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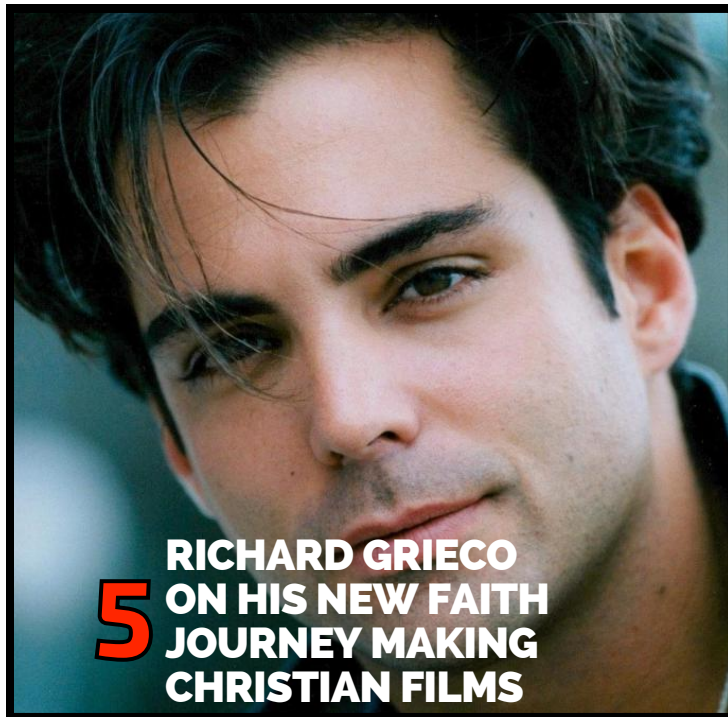


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# ***A letter from Jennifer...***

It is with immense pride and gratitude that I present this issue of HE is Hope Magazine, graced by none other than Hollywood bad boy, Richard Grieco on our cover.

Richard's presence in the world of entertainment has been nothing short of iconic. From his breakout role on 21 Jump Street to his unforgettable portrayal of Dennis Booker in Booker, he brought a magnetic intensity and a sense of rebellion that made him a generational symbol. But more than just an actor, Richard is a creative force—a painter, model, singer, a producer, a visionary. His career has defied convention, thriving across decades, mediums, and genres.

When we envisioned this issue, we knew we wanted someone who embodies authenticity, edge, and enduring cool. Richard Grieco was the obvious choice. He's not only a cultural touchstone but also a reminder of what it means to remain true to oneself in an industry often obsessed with reinvention. He's done things on his own terms, and that courage is what inspires both our editorial team and our readers.

Getting to work with Richard for this cover feature was a privilege. His openness, and authenticity made this edition fun. He brought energy, ideas, and a genuine interest in the storytelling. What resulted was an authentic, real, and raw story of his life and how God has changed him from this Hollywood bad boy persona to Christian films that will give people hope in a world that DESPERATELY needs JESUS

Richard: thank you. Thank you for trusting us to tell a piece of your story, for lending your image and voice to this issue, and for reminding us what it looks like when someone walks their own path without apology. Your contributions have made this edition one of our most dynamic yet..



I have enjoyed getting to know you and your heart to use your strength to help others by filming movies that will make a difference in people's lives. Finding your true purpose from God being His vessel and working with JC Films and others who are putting out deep content and stories that glorify the Lord.

To our readers: we hope you enjoy diving into this exclusive feature. Whether you've followed Richard's career since the early days or are discovering his journey anew, we believe you'll be as captivated as we are by his charisma, candor, and enduring artistry.

We are all excited about your next project with JC Films, *When Angels Fall*. Our team is standing in prayer with you that it will make a huge impact on the world for God's glory. And we pray that God will give you many more Christian Films to spread truth and hope. You are an amazing vessel for the Lord!

God's blessings on each and everyone of you,

*Jennifer*

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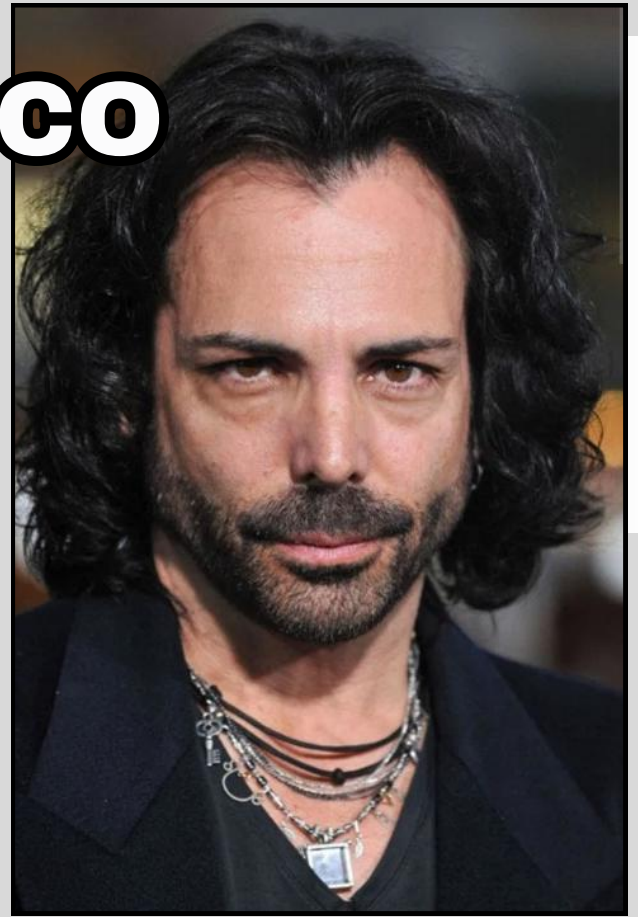
# **RICHARD GRIECO**

## **IS EMBRACING A NEW CALLING IN THE CHRISTIAN FILM INDUSTRY**

### **FROM HUMBLE BEGINNINGS**

In the late 1980s, Richard Grieco emerged on America's television screens with a smoldering gaze and unmistakable charisma, quickly becoming a teen heartthrob as Detective Dennis Booker on the hit series *21 Jump Street*. For a generation, Grieco defined a very specific brand of cool—mysterious, intense, and effortlessly stylish. However, what many don't realize is that behind the fame was an artist constantly reinventing himself, embracing new creative passions and personal transformations. Grieco's life story is one of risk, raw talent and reinvention.

