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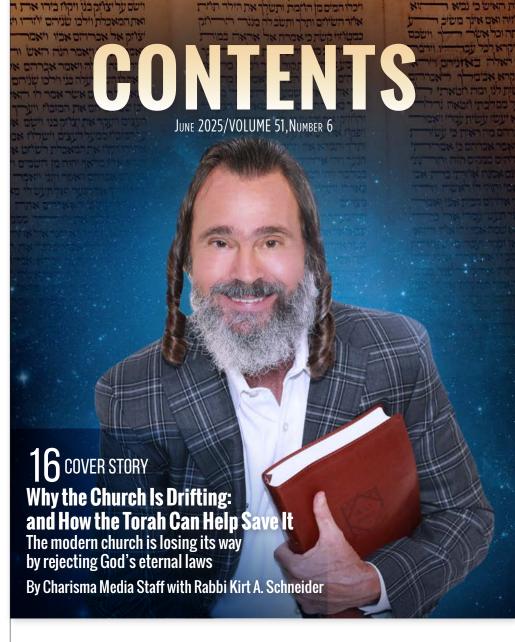
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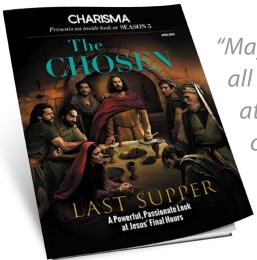
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There are moments in storytelling when the veil lifts—and we glimpse eternity. The Chosen's Last Supper episode does just that. In this cover feature, we see Jesus preparing His disciples for the cross. The drama is tender, anointed and piercing. May it remind us

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### STRANG REPORT



### BY STEPHEN STRANG

# The Spirit Still Falls: Pentecost Power for Troubled Days

"The Holy Spirit is not

reserved for pastors

entecost Sunday—June 8, 2025—marks more than just another date on the liturgical calendar. This year, it arrives as a divine wake-up call in a moment of national and spiritual tensions. The United States stands at a crossroads, bruised by division, aching with cultural confusion and desperate for direction. But I believe with all my heart that what happened in the Upper Room 2,000 years ago still holds the answer for our generation. The power of Pentecost is not just theological history—it is a present-day lifeline.

We are living in an hour when the noise of chaos is deafening. Social unrest simmers just beneath the surface. Identity confusion, lawlessness, addiction, fear and anxiety all grip entire generations. Young people especially are asking questions the culture can't answer: Why am I here? What is truth? Is there more to life than this? The

world offers a hollow, echoed response. But Pentecost reminds us that there is a resounding answer—Jesus Christ, the risen King and the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2 describes the moment the Holy Spirit first descended: "Suddenly a sound like a mighty rushing wind came from heaven...and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit," (Acts 2:2, 4, MEV). The disciples didn't leave that room confused

or broken—they emerged transformed. And that same Spirit is still being poured out today. The Holy Spirit is not outdated, nor confined to history books. He is the very breath of God, and He is still being poured out on all flesh young and old, rich and poor, everywhere.

We are now in a time when only the supernatural intervention of the Holy Spirit can make sense of the insanity unfolding around us. Political theater dominates headlines, but it cannot heal hearts. Cultural trends shift like sand, offering no firm foundation. But Pentecost reveals a kingdom that cannot be shaken—and a Comforter who never leaves.

This Pentecost is also notable for its timing. It is the first Pentecost Sunday of President Donald Trump's second term. Whatever your political perspective, one thing is clear: this administration has placed a renewed emphasis on defending religious liberty. The White House Faith Office has worked tirelessly to protect our First Amendment right to worship God freely and live out our faith boldly. We've seen

in recent years how easily governments can veer toward persecution under the guise of safety or equity. We cannot afford to ignore the signs of the times. God is at work, even in Washington. But more than ever, we need a Pentecostal outpouring that goes far beyond political platforms. We need the fire of God to fall on His people again—because no president, no party and no policy can produce the kind of transformation that only the Holy Spirit brings.

