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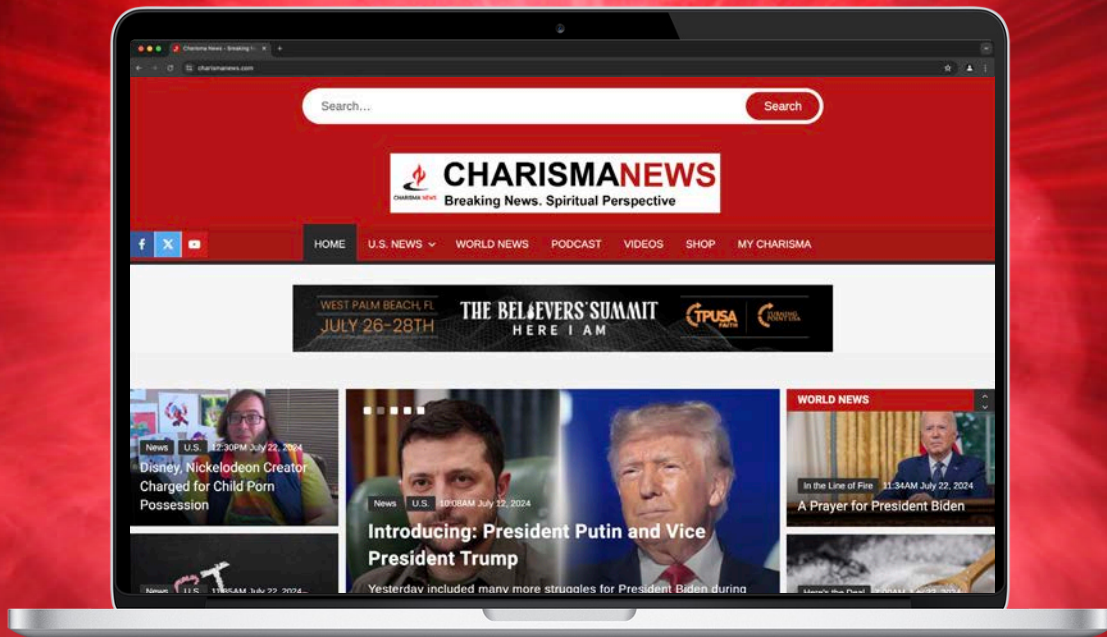


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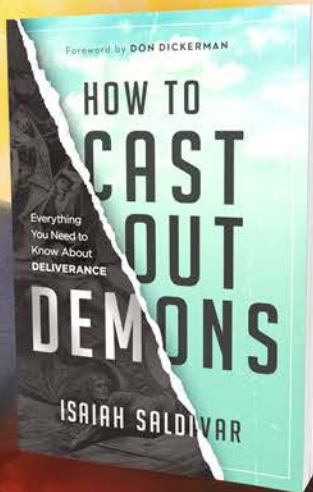


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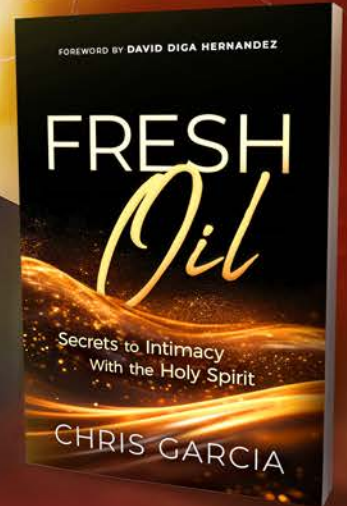
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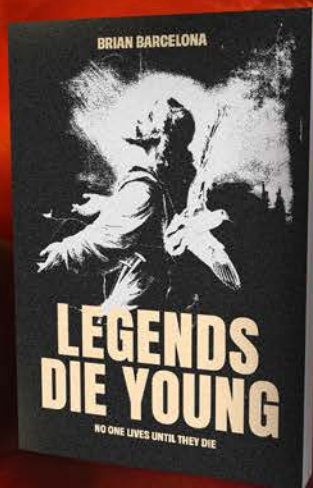
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4 STEPS FOR Deliverance That Lasts

How to evict demons from the rooms of your heart

BY ALEXANDER PAGANI

I got saved in prison and learned deliverance because I—and people I ministered to—was dealing with issues that counseling and inner healing couldn't seem to solve. Through the years, God had been showing me step by step how to help people get free. But there was even more to deliverance than I realized. Christians could not only need deliverance, but demons could lodge themselves in hidden areas of our lives—both in our souls and body parts.

Not every problem is caused by a demon. But those who have been through counseling and inner healing with no breakthrough might need to consider that a demonic spirit may be involved. Those demons need to be removed through targeted deliverance prayers.

Please hear me: I'm talking about prayers that are specific and detailed. Standing in front of a door yelling out generic prayers hoping the demons inside will leave won't get you far. No, we must stand before these rooms and use the keys of the kingdom to open the door, go inside and cleanse the room. With our authority in Christ, we can command the demons to leave and they have to obey. It's a four-step process:

- 1) Recognize.
- 2) Repudiate.
- 3) Remove.
- 4) Restore.

Recognize

The first step in the deliverance process is to recognize that these rooms in the human soul exist and that a believer can have a demon occupying them if the door is left open. The Greek word *ginosko* is sometimes translated “recognize.” It means “come to know” or “get a knowledge of.” The opposite of recognizing is denial, and denial is hard to overcome. Many believers today refuse to even acknowledge

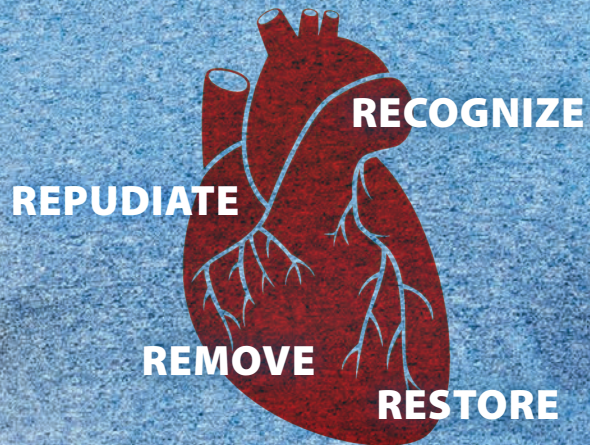
that demons are real and that a believer in Jesus can open a door that allows a demon to occupy a room in their hearts. Demons don't just hang out around open doors; as soon as they see an opportunity, they enter the rooms! The church of Jesus Christ's faulty theology and lack of discernment has kept countless believers with real demonic problems bound, because you can't expel something you refuse to recognize.

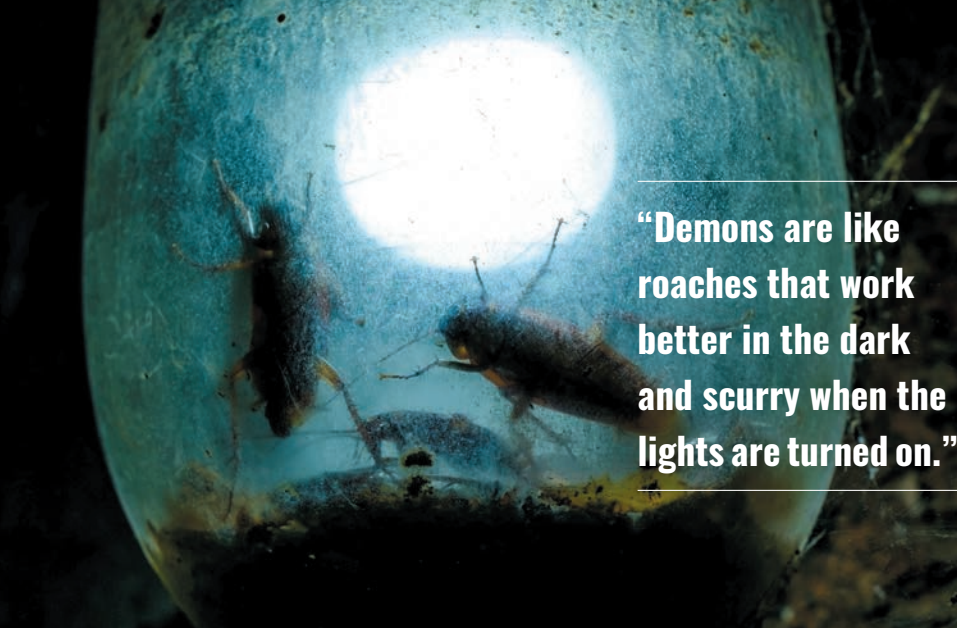
This first step will require boldness and bravery because it may challenge what you've previously been taught about demons. The apostle Paul says, “Examine yourselves, seeing whether you are in the faith; test yourselves” (2 Cor. 13:5a). This means we are to constantly perform self-diagnostics to make sure our beliefs line up with God's Word. When we do find something malfunctioning, we are to acknowledge and fix it, not deny that it's broken. In true biblical deliverance, we acknowledge what's there, and with the help of the Holy Spirit, make the necessary adjustments to fix it.

The apostle Paul didn't deny his weaknesses; he actually acknowledged them when he said, “When I am weak, then I am strong” (2 Cor. 12:10b). In the same chapter, he also identifies the real problem, what he called “a messenger from Satan” (v. 7b). The Greek word translated “messenger” in that verse is *aggelos*, which is also used to refer to angels. Paul was saying that this thorn in his flesh was actually a demon—an evil spirit sent on assignment to attack him. Paul was not saying he was possessed but rather that in one area of his body, he was demonized, as a thorn doesn't affect the whole body but punctures only one area.

