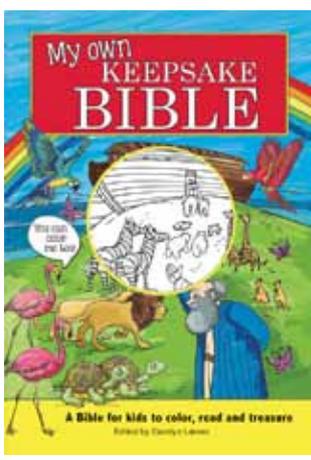
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INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED WORSHIP LEADER DARLENE ZSCHECH RELEASES LIVE CD/DVD, “HERE I AM, SEND ME THIS MARCH”

Renowned worship leader, author and pastor Darlene Zschech releases the *Here I Am Send Me (Hineni)* CD/DVD globally on March 3 from Integrity Music. Recorded live with her team at Hope Unlimited Church on the Central Coast of New South Wales, Australia, the album is Zschech's first project following a life changing cancer diagnosis in 2014 and features 11 new songs penned by her along with guest writers like Martin Smith, Paul Baloche, Jenn Johnson and Leeland Mooring.

Here I Am Send Me is also Zschech's first new album since 2013's critically acclaimed *Revealing Jesus*. Produced by Andy Mak, the new recording opens with a full-on declaration of the greatness of God in the song "You Are Great" written with Martin Smith (Delirious?) in response to the most challenging season of her life.

"When I was at my sickest, Martin flew over from England to sit with us, sing songs over our church, and walk and talk with me and my husband, all the while speaking courage into us," Zschech says, her voice full of emotion recalling the dark days after her diagnosis of breast cancer that is now in remission. "It's week one of treatment and you feel like

you're going to die, and Martin said, 'Darls, I know you're going to want to write songs about this season. What do you want to say?' And I said, 'I want to say 'HE IS GREAT!' And so we wrote this song together and have been singing it in our church. That's where it started... In the midst of the fire, it doesn't change who our God is."

"Cancer is a dreadful thing," continues Zschech. "The medical world doesn't like to use the word 'healed.' They like to say the word 'remission'... but I'm believing God's report over my life. I speak Psalm 91 over myself every day, I take my medicine and I take the word of God and I do my best with what I can do in the natural and trust God with those things over which I have no power."

Following this opening track, the album proceeds to take listeners through a journey declaring God's greatness, love and call, and gives worshippers a voice of response, as in the song, "You Will Be Praised." Written with Baloche and Johnson upon Zschech's first return to America after cancer treatment, the song unabashedly declares the power of the Holy Spirit living among us that makes fearlessness possible in every season and circumstance of life. It is, in many ways, her testimony.



"None of us know how many days we have," continues Zschech. "Whatever days I have—and I'm declaring a ripe old age—I want to live them intentionally. I want to live the love of Christ..."

Everywhere we go, we take the presence of the Lord, we take His presence and His hope, His extravagant love. It's a journey. I'm not there yet, but that's the journey that I am embracing."

The full Here I Am Send Me (Hineni) CD/DVD track listing, including songwriters, follows:

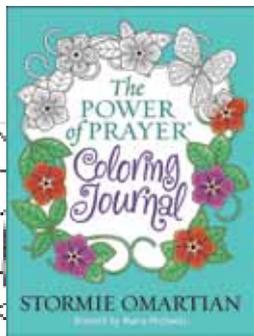
1. You Are Great – Darlene Zschech, Martin Smith
2. You Will Be Praised – Darlene Zschech, Paul Baloche, Jenn Johnson
3. Daylight – Darlene Zschech, Beth Gleeson
4. Kingdom Come – Darlene Zschech, Thomas Macken
5. First Love – Luke Taylor, Sarah Potts
6. Love And Wonder – Zoe Zschech, Bonnie Gray
7. Your Eyes – Darlene Zschech, Andy Mak, Thomas Macken
8. Emmanuel – Darlene Zschech, Andy Mak
9. Beloved (When I Survey) – Darlene Zschech, Leeland Mooring, Casey Moore
10. Here I Am Send Me – Darlene Zschech, Andy Mak
11. Go – Darlene Zschech, Andy Mak

The album also features "Beloved," a modern hymn of surrender co-written by Zschech with Mooring and Casey Moore. Other standouts include "Love and Wonder," written by the Zschech's teen daughter, Zoe, and Bonnie Gray from Hope UC, "Kingdom Come," co-written with Thomas Macken and reflecting a year-long teaching theme at the church and "Go," written with Andy Mak, that closes the album.

