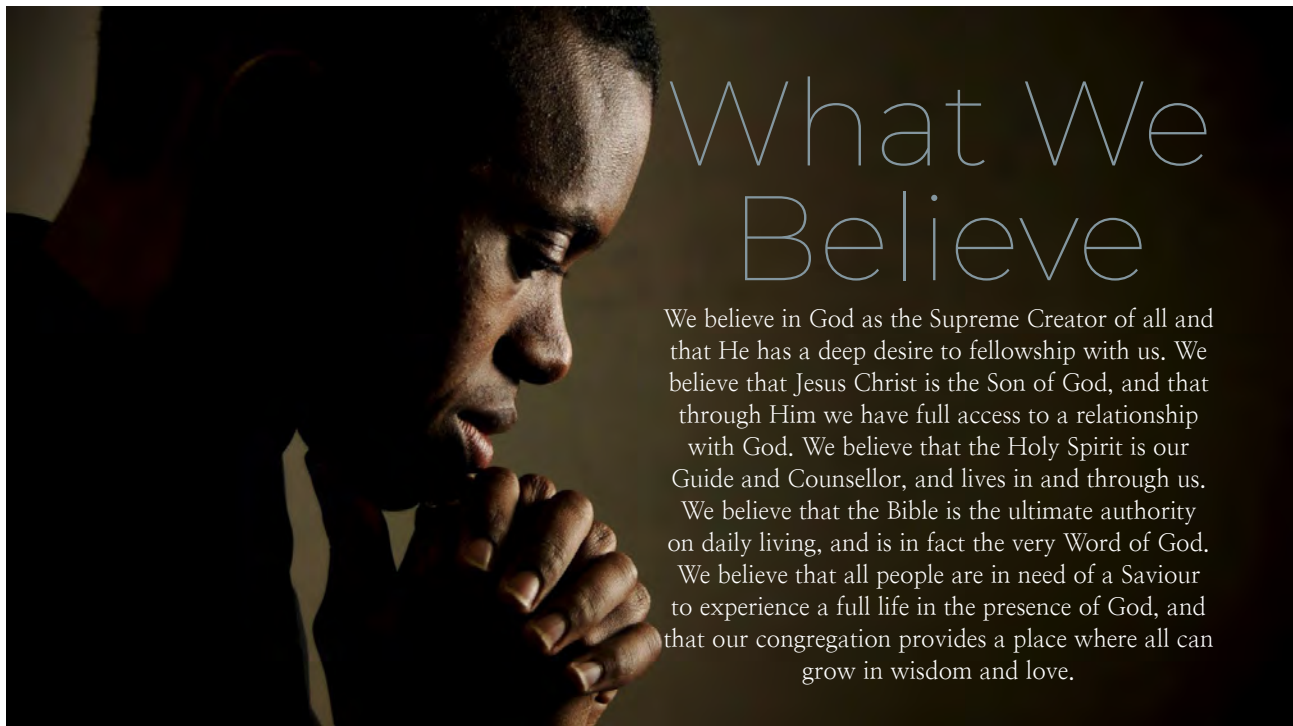




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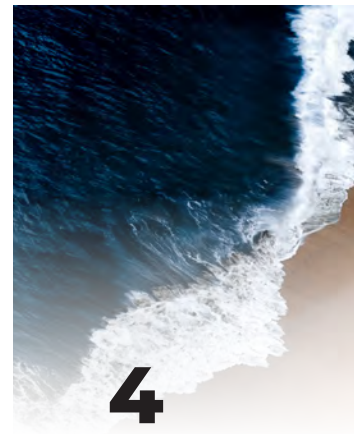
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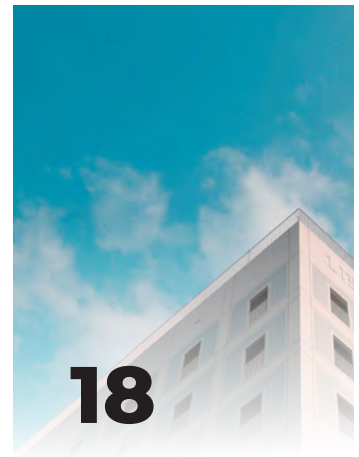
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DEVELOPING THE SKILL TO **LIVE THE BLESSING**

André & Jenny Roebert

When a person surrenders their life to Jesus Christ and accepts Him as their personal Saviour, that person becomes born again – their spirit is completely made new, is forever changed, and intricately joined to the Spirit of the Living God (1 Corinthians 6:17). God's Spirit lives in His fullness inside a born again person's spirit! Since the Spirit of God resides in us, we are filled with the very nature and character, power, wisdom, strength and creative power of God Himself! In essence that is called the BLESSING!

As wonderful and glorious as this is, unless the individual believer comes to the place where he has learnt how to develop the skill to live out the BLESSING every day of his life, he will remain a vessel, full of the power of God, yet never enjoying the benefits of that power.

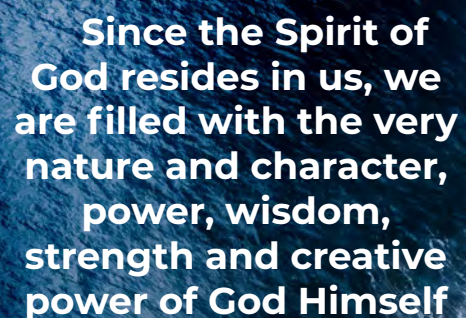
Imagine if we could live in a way that the BLESSING that indwells us, becomes so strong and powerful that it influences and dominates every area of our lives? I believe that there is a key to empowering its influence. Instead of our limited, human reasoning, we can draw from the supernatural wisdom of God. Instead of our emotions being riddled with anger, bitterness or fear, they will be influenced by God's perfect love, compassion and kindness. The decisions we make in life, will be influenced by the Spirit of God, not our misguided emotions.

Sounds good? Well, to begin with, let's take a closer look at how God designed us to be able to live vitally connected to His Spirit, and be continuously influenced by His nature. Man is made up of three distinct components: we are a spirit, we have a soul and we live inside a body.

