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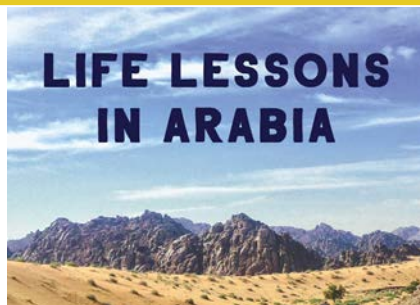
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My father's recent passing inspires a desire to take advantage of every God-given opportunity while we can.

UPON ARRIVING IN LAGOS, NIGERIA, late last October, a message that my dad's health had taken a sudden turn for the worse awaited me. After communicating with family back home for a number of days, it became apparent that returning earlier than planned was necessary. My travel arrangements were changed and I came home on November 7, immediately driving three hours to Roseburg, Oregon, with Debbie. By the time we arrived, Dad was doing a bit better than he had been at his low point ten days prior. Nonetheless, his first words to me were, "I know I am dying." They were words of acceptance rather than a statement of despair. As you will read on page 42, he was saved shortly before his forty-ninth birthday. In November, at age ninety-two, he had been saved nearly forty-four years.

Dad's life was one of contrast. He lived one way for the first nearly five decades of his life, and in a completely different manner for the last four-plus decades. He died on January 30, 2019. The text used for his memorial service the following week was Ecclesiastes 3:1, "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die." We have no say regarding our birth, nor can we prevent our death. However, God grants each of us an allotted amount of time and opportunity between those two events. We can capitalize on the days given to us or squander them. Dad capitalized on them from the moment of his conversion. When the light of the Gospel came his way, he was soon saved, and was devoted to serving God for the remainder of his days. At our Roseburg church, he ushered regularly and helped clean weekly for many years. At camp meeting, you could often find him scrubbing pots and pans in the restaurant or tending to security at the front gate. Apart from those tasks, both at home



Darwin Lee in 2005.

and at church, he often could be found on his knees in prayer.

My father's passing was not a sad event. Rather, it was one that elicited thanksgiving to God from many of us. He made the goal! We hearken back to his conversion of 1975 and are glad that the family dynamic for his seventy-five descendants is completely different than it would have been if he and Mom had not chosen to give their lives to God that year. Mom, who recently turned ninety years old, continues to do well as the family matriarch.

Dad died as he lived during the forty-four-and-one-half years he was saved: quietly and peacefully. He simply stopped breathing and moved from here to paradise, to be forever with the Lord. May we all seize time and opportunity to live for God here, day by day doing whatever we can, that we might be with Him forever hereafter. The goal of each page of this magazine is to inspire readers to do just that!

D Lee

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and
the Word was God. ~ John 1:1



LIFE LESSONS IN ARABIA

by DARREL LEE

IN THE OPENING COMMENTS OF PAUL'S EPISTLE

TO THE GALATIANS, the Apostle shared part of his testimony in order to establish that his message and authority were from God. Referencing his manner of living prior to his conversion, he acknowledged that his persecution of the Church had been “beyond measure.” Then he told what happened shortly after his conversion and the revelation of his call to preach to the Gentiles. We read, “But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother’s womb, and called me by his grace, to reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood: neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus” (Galatians 1:15-17).

We do not know a great deal about Paul’s time in Arabia. The facts given are simple and brief: Paul went into Arabia; he spent time in Arabia; he came back from Arabia.

Arabia stands in contrast to Jerusalem. Jerusalem was the scene of revival, where hundreds and even thousands had been saved. It was a place of preaching, singing, testifying, praying, and the moving of the Spirit of God—in fact, reports of what was happening in Jerusalem were circulated all over that part of the world. Arabia, however, was different. It is thought that the geographic location was an area about one hundred miles or so southeast of Jerusalem. That was (and is) a desolate region, not a thriving metropolis. It is wilderness; it is hot, dry, and lonely.

Perhaps Jerusalem could be likened to occasions such as summer camp meetings, youth camps, and revival meetings. Arabia compares to isolation, when circumstances are difficult and we are shut away, desperate, and utterly dependent upon God. These are times of communion with God rather than communication with men. It is when God reveals Himself through His Word—when He makes known His demands, and quietly commands His blessings. There are invaluable lessons to be learned in Arabia.

JOHN'S WILDERNESS EXPERIENCES

Many individuals in Biblical history spent time in Arabia. John the Baptist was one. He knew Arabia, or at least Arabia-like conditions. Scripture relates that he grew and waxed strong in spirit in the wilderness—perhaps even the same geographic area where Paul went a few years later. The wilderness

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was where John learned that he must decrease so Jesus might increase. It was in the wilderness that the word of God came to him. It was in the wilderness that he was given the understanding that he was the one of whom Isaiah spoke—the “voice of one crying in the wilderness.”

The Bible says John was in the desert until his showing to Israel (see Luke 1:80). When God’s appointed time came, John left that wilderness and came to the area around Jordan, where he began preaching the message God had given him: that men and women ought to repent and prepare the way of the Lord. John compared the rugged terrain where he preached to a wasted, hopeless life that was bound and shackled by sin. He taught what change the remedy would make when applied to that life. In Luke 3:4-6 we read, “Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

These verses give us a picture of the change that results in a life when an individual responds to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Lord smooths out situations that man cannot resolve. A crooked past is straightened out. It is a new way of life! The message John received in the wilderness and then preached in the area around Jordan was that God would accomplish that transformation in a life when an individual repented.

JESUS IN THE WILDERNESS

Jesus certainly knew of Arabia-like conditions; He too had a wilderness experience. After He was baptized by John, we read, “And immediately the Spirit driveth him into the wilderness” (Mark 1:12). Two of the other gospels state that He was “led” of the Spirit into the wilderness, a word that also could be translated “brought.” Either way, the sense is that the wilderness is not the most desirable place to be, but that there is a purpose for time spent there. The Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. He was there forty days, and there He overcame whatever the devil threw at Him.

We read in Hebrews 2:18, “For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to

succour them that are tempted.” In order for us to fully identify with Him, Jesus had to endure this time in the wilderness. There, He faced and overcame temptation. Because He did so, when we are suffering, we can be assured that He really does understand what we are going through! Jesus’ wilderness experience provides encouragement for us, more than two thousand years later.

THE WILDERNESS EXPERIENCES OF MOSES, ELIJAH, AND JOHN THE BELOVED

In the Book of Exodus, we read of Moses being forced to flee to the backside of the desert to escape the wrath of Pharaoh. He spent forty years there. While the location may not have been of his choosing, it was there that he saw the bush that was in flames but not consumed. It was there that God called him to deliver the Children of Israel from enslavement in Egypt by God’s strong arm.

After Elijah’s contest on Mount Carmel with King Ahab, he fled a day’s journey into the wilderness upon hearing that Queen Jezebel had declared he would forfeit his life by the same time the following day. A day’s journey was not far enough, though. As Elijah sat under a juniper tree and wished to die, the angel of the Lord appeared and gave him food that sustained him to go forty days further into the wilderness. There, in the same area where Moses had his experience with God, God spoke to Elijah as well, in a “still small voice.” There, God gave him direction to crown two kings and commission Elisha, the prophet who would succeed him in ministering to Israel.

John the Beloved also had an Arabia-like experience when he was exiled to the Isle of Patmos. It is thought he was in his nineties at that point, and was not expected to survive—he was sent there to die. There was no one around, but the Lord was there, and God communed with him. His visions are recorded for us in the last book of the Bible, the Revelation.

THRIVING IN ARABIA

Arabia is a lonely place. If you are longing for affirmation and pats on the back, that will not occur in Arabia. However, there is much to be

gained in wilderness experiences. By the grace of God, we can thrive there.

Arabia is where lives are permanently altered. It is where we learn to be utterly reliant upon God. It is where He teaches us and makes demands of us—it is often in these solitary times that God reveals Himself most clearly. While Arabia is a lonely place, it is not the place to have a “pity party.” It is where we learn to eradicate the pity from our party! It is the place where God can bring about significant growth in our spiritual lives.

Our Arabia may bring heat. Some people thrive in the furnace of affliction; others wilt. Let’s purpose to be among those who thrive! In Jeremiah 12:5 we read, “If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses?” The prophet was saying, in effect, “If you are weary under normal conditions, how can you contend when you face conditions that are desperate? How will you survive when the current is strong against you?” In the wilderness, we can gain strength and stamina to face the greatest challenges of life.

PAUL’S EXPERIENCE IN ARABIA

Looking back at our text in the first chapter of Galatians, we are not told how much time Paul spent in Arabia. We do know it was less than three years because Galatians 1:18 indicates that “after three years” he went up to Jerusalem for the first time. Paul had not needed to go to Jerusalem immediately after his conversion to confer with the Apostles and make sure he rightly understood what had happened when



Christian leadership was centralized in Jerusalem until the city was destroyed by the Romans in A.D. 70.

In Paul's day, “Arabia” was a general term for a region bound on the west and east by the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf, and on the north and south by the Euphrates River and Indian Ocean.

the light shone from Heaven on the road to Damascus. He spent three days in prayer in the city of Damascus until Ananias came and prayed with him, saying that the Lord had showed him that Paul was going to be a witness to the Gentiles. Then Paul “conferred not with flesh and blood” but went to Arabia and let that great experience settle into his soul.

Paul would find out later—as would the Apostles when he did meet with them—that his experience on the road to Damascus was consistent with what they had received as well. There is one Gospel. One does not have to be reared in it to experience it. There are those throughout the world whom we do not know and will never meet in this life, who have also received the changing grace of God. In every case, it delivers. It purifies. It empowers.

In Arabia, Paul grew and waxed strong in spirit, as had John the Baptist. There he learned to bring himself into subjection. Paul also learned to keep himself out of the way. That is an important lesson we learn in Arabia.

It was in Arabia where Paul learned, like John, that he must decrease and God must increase. Paul had quite a résumé. There were many aspects of his life that he previously had felt elevated him above others. We read about his background in his epistle to the Philippians. He had been circumcised the eighth day according to the Law. He was of the stock of Israel—if he had taken a DNA test, it would have revealed that he was 100% a descendant of Jacob. He was of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews. He was also a Pharisee, and the strictest among them. He kept the Law blamelessly, and was so zealous in his faith that he persecuted the Christians even unto death. He actually stood by and held the coats of those who killed Stephen, the first Christian martyr. Now he grasped that although he had been sincere in his zeal, he was wrong. None of his “advantages” of background and privilege could change his heart. However, something real and life-transforming had happened that day on the road to Damascus—he had an encounter with Jesus! It takes Jesus to change the heart, and Paul had that heart experience.

Arabia is where Paul learned, “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me” (Galatians 2:20). He had become one with Christ, dying to his old



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life. That is really what each of us wants for our lives. We want to live a life that is by faith in the Son of God.

COMING FROM ARABIA

After Paul returned from Arabia, we do not read that he ever went back. A Christian life should not be an experience of staying forever in Arabia, working things out. We come *from* Arabia. While the word of God came to John in the wilderness, he did not stay in the wilderness. Nor did Jesus, Moses, or Elijah—and neither should we.

Paul left Arabia a different man than when he had arrived there. He came back preaching Christ. The believers of the Early Church were amazed that this man, who had previously sought to destroy their faith, was now preaching it! He came back purified; he came back empowered; he came back a victor. That is a portrait of the Christian life; it is victory! Yes, there are challenges, but if the hallmark of your life is an ongoing struggle, God has something better to offer you. He has victory!

In another of Paul’s epistles, we have a hint regarding what may have happened in Arabia when Paul prayed three times that he might be delivered from an affliction. The third time, the message came through to him. In 2 Corinthians 12:9 we read, “And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.” That was enough for Paul. He did not have to deal with that subject anymore. He lived on the victory side. He was imprisoned for years, but as we read the letters written from those prisons, we see no indication that he was depressed, overwhelmed, or feeling sorry for himself. On the contrary, he was shouting the victory despite the immense difficulties and circumstances that he suffered.

WE NEED BOTH JERUSALEM AND ARABIA

The focus in Jerusalem is fellowship with believers, and that is important. We thank God for Jerusalem experiences—for times of revivals—and we want to hear and talk of them more. We thank God for individual revivals as well; people testify of answers to prayer, the victories God has given. They are singing again, and they have joy in their hearts. That is Jerusalem, when



there is rejoicing and everybody knows it. However, not everyone who experiences a season of revival stays revived. A period of revival does not necessarily bring about spiritual stability for the rest of the person’s life.

The focus of Arabia is fellowship with God. We do not talk so much about Arabia, but you are a different person when you come out of that wilderness experience. You live a life of stability thereafter.