This closing song of commissioning is a message that will be sensed throughout the project by listeners, including in the song from which the title track was gleaned. "Here I Am Send Me" was written following the revelation I received from Genesis 22, which is when Abraham responds to God in worship by saying 'Hineni,' meaning, 'here I am Lord, whatever you ask, before you ask, my answer is yes'," says Zschech.

Darlene Zschech is an Australian worship leader, pastor, speaker and author. She has written over 100 songs, including "Victor's Crown," "In Jesus' Name," "Worthy Is The Lamb," "At The Cross" and the global anthem "Shout To The Lord," a song that is sung by an estimated 30 million churchgoers every week. She is most passionate about her family, and continually makes a strong stand about the importance of marriage, motherhood (and grandmotherhood) and ministry. She has also penned best-selling books including *Worship Changes Everything*, *Revealing Jesus*, *Extravagant Worship* and *The Art of Mentoring*. Zschech and her husband Mark serve as senior pastors of Hope Unlimited Church on the Central Coast of New South Wales and together they founded HOPE:Global to serve the poorest of the poor. For more information, visit <http://darlenezschech.com> and <https://www.facebook.com/darlenezschech>. ■

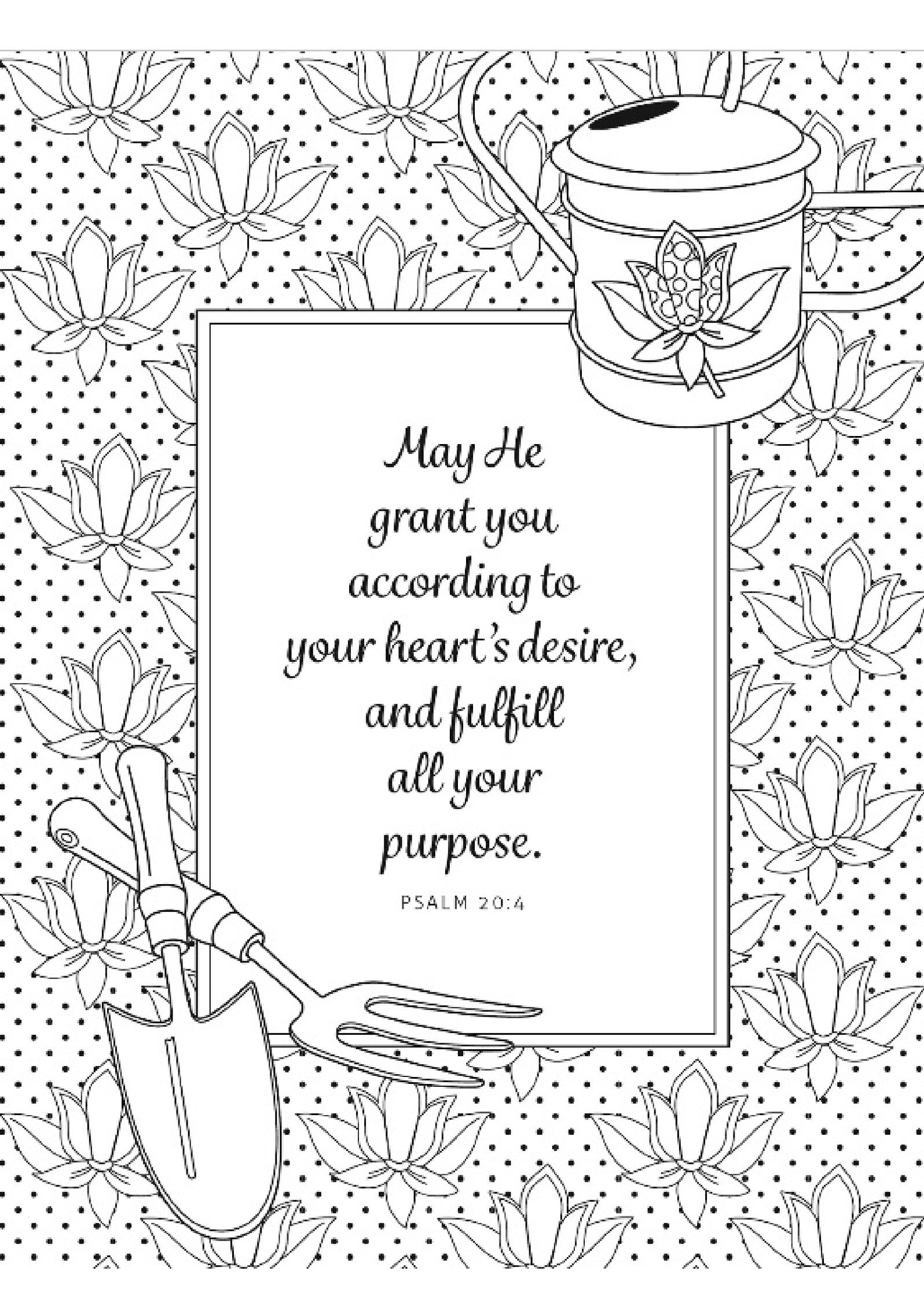
Here I Am Send Me (Hineni) CD/DVD is now available at CUM Books and other leading Christian Retailers. Show online at www.cumbooks.co.za