Across America and around the world, people are running on empty. No matter how much they scroll, consume or achieve, they're left with a haunting ache inside. That's because the soul was designed for God. But in our culture of quick fixes and shallow spirituality, that thirst is often misdiagnosed and left untreated.

This generation is not too far gone. Gen Z, Millennials and even hardened Boomers are ripe for revival if we will present them not

with gimmicks but with grace. We must preach the full Gospel—salvation through Jesus Christ, sanctification through the Word and deliverance power through the Holy Spirit. And when we do, something begins to shift. We've seen it already. From college campuses experiencing spontaneous worship to prayer gatherings swelling in size across the country, the embers of awakening are starting to glow. Could it be

that Pentecost 2025 is not just a remembrance—but a re-ignition?

I'm calling on every believer to lean in like never before. The Holy Spirit is not reserved for pastors or evangelists; He's for every follower of Jesus. Don't be content with powerless Christianity. Don't settle for a Sunday-only faith. God wants to empower you to be His witness in your home, your workplace and your community. He wants to baptize you afresh with Holy Spirit fire.

In 1975, when we started *Charisma* magazine, we were driven by a singular passion: to proclaim what the Holy Spirit is doing in our time. Fifty years later, that fire still burns. And I believe we are now entering one of the most significant moments in modern church history.

If ever there was a time for the church to return to her roots, it's now. As Pentecost 2025 arrives, may we not mark it as just another Sunday, but receive it expectantly, fervently and boldly because the Holy Spirit is not finished with America, He is not done with the church—and He is not done with you and me.

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# Arise & Shine: A Revival Ignited in Los Angeles

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Spirit touched them."

here are moments when the presence of God breaks into the earthly realm with such intensity, you realize you're not just witnessing revival-you're standing in the middle of it. That's exactly what happened at the recent Arise & Shine Conference hosted by Five-Fold Church in Los Angeles, California.

"God amazed us and left us in awe by how powerfully He moved and the true revival that we experienced," Lead Pastor Kathryn Krick says. "One person recently said their husband said it reminded him of the Jesus Revolution movie."

Before the sessions even began, more than 100 volunteers were

already ignited. Their fire spilled over into every corner of the venue. As the first session launched, worship erupted. It wasn't hyped; it was holy. People fell to their knees. Demons fled. Bondages snapped. One unforgettable moment came when a young boy dropped to his knees, trembling in God's presence. It wasn't staged. It wasn't orchestrated. It was heaven touching earth. "The people were moved to a deeper, childlike faith as they watched God touch him," Krick says.

Throughout the sessions, deliverance happened openly and powerfully. Demons were cast out in the name of Jesus. Many were healed. Others were filled with the Holy Spirit for the first time. There were countless testimonies of freedom from addiction, torment and fear—things people said they had battled for decades with no relief, until the Holy Spirit touched them directly.

And it wasn't just the young who were moved. During a Q&A session, an elderly couple stood to testify, and their words pierced the room. "This is the revival we have prayed for and waited our whole lives for," they declared, trembling under the weight of the Holy Spirit. The room erupted—not in hype, but in reverence.

The theme of deliverance from generational strongholds surfaced again and again. People shared how burdens they had carried for years—shame, abuse, trauma—broke in an instant when the fire of God fell. No therapy session or self-help plan had ever touched it. But Jesus did. The Gospel was proclaimed with boldness: you cannot break free from spiritual chains in your own effort or strength, but through the power of the Holy Spirit, you can walk out in complete victory.

"I'd never seen this many people this on fire for Jesus and full of joy in my life," Krick says. "And it was in the face of so much intimidation from the enemy." And that spiritual resistance? It was very real. In the 40-50 days leading up to the conference, both the leaders and the church faced extreme spiritual warfare. Persecution, threats, slander—everything the enemy could throw to shut it down. But God had other plans.