Life will bring both Jerusalem and Arabia experiences. We need both—and there can be victory in both! If you find yourself living the Jerusalem experience today, rejoice. But remember, it is simply not the same experience as Arabia. There are vital lessons to be learned in Arabia as well. A place alone with God can be in your closet at home; it can be around the altars in the sanctuary or in the pews; it can be during your commute to work or to school, or it can be in your home somewhere. We need those times alone with God, just as we need our times in fellowship with the saints of God.

Paul—as well as Jesus, John the Baptist, Moses, Elijah, and John the Beloved—spent time in Arabia and came out with renewed vigor, purpose, and insight. May that be our experience too.

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Sunset over the Rub’ al-Khali desert, which translates into English as “Empty Quarter.” This is the largest contiguous desert in the world, covering nearly a third of the Arabian Peninsula.

ABRAHAM: SEPARATED, FAITHFUL, OBEDIENT

Compiled From the *Daybreak/Discovery* series and other Apostolic Faith curriculum.

THE BIBLE OPENS WITH FOUR GREAT EVENTS:

Creation, the fall of man in the Garden, the flood of Noah's day, and the scattering of nations after the tower of Babel. Approximately one thousand years after the days of Noah, a transition occurs in the Book of Genesis, beginning with chapter 12. Prior to that time, God had dealt with the entire human race, but at that point, the Scriptural narrative shifts to the man Abram, whose name was later changed to Abraham. Though an idol-worshipper when God first called him,¹ Abram answered God's summons and became not only the first great patriarch of ancient Israel, but a model of faithfulness for Christian believers through the ages.

While we can learn many spiritual lessons from the life of Abraham, three primary and interwoven themes are notable throughout the Biblical account of this man who became known as "the friend of God": separation, faith, and obedience.

SEPARATION

The final verses of Genesis 11 establish the lineage of Abram. His family, descendants of Noah's son Shem, lived in a city of Babylonia named Ur of the Chaldeans. **1** Genesis 11:31 indicates that his father, Terah, took his family from Ur to go into the land of Canaan. However, he settled instead in the flourishing trade center of Haran, several hundred miles to the northwest.

In Genesis 12, the theme of separation begins to unfold. While living in Haran, Abram took a step of obedience that changed the course of his life—he responded to God's call that had come to him before he left Ur of the Chaldees.² Acts 7:2 relates that "the God of glory *appeared* unto our father Abraham." The Genesis record indicates that God "*said* unto Abraham" (emphasis added). Little detail is given about what actually transpired, but the call of God was unmistakable: "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee" (Genesis 12:1).

The message was a command. However, God did not just tell Abram to go. He made promises to him with far-reaching implications, saying, "I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: and I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed" (Genesis 12:2-3). **1**

¹ SEE JOSHUA 24:2.

² SEE ACTS 7:2-4.

Historical Notes



The exact location of Ur is not known, but Bible scholars and archeologists generally suppose it to be the renowned Sumerian city of Ur in southern Mesopotamia, which was under the rule of the Chaldeans during Abraham's era. On today's map, that would place the location in southern Iraq, about one hundred miles northwest of the Kuwaiti border.

An ancient walled city full of activity, Ur probably had about half a million inhabitants. The city was surrounded by an intricate system of manmade canals.

Indoor bathrooms, board games, a legal system, and schools that taught reading, writing, and mathematics were part of their advanced civilization. Historians state that the average middle-class person of that era had a house with ten to twenty rooms. The people of Ur were idol worshippers, and Jewish tradition holds that Abraham's father, Terah, was an idol maker. Excavations of Ur in 1924 revealed that its ancient inhabitants worshipped many different gods and goddesses, including gods of the sun, moon, and stars. Abraham himself worshipped idols in his early life. (See Joshua 24:2).

It was no small decision for Abram to separate himself from home, friends, and family and start out for a land that he did not know. As a prince in his tribe, he was wealthy and had many servants. In the natural, there was no apparent way he could become a great nation away from his position in the family hierarchy and the benefits of being part of a great clan. However, he believed in the divine authority of God and determined to obey.

Leaving behind the protection of his larger tribal connections, Abram traveled without maps, travel guide, or GPS—nothing more than traders' accounts to tell him what lay over the horizon. Along with his wife Sarai and his nephew Lot, he became a nomad in a strange land solely based on God's promises. His pilgrimage took him south on a 1500-mile trek along the trade routes from Haran, through Shechem and Bethel, to the land of Canaan—an area populated by wicked, warlike people who were later to be destroyed because of the abominations they practiced.

A CLOSER LOOK AT THREE INTERWOVEN THEMES IN THE BIBLICAL ACCOUNT OF THIS MAN WHO BECAME KNOWN AS “THE FRIEND OF GOD.”

When Abram started his long journey southward into the land of promise, he was seventy-five years old. For the next century, until his death at the age of 175, he lived separate from the native peoples around him. He was among them but not of them, guarding his son Isaac from inter-marriage with the ungodly population and engaging in minimal social interaction outside of his family. Except for an agreement with his nearest neighbors, Abram made no alliances nor did he take part in the politics or religious practices of the people of the land. The only property he purchased was a burial place for his wife, Sarah. He did not reside in any permanent location, but “sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles [tents]” (Hebrews 11:9). And he lived this way for one hundred years!

Bible scholar and author F. B. Meyer (1847 – 1929) commented that Abram was from first to last a separated man. “Separated from his fatherland and kinsfolk, from Lot, as a pilgrim and stranger, from the people of the land, from his own methods of securing a fulfilment of the promises of God, from the rest of mankind by special sorrows, . . . [he was brought] into closer fellowship with God than had ever been reached by man, and separated to high and lofty fellowship in thoughts and plans, which God could not hide from him.”³ ♦2

FAITH

Tracing the account of Abram’s sojourn in Canaan and the events he faced in a new and unfamiliar land reveals that his faith grew little by little. At times Abram was impatient and failed to fully trust in God, instead acting according to his own

judgment. He looked at the difficulties he faced and feared, so he took matters into his own hands in attempts to secure his desired outcomes. Still, God was patient, and led him step by step to a deeper faith.

In Haran, God had promised he would show Abram the land (Genesis 12:1). After Abram entered into Canaan and built an altar at Shechem, God told him, “Unto thy seed will I give this land” (Genesis 12:7). Some years later, when Abram allowed his nephew Lot (who had accompanied him out of Haran) to choose first where to settle, God promised that the land would be given “to thy seed for ever” (Genesis 13:15). However, Abram still had no deed or official evidence to prove the land was his. All he had was the promise of God—but that was enough.

In chapter 15, God gave Abram a further renewal and amplification of His promises. Many years had gone by, and Abram and his wife, Sarai, were still childless—a great grief and shame in their society. If Abram died childless, his only heir would be Eliezer, his trusted servant. Although Abram loved God and believed His promises, he was also human. In verses 2-3, he expressed his concern to God. In response, the Lord made a new promise to Abram: he would have a son—an actual flesh-and-blood heir. Then God took Abram outside, showed him the stars, and pledged, “So shall thy seed be.”

For the first time in Scripture, the word *believe* occurs—Genesis 15:6 states that Abram “believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteousness.” ♦3 When God further promised Abram to “give thee this land to inherit it,” (verse 7) he responded by asking, “Whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?” This was not a demand for a sign in order to believe, but rather, a simple request for outward evidence of his inner assurance.

For personal consideration

♦1 **ABRAHAM’S JOURNEY** teaches us that God may lead us to a place of greater usefulness or service to Him. We must not resist and cling to the comforts of the familiar! Journeys are accomplished one step at a time. Faith and obedience like Abraham’s does not just happen—it must be nurtured, practiced, and cultivated.

♦2 **AS BELIEVERS**, our separation is not geographical but spiritual, moral, and ethical. Though we still live in this world, we must separate ourselves from worldly beliefs, attitudes, and lifestyles. God desires for His followers to be clearly distinguished from unbelievers. Although we necessarily interact with non-Christians in our daily lives, we do not need to be affected by a non-Christian outlook. Christ’s prayer for His followers was, “I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world” (John 17:15-16).

³ DR. F. B. MEYER, ABRAHAM, GOD’S FRIEND (WESTCHESTER, IL: GOOD NEWS PUBLISHERS, 1962), 9.

For personal consideration

◆3 **THE STATEMENT MADE** in Genesis 15:6 is significant. Although Abraham had already been proving his faith by his actions, those actions did not make him right with God. Righteousness came through faith. In the New Testament, the Apostle Paul pointed out that Abraham's relationship with God was in place before the rite of circumcision was instituted, proving that the patriarch's justification was not a result of that ceremony or based upon any works of the Law (see Galatians 3:1-14). Thus, Abraham's example bore witness to a core truth of the Gospel: it is through faith that we receive from God.

◆4 **WHEN WE FACE** circumstances of extreme difficulty, it is important not to view God through those challenges, but to view our challenges through God. He allowed the circumstances, perhaps as an opportunity to strengthen our faith. Our "unsolvable" problems will not seem so impossible if we let God work out His own solution in His own time. Abraham learned that God truly is Jehovah-Jireh, the God who provides. That is a lesson we must learn as well.

◆5 **WE LEARN OBEDIENCE** in large things through small steps of obedience. Abraham's obedience had a direct effect on his family, and far-reaching effects on his descendants and on believers even to our day. How might others be affected by our obedience to God?

It was at this point that God formally established His covenant with Abram. He instructed Abram to prepare a sacrifice, which Abram did, understanding that God was telling him to get a contract ready for ratification. Ancient customs for contractual agreements required the two parties of a covenant to walk between the pieces of the sacrifice, but God did not appear immediately. Abram had to wait and watch for a time, driving away the vultures that came in an attempt to consume the sacrifice. At last God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Abram, and "a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp" appeared and moved between the sacrificial animals, indicating that God was ratifying the covenant and would fulfill all the commitments attached to it.

In verses 18-21, God revealed to Abram for the first time the geographical boundaries of the land his descendants would possess: they would stretch from the river of Egypt to the river Euphrates. ◆2 No doubt Abram's heart was filled with joy at that moment. But then a month went by, two months, a year, two years. Ultimately, it was thirteen years before the Lord appeared to Abram again.

Undoubtedly Abram's faith in God was tested during that period. Would he continue to take God at His word, no matter what his reasoning told him? It was difficult to see how God would be able to fulfill His promise, because Sarah was well past her childbearing years. Then Genesis 17 records that the Lord appeared to Abram again. In verses 1-8, God promised Abram that he would have many descendants, that many nations would come from them, that God's covenant would continue to apply to these descendants, and finally, that those descendants would occupy the land of Canaan. God reinforced this expanded covenant by changing Abram's name to Abraham and Sarai's to Sarah. ◆3

More years went by, but still Abraham did not waver in his faith.

In the New Testament, Paul wrote to the Romans that "he staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; and being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform" (Romans 4:20-21). And when Abraham was ninety-nine years old and Sarah was eighty-nine, their long awaited son, Isaac, was born. Abraham had triumphed in his lengthy test of faith, and God's promise was fulfilled. What a time of rejoicing that must have been! ◆4

OBEDIENCE

At this point in the narrative, we might suppose that since Abraham's faith had been tried and proven, he would live out his remaining years in peaceful enjoyment of the blessings God had given him. However, a great test of obedience was still ahead for Abraham. In Genesis 22:2, God told Abraham, "Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of."

It is not difficult to imagine the anguish that must have pierced Abraham's heart at this command. Perhaps he thought, *Sarah's heart will break. Will she ever forgive me? I'll be a murderer. And Isaac is the son of promise! How can I slay him? God himself told me, "In Isaac shall thy seed be called."* In addition to his deep love for his son, Abraham knew that God condemned the heathen practice of child sacrifice. Yet, he also knew the words, "Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac..." were not his imagination. Only someone in a very close relationship with God could obey when faced with this command.

It appears that God's instruction was sudden and unexpected, and that Abraham immediately responded. He rose up early in the morning and prepared for the trip, taking two of his young men along with Isaac for the journey of about fifty miles. The Biblical account does not

Historical Notes

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On today's map, the area described in Genesis

15:18-21 would include all of Israel, the Palestinian territories, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, and Iraq, as well as Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, U.A.E., Oman, Yemen, most of Turkey, and all the land east of the Nile river.

3

Abraham's original name Abram means "the father is exalted." His name was changed to Abraham, which means "father of a multitude," when God initiated His covenant with him (Genesis 17). The meaning of his name is reflected in fact: Abraham is honored by three major religious faiths—Christianity, Islam, and Judaism. (See Joshua 24:2).

say whether Abraham told them or Isaac where they were going. It does not indicate that he told Sarah what was about to happen. Abraham was focused upon the destination that God told him to approach. Still, while clearly determined to follow the path God had marked out for him, he must have anguished over what was to take place there. Like the departure from his homeland of Ur, Abraham once again traveled a path unfamiliar in both geography and intent.