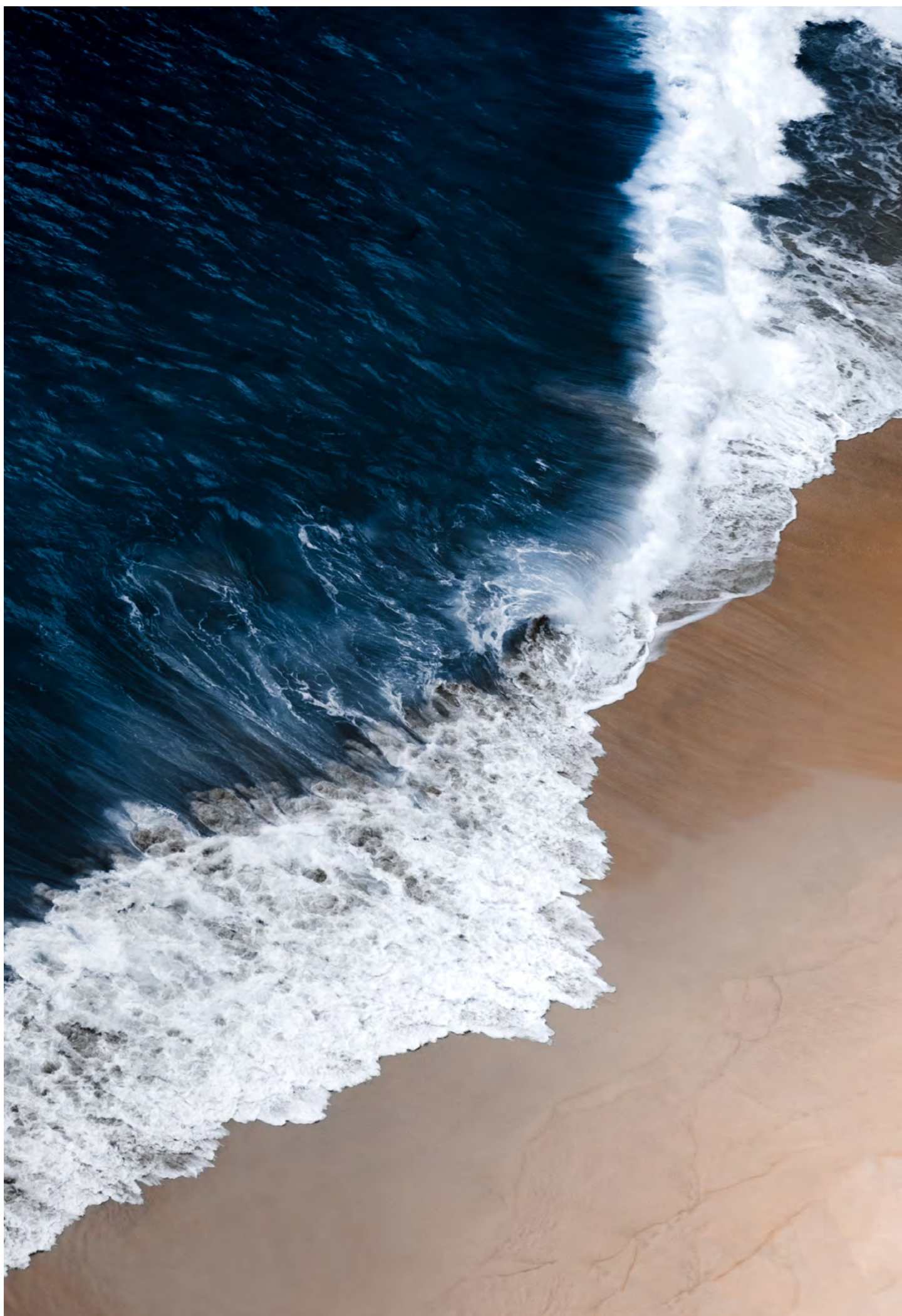
The Word teaches us that our spirits are reborn and made one with Him at the moment of our salvation. It's our souls that must be constantly renewed to knowing Him too if

we are going to live in the BLESSING. The soul consists of the mind – our intellect, where we reason and perceive situations from the information our senses give us. It also consists of our emotions – those strong feelings that attach themselves to every experience we have, and powerfully influence the decisions we make. Thirdly, the soul consists of our will. This is the decision maker, that makes decisions based on our reasoning and emotions.

So, in order for the BLESSING to influence our everyday lives, our minds, wills and emotions must be completely overcome by His perfect love and excellent nature. The BLESSING within us, is fuelled from us knowing, by personal experience, the absolute good nature and character of God. This is what knits our souls in Him.



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FACE YOUR GIANTS AND MOVE **FORWARD** IN LIFE

Joyce Meyer

We all go through hard times in this life and have issues we need to deal with. While it's not easy to face challenges or things that have caused pain, it can help us if we let God use them to do a good work in us.

James 1:12 (AMPC) says, “Blessed (happy, to be envied) is the man who is patient under trial and stands up under temptation, for when he has stood the test and been approved, he will receive [the victor’s] crown of life which God has promised to those who love Him.”

This verse is talking about how going through difficult times and resisting temptation to sin tests and tries us, revealing our true character. It prepares us to pass our tests so we can be promoted and move forward in God’s plans for us.

It’s time to stop running from things that are hard, that we’re avoiding or putting off because we just don’t want to confront them. I’m talking about issues like debt, an addiction, poor health due to bad habits, unhealthy relationships, messes caused by bad choices that have led you to live in self-pity... or anything else that is making you feel guilty, frustrated and weary.

Maybe you’ve been living with a broken heart—an emotional wound—that’s been bleeding for way too long. Perhaps you have an anger issue, bitterness, or insecurity that causes you to be easily offended and hard to get along with.

Whatever your “issues” are, they are not just hang-ups, weaknesses or things you have to live with. They are giants coming against you in your walk with Christ. And as a believer in Jesus, you don’t have to live with any giant—you are a giant killer!

CONFRONT YOUR GIANTS

In 1 Samuel 17, we read about David, the shepherd boy who conquered Goliath,

the Philistine giant who was oppressing the Israelite army. David’s brothers were soldiers, and his father sent him to the battlefield to take provisions to them. When he heard about Goliath, David asked, “Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?” (v. 26).