The attendees didn't just receive; they were sent. On Day 2, the impartation service brought an outpouring of the anointing. Many were so overwhelmed by the impartation that they fell

under the power of God, weeping and shaking—not out of fear, but joy. By the final night, no one wanted to leave. The scheduled service ended, but the worship didn't. "The people kept worshipping, so the worship team came back out to continue! Revival broke out on a new level!"

The testimonies are still rolling in. One woman wrote that she hadn't been able to sleep peacefully in years due to demonic torment—but after deliverance at Arise & Shine, she finally slept through

the night. Another man said he came skeptical, but left weeping, having encountered Jesus in a way he never thought was possible. Several attendees said they had fallen in love with Jesus "more than ever before."

In a time when spiritual confusion and compromise are flooding the church, Arise & Shine didn't just offer a message—it offered an encounter. A collision with the Holy Spirit. A call back to holiness and true intimacy with Jesus. This was not a celebrity-driven conference. There were no flashing lights, no smoke machines, no curated Instagram moments. There was simply the unfiltered power of God and a room full of surrendered hearts.

If you're hungry for more of Jesus in real, raw, holy revival, watch the highlight video here. But don't stop there. Let the fire that fell in Los Angeles ignite something in you.

God is not finished. He's just getting started. And the same Spirit is ready to fall wherever there is hunger.

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Kathryn Krick is a rising online influencer, and founding lead pastor of Five-Fold Church in Los Angeles, where many miracles happen and people are healed, delivered and equipped to be powerful vessels of God. Her best-selling new book, Unlock Your Deliverance, is available now at amazon.com.

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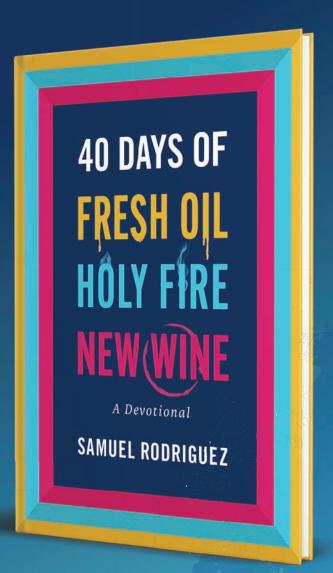
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# Thriving in the Wait: Unshakable Faith for Storm-Shaken Generations

"The culture may shift,

the waiting may feel

nstant gratification and 15-second scroll cycles are the norm, while the idea of waiting on God can feel almost offensive to a generation raised on now. Yet, across the timelines and TikTok feeds, among the protests and spiritual hunger, something deeper is stirring in Generation Z and Generation Alpha. They are not just asking when—they're asking why. Why hasn't the breakthrough come yet? Why are the promises of God still unfulfilled in their lives?

This question echoes through worship nights, late-night prayer circles and journal pages inked with raw hope. The tension of waiting can become its own kind of trial. It's not just about what we're waiting for—it's about who we become in the waiting.

Evangelist Matt Cruz knows that tension firsthand. With a voice forged in adversity and a calling rooted in revival, Cruz speaks

directly to a restless generation: "Just as we don't wait until we're physically sick to start supporting our immune system, we shouldn't wait until we're spiritually weak to strengthen ourselves in the Lord."

Waiting on God's promises isn't passive. It's active, often agonizing and always refining. When we're caught in the long pause between prophecy and fulfillment, it's easy to question God's timing, or worse—

His goodness. But Scripture reminds us: "Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry," (Hab. 2:3, MEV).

In the storm of delay, we must remember this: God is not slow. And the storm you're in? It might not be the thing blocking your promise—it could be the very process bringing you to it.

