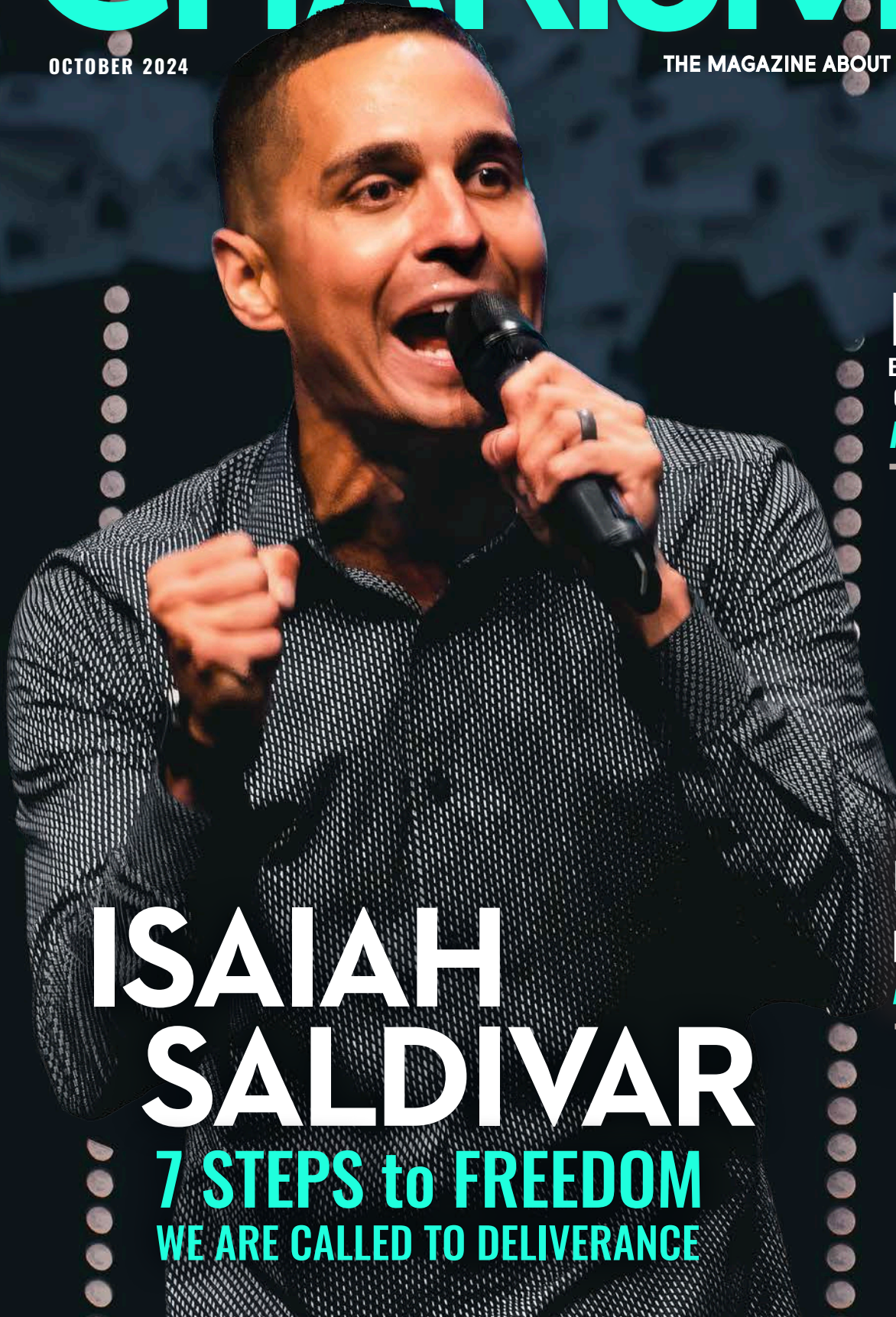


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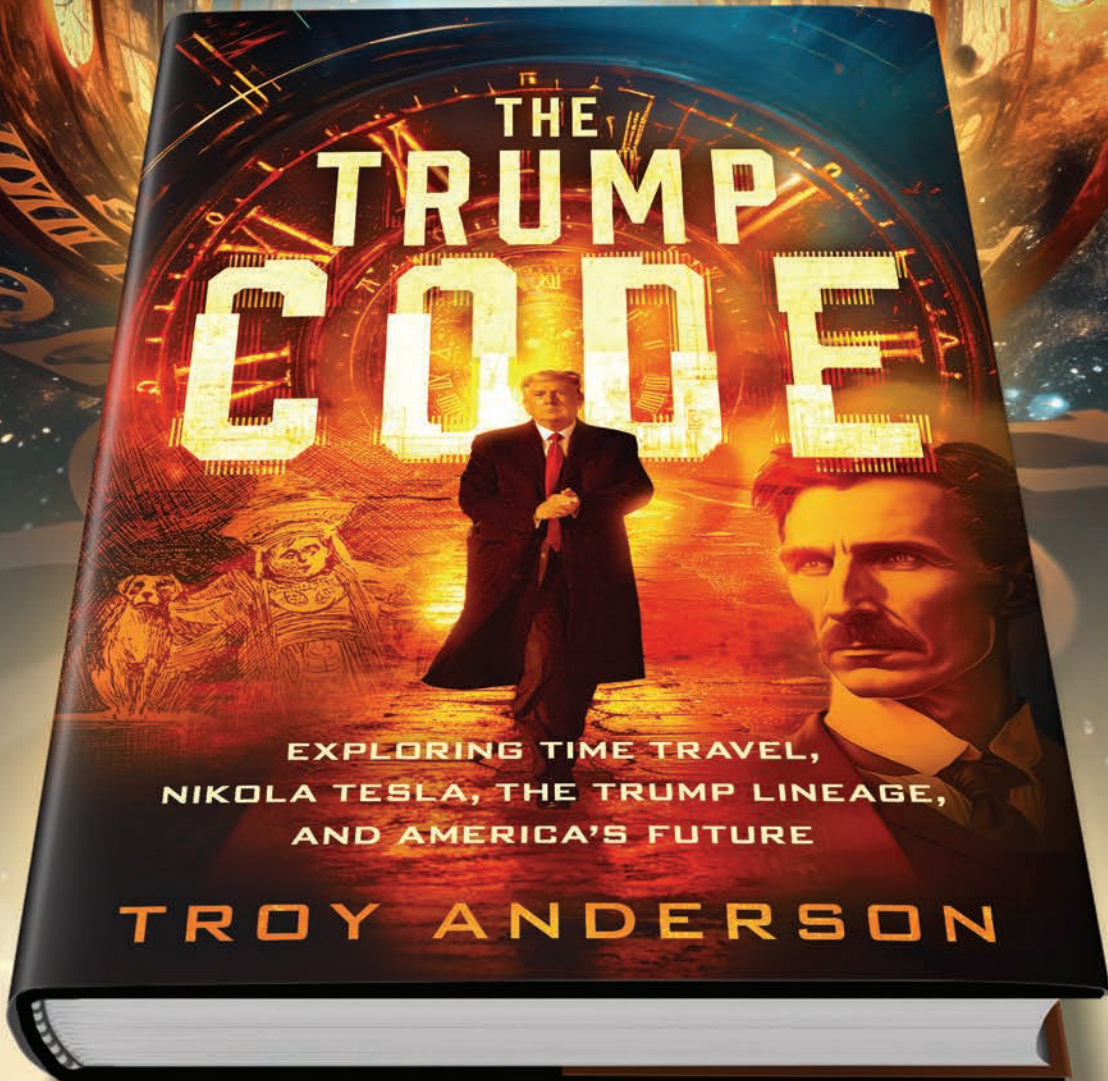
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“Hershey is right, how dare we stand by without blessing Israel.”

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NO MORE STANDING ALOOF

Doug Hershey's discussion of the war in Israel was an exact hit-the-bull's-eye take on the whole situation ("How Dare You Stand Aloof!" Charisma Magazine Online, August 2024). The Christian community and the wider body of Christ have been too lukewarm on the subject of Israel, even the fervently pro-Israel community, to stand by in the face of naked aggression from the jihadist Middle East. Hershey is right, how dare we stand by without blessing Israel.

Bill Smythe, Davenport, IA

EDITOR'S NOTE: Charisma Magazine Online hopes you enjoyed and were blessed by the annual deeper look at the nation of Israel, especially in this critical season of ongoing terror and violence in the war from Hamas, Hezbollah and their accomplices in the region.

GET ON GOD'S ROAD!

Juan Martinez has a terrific gift for wording things of the faith walk that make his message fun to follow and be blessed and taught by ("Freedom's Wake Up Call," Charisma

Magazine Online, August 2024). I expect sitting in his church in Houston every Sunday is a terrific day of worship and spirit feeding. I want to buy his new book when it comes out.

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Curt Landry did a wonderful service to Charisma magazine readers with his story about the Hamas war launched on Israel ("Israel v. Hamas," Charisma Magazine Online, August 2024) as we get closer to the first-year anniversary since Palestine's terror attacks on innocent Israeli and international civilians last October. It is clear now that the Hamas terror attack on Israel last Fall was every bit as evil and awful as the 9/11 attacks in the United States. I'm glad for Landry's perspectives to understand the war more clearly.

Ellen Bakersen, St. Paul, MN

SPIRIT GIFTS USEFUL REMINDER

I enjoyed the *Strang Report* story about gifts of the Spirit, it's nice to learn about that again ("How Faith & Healings Work," Charisma Magazine Online, August 2024).

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Saved from our Enemies

What does it mean to be “saved?” Before we can answer this question, we must consider what the word “saved” actually means. The Greek word translated as “saved” in the Bible means “to deliver or protect.” Think of a person trapped in a burning building. The “savior” in this setting might be the fireman who rescued (or delivered) them from the flames. If a person had been kidnapped, those who delivered them from the kidnappers would be the “savior” in that situation. In each of these examples, a person is “saved,” or rescued, from danger or death. Now to understand scriptural “salvation” we must discover what Jesus actually saves us from.

After John the Baptist was born, the Holy Ghost came upon Zechariah, John's father, and he prophesied of the coming Messiah and the salvation he would bring. He said God has “...raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began: That **we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us.**” Luke 1:69-71. This great “deliverance” from our enemies is the essence of salvation. But then, who are our enemies?

Paul gave insight into who our enemies are when he wrote, “*For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*”

Ephesians 6:12. Our enemies are not other people. **If you think your enemy has a human face, you have already lost the battle.** Our warfare is “*not against flesh and blood.*”

Perhaps our greatest enemy is something which hides in the human heart. Jesus described this enemy as a slave master or spiritual power that rules over fallen humanity. John 8:34.

This great enemy is called Sin, and it brings death everywhere it is found. Romans 5:12. It destroyed a third of the angels, it destroyed Adam and Eve, it destroyed every civilization which has existed upon earth, and it certainly wants to destroy you.

Sin, Satan and the power of darkness are the great enemies which Jesus came to “*deliver and protect*” us from. The word of God is clear that he “*delivered us from the power of darkness*” Colossians 1:13, “*destroyed our sinful nature (body of sin)*” Romans 6:6, and also “*destroyed the devil.*” Hebrews 2:14. Jesus did not fail in this great rescue mission, but accomplished it all upon the cross. He now freely gives this salvation from our enemies to all who believe the gospel and trust in him. This is the truth which Jesus said “*shall make you free.*” John 8:32.

Now consider this: If you were trapped in a burning building and someone came to save you, would you be “saved” if they left you in the building dying in the flames? Of course not! You would only be saved if you had been delivered from the building and its flames. Why is it then that so often our pastors tell us “saved” people are still under sin's dominion? Isn't that a contradiction? Of course it is! This is why Paul said, “*For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.*” Romans 6:14. If these kinds of pastors were fireman, they would watch a man burn to death in a fire engulfed building and claim he had been “saved” from the fire. If they were lifeguards, they would watch the person drown under the waves

and declare they had been “saved” from drowning. If they were a SWAT team, they would watch the kidnappers cut the victim to pieces while claiming he was “saved” from all harm. Only in the church-house do people not understand the meaning of “Saved.”

You do not have to live in sin or under the stranglehold of Satan or spiritual darkness. Jesus came to save you from these enemies. Your need is not for some person to lay hands on you or prophesy deliverance you. You must, however, believe that for this purpose Christ suffered and died upon the cross, and trust in him to bring this salvation to you. You too can be saved from your enemies!

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Many good things come to you when you serve God and live by His Spirit: joy, health, purpose, forgiveness and miracles. But the Spirit-led life is filled not only with peaks but also with valleys, and there are many powerful, Spirit-filled Christians who persevered despite having to endure terrible circumstances. Part of walking in the Spirit is the grappling with difficulties we face, the trials and challenges we deal with and overcome.

Some hardships are a result of spiritual warfare that is rampant in this fallen, upside-down world. When the Antichrist comes and terrible things begin to happen, there's not much we can do except rely on the Holy Spirit to guide us. Much of the craziness we see in the world today is due to the fact we are nearing the end of days.

Some challenges are tests from God. The apostle Peter knew adversity could be a good thing. He wrote that we may have to "suffer various trials, in order that the genuineness of your faith, which is more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tried by fire, may be found to result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ."

Some trials, however, are a result of our own bad decisions or our fallen, sinful nature. If you've let bad habits and addictions control your life, changing your behavior can sure feel like a trial. But these are all hardships of our own making.

When we're facing hardship, it's easy for our emotions to get the best of us. We can easily find ourselves discouraged, depressed or even in despair. But it doesn't have to be that way. When you're living in the power of the Holy Spirit, you're not facing life on your own, limited to what you can accomplish in your own strength. You can tap into Holy Spirit power to keep pressing forward to victory.

I believe trials never last, and overcomers do. That is an important key to living in the Spirit. Consider these spiritual giants whose lives still inspire us though they lived through terrible seasons:

» Eric Liddell, made famous by the Oscar-winning movie *Chariots of Fire*, died of brain cancer during World War II in a Japanese prison camp.

» Amy Semple McPherson, who founded the Church of the

Foursquare Gospel, had a failed marriage and was embroiled in a well-publicized scandal.

» Oral Roberts, the best-known of the healing evangelists of the 1940s and 1950s, endured unimaginable tragedy when his daughter died in a plane crash and his oldest son committed suicide.

If these struggles sound familiar, you are not alone. Many Christians sincerely want to live overcoming lives, but they feel helpless and alone because they are disconnected from a life-enhancing community of believers. Others seem to have lost their purpose or become cynical, doubting God can use them to accomplish something lasting and meaningful in this life. Still others hear sermons or read books about God's power to deliver us and make our lives work, but those breakthroughs seem to happen to someone else. They feel powerless to accomplish the victorious life they know God wants them to have.