When he arrived at the destination God had appointed, Abraham built an altar. Then he bound his beloved son, placed him on the wood, and took the knife into his hand. Hebrews 11:17-19 reveals that he expected that God would raise Isaac back from the dead. However, as Abraham raised his hand to slay his son, an angel of the Lord called to him out of heaven, saying, "Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me" (Genesis 22:12). God saw that Abraham's intention was to follow through, and that was enough. He provided a ram caught in a nearby thicket for Abraham to sacrifice instead.

AN EXAMPLE FOR US

Abraham's importance in redemptive history is clearly seen throughout the Word of God. His story takes up a good portion of the Genesis narrative from his first mention in Genesis 11:26 to his death in Genesis 25:8. He is mentioned by Moses in Exodus, Leviticus, and Deuteronomy. He is

referred to by Joshua, by the writer of the psalms, by Nehemiah, and by the prophet Isaiah. Aside from Moses, no Old Testament character is mentioned more frequently in the New Testament, and a summary of his accomplishments occurs in Acts 7 and Hebrews 11. James refers to Abraham as "the Friend of God" (James 2:23), a title used for no one else in Scripture. Clearly, God used Abraham to play a pivotal role in the story of redemption, culminating in the birth of Jesus as a fulfillment of His promise, "...in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed" (Genesis 12:3) ♦5

Abraham's circumstances were challenging and his faith was tested repeatedly. Like us, he could not see the path ahead nor fully understand what God was doing. Still, he held fast to the promise in his heart. What an example this man left us of separation, faith, obedience, and hope in God! Let us learn from Abraham, so we too can be used for God's purposes, and leave behind an enduring spiritual example for those who come after us.



REVIVAL: THE NEED AND THE FORMULA

by JACK CHASTEEN



chayah to keep alive
to restore to recover

LORD, thou
has been
favourable
unto thy land:
thou hast
brought back
the captivity
of Jacob.
Thou hast
forgiven the
iniquity of thy
people, thou
hast covered
all their sin.
~Psalm 85:1-2.



ALL BORN-AGAIN BELIEVERS HAVE EXPERIENCED REVIVAL. The day God forgave our sins, He brought our souls from a state of spiritual death to spiritual life, and that is what revival means—to bring to life. In His very nature, God is a reviver. He alone has the power to bring the dead to life, and it is something He loves to do.

In the Bible, captivity is often an illustration for spiritual death and separation from God, and the captive's liberation represents spiritual life and a new relationship with God. Psalm 85 is an example of this. Verses 1-2 begin, "LORD, thou hast been favourable unto thy land: thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob. Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, thou hast covered all their sin." The writer was saying that the Israelites had been captives of sin, and God forgave their sin and set them free. At some point, though, the people must have turned away from God, because the Psalmist went on to pray in verse 4, "Turn us, O God of our salvation, and cause thine anger toward us to cease." Verse 6 says, "Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?" He understood that to have God's blessing once again, the people needed to

be turned toward God, and then the result would be that the people would rejoice once again in Him.

As the members of God's Church, we can relate to this prayer. We were once slaves to sin, but God delivered us through His salvation. Yet throughout our Christian journey, there is a need to examine our hearts and ask the Lord to look on us. If anything is amiss, that area of our lives needs to be turned toward God in order for us to have His continued blessing in our hearts.

The word "revive" in verse 6 of Psalm 85 is translated from the Hebrew word *chayah*, and it can refer to bringing the dead to life but it has a few other meanings as well: to keep alive, to recover, repair, and restore. God is certainly able to do all those things. Just as a sinner is in need of God's life-giving power, the believer is in need of His life-sustaining power, so both depend upon God for revival in that sense.

When we look around the world today, we see a great need for revival. Many who are dead in sin need to be raised to new life in Christ, and the Church itself needs renewal and restoration. We need to be a people on fire for the Lord, with

EVERY SINNER NEEDS LIFE-GIVING POWER. EVERY BELIEVER NEEDS LIFE-SUSTAINING POWER.

testimonies burning brightly in our hearts. If that is not the case, we can be encouraged to know that God is a reviver, and it is something He loves to do.

A REVIVAL IN EVIL DAYS

In the days of the prophet Habakkuk, the Israelites had turned against God and were living wickedly. The national and religious leaders were corrupt and sin abounded. It was an evil time. Eventually, God spoke through the prophets and revealed that the Israelites would be conquered by the Babylonians and taken captive for seventy years. Judgment was imminent.

That was the setting of the prophet's prayer in Habakkuk 3:2, "O LORD, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy." The prophet knew that according to God's Word, judgment for the people's rebellion was coming. Still, his prayer was, "O LORD, revive thy work." Habakkuk wanted it to be made known that God was still God, and He revives. Even though God's Word is final and the seventy years of captivity were carried out, the prayer went out for God to revive.

God answered the prophet's prayer. We find in Scripture where even in times of bondage, God raised up



The Prophet Habakkuk
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by Italian
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individuals who knew and loved God, and who lived righteously in Babylon. We read of Daniel's witness in the land of captivity, and of the three Hebrew boys who had great influence. In those days of judgment against the Israelites, the kings of the earth recognized the one, true God. Nebuchadnezzar and Darius proved the God of Daniel. Even in the midst of captivity, God revived the work. This is what Habakkuk was praying for.

Today, Christians are "in the midst of the years" in a sense. The Word of God reveals events that will happen within the Church in the end times, some of which we already see being fulfilled. Matthew 24:12 says, "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." We see that happening. In 2 Thessalonians 2:3 we read, "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first." We ourselves have seen people who were following the Lord, and now have fallen away. God's Word is true. In 2 Timothy 4:3 we read, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine." I grew up under the sound of this Gospel, and I am thankful that the words I heard as a boy still ring true today. We pray we will never find ourselves in a place where we do not endure sound doctrine, yet there are some who do just that, embracing false doctrines which clearly contradict what Scripture teaches.

We know God's Word is true, and the prophecies are imminent. They are coming to pass already. Yet, that should not discourage God's people from praying for revival. In fact, I believe these warnings are written to incite us to ask God to revive us even in the midst of these times. We do not want to be discouraged by it; it should put us to our knees! Our prayer is nothing short of what Habakkuk prayed, "LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years." Even as some fall away and their love grows cold, our desire is for God to send a revival and make His power known.





Though God allowed the Israelites to be taken captive, He was never going to abandon Israel. That was never His intent; His intent was to draw them back to Himself. Likewise, God will not abandon His Church in these days. He is still drawing people to Himself, and our prayers can make a difference.

GOD'S UNCHANGING FORMULA FOR REVIVAL

What brings revival? Though it may seem a great feat that would require some complicated process, it is actually very simple. God has given a formula for it in Scripture, and it is still effective today.

In the Book of 2 Chronicles we read that after King Solomon built the first Temple, God made a promise of revival to the Israelites. At the moment that the promise was given, the people were not in need of reviving. They had just dedicated God's Temple and seen His fire consume their sacrifices. His glory filled the Temple, and in response, the people fell down and worshiped Him. They held a week-long celebration, and afterward God came to Solomon by night with a message. He said that in the event the people would someday turn away from Him and forfeit His blessing, there was a formula for restoration: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14).

This formula has four steps: humble yourself, pray, seek God, and turn from your wicked ways. When we do that, God is bound by His Word to send reviving into our souls. This works for both the unbeliever in need of regeneration, and the believer in need of God's life-sustaining power. Our God is a reviver, and He is still in the business of reviving souls who will turn to Him. He wants to do it, and He will.

THE STARTING POINT

We want to see the depths of revival—not just a scattering of some victories here and there, but a *great* revival. It will have to start somewhere, and in reading Psalm 85, Habakkuk's prayer, and the formula given to King Solomon, it seems that a revival must begin with God's own people. The Psalmist said, "Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?" and the prophet prayed, "Revive thy work," and the formula from God begins, "If my people . . ." That leaves it up to us as believers. The Gospel cannot make much forward progress unless God's people are revived themselves. We need to be walking closely with Him, led by His Spirit each day. Paul wrote in Romans 13:11-12, "Now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light."

The prophet Habakkuk said, "I have heard thy judgment to come." That means he was aware of the spiritual situation of his time. We too must understand the days in which we live and carry a burden for the need of the day. The Lord is coming soon, and no doubt each of us knows at least one person who is not ready for His return. That alone should send us to our knees seeking revival. When we understand the judgment that is coming, we will humble ourselves and pray, as the prophet did, and God will hear and answer.

This is not a time to get discouraged; it is a time for reviving. God is still working, and He loves His Church. Salvation is still for all people, and a close walk with God is available for everyone. He is capable of reviving us individually and corporately, and that is exactly what He wants to do. He will show Himself strong amidst all the turmoil that exists in our world today. God did it for the Israelites, and He will do it for His people today.

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HEAD KNOWLEDGE OR HEART KNOWLEDGE?

by ISAAC ADIGUN

DO YOU KNOW JESUS? If you answered yes, do you really *know* Him or do you just know about Him? There is a great difference between actually knowing a person and just knowing about them. For example, if I asked the congregation at camp meeting, “Do you know my wife?” Many people would probably answer, “Oh yes, I do. Her name is Stella.” Several others might be able to add a description saying, “She is a sister you can never be bored around,” or, “She greets everyone she meets with a smile.” However, being able to state someone’s name or make a casual observation about him or her does not equate to knowing that person. Those who have some information about my wife, or some idea of what she is like, may not actually know her. Likewise, it is possible to know the name of Jesus, sing about Him, and have wonderful fellowship talking about Him with others, but still not really know Him.

WHO IS JESUS TO YOU?

Jesus wants each of us to have more than a superficial knowledge of Him; He wants us to



Those who know Stella Adigun could describe her as “a sister you can never be bored around.”

Reverend Isaac Adigun gave this message at Portland camp meeting 2018.

know Him personally. This is illustrated by a conversation recorded in Matthew 16 in which Jesus asked His disciples, “Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?” When the disciples answered accurately, “Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets,” Jesus pressed them with, “But whom say ye that I am?” (verses 13-15). Jesus was not asking because He lacked information, but to cause each of the disciples to consider the depth of their own relationship with Him. It was not sufficient that they knew what others thought, or that after three years they had much first-hand knowledge of His actions. The disciples had witnessed Jesus perform miracles, heard His responses to the Pharisees’ questions, and observed His demeanor when falsely accused of such things as operating under the spirit of Beelzebub. Yet He still asked, “But whom say ye that I am?”

Today, Jesus is asking, “How about you; who am I to you? Do you know Me personally or do you simply have knowledge of Me?” He already knows us, and is waiting for us to want to get to know Him better. How do we go about this? The same way we get to know anyone. It begins with becoming aware of another person and then getting acquainted. From there, we gain the capacity to interact with that person, and then as we spend more time learning about each other and sharing personal information, we get to know that one on a deeper level.



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BECOMING ACQUAINTED

To get to know Jesus, we must first acknowledge the need for Him in our lives and take that first step to become acquainted. Zacchaeus was one who became aware of Jesus and felt the need to know more. Perhaps he had heard good things about Jesus, such as that He forgave sins and transformed lives. Maybe he wondered, *Could He do those things for me, too?*

Zacchaeus took action: he sought a time and place where he could see Jesus, even climbing up into a sycamore tree for a better view. If you want to become acquainted with someone, you must make the effort to meet that person. It is the same with getting to know Jesus; you must take time to pray. The good news is that Jesus is waiting to hear from you. It is not like some instances in life where you would like to know someone, but that person doesn't care to know you. Just as Jesus looked for Zacchaeus in the sycamore tree and extended an invitation to dine with Him, He is waiting and looking for you with the invitation to become acquainted through salvation.

CHANGED BY THE ENCOUNTER

A letter once came for me from the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. It was an invitation that had been sent to several churches inviting ministers to a reception at Number Ten, Downing Street. I had seen this building in the newspapers many times, so was very excited to go there in person, and planned to shake the hand of the Prime Minister. However, upon arrival, the great hall that we were ushered into was very crowded. I stood in a corner wondering where the Prime Minister would enter and prayed, "God, please give me the opportunity of shaking hands with him." God answered my prayer; the Prime Minister came through the entrance closest to me and I went straight to him. Offering my hand, I looked him in the eye and said, "The members of the Apostolic Faith Church are praying for you." It was exciting for me to



meet someone so important, though he is not likely to remember the encounter.

An encounter with Jesus will be more than exciting; it will be life-changing. He will not only remember you, but will come to live in your heart. When Zacchaeus met with Jesus and gave up his sinful ways, his life was changed forever. Your life will be changed too when you pray, repenting of your sin. He will write your name in His Book of Life, and someday soon He will return to take you to Heaven.