The faith that survives is not the faith built in air-conditioned sanctuaries alone—it's the kind hammered together in the middle of life's chaos. It's forged in the fires of rejection, refined in the furnace of disappointment and tested in the gale-force winds of delay. Both Gen Z and Alpha are not interested in surface-level spirituality. They demand authentic substance. They crave a kind of faith that bleeds when cut, prays when pressed and worships when wounded. This generation isn't looking for more entertainment—they're desperate for encounter. They don't want another curated message—they want Christ, raw and real.

"When we make Him our anchor, our lives become stormproof," Cruz says. Not storm-free, but storm-proofed. We're no longer tossed around by doubt, fear or delay. We're grounded in the real security Christ offers. And that's the crux of it: The kind of faith that survives is the kind that's anchored. Not just in theology. Not just in tradition. But in a living, breathing, present-tense relationship with the risen Christ. In today's storm-tossed culture, the call to make Jesus our anchor is louder than ever.

It's in the waiting that we're prepared for the witnessing. When you come through the storm—when you endure and overcome what was meant to destroy you—you don't just survive. You testify. Matt Cruz's life itself is a testament to that truth, "When I finally understood my identity in Christ, my thoughts and words began to change. I stopped allowing rejection to cripple me and give me a false interpretation of people's feelings toward me."

The fruit of waiting well is trust. Not trust that God will always

explain Himself, but trust that He knows exactly what He's doing-even when we don't. That's the kind of trust that moves us from just hearing the Word to living it

Often, the struggle is not just in the waiting, but in understanding why we're in a waiting season at all. God's delays are not God's denials. The very storm that's shaking your boat may be the one preparing your

platform. What if the pain isn't meant to break you, but to build you?

"In the waiting, God refines us. He teaches us to trust Him and to find contentment in Him alone," Cruz says. "This is so important in waiting seasons. I've discovered that when God hasn't answered our prayers yet, He's preparing us to receive His blessings at the right time and in the right way. It's not just about the answer to the prayer—it's about what we learn while waiting for it."

This is why having an eternity perspective is crucial. We weren't born to live 80 years and die with a good retirement plan. We were born to finish our race well. Every delay, every trial, every painful unanswered prayer is forming in us a faith that can stand the tests of time, trial and temptation.

And here's the truth Gen Z and Alpha desperately need to hear: You are not forgotten in the wait. You are being formed in it. What you are becoming in the storm is greater than what you're waiting for on the other side. The waiting may feel endless. But in Christ, your soul is anchored, and your life is stormproof.

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Raised in a multicultural church on Chicago's Southside, Matt Cruz had a powerful encounter with the Holy Spirit at age 19 that transformed his life. He started evangelizing on the streets of Chicago, where he witnessed incredible miracles and later began posting evangelistic videos on social media which have received more than 200 million views. His newest book, Stormproof, is available now on amazon.com.

# **Simply Christ**

Gospel Insight

with Keith Surface

## Paul's Sin Problem

A common objection to Jesus' promise that he would make us free from sin John 8:32-36 is grounded in an erroneous view of the Apostle Paul. "But what about Paul?", they say, "He struggled with sin. He said, 'The good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do'." Romans 7:19. Yes, Paul did write those words. Yet, as so often is the case, people choose select words which seem to prove their belief and discard the rest of God's word if it does not fit their narrative.

The above-mentioned words, which are so often quoted by people seeking to prove the Apostle Paul had sin problem, are found in the 7th chapter of Romans. Paul begins this chapter speaking directly to the believing Jews in the church. He says, "For I speak to them that know the Law." Romans 7:1. These were Jews, who like the Apostle Paul, now believed that Jesus is the Christ.

Paul reminds these Jewish believers of their shared past, saying, "For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death." Romans 7:5. The words "when we were in the flesh" speak of their life before they came to Christ and were born of God's Spirit. Paul reaffirms this in the next chapter when he writes, "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in

you." Romans 8:9. Only those who have not received Christ are still "in the flesh."