People want to know the will of God. They want to know their purpose, but often they are clueless. They feel as the disciples must have felt in the upper room after Jesus' death. They had no idea the power they were about to receive; they only knew they had none at that moment.

There are a lot of bad things that happen to good people. But James 1:2 says, "Count it all joy when you fall into various trials." Why are we supposed to have this joy, calm delight, as we face hardship? The reason for the testing is to produce patience, which can also mean endurance. The purpose of the trial is to prove you. It tests your character and your character is strengthened by the encounter.

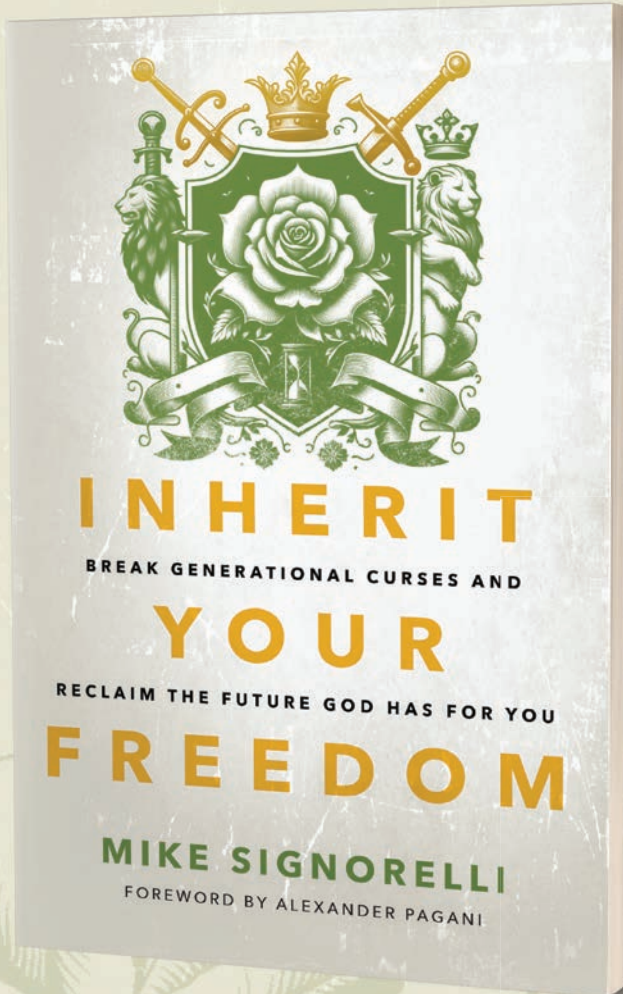
What practical steps can we take to draw closer to the Holy Spirit? The most important is to make a daily habit of spending time in the Word and prayer, which is not only talking to God and telling Him your problems, but also listening. His counsel is supernatural that will comfort, heal, protect, guide and refresh. Each of us needs this divine counsel each day to make right decisions.

We may not understand what's happening when a trial hits our lives, but we need to trust that God will use it to bring something good. Continue walking with the Holy Spirit through prayer, worship and the Word, even when it's hard and the urge to quit is too much. This is what it means to abide in Him.

"Some hardships are a result of spiritual warfare...but trials never last and overcomers do."

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5 Myths & Superstitions About the Enemy

Americans can't seem to get enough of horror movies. Every October, in time for Halloween, Hollywood releases a crop of creepy new films about masked serial killers, flesh-eating zombies, crazed vampires and demon-possessed children who crawl out of television sets to attack us.

No thanks. With spiritual warfare buzzing everywhere like a swarm of attacking cicadas, the world is scary enough—I don't need a horror movie soundtrack to go with it.

Many horror movies can seem quite religious, but Hollywood rarely gets it right when it comes to the devil, demons and the spiritual realm. The result is that many people today have wrong ideas about Satan—and Christians often subscribe to these kooky concepts because we haven't studied God's Word carefully. Here are five of the most common myths about the devil.

Myth 1: The devil is everywhere. God is omnipresent, but the devil doesn't have that kind of power or influence. Jesus said He saw Satan fall from heaven like lightning (Luke 10:18)—referring to the moment when our enemy was cast out of the highest heaven. Satan posts his demons in various regions, but the devil is not watching you 24 hours a day. And if you are in Christ, you are hidden in Him (see Col. 3:3) and the devil cannot detect you on his radar.

Myth 2: The devil is afraid of crosses, holy water and religious icons. In the typical Hollywood vampire film, Count Dracula is repelled by a crucifix and demons scream in torment when a priest utters a Latin phrase.

Don't be fooled. Satan is not afraid of religious people. Satan is quite comfortable hanging around religious buildings as long as the people inside are not preaching the true gospel. That's why Paul the apostle warned us that in the last days people who at one time followed God would fall away from the faith, "paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons," (1 Tim. 4:1). Some of the most demonic heresies were hatched in church buildings when Christians turned away from the truth to follow the devil, the father of lies.

Myth 3: The devil is to blame for all the evil in the world. A lot of Christians have the idea that the devil caused them to sin.

"The devil made me do it!" No, the devil was probably nowhere near. The book of James says we must own the responsibility of our sin. "Each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust," (James 1:14). Don't blame the devil for what you did. Take responsibility and repent.

Myth 4: The devil is all-powerful. We Christians ascribe to Satan way more power than he actually has. The Bible says in Colossians that when Jesus died on the cross, He disarmed satanic powers and made a public spectacle of them (see Col. 2:15). I love the way The Message translates this verse: "[Jesus] stripped all the spiritual tyrants in the universe of their sham authority at the Cross and marched them naked through the streets."

Satan's authority has been taken from him, and all he can do now is lie, steal, kill and destroy—much like a renegade terrorist army—until the church finishes the job of preaching the gospel to the world. And Satan knows his end is near.

Myth 5: The devil lives in hell. Popular artwork often shows the devil running his diabolical operation from a headquarters in the midst of the flames of hell. But that is not a biblical concept. Ephesians 2:2 describes Satan as "the prince of the power of the air" because he runs his show from a remote heavenly location.

The good news is that he won't be there for long. Jesus said hell has been prepared for the devil and his angels (see Matt. 25:41), and Rev. 20:10 says after the final judgment, God will throw Satan into the lake of fire and brimstone where he will be "tormented day and night forever and ever." That is the horror movie the devil fears most.

If you are a believer in Christ, you have no reason to fear the devil. We should not be ignorant of Satan's schemes, and you should develop discernment to know where he is working, but you do not have to be afraid of him. If you are strong in faith, aggressive in prayer and filled with the Holy Spirit, you are a threat to Satan's kingdom.

The apostle Paul's words in Romans 16:20 remind us of our victory: "The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet."

"If you are a believer in Christ, you have no reason to fear the devil."

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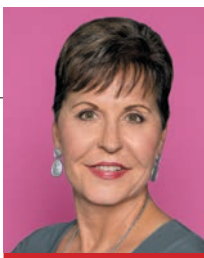
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Never Settle for Less Than God's Best

I think it's healthy to stop periodically and take inventory of our lives. It's important to ask, "Am I really living the life Christ died for me to have? Or am I settling for something less?"

Regardless of what's happened in the past or what obstacles seem to be in our way, God has a big, full life in store for each one of us. However, it's up to us if we're going to get the best out of life and make the most of our time, talents, relationships and opportunities.

The book of Genesis contains a great lesson in this area. It shares the story of Abraham's father, Terah, who gathered his family, packed up everything, and set out for his ultimate destination—Canaan.

I wonder how many people start out to do one thing in life but settle somewhere along the way because they get tired or because it's convenient. It's not really what they want, but it's something they think they can "put up with."

Are there areas in your life where you have "settled" or maybe just haven't made as much progress as you have hoped? The Lord has called us to excellence; however, so many times we settle for being mediocre. The word *mediocre* literally means "to live halfway between success and failure."

And that's where so many people live; they haven't completely failed, but they're also not where they really want to be! Don't settle for just reading a chapter a day to "put your time in"—stay determined to make it a priority and reap the benefits of truly knowing God in His Word.

Sometimes we get used to the place where we are and almost forget there's something better. Life gets busy, complicated, or even comfortable, and we lose sight of the dreams and goals we used to have. That's when we need to stir ourselves up and become determined to attain every single part of God's plan for our lives.

Let's take a few moments to play what I call the "What If?" game. This game isn't meant to make you feel guilty about what you haven't done—it's designed to help you picture what you *can* do. Use your imagination and really think through the answers to these questions:

» *What if you decided to give God your all and seek Him*

with your whole heart?

» *What if you demanded the best from yourself instead of settling for "just average?"*

» *What if you stopped making excuses why you can't accomplish your dreams and goals?*

» *What if you changed the way you speak and refused to say anything negative?*

» *What if you started confronting problems instead of running away from them?*

» *What if you decided to stop procrastinating?*

Can you imagine where you would be this time next year if you followed through on even just one or two of these things?

The Bible is full of Scriptures that encourage us to do our best. For instance, 2 Timothy 2:15 says, "Study and be eager and do

your utmost to present yourself to God approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed..." (AMPC).

I love that phrase, "do your utmost." Sure, it's always easier to go halfway, but just imagine for a second what could happen in your life if you decided to give your "utmost" in your marriage, at your job, or in other areas of your life.

Some of the greatest blessings in my life now are the things that required the most effort. Today, my husband Dave and I have the awesome privilege of sharing God's Word with millions of people through Joyce Meyer Ministries. However, it required tremendous sacrifice and the decision to keep moving forward when so many times we felt like giving up. Today, I am so glad that I didn't stop halfway when things got tough. I thank God that I didn't get discouraged and quit during the days when only 50 people were attending my conferences.

I've learned this powerful lesson: If you will give your best and do what you can do, God will do His part and do what you can't do! A great life isn't just for someone else—it's for you, too. Yes, it's going to require effort and determination, and in many cases, it may require you to push past fear so you can enjoy greater freedom and success. But I promise you this: It is always worth it.

So, don't settle for average, mediocre or halfway. God has an incredible, fulfilling and exciting life just waiting for you...and you can take it as far as you're willing to go. The next move is yours.

"If you will give your best and do what you can do, God will do His part and do what you can't do!"

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The *Passion of the Christ* is a movie that recounts events leading up to the crucifixion and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is two hours of gruesome, raw footage of how the arrest, trial, flogging, cross-bearing, crucifixion, death and Resurrection of Jesus would've looked. As I watched the depiction of our Lord's suffering, I was reminded of how at any moment during His suffering, Jesus could've chosen to walk away from the burden laid on Him because of us.

Yet, He didn't.

In fact, moments before He was arrested, Jesus told His disciples, "Do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will at once give Me more than twelve legions of angels?" (Matt. 26:53). He chose not to. Instead, "He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and by his stripes we are healed," (Isa. 53:5). Peace—one word that seems to be of high value amidst our crisis-filled world.

With Generalized Anxiety Disorder statistics on the rise, continuing to head mental health charts in our nation, here are three practical, biblical and clinically proven steps to experience emotional peace in the chaotic end-of-days we're living through.

1) Have a relationship with God through Jesus. Anxiety is a tool of the devil that is rooted in fear. Fear can only be cast out in the presence of perfect love. The Bible says that God is love (1 John 4:8) and that perfect love casts out fear (1 John 4:18). The foundation of emotional peace is peace with the One who made us—God.

Jesus was clear in John 14:6 when He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me," (MEV). Jesus is the only door by which you and I could ever have a relationship with God as a Father. The reason Jesus chose to suffer the death of a criminal, is so that one day, you and I could have an opportunity to have a relationship with God as a loving Father. And through a relationship with Him, we can exchange discouragement for hope knowing we have a Father who loves us more than we could ever imagine or think. If you've never given your life to Jesus or if you're not sure you have, here's a simple prayer of salvation: "Jesus, please forgive me for all of my sins.

Thank You for Your death on the cross on my behalf. I believe in Your death and Resurrection. I submit to You as my Lord and Savior. Amen."

2) Walk with God daily. You have an adversary, Satan, who is watching your every move, waiting for an opportunity to entice you to act in a way that is destructive to you (temptation) so he can later on use your actions against you (condemnation). Walking with God daily requires you to rely on the Holy Spirit.

Trying to obey God without the help of the Holy Spirit is like planning to get to work by pushing your car from your house to your place of work. At some point you'll get exhausted and fall into despair, and that's why many people end up feeling desperate, exhausted and depressed. Scripture says, to "be filled with the Holy Spirit," (Eph. 5:18, MEV). This requires feasting on God's Word each day; asking God to give us hunger and understanding of His Word. As you cling to God and draw near to Him, He becomes your source of everything.

One of the fruits of Spirit is peace; a peace that surpasses understanding (Phil. 4:7), which is a peace that says, "No matter what's going on in my life, I know

my Father is good, and He is sovereign."

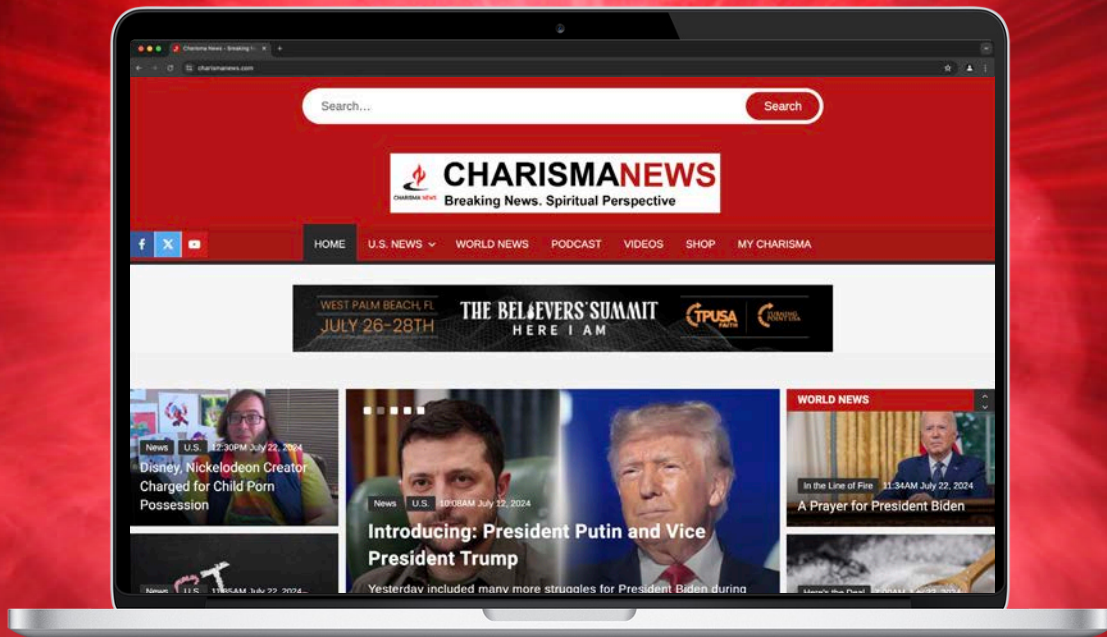
3) Expose your hurts to God. This final step is a tough one, as it requires dealing with unresolved issues, which can at times make us uncomfortable. But see, we're not left without a Helper (John 14:26). In Jesus, God has given us the Holy Spirit to walk with us through tough situations that we haven't been able to deal with. Sometimes we may need to reach out to a trusted friend, a pastor or a professional counselor. Whatever the situation is, don't let unresolved hurt fester because it is the breeding ground upon which Satan builds strongholds in your heart. Your heart is too precious for that. Even if you're tempted to think it's too late, thanks be to Jesus it's never too late.