A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP

Salvation is a personal experience. We do not come to know Jesus through academic or professional studies. Personal knowledge of Jesus comes from Heaven. When Jesus asked His disciples, "Whom say ye that I am?" Peter answered, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Upon hearing this answer, Jesus remarked that His identity had been revealed to Peter by God: "Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 16:15-17). This was not knowledge gained through being observant or studious, but it came down from Heaven;

A centuries-old
Sycamore tree standing in the city-center of Jericho is believed by some to be the actual tree Zacchaeus climbed to see Jesus, though there is no way to verify such a claim.



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Number Ten, Downing Street in London is the residence of English Prime Minister.

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Him.



the Spirit of God had revealed it to Peter.

Confessing Christ is a matter of the heart, not merely a mental concept. I know this from personal experience. There was a time when I thought I knew Jesus, but I really only knew *about* Him. In college, I carried a Bible, talked about Jesus often, and became a Bible study leader. I even wore a name tag on my uniform which said, "Jesus' son," and people at college began to call me by that name. Outwardly, it appeared that I knew Jesus, but I did not have a personal relationship with Him. In the Bible, we read that Jesus defined eternal life this way: "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent" (John 17:3). I had studied Jesus and had much knowledge of Him, but did not have communion with Him. We were separated by my sins. Then one glorious day, I heard that the Blood of Jesus could take away my sins along with the guilt and condemnation that I felt, if I would confess those sins and turn away from them. That was good news! I knelt down all alone in the back of one of the classrooms and repented. God heard and answered my prayer, saving my soul. My desire that day had been to know Jesus personally. He was already waiting for me, and with that encounter, He came into my heart.

YOU CAN KNOW HIM TODAY

Testimonies are good and they have a purpose. We love to hear them, because they encourage us to think that what God

has done for others, He can do for us. God is not partial. He has saved others, and He can save you. He has delivered others, and He can deliver you. We all want our own testimony; we want our own personal experience with God. God wants you to have a testimony, so you can say like Paul said to Timothy, "For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (2 Timothy 1:12). That is the kind of knowledge that we should strive for.

Do you know Jesus like that? If you don't, you can know Him today. The Spirit of God is still at work today, wooing and convicting the hearts of sinners. If you are not acquainted with Christ, give in to the Spirit and say, "Lord, I want to know You personally."

If you will make the effort to meet with Christ in prayer, you will not be disappointed. He is ready and waiting to meet with you. He wants you to know Him better.

If you already know Jesus, you can know Him better. If you already love the Lord, you can love Him more. You can deepen your relationship by spending time with Him in prayer and sharing the intimate details of your life. Jesus is waiting to hear from you.

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*Let your light so shine before men,
that they may see your good works,
and glorify your Father which is in
heaven. ~ Matthew 5:16*



TRAVEL CHALLENGES TEACH SOME IMPORTANT
LESSONS ABOUT HOW TO PROCEED WHEN OUR PLANS
TAKE AN UNEXPECTED TURN.



A CHANGE IN PLANS

by CATEY HINKLE

A LITTLE OVER A YEAR AGO, I went on vacation with a few friends, and throughout the trip it seemed I was learning a repeated lesson: be ready for your plans to change! On one of the days, I had booked an all-day tour to visit several World War II sites on the beaches of Normandy, France. Somehow, in shifting between time zones, languages, and cities, I confused the start time of the tour and arrived a half hour after the group had departed. Quickly I called the tour agency, but was told there was no possibility of catching up; I would miss the whole thing. I was so disappointed. With the entire day suddenly freed up, I purchased an afternoon train ticket to Normandy and was able to see at least one WWII site—the American Cemetery on Omaha Beach. Though grateful to be able to visit the cemetery, it still felt like a big letdown from my original expectations.

Another day, as my sister-in-law and I were on a subway heading to an airport, I commented to her that my flight ticket didn't look quite right. Another passenger overheard our conversation and informed us that Paris has two airports, and we were about to arrive at the wrong one! We missed the flight, had to cancel our itinerary for the evening, and spent the rest of the night on a train instead.

By far, the biggest adjustment to our plans was the last day of the trip, or I should say, what was *supposed to be* the last day of the trip. We had just arrived in Italy, intending to stay for only one night as we had an early flight home the next morning. My sister-in-law was looking forward to seeing the original painting of *The Last Supper* that afternoon. It hangs in a small church in Milan and she had bought her entrance ticket months in advance. As we navigated through the central train station, which was very crowded, we acquired some

Euros from an ATM and purchased subway tickets to get to our hotel. Then we grabbed our luggage

and started walking toward our platform. On the way, I sensed something was wrong and told my sister-in-law I needed to stop and check my purse before we boarded. I discovered exactly what I had feared: my wallet had been stolen. My cash, bank cards, and identification were all gone—including my passport.

At that moment, our agenda for the day took a hard turn. Rather than seeing *The Last Supper*, we searched for my wallet in waste bins, spent hours in the dirty and unfriendly waiting room of the downtown police station, and passed still more hours at a bank waiting for an emergency wire transfer of funds. We used our free time to cancel bank cards, call the American Consulate in Milan, and reschedule my flight home.

By the time I arrived in Portland a few days later, I was so glad to be safely home. As I thought about it in retrospect, I recognized that while these unexpected events were difficult to deal with, they were small in comparison to other life-changing events we could experience. An unanticipated job loss, the sudden death of a loved one, or a decline in our health will have a significant impact on the plans we have for our lives. Sometimes those plans are cherished and long-hoped for, and modifications are not welcome news.

Several years back, I had gone through another experience when something I had hoped for did not work out, and I was feeling disappointed. I told myself that since it hadn't worked out, it must not have been God's will, so really there was no reason to feel badly. Yet, I did feel sad. I was disappointed that my plans were not God's will.

Around that time, as I was having my devotions one day, I was reading about King Saul in 1 Samuel. He was Israel's first king, and the nation held high hopes that he would lead them into a time of prosperity. King Saul had some great achievements, but ultimately he did not fulfill the dreams of his people. He disobeyed God and then lied about it, and in the end he was rejected by God as king. The righteous prophet

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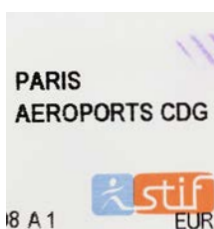


Left to right: Catey (right) and her sister-in-law, Debbie, in Paris; The Eiffel Tower; The Louvre Pyramid.

Samuel—who previously had advised the Israelites against having a king in the first place—was deeply hurt by the situation. When he found out what had happened, the Bible says, “It grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD all night” (1 Samuel 15:11).

Despite Samuel’s earnest prayer, King Saul’s position as the head of the royal line would not be restored. The damage was done. The chapter ends, “And Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his death: nevertheless Samuel mourned for Saul: and the LORD repented that he had made Saul king over Israel” (1 Samuel 15:35). In summary: wrong choices were made, the consequences were irreversible, and everyone was sad.

Of course, this is not where the story ends. The next chapter begins, “And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons” (1 Samuel 16:1). This is the verse that really struck me when I was feeling so discouraged about my own situation. It was as though the Lord was saying to me, “Catey, how long will you mourn about this? I have a different plan and it’s a great one. It’s time to move on.” In Samuel’s case, God was ready to send him to anoint David, who would become a hero of the Jews. It was a very exciting day! Yet, there Samuel was, mourning over Saul. I realized that I was also still dwelling on the past and what might have been, and the Lord was gently reminding me that my energy would be better spent preparing for the future He had in mind.



Catey’s Metro ticket to the Charles de Gaulle airport in Paris, which was the wrong airport for her flight!

The Normandy American Cemetery on Omaha Beach holds the remains of 9,380 Americans, most of whom died during WWII.



As I reflected on what the Lord was teaching me, I realized that my perspective needed some adjusting. These were some of the lessons I gleaned about how to handle an unexpected change of plans.

Look for what God is doing. The first take-away was not to get stuck feeling like there are no good options for moving forward simply because our expectations have not come to pass. Even if an outcome was unforeseen by us, God knew it was coming, and He certainly has a great plan in mind for moving forward.

After missing the WWII tour in France, I immediately began to look for some other purpose God might have intended for me that day. Despite my loss, I was glad to have an opportunity to share part of my testimony with someone on the train to Normandy. And while the experience of having my passport stolen was frightening, I was blessed to see God’s goodness in sending people to help during a time of serious need, and also comforting me when I felt anxious and afraid. Even if we never see what good has come from a sudden change in course, we can still trust that God does have a good purpose in everything He allows.

It’s okay to feel sad, but don’t stay there too long. In the case with King Saul, even God felt sorrow over what had happened. When my passport was stolen, I don’t imagine God was happy about that either. We live in a sinful world, and there will be negative consequences for sin, and that will be sad. More importantly, God has grace and power to overcome sin. Even in times of sadness, rather than dwelling on the negative, we can look to God for solutions.

Be gracious with yourself. Sometimes



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it may be that our dashed hopes were the result of our own failure. That was definitely the case for my problems in Europe—I should have arrived at the right time for my WWII tour, I should have known what airport to go to, and I *definitely* should have kept my passport in a security belt! People are not perfect. We make mistakes. Yet, God is sovereign over all, and He is powerful enough to accomplish His will despite our limitations. If we are doing our best to obey His leading in our lives, we can rest in the fact that the only mistakes we make are ones He allows us to make. And perhaps a humbling experience is good for us at times.

Hold plans with a loose hand. We want God to be able to do absolutely anything through our lives, and that means He must be allowed to interrupt our agenda at any time. We have to truly embrace the message of James 4:15, “Ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.” As we prayerfully set goals for ourselves and strategies to achieve them, we have to also be careful not to become overly attached to them. We want to hold tightly to God himself, and hold loosely everything else.

Encourage yourself in the Lord. When it seems like plans are falling apart, we can remind ourselves of the times God worked everything out perfectly. If we don't have personal experiences, we can think of the testimonies of others, or instances in the Bible—the lives of Joseph, Queen Esther, and Ruth come immediately to mind. God really is aware of our situations, He is in control, and He

has good intentions for our lives. It is an exercise of faith to trust God's promises when circumstances seem to indicate the opposite to be true, and rehearsing past victories will help boost our faith when we need it.

Be excited about God's plan. It can be difficult to maintain an optimistic attitude about the future when our expectations have been dashed and a new reality is setting in. However, if we truly believe that God is good, we have every reason to be optimistic. It does not make sense to be dragging our feet as we do God's will, or fearing that the worst is about to come. God may ask us to do difficult things, but He will give the grace and strength to do them, and He will be with us whatever we go through. What we stand to gain is worth far more than anything we may lose. We have chosen to follow the Lord because we are convinced this is the best way to live! Our outlook on the future ought to reflect that belief.

We have many hopes for ourselves and our loved ones, and that is wonderful. But if one of those dreams does not materialize, how long will we dwell on it before we move on? The Lord is not surprised by outcomes, although He may join us in feeling disappointed. Even so, He still has a good plan for those who will follow Him. Whatever has happened in the past and wherever we find ourselves currently, now is a great time to move forward in God's plan.

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ROHAN AND CHARMAINE HAVE PROVED THAT
GOD IS PERSONALLY INTERESTED IN THE DETAILS OF THEIR LIVES.



MILESTONES & MIRACLES

by ROHAN AND CHARMAINE CLOUGH

ROHAN'S STORY

FROM THE TIME I WAS A CHILD, I heard about the Gospel. Although I was born in the Bahamas, when I was one year old, my mother sent me to live with my grandmother in Jamaica. My grandmother attended the Apostolic Faith Church, and she took me with her. When I was eight years old, my mother had me come to live with her in Kingston, Jamaica. However, we lived near enough to my grandmother for me to go back and be with her on the weekends and some other days of the week. This gave me the opportunity to continue attending church services.

In Kingston, it was just my mother and me living together, and I was alone quite often. I began to develop a fear of death. When the lights were turned off at night, I would turn them on again. I was seeking a refuge from that fear.

At various times our church had a series of special services; we called them a crusade. There was preaching and singing. When I was in my mid-teens, during one of those sermons I decided to give my life to the Lord. My focus was that I wanted Jesus in my heart. As I prayed, He saved me and really made a difference in my life. God took away my fears and the fear of death, and caused me to understand that He is my Refuge.

Even though I had an interest in a young lady at the time I was saved, the Lord helped me understand that relationship was not His will, and it did not continue. The school I attended was all boys, and there was

a perception that you must be a homosexual if you were not going after the girls. Often I was taunted because I was not following the same lifestyle as my

schoolmates. But in time they realized that I really was changed and was trying to live a Christian life.