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FiftyFour is a weekly video variety show that traces the latest and greatest developments in African pop culture, including music, fashion, art, sport, entertainment, lifestyle, relationships and so much more. This informative and entertaining show turns the spotlight on the role of faith in culture, and aims to inspire young adults to live out a positive lifestyle.

LEGACY TV - JEREMY & SARAH PEARSONS

STARTS **TUESDAY 7 MARCH**

19:00



IN 2010, JEREMY AND SARAH PEARSONS FOUNDED PEARSONS MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL ON THREE SIMPLE WORDS FOUND IN COLOSSIANS 1:28: HIM WE PREACH.

Jeremy and Sarah travel full time throughout the world preaching Jesus, teaching the Word of God, and leading congregations in worship. From a rich heritage of faith, this young couple presents the Word of God with sincerity, passion, and a deep-rooted revelation of the Person of Jesus Christ. Their priority is to take the Word of God that has been preached to them by the generations that have gone before and make it available to generations that follow.

"We believe there are two kinds of legacies: the one you keep and the one you leave."

SATURDAY DOCUMENTARIES

20:00

NOTORIOUS TO GLORIOUS

4 MARCH



"I was a six foot three, four hundred pound, tattooed up monster that had no issue with killing you." –Michael Bull Roberts If anyone was beyond rehabilitation, it was career criminal Michael Bull Roberts. A violent, white supremacist, drug trafficking gang member, he was ruthless and unrepentant in his brutality. Physically and sexually assaulted as a child, his struggles with addiction, mental illness, homelessness, violence and crime were the foundation on which his hugely successful gang activities were built. "You can't change your past, but you can change your future." –Motivational Speaker Reggie Dabbs Every attempt at change was inevitably met with failure, until an unexpected and dramatic encounter on a hotel room floor began a process of transformation that is still underway. Now a passionate advocate of youth,

Michael dreams of opening the doors to the kind of centre that might have changed his own life. As he pursues art as a cathartic avenue to freedom, he desperately tries to reach kids embarking on the same destructive road he travelled. "I have found the paradox, that if you love until it hurts, there can be no more hurt, only more love." –Mother Teresa This documentary will look at the beauty and challenge of re-building a broken life from the ashes of hatred and violence. Shot in ultra-high definition 4K, using the revolutionary RED Camera, this story will peel back the layers to investigate what it takes to go from Notorious to Glorious.

