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# ***A letter from Jennifer...***



We are honored to have Cameron Arnett and BJ Arnett with "The Forge" movie on our cover. This movie is about the transformative power of discipleship and will change how we look at our walk as a Christian. This movie is about the power of the Lord God and His order for the old to teach the young. Proverbs 9:9 says "Give instruction to a wise man and he will be wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning." Additionally, from the word we read in 2 Timothy 2;2, "And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses and trust to faithful men, who will be able to teach other's also." Theses are beautiful examples on how God intended men to disciple each other. When Godly men choose to step up and teach young men how to be a Godly man, they find their purpose, strength, and how to lead their families. This is the hierarchy of the Lord...First, the husband as the leader as he follows Christ, his wife follows his lead, and then children. When we do life God's way instead of the world's way, the family thrives.

With all of the "woke" movies and networks bombarding and brainwashing us to do marriage and family the world's way, we end up doing it Satan's way. We need to reject Hollywood for everything it stands for, and support faith-based films like "The Forge". These movies are encouraging and empowering the nuclear family to fall in God's order.

Chris and I watched the Forge not once, but twice! We made it a point to have our boys watch "The Forge" this second time because of the strong message that will give them their own insight to their purpose as men. We were pleasantly surprised to see our 16 year old hang on every word, and he never looked at his cell phone once. We witnessed with our own eyes that this movie made a powerful impact! Growing up in poverty with a single-mom myself I could relate to what Isaiah was going through. My own father abandoned me and my mother physically and mentally abused me.

One summer, my mother sent us to church camp, just to get rid of us. What she didn't anticipate that I would pray to receive Jesus as my Lord and Savior. This was the best gift I ever got from my mother! Receiving Jesus at 12 years old sealed my salvation, but I did not have anyone disciplining me. Fast forward to 30 years old, God sent me a nanny from Africa to look over my son, as I worked. Little did I know, she would be the most significant mentor to help me navigate my Christian walk. Since then, God has placed so many others to get me where I am at today. I have learned to walk in the Spirit as opposed to my own worldly flesh. "I say then: Walk in the Sprit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh." -Galatians 5:16

I now have not only been able to mentor my own son for 23 years of his life, but also many others! God has a way of placing people in our lives for His purpose. It is up to us to make that conscious decision to learn and grow. Chris and I use HE is Hope ministry to teach others what we've learned and do life and marriage God's way NOT the world's way!

God's blessings on each and everyone of you,

*Jennifer*

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# **“THE FORGE”**

## **A KENDRICK BROTHER’S FILM. THIS MUST-SEE MOVIE WILL MELT YOUR HEART!**

This powerful film tells the story of a single mother’s struggle to guide her son into manhood, knowing deep down that only a father can truly fill that role. With an absent father, all she can do is pray and that’s exactly what Cynthia Wright, played by Priscilla Shirer, does!

Raising a child alone is never easy, but it’s even harder when that child is a young man battling the wounds of abandonment. Aspen Kennedy delivers a gripping performance as Isaiah Wright, a troubled young man who acts out in pain, showing disrespect toward his mother and those around him. His rebellious choices lead him down a dangerous path until his mother forces him to either get a job or leave home.

Reluctantly searching for work, Isaiah crosses paths with Joshua Moore, a successful businessman played authentically by Cameron Arnett. With unwavering faith and tough love, Joshua, alongside his supportive wife Janelle, played by BJ Arnett, mentors Isaiah, guiding him toward a life lived God’s way. Joshua Moore, being so eager and willing to disciple Isaiah was critical to the transformation of this young man.

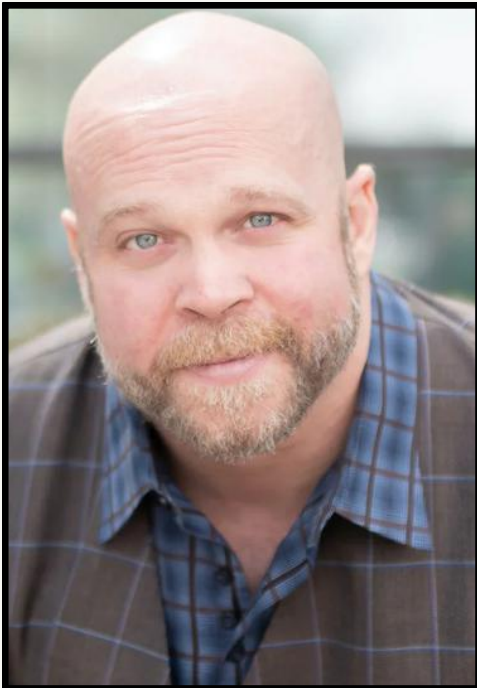


THE FORGE is more than just a film, it’s a call to intentional living, echoing Proverbs 27:17, “As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.” It’s a story of transformative discipleship, forgiveness, and the life-changing impact of grace.

Cameron and BJ Arnett, a dynamic couple for Christ, bring authenticity to the screen, portraying husband and wife not only in this film but in three others. Married for 26 years, they live and work in alignment with God’s purpose, both as actors and producers.

Kudos to the Kendrick Brothers, Cameron Arnett, Priscilla Shirer, Karen Abercrombie, Aspen Kennedy, T.C. Stallings, BJ Arnett, and the entire cast and crew for delivering one of the most powerful, life-changing films. THE FORGE is more than entertainment, it’s an experience that will touch hearts and transform lives for God’s glory!

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# Spiritual Warfare and the devil... What doors are we opening?

by Kevin Kirchen



I never really understood spiritual warfare until I had been spiritually beat up a few times and started asking questions.

I believe most Christians have read or heard Ephesians 6:12. It means we are in an unseen war not a physical war, but a spiritual war. A war that can take us out before we are even aware we are in one.

Most of us battle and argue with the physical situation when the real battle is actually a spiritual one. When the enemy attacks he can use people, places and things to try and get us off track. He can even use us to get someone else off track!

I believe it's an ongoing battle, as Christians we are either going into the war - in the war - or coming out of the war. So we have to stay on guard as we are directed in 1 Peter 5:8 because that's the devil's intention to get us off of our purpose and he doesn't give up one way, he just tries another way.

We need to constantly guard our mind, eyes and ears. We need to be careful of what we are thinking, who we are hanging with, where we go, and what we watch and listen to. The spirit realm is very real, in Christ it's amazing and glorious but in worldly ways sin can lie at the door. It can be very dangerous and nothing to play around with.

We need to constantly be aware of familiar spirits -old ways, old ideas, old and even new friends. We need to be aware of who we engage with, who we touch, and who we talk with. We especially need to make sure we are sober-minded and mindfully present at all times. The enemy looks for a crack to attack our thoughts, has no new tricks, and no rabbit in the hat or scarf out of the sleeve. He just uses US against US!

Once we open the door to the enemy we give him and his cohorts legal ground to enter and create havoc in and on our lives. Which brings me back to a time when I decided to play with the devil and make a deal with him. I was 17, I had accepted Christ at 14, yet I was abandoned by my family including the church. I now had a big resentment towards everyone including God.

I had been betrayed, I was lonely, sad, and living on my own with nowhere to go, and that was the devil's entryway. I was sitting on a bed sad and hating my life when suddenly the wall melted open into a big hole. This hole was dark and creepy; it was filled with smoke and flames. Before I realized what was happening the devil came through the smoke and flames, his neck stretched until we were face to face. We were locked eye to eye and he said: "F your family, F God, F the Church what do you want?"

I thought for a minute and decided God hadn't been there for me through these devastating times (or so I thought) so why not give the devil a shot to see what he can do. So I said: "women, money and power." Once I said that he let out a big wicked laugh and said "are you sure?" I said "yes" and he said "ok you want you got it."

And that moment changed the course of my life for almost 3 decades. As I write this I want to both encourage and warn. Encourage us to remember the battle has already been won. God is good and sitting in his presence being spiritually one with Him is so awesome. However, we can't rest there. We need to stay on guard, be alert, keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, and remember that the enemy is always just around the corner.

If we are not of this world as scripture states, if we have died and truly have a new life in Christ as then we need to take hold of that and not blend in with the world, hang with the world or invite evil. Hanging and blending with the old is the doorbell to Satan's house.

Let's remember the enemy is very subtle, very sneaky and very patient so let's not think we got it now, we're all good now or we can do this our way. Yes we can do all thing, but all things through Christ alone - If we think we are good in our own strength, that is pride and pride goes before the fall!

Lest we forget-

Our old ways will ALWAYS take us back to our old days - right, where the enemy wants us!