Humble Beginnings started in upstate New York. He was born Richard John Grieco Jr. in the agricultural city of Watertown. Grieco was raised in a working-class family with strong Italian and Irish roots. His youth was shaped by sports, not show business. At Immaculate Heart Central High School, Grieco was a standout athlete—playing football, lacrosse, and hockey with equal tenacity.



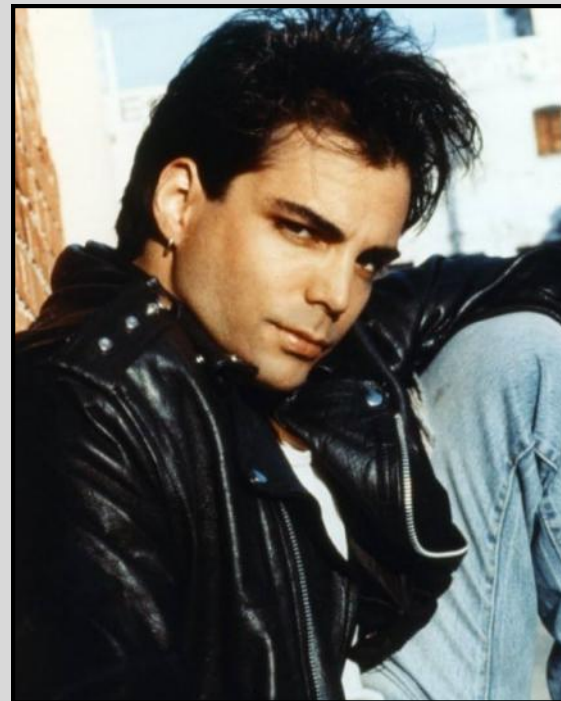
His athletic prowess earned him a football scholarship to Central Connecticut State University, where he played as a linebacker and fullback. However, after just a year, Grieco decided to pivot away from a future in sports and instead headed for the runways of New York City. It was a bold move, one that would change the course of his life forever.

### **FROM MODEL TO TV ICON**

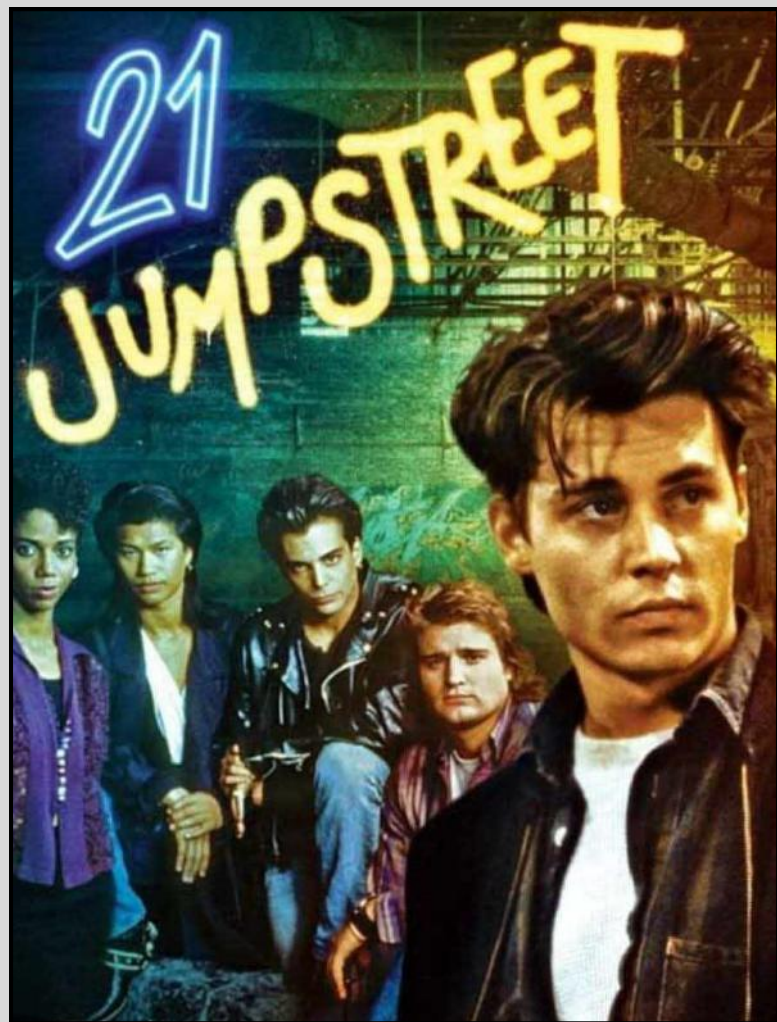
Grieco's entry into the modeling world was immediate and high-profile. Signed by the prestigious Elite Model Management, he became the face of major brands including Calvin Klein, Chanel, and Armani. His chiseled features and confident presence made him a favorite in high fashion circles. But modeling, for Grieco, was only a stepping stone.

Drawn to the art of storytelling, he began studying acting seriously. After landing a role on the soap opera *One Life to Live* in 1987, where he played mobster Rick Gardner, his career quickly gained traction. The turning point came in 1988 when he was cast as the enigmatic Detective Booker on *21 Jump Street*, starring alongside Johnny Depp. Grieco's character was so popular that it led to a spin-off series, *Booker*, which ran from 1989 to 1990.

He was now a household name—gracing magazine covers, guest-starring on talk shows, and developing a loyal fan base. But Grieco didn't rest on his teen idol laurels for long.



## THE LEAP TO FILM AND MUSIC



In the early '90s, Grieco made a jump to the big screen. He starred in *If Looks Could Kill* (1991), a teenage spy comedy that blended action with his smoldering screen presence. That same year, he took on the role of Bugsy Siegel in *Mobsters*, a historical crime drama that allowed him to flex his dramatic chops.

His understanding of unscripted television and its cultural appetite for bold, provocative storytelling.

Grieco's passions include motorcycles—he owns several Harley-Davidsons—and he remains an avid golfer. Richard's father died in 2023, and it shook him to the core as he had such a close relationship with him.



After the passing of his father and witnessing the pervasive hopelessness in the Los Angeles scene, Richard Grieco felt a stirring in his soul. Seeking to go deeper into his craft, he shifted his focus toward acting and producing films with meaning. Determined to be a voice of hope, Richard chose to create faith-based films that would uplift and inspire.