INSIDE TEEN SUICIDE

11 MARCH



Inside Teen Suicide features six riveting personal stories told through raw, gripping visuals, and looks at the root causes of teen suicide in our modern world. Amidst the stories of despair and triumph, viewers are reminded that there are options, there are ways out of the darkness, and there is hope.

PAIN KILLERS

18 MARCH



In one year, they've claimed the lives of more than 16,000 people in the United States. They've stolen identities, broken families, and led to life changing addictions. And they are likely sitting in your medicine cabinet this very moment. In the last 20 years, there has been a fundamental shift in the way doctors have been treating pain in North America. Powerful pain killers known as opioids used to be reserved for treating the terminally ill. But today, they're at the center of a national health epidemic. The results have been catastrophic. Every 20 minutes an American dies due to an overdose on opioids. And for the first time in history, more people are dying from a prescription drug overdose than a car crash as the leading cause of accidental death in North America. We seek to answer some of the toughest questions surrounding this

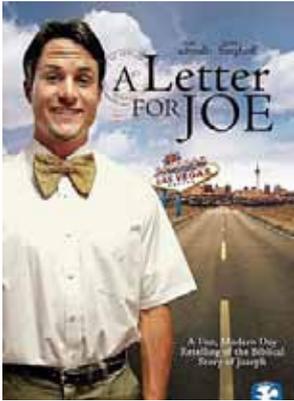
epidemic. How did these drugs become so prevalent? Who is responsible? And most importantly: What can be done to stop our youths from abusing these drugs? In this powerful documentary, we speak with renowned experts, parents who have lost children, and individuals who personally experienced the throes of addiction. This documentary will inform you about the dangers of abusing opioids and how you can help someone who is caught in the deadly grip of prescription drug addiction.

SEX MESSAGES

25 MARCH



Sex sells! This simple idea propels billions of dollars in advertising and media content revenue every year and is a driving force in shaping youth culture today. From New York to L.A., Toronto to Boston, teen and expert voices define the astounding impact media sex messages have had on their lives and communities. In this hour long documentary the producer looks at why companies are promoting sex to sell products to younger and younger children, how pornography is changing behavior on campuses across the continent, and why there is a new movement among youth to rebel against the sex messages they have been sold. Experts include Dr. Caroline Heldman (Professor of Politics – Occidental College), Dr. Sharon Lamb (Professor of Psychology – University of Massachusetts), and Dean Batali (Writer – That 70s Show), who dig deep into the issue and explore this unique social phenomenon.

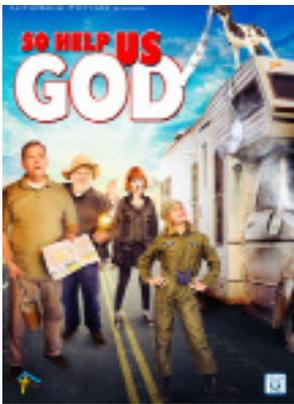


A LETTER TO JOE

5 MARCH

Set in 1970s Las Vegas and Florida, "A Letter for Joe" is a modern retelling of the Bible story of Joseph and the power of forgiveness. Seventeen year old Joe Roberts is given a prank letter by his older brother and his friends, a letter that sends Joe on a wild goose chase to Las Vegas for a fake meeting with reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes. Armed with only the phony letter and God's promises that all things work together for good, Joe, in fact, is able to meet the richest man in America and strike up a friendship.

As Joe is prospering, the fortunes of the older boys go in the opposite direction. They fear that when Joe finally returns home he will retaliate for the elaborate ruse. And the depth of God's forgiveness is put to the test for all of the young men, for several very different reasons. What started as a joke, turns deadly serious and while determining that true forgiveness is no joke.