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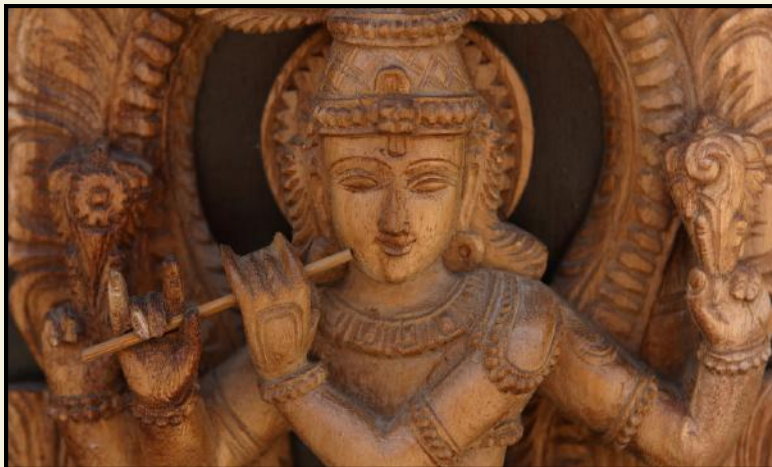
# VIOLATED BY THE DEMONIC REALM

BY YASMEEN SURI



I was born in India and came to America when I was almost 5 years old. My family practiced the Sikh religion and also raised me believing it was the truth. We had a prayer room in our house that was dedicated to a guru with his picture on the wall. When we went to the sikh temples, I remember us having to take off our shoes, cover our heads and throwing money and bowing in front of their holy book and shrine. Although I did not understand it completely, I never questioned it. We had books in our house on transcendental meditation, how to tap in our potential from the power inside of us, palm reading etc...

It began when I was about 8 years old when I would begin to having encounters with demon spirits. I remember sleeping one afternoon and I felt someone had touched my body sexually and tried to have sex with me. I immediately woke up and there was no one there. I ran to ask my family in the next room if anyone touched me and they said no one was near me. These are called incubus and succubus spirits from India. At night when I was half asleep, I became paralyzed and could not move. I saw this dark spirit coming in from outside my bedroom and could not move or scream. When I broke out of this, I screamed as loud as I could, and my family wondered what had happened, I told them, but they did not understand. My grandfather would always read my palm, and even one year my uncle had a psychic tent at the Detroit riverfront festival. He said it was just for fun and to make money. In my teen years, I grew interested in the eastern mysticism, and New age books. I learned how to have my first out of body experience when I was 14 years old. When I was alone, spirit beings would appear to me and I knew they knew me and they wanted to use me to fulfill their purpose. My family took me to see a counselor because they thought I was hallucinating and on drugs. I was not. At the age of 19 and 20, I started practicing chants and mantras. I would go to New Age houses and pick up crystals, Egyptian artifacts, etc.. and had a fascination for the New Age movement. I was able to read people's minds(ESP) and had psychic abilities that could predict the future of an event and it would come to pass. I also went to psychics as did my family. I started to learn how to cast spells on people because I was looking for power and control. Other people of the same spirit would always find me and be drawn to me.



Especially because I was from India and I had a familiar spirit on me. I would have nightmares every night until the moment I became a Christian. I always thought these things were from God, but did not realize that it was coming from satan himself. For he masquerades as an angel of light and his ministers as angels of righteousness. It is true when the Lord said the sins of the fathers and forefathers 3 and 4 generations back would visited upon their sons and daughters. The Lord started to put Christians in my path. Jesus himself came after me. I would listen just to be polite, and the Lord took my politeness to sow His Word into me. I was still blind to the truth. One day, on my 25th Birthday, a lady came over to my house with a Bible. I had originally asked her for Shirley McClain's book. She opened up the scripture to Deuteronomy 18 vs 9-14 The scriptures jumped out from the pages and went right through my spirit and convicted me of sin for the first time. I had no idea that what I was doing was detestable to the Lord. The Lord kept sending people to speak to me about Jesus and I would listen. The spirits now were revealing to me who they were. They were becoming evil and tormenting. I was living in so much fear. At times they would drive me out of my own house. I finally went to church and the moment the worship began I would weep. Every service was that way. I had never felt the presence of God before. One night I finally asked Jesus to come into my heart. He totally lifted the scales from my eyes. He told me to break off and repent of all the sins that I had done with all the witchcraft. One by one, I had to renounce satan out of my life. The Lord told me to take every books, artifact, music, jewelry...etc...and destroy it. So I took it all and had a big bonfire like according to the books of Acts.

The Lord called me into the ministry a few years after I became a Christian. I was trained by the Multi-grammy award winning group "The Clark Sisters" Dorinda Clark Cole took me under her wings and trained me for 4 years. The Lord began to open the doors for me to sing and share my Testimony across the United States. I regularly sing for the Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Naturalization services, Department of Justice, Major Sports Teams, Television, Radio and Major venues and churches. I will be coming out with my 2nd Music c.d. which will be available on itunes and my website: [www.yasmeensuri.com](http://www.yasmeensuri.com)

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**I**t all started with a desperate cry for help, and the Living God who answered! In July 2020, God told me to move to Murfreesboro, TN to learn from Rev. Nicky Agyepong and serve at Holy Hill Chapel, TN. Four months later, my nineteen-year-old son, Matthew, and I were diagnosed with COVID-19 and for Matthew it escalated to double-pneumonia. Matthew had been to the hospital three times by ambulance where they would get his oxygen level up to 90% and send him home. One night, around 4:00am, a few days before Thanksgiving Matthew said, "Momma something is wrong, I don't feel right, it's hard to breathe!" I checked his oxygen level, and it was 80%. Then with his last breath, he whispered, "Momma I'm dying!". Instantly Matthew stopped breathing! My heart felt like life had been squeezed out of it, my eyes filled with tears, and my throat tightened. Immediately my cell phone lit up, it was Pastor Nicky! Before I could speak, he said, "GOD just showed me the spirit of death walk into your apartment, I'm on my way!". "Pastor Frances Yankey and Pastor David Asante will call and pray with you while I drive."

I answered their call and heard them praying in a heavenly language. Immediately, my spirit started praying in my heavenly language. I felt my strength rising! The thought of calling 911 never entered my head because my spirit took over.

I believe my spirit had to take over because I was so physically, mentally, and emotionally exhausted from being sick and taking care of him.

All I could do was pray these words in my head, "GOD, I'VE SEEN YOU DO THE IMPOSSIBLE BEFORE; I BELIEVE YOU WILL DO IT AGAIN! JESUS, PLEASE HEAL MY SON! HOLY SPIRIT HELP!" Fifteen minutes later, I was jolted out of intense prayers by a knock at the door. It was Pastor Nicky; I could see on his face he was mad at the devil! I pointed to where Matthew was lying, and we both ran there. Pastor Nicky laid his hands on our heads and said with authority, "IN THE MIGHTY NAME OF JESUS, I COMMAND THE SPIRIT OF COVID TO GO, GO, GO!!!" Immediately Matthew started breathing! He said, "Momma, JESUS IS REAL! When I stopped breathing, the room turned white and it felt like giant hands of clouds lifted me into a standing position, the room faded out and I was in Heaven. JESUS was standing a short distance before me. His face was illuminated with a beautiful bright light! He had a huge smile and round cheeks. Four men were standing to each side of me wearing golden armor and crowns. My new body looked healthy and my clothes had changed into a T-shirt, jeans and tennis shoes. Immediately I ran to JESUS and tackled Him. I didn't want to let go.

**He said, "Momma, Jesus is REAL!"**

**JESUS said,” There are cool things I want to show you.” Instantly we appeared on the other side of a huge golden ornate gate. In the distance was a beautiful city of tall futuristic buildings made of gold and many angels were singing. JESUS took me to a spaceship! It was white with five steps hovering below an open door. There was a bright white light coming from inside. As I walked towards it, my clothes transformed into a fitted spacesuit! When I entered, I was shocked that the inside looked massive compared to the outside! It was full of scientific instruments made of gold! Later JESUS took me to see GOD! He told JESUS, “SEND HIM BACK IT’S NOT HIS TIME.” When GOD spoke, it looked like a Shock Wave! The Breath of GOD hit my chest, HIS BREATH, and my spirit fell from Heaven into my body as fast as lightning! Now, I could Breathe Again! The first thing I noticed was there was a time delineation. My spirit was off Earth for fifteen minutes, but it seemed like I had been in Heaven for years! Since I’ve come back, Earth doesn’t feel like home. I miss GOD, JESUS, and the overwhelming peace!”**

**Christmas Eve 2023, Matthew shared his experience in Heaven, at a detention center in Nashville, TN, and 22 young men gave their lives to JESUS! Matthew loves seeing JESUS change lives! GOD downloads Music from Heaven and Matthew is recording it from his keyboard! I am writing the Book detailing Matthew’s experience in Heaven, which GOD will have made into a Movie.**

**-Chantel & Matthew Hammonds**



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# Christian Mayberry

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family.*

## *FORGIVENESS over & above FAULT*

BY KIM MAYBERRY

*PSALMS, 118:17, I WILL NOT DIE, BUT LIVE AND DECLARE THE WORKS OF THE LORD!  
LITTLE DID I KNOW JUST HOW IMPORTANT THIS SCRIPTURE WOULD BECOME TO ME.*



**S**eptember 1, 2013 my beautiful youngest child Christian, 16 at the time was invited to ride four wheelers down at the river Labor Day weekend. My daughter Mia had taken me to Cancun for my birthday for our very first Mother-daughter trip.