It bothered David that these Israelite men of God were standing around, letting Goliath intimidate them, so he said, “I’ll fight him!” But King Saul didn’t think he could defeat the giant.

So David told Saul how he had killed the lion and the bear when they came after his sheep. Then he said, “And this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, for he has defied the armies of the living God!” (v. 36).

You’ve probably heard the story: he took his slingshot and five smooth stones, “ran quickly toward the battle line” (v. 48), and killed Goliath. David used what he had and ran toward the battle—not away from it. God blessed him and made him a giant killer, and He wants to do the same thing for you!

LEARN THE BEST STRATEGY FOR BATTLE

The first step in confronting your giants is making the decision that you won’t live with them any longer but you will trust God to help you do what you need to do to be free of them. Your attitude should be: I am a giant killer, and I’m not running from my problems anymore. I’m going to take responsibility for the messes I’ve made and stop making excuses to avoid them. I’m trusting God to show me what I need to do, and by His grace, I’ll do it!

Remember that we are partners with God: We have a part to do and He has a part to do. He won’t do our part, and we can’t do His

part. When we do what we can do, He will always do what we cannot do. But we have to be willing to obey His direction, doing what He shows us to do.

The next step is to study the Word: look up every scripture in the Bible that addresses the issue and meditate on each one. Write them down and put them places where you'll see them often. Pray and ask God to help you apply His Truth to your life. It can also help to read books about the subject, and if you need it, get professional help, like counseling.

As you spend time with God, praying and studying Scripture, He will work in your heart, healing your wounds, strengthening your faith, and showing you how to move forward to overcome your giants.

The truth is, you don't have to live defeated, with a broken heart and emotional pain. Make your mind up today: "I'm not going to get stuck in the past and give up my future because of something that hurt me. I can't go back and undo it, but I can go forward in Christ. I will have a whole heart and be healed because Jesus came to heal the brokenhearted. I am a giant killer!"



A GENTLE ANSWER

Angus Buchan



We are living in turbulent times and we don't have to be a prophet to see that. Everywhere we look there is anger, there is confusion, there are malicious words being spoken without thought, and there's a lot of hurt taking place.

Early this morning while praying about using this subject as a column, I felt the Holy Spirit direct me to go to the Book of John 8, and to read the story of the adulterous woman and the Pharisees. The story is very simple. The Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery to Jesus, not primarily for justice, but to try and catch out the Lord so that they could eventually accuse Him and kill Him. Is it not amazing that so often harsh words are just the cover up for alternative reasons and motives which are unseen at the time? The Pharisees came to Jesus and they said, "According to the law of Moses this woman should be stoned, because she was caught in the act of adultery, but what do you say?" Jesus stooped down and He wrote on the ground with his finger (we don't know what He wrote, but He was totally calm and at peace). They continued to provoke Him and question Him. Eventually He stood up and said in John 8:7 (NKJV), "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first." Then He stooped down again and commenced to write on the ground.

Proverbs 15:1 says "A soft answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger." Jesus then asked the woman, "Where are your accusers?" She said, "There are none!" He replied, "I don't accuse you either, go and sin no more! Your sins are forgiven." Like never before we need to watch what we say. I read that a harsh word is a word of pain. It is normally a word that causes a lot of hurt and a wise word will promote calm interactions. We need to encourage one another rather than discourage one another.

Sarcasm is the lowest form of wit, because you are always sarcastic at someone else's cost and not your own. We need to be very careful how we speak. The Bible tells us in The Book of James that the tongue is almost like a spark that can start a forest fire. We have seen that happen in our own beloved South Africa. A foolish, careless word spoken can cause so much pain, damage and could even cause a revolution.

But those of us who are ambassadors for Jesus Christ need to start to practice using gentle answers, especially when we are provoked unfairly. People will do that especially if they know that we are followers of Christ. They will try to manipulate and make us angry, but we must respond the same way as our Master, because He says we need to turn the other cheek and go the extra mile. It is not an easy thing to do, especially when those people that are doing it to us are purposefully trying to cause us to deny our stand for God. May the Lord bless you as you follow in His footsteps.

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WHEN ITS OK TO DWELL ON THE PAST

Waldo Malan

Any motivational speaker, counsellor or self-help guru worth their salt will tell you straight away to get away from your past and live in the present for the future. They will also remind you that hanging on to things that happened in your past is detrimental for any future growth, and in fact, will hamper any attempt to move ahead. Of course, they are right. I believe that this valuable piece of advice is straight from the heart of God – He, after all, was the first one to come up with the idea that asking forgiveness for a mistake can result in the total eradication of the mistake! The really hard thing for most of us to come to terms with is not God's forgiveness, but rather the ability to forgive ourselves. So yes, we all need to move away from the past and focus on the future.

However, there is an instance where it is good to remember the past. Please note that I am speaking about a simple recall and not some morbid, introspective digging-up-old-bones! The reason I believe that our past is sometimes good to remember is that it will keep us humble in our present and pave the way for a successful future. Paul writes to the Corinthian congregation, "My brothers, remember what you were when God chose you" (1 Corinthians 1:26). He encourages them in the context of his conversation showing how the power of God can transform our very nature. Paul says that before encountering the gracious power of God, "not many of you were wise by the way people look at it. Not many of you had power. Not many of you came from a family with a big name. But God chose things that look foolish to the people of the world. He has used those foolish things to put the wise people to shame. God chose the weak things to put to shame the strong people" (1 Corinthians 1:26–28).

So, by remembering our past we understand what we were before our God encounter! In the proper context this remembrance can serve not only to keep us humble, but also empower us to help other people with similar past experiences. Paul has the same advice for the believers at Ephesus by reminding them what they used to be before coming to know Christ. It is good to remember where you came from since it cultivates an appreciation of what has been done for you. In remembering our past in this manner, God is glorified, and therefore it is good to dwell on the past.