Refusing to recognize the issue you're dealing with will result in continual malfunctioning in that area. Allow the Holy Spirit to bring light to your house. Allow Him to turn on the lights in dark rooms. Allow Him to go into areas in your heart that say “Do Not Enter” and acknowledge that you need the great deliverer, Jesus Christ, to purge those rooms.

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“Demons are like roaches that work better in the dark and scurry when the lights are turned on.”

Repudiate

The second step is to repudiate the demons. This step is just as important as the first. Demons are legalists; they must honor the legalities of the courtroom of heaven. They can only carry out their function when humans violate the established edicts of heaven on earth. That is why when the prodigal son recognized his sin, the first thing he said was, “I have sinned against heaven” (Luke 15:21b). In essence, he was saying he violated the commandments sanctioned by heaven’s courtroom.

You must repudiate something verbally, not mentally, because demons don’t read minds. The Bible says life and death are in the power of our tongues, not in the power of our thoughts. You don’t have to yell to be effective. I’ve had some people write down their renunciation of demonic spirits, and in group settings, I’ve had others nod their heads to affirm that they renounce the devil’s work in their lives. However it is done, the renunciation must be done openly.

An example of this is in Mark 5:7-8, when Jesus cast Legion out of the man in the Gerasenes: “[Legion] cried out with a loud voice, ‘What have You to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure You by God, do not torment me.’ For Jesus said to him, ‘Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!’”

This passage is a clear example of repudiation. Jesus renounced the spirit. He didn’t have to repeat Himself as charismatic believers who don’t know any better do. Once is enough.

Remove

At this point, the devil is screaming in terror because what frustrates unclean spirits most is being discovered. Demons are like roaches that work better in the dark and scurry when the lights are turned on. I would be surprised if you didn’t feel some resistance as you follow these steps.

This is where the confrontation begins. If you’re helping someone receive freedom through deliverance, the demons will begin to display open forms of resistance. The manifestations may include shrieking, animalistic movements, shouting insults and supernatural acts.

Whatever you do, don’t stop now that the demons’ authority has been stripped. Now it’s time to remove the demonic spirit. Demons won’t leave simply because we desire for them to go. Nor do they read our minds. We must command them to leave in Jesus’ name—and keep commanding them until they all leave.

Restore

When a demon is expelled, the room must be restored to its original purpose. This is done with your authority to bind and loose. You must release and restore what had been removed back into the room or empty area. So if the demon connected to unforgiveness was expelled, you must replace it with a fresh empowerment for forgiveness. If the demon of hate was removed, you must release the power of love to restore what the devil took.

If you don’t know what to say, you

can always declare blessing. Decreeing blessing is the same as declaring the opposite of what was removed.

My favorite part of every deliverance session is watching the Holy Spirit restore joy, peace, gentleness, love, happiness, excitement, creativity, ideas, holiness, prayer and intimacy with God. It’s actually the moment in deliverance ministry when you step back and watch the person bask in God’s presence. The Holy Spirit and God’s ministering angels are doing their sovereign work, and you get to be a fly on the wall to observe that holy moment. It’s amazing!

This final step must also be done verbally, when you begin to function as a royal priest and declare the blessing of God upon your life or the person you just helped get free. It’s done through what is called “commanded blessing,” where you command God’s blessing to be over, through and upon the person. Without this process of restoration, the deliverance is incomplete and you or the person receiving ministry run the risk of losing control again in this area.

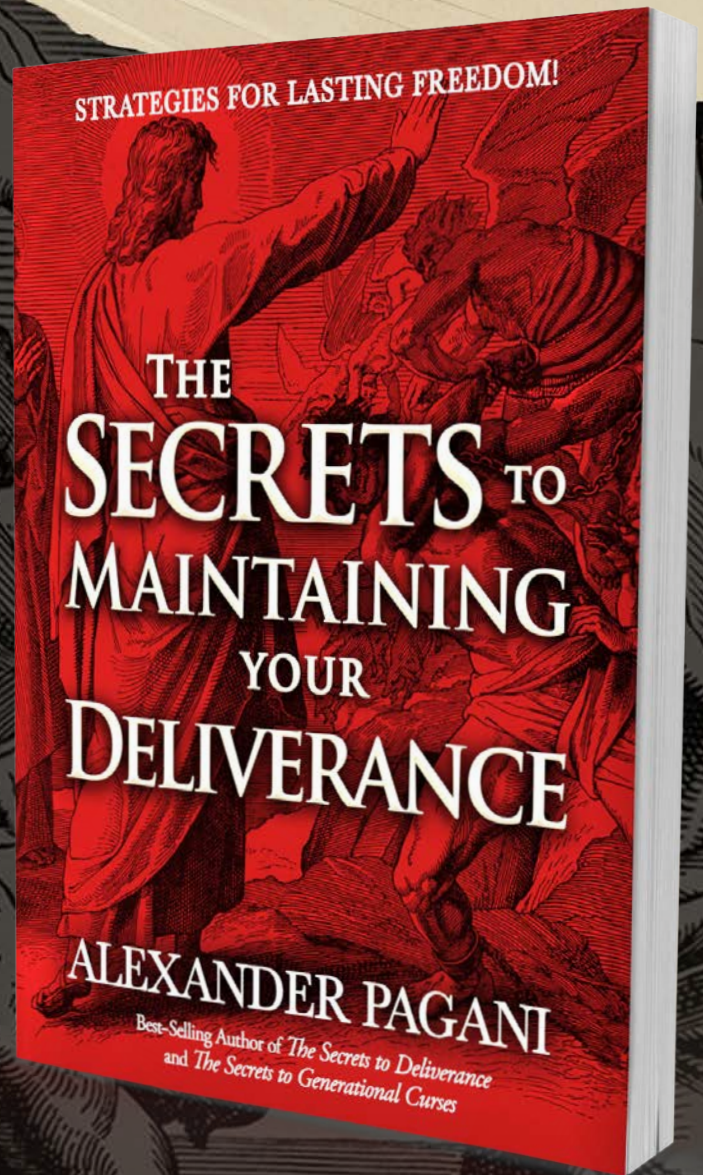
If you’ve followed these four steps, you can rest in Christ, knowing your deliverance process has begun and heaven will respond. We have been promised in Scripture that whatever we bind and loose on earth will be bound and loosed in heaven. How marvelous it is to know that heaven is eager to join us in our freedom process. ◀

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THE DELIVERANCE REVOLUTION

The time to get equipped in supernatural ministry
is here—train others, and transform lives

BY MIKE SIGNORELLI



I grew up in a rough trailer park in Northwest Indiana, the eldest of a single mother's five kids. Life was hard, but my mom was a spiritual powerhouse and made sure we were in church. We attended a small Spanish Pentecostal church in our community, and even though we weren't Hispanic and didn't understand what was happening at times, we felt the move of the Spirit, which transcended any language barrier.

I carried the heavy mantle of being the man of the house after a string of abusive men came and went. As soon as I was able to work, I held every kind of job you could think of with the pressure of helping to keep the family afloat.

At age 15, the trauma of my short life was too much to take, and I cried out to God, saying, "If your Holy Spirit is real, I want you!" I fell to my knees and wept in my room, pouring out my heart to God in prayer. Suddenly, I found myself speaking in tongues, overcome with the power of the Holy Spirit. This personal and private encounter marked me and set in motion a remarkable journey.

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A few days later, a woman I had never met approached me on the street. She took one look at me and said, “I know you! I saw you in a dream. You came to my church and preached, and revival broke out!”

She invited me to preach at her church. I reluctantly accepted, even though I was the last person you would ever ask to preach because I was so shy and introverted. I remember my hand shaking in the school lunchroom as I drank my chocolate milk. But I pushed through, and the moment I began to preach, the anointing came upon me. That same woman brought her 4-year-old daughter to me for prayer. The little girl had a decrepit hand, and I laid hands on her. Suddenly, her hand stretched forth, and she was completely healed!

V1 Launches

From the beginning of my ministry, I experienced the supernatural. It wasn't an option; I needed it to survive. It was never something separate or something I needed to grow into. I read what Jesus did in the New Testament, used His ministry as my model and truly believed it when He said we would do “greater works than these” (John 14:12b). Because of this, my teenage years were marked by powerful encounters with the Holy Spirit.

I graduated high school and became the first person in my family to attend college. I pursued a bachelor's degree in English at a Big 10 school, and during this time, I lost my faith and became a full-fledged atheist. However, I was “randomly” assigned a roommate who was an Ivy League-educated seminary student, and he destroyed all my arguments against Jesus. God used my roommate to open my eyes, and the Holy Spirit began to remind me of the call on my life that was established before the foundations of the earth.

A few years later at a church conference, I received a prophetic mandate to start a church in New York City.

Everyone told me I was crazy, that New York is the place church plants go to die. However, I knew God's hand was on this crazy vision because people started meeting for our services before my wife and I even moved there. They packed out a home each Sunday for prayer, worship and instruction, desperate for revival in their city. That's how V1 Church was born. (I tell the whole story in my book, *From Chaos to Clarity*.)

V1 spread from homes to a movie theatre, to two locations, then to a small building and now to three physical locations across the U.S. (with several more planned in the coming year) and

to and from a nearby hospital carrying people to the emergency room. With each one that passed, the depression set in more.

But God had begun this work, and we were carrying it forward with frenzied momentum as it exploded week after week. Now we were sidelined in a city with some of the strictest COVID policies in the world. How could I pastor people I couldn't even see?

On one of the darkest days, my wife looked me in the eyes and said, “It's time for you to go live on the internet and teach. Because when you teach, people get free and break through to the next level.”