Unfortunately, Christian put himself on the four-wheeler that fateful night with a mom of one of his football teammates who was drunk! This resulted in a crash and after crashing, she didn't get help, she just fled the scene! Christian would lay there for three hours before help was called. But this is where the beautiful part of the journey began. You see Christian died while lying there, he was immediately ushered into the arms of the Lord! The Lord told him he was going to return, He said he would have a platform, help bring thousands to Him. While there Christian met Grandparents he had never met, as well as my first child Vanessa who was still born. Christian says there's just no way to describe the beauty and the love of Heaven most of all of Jesus! Countless times during our nearly 11 year journey during the really hard times and there have been many he would scream out, "why did I ever come back!"

Once the woman driving got her story straight with others that were at the scene, they finally called for help. Three hours he laid in the ditch. When he got to the hospital, it was touch and go that he would even make it. He had suffered the worst injury, a severe traumatic brain injury!

My daughter tried everything in her power to get us out of Cancun that day, but it wasn't possible. We weren't able to leave until the following morning. Even so, I will tell you the Lord showed us that day signs and evidence that He was with us.

Arriving at St. John's Hospital in Tulsa Oklahoma I was in such shock, how could this possibly be happening? Not my Christian, a young man that has so much love for everyone, not this happy-go-lucky young man who loves the Lord, this blessing to all, not Christian. Yet there he was lying in the bed unconscious, with every kind of tube coming out of him, hooked up to every kind of machine with the doctors saying he may not survive! After six days they could no longer control the swelling in the brain. We were told if they didn't do surgery now, he was going to die! They had to remove two pieces of skull, one on each side of the head, both the size of a grapefruit.



After surviving this horrible surgery, one month after his injury, the hospital said we can do nothing more for him. You have to decide where to take him for rehab. After a lot of stress and searching, we settled on a children's hospital in Bethany, Oklahoma. We were there 2 1/2 months. They tried to rehab Christian, but he was just way too out of it at this point! He was still asleep most of the time, not looking at you, you couldn't have him do anything on command. Of course, he wasn't speaking. He couldn't hold himself up, sit up, much less stand. He was just not there. Every day I had to declare that he would not die, that he would declare "Look what the Lord has done for me!"

As it says in II Cor. 5:7, I absolutely had to walk by faith and not by sight. If I looked at the situation, if I listened to the doctors, I knew I couldn't hold on! I knew that Pr. 18:21 says that "Death and life are in the power of the tongue." I knew I better be speaking only life to the situation. As well as I had no choice but to forgive the woman who had caused all of this! The woman who stole my son's youth, with no regard, no regret, no apologies! Forgive the woman who kept my son from graduating high school, getting his drivers license, working his first job that he was so proud to get just one month prior to getting hurt, having that special girl in his life, one day a wife, getting that truck that he wanted so bad!

Because of this woman, Christian can't live alone, if he goes somewhere it can't be on his own, he has been robbed of so many basic things that most people just take for granted. Forgive the woman who had caused so much grief, so much physical pain so much emotional pain! The woman who, in my opinion caused my husband's first heart attack, which was five months after Christian got hurt. Previously he was in good health but was plagued by all of the enormous stress of what happened. He insisted that every night I should get sleep with my health challenges so he would stay the nights in the hospital, nursing home or rehab. All of his stress and no sleep is when he started having heart attacks. The first one was five months after Christian got hurt. It was in the middle of the night in the hospital room with Christian. Having a total of three heart attacks and three strokes which ultimately put him in a nursing home!

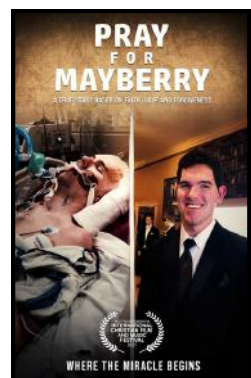
His poor health finally took a toll. In August, 2022, I had to say goodbye to my husband. That's a lot to forgive, but if you know God's word, and you believe God's word, it becomes very clear. If we don't forgive, He won't forgive us! I truly believed I couldn't beg God to give me my son back, by giving us a miracle on one hand BUT hand hate her, on the other! Much later in the journey, Christian would be faced with having to forgive her. I'm not claiming that any of it was easy... BUT GOD!!

I don't want this article to sound like it's all doom and gloom, because it's not. Yes, we've been through a lot of negatives but all the miracles and blessings are far too many to count. If you were to meet Christian, if you saw him on YouTube, or on Facebook, you would never know of his emotional struggles. You would see he is one of the most friendly, loving, outgoing people you would ever meet. The Holy Spirit is absolutely inside him. He adores people, his favorite thing to do is meet people, hug people, give people hope and give them his testimony! It doesn't matter if it's at a restaurant, grocery store wherever. Also, we speak in churches, schools etc. he loves loves loves to do it!

We have had so many challenges, and so many blessings through this journey, far too many to put on these two pages! But I will tell you when you find yourself in the fight of your life, I encourage you to tell your situation, no!! Speak life into the situation, praise like you have never praised, give thanks, you must give thanks in ALL things! As Christian loves to tell people, "let me tell you 'bout my Jesus, He'll make a way where there ain't no way!" When the doctors would tell us be prepared for Christian to never walk, never talk, basically what you see now is very likely what you will always have, I told them "you remember the name Christian Mayberry." "He will not die, he will walk, he will talk, and he will declare the works of the Lord!" Little did I know at that time, the Lord had literally told Christian in Heaven that He would have a platform. And now he has a huge platform. He declares the works of the Lord every chance he gets! He tells everyone, everywhere we go what the Lord has done for him!

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# A GENERATION SNARED BY THE INTERNET

**THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE  
THAT THE INTERNET AND SOCIAL  
MEDIA CAN INFLUENCE  
SUICIDALITY AND DEPRESSION.**

**SUCH EVIDENCE IS CORRELATED  
TO AN INCREASE IN EXPOSURE  
TO GRAPHIC CONTENT.**

● ● ● Written by Chris Elsaesser

As a man approaching 50 years old, I can remember a time in my generation when a large box with a glass screen, called a TV, dominated the American living room. It was turned on and watched as a family immediately after we left the kitchen from eating dinner as a family. TV was a privilege to watch, and I can recall when those privileges were revoked. So, yes! TV was amazing, but as kids in the 1980s we knew it wasn't everything. Why? Because we desired to be outdoors the majority of our youth till the street lights came on. It was an unwritten rule that parents didn't have to worry about where you were until the street lights came on. As a consequence, if we were not home at that time we might get grounded or lose our precious TV-watching privileges! Fortunately, there was always something else we got into, because (tv) screen-time did not dominate our attention. I can remember both of my parents working till 6-7 pm and we were left to our own devious vices when we got home from school. If we were out by the time our parents came home from work then, oh well!...too bad! If they couldn't call us on a cell phone, then they couldn't find us! Back then, cell phones didn't exist in mainstream society. Actually, for my generation our preferred screen-time was at the movie theater on Friday or Saturday nights. All about hanging out with school mates and employing that old lost art of *interpersonal communication*.



After the movies, it was back to hanging out with friends and getting into trouble. There was even a PSA (public-service-announcement) right before the 10:00 pm news saying: "Do you know where your kids are?". What!?!...Really!? Working baby-boomers had to be reminded if their kids were even at home! In all fairness to the boomers, it had to have been stressful NOT knowing where your kids are, and NOT knowing how to get a hold of them. We certainly did not make it easy for them to find us.

Fast forward two generations ALL THAT HAS CHANGED...Now we are begging and bribing our children to go outside and play without their cell phones. Screen-Time on their phones is now their preferred activity. Sadly, most of the time younger folks would rather keep their eyes on a 8-10" screen than a real person.

Are we much better as parents? We set the precedent. Why have we forsaken family-time for screen-time? Sadly, many parents have been just as brainwashed to believe they need screen-time, too. What are these phones giving us that our precious time with others cannot? Phones give us the ability to communicate and are necessary, yet what else is on our phones, is simply a distraction from all the "good" we miss. Apps and social media are dominating our attention from the intended purpose of having a phone in the first place. What's more disheartening is that we don't even know it. We are taking our eye off the ball from the little things in life now, that create precious memories for the future later. Those future memories that could've been built, are going to come back to haunt you as grandparents. Yes that sounds harsh, but every single parent will deal with guilt in their golden age. Guilt resonating from the fact that they never spent enough time with their children.

There is even a darker side to social media that has begun to warp impressionable minds, more so in this generation than any other before us. Our children believe their identity is: in a digital profile, their reputation is proclaimed with posts, and their security is in 'likes'. Since the covid lockdowns, we have seen alarming numbers of suicidality, self-harm, and prescriptions handed out for depression. Here is a question...If depression medication works then why are kids still depressed? I'm not a doctor, but many qualified physicians can see that screen time is killing our children psychologically. As an example, if we are artificially over-exposed to negativity or sexual deviance with our eyes then that is what we become.