In a world filled with chaos and confusion, three steps to help you attain and maintain emotional peace are: surrender your life to the prince of peace, develop a relationship with the Holy Spirit, and get in the habit of taking your pain to the throne of grace. In Jesus, you can go confidently to your empathetic Father, talk to Him about your hurts with transparency and trust that He is there with you, listening to you, ready to guide you to breakthrough.

“Walking with God daily requires you to rely on the Holy Spirit.”

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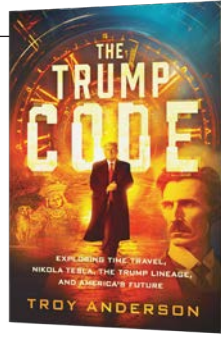
Only a few short days after its release, best-selling author Jonathan Cahn's stunning new book, *The Dragon's Prophecy*, achieved the Number 1 position on three major book rankings including the *New York Times* Best-sellers List, Amazon and *Publisher's Weekly*. It is Cahn's, and Charisma Media's, first-ever debut at No. 1 of a newly published book, let alone in all three of the main industry rankings at the same time.

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Is There a 'Trump Code'?

New book explores potential prophetic connections to former President Donald Trump

What do an obscure set of 19th-century novels; popular media offerings; theories on time travel by Albert Einstein, Nikola Tesla and others; and the Bible have in common? As Pulitzer Prize-nominated author Troy Anderson points out, each has a fascinating—and potentially prophetic—connection to former President Donald Trump. His new book, *The Trump Code*, pulls together the pieces of this fascinating puzzle in a fresh, informative way.

The series of late 19th-century novels known as “The Baron Trump Collection,” written by largely unknown author and attorney Ingersoll Lockwood, contain eerie parallels to modern events and to Trump’s family. Prime-time cartoon *The Simpsons* and the movie version of *Mission: Impossible*, among other media, also predicted various aspects of Trump’s rise. In addition, time travel theories espoused by Tesla and reviewed by John G. Trump, Donald Trump’s uncle, have recently come to light, with many questioning potential links to the Trump family’s ascent to power.

Anderson’s book ties these threads together with various portions of Scripture to reveal the compelling analysis he calls *The Trump Code*.

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Holy Spirit Moves Across US Campuses, Sparking Revival

Texas A & M, Ohio State experience revival fires

In a powerful move of the Holy Spirit, revival fires spread across U.S. campuses this fall, harking back to similar revivals that took place as part of the Asbury Awakening in early 2023.

A gospel outreach at Texas A & M University, organized by New Life Adults, a ministry of New Life Church, Corpus Christi, saw “nearly 1,500 students attend” and 62 baptisms take place, per a Facebook post from New Life Pastors Michael and Bonnie Fahlauer.

The church’s young adults pastor, Tarik Whitmore, told *The Christian Post* that his message to the students focused on Isaiah 6, which described “the conviction, cleanings, and

commissioning that follows a genuine faith in God.”

Only a week before the Texas A & M revival, members of the football team at The Ohio State University also held a gospel outreach event, which drew somewhere between 800-2,000 students, with multiple reports of transformed lives.

“We were praying for years and years for an event like this, and we were praying with expectation—we serve a miracle-working God,” Ohio State wide receiver Emeka Egbuka says. “So we definitely had an expectation when it came out, but God did increasingly and abundantly more than what we thought. So, we’re just so blessed and thankful.”

Actor Tim Allen Describes ‘Amazing’ Journey Reading the Bible

This isn’t the first time the *Toy Story* star has spoken out on his Christian faith

Tim Allen, popular star of *Toy Story* and *The Santa Clause* movies, opened up on social media about an activity he’s recently tried for the first time: reading the Bible. “Never took the time in all my years to ever read and really read” the Scriptures, he said in his post on X. “So far, amazing, and not at all what I was expecting.”

Allen has been outspoken about his Christian faith in the past, pointing out in 2022 that he wanted faith to be central to the Disney+ series, *The*

Santa Clauses, a spinoff of the 1990s series of films in which he famously portrayed Santa Claus. Rather than the movie plotline, which featured “a lot of otherworldly characters, and ghosts, and goblins,” Allen told *The Wrap*, he wanted the true story of Christ to have a major part.

“I said, ‘No, this is Christmas,’” he recalls about his conversation with Disney+ executives. “‘It’s Christmas.... We don’t have to blow trumpets, but I do want you to acknowledge it—that’s what this is about. If you want to get into Santa Claus, you’re gonna have to go back to history, and the origin of it is all about religion.’”



Tim Allen



Great Lakes Adult & Teen Challenge Choir Sings at Republican National Convention

With only 10 days notice, the group rose to the opportunity to represent Christ and the program

Former President Donald Trump famously shouted, “Fight! Fight! Fight!” in the moments following the failed attempt on his life at a July campaign event. But the members of a choir that performed the following week at the Republican National Convention were already familiar with such a mindset.

The choir, made up of men and women enrolled in the Great Lakes Adult & Teen Challenge program in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is composed of those actively fighting for recovery from addiction and substance abuse.

Although the group tours the state annually, members recognized the RNC performance as a unique opportunity. “We were presented with the idea about 10 days prior to the event and were told we wouldn’t know anything for sure until closer to the event,” Jennifer Harper, associate director of programs and services for the program, tells AG News. “So when we got the confirmation, we only had two rehearsals in the large space.”

Despite the varied backgrounds of the choir members, Harper says they were excited to perform at the convention and to represent the recovery program to the largest audience the choir has ever had. One of the participants, Krystle, says, “It was a memorable experience. I felt excited and honored to be on that stage. I hope people were inspired.”



25th Anniversary of PGA Star Payne Stewart’s Death Recalls His Changed Heart

If you ever saw the pro golfer who paraded about the PGA Tour in traditional Knickerbocker trousers, you’d have seen the one-time prodigy, Payne Stewart. He cut a dashing figure across the sport for the better part of 20 years before his untimely death 25 years ago this month. Stewart was among six victims whose jet crashed in South Dakota hours after departing Orlando.

Stewart’s final months were a wonderful testimony to a heart, soul and life transformed by the love of

Jesus. Having roared onto the pro tour fresh out of SMU in the early 1980s, Stewart struggled to live up to both potential and hype. Lacking peace both professionally and at home, Stewart accepted Christ in 1998. Always known as an authentic guy, his life over his final months blossomed in peace and the love of Christ pouring out of his heart. He was a man genuinely reborn; loving, gracious and selfless.

He earned his final victory, the 1999 U.S. Open that June, on the last putt of the 72nd hole. But upon the euphoric moment clinching his third major championship, he instead celebrated the blessing about to unfold for his fellow competitor, embracing PGA star Phil Mickelson and shouting, “You’re going to be a father!” The Mickelsons welcomed their first child the next day.

Stewart’s victorious fist pump was captured in a statue that now stands at the site of his final victory, the Pinehurst Resort in North Carolina.

In a recent ESPN Films tribute observing the anniversary of Stewart’s passing, *Love & Payne*, Stewart’s widow, Tracey, said, “My daughter says he’s up in heaven waiting for me...when my time is up, we’ll be there together.”

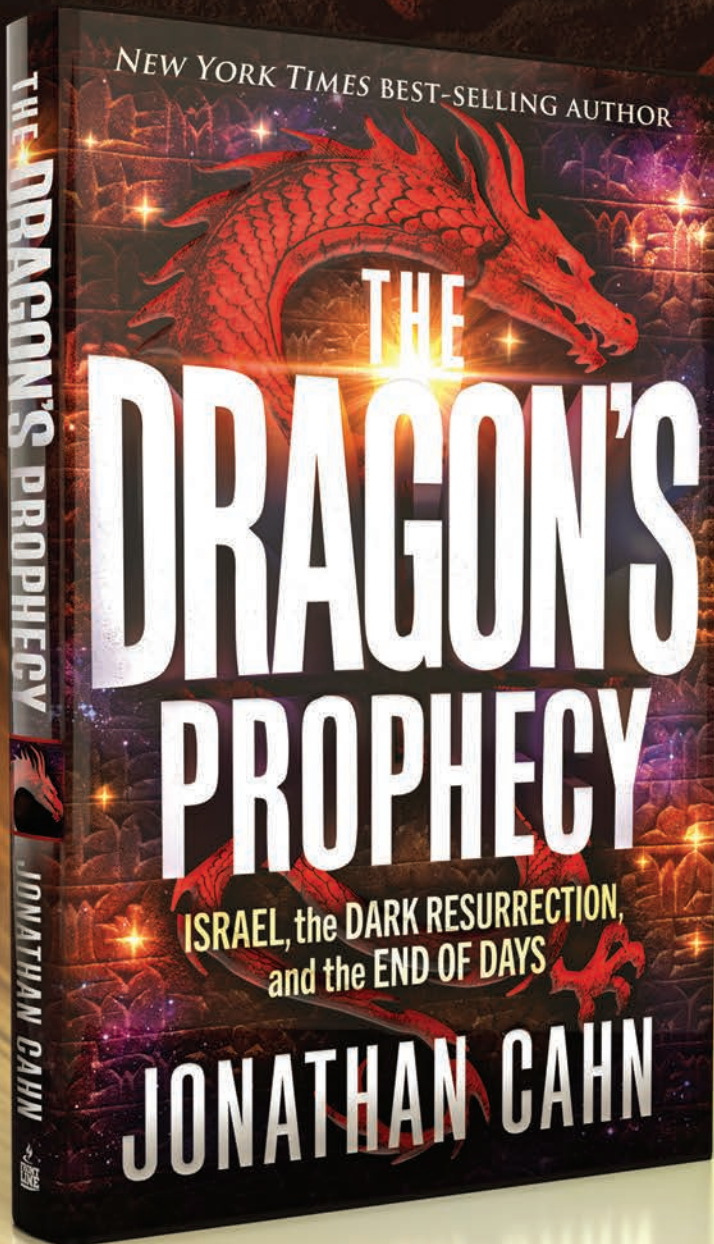
Iconic fist pump statue of Payne Stewart on display at Pinehurst Resort



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7 Steps to Freedom

Casting out demons is not reserved for an exclusive few, **EVERY ONE OF US** is called to minister deliverance

One of the main things Jesus did when He was on the earth was something He commissioned every disciple to do and something we see the early church doing in the book of Acts. Yet in today's Christian landscape it's not being taught or talked about. This is why I decided to write my new book: to give people simple and practical steps to casting out demons.

Many people are hesitant to pray for someone who is demonized simply because they don't know what to do or where to start. I did my best to keep these seven steps as simple as possible while equipping you with everything you need to conduct a deliverance.

Remember, deliverance sessions are often dynamic, meaning no two are ever the same, and things change fast. The Holy Spirit is your guide, empowering you to adapt and respond in the moment. Do not be dogmatic or ritualistic about the steps I'm going to give you, as these just provide a baseline to get you started. Not every step is always required for someone to receive complete freedom. At the end of the day it is not these methods or steps that set people free but the power of the Holy Spirit and the authority of Christ. God is the One doing the work; God is the One doing the heavy lifting. We are privileged enough to play a part in this entire process.

In every deliverance I do, I usually go through all seven of the steps outlined, but there are times when the Holy Spirit does or says something different. When that happens, I go off-script and follow His lead. These steps are

designed for one-on-one ministry but also work when praying at the altar for people; you just may not have the time to be as thorough. If you're confused by the difference, let me explain.

Deliverance Environments and a Few Ground Rules

I would place deliverance ministry into two categories: altar deliverance and personal deliverance. At the altar it is more of a power encounter and less strategic than personal deliverance. With altar deliverance, let's say you're on the altar prayer team and the pastor calls up anyone who needs deliverance prayer. Someone comes up and as you pray, they begin to manifest. At this point it's just you and them. You don't have a team with you, you don't have 45 minutes to talk to them prior, and you don't have time to take them through all the steps. It's just a few minutes of deliverance prayer.

In that case, I would begin to command the demons out in Jesus' name and not worry so much about doing all the steps in order.

I would define personal deliverance as meeting at a neutral location, such as your house, the home of the person being delivered, a prayer room at a church or somewhere similar. I recommend having two or three people help you in this process and allocating at least two hours for a session. Sometimes it's good to say we are setting aside two hours no matter what, and if more prayer needs to happen, we can schedule something else at a later date.

As a male I will never, under any circumstance, pray for a woman alone; I always have other women with me helping to pray, just to be safe and avoid any appearance of evil. If I were a female,

I would recommend never meeting up alone with a male to pray, as you can put yourself in a dangerous position.

To recap, altar deliverance is dynamic, often fast-paced and takes place in the moment. Personal deliverance is planned and affords the opportunity to take your time and be thorough. Now that you understand deliverance environments better, let me take you through all seven steps of casting out a demon.

Step 1: Make sure the person is a believer and wants to be free. Let me be clear on something. I only pray deliverance over believers or those who want to

become believers. The reason is very simple: If the person does not get filled with something to fill the void the demon left, the demons will come back worse. I have seen this happen over and over: Someone who is not a believer gets some deliverance, then goes right back to their sin, and the demons come back

seven times worse.

Another essential component is that the person wants to be free, and I mean desperate. Just as God recognizes free will, so do demons. If the person genuinely does not want to be free, the demons will recognize that and refuse to leave. My general rule of thumb is you have to want to be set free more than I want you to be set free.

It's very important that the person receiving deliverance participates in their deliverance and helps out in any way possible; this might mean they are telling you what the demons are saying to them or simply staying engaged throughout the entire process. Do not feel bad if you realize someone doesn't want freedom, and tell them you can no longer help them. Too many people want freedom to waste your time on those who

“When they renounce the demon, they are breaking its legal right to be there.”



Isaiah Saldivar

do not. Lastly, never force deliverance on someone; it's almost always ineffective.

Step 2: Lead them through prayers of renouncing, dealing with unforgiveness, and verbally commanding the demons to leave. Now that you know they want freedom and are believers, this is where the deliverance begins. I can't overstate how important this step is before even confronting the demons. You will now lead the person through the process of renouncing. To renounce simply means to deny something; the person is basically saying, "I sever attachment to this [particular thing], and I no longer want it in my life." Remember, the demons are there because they were invited somehow. This is saying, "I do not want you in my life any longer." When they renounce the demon, they are breaking its legal right to be there.