I began ministering online every day. And every day, the number of viewers grew. People were at home and desperately searching for hope and light in this time of darkness, and my audience grew to tens of thousands overnight. There was an uncanny anointing for deliverance and healing—even through cell phones and televisions—as I ministered online. We began receiving reports of countless medically verifiable miracles.

Demon Slayers Assemble

As a pastor, I've never been known to shy away from tough topics. As I ministered online each day, I touched on subjects such as deliverance, finding freedom from besetting sins and casting out demons. I noticed an increasing interest in my videos on the supernatural; it was as if a large portion of the people watching my videos had never believed demons were real and deliverance was necessary.

People began to report dramatic testimonies as a result of this content, descriptions of being set free in their living rooms, at their work-from-home desks and in their cars. This was how I became acquainted with the Demon Slayers: Vlad Savchuk, Isaiah Saldivar and Alexander Pagani. These men had been teaching on similar topics, and it was a divine convergence when we all connected and began ministering together under that name.



“From the beginning of my ministry, I experienced the supernatural.”

a massive global online community. In the last four years, V1 has attained Fastest-Growing Church in America status from INJOY Stewardship Solutions, breaking all the organization's records.

Just a few years later, the pandemic hit, and our city was ground zero for the devastation wreaked by COVID-19. My thriving church was suddenly in a holding pattern, driven to online services we recorded in our living room because we didn't even have a building to broadcast from. Restless in our home, my wife and I would hear the incessant sounds of ambulance sirens as the vehicles ran

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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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“In a city where evil is praised and righteousness is ridiculed, hearts are turning toward the Father, and the fires of revival are spreading.”

In the meantime, I began to see revival break out in a way I had never personally witnessed. In late 2021, I saw a vision in prayer of a large domino being pushed down in Brooklyn. As we pushed it down, a wave of dominoes began to fall, leading to revival, freedom, healing and deliverance all around the world. This vision sparked the Domino Revival, a 13-city preaching and deliverance tour to specially selected, prophetically significant cities, many of which were sites of old wells of revival.

I'll never forget the first night of the revival in Brooklyn, New York City. Just one day before the massively publicized first revival night, we received word from city officials that we would not be allowed to meet in the advertised location. The new site they suggested was the very place where, six years earlier when I first arrived in New York, I would sit on a bench, praying and writing sermons while overlooking the city skyline.

Back then, I had no physical church building or office space, but that park bench became my prayer closet. As I prayed, I saw in the Spirit a revival coming to my city. This revival wouldn't be emotionalism or hype but a genuine proclamation of the gospel, transforming lives and accompanied by the ministry of Jesus through signs, miracles, wonders and deliverance.

Like Cornelius, I had prayed and unknowingly built a monument to heaven (Acts 10). The same park where I showed up six years earlier to pray time and again was now filled with people surrendering to Jesus.

This is how I know revival is here. In a city where evil is praised and

righteousness is ridiculed, hearts are turning toward the Father, and the fires of revival are spreading. At each site we visited on the Domino Revival, deliverance was a key part of the ministry.

Breakers Arise

I am no stranger to deliverance ministry. In fact, I began moving in deliverance 20 years ago, before it was popular. As a young teenager at the Spanish church, I witnessed many manifestations of the demonic in our services from people who visited that lived in countries where the practice of witchcraft and *santeria* were widely accepted.

In desperation, trying to help my pastor, I reached out to deliverance pioneer Apostle John Eckhardt, who lived just 30 minutes away. He probably didn't know a 15-year-old boy was reaching out, but he sent a team to our church, and they trained us in deliverance.

I believe this ministry is more important now than ever. There is a significant increase in the number of people experiencing counterfeit spiritual experiences. Whether through sage, crystals, tarot, Ouija boards or online horoscopes, people are in search of truth. We also know that drug use, alternative sexual identities and mass confusion are on the rise. In addition, people are leaving traditional churches in droves. That is why we as Christians need to wage an outright crusade against darkness and raise up as many brothers and sisters alongside us as possible to join the fight.

Believers must take seriously the responsibility of preaching the resurrected Christ in this hour. In the midst of false religions and extreme political

ideologies, the need for exposing and expelling the devil is great. Deliverance isn't a niche or a passing trend; it's an essential piece of ministry, and churches need to realize this.

As demand has increased, I have instituted a regular weekly deliverance service online every Wednesday, open and free of charge to anyone in the world through my trained deliverance team. We also offer deliverance regularly in person at our physical campuses.

We get hundreds of requests for deliverance weekly, far more than we can possibly manage on our own. The ministry of deliverance is not for star preachers or celebrity pastors, and the Demon Slayers don't have access to a special power that everyone else lacks. Deliverance is something every believer can and should do.

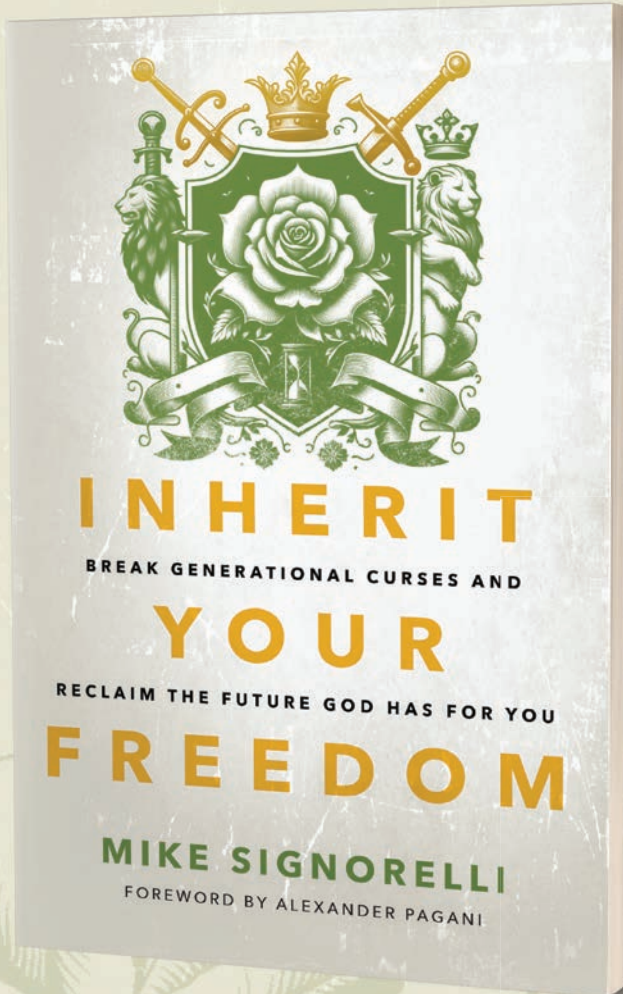
But first, we must train. There is a tremendous need in the body of Christ for equipping and training. Leaders, we must commit ourselves in this hour to make disciples who make disciples. Pastors, we can no longer focus on seating capacity; instead, we must focus on sending capacity.

One way I have sought to address the need for equipping and training is by creating a global community called The Breakers. Breakers are the ones who are committed to breaking generational curses in their bloodline. They are those who say, "It may run in my family, but it runs out with me."

The Breakers program trains in deliverance, supernatural healing, prophecy and evangelism. Upon completion of the program, Breakers assist me in ministry when I speak across the world. This has become a catalyst for a movement as Breakers fill thousands of movie theaters, city streets and churches to host sustainable revival. As millions slip into deception, it's encouraging to see tens of thousands rising up to break every chain—in Jesus' name! ◀

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THE BATTLE FOR DELIVERANCE

Walk in deliverance, lead the prisoners to freedom

BY VLADIMIR SAVCHUK

God is building up an army of soldiers who are engaging in spiritual warfare and setting the captives free. We are in a cosmic spiritual war between evil and good. I have learned the importance of the hard-fought freedom that comes with true deliverance, and I hope to share my experience and passion as I equip you in this powerful ministry.

It's no secret that evil is raging against humanity. Not everything that happens on earth is a result of God's divine decree. Sickness, death, tragedy and poverty are not part of God's mysterious plan. Our heavenly Father is good and desires to do good. Not only is there no evil in Him, but He is at war with all evil.

Jesus, the Son of God, stepped into our realm to reveal God's perfect will. He healed the sick, drove out demons, calmed the storms, fed the hungry, raised the dead and so much more. He was doing God's will. Therefore, we should not be passive spectators of this war, for we are enlisted into His army to be active participants.

Sadly, many Christians today have embraced a vacation-based worldview in this time of war. But those engaged in the battle understand the truism that "it's better to be a warrior in the garden than a gardener in war."

God prepares you for public victories by taking you through private battles. Before God publicly used David to kill Goliath, He led him privately to face a lion and a bear (see 1 Sam. 17:34-37).

I suspect David was not too fond of facing lions. I can imagine thoughts such as Why am I being attacked? and Where is God in all of this? must have crossed his mind. When David experienced an attack from a lion and saw his sheep disappear, he could have wallowed in defeat and self-pity. He had to make a decision not to live in regret because of his failure—losing a sheep—and choose instead to get up and fight

to regain what the lion had stolen. In the moment, David did not realize the battles with lions and bears would one day give him the courage and determination to publicly confront the Philistine giant Goliath.

From Bondage to Freedom

I still believe in casting out demons. I believe in deliverance, not only because I have seen it in my ministry and have witnessed how people's lives change after it but because Jesus Himself commanded us to cast out demons. In fact, I have experienced liberation myself after various circumstances brought me into bondage.

In my early teen years, I came across pornographic images. At that time, I did not consider nor understand the impact of this exposure and the effects of this material on my life. I was 13 years old when my family immigrated to the United States. Everything was new—the country, the friends and even the language. Little did I know that I was about to discover a new addiction that would require God's deliverance.