SO HELP US GOD

12 MARCH

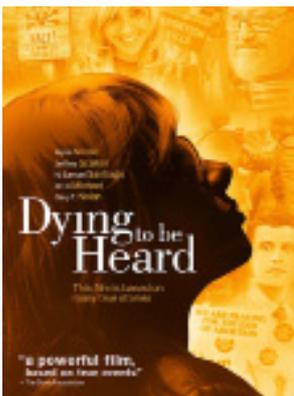
Grandpa Will, who carries around his wife's urn, has only one wish: to find the tree where he fell in love with his soul mate. His memory of the tree's whereabouts have since faded, but luckily, his 15-year-old granddaughter unveils a series of forgotten love letters that give clues to the tree's location. The dysfunctional family embarks on a road trip to find the tree and finally put their beloved wife, mother and grandmother to rest. Encountering one disaster after another, they begin to work together as a team and through God's guidance learn to function as a loving family.



TOUCHED BY GRACE

19 MARCH

Cara Jarvis longs to be a part of the in-crowd at her new high school. In an effort to impress town hottie Brandon, she befriends Grace, a girl with Down Syndrome, a friendship she tries to hide when she meets popular girls Skylar and Quinn. When Skylar loses her bid to be on the Homecoming Court, she sets it up for Grace to win Homecoming Queen ... as the Senior Prank. Grace wins, is publicly humiliated, and Skylar rigs it so that Cara takes the blame. Cara must win back Brandon, restore her friendship with Grace, and save her reputation at her school.



DYING TO BE HEARD

26 MARCH

Rachel is a high-powered executive striving to climb the corporate ladder, however; suddenly finds herself thrown into an emotional crisis when she discovers she is pregnant. Having to choose between her blossoming career, versus a life on unexpected sacrifice, her world seems to be closing in around her, as her spiritual perspectives start to become challenged as well. This riveting and heart-wrenching film underscores the reality of God's compassion for every human life, from the disabled, to the autistic, to those who perished in the Holocaust, and especially the unborn, and motivates us all to be a voice for Love, Life and for all those "dying to be heard!"

SUNDAY PRAISE

20:00

NEW BEGINNINGS CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHURCH JOHANNESBURG

NICKY & LYLLIAN VAN DER WESTHUIZEN

5 MARCH



Apostle Nicky's dynamic and relevant preaching and teaching of the Word of God has made him a much sought after speaker in both Christian and secular contexts across the globe. He is particularly noted for his insight and revelation on topics such as: Grace, the Supernatural, Prosperity, Faith, Leadership and Church Structure. Many people's lives have been impacted through his national and international ministry. In addition he has significant business acumen and is the Founder and CEO of three companies. One of his passions is to develop and equip leaders across the continent of Africa in both the corporate arena as well as the body of Christ to develop a legacy for generations to come. This is the fulfilment of a mandate from God.

EMMANUEL CHURCH WINDHOEK

MATT & LISA LUDICK

12 MARCH



Emmanuel Church is a Bible-believing, Christ-centred and Spirit-driven church. Whilst we have a passion for the lost and broken, we make every effort to reach the lost through missions and to reach out to our fellow believers in love. We have a mandate to not only to impact our neighbourhood, but our city, our country and our world.

Matt Ludick has been the Senior Pastor of Emmanuel Church since 2004. He is married to Lisa and has three beautiful daughters, Mignon, Alexa and Klarissa, as well as a son, Edwin Bo, who is their youngest. He has a passion for God, God's glory and is devoted to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He enjoys fishing, whether it be at Von Bach dam or fishing for Jesus!

CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHURCH JOHANNESBURG

THEO & BEVERLEY WOLMARANS

19 MARCH



Founded in September 1979 by Senior Pastor Dr. Theo Wolmarans and his wife Beverley, CFC Johannesburg is one of the largest churches of its kind in Southern Africa.

Dr Theo Wolmarans is an anointed teacher who presents the Word of God with complete clarity and simplicity, bringing understanding to every heart and mind while simultaneously captivating the audience with his bold, dynamic style.

As an anointed preacher and exhorter, Ps Beverley is a very popular speaker. She shares life lessons she has learned as a mother and a wife, and she does it with a practical, down-to-earth approach sharing from her heart. She uses her own experiences with both humour and boldness, but always with an underlying message of hope and encouragement.