I usually start with the main three to five things they are dealing with and make them verbally say, "I renounce lust, I renounce hate, I renounce witchcraft, I renounce addiction, I renounce perversion," and so forth. If there's something they feel they can't say verbally, there is probably a demon there preventing them, so encourage them to push through and take note of that for when it's time to confront the demons.

Dealing with unforgiveness is the next thing you want to do and should not be rushed. Demons have the ability to root themselves into unforgiveness and use it as a legal right to stay, so make sure the person verbally forgives anyone they harbor unforgiveness toward. I often say unforgiveness is like drinking poison and expecting the other person to die. It only

hurts and harms you.

The last part of Step 2 is having the person verbally tell the demons they do not want them there. I would lead them through a prayer like this: "I command every demon to leave me now. I do not want you any longer, I am not your home, and you must go now in Jesus' name. I am a child of God and no longer live in the kingdom of darkness. Christ is my Master, and I am a temple of the Holy Spirit. Every unclean spirit must leave me now, in Jesus' name." This is powerful in letting the demons know the person no longer want them in their life.

Step 3: Confront the demon. At this point the person may already show signs of a demon manifesting. Usually, during the renouncing portion, the demons have already been stirred up and are beginning to show themselves. The key to deliverance is that the demons must be confronted; you need to talk to them boldly and not back down. Let the person know beforehand, "Hey, I may sound a bit aggressive or harsh, but I'm not talking to you like that; I am talking to the demons. Remember, these things are evil, vile personalities that have no mercy on their victims. This is not the time to confront them nicely."

If the demons aren't manifesting, you

can do a few things. For clarity, the word *manifest* means to bring something to the light; by manifesting, I mean the demons have made themselves known by talking through the person and so forth. You can plead the blood of Jesus against them; they hate that. You can have the person look you in the eye; for whatever reason, demons hate looking Spirit-filled believers in the eye, and often this causes the demon to manifest.

If someone is manifesting and a demon is talking out of them, and you want the demon to stop, you can call the person back by name and say something like, "I command Ashley to come back. I no longer want to talk to you, spirit." Usually this will stop the demon from manifesting,

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and the person will gain full control of themselves again. If you're wondering if it's possible to receive deliverance without manifesting a demon, the answer is absolutely. Now that the demon is manifesting and you have confronted it, it's time for Step 4.

Step 4: Bind the demon in

Jesus' name, and command it to go into the abyss. This is where the principle of binding and loosing comes into play. When Scripture mentions "heaven," it refers to the spiritual realm. The term *bind* means to arrest or tie something up. In the spiritual realm we have the power to bind or arrest demonic spirits that are not authorized to be there. Now that the demon is bound, where do we send it?

The Bible does not give a lot of information on where we should send the demon, so this can be subjective, but personally, I command them to go into the abyss, or the pit (they are the same thing). In Luke 8:31 the demons begged Jesus not to send them back into the deep, or the

abyss. So if the demons do not want to go there, that seems like a good place to send them.

I have noticed that when demons leave, they often leave through the mouth; this might be through a loud scream, a long yawn or even coughing. Gagging and feeling as if you want to vomit are normal in a deliverance, as this is simply the demon making its way up through the esophagus, causing you to gag.

There will sometimes be signs of the demon leaving. At times, you will know a demon leaves because the person goes limp or seems lifeless. Demonic spirits usually leave through a loud scream, according to Acts 8:7. There is an unlimited number of ways a demon might leave someone. I am mentioning only the most common. Just because these do not happen during the deliverance does not mean the demon hasn't left.

Step 5: If the demon doesn't leave, find out why. There is always a reason a demon is disobedient. This could be that they still have a legal right to be there, in which case you may need to go back and have the person renounce something or deal with unforgiveness again. I have, at times, been in deliverance for several hours, only to find out the demon is not leaving because the person still has unforgiveness toward someone.

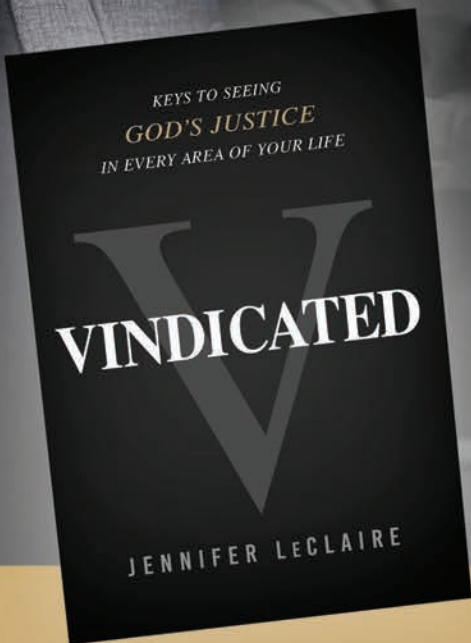
To find out why they are not leaving, you can simply say, "I command you to tell me why you won't leave. What legal right do you have to be here?" The demon may then verbally speak out of the person and tell you why, or the person might hear the reason in their mind. Interacting with the person and asking them what they hear is important.

During this portion of the deliverance, it's easy to get frustrated. Do your best to stay patient and calm, and if you need to, take a five-to-10-minute break, drink some water and regroup. I would also inquire of the others helping you pray and ask their thoughts; they may have a word of knowledge or insight as to why the demons are not leaving or why the deliverance is stalling out.

Step 6: Go back and make sure everything is gone. Demons are very good at hiding, and at this point of the deliverance you may feel as if you're done and the person is completely free. I

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highly advise going back through to make sure nothing is left. You should have had someone taking notes and keeping track of what demons manifested and what demons revealed themselves. I would now say something like, “I command the spirit of lust to reveal itself; I command the spirit of anger to reveal itself; I command any hiding demon to manifest itself now in Jesus’ name.” What you’re trying to do is make sure the demons you thought left didn’t go back into hiding. Sometimes demons will try to fool you into thinking they left when really they are just hiding.

When commanding the demons to leave again, look at body language; if the person starts twitching or reacting in a weird way, it might be a sign the demon is still hiding. Sometimes I will look the person in the eyes and be able to see in the spirit realm that the demon is still there, or it may just begin to manifest again. You’re probably tired at this point and want to be done, but do your best to finish the job. It is much easier to finish a deliverance you have already started than to bring the person back another

day and try to finish it. I will also ask the Holy Spirit for a word of knowledge and to confirm that everything is gone. If I feel peace in my spirit, I will go to the last step; if not, I will continue to apply pressure on the demons that might be hiding.

Step 7: Pray for the Holy Spirit to fill them. I teach people a simple four-step process to help them receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. **1. Repent.** Peter reveals this to us in Acts 2:38: We must repent. There is no way to get around

it. To repent is to completely turn away from our rebellion and sinfulness to say, Lord, change how I think; I am wrong. You are right, and I want You to change me. Repentance is not a one-time thing. It’s a lifestyle. **2. Ask God for it.** Some say if God wants me to have it, He will give it to me. That is not Scriptural; you need to ask! **3. Be thirsty.** We must be thirsty. God does not force His blessings on those who don’t feel they need them. Many people never receive the fullness of the Spirit because they are not really thirsty. If you think you already have all you need, why should God bother you with more? To be thirsty is essential. It

means you recognize you need more than you already have. Thirst is one of the strongest desires in the human body. When people are really thirsty, they do not care about eating or satisfying other needs. All they want is something to drink. Jesus says this has to be all you want. **4. You must drink!** Jesus said you must “drink” (John 7:37). This is so simple that some people don’t discuss it. In a natural sense, to drink is to receive something within you by a decision of your will and a physical act. A similar process is required for receiving the Holy Spirit. Being passive means saying, “Well, if God wants to do it, let Him do it!” That response is not drinking. To drink is to receive within you actively.

Now that the demons are gone, as Jesus says in Matthew 12, the house is empty. It needs to be filled—filled with the Holy Spirit! ◀

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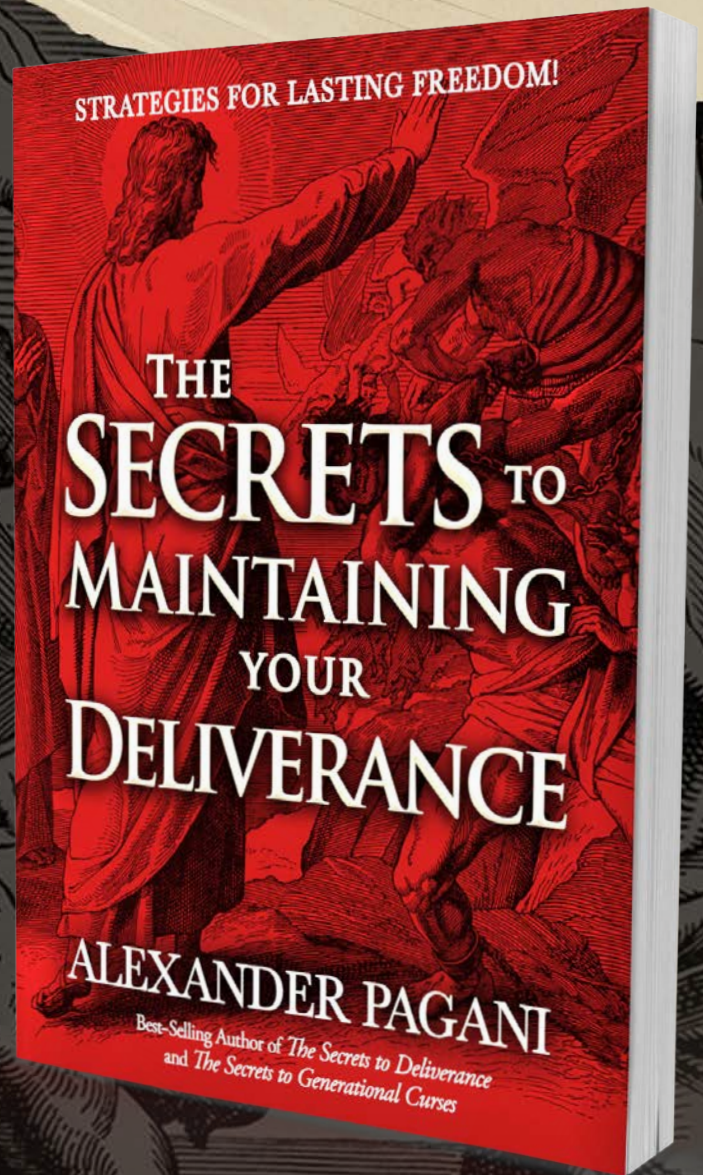
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“And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name,” Revelation 13:16-17 (KJV).

As we grapple with the implications of artificial intelligence, we find ourselves looking to the past for guidance, seeking answers in the wisdom of the ages. The Bible, with its unique

tapestry of infallible truth and prophecy, offers intriguing parallels to the rise of AI that can't be ignored. Revelation 13:15-16 (NIV) speaks of a “beast” that wields enormous power and influence: “The second beast was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that the image could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed. It also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads.” Could this prophecy point toward an advanced form of AI, capable of tracking, analyzing, and manipulating human behavior on an unprecedented scale? Might the “mark of the beast” be a metaphor for the invasive reach of such a super-intelligent entity, extending into every facet of our lives?

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This interpretation is not beyond the realm of possibility, especially when we consider the advent of technologies such as neural interfaces, biometrics, and predictive algorithms. A future AI, equipped with these capabilities, could easily fulfill the role of the beast, exerting immense control over society. Another fascinating parallel can be found in the prediction of the false prophet: “And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give life unto

the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed,” (Rev. 13:14-15 KJV).

Perhaps this image of the beast that speaks and holds power refers to a sophisticated AI system, one that can convincingly emulate human communication and exert significant influence. In an era of deep fakes and persuasive algorithms, the idea of deceptive AI propagating false truths is not far-fetched.

These potential parallels between biblical prophecies and AI are certainly thought-provoking and unsettling. However, it's important to remember that these interpretations are just that:

interpretations. They are conjectures that should inspire caution and introspection, not fear. We are, after all, more than conquerors (see Romans 8:37).

AI and the Antichrist: The Grand Deceiver

In Christian eschatology, the figure of the Antichrist has long been a subject of fascination and dread—embodying the ultimate deception and apostasy. This figure is anticipated to possess great power and charisma, leading many astray with false doctrines and miracles. As we delve deeper into the realm of AI, it's worth considering whether a sufficiently advanced artificial intelligence could potentially aid this character in his prophetic role.

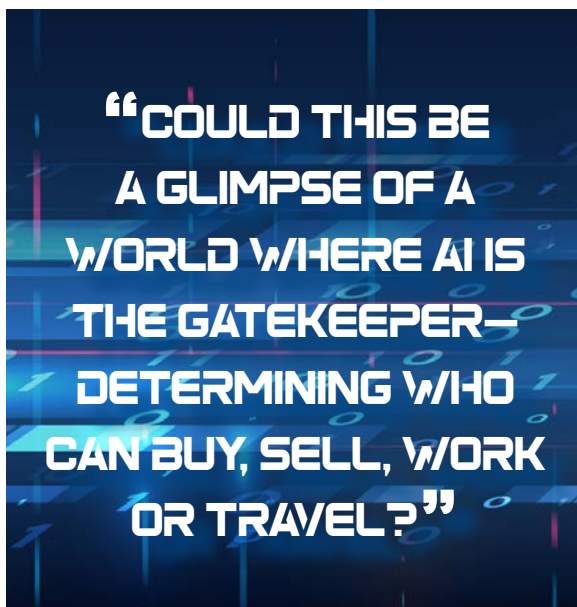
On a superficial level, an advanced AI could mimic human conversation and behavior so convincingly that it might deceive those interacting with it into believing that they are dealing with a human. However, the role of the Antichrist as described in biblical texts goes much further. This entity is prophesied to have a profound and destructive influence on human beliefs, leading many away from truth.

One way AI might accomplish this is through the mass manipulation of information. With the advent of deep-fake technology, AI algorithms can create highly convincing false images, videos and even speech. An AI with malevolent intent and these capabilities could spread disinformation on an unprecedented scale, leading people to question the very nature of truth and reality.

Additionally, the rise of personal assistant AIs and algorithmically driven content feeds already shows how AI can subtly influence our choices and perceptions. These algorithms are designed to show us content that we're likely to agree with or enjoy, often creating an echo chamber that reinforces our existing beliefs and filters out dissenting viewpoints. This kind

of subtle, pervasive influence could be exploited by a hostile AI to manipulate public opinion, sowing discord and confusion. However, it's essential to remember that the concept of the Antichrist is fundamentally tied to spiritual and religious deception, leading people away from God and toward false worship.