Our past sins and mistakes also work as an early warning system when faced with similar temptations and issues. The old English adage says it well – once bitten twice shy. So, there are times when it is good to dwell on the past, albeit briefly, in order that we can live our present and plan our future.





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EARLY CAREER ADVICE: JUST
YES **(AND FIGURE IT OUT L**



ST SAY (LATER)

Phil Cooke

My advice for starting your career is to nearly always say “yes.” After I graduated from college and moved to Los Angeles, I was so nervous about letting down film producers, that time after time I turned down projects I didn’t think I was capable of doing.

But after awhile, I needed to eat, so I gained a little more confidence. I still wasn’t capable of most of the jobs I was offered, but I decided I wouldn’t let that get in the way – I just said “yes” and figured it out as I went.

I do have an embarrassing confession to make: That first year after college, I saw a newspaper ad that a small university in Texas posted (the school will remain unnamed). They needed a freelance photographer to spend a few days at the college taking pictures of college life for their annual report. I wasn’t a still photographer, but I was a budding filmmaker, so I jumped at the chance. I literally went to a pawn shop in Hollywood and bought a used 35mm Pentax camera and drove to Texas. I don’t remember how many rolls of film I shot that week, but I turned in the rolls, and drove home.

Looking back all these years later, I still feel guilty. At the time I didn’t know anything about still photography, lighting, film, or anything else, and the shots must have been terrible. Years later I made an anonymous donation of what they paid me back to the school.

OK – that was a screwup, but I still hold to the advice.

Obviously if the opportunity is completely out of your league, then maybe turning it down would be appropriate. After all, you don’t ever want to disappoint a client or employer.

BUT – in 90% of the cases, suck it up. I didn’t have “Google” back then, but we do now. So be bold. Take a chance.

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HAVE A PLAN AND IMPLEMENT IT

Greg Clur

I feel like I am in a hole with no light at the end of the tunnel. Everything is just too much. I feel like I'm under so much pressure. How do I get my monthly budget to work? It can wait until tomorrow. Do these statements sound familiar? Perhaps too familiar?

We are living in increasingly difficult times, politically, economically, and spiritually. One of the obvious results is mounting financial pressure on each of us. This is particularly acute for those of us who fulfil the role of head of our households and, indeed, our businesses. I have found that we can draw a lot of inspiration and lessons from the life of Joseph, who became the executive premier of all the land of Egypt of old, second only to the president of that time, Pharaoh. Egypt was faced with looming economic difficulties and Joseph's brief from Pharaoh was quite simply to solve the problem. He was not given much more detail than that. These lessons, I firmly believe, will help us all in these challenging