Six months after our family immigrated to America, my neighbor asked me if I would house-sit for a week. I was extremely curious to find out how Americans lived. Besides the daily routine of cleaning the house, feeding the cats and mowing the lawn, I looked forward to checking out the entire house.

In doing so, I came across a set of VHS tapes, tapes that, as you probably have guessed, were pornographic. After first discovering this, I went ahead and watched the entire video. At that moment, I felt something enter me. Although demons cannot possess true followers of Christ, they can still wreak their havoc and leave even Spirit-filled believers in bondage. In my case, guilt and shame overtook me, leaving me disgusted with myself. I promised God that I would never do such a thing again and quickly repented.

Before the week was over, I had broken my promise. In the next few years, I found myself engulfed in



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pornography. Yes, I knew it was wrong, but I could not stop watching it. It did not matter how hard I tried to quit by confessing to my pastor and fasting every week; all it took was one moment of weakness and I was back to sinning.

I knew I could not live like that much longer; I was desperate for freedom. In my youthful eagerness to serve God, I had instituted many personal disciplines, but none of them helped. I needed deliverance. Yet this idea was the furthest thing in my mind because I believed it was only for those who practiced witchcraft or other elements of the occult.

One day, as I read Jack Hayford's book *The Finger of God*, the Holy Spirit showed me that I had unwelcome company. My problem with lust had deeper spiritual roots that must be dealt with through deliverance, not just more discipline. I had opened doors in my soul to the spirit of lust when I was first exposed to porn, and I needed to close those doors through repentance and renouncing.

When I received that revelation, I renounced the spirits of lust, pornography and perversion. I was bold, using my authority to command the evil spirits to exit my life. During that prayer of deliverance, I felt something leave me and realized a bond had been broken.

From that point on, a drastic change occurred, and I gained what I never had before, regardless of how much effort I applied: grace, self-discipline and the power to control myself when I was tempted.

I now walked in a level of freedom I had never thought possible. Not long afterward, I started to see other people delivered from demonic oppression as well. I quickly learned that God sets us free to free others through His power.

Just as with Moses, whose escape from Egypt was not just for himself but to prepare him to deliver God's people from Egyptian bondage, I had to gain freedom myself before helping others experience victory over the enemy. Even Jesus Christ—prior to casting out demons from people—had to face the devil in the wilderness. Therefore, you too must win private battles against lions before you win public battles against Goliath.

From Deliverance to Discipleship to Destiny

Deliverance from demons and demonic oppression is the work of the Holy Spirit. He is at war with the kingdom of darkness. When Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit after His temptation in the wilderness, demons were exposed and expelled (Luke 4).

The same is true today. God's Spirit through you can bring demons out of hiding into the open, where they experience forced removal by the power of God. Deliverance causes the kingdom of God to make its dynamic appearance.

Thirty-three recorded miracles of Jesus appear in the Gospels; 16 of those are healing and seven are deliverance. In fact, Jesus referred to the ministry of deliverance as a miracle.

Deliverance from demons in Scripture was not only a showdown between the two kingdoms but it also brought liberty to the captives. For the woman who had issues with her back, deliverance meant brand-new health (Luke 13:11-13). For the two men who were cutting themselves, living among tombs and running naked, deliverance meant a new lease on life (Matt. 8:28-34). For the mute man who was set free, deliverance meant the ability to speak (Matt. 9:32-33). For the little boy who experienced episodes of

throwing himself into fire, deliverance meant a new life and peace for his parents (Mark 9:20-27).

Deliverance is not only a ministry of power but also one of compassion. Through the work of the Holy Spirit in setting the captives free, the sick get healed, tormented minds are liberated, those trapped in repeated cycles of sin get freed and those who wanted to end their lives now live for Jesus. However, deliverance is not a solution to every issue, nor does it replace the need for someone to deny himself, pick up his cross and follow the Lord. Everything is not a demon, but many things have demons behind them.

The greatest story of deliverance happened in the book of Exodus, when God heard the cries of His children and rescued them. Israel was God's own people, but they were oppressed and enslaved by Pharaoh. God's people needed liberty, not a lecture. No matter how hard they tried, they couldn't work their way out of their bondage. In fact, the more they worked, the stronger their oppressor got.

Just as I experienced, discipline is good, but it's powerless against demonic oppression. Demons must be cast out, and the flesh must be crucified. We need deliverance to experience true freedom. You can't crucify a demon or cast out the flesh. Israel in bondage needed deliverance, not a sermon. That's why God raised Moses to tell Pharaoh, "Let my people go."

Moses aimed his message not at Israel but Pharaoh. That portrays how the ministry of deliverance works; it's a direct confrontation with the devil. Demons can't be negotiated with, counseled or begged; they must be confronted and commanded out. Jesus gave us only one way to deal with demons: cast them out (Matt. 8:16; 9:33; 10:1, 8; 12:28; Mark 1:34, 39; 3:15; 6:13; 16:9, 17; Luke 13:32).

We can debate whether or not Christians should interrogate demons, but one thing is clear: You can't get rid of demons if you are not willing to confront them. Jesus cast them out with the Word, and we must do the same. Notice how Moses confronted Pharaoh and kept coming back with a word from God until Pharaoh was defeated and God's people were liberated.

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Upon leaving Egypt, which was their place of deliverance, the children of Israel entered the wilderness, all according to God's sovereign plan. In the desert, He gave them His law, showed them His presence, provided manna and organized them as a nation. They were no longer a bunch of runaway slaves. Deliverance must lead to discipleship; otherwise, it will lead to disappointment.

Jesus told us in the Great Commission to go and make disciples (Matt. 28:19). Deliverance is essential and must be accompanied by discipleship. Without deliverance, true discipleship is impossible; many discipleship programs fail

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because they don't start with deliverance. God didn't give Israel the Law with its commandments, rules and ministering duties in Egypt, where the people were too defeated to receive it. Teaching new believers to deny their flesh is critical, but if they are not freed from demonic influence, they will fall back into the same cycle of defeat.

You can deliver people without discipling them, but you cannot disciple people without delivering them. Having said that, deliverance without discipleship leads nowhere.

Jesus once told His followers to find a donkey, loose it and then bring the donkey to Him. He then sat on the donkey and went into the city of Jerusalem. Similarly, every person who is found and loosed must be brought to a foundation of Christian values and purpose.

The donkey portrays the process of going from deliverance to discipleship to destiny. The same was true for the Israelites, who came from Egypt through the wilderness to the promised land. The disciplines of reading the Word, praying, fasting, giving and joining a community of believers are all vital to building a foundation for God's purposes.

From Bondage to Battles to Dominion

Deliverance is like the excavation, digging out demons and the dirt of curses so the foundation of discipleship is laid and built upon. If we attempt to build a foundation on bare land without excavating first, our construction might not withstand the test of time. As the pastor of a local church where deliverance has been a part of our culture, I can't emphasize enough how important deliverance is to the discipleship culture and how important discipleship culture is to the ministry of deliverance.

God's plan of getting Israel out of Egypt was not the final goal but only a means to that goal: for the Israelites to take possession of the promised land. What I find fascinating is that God didn't just give it to them. In Egypt, the Israelites did very little to receive deliverance, but they would have to fight to take possession of and keep what was promised to them. In fact, the children of Israel only possessed what they fought for, not what they wished and hoped for.

What was true for them is also true for us today. God delivers us from the cruel Pharaoh, but He expects us to conquer the wicked Philistines. Although the Israelites were delivered from Egypt by the supernatural power of God, they had to take authority and dominion to receive the promised land. And that's what we must learn to do as well.

Fighting battles is not the same as fighting bondage. Engaging in battle is a designated privilege of free people. Bondage is bad; battle is good. Bondage makes you a slave; battles make you a soldier. Believers need the renewal of the mind to accept the notion that fighting a battle from a place of victory is good. In fact, it is a key to true victory.

All this means that the battles don't stop when you get delivered. In some ways, they only begin. David writes in Psalms, "Blessed be the Lord my Rock, Who trains my hands for war, And my fingers for battle" (Ps. 144:1, NKJV). God does not deliver you from all battles, but He trains you for them. Like it or not, we must fight. Israel finally entered the promised land, yet they still had to fight to take it and maintain possession of it.

A shift is taking place in the body of Christ in which the Holy Spirit is empowering everyday believers to set the captives free and to operate in the authority that is already theirs through Jesus Christ (see Psalm 149:6-9). I encourage you today to stop complaining and admitting defeat. Stop preaching what the devil is doing. The high praises of God must be coming out of our mouths, and our hands must securely hold onto the double-edged sword that is none other than the Word of God (Heb. 4:12). This sword of the Spirit is to bind and execute punishment on the enemy.

I love this part of the psalm: "This honor have all his saints" (v. 9b). Victory, dominion and a fighting spirit are an honor. The honor to take dominion—to trample upon the forces of darkness and to bind the enemy—has been given to all His saints, all of God's children.

God is now preparing a mighty generation to put the enemy in bondage, to put chains on the forces of darkness through the authority of Jesus' name. He is building up a dynamic church that will not tolerate the torments of the devil but instead will torment his demons. The time has come for demons to cry out as they did during the days of Jesus, "Have You come here to torment us before the time?" (Matt. 8:29b).