Whether an artificial entity like an AI, which lacks a soul or spiritual nature, could fulfill such a role is a profound theological question. Ultimately,



the prospect of an AI/Antichrist hybrid serves as a potent reminder of the potential dangers inherent in AI technology. It reveals the need for robust ethical frameworks and safeguards as we continue to develop these systems. The AIs we're building today may not be the prophesied Antichrist, but they hold the potential to change our world in ways we can barely imagine. Let's ensure those changes are for the better.

AI As a Tool of Control: The Mark of the Digital Beast

The prophecies in Revelation have long been a source of speculation and wonder, with scholars interpreting its cryptic passages in a myriad ways. One prophecy that continues to resonate with chilling relevance is the so-called "mark of the beast." As our technology continues to evolve, we must consider the potential ways AI could be used to

exert control over populations.

Consider, for example, the rise of surveillance technologies. In the digital age, AI-powered systems can track individuals through facial recognition, analyze their online activities, and predict their behavior with unsettling precision. These capabilities, in the wrong hands, could facilitate a level of surveillance and control that surpasses even the most notorious surveillance states of the 20th century.

The Soviet Union's KGB and East Germany's Stasi were notorious for their extensive networks of informants and intrusive surveillance—leading to societies steeped in fear and paranoia. Imagine, the magnitude of control that could be achieved with AI. An AI system could theoretically keep tabs on every citizen, tracking their movements, analyzing their communications, and even predicting their actions with far greater efficiency than any human-run organization.

Furthermore, with the advent of AI and advanced biotechnology, the mark of the beast prophecy takes on a new significance. Invasive technologies, such as microchip implants and biometric identification systems, could become the de facto "mark"—providing access to services, goods, and information, much like the prophecy suggests in Revelation 13.

The Chinese Social Credit System provides a contemporary example of how technology can be used to control behavior on a mass scale. This system leverages AI to track citizen behavior, doling out rewards and punishments based on adherence to desired social norms. If you post something they don't like on social media, you might not get that loan for your home, or you could lose your job. Could this be a glimpse of a world where AI is the gatekeeper—determining who can buy, sell, work or travel?

The potential for AI to be used as a tool of control is a sobering thought. It highlights the urgency of establishing strong ethical guidelines and

regulatory measures for AI development and implementation. As we continue to innovate and push the boundaries of AI, we must always keep these cautions and prophecies in mind.

Yet, it's crucial to remember that AI, like any tool, is neutral. Its impact on society, whether beneficial or detrimental, is determined by how we choose to use it. By approaching AI with caution, wisdom and a commitment to upholding human dignity and freedom, we can steer its development in a direction that benefits all of humanity and aids us in preaching the Gospel.

Satan's End-Time Strategy Exposed

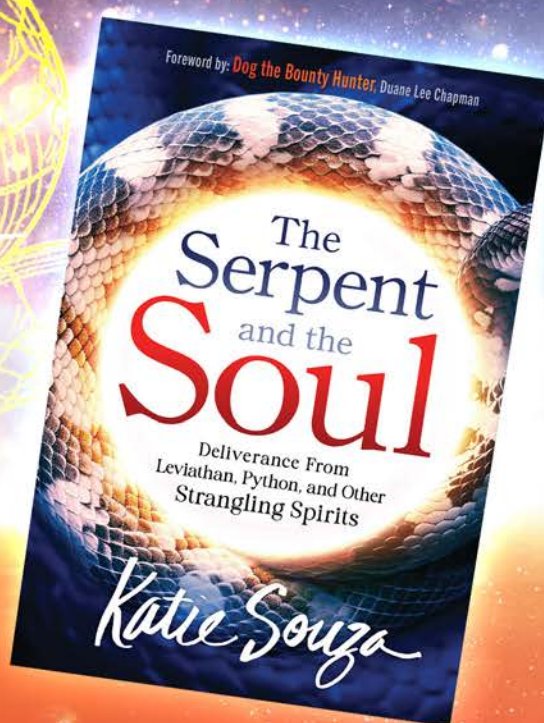
The Antichrist's goal is to wear the saints down. Due to the lateness of the hour in which we live, I believe the Antichrist has been born and is walking the earth right now. However, he is unable to reveal himself because of the restraining influence of the church. His goal will be the same regardless of when he appears—he will attempt to wear out the saints. Never forget that the goal of the Antichrist spirit is to weary you. Don't let him!

Don't wait until it is too late to fill up spiritually. It may be inconvenient, and it may take a little extra effort, but we must do it while we have the time. Let's be patient and stay prepared! Whether it's artificial intelligence, aliens, or the Antichrist, we will not cower in our cultural corner and hope for the best. We will not abandon this generation because we know it's all going to eventually come down anyway. The ethical and moral dilemmas we'll face won't be easy, but neither were the challenges confronted by the early church or by countless faithful followers of Christ throughout history. We must rise up to face these challenges head-on. ◀

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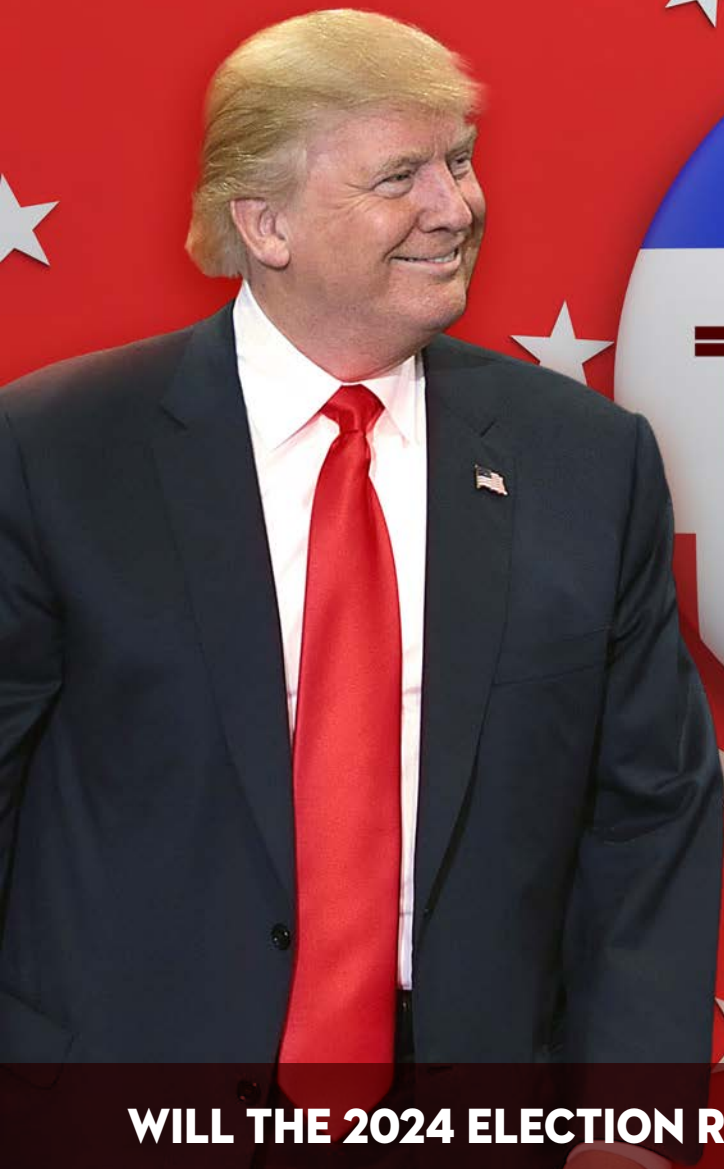
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WILL THE 2024 ELECTION RELEASE GOD'S BLESSINGS? . . .

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Donald Trump vs. Kamala Harris? Christians will have a decision in November to choose between two distinctly different worldviews—opposing views as starkly divergent as good vs. evil, freedom of speech vs. censorship, truth vs. propaganda, religious liberty vs. attacks on traditional biblical Christianity—to occupy the seat of power in the White House and determine the future of the United States of America.

The outcome of this election will affect every Christian in America one way or another, spiritually, economically and culturally. Not only may this election be the most consequential election since the Civil War with Abraham Lincoln, but at the heart of this presidential election is a spiritual battle that is raging like a wildfire, as if the devil himself is cranking up the propaganda machine and spiritual smoke screens to keep as many Christians discouraged, confused,

inactive, compromised and blinded to the truth as possible.

The 2024 presidential election is a fight for the soul and spirit of America.

An Election Season Already Filled with Twists & Turns

The United States has experienced the equivalent of national whiplash. In a flash, the country watched two attempted assassinations of President Trump and, subsequently, Trump giving thanks to the Lord God for saving his life and humbly recognizing that this election and the presidency itself are bigger than just Donald Trump because of God's bigger purposes for His church and kingdom.

Elon Musk described Trump's fearless reaction in the moment of the assassination attempt as "strength under fire."

Yet, in another flash a few weeks later, there was the Hollywood movie-style meteoric rise of Vice President Harris from the doldrums of one of the lowest approval ratings for a VP



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in history to being portrayed in the media as the “hope” for America, the anti-MAGA, anti-Trump crusader, the morally superior candidate, an Obama-type messianic savior, doling out promise after promise with smooth-sounding words and high-quality advertisements.

She appears to be willing to say anything she needs to say to cajole liberal Christians, cultural Christians, frightened Christians and Christians who don't know or accept the Bible to vote for her or to at least *not* vote for Trump.

In a savvy political move, a coalition called “Evangelicals for Harris” was formed to help accomplish this goal. They are aiming for the low-hanging “fruit” of Christian voters who are undecided, frustrated or confused.

Make no mistake about it: Kamala Harris will win or lose based on the way Christians vote in this election. Every Christian who decides to *not* vote at all in this election because of fuzzy “concerns” about Trump's character, mean tweets or past sins is essentially casting a vote for Kamala Harris. Joe Biden's

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VP and all the secular globalists around the world are hoping for it. A whopping 30% of Christians are projected to not vote in the 2024 presidential election.

The last thing that Harris/Walz ticket want Christians to obtain is spiritual discernment, which is why they unleashed “Evangelicals for Harris” to show that there are, in fact, many Christians supporting Harris for President. At the Democratic National Convention, the Harris campaign had “Evangelicals for Harris” signage in one area, and in another area, free abortions and vasectomies were being offered.

Is Trump Snatching Defeat from the Jaws of Victory?

Ironically, however, the Harris campaign may be doing a better job courting the Christian community than Trump's campaign is—or at least making them indolent, indifferent and unwilling to get off their sofas to vote on or before Nov. 5. If Trump is taking the votes of the Christian community for granted or if he thinks all Christians see through the façade

of the Harris campaign and recognize that Harris is a “puppet” of the godless globalist elites and powerbrokers, Trump will lose the election.

“If Trump loses the election, churches in America won’t be the same again,” says Donne Clement Petruska, daughter of the late prophet Kim Clement, VP of the House of Destiny Network and host of the highly rated program about the prophetic in current affairs called *Codebreakers*.

“It’s hard to see and know the truth right now for many people. So many

Trump infuriated a portion of the Christian community when he took a more moderate stance on abortion and said he would not do a national ban on abortion. He cited the U.S. Supreme Court’s ruling and said abortion would be sent back to the states to decide state-by-state.

Prophetic Revelations

“Kim Clement prophesied over a decade ago about the rise of what he called a ‘New American Party’ that would bring oneness to the United States of

White House.

Positioning himself as the “Common Sense President,” Trump could avert World War III, deport illegal immigrants and turnaround the current economic struggles of this nation to become truly prosperous for all citizens, so Americans can be a blessing to more people and more nations once again.

Now, growing in his faith in Christ, despite his natural flaws and past mistakes, Trump is looking to a national spiritual revival to happen in the hearts of people to open the eyes of American citizens so that, even if abortion is legal in the cases of rape, incest or the life of the mother, the number of abortions will drop significantly because there will be a renewal of American values that prioritize God’s love and a better life for everyone, including unborn babies.

“We are still seeing a transformation in Donald Trump, spiritually,” Clement Petruska says. “My father Kim Clement prophesied that Trump would go into the White House whispering God’s name, serve two terms, and then come out shouting His name. In this moment, God has raised up Trump. As Christians, we need to seek God to understand and practice the prophetic, so we can recognize the leader whom God chooses to be president of the United States.”

Prophetic Revelation about the Open Southern Border

An ancient evil spirit is coming through the open southern border of the United States, according to Clement Petruska. This filthy spirit, which is rooted in extremism and already pulled down Western Europe, has adversely affected the youth in America significantly, creating a silent pandemic of spiritual hollowness and despair. The hearts of once compassionate women are now sacrificing their babies at the abortion altar right up to birth and, in some cases, even after birth.

“It’s the responsibility of the church in America to face this evil spirit that has come through the open southern border affecting millions of people, but the church doesn’t want to see it,” says Clement Petruska.

Kamala Harris is pro-open borders and pro-amnesty, which is imperative



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people don’t read the Bible anymore. Propaganda appeals to the soft part of a person’s heart and then you can find yourself thrust into deception without realizing it. Scales need to be removed from the eyes of Christians, so they can see more clearly,” Clement Petruska says.

“Everything is at stake in this election,” says Pam Olsen, Founder and President of the Florida Prayer Network. “Pro-family, pro-Israel, pro-life—these are what is at stake. We cannot walk away from godly principles. It’s our job to do what’s right. Voting is important.”

She adds, “People can disagree, but when it comes to standing on the issues that matter and are biblical, we need to stand strong. Listen, we see the hordes of hell marching and they have a war room, targeting Christians. It’s outrageous that abortion was celebrated at the DNC in August in Chicago.”

Sensitive to the high levels of spiritual warfare at play, Olsen asserts that Christians should pray for Trump. The 45th President is credited with putting Justices on the Supreme Court that went on to overturn *Roe v. Wade*—the biggest pro-life decision by the U.S. government in six decades. But he is not without his critics within conservative Christian circles.

America, and I believe it’s the MAGA movement, which is why it has been so viciously attacked. My Dad saw the movement as full of Christians. As the leader of the MAGA movement, Trump will be honored by God for his sacrifice and the sacrifice of his family to save America,” says Clement Petruska.

The nation would not know about much of the corruption of the mainstream media, the intelligence community, the judicial system, the higher education institutions, Big Tech (including social media companies), and both political parties (Democrats and Republicans) if it were not for Trump. As a populist, he dared to try to give the power back to the American citizenry (“We the People”). And he is hated for it because it shakes the foundation of the godless global order.

Kim Clement’s daughter says, “My father prophesied that God would baptize Donald Trump with the Holy Spirit.”