In Matthew 18:9 Jesus says:

**If your eye causes you to stumble and sin, pluck it out and throw it away from you [that is, remove your; it is better for you to enter life with only one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fiery hell.**

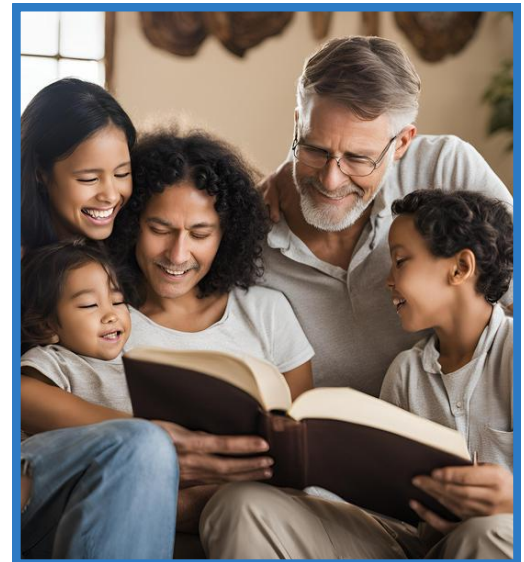
What's more, is that we believe with our eyes OVER our heart. We can't see God yet we know He is real because we feel God in our heart. Do our children know this? Do they know how to come to their Father in Heaven and pray to Him? Have they learned how to walk in His ways and keep His statutes? As a father of two men in-training, I remind them consistently that they have a real Father that formed them and knows the amount of hairs on their head. They might give me the "side-eye" but they know they have to have a relationship with our Lord before they can ask Him anything. I don't get to see my boys as often as I want to. What other option is there, BUT TO PRAY for them without ceasing. I am always asking God to guard their hearts, minds, and eyes.

We will never know everything they are watching. We will never know everything they are thinking. We will never know everything they are doing, but God the Father does. He is taking note. Will we still have that healthy fear of the Lord? The fear that guides us to make better choices? Proverbs 9:10 said it best: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."

We should shut the phones down once in a while and bring the family back to His table with Bible-study. It is every parent's wish to see their children care-free, trouble-free, and happy. It is the same wish for our Father in heaven for US. We can only teach them what we were graciously given by God, which is WISDOM found in the Scriptures. The Bible is alive and it will sow only good seeds in all the hearts of men and women.

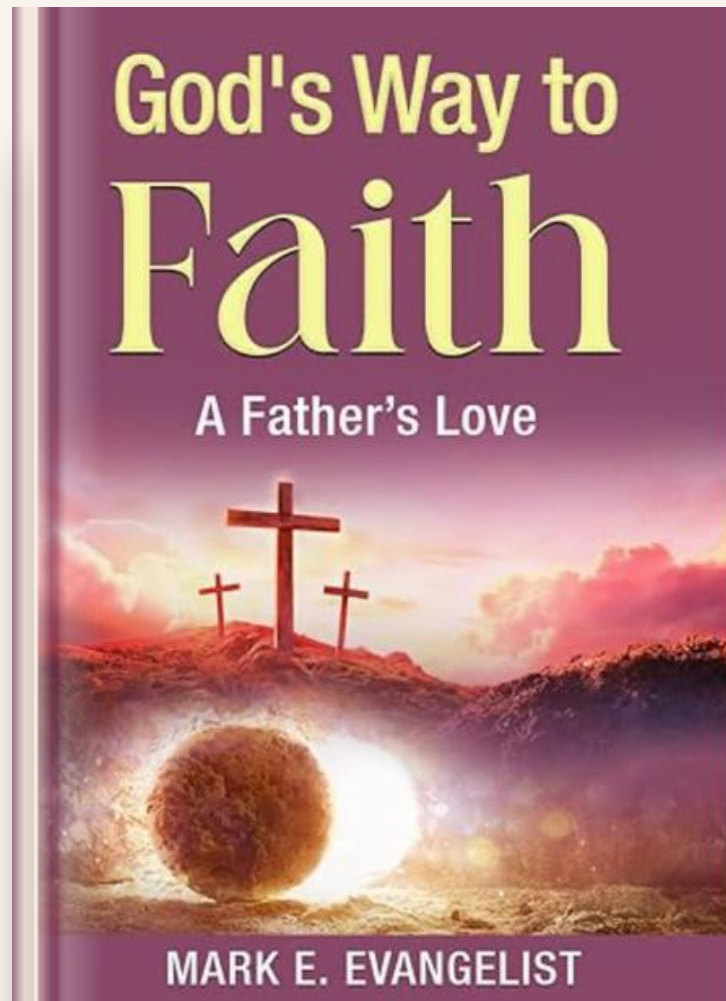
LET'S START PLANTING AND SOWING IN THEIR HEARTS WHILE THE GROUND IS STILL FERTILE, MORE IMPORTANTLY BEFORE THE ENEMY SOWS HIS THORNS AND THISTLES.

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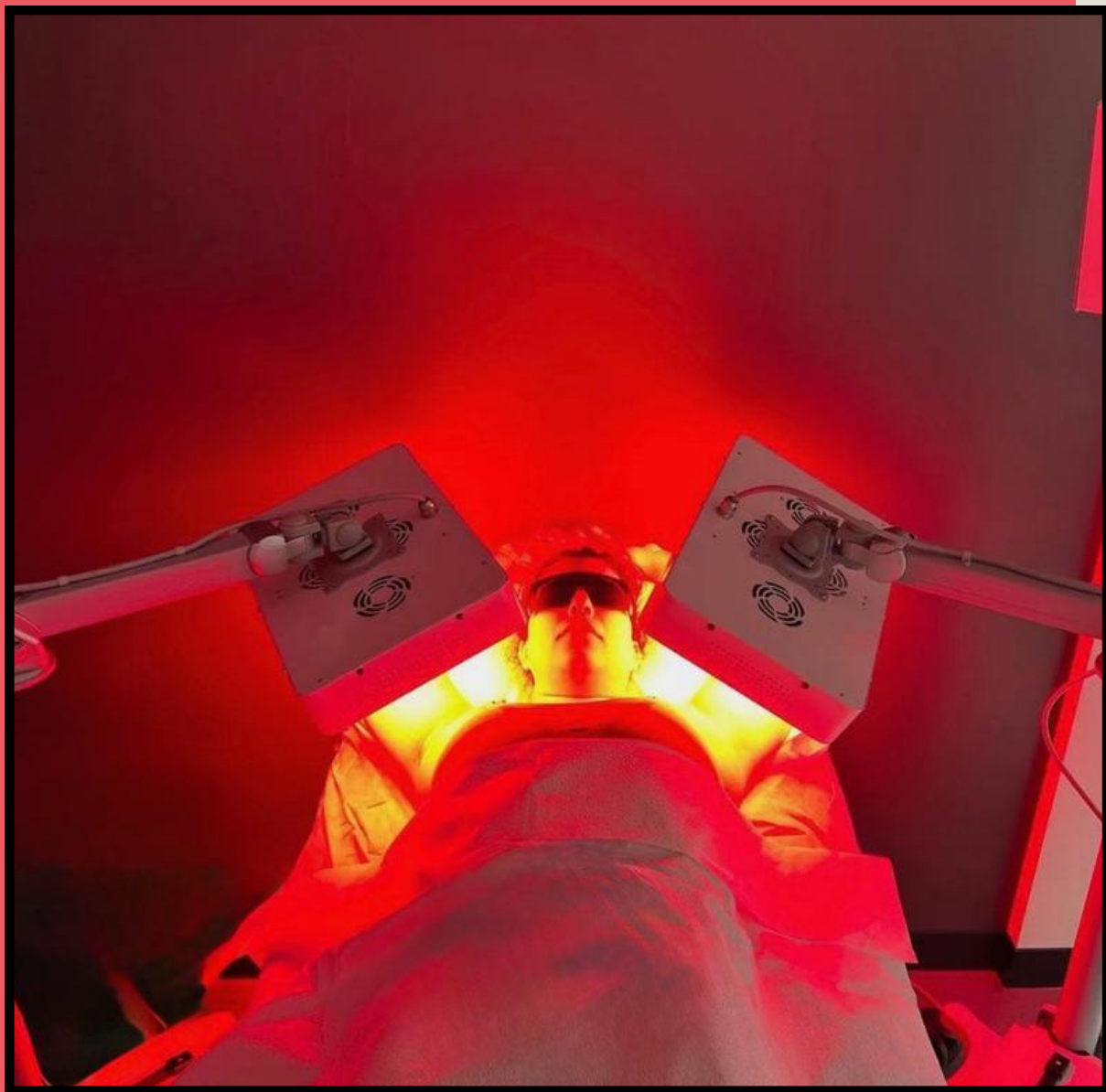
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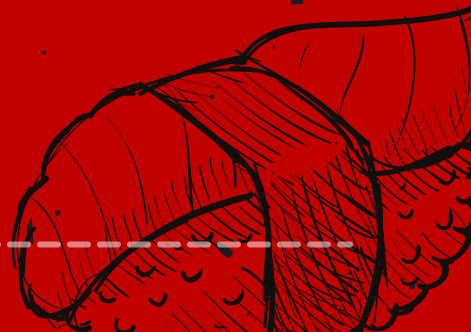
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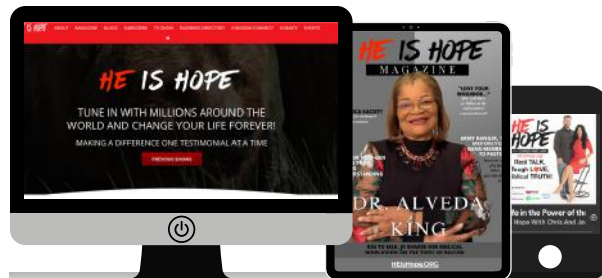




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# Walk in Faith

## By Lane Jordan Burday

And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, that the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off, the waters that come down from upstream, and they shall stand as a heap. - Joshua 3:13

Sometimes, God asks the impossible! In this verse, the Israelites were called to start their journey to the Promised Land. Forty years of wandering the desert were over. However, God told them to cross the Jordan River—not on a boat or on a bridge. He told them to walk into the river. And this wasn't just a tiny river. It was "during the harvest" time of year when the river would overflow its banks. Can you imagine Joshua and the Priests (who were to go first carrying the Ark of the Covenant) discussing what they had to do? It did not make any sense because it was impossible. Isn't that how our lives are? We see an impossible mountain of problems in front of us, and God says to ask Him to remove them. He is asking us to totally trust Him even when nothing makes sense. Fortunately, the leaders decided to obey God, and if they drowned, they drowned. **YET...** they were going to trust God no matter what.