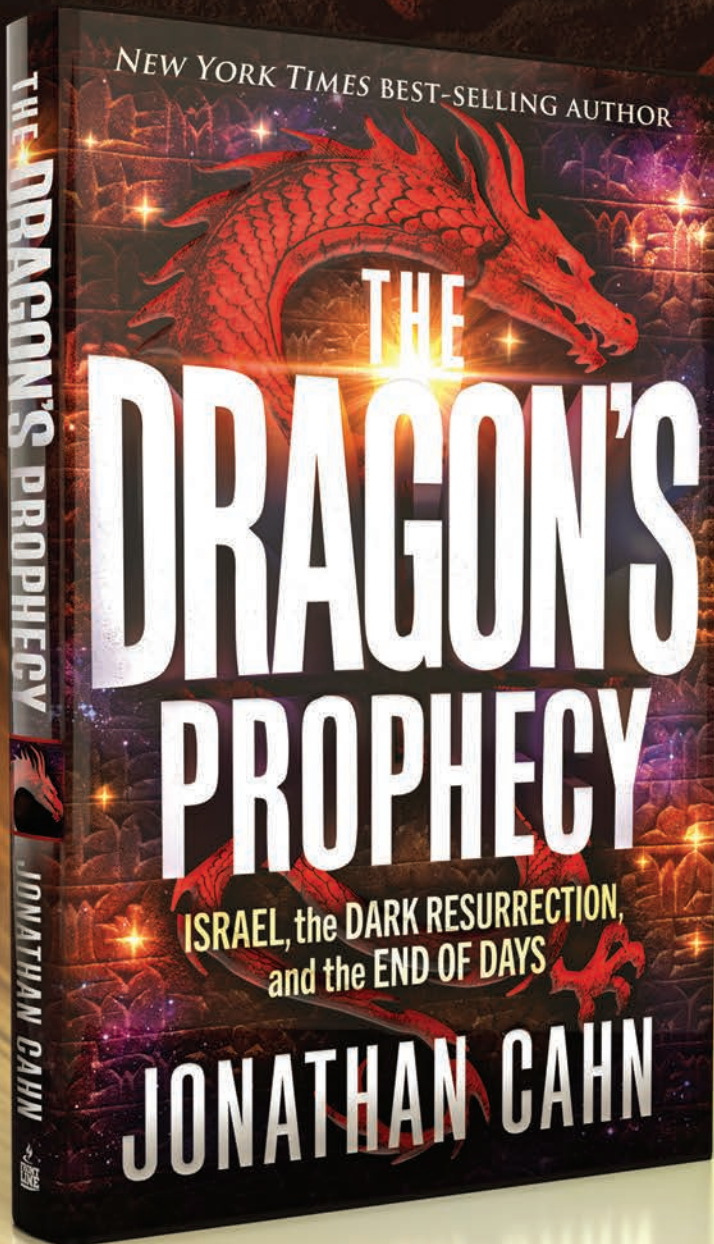
I'm sure you know some people who are tormented and oppressed by demons, who are in bondage and in desperate need of deliverance. But did you know that you are the one called and entrusted to bind the enemy and bring torment to demons just as Jesus did? Don't just expect God to cast out every enemy. Start walking in dominion and the power of the Holy Spirit.

So what are you waiting for? Bring deliverance to God's people, disciple them and lead them to dominion. ◀

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THE MOST IMPORTANT AWAKENING IN CHURCH HISTORY?

HOW THE BLOCKBUSTER FILM COME OUT IN JESUS
NAME BEGAN WITH DELIVERANCE REVIVAL AND IS
OVERFLOWING INTO HISTORIC AWAKENING

The most important awakening in church history has begun.” When my ministry partners and I settled on that phrase as the subtext for the public relations messaging surrounding our film, *Come Out in Jesus Name*, we received a lot of questioning and even a little derision on social media. But if you’ve watched what is happening at Global Vision Bible Church or any of the ministries led by my co-laborers in this awakening—Alexander Pagani, Isaiah Saldivar, Vlad Savchuk, Mike Signorelli, Daniel Adams, Leon Du Preez and Henry Shaffer among others (each of whom is featured in the film)—you know we’re not overstating what the Lord is doing in our midst. The same is true if you’ve taken part in one of the nationwide post-film prayer and deliverance vigils.

But is this really “the most important awakening in church history?” Why would we make such a claim? Allow me to explain as I tell the story of a film that has—through God’s sovereign, supernatural hand—become a worldwide movement of revival and awakening.

My last book was titled *Revival*, which was also the subject of my master’s thesis in seminary, so I’m careful to treat the words “revival” and “awakening” with a high degree of reverence. We’re all—you included—at the front edge of a move of God of the highest order, and that should humble all of us. It has certainly humbled my wife, Tai, and me. There’s no way I could have expected any of this to happen.

But long before the film, and long before the awakening, God sent revival. In fact, Global Vision and our online platform exploded with revival in 2020 for having refused to bow to the government mandated shutdowns and other nefarious schemes of the devil. I had just begun to be delivered of cessationist theology, so those early days were my season of preparation.

Every God-ordained revival in the Bible and throughout history was marked by six characteristics: They were always spontaneous, they were emotionally unbridled, they were filled with heartfelt worship and praise, they triggered unusual levels of conviction, they made lasting changes in their local communities and—above all—they were proven with notable salvation testimonies.

While we’re indeed experiencing all six of these, the sheer spontaneity of the Holy Spirit working in our midst has been breathtaking. *Come Out In Jesus Name* is the organic overflow of this tremendous revival.

Embracing Deliverance Ministry

Once the Holy Spirit fire began to fall with force, the Lord fully delivered me from my cessationist beliefs, and the spiritual gifts began to flow freely. As shown in the film, once the Lord allowed a young girl to manifest a dark spirit while I was dunking her in the baptism—catching me shamefully unprepared to help her—it wasn’t long before we fully embraced deliverance ministry.

Initially, our church helped folks in need of deliverance one on one after Sunday services, and in no time, we found ourselves going until 2:30 the next morning—sometimes even later. That was unsustainable, so within weeks we began experimenting with mass deliverance sessions on Sunday nights under the tent.

Now, a year later, we haven’t missed a single Sunday-night mass deliverance service. It was an unnerving transition, one in which we felt like teenagers going where few had ever gone, but we studied the works of Derek Prince, Win Worley and other deliverance writers and trusted the Holy Spirit to lead us through it.

Those services started with a crowd of 165 in attendance, which seemed overwhelming at the time. Within a couple of weeks, we were ministering to crowds of 700, and on special nights, we’ve seen crowds in the thousands—multitudes of hurting (or simply curious) people—all there to experience the ministry of Jesus and the Holy Spirit’s demonstrations of power on a Sunday night.

We’ve had Baptists, Pentecostals, Catholics, members of the Assemblies of God and folks from nearly every denomination and sect come to our tent for deliverance. Jews, atheists and followers of false religions have come to our tent to get saved and delivered.

We’ve even had pastors who attended seminary with me and thought I’d lost my mind come and receive freedom in our tent. One pastor came to our weekly Sunday-night mass deliverance service out of sheer curiosity. While he stood there in unbelief, his wife suddenly flared up from a dark spirit and fell to the floor, screaming and crying—until she got free.

“What do I do with this?” the pastor asked. Before long, he started preaching deliverance in his church, and it too exploded.

I’ve seen churches go from 30 folks on a Sunday to 500 within six months, all because they first received deliverance in our tent, then began preaching deliverance to their people. Once a believer witnesses these demonstrations of power for themselves, they can’t unsee them. And if that doesn’t immediately open their eyes, it will in time.

We all need deliverance from something. Even pastors and their spouses need deliverance. My wife and I are proof of that as well.

Experiencing Biblical Revival

Through this massive transformation of our ministry, the six characteristics of biblical revival have grown more apparent in every way. Our ministry and those we serve began experiencing miraculous healings and demonstrations of power too amazing to ignore.

A man with a stage 4 brain cancer death sentence received deliverance and was subsequently cleared of all cancer. Next, the Holy Spirit spurred him to testify from our platform for all the world to hear. This triggered a chain reaction of cancer healings among the congregation and the folks we pray for. Dry bones were

coming alive!

By the fall of 2022, we knew a true move of God was upon us, but there was no blueprint to tell us what to do next, so we simply trusted the Holy Spirit to lead us through every step. We lay out before the Lord and waited for Him to speak again and again.

This transformation drew us into deeper levels of repentance and humility. I repented for having taught a partial gospel throughout my ministry and for allowing worldly battles to distract me from standing fully armored up in the spiritual war. Our ministry team then reached out to deliverance generals around the nation and overseas who had been fighting this war long before we had.

South Carolina's Henry Shaffer helped us get started, and the Lord connected us with the other demon slayers one by one. *Come Out In Jesus Name* tells the remarkable story of how each of these anointed relationships unfolded in sudden, often dramatic ways.

Our ministry team hosted the first National Deliverance Conference on Labor Day weekend, just nine months after we began teaching and ministering deliverance.

As with everything else during this revival, we had no idea what to expect, and I put no time into preplanning before announcing it would happen just a month later. The Holy Spirit said to do it without much build-up, so we just obeyed.

The Saturday night before the conference began, folks showed up in droves. Our tent seats 3,000 people, and by Sunday morning we had 4,500 trying to squeeze in. We eventually had to remove the walls so folks could stand outside and participate. Small tents popped up all over the place.

It all happened with incredible speed, and every session dripped with Holy Spirit anointing. I knew we needed to take this beyond our tent.

Producing a Mindblowing Movie

Earlier that week, I had met with my producer at Locke Media, Wayne Caparas, to discuss making a 30-minute documentary about what was getting ready to happen in our tent, so he got our crew together to capture all we could. But God had other plans.