Regardless of the threats, Trump chose to give America a chance to have a president who can hear the voice of the Holy Spirit when he has to make big decisions in the White House. In his second term, Trump may be blessed with the greatest wisdom and discernment that any U.S. President has ever had in the

for Christians to understand. After President Biden appointed her as the “Border Czar,” she allowed the southern border to be open for an influx of illegal immigrants for over three years. In contrast, Trump has consistently vowed to close and secure the southern border. This may be one of the most spiritually positive things that he does in his second term, if he is elected.

“God wants His people to turn away from the counterfeit,” says Clement Petruska. “God is shaking the church system. He wants to purify the hearts of Christians.” Nevertheless, Harris and the Democrats want to keep up the smoke screen of deception to cast Trump as a racist, a dictator, a xenophobe, a homophobe and the famously empty phrase “a threat to democracy,” by a political party that leapfrogged the entire democratic primary election process to install the candidate that powerbrokers, who hate Jesus Christ and all His followers, want to preserve their own power and prestige.

According to a Media Research Center study, the media coverage of Harris has been 84% positive, while the media coverage of Trump has been 89% negative, overall. Trump is simply too much of a threat to the political elitists, establishment politicians, military-industrial complex, intelligence community, education unions, closet communists, secular humanists, cultural Marxists and global order heading toward one world government that will persecute Christians. Trump is in the way.

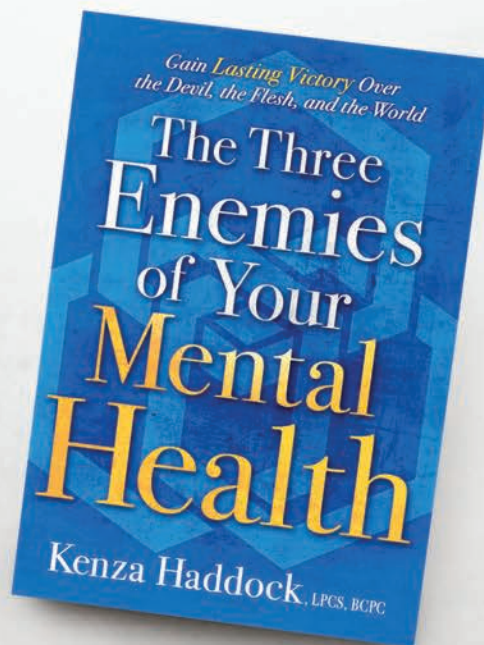
As if living in an alternate universe, Harris is beloved by the mainstream media, (paid) social media influencers and high-profile celebrities whose lives are extremely different than the average Christian. These are the people who have no problem calling good “evil” and evil “good.” These are the people who wish Christians would shut up, stop posting on X, live in hopelessness, not vote, and go away.

If Kamala Harris wins the presidency and unleashes hell on Christians in America, there will be no one to blame except the Christians who did not vote on Nov. 5. ◀

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THE BLOOD OF CHRIST, WE KNOW THE DEVIL'S SCHEMES, IT
IS TIME TO *TRAMPLE* THE ENEMY OF OUR SOULS

BY JOHN RAMIREZ

The world has sent a plain and clear message to the church at large today. When I say the world, I mean the systems of the world that belong to the devil. That is spiritual warfare on a different scale. We have left it untouched, and now we have created a monster. That monster is telling the church, “Be silent and step down. Now we have become the woke church.”

This “woke” church has come into agreement with the devil and his demonic systems of the world. Because the world has taken God out of the equation, this is what they do now. When they can’t fix something, they legalize it and make it the norm. But just because something is legal here on the earth doesn’t mean it’s legal in heaven.

We are living in a place where no one is talking about this kind of spiritual warfare. We have no problem talking about demons in the church. We easily talk about Jezebel, marine spirits, python spirits and husband spirits, and we identify with those de-mons and that platform. But there is one spirit that has the world running toward the edge of the cliff.

I have made the choice to be brave enough and tough enough to run in the opposite direction and expose what needs to be exposed. Call me crazy. Call me mad. I can live with that because I’ve learned in my walk with the Lord that I don’t live based on the opinions of people; I live by the truth of God.

Someone needs to address the elephant in the room. But there are two animals in this room: an elephant and an ostrich. The elephant in the room is the demonic systems of the world. The ostrich in the room is the woke church with its head in the sand, hoping the elephant will leave the room—but no one is pushing him out.

We have allowed these demonic false identities and principalities to run our nation, our country and our world. What blows my mind is how we are so in love with religion. We have allowed the Vatican and the Pope and demonic systems in Catholicism to run the show and open Christianity to demons.

In this day and age when truth is called insanity, who is going to address the elephant in the room? When you address the demonic, it’s called spiritual warfare. Who did it better than Jesus when He addressed the leaders of His day, the demonic of His day, the contradictions of His day, and the conflicts of His

day? Jesus confronted them head-on with love and with truth.

Think about this powerful quote: “When the whole world is running toward a cliff, he who is running in the opposite direction appears to have lost his mind.” That would be me, and I’m OK with that because the world is running toward the edge of the cliff, and someone has to save them.

I say this with a heavy heart. I remember 9/11 in New York City. From the rooftop of the building that I lived in I could see the smoke from the burning towers. How many thousands of people ran out of those buildings like they had never run before in their whole lives? I praise God for the many who made it out. But here’s the thing: while many wonderful people were running out of the buildings to save their lives, firefighters were running in, knowing they would lose their lives. I have always been perplexed by that because when danger shows up, our human instinct is to run the other way, not toward the danger.

I guess that will be my story. I’m going to run in the opposite direction, away from the cliff. I’m going to sound the alarm and sound the trumpets by exposing the demonic systems of the world that have run unchecked for as long as I can remember.

I have been saved for 25 years. When I was in the devil’s kingdom my job, my assignment, my mission was to astral project to curse the regions and reinforce them with demonic witchcraft. So I think I know a little bit about what’s going on.

This Is No Time to Fall Asleep

The church has fallen asleep in the lap of Delilah, the lap of the world. As a result the enemy is running the show, using the news media, Hollywood, government, schools, sports and social media. People are approaching the edge of the cliff and are perishing spiritually. The devil and his demonic kingdom are having their way, and time is running out.

We, the church, are the ostrich with its head in the sand. No one wants to confront spiritual warfare. Ephesians 6:12 (MEV) says, “For our fight is not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, and against spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.” As believers, we don’t attack people. We love people. They are made in the image of the Lord Jesus Christ. We do, however, attack and confront what’s behind the scenes. I call



“MY *TEETH* ARE READY, DEVIL. MY *BITE* IS HARD THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.”

it spiritual warfare of the highest levels for the woke church. I love Jesus Christ too much, as well as the church and the people of the world, to leave things the way they are.

In 1999 I was given the opportunity of a lifetime. Salvation came knocking at my door. I believe everyone in the world, regardless of who they are, what they've done, or what they're going through, deserves the same knock at the door. Revelation 3:20 says, “Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.”

It's time to wake up, get your head out of the sand and be the church of Jesus Christ. People may think you lost your mind, but that's OK. You can tell them, “I lost my mind, and I'm in good company.” We all want to live in the neighborhood on the street called Politically Correct, but I will be the man running in the opposite direction, away from the cliff, sounding the trumpets and healing and confirming. We can confront the spiritual warfare that has gone on unchecked, unchallenged and unopposed for a very long time because the church refuses to get its head out of the sand, choosing instead to let the elephant sit in the room. We walk by the elephant. We walk around the elephant. Sometimes we even feed the elephant.

Not here. Not us. Not me. “If it seems we are crazy, it is to bring glory to God. And if we are in our right minds, it is for your benefit,” (2 Cor. 5:13, NLT). How do you like them apples?

Martin Luther changed Christianity in his time. He was not afraid to nail the *Ninety-Five Theses* (propositions for debate concerned with the question of indulgences) to the door of the church. He confronted and challenged the evildoers of his day and told them the truth. He was not afraid of engaging in spiritual

warfare and bringing the truth right to the devil's face. In the words of this amazing man of God, “A preacher must be both soldier and shepherd. He must nourish, defend, and teach; he must have teeth in his mouth, and be able to bite and to fight.”

My teeth are ready, devil. My bite is hard through the power of the Holy Spirit.

God Never Called Me to Be an Ostrich

Today we are facing spiritual warfare at the highest level in the public square of our society. The church would rather be politically correct and act like the ostrich with its head in the sand than to step into the public square and

“THE DEVIL'S WEAPONS AIM TO LEGALIZE, CHANGE TRUTH FOR LIES AND PROMOTE FALSE REALITIES.”

engage in spiritual warfare to set the world free. I will call truth, truth; I will call lies, lies. I will be on the Lord's side until the day He calls me home.

We would rather face demons at events and conferences than in the public square. We deliverance ministers come to these events and love on our brothers and sisters, and by the power of

the Holy Spirit and the gifts that God has given us, He sets captives free—and that's a good thing. I'm all into that. But there is a dying world out there that has been so infiltrated and incarcerated by the devil and his demonic systems that right is called wrong and wrong is called right. The church has not addressed this elephant that has been stinking up the room called the world.

Today we find ourselves with a society that is about to run off the cliff, and no one is saying anything. No one is sounding the trumpet. How cruel would it be for me to walk through your neighborhood at three in the morning, see a building on fire, stay quiet and just keep walking home? Really? Did God save you for that? Did Jesus pay the ultimate price on the cross so you could walk by the burning building without sounding the alarm, knocking on the doors and yelling from the bottom of your heart, “The building is on fire!” to those asleep in their apartments?

Call me mad. All the days of my life I will respect and honor the heroes—the firefighters, the paramedics and others who run into burning buildings to save others, as they did on 9/11. But I'm talking about this from the spiritual side. If you tell someone to turn around, they will probably think you're insane.

The church has become mainstream, not holy ground. There are few TV shows, the real popular ones, the household names, that invite popular influential preachers to come on their shows. The devil knows who he can pick and put on a show. I think if they put me on one of those shows, they would cut it short and have security escort me out. That's because I come with the truth, not with my agenda. I come with the arsenals of heaven and the love of Jesus Christ because the people on these shows deserve to

hear the knock on the door along with those who are tuning in.

As a believer, you are the church of Jesus Christ when you step out into the public square. Not everyone will go to a church, so we are the only Bible that many people will see. I call this the fifth gospel. As believers we all are the fifth gospel, out in the open in this demonic society. Many of us shine brightly in the church, but once we get out in the world we walk in doom and gloom.

The devil's weapons aim to legalize, change truth for lies and promote false realities. If we hear something repeated enough times on the news and in social media, it sounds like the truth. But they are lies, false realities that keep people running toward the cliff. Let's confront the spiritual warfare elephant in the room.

The devil has his hand wrapped around the world. Someone needs to pry his fingers off once and for all. But the woke church doesn't want to step onto the battlefield. They would rather live on the love boat so as not to offend the devil and his demonic systems—but it's OK to offend Jesus at any given time. It's OK to let the enemy destroy our families, our children, our communities and our human values that God created for us from the beginning of time. The church doesn't want to address present demonic issues. We just want nice talk.

Where is your courage? Where is your fight?

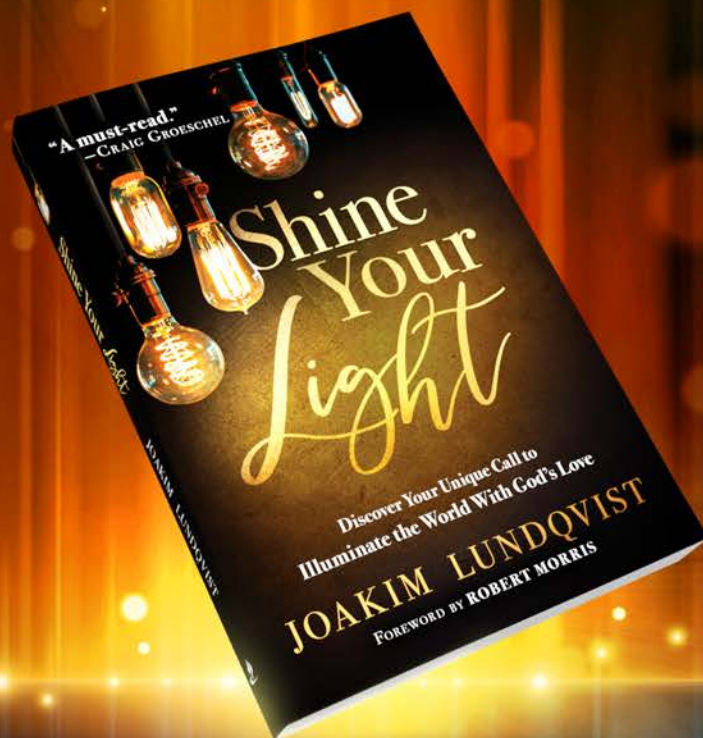
It's time to kick the elephant out of the room. Where is your heart? Prayer wins. It's time for us to pray corporately, internationally, here and around the world. Raise your voice, and together we will shake and rattle the devil's cage—the world. We've got this. ◀

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Five ROLES *for the* SAINTS


*VICTORY, FREEDOM and WHOLENESS
in warfare for DELIVERANCE*

BY ALEXANDER PAGANI

The goal of deliverance ministry is that you never come back—the same goal as in any post-operation doctor visit. If you follow the prescribed steps to remain healthy and faithfully take your medication, you will not need to return to the hospital for further surgery, except in extreme cases. The gospel is sufficient. Jesus is sufficient. The Word of God is sufficient. And submitting to God and resisting the devil, as His Word tells us to do, work. Identity comparisons are effective analogies that compare believers to job descriptions or statuses to help them understand ways that God wants us to operate. They are found in multiple places in the New Testament epistles and the Synoptic Gospels, in the form of parables or analogies. Examples of this are when Jesus compared us to vineyard workers (Matt. 20:1–16) and to wedding guests (Matt. 22:1–14). These analogies give us greater understanding of our identity and responsibility in Christ.

As I teach in my new book, *The Secrets to Maintaining Your Deliverance*, these are five analogies that are great in helping the saints understand their Christian responsibilities:

- 1) **The soldier**
- 2) **The athlete**
- 3) **The shepherd**
- 4) **The farmer**
- 5) **The bride**

A person is shown in silhouette from the side, with their arms raised and hands open, reaching towards a bright, hazy light source. The background is a warm, golden-brown color with soft, wispy clouds or smoke-like patterns. The overall mood is one of hope, freedom, and spiritual release.

“Deliverance works.
Remaining free is
POSSIBLE.
He whom the
Son sets free is
free indeed.”

#1 Be the Loyal Soldier

Let's start with the most obvious analogy of all, one that appears the most in the New Testament and may be the best-known among believers—that of a soldier. Believers are compared to soldiers in the book of Ephesians, which goes into detail to describe our armor and our mental state in preparing for war.