In December 2024, he wrote, directed, and starred in *The Wonderbar*, a deeply personal film that many believe parallels his own journey. The story follows a musician who, in the wake of personal tragedy, finds healing and purpose through his music. The film marked a powerful step forward in Richard's creative evolution.

## LOOKING AHEAD

Richard is now working on a new project titled *When Angels Fall*, in collaboration with Jason Campbell, founder and president of JC Films. Set for release later this year, the film tells the redemptive story of a former Hollywood actress whose career is derailed by scandal. At rock bottom, she experiences a divine encounter that leads her on a journey of faith, forgiveness, and renewed purpose. The story delves into themes of resilience and redemption, offering a powerful message of hope.

## WHAT NOW?

Throughout it all, Richard Grieco has remained grounded. He continues to connect with fans through social media and regularly attends fan conventions, where he is known for his sincerity and gratitude. Always marching to the beat of his own drum, Richard has recently made the most transformative decision of his life—choosing to follow Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, he has now placed God in the director's seat. As Richard steps fully into his calling, the Christian film industry may soon witness a powerful new chapter in his journey—one driven by divine purpose and spiritual conviction. Richard Grieco has found his true assignment from God, and the story is just beginning.



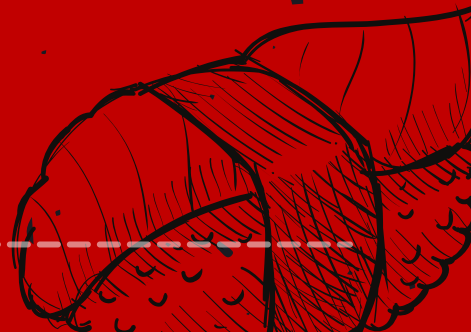




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## **“IT IS FINISHED/TETELESTAI”**

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*“In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.” -Ephesians 1:7*

You see it is because of what Christ did for each one of us that has set us free. There is nothing that we could have done on our own or that we can improve upon. He said “It is finished” and all we have to do is to accept and receive what Jesus did. The original word “Tetelestai” which Jesus said, is translated to a war has been won, and a debt has been paid. What a powerful meaning of this word that meant your debt of our sin has been fully paid, and the battle of Satan has been completely won!

In developing a personal relationship with Him we begin to be transformed. From who we were, to who He wants us to be. That we might walk in His purpose for our lives. Pursuing Him daily for direction and guidance. Enabling Him to remove the things that need to be removed and to embed those principles and practices that will lead us to His perfect will for our lives. Glory be to Our Father in the highest.

**PRAY:** 🙏 Lord Jesus, I pray for an even closer more intimate relationship with You and Your Holy Spirit. That I would be one with You and Your will. That You would fulfill each and every purpose and plan that You have intended for my life. Thank You my Precious Lord and Savior, Jesus for Your personal sacrifice that has redeemed me to the only Father I’ve ever known, my Heavenly Father. That through You and Your Spirit within me there is nothing that You, in me, can’t do. I pray that Your will be done in my life. Here I am, use me, send me Lord. In Jesus name, Amen.





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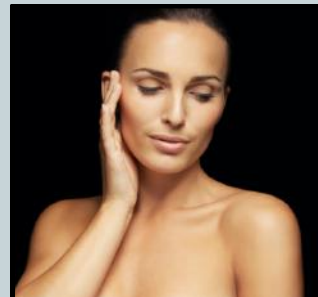
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# My Gain Through my Father's Pain

BY CRAIG BROWN

In the early 1980s, I worked at a business in Washington DC owned by one of the biggest cocaine dealers on the East Coast. Cocaine *was* everywhere, and I *was* quickly pulled into the drug culture and everything that came *with* it. I tried to numb my pain *with* cocaine, alcohol, and a series of relationships. I *was* empty, *with* no mission or purpose. My nights *were* spent drinking and doing drugs until dawn, and my mornings *were* spent driving home drunk and high, stuck in rush hour traffic, consumed by a deep depression. It took me years to see the morning sun *without* feeling a sense of despair. That didn't change until I *was* finally set free.

My life *was* spiraling out of control. Despite the danger and chaos, I kept feeding this cycle of self-destruction. I *was* a failure. But, God didn't think so and had other plans. I received a phone call that changed everything.

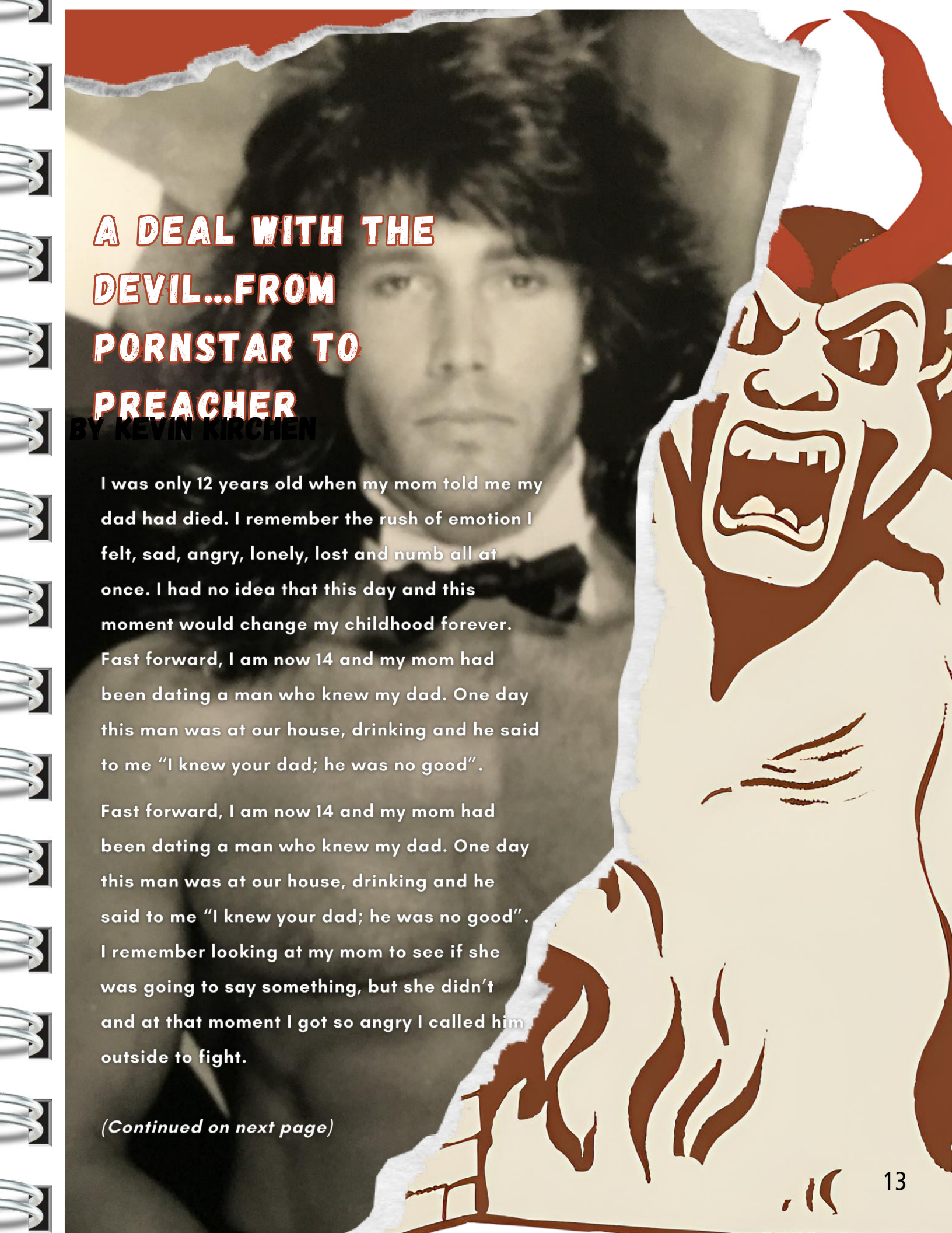
I stood at my father's bedside in the ICU having been called there because my father *was* dying. He *was* fighting for his life. My entire life came rushing before me. My dad and I *were* not particularly close, but he *was* my dad and I loved him and *was* about to lose him. God brought me to my father's bedside because He *knew* it *was* here that my life *would* change forever.