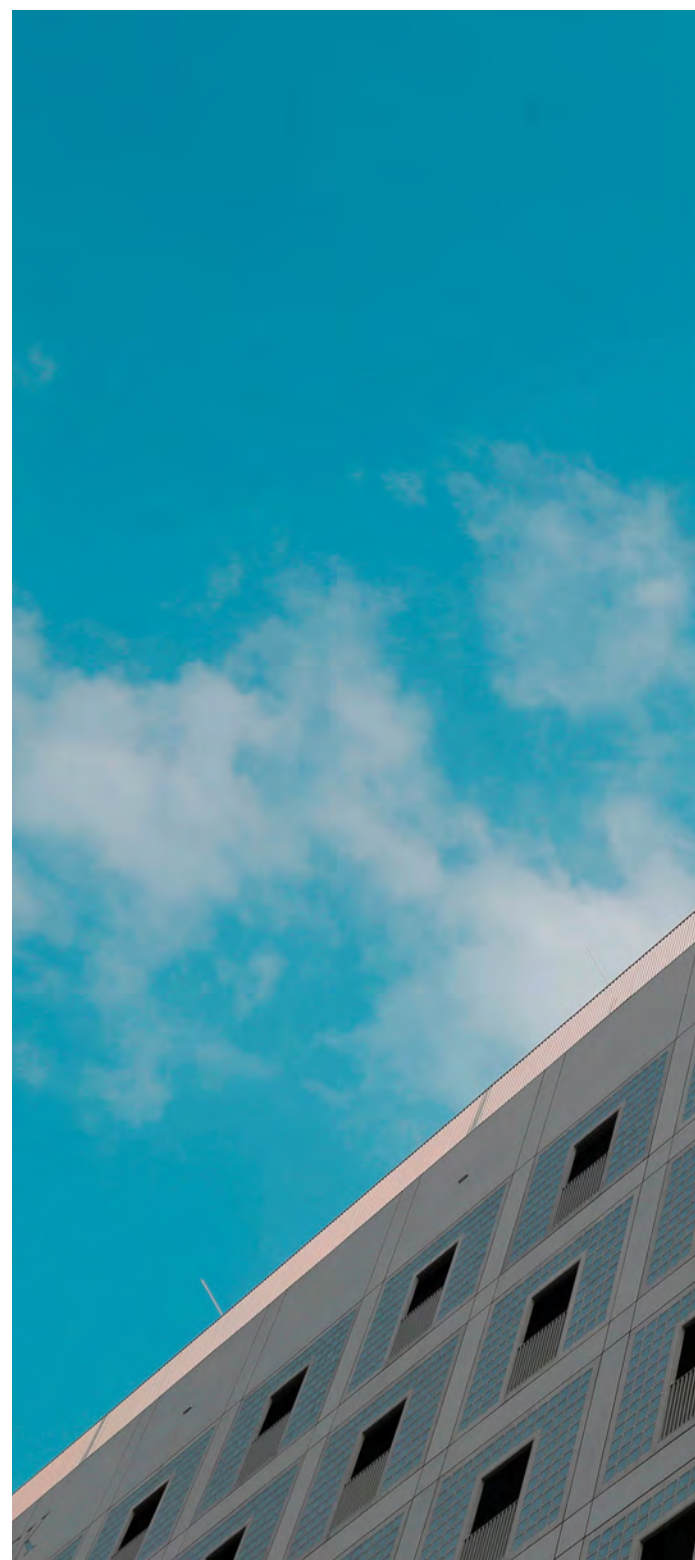
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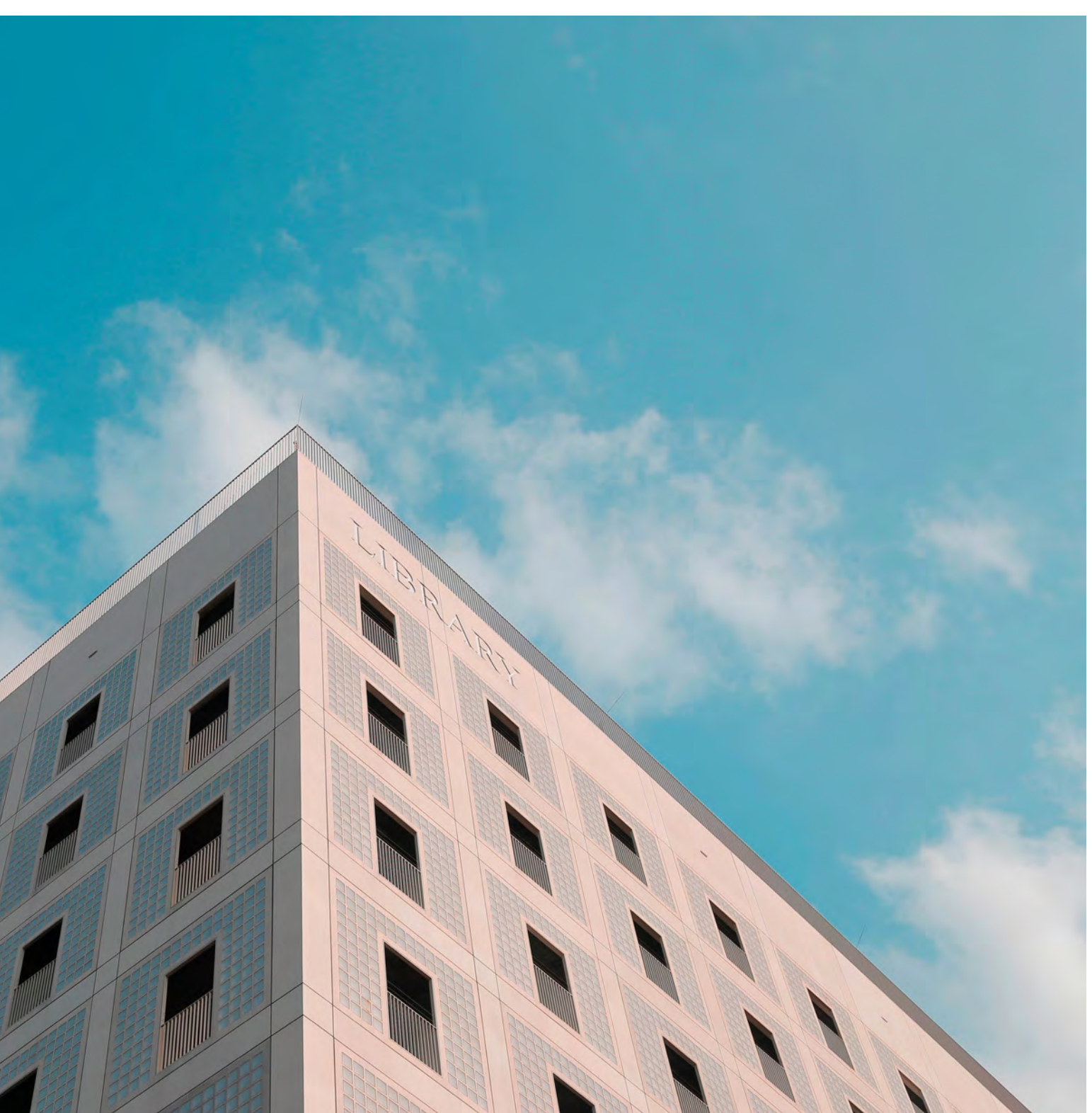
times. In the next series of articles, I would like to focus on some of these. Although they may not all be strictly financial in nature, I believe that their application will have, as one result, a positive financial effect.

One of the basic tenets of Joseph's success was the bold and diplomatic application of Godly wisdom in his life. He seemed to display an ability that nobody else had. He was always prepared to provide a solution to seemingly complex problems or abstract dreams. In our lives we need to pause and allow God to help us make sense of our present conditions and then actively implement our attempts at a

solution. Procrastination simply will not work. We need to energetically face all our obstacles with a quiet confidence that we are actually in control of them. Take stock of who you are in the first place and how wonderfully you have been created.

Joseph was also consistently prepared to publicly explain his solutions. This implied that he had a solution in the first place and had sufficient clarity to articulate his understanding of the problem and his methodology to solve it. This is an important lesson because, too often, we can see our obstacles, such as worsening economic times, but we simply do not know





how to react and therefore do not... to our peril. There is always a solution. We just need to find it!

Nowhere in the account of Joseph's life is there any suggestion of timidity. Let's face it, he was placed before some powerful people and yet he was prepared to speak his mind, albeit with diplomacy. This implies that under pressure situations, he was confident that he was correct. He knew, and was prepared to publicly admit, that his wisdom came directly from the throne-room of God, and this was a fundamental building block of his personal success in his future.

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WHEN OTHERS DON'T SEE **YOUR** **CALLING**

John Bevere

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

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

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

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

“The next day he came across two Israelites as they were fighting, and tried to reconcile them, saying, ‘Men, you are brethren; why do you wrong one another?’ But he who did his neighbour wrong pushed him away, saying, ‘Who

made you a ruler and a judge over us? Do you want to kill me as you did the Egyptian yesterday?’ Then, at this saying, Moses fled and became a dweller in the land of Midian, where he had two sons” (Acts 7:25 – 29).

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

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

Many years later, Moses eventually did become a ruler and a judge over the children of Israel: “This Moses





whom they rejected, saying, ‘Who made you a ruler and a judge?’ is the one God sent to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the Angel who appeared to him in the bush” (Acts 7:35).

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

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

God will promote you in due time.