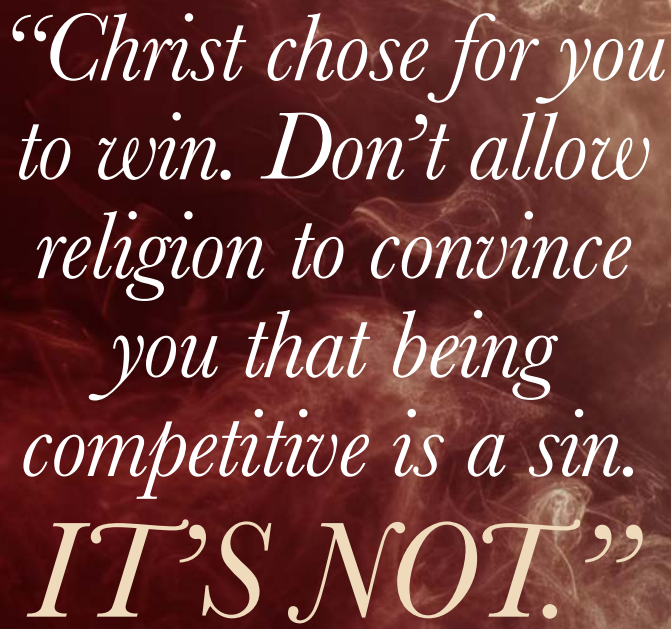
What makes someone a loyal soldier? Let's first consider what a soldier is primarily known for and why the role of the soldier exists. Being a soldier has three key aspects.

Training: Soldiers are trained to do battle, to never lose a fight, and to know everything about their enemy. What does this mean for believers? Well, we need to take on a “boot camp” mentality. God will allow us to encounter different trials and tests to fortify us and train us in the battle.

How do you train for spiritual battle? Discipline yourself through daily reading your Bible and daily spending time in worship and prayer. Faithfully attend church as often as you can. You have begun the rigorous process of training how to fight. And once you have learned how to fight, you are ready for combat.

Combat: When the Lord determines that believers are ready, He places them into small battles or combat. If you want to maintain your freedom, you're going to have to fight for it. You fight by taking control of your mind and casting down imaginations, learning to discipline the way you speak, and getting involved in different outreaches in your church. All these things involve combat. Standing up for truth in a lukewarm, evil society can also be a form of combat. Even those assigned to less-obvious levels of warfare are called to action during times of need.

Endurance: The more you fight, the more you will be able to handle in a fight. Endurance is the ability to withstand long



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periods of fighting or to tolerate multiple attacks on your person. Soldiers are typically known for one thing: not quitting. They are trained to fight to the death, and they will endure just about anything that comes without flinching, because the goal of winning the battle is more important than anything else.

The apostle Paul urged us to become that kind of soldier. He wanted us to be able to endure hardship. Far too many saints are weak and give up too easily. No matter how much it hurts—no matter how hard the devil is attacking you because of your deliverance—endure, and fight back. You’re not just a saint; you’re a soldier in the army of the Lord, and you are required to take up arms and fight. Don’t allow yourself to get caught up with the cares of this life. Learn everything you need to know about the ministry of deliverance and the demonic, and fight back. You have been mandated to fight. You are required to fight. God chose you to fight. Now fight, soldier.

#2 Disciplined as an Athlete

The comparison of the believer to an athlete is found all throughout Paul’s writings. I think it speaks to us very clearly regarding discipline. So, not only are we soldiers, fighting God’s battles,

but we are also athletes.

Athletes are known for three things.

Competing: I believe Paul used the analogy of an athlete for one reason: competition. I know that being competitive has a negative connotation to many Christians, but truly it doesn’t always have to be a self-centered exercise. Every successful athlete must have a competitive edge or won’t make the team. Likewise, something inside you must scream, “I’m not going to let the devil win.” Anyone who joins a team should have that “we’re going to win” spirit.

Christ chose for you to win. Don’t allow religion to convince you that being competitive is a sin. It’s not. When you join a team, you no longer represent yourself but the team that chose you.

Representing: I truly think that when Christians fail to fight back, they misrepresent the kingdom. You’ve been selected to be part of the greatest team on earth. But failure to maintain your freedom makes your team look bad. When you stand your ground like a true athlete, you represent your team well.

Winning: Winning must be the goal of all athletes. But victory can be achieved only through two things: discipline and rules. Discipline is the greatest friend of the athlete. Without it, winning will not be possible. Discipline

includes the ritual of doing something over and over again until it’s perfected. Maintaining your freedom involves the discipline of your mind. Discipline it repeatedly until you get to the point of needing a deliverance only in extreme cases. The second way athletes win the prize is by following the rules. You can’t violate God’s rules of freedom and expect to remain free. If you play with sin, you will open the door for demons to return. It’s foolish for athletes to expect to win a prize if they have been violating the rules of the competition.

#3 Shepherd Your Soul

I know you may not be used to hearing this, but you are truly the one responsible to watch over your own soul; it’s not up to your local pastor. Yes, pastors play an important role in guarding our souls, but they are not with us 24/7, and we shouldn’t place that kind of burden on them. Ultimately each of us must shepherd our own soul.

It’s your personal responsibility to learn how your pastor shepherds your soul and then replicate that when the pastor isn’t around. As shepherds, pastors do three things.

Feed: The main goal of any pastor is to feed God’s people. Pastors spend countless hours in the Word preparing sermons to help their congregations grow in their Christian faith. To shepherd your soul, then, you must practice your own personal Bible studies and spend time digging in to the Scriptures. Feed yourself.

Guide: Pastors guide their sheep to green pastures and still waters. It’s their responsibility to make sure the sheep are led to safe places and not endangered. The same must be said about your soul. The Holy Spirit will indicate when you need to remove yourself from places that could open the doors to the demonic or lead to temptation. But He will not do the removing for you; it’s something you must do as the true pastor of your own soul.

Protect: The following verse gives the perfect contrast of the true heart of a pastor. Pastors protect the sheep from wolves. You must be ready to give your life in protecting your soul from the devil and the kingdom of darkness. Don’t run

away when you see the devil trying to creep in. Confront him head-on. This means your discernment must be on high alert to see the wolf coming. That requires a watchdog style of protection. I refuse to allow the wolf to gain an inch in my heart—and so must you.

#4 Cultivate Like an Industrious Farmer

Farming-related comparisons show up many times in the New Testament, and Jesus used them quite frequently in His parables. Paul also related the believer to a farmer. I think this was the most widely recognized analogy by those living in ancient times.

A farmer is different from a shepherd or a soldier. This is the vocation of agriculture, so a different set of rules applies. It requires a lifestyle of patience. Most of us who grew up in the city have no idea what it means to farm, but we do know that farmers who raise crops do at least three things.

Planting: A crop farmer's entire lifestyle and vocation depend on one thing: planting. Everything hinges on sowing

those seeds by protecting them. The same is true for you. When you get set free, you don't just walk away, trusting God to keep you that way. No. You must cultivate the ground and treat yourself—your heart and mind—like a field. Without good cultivation there will be no harvest.

Harvesting: The goal of every farmer is the harvest. The harvest means farmers will benefit from all the time and effort they spent planting, cultivating and watering. It's not wrong to express joy at your newfound freedom. Tell the whole world about how Jesus set you free—like the man with the legion of demons did in Mark 5:20. Farmers don't hide their harvests. So, don't hide your deliverance. Those who hide their deliverance are bound to lose it.

#5 Be the Pure, Virtuous Bride of Christ

This last analogy is another that the apostles and Jesus frequently used, that of a bride. All through the Gospels, we find many parables and metaphors related to the idea of a bride or a bridegroom. The apostle Paul had this concept

so. But choosing to partner with Him means you will submit whenever the Holy Spirit instructs you about something that will help you keep the door shut to the demonic. Partnering requires a contractual agreement. When you went through the ministry of deliverance, you in essence signed a contract of liberty with God. It requires you to partner with Him to continue to guard your soul.

Help: Eve was created to be Adam's "help meet" (Gen. 2:18). In other words, Eve was created to help Adam meet the requirements God had given him. You must be a willing helper to your own soul regarding your own freedom. If you won't help yourself, then you won't be able to fulfill all that God requires from you.

Service: Just as a wife serves her husband in various ways, so should the bride of Christ serve Him. We must be willing to serve Him with singleness of heart and mind. I know this might sound strange, but you must serve your own soul as well. Be willing to listen to your spirit when it's talking to you through discernment. Make it your business to focus on your soul, like a bride makes time for her groom.

Freedom will work if you properly use the user guide that God has provided as outlined in Scripture. Deliverance works. Remaining free is possible. He whom the Son sets free is free indeed. How? If you continue in His Word, you will know the truth and the truth will make you free. ♣

“A farmer is different from a shepherd or a soldier...it requires a lifestyle of PATIENCE.”

seed. If this one thing is not done, even if the land gets the right amount of rain and sunlight, the farmer will go bankrupt.

You must be like a farmer and plant into your own life, whatever that may look like. Reading good Christian books; watching good, wholesome movies; listening to good, clean music; enjoying a walk; spending time with family—all of these, not just the overtly spiritual things, plant good seed in your soul. The idea of planting has to do with investment. You must invest in your soul and see yourself like a farmer. Don't be afraid to plant seeds of freedom.

Cultivating: Once farmers plant, then they begin the process of cultivating

in mind when he oversaw the churches he'd founded. Paul's goal was to keep the church pure while it waited for the Bridegroom to return and take His bride back to His home.

Why is understanding this bride and bridegroom concept important? It has to do with the seriousness of the vows you take when you get married. Once you take the marriage vows, you are held to the standard of marriage—the highest standard of rules in a relationship. A bride is held to a higher standard, which can be summed up in the following ways.

Partnership: Your freedom can be enforced only if you partner with the Holy Spirit. He won't force you to do

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HOW WILL YOU STEWARD *GOD'S JUSTICE*
SEASONS WHEN THEY ARRIVE?

SEIZE YOUR KAIROS TIME!

BY JENNIFER LeCLAIRE

Stay calm.
Be patient.
Your time is coming.”
I heard the Lord thunder those words at the point of my new beginning. Only days earlier, I was vindicated of a false accusation and released from jail after 40 days of unjust incarceration that cost me nearly everything I had.

After I was freed from the bars that held me captive—both physically and spiritually—I was forced to move back in with my parents. Because my father expected me to go to prison for 10 years, he gave up my apartment and gave away my dog. I had no money, dog, job, home—nothing in this natural world. (Sounds like a sad country song!) But I did have Christ. And He is always enough. And in Christ, I also had a promise of vindication. But the fullness of my vindication wasn't immediate, and the months following my dramatic salvation were difficult.

For starters, the economy was in shambles. Freelance writers were not in demand—and the only career path I knew was journalism. I had spent most of my money paying the defense attorney to overthrow the false charges, so I was essentially penniless. Newly born-again, I didn't know much of the Word of God, and I didn't know how to pray. My prayer life at that time consisted of, "Help me, God. Thank You, God."

An Encounter With God

Late one night, after an especially difficult day, I went to the spare bedroom in my parents' house to pray. My daughter was sleeping across the hall, and my folks were asleep on the other side of the house. I knelt over a chair and began crying out to God for help.

I prayed so long I fell asleep with my head on the seat of the chair. Suddenly, I awoke to the sound of a booming voice with a divine announcement: "Stay calm. Be patient. Your time is coming." Startled is not a strong enough word for my reaction to the midnight revelation. I looked all around me. I thought it was my dad, but it didn't sound like his voice. When I saw no one in the dark room, the spirit of the fear of the Lord fell upon me. I slowly got up and went to bed, pondering the incident half the night like Samuel after his first encounter with God.

I didn't know it at the time, but I had heard the audible voice of God. Some years later, I realized it was God Himself speaking words of life. Nevertheless, I stored those words in my heart for many years while I waited for my ultimate vindication.

Continuing Trials and Tribulations

Getting out of jail wasn't the end of my trials and tribulations. In some ways, it was just the beginning. God put me on a fast track to perfecting my faith, and I experienced what felt like more than my fair share of suffering. I moved from my parents' house in Florida to Alabama to make a fresh start. The start wasn't so fresh. Some neighbors took advantage of me. Some supposed friends stole from me. I had barely enough money to get by and ended up on food stamps while I tried to rebuild my life.

During that time, I kept pondering God's words that were stored in my heart: "Stay calm. Be patient. Your time is coming." I didn't know how long I would have to stay calm, but I gradually learned to still my soul. I pressed into Philippians 4:6–7, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

I didn't know how long I would have to be patient, but I learned that by faith and patience, we inherit the promises of God. (See Hebrews 6:12.) I didn't know when my time would come, but I believed it was coming so I pressed into Galatians 6:9,



“Once you sense your kairos time is near, start preparing to step into the fullness of the promise.”

“And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.”

My Kairos Time Arrived

Finally, around 2011, my kairos time arrived. Before I tell you how that happened, it's important to understand the Greek word translated “season” in Galatians 6:9 is *kairos*, God's appointed time to act. *Kairos* means “time as opportunity.” Nearly a decade after the Lord said, “Stay calm. Be patient. Your time is coming,” God spoke again. I was at home in worship when the Holy Spirit whispered four words to my heart that I had waited to hear for years: “This is

your time.”

I immediately knew what He meant. I remembered leaning over that chair, praying in faith to a God I barely knew and couldn't see so many years earlier. I remembered Him speaking eight words at one of my life's lowest points. Ever since then, my life has been on a fast track of growth in every area. Sure, there are still trials and tribulations, but I'm in my time.

My kairos time hasn't ended. It started with vindication in the realm of book publishing. I had written and rewritten books for men of God who took advantage of my skills without so much as a kind word. When my time came, I

suddenly started getting book deals from multiple publishers. I had labored long to produce television programs for preachers who, again, didn't care what their success cost me. Suddenly, I started appearing on major Christian television shows. And it hasn't stopped. Vindication is the story of my life. Little by little, the Lord is repaying me.

Discerning Your Kairos Time

We need to be like the sons of Issachar, having an understanding of the times in our lives and in the world around us. (See 1 Chronicles 12:32.) The devils know their kairos time. The enemy knows his time is short, and that is why you may be experiencing so much warfare. Of course, there is more than one kairos time in your life.

So how do you discern your kairos time for vindication? Well, God could speak to you as He did me. He also could send an angel or a prophet to announce your kairos time. But barring these supernatural events, you can discern by paying attention to what's going on in your life. For example, you may sense a rumbling.

Before my kairos time for vindication manifested, I had been feeling a rumbling in my life for two years. I knew the winds of change were coming, but nothing vindication-worthy was happening. God was making new divine connections and disconnections. He was changing my natural and spiritual appetites, but there was no spectacular breakthrough moment, so to speak, for a long time. When you sense a rumbling, ask the Holy Spirit what's happening. He may or may not tell you, but being spiritually curious can yield the fruit of insight.