The officers went through the camp and commanded the people that when they saw the ark of the covenant and the priests and the Levites carrying it, they needed to then set out and follow it. But God already knew of their decision to trust Him, and He said to Joshua, "This

day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. You shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, saying, 'When you have come to the edge of the water of the Jordan, you shall stand in the Jordan'" (Joshua 3:7-8).

Joshua shared this with the people to give them hope: "By this, you shall know that the living God is among you and that He will without fail drive out from before you the (enemy)" (Joshua 3:10).

The leaders obeyed God, and the priests who bore the ark literally put the soles of their feet into the river. Instantly, the waters turned back into a heap, "and the people crossed over opposite Jericho. Then the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan; and all Israel crossed over on dry ground, until all the people had crossed completely over the Jordan" (Joshua 3:15-17).

Oh, I love how God accomplishes what we see as impossible! If we just had the faith to trust Him, think of all we could do for Him on this earth.

**I pray you ALL see GOD this way!**



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# *From Darkness to the* **LIGHT**

I was raised in an alcoholic home which included violence, sexual abuse and neglect. My parents were functional drinkers and drug users. The sexual abuse started when I was three or four years old by my father. His name for me was Big Sin. I got drunk for the first time at the age of fourteen from the stocked bar at our house. I loved the numbness beer provided and began sneaking more alcohol replacing what I drank with water. As a teenager I stayed in my room, alone with no friends, because I didn't want anyone to know our family secrets.

Guns were everywhere, and my drunken father didn't hesitate to shoot out the tires of mom's boyfriend, or hit a fellow over the head with a tire tool. My mother retaliated by trying to strangle Dad's girlfriend on the hood of the car.

My drinking increased. At age eighteen I married my childhood sweetheart and was mother of two at age twenty-four. Those past years continued to haunt me and the old fears brought on terrifying flashbacks. My search for help included a Native American sweat lodge for purification and a medicine wheel for clarity. I sought inner peace in silence at Zen Buddhist Temples as the incense burned. Dad became terminally ill. I confronted him about my childhood nickname, the Big Sin, but he had no answer so I drank more to numb the pain.

*"One day I searched for a bridge  
abutment to end my life."*



A group of true friends confronted me and reported my reckless behavior to the school district where I was employed as a teacher. Arrangements were made and I was forced to enter a treatment center.

After five weeks of no alcohol and endless counseling I was again defeated and fearful and decided to run away, again. I stood at that gate in the darkness and turned to God in desperation and prayed. "Jesus, I'm tired of running. I need you, please save me from myself. Help me." He answered that prayer and everything changed at that moment. Challenges continued but I was no longer overcome by darkness. My twenty-five year old son died of an undiagnosed heart issue and I suffered a heart attack brought on by sudden stress. Later I was hospitalized with PTSD and suicidal tendencies. I lost my home, car and career, and then I was diagnosed with cervical cancer.

By His grace I have experienced His ability to heal the brokenhearted. I learned I don't need alcohol to face life, but only the Light of the World, for guidance and peace.

My story is one of hope.

- Cindy Burns

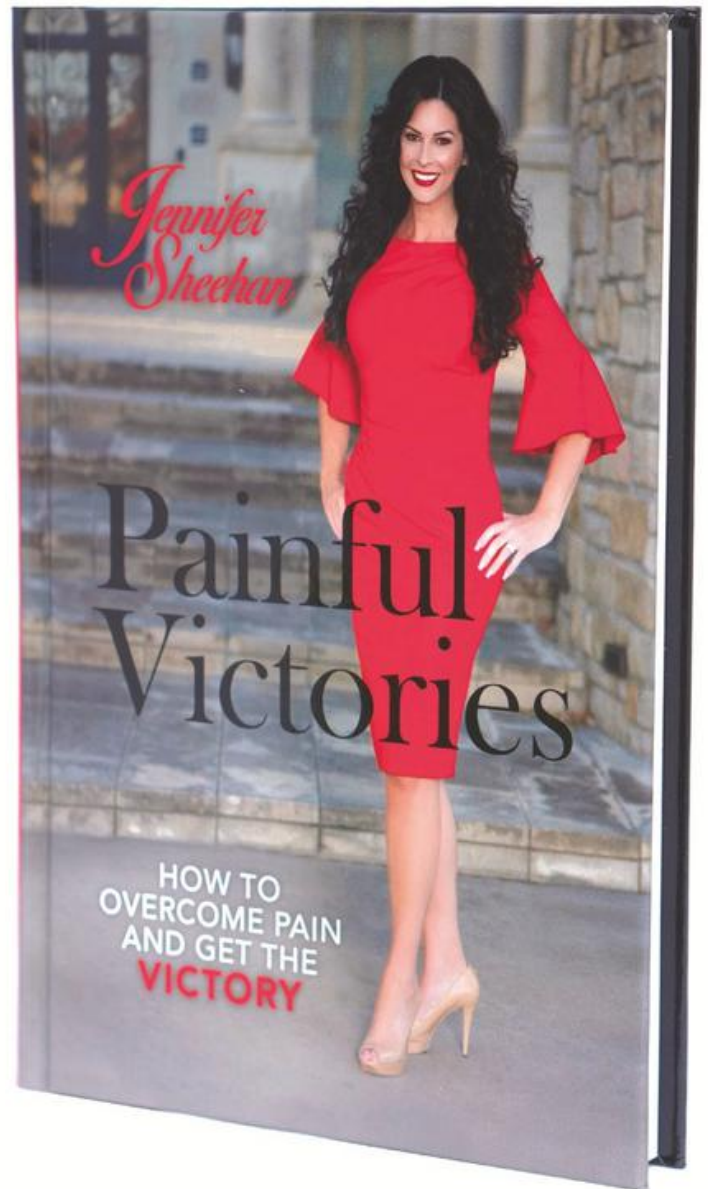
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I was born and raised in Southern California to a bipolar, alcoholic, pill-popping mother who was married six times. I was the oldest of four children and we were mentally and physically abused our whole life. We got free lunches, food stamps, clothes from garage sales, and even went dumpster diving behind the grocery stores after they closed. We grew up poor and lived in some incredibly rough neighborhoods. My mother could go from happy, to the kind of rage I have never seen in my life and unfortunately took it out on us children. My mother got rid of us all for free by sending us to church camp for a week when I was in 7th grade. That was the best gift my mother ever gave me because at church camp, I prayed to receive Jesus as my Lord and Savior, and He became my everything; He changed my outcome and has always been enough!

I served four years in the Army with one year in Iraq. I became "Supply" and the armorer in charge of maintaining and repairing the weapons. I went from prom princess in high school, to being in Iraq in the middle of a war! I believe I became a soldier in the Army to become now a soldier in God's Army!

It is shocking to most people looking at my life today and hearing where I came from. God took this abused, broken girl, and has lifted her up for His glory. We are all looking

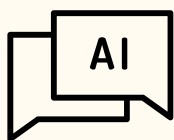


for love, joy and peace but unfortunately, we are trying to get it from people and things which will let us down. When you place your trust in God to give you these things, He will not disappoint you and you can let people off the hook.

God has blessed me with a husband of twenty years, our seventeen-year-old son and my amazing business. I feel loved, full of joy and have peace. I remember where I came from and am so thankful to be where I am today. I will be sharing what Jesus has done in and through me. You don't want to miss these incredible stories and unexplainable miracles that will inspire and give you hope! For more information and how to purchase Jennifer's book [CLICK HERE](#) ➤ **HEisHope.ORG**

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# Will false doctrine start to come from the pulpit?

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*That is a strange title... Well, approximately three weeks ago, while sitting in my truck, a firm warning from The Holy Spirit came to me! Yes, I'm one of those "weird" preachers who thinks God speaks to His children (John 10:27).*

*"Preacher!"..." Listen!"*

*Don't You Dare 'ai' A Message For The Sheep!"*

**T**hose are the words I heard in my spirit. I didn't just hear those words; it was accompanied with a reverent fear of God. My heart replied with "Yes Sir... I will not."