The pain in my life *was* greater than my fear and I *was* ready to change. I had blamed God for much of *what* had happened to me in my life and ran from Him and didn't *want* anything to do *with* him. But, not today. I left my dad's hospital room and drove to be alone and did something I had never done before in my life. I cried out to God and asked Him to take *away* the pain, the shame and guilt of my past and to set me free. I had reached my desperation moment and fully surrendered. I *was* done. God *worked* a miracle that day and my life has not been the same since. I immediately felt His presence and the burden I had carried for so many years *was* finally lifted.

Looking back, those years shaped *who* I am today. If I hadn't lived through that darkness, I *wouldn't* be serving in faith-based recovery or have the deep empathy I feel for others. Everything I am today—every ounce of *wisdom*, compassion, and strength—is the result of my deepest pain. My darkest years made me a better husband, father, mentor, and friend.

Through God's grace, I came out of hiding and began to heal.





# A DEAL WITH THE DEVIL...FROM PORNSTAR TO PREACHER

BY KEVIN KIRCHEN

I was only 12 years old when my mom told me my dad had died. I remember the rush of emotion I felt, sad, angry, lonely, lost and numb all at once. I had no idea that this day and this moment would change my childhood forever.

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I remember looking at my mom to see if she was going to say something, but she didn't and at that moment I got so angry I called him outside to fight.

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He chuckled and said "ok". When he came outside he said: "what are you going to do hit me?" I called him closer, he approached me, and I punched him in the face so hard it knocked off his glasses. He looked at my mom who was standing at the screen door and said: "your boy is crazy, it's him or me!" "Choose who you want!", and she chose him. Later that day she drove me to the police station and dropped me off as an incorrigible runaway, that was the last time I saw my mom for 3 years. The first year away from my mom, I'm in California couch surfing at friend's houses, or with people I had just met. Compton, Torrance, Hawthorne were my stomping grounds it was crazy and scary because I was a just kid all alone trying to get by. When I was 17, I was living with a family, from a church I was attending, and had lived with them for 2 years. By this time in my life I had accepted Christ as my Lord and Savior! I was attending church three times a week and had been baptized. I remember the day my new family said I had to go, because the church elders didn't like that I was living there. I felt abandoned once again. This was the next big moment that changed my life. I went from chasing God to chasing the devil. After leaving my new family, I went back to my mom's house which didn't go very well. I was spending a lot of time with old friends, and one weekend my friends and I headed to San Diego for a party. I remember a lot of drugs at this party, I tried them all and was not feeling too good.



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I went to find an empty room to lay down and that's when the devil met me! As I sat on the edge of the bed the wall in front of me opened, behind it was fire and smoke, the devil's face came from the fire and his neck stretched out right to my face.

He had a wicked laugh and said,  
"F-God, F-the church, F them all!"

"What do you want?" I sat for a minute and said, "women, money, and power" he said, "are you sure"? I said, "yes". Then he laughed, and said, "ok". Suddenly the wall closed and went back to normal. After this I realized I wasn't high or feeling bad anymore. The next morning my friends asked how the night went. I said, "I believe I made a deal with the devil", then one guy said, "what did you do sell your soul?"

then they all laughed. This was the weekend that changed everything and 3 years later I was working at Chippendales. I worked at Chippendales for a decade performing over 4500 shows for over 1 million women all over the world, during that time I was on the road 40-45 weeks a year with a different woman every night. Sex, drugs and rock n' roll became my life, up all night sleep all day was the norm and eventually everything became a blur. I became one of the best performers on the Chippendales circuit! I was on all the talk shows, radio shows, and calendars.

After leaving Chippendales I had some opportunities in Hollywood, but I didn't want to play the "Hollywood game." So now what?...

"What do you want?" I sat for a minute and said, "women, money, and power".  
Then he said, "are you sure"?...  
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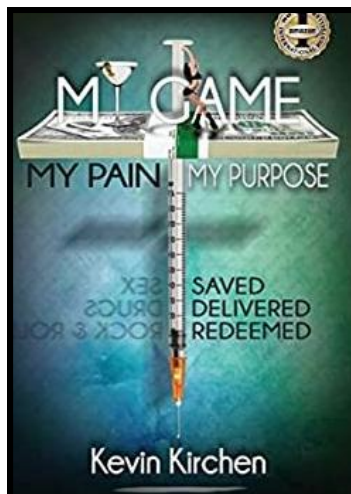
Well, the “what” presented itself at a nightclub in Hollywood when an old Chippendales friend suggested I get into the adult-film business. He gave me a number and said I could do all the drugs I wanted and get paid \$1000 a day to have sex with women. The next day I called the number and shot my first-ever porn sex scene. Here we go again...I started another crazy journey of isolation, depression and unimaginable darkness. I was completely lost, totally disconnected and felt nothing. Sleeping with over 5,000 different women didn't heal my broken heart. Feeling despair is how I woke up and how I went to sleep.