You can also think back to the prayers you prayed and the prophetic words spoken over your life to discern what God is about to do. When I considered the petitions I had made to God over the years, I started to see how He was answering. Ask yourself, “Are my prayers coming to pass in a different way than I imagined?” Sometimes we pray specific prayers and expect a specific answer—but sometimes God answers in a way we don't see coming. Vindication may look different than you thought.

What prophetic words released over your life—or other words the Holy

Spirit has spoken to your heart—are pointing to the time you are entering? It's important to keep a record and review the prophecies spoken over your life so you can wait in faith for their manifestation. Most of the time, you have to wage war with them, according to 1 Timothy 1:18. God's will usually doesn't just happen without any action on our part. It needs to be bathed in prayer.

Prepare for the Promise

Once you sense your kairos time is near, start preparing to step into the fullness of the promise. What are you doing to prepare yourself...

- » Spiritually?
- » Physically?
- » Relationally?
- » Financially?

...for that kairos moment of vindication? Do you need to forgive anyone? Do you need to cultivate new relationships?

Remember, you can't make a kairos moment happen—these are God-ordained times—but you can believe to enter into it. In fact, you need faith to enter into it. Know that God has a kairos time for you. He is not slack about His promises. He doesn't always fulfill His Word in our lives when we'd like Him to, but He does watch over His Word to perform it (Jer. 1:12). If He said it, and you believed it and prayed it through, it will happen in His timing.

Stay alert. Watch and pray. You can miss a kairos moment if you are not spiritually minded. Set your mind on things above instead of on the things of the earth (Col. 3:2).

Once you've discerned it's your kairos time, quickly get into agreement with God. Surrender your will to the Lord and hold on!

Vindication has come to you! ◀

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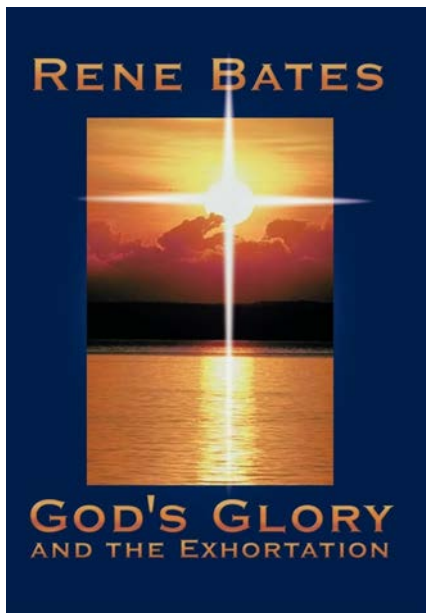
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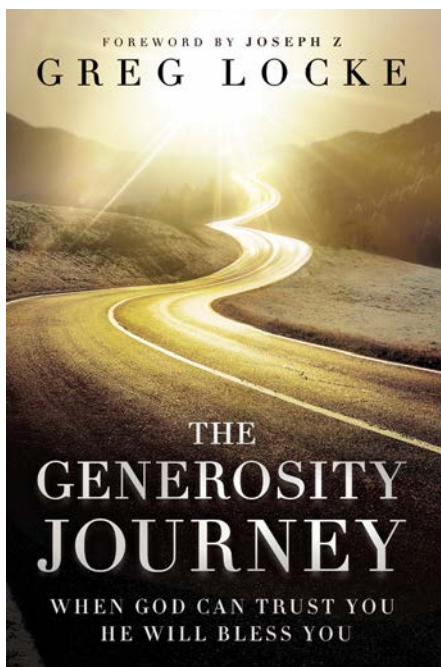
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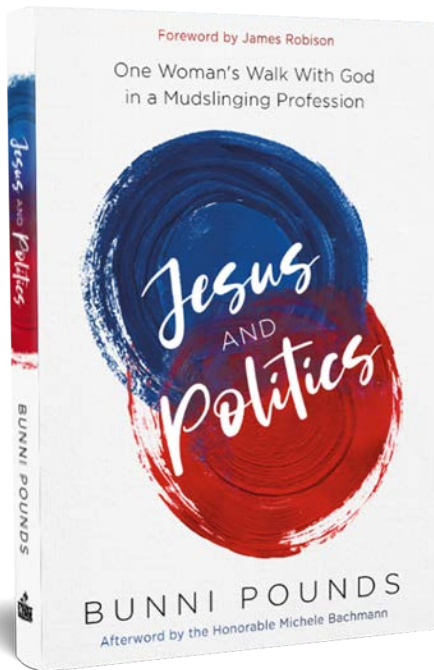
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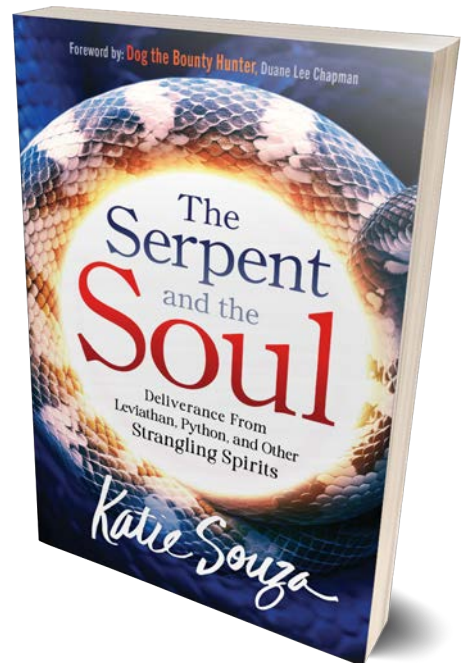
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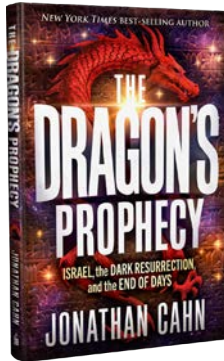
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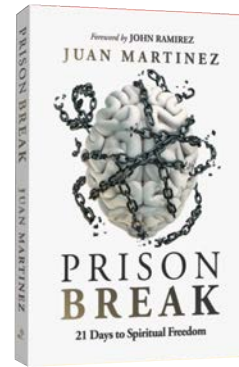
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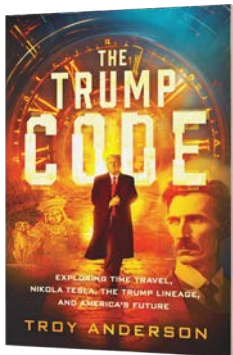
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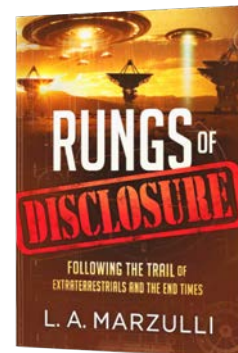
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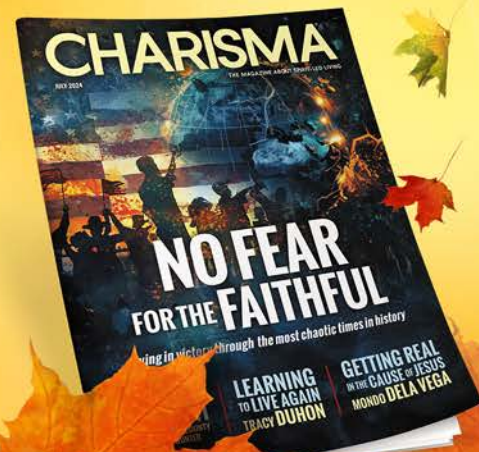
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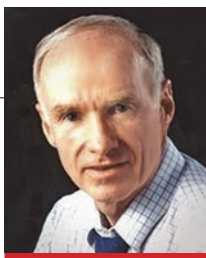
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I Was Scared. I Didn't Go. (November 1983)

In March 1975 I received an impassioned plea from ad hoc committee of missionaries in South Vietnam. The letter was written and signed by a Christian and Missional Alliance missionary representing a large number of missionaries from many denominations.

It said, in essence, “The communists have started their final push, and it is no obvious we are going to have to leave. The sad part is, all we’ve worked for and accomplished so far will be destroyed when we pull out. The communists will burn the Bibles we leave behind; they will turn the church building into communist meeting halls; they will take over our hospitals; they will disband the churches and kill the pastors. There is nothing we can leave behind which will have a lasting effect.

“As we prayed together and searched the Scripture, we have discovered Jesus faced a similar situation when He left earth to return to heaven. He did not leave anything behind. No church buildings, no Bibles, no trained pastors. All He left was His Holy Spirit.

“We are writing to ask if you are willing to come to Vietnam and impart to use the same gift Jesus imparted to His disciples, that we might in turn give this gift to those we are going to have to leave behind.”

There was more, but that was the literal essence of the letter.

I didn't know how to respond.

Our church was small at the time and did not have the money to send me. The publishing company I worked for was on the skids and had no money. Even if I had been able to come up with the money, there was another factor looming over me. I was afraid to go. This was a time when tens of thousands of people were fleeing Vietnam. It didn't make sense for me to go there. And possibly die there.

I knew of three missionaries who had been killed in Vietnam. Just the year before I had met the young widow of a Bible translator who had been gunned by the communist Vietcong. I had heard reports of others having been captured and tortured by the communists.

I waited another week, but the conclusion was inevitable. I knew I had no choice but to go. I could charge my ticket on my credit card. If I didn't come back, someone else could pay the bill.

On Easter Sunday I cabled the mission group in DaNang,

accepting their invitation and asking for directions. Tuesday morning I picked up the paper. DaNang had fallen. The nation was in chaos. My cable had been too late. Within three weeks it was all over.

Since then, I spoke with several people who were part of the group who issued the invitation. All of them tried to absolve me of guilt by saying their letter was sent too late. They, too, had put off asking. The prospect of changing their theology, requesting an experience they didn't even believe in (the baptism in the Holy Spirit), was a tough decision, even in the face of death. But eventually they were forced to drop their traditions, cling to truth and ask God to give them the only thing Jesus gave His disciples—the gift of the Holy Spirit.

That episode in my life drove me into a period of deep introspection. Out of it came several positive things. One was a determination to define my purpose in life. I needed to know exactly *why* God put me on earth. I suspected my fear had come out of confusion of purpose rather than the mere desire for self-preservation. But I would never know that until I had some kind of definition of purpose.

In good editorial fashion I decided to boil that purpose down to one sentence.

It was simple: to impart the Holy Spirit

to the generation in which I live.

Having determined that (and I am not so cocky as to believe purposes do not change, so I keep going back about every six months to see if the cloud has moved), I finally understood the motive behind those men mentioned in Revelation 12:11: “They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they loved not their lives unto the death,” (MEV).

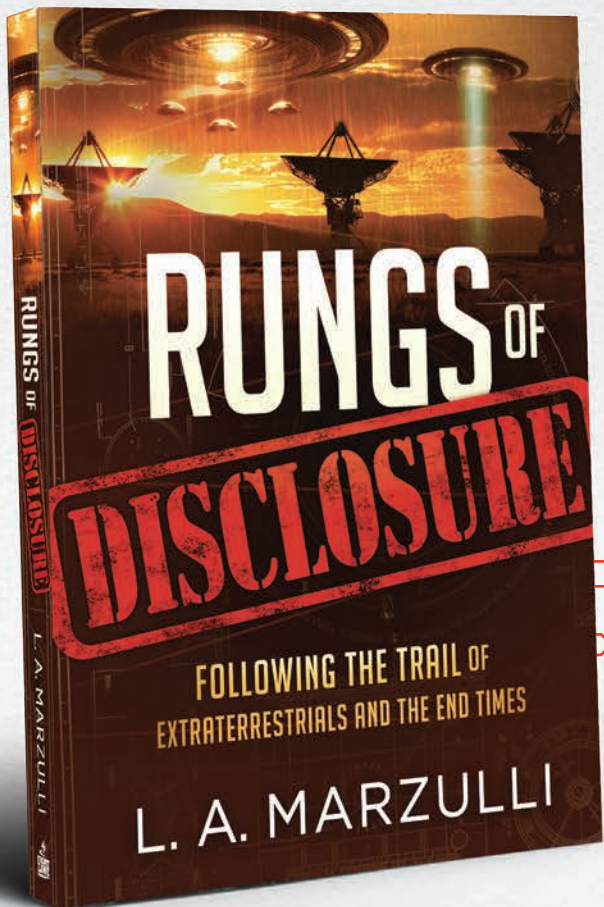
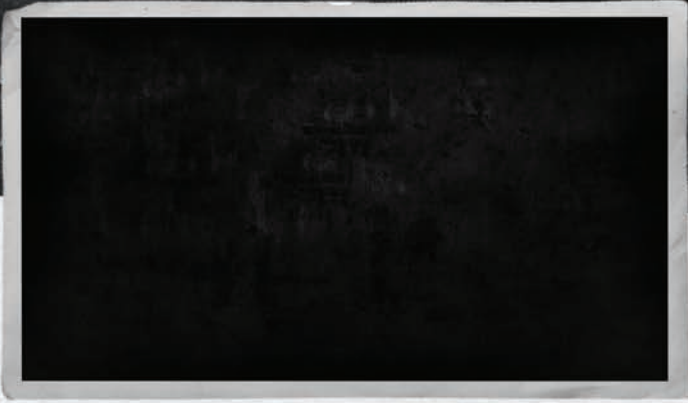
Once you know who you are and why you're here, there's no need to be afraid. I determined, back then, not to make safety, comfort or money a standard on which I made decisions for the Lord. If God wanted me to go someplace no one else would go, I would accept. That decision has cost me dearly across the years. It has also allowed me to be in the midst of some of the most exciting events since Pentecost. All God requires of us is faithfulness. Our times are in His hands.

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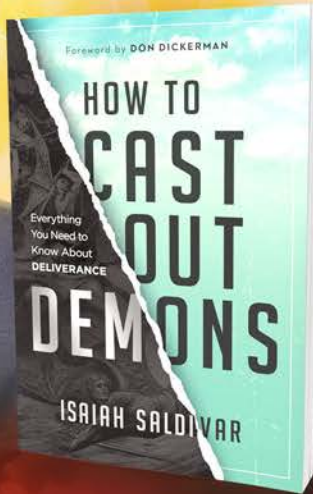
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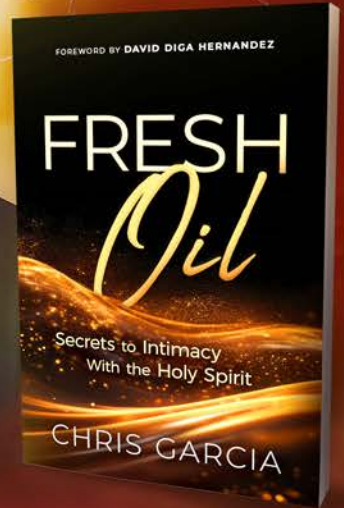
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