There should be no reason to try and biblically defend through scripture that God, is in the business, at times, of warning people especially His people/leaders. AI or Artificial Intelligence has come up recently and has become very popular, very fast. All one has to do is ask a question and within seconds you have an answer. It will not just answer questions, but also write songs and poems, make pictures, and yes, even prepare you a sermon of your choosing. God was pressing upon my heart that I should continue to AO (Alpha & Omega - Revelation 22:13) my messages and not AI my messages for the sheep, hence the title. To further clarify, God was saying that HE ALONE should be the source of inspiration for messages, not AI. Some might say, "give me a break preacher... it's just another great tool for ministers to use." Unfortunately, I have already heard this response over and over, but my heart will not be moved from the TRUTH found in God's Word. I believe God said this to me and further, has given me a platform to plant this seed of WARNING!



Here are a few scriptures that I believe will demonstrate God's Character on this matter:

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God." (Romans 8:14)

The Apostle Paul beautifully told the Christians in Rome that a child of God will be led by The Spirit of God. I have personally witnessed God give me messages to preach/teach over the last 15 years (800+) and not only me, but fellow ministers that I know. Yes, God Himself can and will give you the message for the people.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15)

I believe AI will produce many lazy ministers who fall into the temptation of not studying or being a "workman" in The Word. Apostle Paul wrote this letter to Timothy, a young minister. It is my heart to warn the ministers to not be lazy and just key in what you like in the computer and wait for your "AI message" to be done. Being called to preach or teach is a powerful calling, and should never be treated like a microwave. The Bible also talks about being real and sincere in our faith. "AI-ing" a message will do the opposite! What is to come for us in the last days? In 2 Timothy, chapter three, the Apostle Paul says that people will have "a form of godliness but denying its power." There is power in spending time with God praying and studying for a message. If this world starts raising up ministers that can quickly and conveniently pull messages from AI, then the minister missed the best part....spending time with The One who gives messages.

I'll close with this; does the reader like cold fake bread or hot fresh bread?

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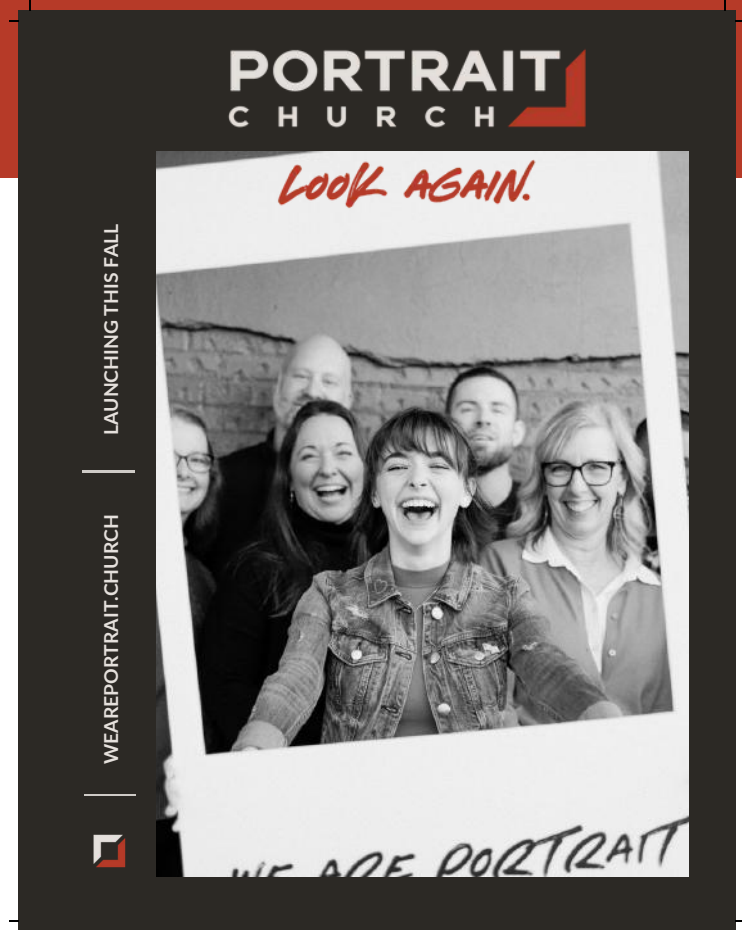
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## *A Letter From The Pastor, David Smullin*

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Now we see things imperfectly, like a puzzling reflection in a mirror...  
The reality is that people have an incomplete picture of God that keeps them from experiencing all that God has for them. This is just as true for lifelong Christians as well as for unbelievers. We see in part. We all need to undergo spiritual Lasik. As Christians, our constant prayer should be, "God enlarge my view of you, and open the eyes of those that have not seen your love yet." Now more than ever, people everywhere need to see the heart of God more clearly. This presents a great opportunity for Christians to help reframe people's perspectives. It's going to take time and intentionality. The average painting has around 20,000 individual brush strokes that compose a single portrait. This illustrates how people come to God. It typically doesn't happen in one broad stroke. It's a series of ongoing strokes made up of personal experiences, and interactions with other Christians and the church. Our goal as Christians, as the body of Christ, should be to leave a positive mark on every person we interact with so that the picture of God forming on the canvas of their mind is a little more representative of God's extravagant love. Maybe then people will see Jesus as the divine portrait of God.



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# ***The American Dream MUST be rooted in God.***

## ***-Dr. Alveda King***

**"Don't ever serve the Dream more than you serve God."**

**—Author Unknown**

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**T**he American Dream is for all Americans. It is up to our Christian communities to reconcile our differences in Christ. For too long the issue of racism has been an elephant in the room, and in our church pews.

While as human beings, we are One Blood/One Human Race (Acts 17:26), I'd like to take this opportunity to reflect on the contributions of Black Americans throughout our country's history and our vibrant contributions to America's national story. All too often, these contributions have been erased from our annals of American history. I'd like to balance the scales. A little known truth, from building the White House to leading the Civil Rights Movement, our history is thoroughly engrained in American history. Black history IS American history, and America's past is deeply interwoven with the struggles and triumphs of Black Americans.

That is not to say that America's treatment of her African American citizens has always been perfect, of course. Most Americans are well familiar with the evils of: slavery, segregation, redlining, second-class citizenship, and more. Yet, even though racism has been an ugly chapter in America's history, the bigger story we should be telling is the story of why racism is ultimately incompatible with the ideals of the American Dream and why it is antithetical to Christianity itself. America's founding promise of "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" fell short at the start. Initially, these principles only applied to certain groups, and others—such as women and African Americans—were excluded from their opportunity to pursue the American Dream. However, a nation conceived in such principles could not endure such a glaring contradiction forever. It cost us bitter political divisions, a brutal and bloody Civil War, and decades of activism, marching, peaceful protest, and prayer—but ultimately, the prayers are being answered, and our dream of equality under the is being fulfilled.

In the mid 20th century, my uncle, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., didn't reject the principles of the American Founding—he embraced them. In his famous “I Have a Dream Speech,” delivered at the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, he referred to the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence as our “promissory note to which every American was to fall heir.”

In his mind, our nation initially handed African Americans a check marked “insufficient funds.” When it came to America's promise, the “magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration” ultimately held a “promise that all men would be guaranteed” those sacred rights enshrined in our Founding documents.

My uncle knew that without a firm grounding in the Christian faith, all of our progress toward racial equality would ultimately be impossible. Christianity affirms the very principles that lead to a rejection of institutional racism—and indeed, without a Christian worldview, these principles of liberty and equality will likely never see the full light of day.

The Bible teaches us that we are all God's children, made in His own image and likeness. This teaching reminds us that we are all first and foremost brothers and sisters in Christ, regardless of our skin tone. Christianity also teaches us to see this inherent value in every individual and that this spark of life from our shared Creator infuses us all with a shared human dignity that no man can take away.

***We are indeed the one-blood human race, and therefore, skin-color racism has no place in our society!***



The African American heroes who have led and still lead the fight for equality rely on these principles in making their pitch to the American public. They also rely on God's grace for strength, wisdom, and courage to press on in their pursuit of equality.

In many cases—as in my uncle's—this reliance leads to the ultimate sacrifice. “Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends,” the Book of John tells us. And indeed, many African Americans have been called to make that ultimate sacrifice of love, and they answer the call in the same way as generations of holy men and women have before them.

Today, not everyone understands what it takes to achieve and maintain true racial equality. Many voices in government, the media, and academia want to revive an older erroneous understanding; a fatal error. They say that we are divided by skin color, gender, religion, and every other fault line they can exploit.





***"Praying for my friend, Dr. Alveda King."  
"We all bleed the same."  
-President 45/47 Donald J. Trump***

Such a false identity-race based ideology—only serves to separate us from each other. Rather than emphasizing our shared brotherhood and sisterhood in Christ and our common identity as American citizens, this new ideology teaches us that our society is broken into a class of oppressors and oppressed and that we are not brothers and sisters in Christ; but rather political enemies set in never-ending opposition to each other. What these voices fail to understand is that they are undermining the very principles that gained Black Americans equality in the first place. When you remove Christianity from the public square and reject the principles of the American Founding, you are removing the basis of equality itself.