CHRISTIAN REVIVAL CHURCH

AT & NYRETTA BOSHOFF

25 MARCH



Pastor At is the senior pastor of CRC. He is an executive member of the International Federation of Christian Churches and is described as focused, passionate and fervent in his hunger for the Word of God and explosive in his dynamic teaching of it. His dynamic, bold and practical messages are equally refreshing in relevance to authenticity and doctrinal accuracy.

Pastor Nyretta developed a passion for teaching the practicalities of Christian living. She heads up the Creative Arts ministry and directs the very successful Music ministry of the congregations in Bloemfontein, Pretoria and Johannesburg. . Beside her exemplary support of her husband's international and national ministry, she speaks at Women's conferences, heads up the women's ministry, ministers to the CRC pastor's wives, organises and co-ordinates various CRC events and is a brilliant mother and homemaker.



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
00h00	The 700 Club				
00h30	The 700 Club				
01h00	Saturday Documentary	Wisdom For Life - Allan Bagg			
01h30		Believer's Walk Of Faith - Bill Winston			
02h00	Daughters of Eve	Believer's Voice Of Victory - Kenneth Copeland			
02h30	Young Once	Living Life - Theo Wolmarans			
03h00	Sunday Movie	Grace Today - Derek Grier Ministries	In Touch - Charles Stanley	Jack van Impe Presents	Abba's House - Ron Phillips
03h30		Now Faith - John Torrens	Following Jesus - Tommy Lijja	Manna-Fest - Perry Stone	Zola Levitt with Myles Weiss
04h00		Celebrate Life - Tommy Deuschle	Ever Increasing Faith - Fred Price	Hillsong - Brian Houston	The Higher Level - Chris Hill
04h30		Choose Life - John Roebert	Zola Levitt with Myles Weiss	The Messenger - J & L Bevere	Manna-Fest - Perry Stone
05h00	Discover Life - At Boshoff	Co-Mission	Daughters of Eve	The Higher Level - Chris Hill	Jack Van Impe Presents
05h30	John Hagee Today				
06h00	Changing Your World - Creflo Dollar				
06h30	Wisdom For Life - Allan Bagg				
07h00	Believer's Walk Of Faith - Bill Winston				
07h30	This Is Your Day - Benny Hinn				
08h00	Believer's Voice Of Victory - Kenneth Copeland				
08h30	The Potter's House - TD Jakes				
09h00	Enjoying Everyday Life - Joyce Meyer				
09h30	John G. Lake Ministries				
10h00	Living Life - Theo Wolmarans				
10h30	Gospel Truth - Andrew Wommack				
11h00	Quick Study - Rod Hembree				
11h30	Grace Today - Derek Grier Ministries	In Touch - Charles Stanley	Believe - Andy Thompson	Your Move - Andy Stanley	Infocus - Maury Davis
12h00	The 700 Club				
12h30	The 700 Club				
13h00	Grassroots - Angus Buchan				
13h30	John Hagee Today				
14h00	Live Your Journey - Elitia Hart	The Jewish Jesus - Kirt Schneider	Faithlift - Glenn Arekion	Prophetic Encounter - J. vd Westhuizen	Love Israel - Baruch Korman
14h30	New Creation Church TV - Joseph Prince				
15h00	Paws & Tales	Bobo & Kipi	What's In The Bible? - Buck Denver	RockKids TV	Truth Quake
15h30	The Revolution TV	Healing Your Soul - Katie Souza	End of Age - Irvin Baxter	Young Once	TV One Life - Sean Park
16h00	MXTV - Tim Bisagno	Turning Point International	Save The World - Jarrod Davidoff	Youth Bytes - Chad Daniel	FiftyFour
16h30	Believer's Voice Of Victory - Kenneth Copeland				
17h00	Your Miracle Moment - Siva Moodley	Your Miracle Moment - Siva Moodley	Behind the Faith	Your Miracle Moment - Siva Moodley	Your Miracle Moment - Siva Moodley
17h30	Co-Mission	Faith That Counts - Kevin Davis	Faith Matters	Manna-Fest - Perry Stone	Young Once
18h00	It's Supernatural - Sid Roth				
18h30	Kingdom Connection - J. Franklin	Watchmen on the Wall - Errol Naidoo	Daughters of Eve	Jack Van Impe Presents	Saturday Documentary
19h00	Behind the Faith	Legacy TV - Jeremy & Sarah Pearsons	Till All Have Heard - Patricia Bailey	Real Women, Real Life - Tracy Tredrea	
19h30	Faith Matters - André & Jenny	Revival Today - Jonathan Shuttlesworth			
20h00	Ramson Mumba Ministries				
20h30	Following Jesus - Tommy Lijja	Prophetic Encounter - J. vd Westhuizen	InFocus - Maury Davis	Now Faith - John Torrens	Planetshakers TV
21h00	Enjoying Everyday Life - Joyce Meyer				
21h30	Hosting the Supernatural - Nicky van der Westhuizen				
22h00	Supernatural Now - Guillermo Maldonado				
22h30	This Is Your Day - Benny Hinn				
23h00	Changing Your World - Creflo Dollar				
23h30	Winning Ways - Matthew Ashimolowo				