Have you ever experienced an event so compelling that you realized it should be

made into a movie? I think we all have. In those instances, I've often thought, *Man, if there were a film crew walking through this with us, we'd have our movie.*

That's exactly what the Lord did when He told me to start this project. By the time Tuesday rolled around, still reeling from all that had transpired across the three days of the deliverance conference, I felt led to ask Caparas if we could possibly turn his work into a feature-length film to show in theaters. "Would anybody want to show it?" I asked.

Caparas has been with us at Global Vision for a long time, so he answered without hesitation: "Absolutely." We put a talented team together and walked it out.

This was about the same time Sean Feucht's *Superspreader* documentary released, and the success of that film inspired our team. Feucht is a good friend, so we talked with his people, made some calls and followed the Holy Spirit through every door He opened while avoiding every door He closed.

It was now mid-October, and though I knew it would be a massive challenge, I fully believed the Lord wanted us to get this message out to the world in March, before Resurrection Sunday. Nearly every industry pro we talked to said this was an impossible goal.

I, along with most of our team, agreed that it seemed technically unlikely. We realized a theatrical release would require an engaging theological discussion and a good bit more evidence of God's power than a single weekend in our tent. From a Hollywood perspective, we still needed a year's worth of script development and editing, production time for a full soundtrack and months to jump through all the business hoops required of a theatrical release.

It was all daunting. But we kept reminding ourselves that this was a work of God, not of man, and it was as if the Holy Spirit said, "Keep your hands to the plow, boys, and armor up ... I'm about to blow your minds!"

Over the next two months, He did just that. The production and scripting of this historic film was a true act of God in every way. Only He knew the unfolding plotlines that would build the story arc and the full biblical context of the script. Our job was to keep the cameras rolling, stay obedient to His Word, preach the gospel,

cast out demons and watch Him do it.

Awakening God's Army

Minds have been permanently blown. Anyone expecting *Come Out In Jesus Name* to be a typical sleepy or overhyped documentary need only read the thousands of testimonies plastered across social media or the hundreds of online reviews. This film is a verified act of God about the supernatural workings of God among the repentant remnant of God.

On our March 13 opening night, the film was No. 1 in per-screen attendance across the entire nation and No. 4 at the box office, with hush puppies and sardines for a marketing budget. God did that, too. We had 80,000 people in theaters all over America—on the same night—learning about the supernatural power of Jesus and taking part in the largest mass deliverance in the history of the Christian church.

The salvation, healing and deliverance testimonies that sprang up that night are overwhelming to read. Prayer vigils broke out coast to coast. Not even in our wildest dreams could we have foreseen a God-sized, miraculous, Red Sea moment for the body of Christ. When the encore screenings took place in early April and May, it all happened again.

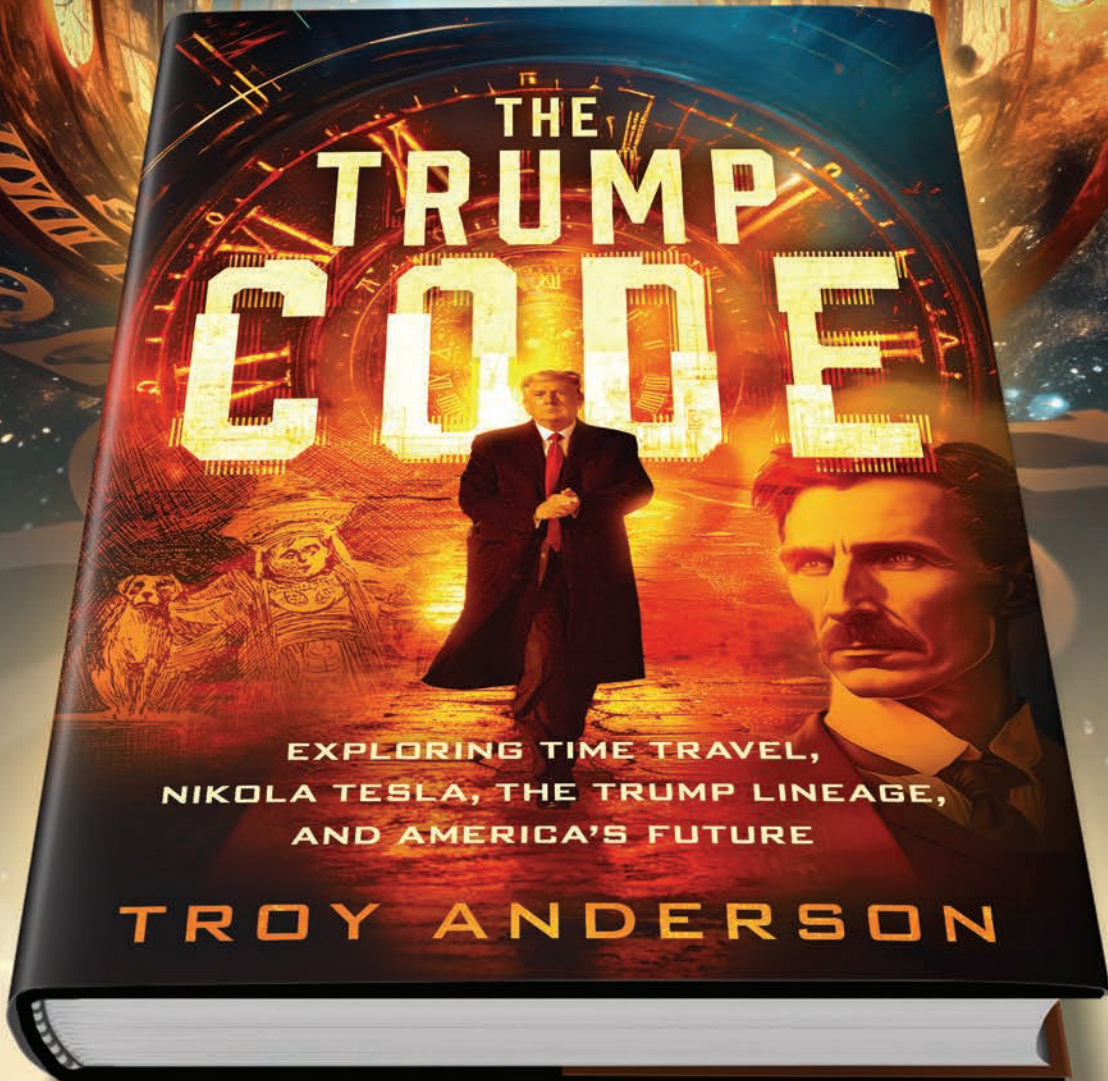
The Lord brought an army of believers to minister in virtually every theater in the nation. Their testimonies are electrifying, and the Lord raised up more previously hesitant street preachers and deliverance ministers on these nights than ever before in church history.

Maybe you're one of them. What started as a movie has become a movement. Full-blown deliverance revival broke out in more than 2,000 secular movie theaters and poured into the streets. This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

Throughout church history, every time deliverance broke out during a major revival, the spirit of religion quenched it, and the revival soon died off. In the film *Jesus Revolution*, you can see how things started going south when at the peak of the revival, Lonnie Frisbee started laying his hands on people to set them free, and the leadership shut him down.

This set in motion the revival's downward trajectory. Until now, there has never been a full-blown global deliverance revival, and this time, the Lord won't allow the

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spirit of religion to stop it.

You still may be wondering how we can call this “the most important awakening” of all. An awakening is an outpouring of the Holy Spirit that transcends borders, leaders, denominations, race and religion. It has all the markings of revival, but to an exponential and lasting degree. An awakening is, in effect, a move of God that triggers unprecedented unity and awareness of God’s presence among the body of Christ.

The Suddenlies that Grew into a Groundbreaking Major Movie

At the outset of the pandemic, we were leading tornado relief out of our tiny wedding chapel of a church, and suddenly we were under an intense global media attack for keeping our church open. In very short order, we went from 300 seats in the chapel to a 3-000-seat tent, and we have since baptized 8,000 converts in a horse trough. No man could have planned that, and all we did was reject the spirit of fear and trust the word of God at every turn.

While most churches were in retreat, we were experiencing unbelievable growth. But midway through it, God said, “You’ve stewarded this well, so I’m going to send revival in the midst of revival.” It’s not like we were looking for a bigger media platform or for more people to show up at our church. It just started happening. All the characteristics of revival were already in full swing when suddenly miracles broke out. Healings broke out. And prophetic voices began to flow in startling ways.

In *Come Out In Jesus Name*, we tell of how this seismic shift in our ministry was born through a series of spontaneous *suddenlies*, but none were more sudden than that day a young girl manifested a dark spirit while I was baptizing her. My embarrassment was instant, and the deep shame Tai and I felt for not knowing how to help her finally knocked the scales from our eyes.

It suddenly became clear to us that mainstream Christianity has been ignoring a massive portion of the ministry of Jesus for a very long time. Through 30 years as an evangelist and pastor, I had to admit that I had just plain missed it, as I let my denominational lens blind me from seeing the full gospel well enough to simply take Jesus at His word.

I knew I had to repent and come clean with our large congregation, and it wasn’t easy. I didn’t really know what to expect, but

I knew I would be putting all we had accomplished on the line, and I was positive I was going to lose a lot of my old cessationist friends in the ministry, but I was convicted.

In January of 2022, I delivered the riskiest and most controversial sermon I had ever preached. It was my very first sermon on the deliverance from demons. What started as a nerve-wracking confession turned into 45 consecutive sermons on Jesus and deliverance. The church grew in every good way imaginable, as the people had been waiting for me to get there all along.

Many of the great deliverance teachers of the past have said that when you get involved in deliverance ministry, you’ll never have to advertise because people will come from all over the world to find you. Today, our church is living proof that it’s true. Once the people of God (especially the hurting) find out that you believe you have the power and authority to cast out demons in Jesus’ name, they will go to great lengths to find you, just as they did in the New Testament.