**DURING THIS TIME, I BECAME SO LOST AND SO DARK THAT I HATED MY LIFE AND MYSELF. I ENDED UP IN A FIELD IN 1994 AND BROUGHT A 9MM WITH ME READY TO KILL MYSELF. I PULLED THE HAMMER BACK AND FORTH THEN I PUT THE GUN IN MY MOUTH. I STARTED BEARING DOWN ON THE TRIGGER READY TO END IT ALL!**



**THAT'S WHEN GOD MET ME –  
RIGHT THERE IN THAT FIELD,  
I HEARD A VOICE SAY:  
“DON'T DO IT...I LOVE YOU!”**

From age 14 through the mess, the sin, and even running with the devil like a desperado, God was there – and He never left. I am so grateful He sustained me, covered me and protected me through those times and in that moment of wanting to end it all. How amazing He is! He was there in my game, through my pain and brought me to my purpose. By the grace of God, I am now an Ordained Minister, Ordained Chaplain and serve in the ministry of Deliverance helping others break the chains of bondage.



I wrote a book about my story called “My Game, My Pain, My Purpose” which is on Amazon, and I am believing for my book to be made into a film. My hope is that through the book and a movie many will come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

God bless you all,  
Kevin Kirchen

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# GUARDING YOUR HEART AND MIND. THE HIDDEN **DANGERS** OF CURSING YOURSELF THROUGH MEDIA



Jennifer  
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In today's digital age, movies and television shows are more accessible than ever. With just a few clicks, we can immerse ourselves in stories from around the world, from lighthearted comedies to dark thrillers. But not all entertainment is harmless. Many of us are unaware that by watching certain content, we may be opening spiritual doors and even cursing ourselves without realizing it.

What we feed our minds shapes our thoughts, emotions, and even our spiritual well-being. The Bible reminds us in Proverbs 4:23, "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it." Yet, many believers ignore this wisdom when choosing what to watch. Horror films, shows centered on witchcraft, the occult, extreme violence, and sexual immorality don't just entertain—they influence. They can desensitize us to sin, distort our sense of right and wrong, and invite spiritual oppression.



Some programs are even intentionally rooted in dark spiritual practices. Creators have openly admitted to using real spells, rituals, or demonic symbols for the sake of "authenticity." Sometimes they are casting spells on purpose! Watching such content isn't just passive viewing—it's participation. We may unknowingly welcome dark spiritual influences into our homes, hearts, and minds. Repeated exposure can lead to fear, anxiety, nightmares, or even a hardened conscience. In effect, we curse ourselves by giving the demons a open door and legal right. It's important to ask ourselves: Does this show align with the Bible?

What is pure, truth, lovely, and worthy of praise? (Philippians 4:8). Or does it stir up confusion, lust, or fear? As followers of Christ, we are called to be set apart—not just in action but in thought and spirit. Guarding your heart and mind means being intentional. It means turning off shows that grieve the Holy Spirit, even if they're popular. It means choosing media that uplifts rather than corrupts. When we honor God with our eyes and ears, we create space for His peace and joy.

Entertainment is powerful. But so is your choice. Don't let what you watch or listen to become a curse. Instead, fill your heart with what draws you closer to God with truth, peace, and joy. I challenge you to choose wisely and see how your whole life changes. God bless you and always pray for His protection!



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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



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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 be 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 book, 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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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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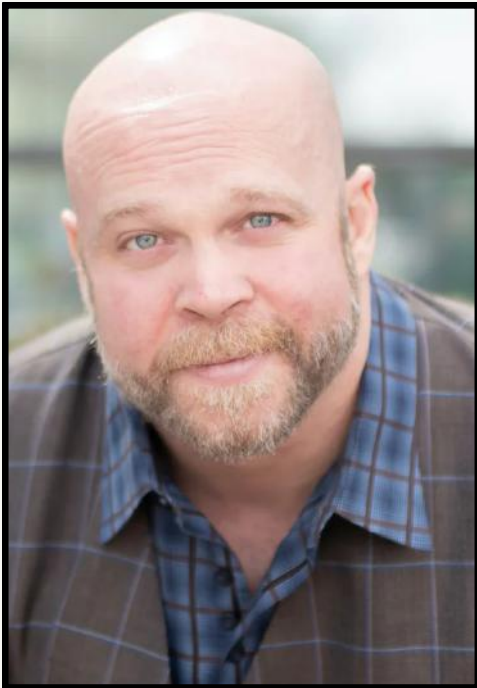


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# *From Darkness to the* **LIGHT**