BORN OF A THORN

Anne Williams

Easter is a period when we take time to contemplate the significance of the crucifixion and the resurrection of Christ. The life, death and resurrection of Jesus is a story of both sacrifice and inspiration. The way in which Christ lived his life provides us with an example of what it means to live a soulful and honest life, driven by love for fellow man, connected to God and carrying out his will.

At the start of the year, when abroad in England visiting family, I had the opportunity to visit Glastonbury. Tucked away among the rolling hills of Somerset, this quaint English town emanates a serene energy of peace. One of the highlights of this trip was visiting the Glastonbury Abbey.

The Glastonbury Abbey is a tranquil ruins site of England's largest Abbey, where people are believed to have worshipped for almost 2,000 years. The electric sense of history is palpable at this site. Intricate designs still clearly visible on the remnants of what must have been a majestic work of architecture demonstrates the level of pride and effort put into creating something in the name of God. The Abbey is deemed the earliest Christian sanctuary in Britain.

Silence echoes in this place, adding to the prayerful essences that the ruins emanate. This makes it easy to believe that the Abbey is indeed a place where God dwells. A veil of history, myths

and fascinating legends hangs over Glastonbury's Abbey. According to archaeological discovers, Christianity is believed to have been present in the Somerset region since its earliest days (estimated around the 7th century), and Glastonbury was an important pilgrimage site. Its Abbey at its prime became the richest in the country and patron Saints Bridget, David, Patrick and Dunstan are all believed to have been linked to the place.

The most interesting stories tied to this site are those of Joseph of Arimathea. According to biblical reference, Joseph of Arimathea was the Mother Mary's uncle. He gave up his own prepared tomb to be used for Jesus' burial after the crucifixion. Legend says that Joseph of Arimathea travelled to Somerset together with a young boy Jesus and built a simple place of worship by constructing a wattle and daub. This construction became known as the "Old Church", and it is said that it later became the Abbey's Lady Chapel, the remnants of which are still seen today. Among the various stories of the origins of the Glastonbury Abbey it is claimed that Joseph founded the Abbey in the 1st Century.

Another legend linked with Joseph of Arimathea is that of the Glastonbury Holy Thorn Tree. The story goes that Joseph returned to Glastonbury after Jesus' death. Joseph had with him a staff that was taken from a hawthorn tree which in turn was grown from a thorn of Christ's crown. When Joseph arrived, he climbed Wearyall Hill where he placed his staff on the

ground and rested. Legend dictates that the staff then took root and spouted branches and leaves and became the Glastonbury Thorn Tree. This tree was thought unusual as it flowered twice a year – once as normal during spring and once during winter. The thorn tree's flowering in winter was accounted as a miraculous occurrence.

The story of the thorn tree stood out to me. Whether there is any truth to it or not remains a mystery but it is a beautiful story of hope. It is always fascinating to discover magical stories that are laced with subtle nuances of something powerful hidden behind the literal interpretation of that story. It is somewhat reflective of our creativity as human beings as well as the fact that traces of our ideals such as hope and inspiration often line the inner layers of the stories we create. Since the thorn crown worn by Christ at his crucifixion is symbol of suffering, the idea that a new life of a tree could have been created from it holds a message of new beginnings beyond that suffering. Perhaps it is even a message of resurrection, just as Jesus himself was resurrected into a new life after his death. It is often difficult to see the possibility of a positive outcome when amid difficulty.

Let this be a reminder that God has given us a human spirit with the ability to rise beyond suffering and find rebirth both in the physical world and spiritually eternally.



HOW EDUCATION AFFECTS YOUR WORLDVIEW

Martie du Plessis



Have you ever thought of how we develop a worldview? And, have you ever thought of how much time is needed to establish a strong worldview?

To have a worldview is to have a lens through which we see the world at large. It acts like a filter – for most of the time we are unaware of these filters – through which we frame our world. It is the ultimate motivator of our lives; it is the way through which we understand and make sense of the world around us.

“For as he [man] thinks within himself, so he is” (Proverbs 23:7) For the most part, our culture is shaped by distorted worldviews and we make our judgements by our worldviews. Governments determine their decisions based on a particular worldview. When we go along with worldviews shaped by human philosophies and reasonings, we have no basis for morality or stability; stability is only provided by the ways of God, which are absolute. God wants us to see the world as He intended for it to be; God gave us the framed truth to live in this world.

Everybody has a worldview, which can either be biblical or humanistic. In a humanistic worldview men and women decide for themselves what is best for mankind. Every culture is shaped by the actions of the community, or society. We see the consequences of the actions we take daily. Our one-sided ideas of what is good for mankind is catching up with us, specifically with regards to the morality and safety in

our nation and the education system. It is through the education we provide (and receive) that a worldview is established.

We place our children in school for 12 years, during which time their personal worldview is shaped, in many instances by a humanistic worldview. Children do not learn to govern themselves, but to be governed by somebody looking over their shoulders.

“As we look at the final reality of humanism taught in our schools and which provides much of the framework of the thinking and the writing of our day – we find that is thought of as material or energy. It is impersonal, totally neutral to any value system or any interest in man as man. It has existed in some form forever and has its present configuration by pure chance. This view of final reality offers no absolute value system, no fixed basis for law, and no basis for viewing man as unique and important in the eyes of a loving Creator.

In a Biblical worldview, the final reality is the infinite personal God who truly is there objectively whether we think He is there or not. He is the Creator of everything else. We must never forget that one of the distinguishing marks of the Judeo-Christian God is that not everything is the same to Him. He as a character, and some things agree with His character and some things offers conflict with that character. Therefore, there are absolutes, right and wrongs in the

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world” (Francis Schaeffer, 1982, *The Secular Humanist Word view versus The Christian World View.*)

The answer to the dilemmas of this world is self-government; self-government is synonymous with self-control. A self-governed individual is someone who can regulate his attitudes and actions without the need for external coercion. “Those who cannot govern themselves cannot govern others” (1 Timothy 3:5). A self-governed individual obeys the law of God from the heart, while someone who lacks self-control must be forced to obey. Those who are not self-governed need to be controlled by an external governor. This is why Scripture tells us “that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for those who are lawless and insubordinate, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine” (1 Tim.1: 9–10).