Our church was very vibrant, and people were looking to God. About sixteen of us were baptized in water after the crusade in which I was saved. Older and more established Christians were called Big Brothers and Big Sisters, and they encouraged us to live close to God. This was very helpful to me.

We were taught the importance of sanctification, and we fasted and tarried in prayer to receive that experience. Sometimes we had a "tarrying" which was a night spent in prayer. This allowed God to help us be humble and to seek His will in our lives. Our pastor helped us understand the practical application of the Gospel. For example, he told us that when our elders talked to us, we should not be disrespectful or act like we did not want to hear what they were saying. God rewarded my prayers and sanctified me. It was great!

The last day of one crusade is another milestone in my life. When our church building was full, our leaders would ask us to go to our homes and bring more chairs. My aunt asked me to go home and get a chair, but I was not pleased. We young people did not even want to come out of the church, because we wanted to hear everything, see everything, and experience everything.

Even though I left the church at my aunt's instruction, as I climbed the hill toward the house, inside I was quarreling and complaining. Then the Holy Spirit spoke to my heart, "Don't you remember what your pastor said? You shouldn't rebel when your elders speak to you." The words hit me like a rock, and I felt so ashamed. I was amazed that the Spirit was so specific!

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Rohan's grandmother, Gwendolyn Nugent.





Left to right: The Clough's wedding photo from 1995; Rohan and Charmaine at Portland Camp Meeting 2018.

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up the chair. It was made out of iron and there were cushions that could be placed on it. As I was heading back down the hill, the words came to me, "You forgot the cushion." Then I prayed, "Lord, please send one of my family with the cushion for the chair." When I looked, someone was running down the hill to give me the cushion. Even though God had answered that prayer, my heart was still sorrowful because of my initially bad attitude. All the way down the hill I was telling God that I was sorry for my prior unwillingness. When I reached the church, everyone was worshipping, but my heart was still sorry for having grieved the Lord.

When the service was over and I was praying at the altar, one of our elder sisters came over and said, "Pray for the Holy Ghost." Inside I thought, Really? Of course she did not know what had just happened and how the Spirit had corrected me. This caused a struggle in me—I did not want to be disobedient or resistant again, and yet I felt so unworthy. However, God used that to help me reach a place where I just forgot about myself and was really concentrating on what He thought of me. As I continued to pray, I felt the Holy Ghost and I began to speak in a language I had never heard before. My heart was light—I felt as if I was flying. Being filled with the Holy Ghost was one of the best experiences of my life.

That experience gave me boldness.

Not long after, the Holy Spirit began to wake me in the night and give me sermons. They were like fire in

my soul, so I had to get up and write them down. It was puzzling to me why this happened. But then one day our pastor came to me and said, "You are going to bring a message today." That is when I started to preach the Gospel, and I used those messages.

Back when I was in school, I had been so frustrated that my father had not cared for me when I was young. One day standing in the school yard, I held up my hand toward God and said, "Lord, please don't let me be like my father! I want to have a wife, and I want my children to be born in wedlock and us to live together as a family." It was one of the most sincere prayers I ever prayed.

Life went on and before I finished college, I met my father. Since then we have had a wonderful relationship, which is a blessing that I thank the Lord for. I forgot all about my prayer in the school yard, but God did not. In time, I noticed a young lady in our church, and we developed a friendship. Eventually I asked her to marry me, and our wedding was in 1995. Our first child was born in 1998. My wife was studying to be a nurse, and often I was the one caring for the baby. One day our daughter needed me, and she looked at me and said, "Mommy!" and the Spirit reminded me of my prayer years earlier. He helped me understand that our little girl had been so cared for and comforted as a part of



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our family that she did not differentiate between her mother and me. God let me see that He had fulfilled my school yard request. Later we had a second daughter and the same thing happened again. It was a major milestone in my life illustrating that God had heard and answered my prayer.

God is so faithful to direct us when we want to follow Him. While I was still young, my mother would send me to a dental lab after school, and in time, I became an apprentice. When I left school, my full-time training was to become a dental technician. I worked between different labs for a while. Then my uncle, who was like a father to me, said, “Why don’t you open a business for yourself? You have what dentists want.” I had fears about this, but with his encouragement I decided to try. There were many hills and valleys and some hard times. But the business fed us, and we give God thanks! And now I own a dental lab in Kingston.

One time when work was slow and we had little money, I was complaining about it. At home in our kitchen, I said to God, “Lord, what is this? We need some money.” The Spirit spoke to my heart, “Let me ask you a question. In all the time that you have not had any money, have any of your children been sick? Have you been hungry? Have you had an instance when you had to spend a lot of money?”

The answer to all those questions was no, and I started to

give thanks. God helped me understand that He had been taking care of us all that time. He had protected us from sickness in the time when He knew that we didn’t have the first cent to go to a doctor. The car had not broken down. There had been no other major expenses. This proved to me that we should be thankful in all situations.

The Lord has been so good. Our responsibility is just to be truthful and remain His followers. I never aspired to be a pastor or an overseer; it was never in my thoughts. The only thing that really mattered to me was going to Heaven and doing my best to help others get there too. My whole aim is to be what God wants me to be. My prayer is that He will help me know what to do and to be humble enough to do what He wants.

CHARMAINE’S STORY

AS A YOUNG CHILD, I lived with my grandmother and was taken to a Roman Catholic church. However, sometimes I spent holidays with my half-sister who was eleven years older than me. She attended the Apostolic Faith Church and so I was introduced to the Gospel.

When I was twelve years old, my grandmother passed away, and I went to live with that sister and her siblings and mother. This meant learning a new lifestyle. However, I was not a rebellious child, so the transition was not particularly difficult. We would all get ready and go to church together.

At first, I did not see my need to be saved, but my sister encouraged me to give my heart to God so I could have life eternal. Through her example and instruction and from the teachings at church, I learned that the Bible says we are all “born in sin and shapen in iniquity” so we must pray for forgiveness even though we have not done anything that seems especially bad.

During my high school years, I decided to give God my heart and to serve Him, and He saved my soul. Our leaders taught us that after we were saved, we needed to pray to be sanctified, and we prayed and fasted and tarried. The brothers and sisters in the church encouraged us to live a spiritual life. All that helped, and when God sanctified me, I felt a sacred peace in my spirit. I felt so clean that it was as though I had never sinned before. That experience brought more discipline to my life. It caused me to want to be more on God’s side than on the world’s side regarding my actions, my attire, every area of my life.

We were also encouraged to pray for the baptism of the Holy Ghost because that experience gives power for service and a closer connection with God. I received my baptism at a convention in our headquarters church in Jamaica. It was a wonderful experience!

After being filled with the Holy Ghost, there is not the fear of witnessing to others or of being called a Christian. At times when I was walking along the road, someone would say to me, “Are you a Christian?” Sometimes I asked, “Why?” and the person commented on something like my mannerisms. In the workplace, I’ve been told, “When I become a Christian, I want to be like you.” In my heart I say, “Thank You, Jesus. You are working in my life.”

Many times I have seen that God really works for us if we trust Him. After my husband and I were married and had our first daughter, I applied for nursing school and was waiting to be called. A way opened for our daughter to attend a school for small children, and then I received word that my own schooling would begin soon. Before we even needed to ask, God



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had provided for our daughter’s care while I obtained my education.

After finishing the nursing course and working for a while, I was able to study midwifery and have been working in that field for a number of years. Even though I am trained, I do not do this on my own. Before every delivery, I pray for God to help and give a safe delivery. As I walk through the hospital gate to go to work, I say, “Thank You, Jesus, for journey mercy. Please be with me tonight and help me make the right decisions. Guide my hands, my mouth, my feet.” Thank God, He has always helped me.

Just recently God proved Himself to us again. Our older daughter is ready to go to university. But for a couple of years, I have been working at night and going to school during the day to earn an additional degree. However, our family cannot afford to have both of us in the university at the same time. Someone told me that if I made the proper application, a portion of the educational costs would be refunded to me, but the process could take quite a bit of time. After the paperwork had been completed and submitted, I asked whom I should contact about the payment. The lady there said, “We have not paid any of these for a year.” I said, “Fine, I know it takes a while, but I just want to know whom to speak to when I call.” She asked for my name and number and said she would check the system. After checking she said, “You know, it has been paid.” My refund was given in time to pay for our daughter’s school fees! I was not sure how we would pay for her, but God has provided.

God is so good. These experiences teach me to trust Him more. I never want to have the thought that I can manage by myself, that I earn my pay and pay my bills and take care of myself. No, at all times I want the Lord to direct my paths. In everything that I do, may the Lord be foremost in it.

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A MILLIONAIRE WITHOUT MONEY

by FLORAH MAMPHISWANA

FLORAH'S LIFE IS LIVING PROOF THAT GOD ANSWERS PRAYER IN OUR DAY!





Florah with Sunday school children in 1981.



AS A CHILD, I lived in a mission house where my grandfather was a minister and the Bible was read almost every day. From a young age I learned to love God and to pray earnestly.

One night, while just a young girl, I dreamed that I was inside a pure white cloud with Christ. He opened a bit of the cloud to show me what will happen on earth at His return, and I saw people who were so confused, not knowing which direction to flee from the coming King of kings. It was terrible. When I awoke from the dream, there was a new prayer in my heart for God to lead me to a church that preached the Bible doctrines in their fullness. Not completely understanding what that meant, I just knew I wanted to be with Christ at His return, like I had seen in the dream. My other concern was that I wanted power to overcome childish sins. I wanted to live a holy life, but did not know how to do it, though I understood it was not something that could be bought with money.

One year during a school holiday, I went to visit my aunt in Polokwane, South Africa, about three hundred kilometers from my home. Little did I know, that was where God would answer my prayer! My aunt had already been saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost. She took me to a women's meeting at an Apostolic Faith Church, and though I was playing behind a door during the service, I heard testimonies of a born-again Christian experience. What I heard that day touched

my soul, and I went home determined to receive that experience for myself.

There was no preacher in my area to tell me about being born again, but I prayed one day anyway. I believed that with or without a preacher, God would do it for me if it was real. I felt that Christ was coming very soon, so I prayed desperately. Just before midnight, I heard a soft Voice confirm that my sins were forgiven! I opened my eyes and there was no one there, but the room was so bright, filled with God's glory. Tears of joy rolled down from my eyes! Soon, though, tears of sorrow began to flow as I thought of my family members who were trying so hard to worship God, but without direction. Since I was just a child, I did not think they would believe me if I told them about the true salvation I had discovered.

When I stood up from praying, I could feel the difference in myself. I was a new creature—no more stealing sugar and other childish sins. My family noticed the difference too, as did people at school, especially my headmaster.

Miraculously, the Gospel reached my whole family and they all started praying for salvation. Our house turned into a place of prayer. Whole days were set aside for fasting and long hours of prayer; pots were turned upside down because there was no cooking. As I continued seeking God, He sanctified me and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. My family also testifies of these experiences. The neighbors wondered at what they saw happening in our home, and respected what God was doing there.

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Left to right: Florah in high school in 1981; On her wedding day in 1985.

The work God started in our family grew from a house, to a classroom, and then to a church site. God raised up workers, and nearly every weekend was used for outreach, with God doing wonders wherever we went. The Gospel fire reached some of the townships that had not yet heard the Good News.

At school, I was surprised at the power God could give to a young girl like me to live among other youths without committing sin. God gave me the strength to testify to my classmates during free times, and that would satisfy my soul. As a young person, there were many things that seemed appealing, but looking back now, I can say that I never regret spending most of my time in God's house and working for Him. It really pays to follow the instruction in Ecclesiastes 12:1, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them."

As I grew older, I was totally devoted to working in God's fields, to the point that when an opportunity for marriage came to me, I had to pray earnestly to be convinced it was God's will, and He showed me that it was. God blessed my husband and me and helped us through every challenge we faced as a family. Here are some examples, just to share a few.

HAVING CHILDREN. At a Tuesday evening service in October of 1985, a sermon was given about having faith. The minister instructed us not only to ask, but to thank God as if we had already received



Florah heard about the Gospel in Polokwane, South Africa. Today she lives near Pretoria.

Florah found God faithful as a youth, as a wife and young mother, and now as a grandmother and widow.



what He had promised. As the Word went forth, I believed God promised to give us a baby boy, and when I went to the altar of prayer, I thanked Him for a baby boy. After the service, I shared this with my husband. The following day, I also shared it with my colleagues at work, and even asked one of them to accompany me to the bank to open a one-year account for my son. I did not do it for the financial benefit, but to show my faith in what God had promised. As I filled out the paperwork, I did not hesitate to state the gender as male and the age as zero years. Nine months later, on August 5, 1986, a healthy baby boy was born.