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



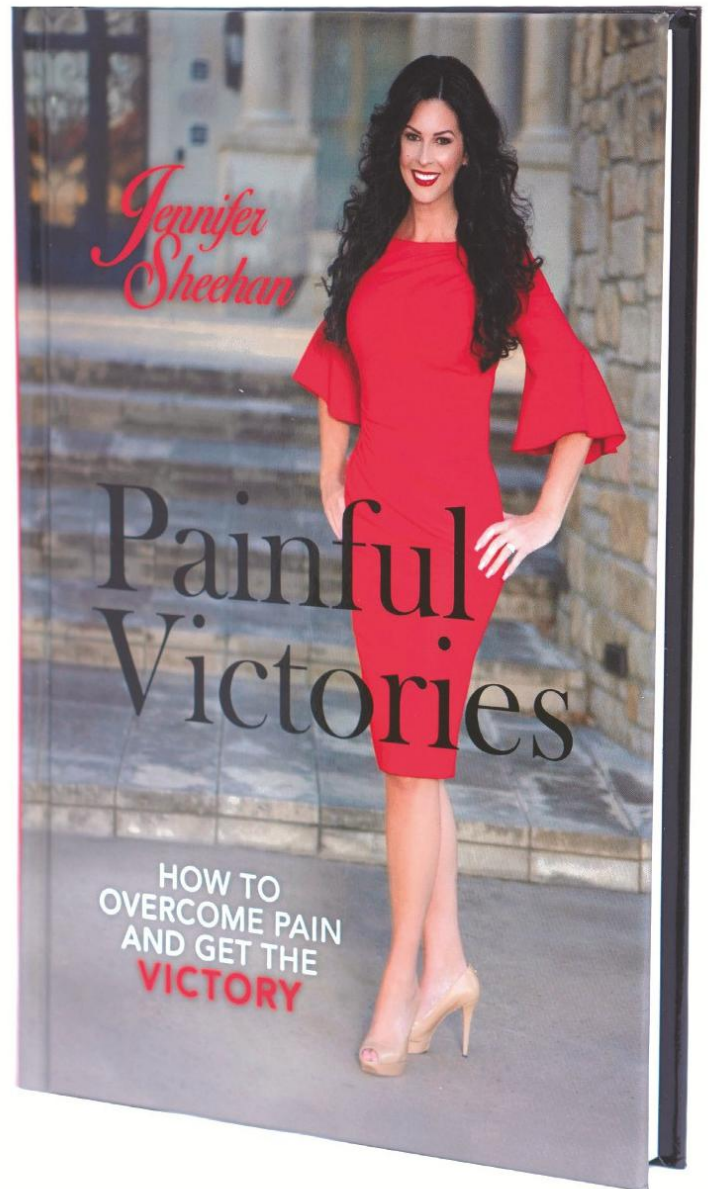
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I served four years in the Army with one year in Iraq. I became "Supply" and the armorer in charge of maintaining and repairing the weapons. I went from prom princess in high school, to being in Iraq in the middle of a war! I believe I became a soldier 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](https://www.HEisHope.ORG)

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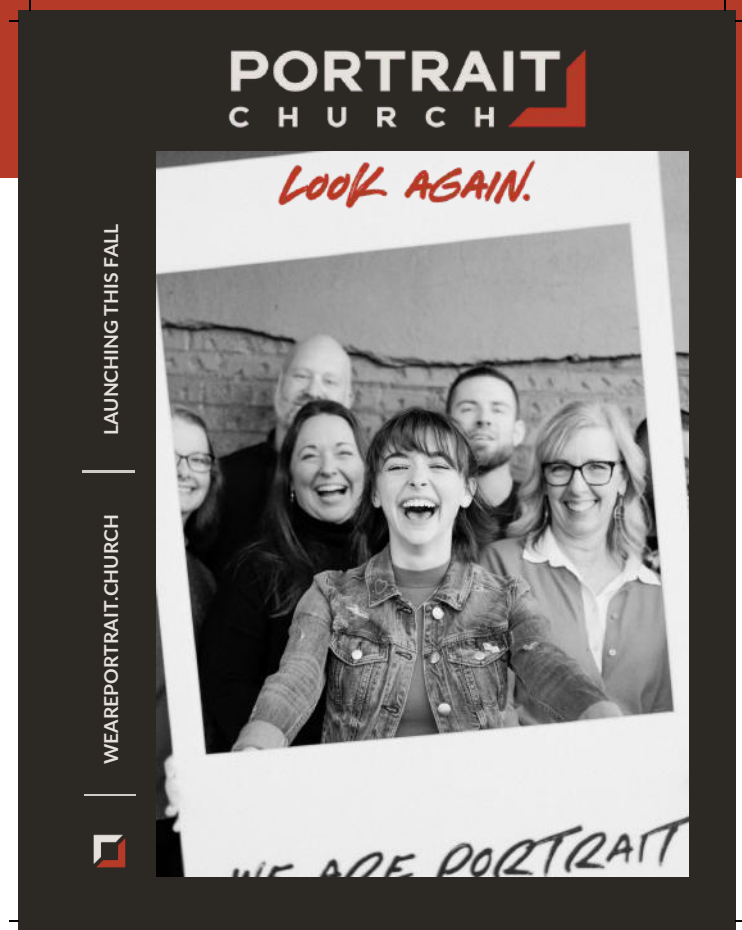
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## *A Letter From The Pastor, David Smullin*

**P**ortrait Church is a new church starting in Celina, Texas this September with the vision of extending an invitation for people to look again at church and God. 1 Corinthians 13:12a NLT states:  
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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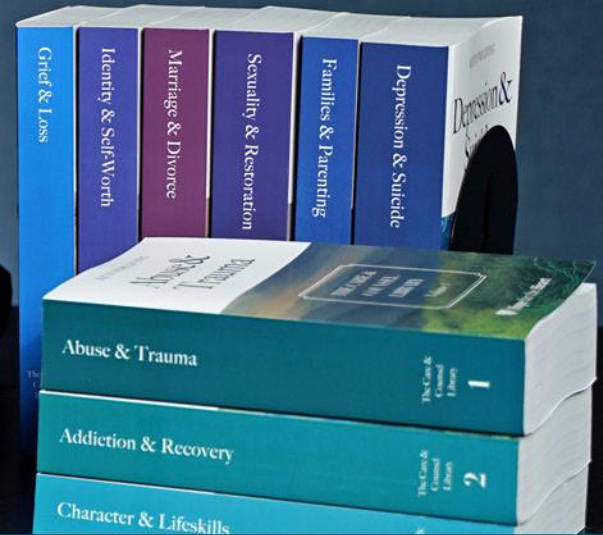
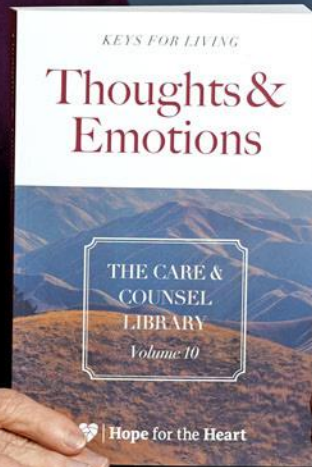
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Anytime we talk about end times one of two things can happen in the hearts of many of us. We can feel anxious ("Am I ready?") or we can feel fear ("How bad is it going to get?")

Let's shift our focus and instead have a divine urgency there are so many to reach!

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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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.