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Wisdom For Life - Allan Bagg	Daughters of Eve	01h00
Believer's Walk Of Faith - B.Winston	Young Once	01h30
Believer's Voice Of Victory - K. Copeland	Sunday Movie	02h00
Living Life - Theo Wolmarans		02h30
The Jewish Jesus - K. Schneider		03h00
Life in the Word - Chuks Ozabor		03h30
Sunday Movie	Saturday Documentary	04h00 04h30
	Daughters of Eve	05h00
	Young Once	05h30
Behind the Faith	Reformation3 TV	06h00
Faith Matters - André & Jenny	Kairos Moments - N vd Westhuizen	06h30
Grassroots - Angus Buchan	The Great Awakening - Rodney Howard Browne	07h00
Elevation Experience - Steven Furtick		07h30
The Living Stone - Edgar Holder	Jerry Savelle Ministries	08h00
Life in the Word - Chuks Ozabor	Turning Point - David Jeremiah	08h30
Following Jesus - Tommy Lijla	Faith Worship @ The River LIVE	09h00
Hillsong - Brian Houston		09h30
Living Edge - Mark Chironna		10h00
The Miraculous - Wessel du Bruyn	Faith Matters - André & Jenny	10h30
Winning Walk - Ed Young Sr.	The Supernatural Now - G. Maldonado	11h00
Choose Life - John Roebert	Christ For All Nations - D. Kolenda	11h30
New Level - Hank & Brenda Kunneman	It's Supernatural - Sid Roth	12h00
Real Women, Real Life - Tracy Tredrea	Changing Your World - Creflo Dollar	12h30
The Messenger - J & L Bevere	John Hagee Today	13h00
Kingdom Connection - J. Franklin	Yes You Can - Steve Munsey	13h30
Just Jesus - Freddie van Rensburg	Something Fresh - J. Garlington	14h00
Answers - Bayless Conley		14h30
Speak the Word - Randy Morrison	The Potter's House - TD Jakes	15h00
Today's Message - Miki Hardy	The Higher Level - Chris Hill	15h30
FiftyFour	Overcomer - Joel Osteen	16h00
UnderDogZone - Renier Weideman	Enjoying Everyday Life - Joyce Meyer	16h30
Celebrate Life - Tommy Deuschle	In Touch - Charles Stanley	17h00
Creation Today - Eric Hovind	Believer's Walk Of Faith - B.Winston	17h30
Faith Life Church - Keith Moore	Believer's Voice Of Victory - K. Copeland	18h00
Save The World - Jarrod Davidoff	Discover Life - At Boshoff	18h30
Ever Increasing Faith - Fred Price	Sunday Praise	19h00
Rhema Church - Kenneth Hagin Jr.		19h30
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Discover Life - At Boshoff	Abba's House - Ron Phillips	22h00
Healing Your Soul - Katie Souza	Your Miracle Moment - Siva Moodley	22h30
Winning Walk - Ed Young Sr.	Order My Steps - John Francis	23h00
Victory Outreach Ministries	Gospel Music Showcase - Guy Penrod	23h30