The number one work of power that Jesus performed was the casting out of demons. He did it over and over everywhere He went, even among the masses, out in the open for all to see and especially in the church house. Somewhere along the way, the mainstream church lost sight of the importance of these works and demonstrations of power. Is it any wonder that average church participation is in a perpetual state of decline?

Spreading the Deliverance Revival

I’ve learned that there are five primary characteristics of a true move of God: The Lord continually gets the glory, religious people are immediately critical, the hearts of curious people are drawn to it, the stirring of God’s presence is undeniable and the lives of those involved are forever changed. Whether in our tent, one of our co-laborers’ churches or one of the thousands of theaters that show the film, all who have been touched by this awakening can affirm that all five of these are in full swing and growing stronger.

The ultimate proof that this may be the most important awakening in church history can be found throughout Scripture, but especially in the four Gospels. There, we see that more than a third of Jesus’ ministry involved the casting out of demons. It was by far the most common of His supernatural works.

I like to ask the skeptics (like my former

self), “Where did all those demons go that Jesus cast out?” It appears that everybody wants to talk about what would Jesus do until it’s time to do what Jesus did—especially when it concerns demons.

Every believer knows that all of Scripture commands us to walk like Jesus in obedience to Jesus, and no one commanded us to cast out demons more definitively than Jesus Himself. In the climax of Mark’s Gospel record, Jesus delivered this command in the context of His Great Commission, where He listed a series of supernatural signs that would mark believers. While all of these archetypal demonstrations of power have been mostly ignored or even vilified by most denominations over the past 2,000 years, it is the dismissal of the first of these signs—the casting out of devils—that has left the body of Christ defenseless against demons and all the schemes of the enemy.

The same dark spirits that Jesus commands every believer to cast out are the very demons that have kept the lukewarm church in bondage. The simple fact that the Great Commission is incomplete without deliverance ministry is evidence that the church has not been preaching the full gospel.

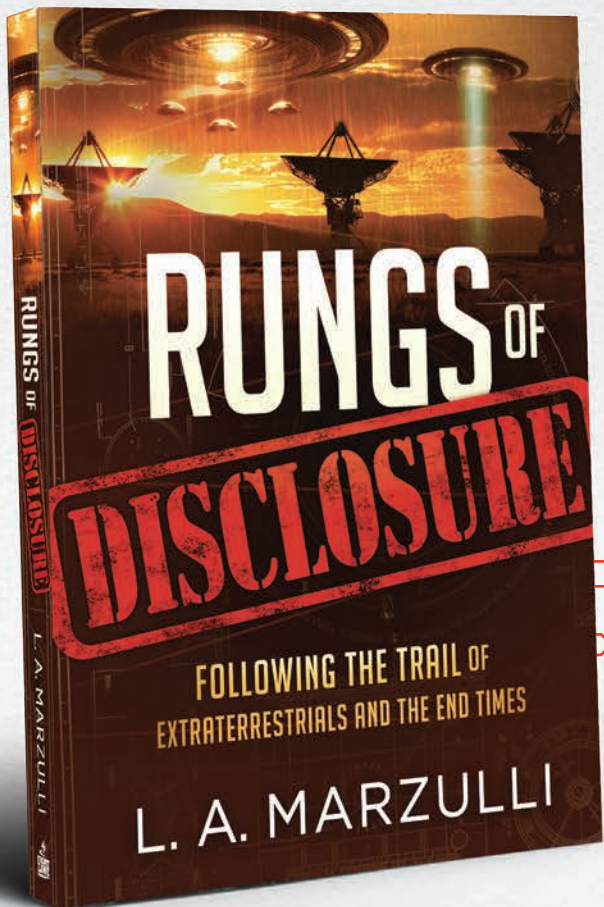
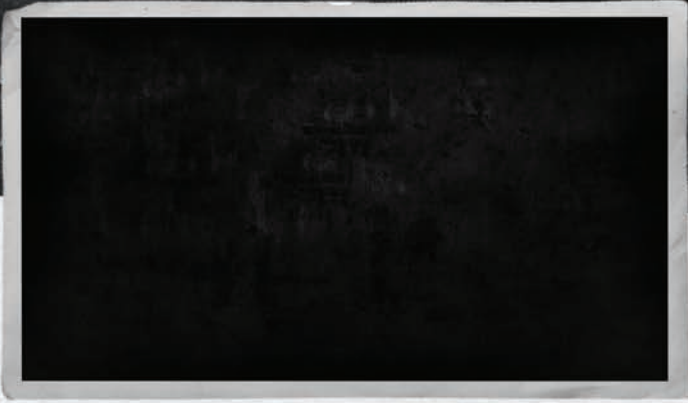
If this is the awakening that corrects all of that, and I believe it is, could there be a more important move of God? As we prepare to spread this deliverance revival to all nations, consider the possibilities. What will happen when we finally start obeying God’s plan to bring the full gospel to the whole world while setting the captives free? Get ready.

In these last of the last days, the Lord is indeed pouring out His Spirit on all flesh, and He will soon return for a pure, spotless bride. For that, I believe the most important demonstrable sign of this last-days outpouring will be the casting out of demons from our flesh, our homes, our churches and our communities—in Jesus’ name! ◀

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PROPHETIC WITCHCRAFT

BY JENNIFER LECLAIRE

I knew I was deceived. I just didn't know if I was deceived by church leaders or the enemy. But in a moment of clarity, I decided it was possible the leaders of the church I had labored in for eight years were the ones in deception—and they were deceiving many others. After getting outside counsel, it was crystal clear prophetic witchcraft was plaguing my soul.

Prophetic witchcraft is not false prophecy, but it's the source of the false prophecy that is concerning. While prophecy speaks the mind, will and heart of God for a person, situation or nation, prophetic witchcraft can oppose the will of God—or at least lead you into a different direction or out of God's timing. Prophetic witchcraft taps into a spirit other than the Holy Spirit, who is the spirit of prophecy. Since the spirit of prophecy is the testimony of Jesus (see Rev. 19:10), prophetic witchcraft can't be the testimony of Jesus—or what Jesus is saying.

Prophetic witchcraft confuses and deceives your soul. Your soul is your mind, will, emotions, imaginations, reasoning and intellect. When you align with prophetic witchcraft, it does plenty of damage to your soul, and it grieves the Lord. Remember, Jesus died for your soul. Your soul belongs to God (see Ezek. 18:4). With that, let's explore six ways prophetic witchcraft damages your soul. continued »



“In these last days, false prophets abound, stealthily infiltrating our churches.”

1) Prophetic Witchcraft Renews Your Mind to Lies

Think about it. Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God (see Rom. 10:17). Likewise, faith in the false comes through continually hearing the false. Our minds are renewed, in large part, by what we hear, what we say and what we meditate on. That’s why Paul chronicled these Holy Spirit-inspired words in Romans 12:1-2: “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

This is a serious warning. Beseech means to urge. Mind renewal was such a strong conviction in Paul’s life that he put a demand on the Romans—and us—not to allow the spirit of the world to pollute our souls but to let God’s Word revive and renew our souls. Prophetic witchcraft conforms our minds to the ways of the

world. The good news is you can reverse the curse of prophetic witchcraft on your mind. God can accelerate the renewal of your mind by deploying truth bombs to blow up every evil seed the enemy sowed in your soul.

2) Prophetic Witchcraft Builds Enemy Strongholds

Little by little, prophetic witchcraft builds strongholds in the mind. Biblically, a stronghold is like a castle in the mind—a fortress, an argument, demonic reasonings and wisdom. James speaks of a wisdom that does not descend from heaven and calls it “earthly, sensual, demonic” (James 3:15). Thankfully, the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty to destroy strongholds in our minds (see 2 Cor. 10:4).

3) Prophetic Witchcraft Leads You into Carnality

Prophetic witchcraft takes your mind off Christ and sets it on the things of the flesh. It manipulates your soul and distracts your heart from the main thing (see Gal. 3:1). Prophetic witchcraft taps into your carnal nature and fleshly desires. Paul told us in Romans 8:5-6, “For those

who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.” The good news is you can reverse the curse and start sowing to the Spirit again.

4) Prophetic Witchcraft Makes You Dull

Prophetic witchcraft makes it more difficult to hear God’s voice. When we don’t make a habit of pressing into God’s presence for ourselves and waiting for His still small voice to speak to us directly, we are prime targets for prophetic witchcraft. When we look to people over God for direction, we are on a pathway to dependence on false voices.

The writer of Hebrews spoke of those who became “dull of hearing” (see Heb. 5:11). Think about it. Jesus spoke of those whose hearts had grown so callous they could hardly hear with their ears and their eyes were closed (see Matt. 13:15). Dull in the context of these Scriptures means slow, sluggish, indolent, languid and, yes, dull.

Prophetic witchcraft releases words that often defy the Word of God—or the timing of God—for your life. If you give your ear to it, you will be slow to hear instead of quick to listen to the truth. When your hearing is dull you may follow the voice of a stranger because you can’t tell the difference between the voice of God and the voice of the enemy. You can’t accurately cut through the clutter of voices in the spirit.

That’s why intimacy with God is so important. Jesus said His sheep follow Him because they know His voice (see John 10:4). If we don’t get to know Jesus—to regard, cherish and pay attention to His voice—we are in danger of mistaking a stranger’s voice for His voice (see John 10:5). The good news is you can draw close to God and He can re-open your eyes and ears. You can be more sensitive than ever to His heart.

5) Prophetic Witchcraft Bends Your Will

Prophetic witchcraft bends your will away from God into idolatry and immorality. God has given us a free will. Your will is used to express your desires, choices, actions, consent or disagreement.