**Jennifer is a published author, magazine publisher, keynote speaker, show host, Army veteran, ordained minister, and evangelist.**

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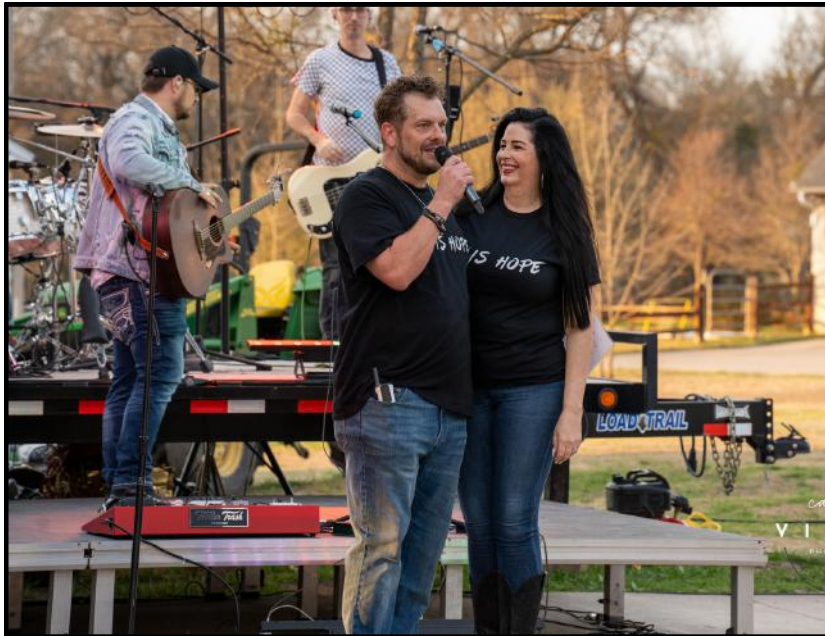
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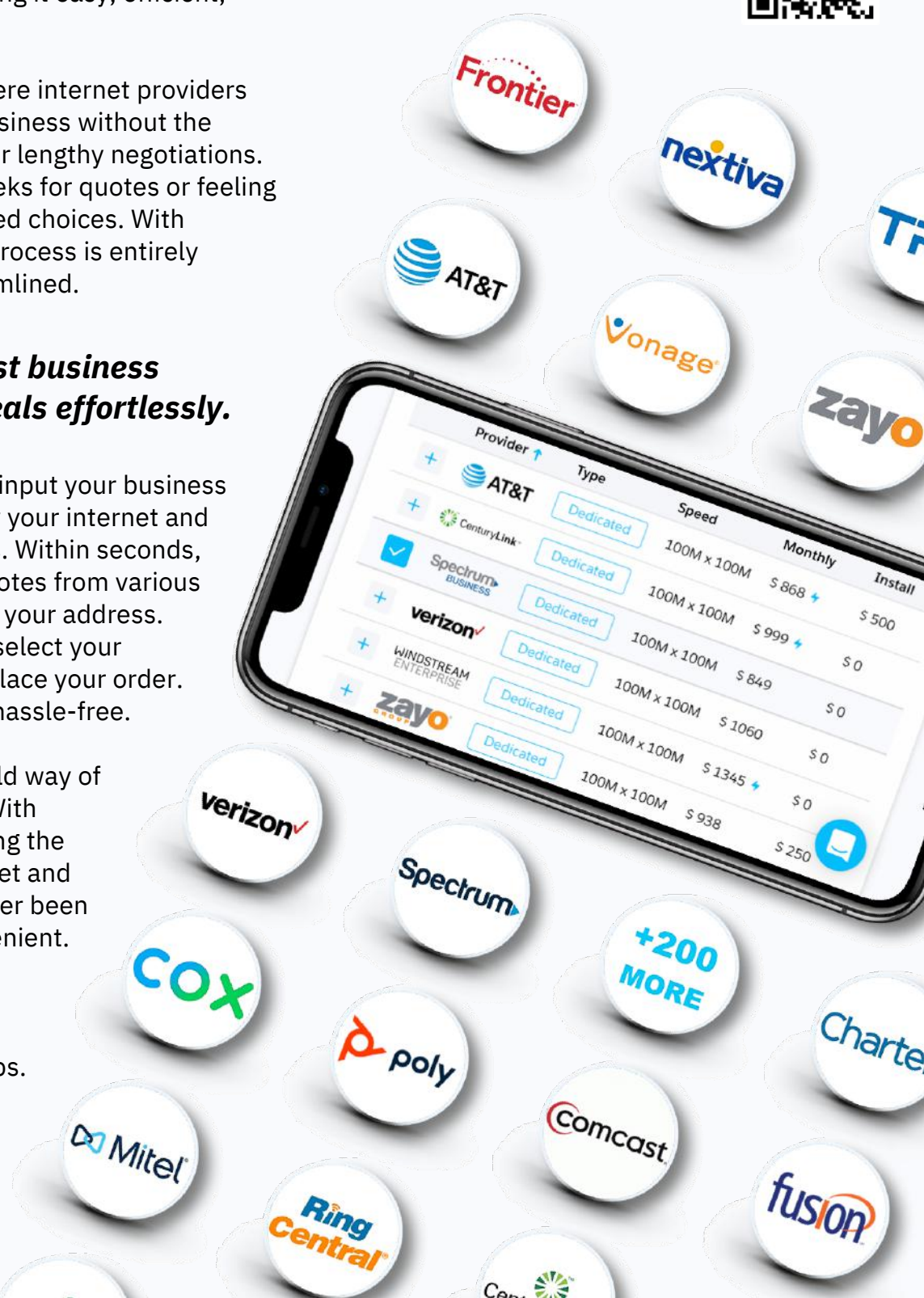