Our son was followed by four healthy girls, all very close in age. By God's grace, I was able to raise them and take care of our home while still performing my duties at church. I never had sleepless nights due to sickness; a few times they had a cough or an upset stomach, and when we prayed for them, they were healed in Jesus' name.

TIMES OF HUNGER. At one point, we had no food in the house. We prayed and God confirmed to us that He would provide in a miraculous way. The following day, someone whom we had not seen in years came and dropped off all that was needed. To this day, I have not seen that person again.

Through situations like these, our children learned that faith can move mountains. Once, when one of my daughters was home alone, she couldn't find the mealie meal [corn meal] in the bin but God provided after a short whispered prayer. She could not wait to tell me the testimony when she saw me, and I really thanked

WITNESS

God that my children were learning to love and trust Him.

PROVIDING A WARM HOME. When our children started complaining because our house was too cold in the wintertime, I called them together in one of the rooms and we told God that we were feeling cold. In a few days' time, our employer changed our health coverage, and the savings resulted in a payout to the employees. The amount we received was exactly what had been quoted for the materials and labor for a new ceiling. Truly, I consider myself a millionaire without any money in my pocket.

All these testimonies and many more are proof that God answers prayers. I have witnessed and I am still witnessing the fulfillment of Matthew 6:33, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." I have learned that when we put God above all else in life, He gives the strength to accomplish all else in life. He is a provider, healer, protector, comforter, supporter, husband to the widow, father to the fatherless, and much more.

My husband was a minister in the Gospel, and he was a loving, caring, and faithful husband until God called him home in 2004. When he passed away, he left me in God's hands, and I often forget that I am a widow because of God's good care. The words of Isaiah 54:5 have been true in my life, "For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called."

I was a youth who overcame sin, I was a wife and mother who overcame sin, and now I am a grandmother and I am still overcoming sin. It is not through my might or strength, but because of Jesus Christ, my Savior. My desire is to be one who not only hears the Word, but who also does it. My constant prayer is that more souls should be won for Christ and that I should see my Savior at the end of my journey. In everything I do, may God be glorified.

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EVIDENCE



I WANT TO THANK THE LORD FOR the power of God to save a sinner. As a boy, I was very bad. I did not love the Lord, and I hurt my friends. In my heart, I had a desire to serve God, but I did not know how to stop doing wrong things. Then one day, I met the people of God. They played music like I had never heard before. The words went straight to my heart, and I followed those people to church. They told me that God could save me from my sins if I would confess them to Him and ask Him to come into my heart. I did just that, and the Lord saved me. That troublesome boy was changed, and I have never gone back to those things.

This last week, the Lord revealed to me that I had been driving without insurance. I drove for a month without knowing my insurance had

lapsed. After driving a group of people to St. Louis, I had a flat tire. When I called for roadside assistance, they said they could not come. This is how the Lord brought the problem of not having insurance to my attention. The next morning, I took care of the matter. Then my wife called and said she was pulled over by the police. I learned that they asked for her insurance and everything was in order. The Lord provided for that by revealing the problem to me beforehand. I want to thank the Lord that while I am traveling, He is taking care of things at my home. God has been so good to me; I want to give Him the balance of my life.

■ BoniFace Osunkwo
MILWAUKIE, WISCONSIN



Caitlyn Ross
PORTLAND, OREGON

A COUPLE OF SUNDAYS ago we sang “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” and it has a line that says, “All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided.” That is definitely true for me. A couple of years ago I was feeling lonely so I prayed for a friend, and God sent me Troy, and he became one of my best friends. Soon we were engaged and decided it was time to look for a place to live after marrying, and a car since we worked in opposite directions. Someone came up to us and said, “You are probably going to look for a place to live. I have a place available. Do you want to see it?” It was perfect for us—it is very near my family and right down the street from the church. Someone else came to us and said, “I heard you are looking for a car”—we had not told that to anyone—“I have one that I want to sell, would you like to look at it?” It was perfect. Then, a few weeks after our wedding, the center where I was working closed, so I was out of work. About two weeks after that God told Troy to put in his two weeks’ notice, so both of us were out of work right

before camp meeting. I was praying and he was praying, and God said, “Just trust Me.” Soon, I got a message from my former boss that the center was reopening, so I joined them again, and just a couple of weeks later someone offered Troy a job too. Our jobs didn’t start for a while, so I was still worried about that, but during camp meeting, there were multiple times when people handed us envelopes with money inside for no reason. God has provided for every need that we have had, and I praise Him for it.



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WHEN I WAS A TEENAGER, I learned about Jesus through Sunday school at the Oregon School for the Deaf. At a youth camp for the deaf, I became a Christian. After getting married, I attended a church for the deaf with my husband, Dave. One day in 1957, Dave said he had found a church that taught everything about the Gospel, and he had prayed and was saved. I was puzzled, because I thought he was already saved. I went with him to the

Apostolic Faith Church, and as we entered the building, I felt something different from what I had ever felt before. There, I prayed earnestly and found true salvation.

Some years later, my husband and I went astray from the Lord and started doing things our own way. However, God was faithful to us, and my husband returned to the Lord first. I was very upset and bitter at the time, because it spoiled the things that I was involved in. Then in 1999, I felt the Lord speak to me. I fell under heavy conviction, and prayed, asking the Lord to give me another chance. He came down and gave me peace.

During the first three years following salvation, I was often sick with colds. I asked the Lord to give me good health so I could attend church, and He did.

I was a little timid among the hearing people at church, but the Lord gave me the courage to interact with them. One day, I was asked to help wash windows with the cleaning crew. I also began doing some sorting in the music department, and helping in the mailing room at the headquarters office.

I was so surprised when I prepared the bundles of Gospel literature and saw addresses from all over the world. I feel blessed to share in this missionary work, and I am so thankful for all the Lord has done for me.

*I am the light of the world: he
that followeth me shall not walk in
darkness, but shall have the light
of life. ~ John 8:12*



CHURCHES REBUILT IN THE CARIBBEAN

LESS THAN TWO YEARS AFTER THE DEVASTATING STORMS OF 2017, THERE IS NOW REASON FOR REJOICING.

ROAD TOWN ANNIVERSARY AND REDEDICATION



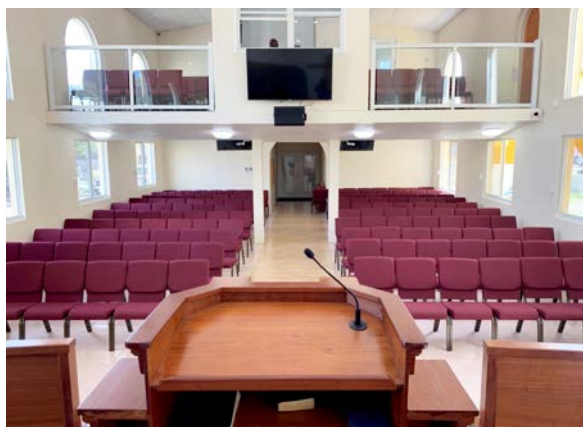
Road Town church damage from 2017.

A REDEDICATION AND TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY service was held on March 15 for the Road Town Apostolic Faith Church on the island of Tortola, British Virgin Islands. The church was recently rebuilt after being struck almost two years ago by Hurricanes Irma and Maria, both Category 5. The first hit on September 6, 2017, with winds reaching up to 185 miles per hour. It caused significant damage to eighty percent of the island structures, including four thousand homes. The second storm arrived two weeks later, with less wind but producing a foot of rain. Eastern Caribbean District Superintendent Michael Anthony and his wife, Monica, lost fourteen windows and three doors from their home, yet this was minor compared to their neighbors who all lost their roofs.

Five months after the hurricanes, on February 11, 2018, the Road Town congregation met in the rubble of the church to pray, and determined that they would

rebuild. The insurance money did not come close to covering the cost, but church and community members alike stepped forward in miraculous ways—so much so, that Reverend Anthony commented, “The only bank involved was the bank of Heaven.”

By March of this year, reconstruction was nearly complete and a rededication service was



The rebuilt Road Town church in 2019.

held in conjunction with the twenty-fifth anniversary of the original construction. The service was attended by many guests including Superintendent General Darrel Lee and his wife, Debbie; Director of Caribbean Work Tim DeBusk and his wife, Lisa; and newly appointed Dominican Republic District Superintendent Deivys Pichardo.

During the service, a brief history of the Tortola work was given. In 1938, the East End church was formed, and then in 1969, to accommodate members residing in Road Town and West End, services

began to be held in two locations in Long Bush. For many years following, these two groups prayed about purchasing land and constructing a permanent place of worship. Numerous attempts were made toward this end, including obtaining a list of landowners



Rebuilt Road Town church

and approaching each with an offer to buy their property, but every effort was met by obstacles. It was not until a new Chief Minister to the island was appointed that the groups were able to procure a parcel of land. The groundbreaking ceremony took place on Saturday, January 11, 1992, and two years later, the dedication ceremony for the new building was held on February 14, 1994. That service was actually the first time Reverend Anthony visited an Apostolic Faith church.

As the rededication service continued, the choir of the East End Apostolic Faith Church provided a musical special, and their pastor, Reverend Pearl Smith, shared remarks. Several others also addressed the congregation, including the visitors from overseas and the Deputy Premier of the British Virgin Islands, the Honorable Dr. Natalio Wheatley. Following the dedicatory prayer and a message by Reverend DeBusk, the service concluded with the benediction given by Reverend Anthony.

Reconstruction on the island is ongoing; many homes were abandoned and the families still have not returned. Yet the Road Town church is a monument to what the Lord can do. We give Him the glory for providing the means for the saints to be able to fellowship and worship together again.

BISHOP HILL DEDICATION

On March 17, the Bishop Hill church on the island of St. Maarten in the Netherland Antilles was dedicated. This island was also struck by Hurricanes Irma and Maria in 2017, with some of the local church members losing their homes and the rented church facility in Sucker Garden being completely destroyed. In contrast, the Bishop Hill church, which was under

construction at the time of the storms, sustained no damage. The congregation was able to move their services to the partially completed building as construction continued.

The dedication ceremony began with the Haitian National Anthem followed by the St. Maarten National Anthem, and a selection from the choir. Rolland Deler, the Haiti District Superintendent who also oversees the St. Maarten work, welcomed everyone, recognizing the visiting guests.

Remarks were made by the Bishop Hill (and previously Sucker Garden) pastor, Fecu Commandant, and Reverend Pichardo. A Scripture reading from Psalm 136 was given by the pastors of the other two churches on the island: Emeric Jerome from Cole Bay and Eugene Hodge from Sandy Ground. Then the dedicatory prayer was given by Reverend DeBusk.



Bishop Hill choir and congregation during service.

A history of the Bishop Hill church was shared by Reverend Deler. He explained that the Sucker Garden congregation formed in 1991. Nine years later, they received a notice to vacate the building so the property could be developed. Reverend Deler, who was then the Sucker Garden pastor, took the notice to the altar and laid it before the Lord. He prayed, asking that God provide the Apostolic Faith with land and a church building on St. Maarten for the sake of future generations should He tarry. Two years later, the Bishop Hill property was posted for sale. The church made an offer and it was accepted, but at the closing, the seller raised the price, so the church walked away. At that time, Reverend Deler made the bold statement to the owner that because God wanted the property, he would not be able to find another buyer. This proved to be true, and six months later, the property was sold to the congregation.

The building has been under construction for the past fifteen years, and though some work remains to be done, the vision of an Apostolic Faith-owned church on St. Maarten has come to pass, and it is beautiful. The dedication service was a celebration for the saints, and we rejoice with them.

SHORT TAKES

BRIEF REPORTS FROM OUR CHURCHES WORLDWIDE.

NEW UNIT OF *DAYBREAK* AND *DISCOVERY*

A new unit of the *Daybreak* and *Discovery* Bible study series will be released for the fall quarter of 2019, covering the Books of Luke, Acts, James, Galatians, and Romans. This is the ninth unit to be completed of the twelve-part series. Each unit is comprised of ninety-one daily *Daybreak* lessons that offer detailed contextual background information and practical life applications, as well as thirteen weekly *Discovery* lessons, which address broader themes from the text.

Superintendent General Darrel Lee emphasized the importance of the study series to ministers at a meeting last spring. He stated, “The lessons provide helpful historical and contextual information, and by the end of the unit, students will have a better grasp of these books of the Bible. Unlike other study resources available on the market, these are unique because they are rooted in holiness rather than Calvinist theology.” He encouraged everyone to use the materials.

Lessons can be accessed through the church app (www.apostolicfaith.org/app) or website (www.apostolicfaith.org, in the Curriculum section of the Library), and will be available in html, PDF, and audio versions. *Daybreak* will also be posted as the daily devotional this fall, and readers can sign up on the Daily Devotional page of our website for a free subscription to have the lessons sent to their inboxes each day.