***This has never been my uncle's strategy, nor the strategy that won us the Civil Rights movement in the 20th century. Our forefathers understood that by rejecting these truths, any progress that Black Americans achieved would not last—it COULD not last. Without grounding our demands for equality in God's ultimate and unchanging truth, our rights would be forever subject to the political whims of the day, and equality could be here one day and gone the next.***

The reality is that if we want to end our national divisions and our political conflicts and come together as one united people, we need to EMBRACE the truths of the Christian faith—not reject them.

Of course, racism still exists in American society today. Hatred has always existed in the human heart and will continue until Christ Himself returns to earth in the fullness of His glory. But each of us can nonetheless use our voices and spheres of influence to remind each other of where we came from and keep our eyes focused on the ultimate goal: a kinship in Christ and a reverence of our shared Creator. Like my uncle before me, my dream is rooted in the American Dream. I dream of a day when everyone in this country embraces the truth of the Bible and values the goodness of life in its fullness, from the womb to the tomb and beyond. I believe that this is the true King family legacy.

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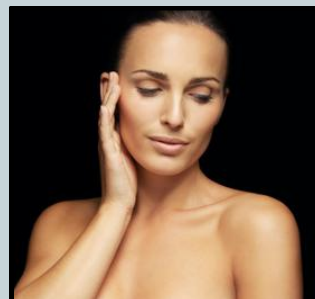
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Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom He gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

**Colossians 3:1- 17**

The time has come when the Holy Spirit of God is being poured out. Revival fires are burning all over the world. And a division is beginning to take place. For those who have chosen to do the above, to allow the Holy Spirit to transform their lives. For those who will step out of their comfort zone and trust His still small voice. These servants will bring Him glory as His Holy Spirit works through them to draw others to Christ. Healings and miraculous signs will be performed through these obedient servant's by His Holy Spirit. All done to give everyone an opportunity to know Christ as Savior and Lord.

**Lord I pray that You will use my life to bring Glory and Honor unto Your Holy name.**

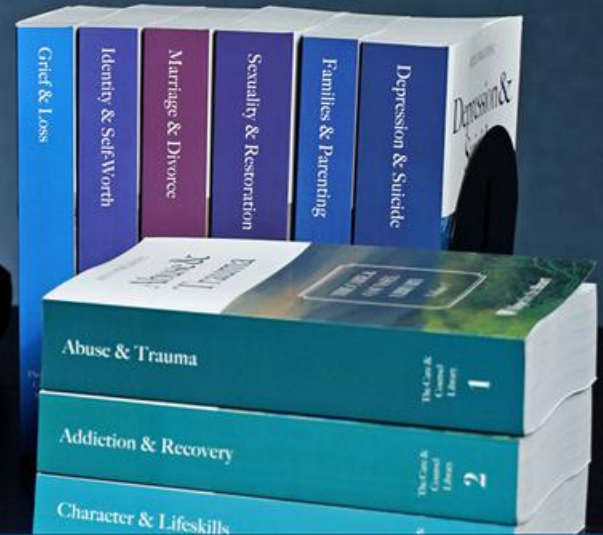
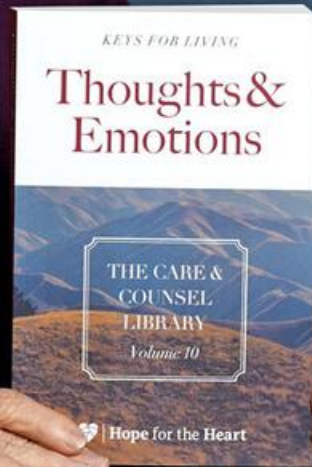
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Let's start here...

Our faith is marginalized when focus on ourselves. It's nice to feel comfortable and confident in our own standing with God, but being a Christian is NOT just about being nice or even being a "good" person...

it's about changing the world!

If we want to CHANGE the world we have to accept that the only way this can happen is for us to

BE the "new creations".

Most often, our response is, "okay God, do something new, but can you please make it look and feel like what I was comfortable with?"

Nope. It's time to be relentless about showing God's love to the world.

Romans 12:9-13 (NLT)

9) Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. 10) Love each other with genuine affection and take delight in honoring each other. 11) Never be lazy but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. 12) Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble and keep on praying. 13) When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.

This is a verse-by-verse instruction on how we can truly love one another!

We need to read each clause of this passage in relation to the subject that Paul opened with; "Don't just PRETEND to love others, REALLY love them."

Hate what is wrong in your relationships and take action to make it right.

Hold tightly to what is good and defend what is best in your relationships. How?

Philippians 4:8 (NLT)

Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

It's too easy to get caught up in how we disagree or where there's been hurt.

Love each other with GENUINE affection. Don't make people guess how you feel and the importance they hold in your life. Take DELIGHT in honoring each other.

Never be lazy in serving one another, but work hard, and by serving others you are serving the Lord!

Rejoice in our confident hope. We don't have to be fearful even when it seems the world has gone crazy!

Be PATIENT in trouble. People will let you down BUT KEEP PRAYING FOR THEM ANYWAY!

When they are in need stand at the ready to jump in and help.

ALWAYS be EAGER to practice hospitality!

Hospitality is best defined as... "You matter to me," "I value you,"

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Jennifer Sheehan-Elsaesser grew up in Southern California with a mother who struggled with bipolar disorder, alcoholism, substance abuse, and who was married six times. Throughout her life, Jennifer faced both mental and physical abuse from her mother. Raised in poverty and relying on food stamps, she endured her mother's intense rage. Her father, viewing her as a mere obligation, disowned her. At the age of twelve, however, Jennifer received a profound gift from her mother: the opportunity to attend church camp, where she prayed to accept Jesus as her Lord and Savior. After graduating high school, she enlisted in the Army, serving as a weapons specialist for four years, including a year in Iraq.

Following 23 years of marriage, Jennifer found herself in a state of shock, feeling broken and alone. Through intensive counseling and spiritual deliverance, she drew closer to God than ever before! In 2022, she met and married Chris Elsaesser, the love of her life and a fellow believer, who passionately supports her as the vice president of HE is Hope. Jennifer's journey took her from the tough neighborhoods of California to the battlefields of Iraq. She views her transition from a soldier in the U.S. Army to a soldier in the Lord's Army as a divine calling to spread hope in Jesus Christ.

Currently, Jennifer shares powerful stories of redemption, transformation, and miracles through HE is Hope, its show, and magazine. Let her inspire you to discover the purpose God has in store for your life.