An ungoverned citizen reverts to crime to satisfy his uncontrolled desires. He might steal, vandalize, murder, or rape. His failure to govern himself means that others must govern him (taught for 12 years in school), protecting the larger society from his destructiveness and rebellion. Essentially men fail in self-government because they are in rebellion against God... a society without a proper perspective of God and no Biblical worldview.

Only the renewing work of the Holy Spirit can affect such a change. We should not expect any long-term change in society without a radical change in the belief pattern of the community. Societal change without personal restoration is a myth and impossibility. The Bible is the only handbook to change the worldview of people in a positive way. Any law without the Bible leads to anarchy.

Family, church and civil government reflects the self-government of people, whether good or bad. The essence of this article is to call upon parents and churches to take an effort to establish a strong biblical worldview in their families and churches. Parents are the sovereign rulers in the family. Authority has been delegated to parents from God, and parents ought to reflect the image of God as “our Father who is in

heaven” (Matthew 6:9). God instigated the family – it is His design. The family is the building block of civilization. Family government should be our first government. We need to constantly remind ourselves that before the Church family government had already been established (Genesis 2:21–25), and before there was a State the family existed (Genesis 4:1–2).

- Parents are to feed their children the Word of God (Deuteronomy 6:6–9, Psalm 78:1–8).
- Parents should not exasperate and provoking their children (Ephesians 6:4, Colossians 3:21).
- Parents should constantly be teaching the sacred writings which are able to give their children wisdom, leading to salvation through faith which is Christ Jesus (2 Timothy 3:15).
- Parents should provide their children with Godly discipline to deliver their souls from Sheol (Proverbs 23:14).

Obedience brings life (continuity and inheritance), while disobedience brings death (discontinuity and disinheritance). Jesus was faithful to His Father, and in the same way children gain an inheritance through faithfulness: “Honour your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise, that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth” (Ephesians 6: 1–3).

“When the moral backbone of a nation is removed, a nation will surely collapse. The public schools have abandoned the absolute moral values and biblical morality and have replaced them with the religion of humanism, where man is the measure of all things and values are determined by the individual. In America, 1982 the top discipline offenses had become rape, robbery, assault, burglary, drug abuse, abortion and sexual diseases. (It is nothing different in South Africa) Violence is the order of the day. Will your child be the next victim?” (Christopher Klicka, 1995, *The Right Choice*).

The solution is for parents to be intentional about training their children in a strong biblical worldview, and for churches to train parents to establish a strong worldview; to teach the truth about who God is and how we ought to live. In some instances, the only way parents can truly bring change is to bring their children home for the critical years of their education.



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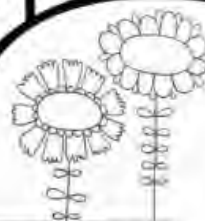
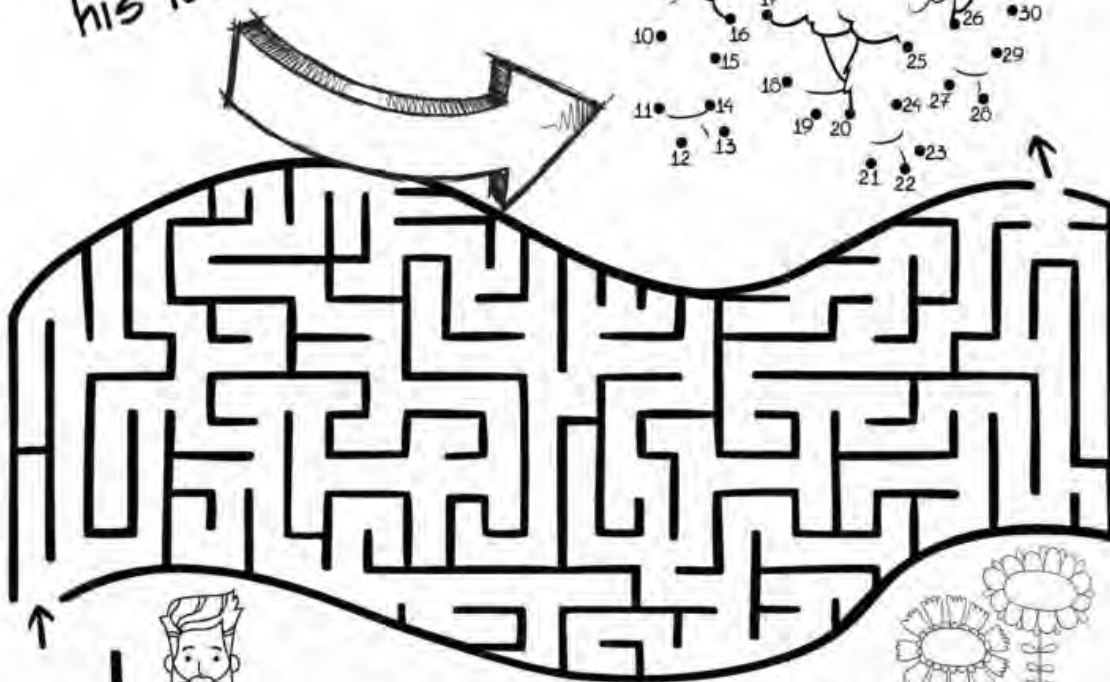
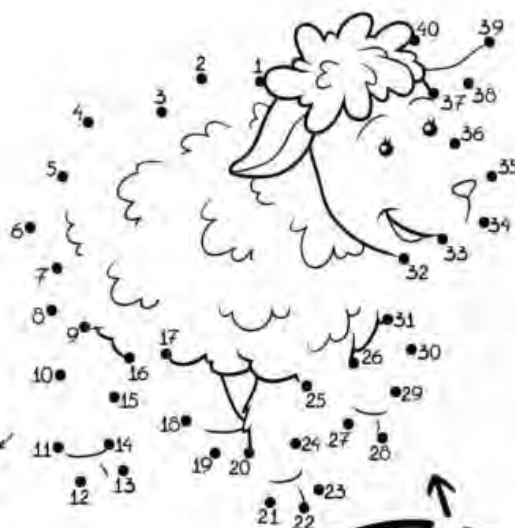
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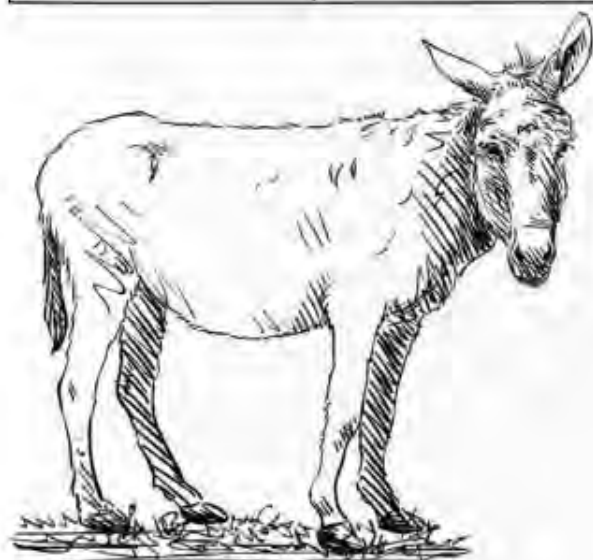
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I shall not want. He maketh me to
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me in the paths of righteousness
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Psalm 23:1-3, KJV