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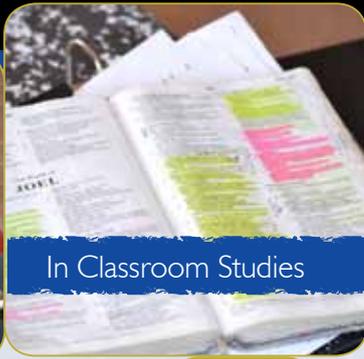
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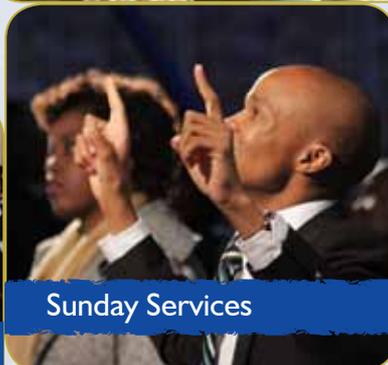
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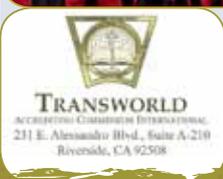
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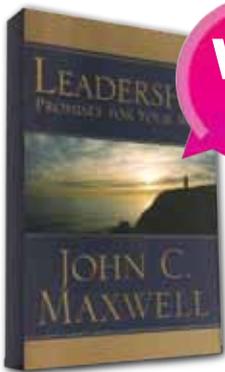


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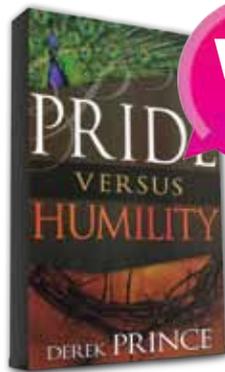


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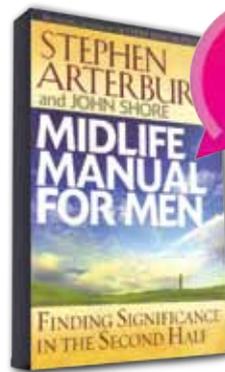


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It’s the early 1930s, but Cora Scott is walking in stride as a career woman after having inherited her great aunt’s wedding shop in Heart’s Bend, Tennessee, where brides come from as far away as Birmingham to experience her famed bridal treatment. Meanwhile, Cora is counting down the days until her own true love returns from the river to make her his bride. But days turn into months and months to years. All the while, Birch Good continues to woo Cora and try to show her that while he is solid and dependable, he can sweep her off her feet.

More than eighty years later, former Air Force Captain Haley Morgan has returned home to Heart’s Bend after finishing her commitment to military service. After the devastating death of her best friend, Tammy, and discovering the truth about the man she loved, Haley is searching for her place in life.

When Haley decides to reopen the romantic but abandoned wedding shop where she and Tammy played and dreamed as children, she begins a journey of courage, mystery, and love.

As Cora’s and Haley’s stories intertwine through time in the shadow of the beloved wedding shop, they both discover the power of their own dreams and the magic of everyday love.

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8. Proverbs 24:27
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10. Ezekiel 38:7
11. Matthew 4:17
12. Matthew 19:28
13. Matthew 24:13
14. Matthew 24:42
15. Matthew 24:44
16. Matthew 25:1-4
17. Mark 13:32-33
18. Luke 12:40
19. Luke 14:28-30
20. Luke 18:8
21. Luke 21:34-36
22. Acts 17:30-31
23. 1John 2:28
24. Romans 12:1-2
25. Romans 13:11
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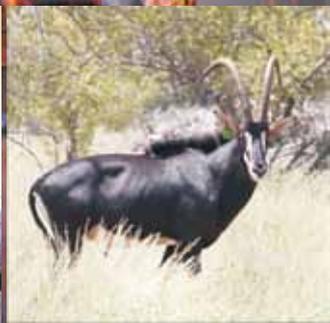


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