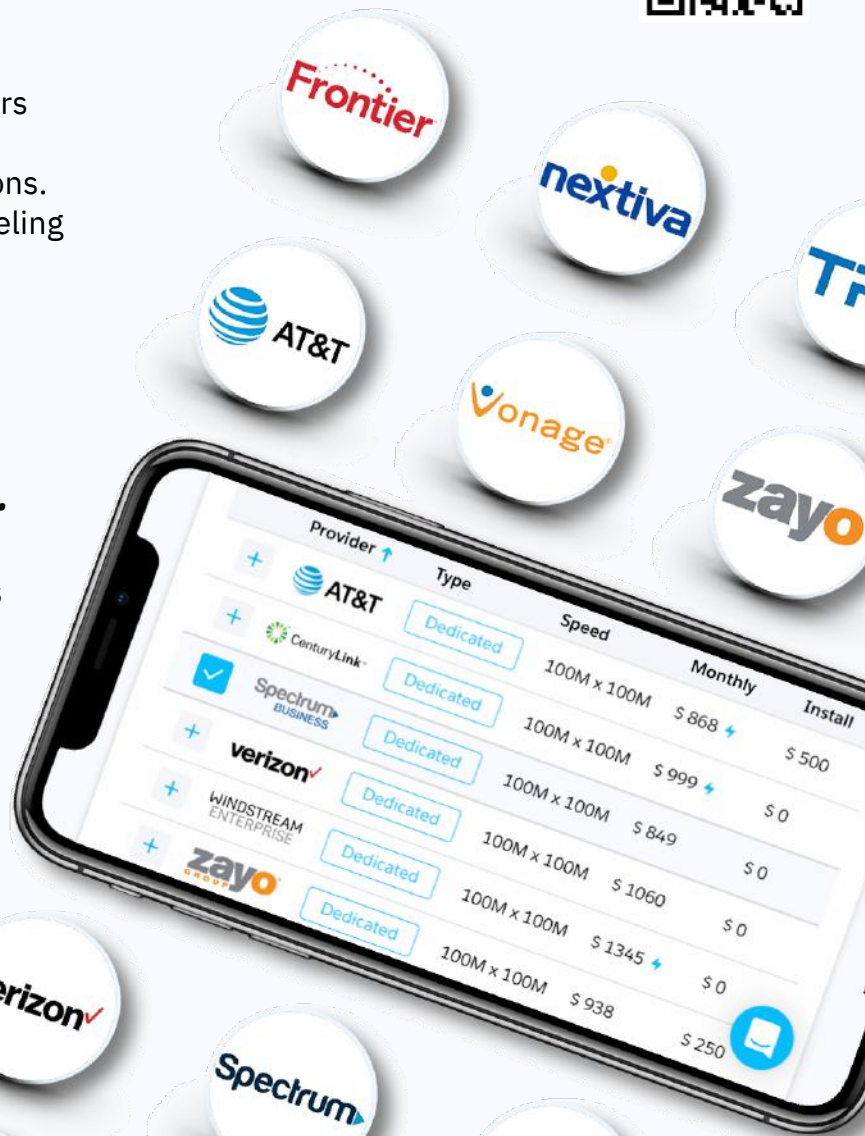
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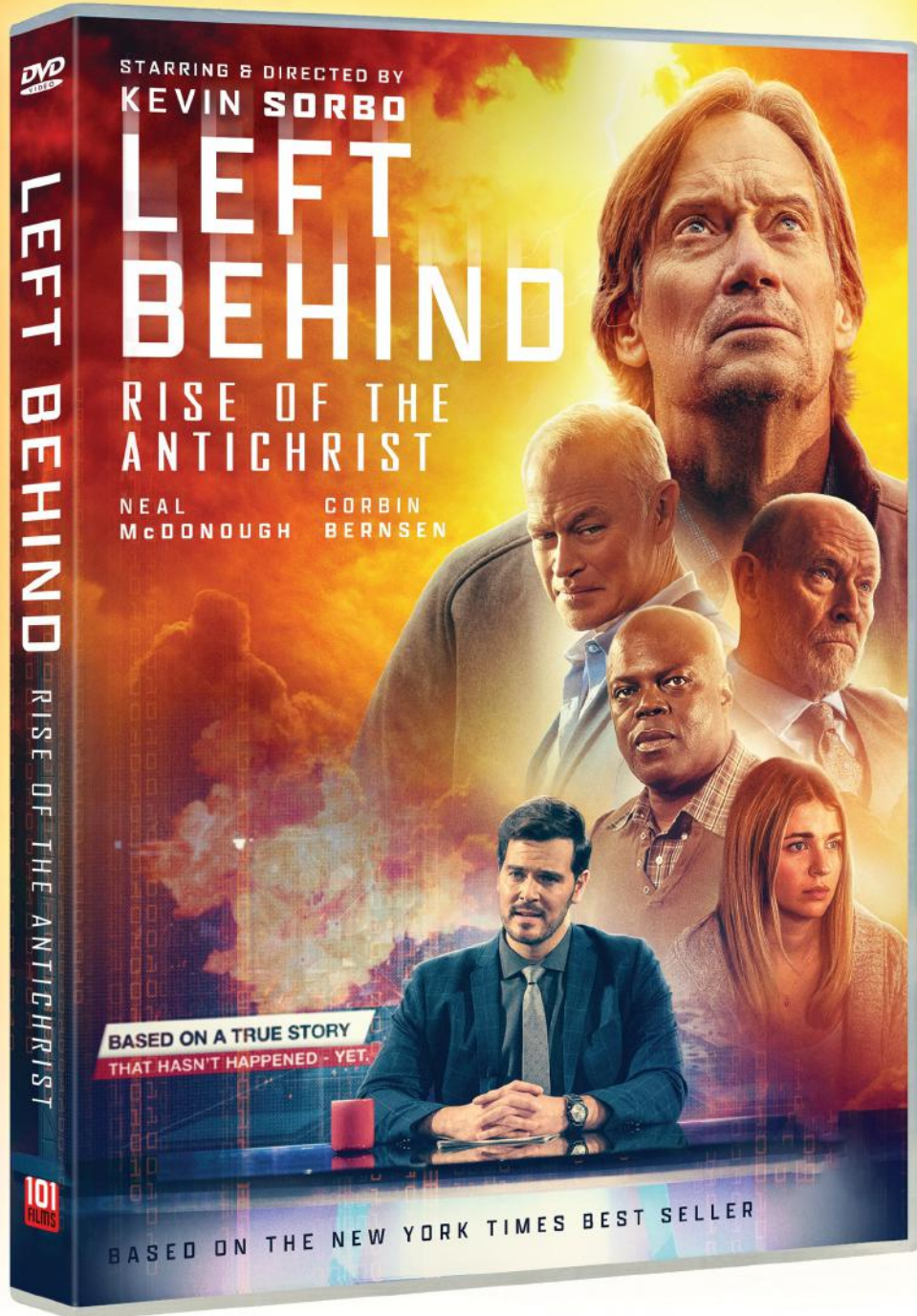


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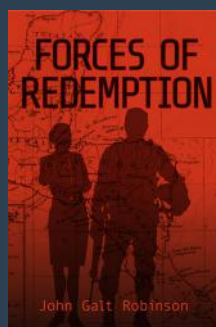
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