EASTERN AFRICA DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT APPOINTED

On June 9, Reverend Boniface Banda was installed and ordained as the District Superintendent of Eastern Africa and the pastor of the Zambia headquarters church in Lusaka, following the sudden passing of Reverend Timothy Kaibula. Reverend Kaibula had been the Lusaka pastor since 1992 and Eastern Africa District Superintendent since 2000.

During his years of service, Reverend Kaibula was a source of encouragement to both old and young, leading an exemplary life of consistency in Gospel

work and total submission to the sovereign will of God. He was described as “a gallant soldier of the Cross, full of faith and fearless.” His loss is felt deeply by his family, the Lusaka congregation, and all the members of the Eastern Africa work.

Reverend Banda had been serving as the pastor of a small church in Chongwe, thirty miles from Lusaka, where he lived with his wife and their three children. The news of his appointment was enthusiastically received by the Eastern Africa leaders and the Lusaka congregation.

13 BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT IN ROMANIA

Harlan Lee of Roseburg, Oregon, and Wayne Butler of Port Angeles, Washington, visited Romania February 13-26, where they attended the annual ministers’ conference in Zadareni and also visited many of our churches in the western and southern regions of the country.

The ministers’ conference was attended by delegates from thirteen church locations within Romania. During one session, Pavel Balanoiu, who leads the southern Romania work, shared news of the recent efforts in Craiova where he is the pastor. He said the congregation had been gathering for “prevailing prayer” as several have a hunger for the baptism of the Holy Ghost. This hunger had spread to other locations, and several had received the blessing.

Following the conference, the team visited churches in the western and southern regions of Romania. They went to an evening service in Craiova where the “prevailing prayer” meetings were continuing, and were told that visitors had been attending from other churches which do not have altar services. Reverend Balanoiu gave the first message, taking his text from Acts 1:4-8. This was the same Scripture Harlan Lee had been inspired to use, and as he gave the second message, the people realized how the Holy Spirit was leading and many began to rejoice and weep. A great prayer meeting followed. When it was time for the team to leave, no one wanted the service to end, though it had already continued for three hours.

The next day, the team travelled on to Capu Dealului for a service, and then back to Bucharest. After arriving in the evening, they received a phone call from Reverend Balanoiu saying that since their visit, thirteen in Craiova had received the baptism of the Holy Spirit! Everyone rejoiced in God's faithfulness and the work He is doing among the Romania saints.

OPEN AIR REVIVAL IN KADIDI, MALAWI



Visitors at the special meetings.

Outreach efforts in the Blantyre District of Malawi started in May of 2016, and in February of 2019, a team held the first service in the Kadidi station of the Lunzu neighborhood. Local residents responded wonderfully with many coming to welcome the team. The message was based on 2 Corinthians 5:17 and declared, "There is no Christianity without change," stressing the need for repentance.

Following that successful first meeting, it was decided to hold ten days of open-air revival meetings in the area from March 8 to 17. Throughout the week, residents from surrounding villages also attended, with new faces appearing daily. At one of the meetings, attendance was counted at forty-one. Many sick people were prayed for and received healing, and this resulted in two invitations to visit homes to pray for the sick. One man who was healed came to the Sunday service with his entire family to thank God for his healing, and then began to pray for salvation. Though he had not prayed through by the end of the special meetings, a few others had.

The workers in Blantyre have scheduled more open air meetings for 2019, praying and trusting for God to enlarge the church there. They reported, "We have to work for the night is coming. We are looking forward to a great spiritual year ahead by God's grace." They also requested prayer for their region which was affected by Cyclone Idai, one of the worst tropical cyclones on record in southeast Africa that devastated parts of Mozambique, Zimbabwe, and Malawi this past March.

CHURCH DEDICATION IN COLUMBUS, GEORGIA



Sanctuary of the new church in Columbus, Georgia.

The Apostolic Faith Church in Columbus, Georgia, recently changed locations and on Sunday, February 17, a dedication service was held at the new facility. The seventy-two attendees included visitors from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and Virginia.

Reverend Edward Dixon has pastored the Columbus church since 1996, and his wife, Lessie, shared a brief history of the work there. In the early 1930s, Lucille Glenn became the leader of a small group of women in Columbus who gathered to worship. While visiting a neighbor who was sick, she met a woman who gave her an Apostolic Faith paper. She eventually made contact with Reverend Florence Crawford, the leader of the work in Portland at that time, and in 1934 she traveled by train to meet Reverend Crawford and learn more about the organization. After returning, Charlie and Annie Wheeler opened their home for services, and in the early 1940s, the group was able to build a church. In 1974 a new church was built, but eventually the neighborhood where it was located became unsafe for the congregation, and they began holding services in a home. As they fasted and prayed, the Lord led them to a storefront that was for lease. Reverend Dixon and the church members renovated the space, transforming it into a place of worship.

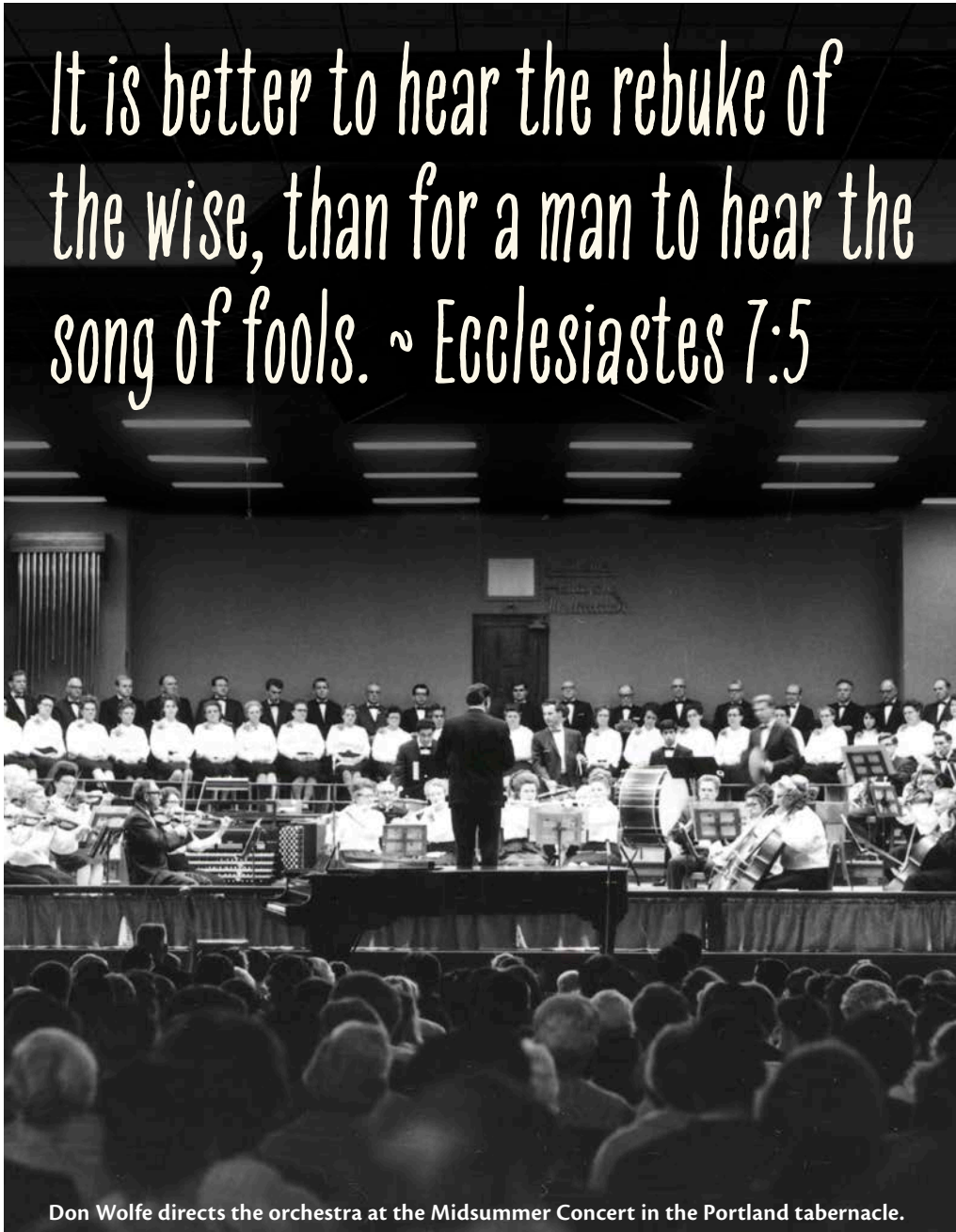
The dedication message was given by Nathaniel Segres, the pastor in Atlanta, Georgia. He brought out that the church is not made of wood and ceiling tiles, but it is made up of God's people and the Holy Spirit dwelling in them. Eugene Segres, District Superintendent of the Southern and Eastern Churches, gave the dedication prayer. The Spirit of God could truly be felt throughout the church, and their prayer is that many will be drawn to hear the Gospel message and be saved in this place of worship.

OUR CLASSICS

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*It is better to hear the rebuke of
the wise, than for a man to hear the
song of fools. ~ Ecclesiastes 7:5*



Don Wolfe directs the orchestra at the Midsummer Concert in the Portland tabernacle.

“I THANK GOD FOR PRAYING CHILDREN”

by DARWIN LEE

AFTER A LIFE OF SELF-RELIANCE, IT TOOK THE PERSISTENCE OF HIS CHILDREN BEFORE DARWIN COULD LOOK TO GOD AND ADMIT, “I NEED HELP.”

DARWIN LEE was born on June 17, 1926, in Portland, Oregon, to Roger and Ida Lee. His mother died when he was six years of age, and then his father abandoned the family. He spent his early years on property in the Portland area and on Quail Lane in Roseburg. Although older siblings lived nearby and offered some oversight, Darwin and his younger brother mostly reared themselves.

During World War II, Darwin entered the military, but contracted rheumatic fever and spent eighteen months in a naval hospital. The doctors at that time told him to get a desk job and not to plan on having children. They cautioned him that he should not expect a long life because of the effects of his illness. However, God had different plans. Darwin married Maxine Lenz on August 30, 1947, and the two of them had seven children: three girls and four boys. In later years, they also enjoyed twenty-three grandchildren, thirty-nine great-grandchildren, and six great-great grandchildren.

Darwin was employed at Umpqua Dairy where he worked for over forty years, jumping in and out of a milk truck daily, carrying boxes and crates all day long, and never missing a day of work. After his retirement in 1988, he enjoyed working on his fifteen acres on Quail Lane in Roseburg, even mowing his lawn up until the last few months before his passing. Many family events were held there with Darwin and Maxine hosting. He loved being visited by his family up to the day of his death.

In 1975, Darwin was born again and spent the last forty-four years of his life serving God. He was a tremendous example of faith and an inspiration to all who knew him. He went home to his eternal reward on January 30, 2019. Following is his testimony in his own words.



Darwin on a fishing trip in Alaska after he retired.

The Lees, shortly after they were saved in 1975.



MY CHILDHOOD WAS DIFFICULT. I was very lonely as my mother died when I was six years old, and I was by myself a big part of the time. My father was an atheist, and we did not go to church. I did not understand about God’s salvation, and did not want to. As far as I was concerned, Christians were just freeloaders.

After I married Maxine and our children were born, from time to time she wanted to go to Sunday school and take the children. I was against that. I figured the kids could make up their own minds about religion later on. I thought religious people were weaklings and that I was all right—after all, I was not a drinking man, and I worked hard and took care of my family. However, I had a vile temper and a foul mouth.

When my wife did go to church, she did not get any help or encouragement from me. Saturday and Sunday were the days that I worked at home. When the older girls grew closer to their teen years, I would tease them into thinking it was “sissy” to go to Sunday school. I told my boys, “You can go to Sunday school if you want, but it would be better if you would stay home and work with me and accomplish something.”

In spite of this, some of our children were saved and began attending the Apostolic Faith Church. Many people thank God for praying parents or grandparents, but I thank God for praying children.

By that time, my life was miserable. I was nearly fifty years old. My wife and I had been married for over twenty-five years, but we were not communicating much at all. I felt hopeless, and I am sure that my children



Darwin enjoyed time with family, here giving some great-grandsons a ride on his property.

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could see my unhappiness. They kept asking me to attend church, but I would reply that I needed to go to bed early because I got up at 2:30 a.m. to go to work. They continued to ask me, and finally I gave in and agreed to go.

Then one of my sons told me, "Dad, I want you to come to church and not say anything. Just be quiet and listen." That was quite a request! When I studied the pastor, I realized that he truly believed what he said. After the service, he came back and talked to me. He was congenial and did not ask me for any money, which was what I expected him to do.