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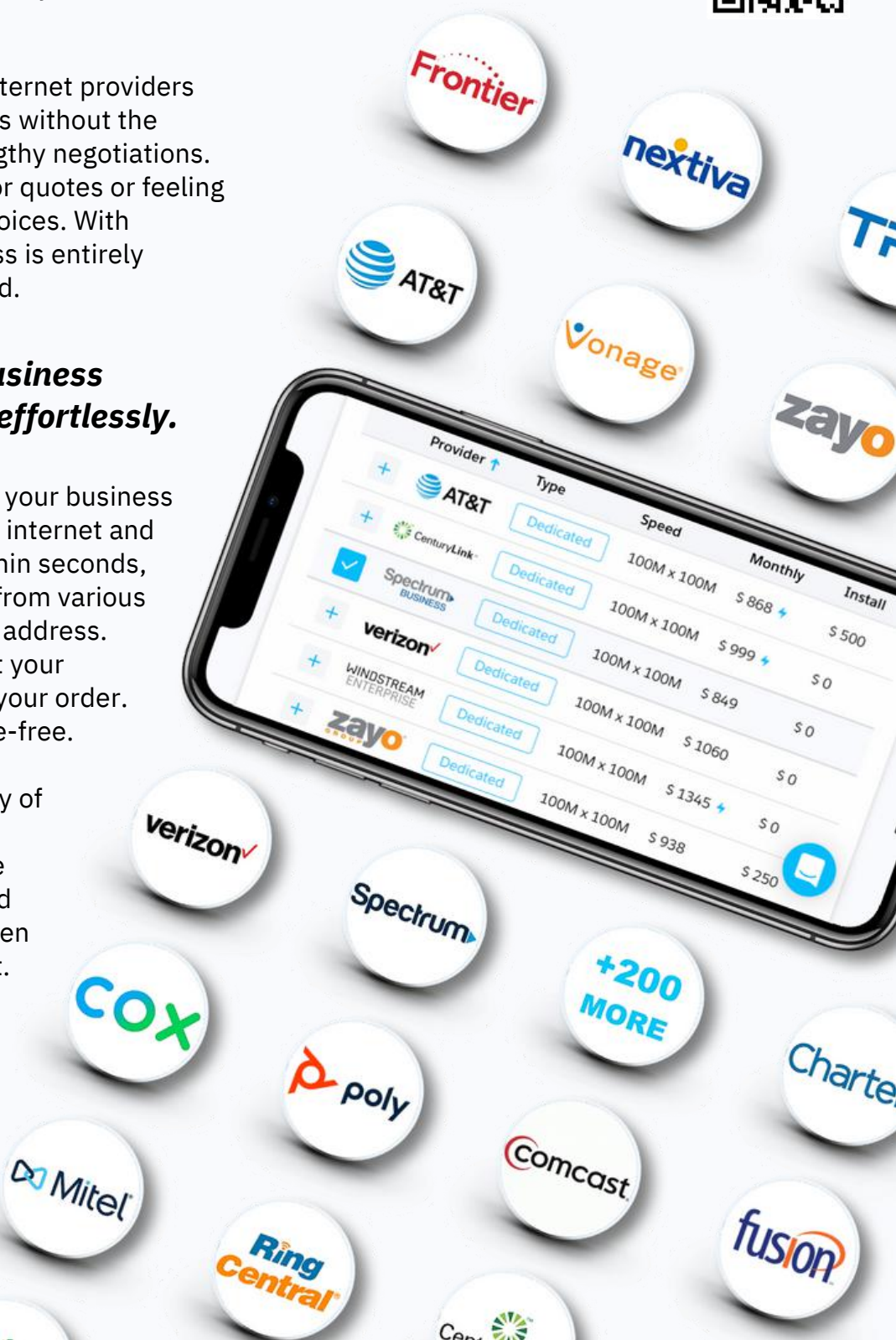
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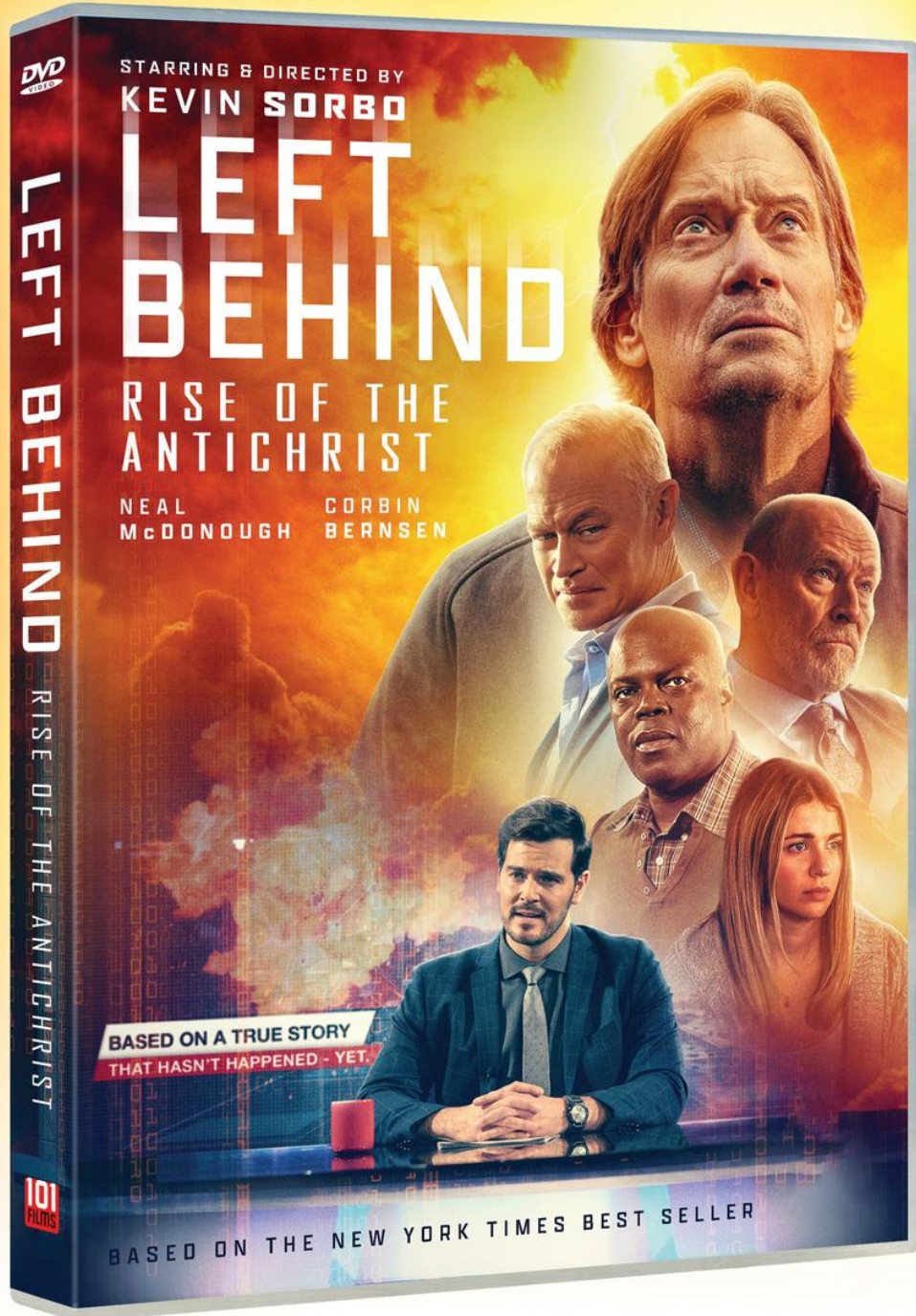


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## From NYPD Officer to Pastor,

# Andrew Columbia

My name is Andrew Columbia I'm gonna share my story with you which hopefully will encourage and inspire you to have hope even when you feel hopeless!

As a kid I thought I had a pretty normal life was very athletic played baseball hockey and a lot of other sports which occupied most of my time. As I started going through puberty I noticed some changes in my body and also in my mind that brought confusion and fear to me. I like girls, but felt very uncomfortable dating or allowing anyone to touch me or for me to interact on that level. What I mean was most of my friends had girlfriends I wanted one but for some reason felt like there was something wrong with me. This feeling increased as I got older, Even though I did start the date and then had several relationships, I felt insecure and troubled. This feeling increased as I got older.

When I entered my 20s I was kind of floating around not knowing what I wanted to do. My father was in New York City Police officer and encouraged me to take the test so I did. I became a cop, worked in Staten Island where I grew up and everything seemed well for a while. But I noticed that when I had to deal with traumatic situations on the job it would trigger something in me that would get me really angry and at times even violent. Because of my behavior they transfer me to the lower side of Manhattan to alphabet city the ninth precinct. This precinct was filled with violence drugs and a lot of other crimes. What I witnessed as a cop on the street started getting to me, besides the fact that I had personal issues. I began to lift weights and get very aggressive and even hostile with perps and also with other officers. One day I was addressed by one of my peers Columbia you look like you're gonna explode! He was right, I felt like a soda bottle ready to blow!!

I work security part time in Harlem New York to save money to buy a home I was married and had one child. After a bad day at work and another cop calling me out I was ready to have a showdown with God.



As I went up to the roof to lock up late at night, I began talking to God which proceeded into yelling at God cursing at God and eventually taking out my gun and pointing it up in the air and screaming and saying God if you're real and you're there what's stopping me right now from blowing my brains out I wanna know if you're real I wanna know if you're there and I wanna know now! Instead of getting hit by a lightning bolt and taking me out of my misery! Lol the exact opposite happened. I felt this presence this light this love that was so powerful and so great it's hard to describe with words. I knew in an instant that God was real, I knew that he loved me, And I knew he had a plan for my life!





Instead of blowing my brains out on that roof, God met me with his love, honesty, presence and power! This really happened, the evidence is 30 years later my life has drastically changed since that rooftop encounter. I left out a lot of details, I wrote a book about it entitled transformed. It's on Amazon if you'd like to get it. What really happened on that roof God met me at my weakest point. He showed me His love and power and shared with me why I was so messed up, when I was growing up. I asked him what was wrong with me on that roof and he told me I was molested as a child. This is something that was suppressed in my subconscious and would pop out once in a while but I would bury it again. After that rooftop experience I felt a demonic presence leave my body and my life. I felt a lightness in my mind and in my heart. I want to learn more about this God. I grew up Catholic, and always believed in Jesus. But after this encounter I want to know more. One of the cops that I work with his father was a pastor and he was involved in church singing. I didn't like this guy I thought he was a religious nut. But God has a sense of humor! We became friends I shared my story with him and he's helped me on my journey to where I am today. The evidence that God is real is that I didn't blow my brains out on that roof, God changed my heart my vision my life! If he did it for me he can do it for you that's the message I received on that roof and that's the message I've been living by for the past 32 years!



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Since then I left the police department a different man. The first five years of my policing I was a mean angry prejudice cop, the next five years I was a man with Hope and had a desire to share what happened to me with others even as I was arresting them and fingerprinting them I would tell them their life wasn't over and that God could save them as he did for me. I grew up with religion this was not religion this was a personal relationship with God. No one can dispute it I don't care who you are! I've been living my life for him ever since. Can you believe it, I became a pastor! Lol almost comical. I'm also a chaplain for four different law-enforcement organizations within my community. The evidence is real, and I'm a part of it. I hope you benefit from my story.

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Thank you for listening and may God bless you and save you like he did me. Jesus Christ died for our sins and gave us forgiveness so we can forgive and share that good news with others. That is the Gospel!

**John 3:16,17 For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life.  
For God did not send his son into the world to condemn it, but to save it!**

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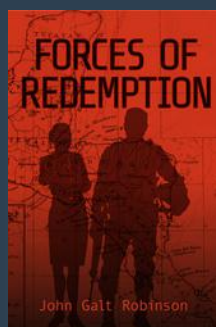
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