When Christ walked the earth, fully God and fully man, He had a will but He submitted it completely to God. We need to do the same, but when we submit to prophetic witchcraft we find our will bending toward sinful pursuits.

When we submit ourselves to God and resist the devil, he will flee from us (see James 4:7). When we don't resist prophetic witchcraft—whether it's due to ignorance, idolatry or some other illness of the soul—we are not submitted to God. When our will is not submitted to God, the enemy has a legal

and be in health even as our soul prospers (see 3 John 1:2).

Prophetic witchcraft skews the holy imagination with what the Bible calls vain imaginations. Paul spoke about the vain imagination in Romans 1:21 (KJV) in context of sinners: "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened." When our imagination becomes vain—which means showing undue or excessive pride, marked by futility, foolish, silly

those whose hearts are devising wicked imaginations (see Prov. 6:18). When the imagination—the thought—doesn't line up with God's thoughts, He wants you to cast those imaginations down before they renew your mind to a false prophetic reality.

Paul put it this way: "Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ," (2 Cor. 10:5, KJV). This command is imperative. What you don't cast down will take root. What takes root will renew your mind. What renews your mind will inform your words and deeds. What informs your words and deeds will shape your life. The Holy Spirit wants to use your imagination to lead you into His plans and purposes for your life—to show you what's possible. Prophetic witchcraft uses your imagination against you to pervert your mind and heart. Don't let it. The good news is you can consecrate your imagination again and begin to imagine His will.

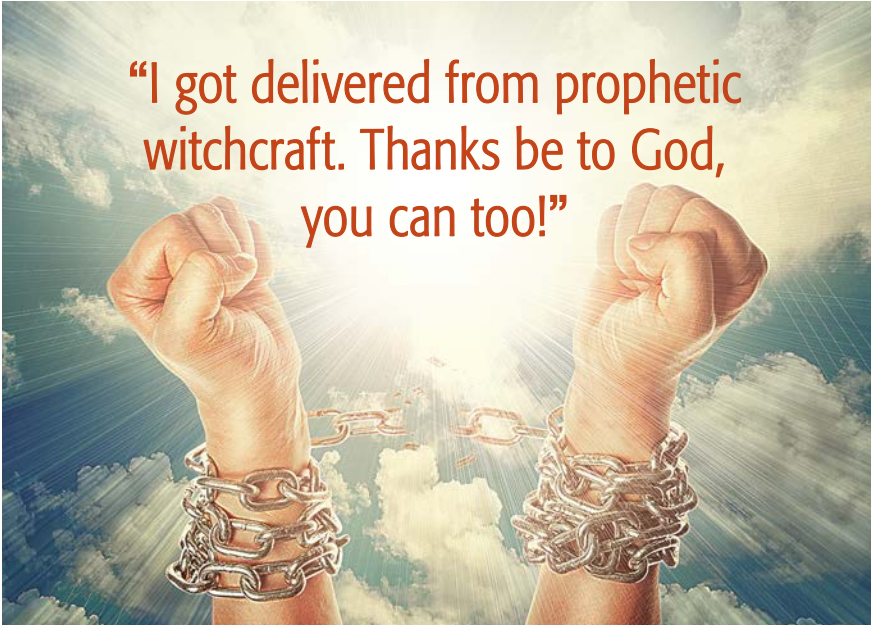
Other Prophetic Witchcraft Effects

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right to steal, kill and destroy (see John 10:10). When our will is not submitted to God, prophetic witchcraft devours (see 1 Pet. 5:8). The good news is you can realign your will to God through the gift of repentance.

6) Prophetic Witchcraft Sullies Your Imagination

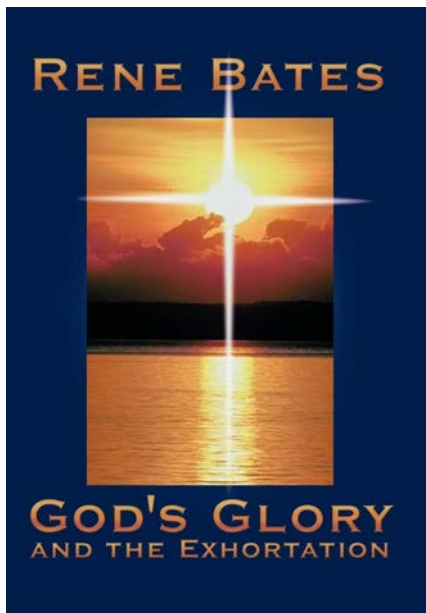
Imagination, which is part of the soulful realm, is neither good nor bad. Your imagination is a gift from God, and the enemy wants to pervert it. Paul told the church at Corinth that eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him (see 1 Cor. 2:9, ESV). God wants us to imagine ourselves healed, whole and prosperous because His Word tells us by His stripes we are healed (see 1 Pet. 2:24) and that He wants us to prosper

and having no real value—we are heading for destruction.

Shortly before God told Noah He was going to destroy the earth with a flood and commissioned him to build an ark to preserve a remnant of people and animals, this happened: "The Lord observed the extent of human wickedness on the earth, and he saw that everything they thought or imagined was consistently and totally evil" (Gen. 6:5, NLT). Again, a sullied imagination leads to destruction.

Later, the people set out to make a name for themselves by building a tower called Babel. Your imagination should be yielded to God and sanctified. God doesn't want you imagining vain, foolish, silly things that have no value. He doesn't want you using that creative ability the wrong way. Likewise, He doesn't want you to receive ministry from

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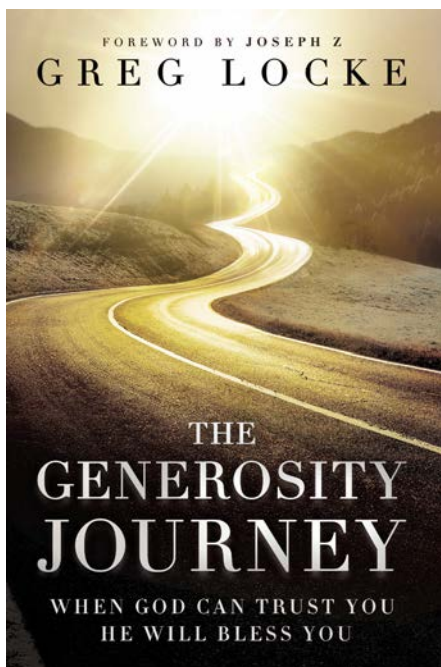
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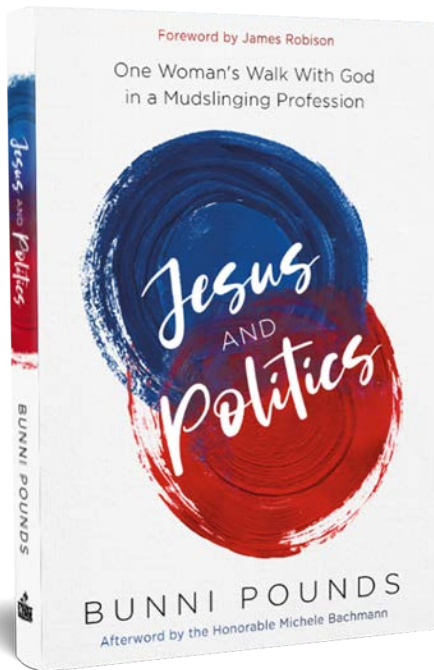
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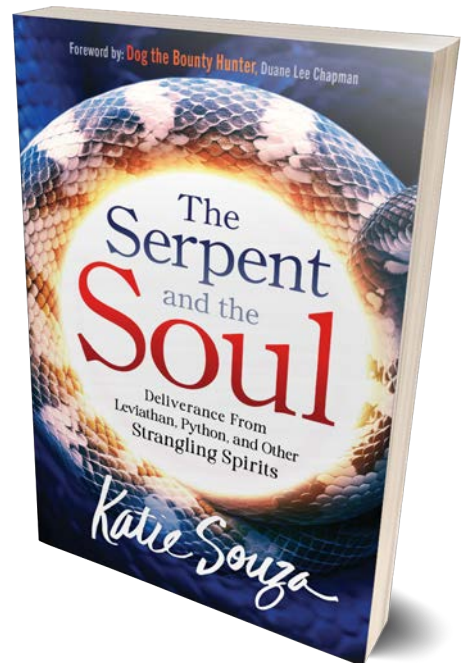
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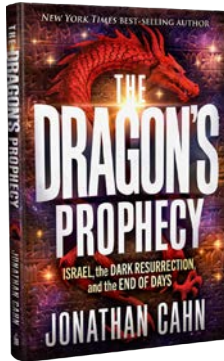
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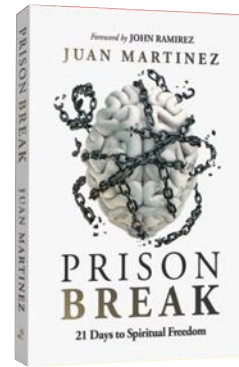
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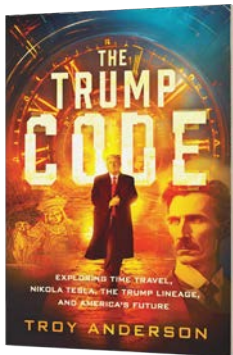
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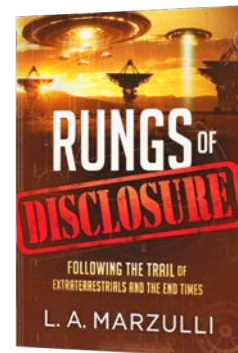
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