Because of my children's persistence, I kept going to church. I was still pretty discouraged, and probably too thickheaded to absorb much. My son said, "Dad, keep coming to church and listening. The situation will be clear enough within six months." I thought that was a pretty ridiculous statement to make; nobody knows what is going to happen in six months. However, I kept attending, and what I heard started to make a little bit of sense to me. Gradually, I absorbed more, and finally, I began going down to their altar and praying.

That March, we went to the headquarters church in Portland for their special meetings. On Saturday night they showed the film "Thief in the Night"—a dramatization about the coming of the Lord. It made quite an impression on me, and I prayed at one of the tabernacle seats. My first words were, "God, I need help!" I got that help, and I have been getting it ever since. The

Lord came down and saved me, and I knew something real had happened in my life.

Things started getting better at home. My wife had been saved before I was, and God restored the love and warmth in our marriage. Through the years, God has taught us to lean on Him. It is a wonderful privilege to pray and leave our burdens with the Lord. I have found that God is available any time of the day or night.

My life is better than it ever has been before. My wife and I have been married for over seventy years now. I am thrilled with the love that I have for her and for my children. Thinking back, I realize that I thought my obligation was to discipline my children and teach them to work and be responsible for what they did. Now I see that I lacked patience and love in dealing with them. Even though our children are grown, I feel that in many ways God has given me a second chance—an opportunity to show them that I care and to show our grandchildren and great-grandchildren a lot of love. It is such a joy to see many of them serving the Lord.

It is wonderful to realize that no matter what a person has been or done, if he truly repents, Jesus Christ will save him and change his life. Serving Him is the best way to live!

Darwin Lee was saved in 1975 and attended the Apostolic Faith Church in Roseburg, Oregon, until his death on January 30, 2019.

IN TUNE WITH THE TUNER

by DICK TAYLOR

JUST AS AN ORCHESTRA FINDS HARMONY BY TUNING TO ONE INSTRUMENT, GOD'S PEOPLE UNITE WHEN ALL ARE TUNED TO HIM.

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ALL PEOPLE have the blessed opportunity of being so in tune with God that when the Trumpet sounds at the Rapture of the Church, they will rise to meet the Lord in the air, and be forever with Him.

That harmony of spirit comes when people are purged of their sins. King David wanted that harmony, and prayed: "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me" (Psalm 51:7-10).

As children of God, that right spirit is what we want. What we expect and witness at our camp meetings summer after summer is the moving of the Spirit of God. It is certainly experienced by everyone who comes with an open heart, hungry for the Gospel, and looking for the Lord to bless as he yields himself to the will of God.

We find much Gospel in David's prayer. "Purge me with hyssop . . ." Hyssop was used in Old Testament worship ceremonies to apply the blood of lambs for cleansing. David was asking for the Blood of that greater Lamb, Jesus, the Lamb of God who was coming to shed His Blood to take away our sins. The Blood of Jesus would purge from all sin and

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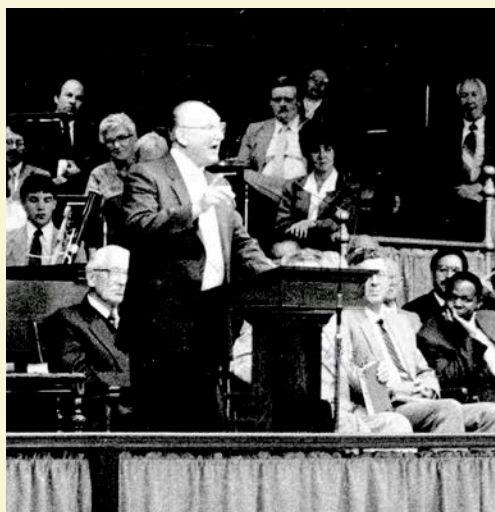
give man that right spirit which puts him in tune with God.

There is no one on God's earth who has that right spirit until he has been cleansed by the Blood of Jesus. He is always obstinate, at odds with others, and especially with the Lord. The Gospel shapes us and makes us fit into God's plan.

I like the old-time religion. It doesn't make any difference if you meet with many or few, when you step into one of our Gospel meetings, you can always feel right at home. You feel the Spirit of God. You can fit right in if you have the right spirit.

But if you don't have the right spirit, if you are in tune only with yourself, you are a misfit. I am not a musician, but I know in an orchestra there is something that everyone tunes to, usually the oboe. Each different instrument will adjust to get in tune—the horns tooting, drums beating, strings tightened or loosened. There has to be something in the players that is willing to do what it takes to get their instruments in tune. When they are in tune with one another they can produce beautiful music. There is something thrilling about that!

The reason camp meetings are blessed is that people get themselves in tune. When the Word goes forth, they agree to it. It sounds good. It thrills the soul. They are not chafing at the standard of the Gospel. One can just sit easy and say "Amen" with all his heart. If you have the right spirit, the Gospel rings true. You will fit in with others who have it in the great congregation of the Lord.



Dick Taylor gave his first sermon in 1950 at age twenty-three. His camp meeting sermons are fondly remembered by many.

Having the right spirit makes us get along better with unsaved people, too. I remember when I was a teenager I wondered why so many people wanted to fight with me. After I was saved, there were no more fights. I was different. At the time, I was serving on an aircraft carrier in the Navy. The rest of the crew weren't so bad after all, when my heart was right.

During the war, we spent most of our time at sea—in port only a few days at a time for provisions. The ship was constantly moving, twenty-four hours a day, up and down, to one side then the other. It never stopped moving. Many of the sailors had a hard time adjusting. They just stayed sick! But there was something about being in tune with the ship that made a big difference.

Out there on the ocean, we were actually moving our bodies, our muscles, all the time, adjusting to the movement of the ship as we stood, as we walked, as we lay in our bunks. We would feel quite comfortable as long as we would lean as we should, go forward when we ought, or backward. It got to where we did it automatically. In the worst of storms we were adjusted—tuned.

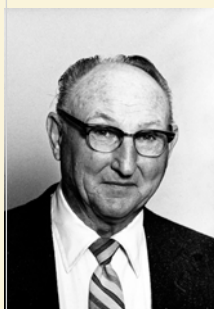
In some storms, the water went over the flight deck sixty feet above the water line. But even at times like that, when one could feel the deck go down, and the bulkhead was where the deck should be, we were still in harmony. There was no problem in making the adjustments.

That is how we feel about the Gospel. There is nothing so hard that we cannot adjust to it if we have the right spirit. There is nothing wrong with the old



After joining the United States Navy at age sixteen, Dick was saved aboard the U.S.S. Enterprise during WWII.

In 1963 he made his first Gospel trip to the Caribbean, later becoming a missionary to the region.



Gospel ship—nothing! She has been through some tough storms, but she keeps right on sailing. The Gospel is just like it always was.

I have been in storms when I kept my eye on the captain. In one storm, I thought the ship would turn over and not come back. When I saw the captain, he didn't seem a bit perturbed. He had confidence in the ship. He was all attuned to it. If he had run for a lifeboat, I would have run with him. But he didn't. He looked as calm as could be. He just leaned when the ship leaned. As I remember, he walked with his hands behind him, looking so comfortable that it gave me confidence that the ship would stand the storm. The Gospel ship will stand the storm, too. Let us keep our eyes on our Captain.

The ship itself has to adjust to the storm. There were times when we had to head her straight into the fray, and hold her there on a steady course. We couldn't let her turn to the right or the left or back up. As the ship rises and falls, rolls to the one side then the other, you soon see that she is in tune with the storm, in tune with the raging waves. And she comes through!

Oh, to have that kind of spirit! That's the right spirit that will cause us to see things as they ought to be seen. Then the blessings of the Lord will be poured out.

How blessed we are when people tell of answered prayer—that God has worked in their lives! What a thrill when someone says, "Thank you for the prayers you prayed for me. God heard



A meeting at the headquarters church office with (left to right) Don Wolfe, Hugo Sams, Dick Taylor, and Roy Frymire.

and answered." Sometimes when we are in deep waters, afflictions upon us, we can ask others of like faith to join us in prayer, and God answers. I don't want to come into a prayer meeting where the Lord is blessing, and feel that for some reason I am on the outside, not plugged in to the Power.

If the Blood of Jesus has been applied to our hearts and we have that new heart David spoke about, the right spirit will be there. We must give ourselves wholeheartedly, in full and complete surrender. There has to be a lining-up here and there. We want the Gospel preached as it always has been preached.

The baptism of the Holy Ghost is being poured out upon people who have nothing between their souls and the Savior. If you have been sanctified, you are one with the Lord and His people. When you get the right spirit through the purging of the Blood of Jesus, you will not have to ask and ask the Lord for His Spirit to come and abide. Praises to God will overflow. You will be able to say, "Lord, I'm measuring up. I haven't gone back from anything You commanded. I haven't been sitting back finding fault." Then into the depths of your heart will roll more blessings than you can contain.

The greatest triumph will be when the Trumpet sounds for the Rapture of the Church, and we are in tune with it and can rise to meet the Lord in the air. When the Spirit says, "Come up higher," I want to go. Only those who have the right spirit will hear the trumpet sound. What a thrill it will be! The old will be young again. The sick will be healed. Jesus shed His Blood to purge and cleanse us that we might be His Bride, "a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish" (Ephesians 5:27).

■ Reverend Dick Taylor was pastor of Apostolic Faith churches in Tacoma, Washington; Los Angeles and Eureka, California; and Grants Pass, Oregon, as well as a missionary in the Caribbean Islands. He went to be with the Lord on December 18, 2005.

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

ACKNOWLEDGE—"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). "God be merciful to me a sinner" (Luke 18:13).

CONFESS—"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

REPENT—"I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3). "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19).

FORSAKE—"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him . . . for he will abundantly pardon" (Isaiah 55:7).

BELIEVE—"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

If you are a new Christian, write us and request the tract entitled "Starting Out."

A STATEMENT OF BIBLE DOCTRINE

WE BELIEVE IN THE DIVINE INSPIRATION OF THE BIBLE, AND ENDORSE ALL THE TEACHINGS CONTAINED IN IT. FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF OUR BASIC DOCTRINES.

1. **THE DIVINE TRINITY** consists of three Persons: God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Ghost, perfectly united as one. Matthew 3:16-17; 1 John 5:7.
2. **REPENTANCE** is a godly sorrow for and a renouncing of all sin. Isaiah 55:7; Matthew 4:17.
3. **JUSTIFICATION** (or salvation) is the act of God's grace through which we receive forgiveness for sins and stand before God as though we had never sinned. Romans 5:1; 2 Corinthians 5:17.
4. **ENTIRE SANCTIFICATION**, the act of God's grace whereby we are made holy, is the second definite work and is subsequent to justification. John 17:15-21; Hebrews 13:12.
5. **THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST** is the enduement of power upon the sanctified life, and is evidenced by speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. John 14:16-17,26; Acts 1:5-8; 2:1-4.
6. **DIVINE HEALING** of sickness is provided through the atonement. James 5:14-16; 1 Peter 2:24.
7. **THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS** will be as literal and visible as His going away (Acts 1:9-11) and will consist of two appearances. First, He comes to catch away His waiting Bride. Matthew 24:40-44; 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17. Second, He comes to execute judgment upon the ungodly. 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10; Jude 14-15.
8. **THE TRIBULATION** will occur between Christ's coming for His Bride and His return in judgment. Isaiah 26:20-21; Revelation 9 and 16.
9. **CHRIST'S MILLENNIAL REIGN** is the 1000 years of peaceful reign by Jesus on earth. Isaiah 11 and 35; Revelation 20:1-6.
10. **THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT** is the final judgment when all the wicked dead will stand before God. Revelation 20:11-15.
11. **THE NEW HEAVEN AND THE NEW EARTH** will replace the present heaven and earth, which will be destroyed after the Great White Throne Judgment. 2 Peter 3:12-13; Revelation 21:1-3.
12. **ETERNAL HEAVEN AND ETERNAL HELL** are literal places of final and eternal destiny. Matthew 25:41-46; Luke 16:22-28.
13. **MARRIAGE** is a covenant between one man and one woman that is binding before God for life. Neither person has a right to marry again while the first companion lives. Mark 10:6-12; Romans 7:1-3.
14. **RESTITUTION** is necessary, wherein wrongs against others are righted. Ezekiel 33:15; Matthew 5:23-24.
15. **WATER BAPTISM** is by one immersion "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Matthew 3:16; 28:19.
16. **THE LORD'S SUPPER** is an institution ordained by Jesus so that we might remember His death until He returns. Matthew 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:23,26.
17. **FOOT WASHING** is practiced according to the example and commandment Jesus gave. John 13:14-15.

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