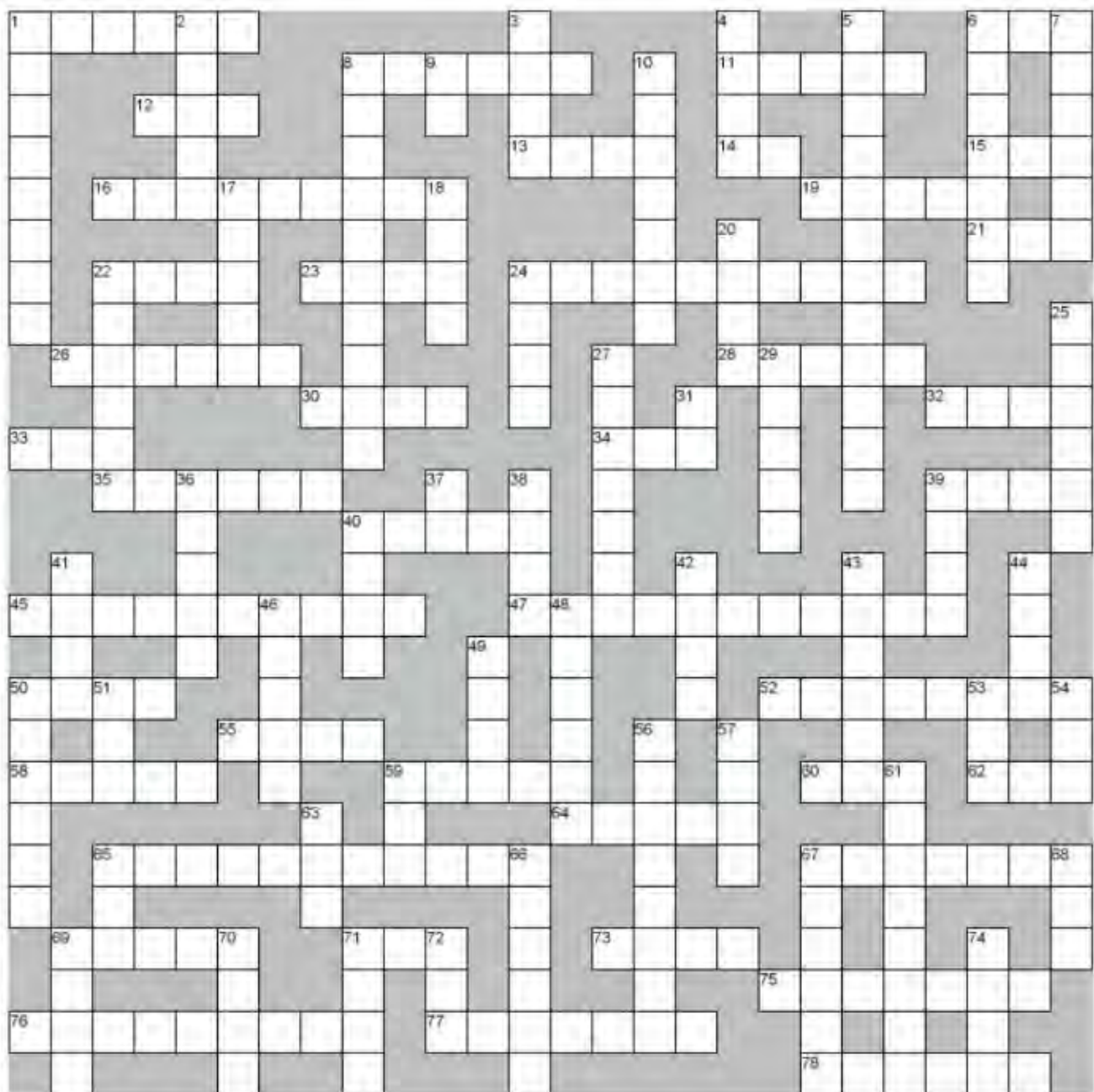
And it came to pass, when he was come nigh to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount called the mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, Saying, Go ye into the village over against you; in the which at your entering ye shall find a colt tied, whereon yet never man sat: loose him, and bring him hither. And if any man ask you, Why do ye loose him? thus shall ye say unto him, Because the Lord hath need of him. And they that were sent went their way, and found even as he had said unto them.

- Luke 29-32, KJV -

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- 41 Symbol of peace
- 42 Variety or nature
- 43 A lack of this will cause death
- 44 Sixth month of the year
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- 48 A child without parents
- 49 The number of the current issue
- 50 A seat on an elephant's back
- 51 To permit
- 53 To lengthen
- 54 Used to express denial
- 56 Sign of God's promise (Gen 9:13)
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- 59 Opposite to in
- 61 Disordered in mind
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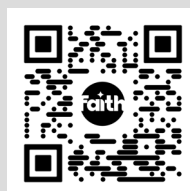
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