When Paul reminded the Jewish believers of "the motions of sins, which were by the law," he was referring to the struggles with sin they all endured when they served under the Law. He said it "did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death." The rest of this chapter is written to describe these "motions of sins, which were by the law," which Paul endured before he surrendered to Jesus Christ.

These words, which so many claim are

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a description of the Christian walk, are actually what made Saul of Tarsus (later known as Paul) realize that he was in fact a slave to sin and needed a savior. He wrote, "...but I am carnal, sold under sin. For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I." Romans 7:14-15. In his struggles with sin under the Law, Saul came to realize that something more powerful than himself was in control. The more he resisted sin's dominion, the worse his struggle became. This what brought him to cry out "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?". Romans 7:24. If we listen to modern teachers, we would conclude that he found no deliverance from the dominion of sin. Yet. his very next words contradict the gainsayers. Paul rejoiced, saying, "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 7:25. Saul found the deliverance he longed for when he surrendered himself to Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus!

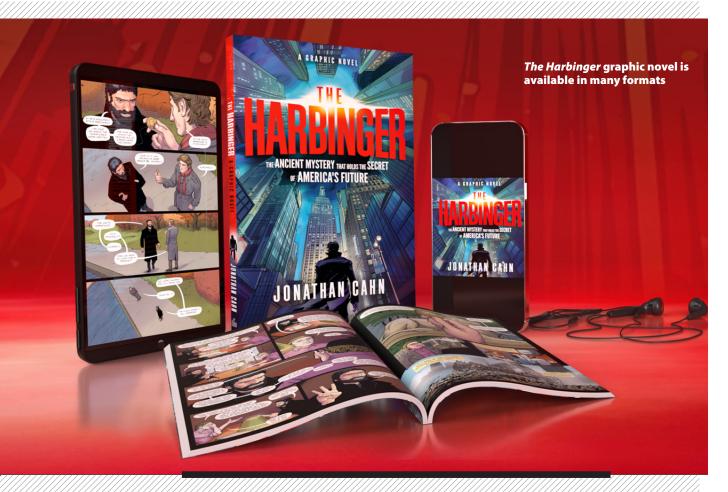
Paul's concluding statement for the 7th chapter warns us that if you attempt to serve the Law of God with your mind (intellect), you will serve sin with your flesh. This is the same "mind" Paul speaks of a few verses later, saying, "Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." Romans 8:7. A child of God does not serve God with the carnal intellect. They serve him with their spirit. Paul said, "For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son..." Romans 1:9.

Let's see if Paul's words about his walk after he came to Christ fit the modern "Paul was a sinner" narrative. Paul wrote, "Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe: "I Thessalonians 2:10.

Paul also told us that he "... renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God." II

Corinthians 2:4. The Apostle Paul commended his walk to the conscience of every person who wanted to examine him. Is this the description of a man that modern teachers tell you "had a sin problem"? Not in the least! Jesus' promise to make us free from sin is still true for us today, just as it was for the Apostle Paul.

**Spirit-Led Names and News** *Compiled by Charisma Staff* 



# **Prophecy Comes to Life in** *The Harbinger* **Graphic Novel**

Best-selling author Jonathan Cahn is bringing his prophetic warning to a new generation this time in the vivid and engaging full-color imagery of the graphical novel

he Harbinger graphic novel, based on Cahn's groundbreaking 2012 bestseller, delivers an illustrated retelling of the original's prophetic message.

"You're going to see things you never saw before," Cahn says. "The prophet, the harbingers-brought to life visually."

With scenes like Noriel encountering the prophet at the New York Public Library and the harbingers manifesting both in ancient Israel and modern-day America, Cahn says this format reveals the mystery unfolding in our time. "It's real and it's true," he says, "the harbinger leads to a salvation call."

Cahn believes the graphic novel will reach hearts untouched by traditional formats, family, co-workers, even skeptics. "It shows how real God is in a way they never knew before."

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# **When a Culture Forgets God, Even Cracker Barrel Loses Its Soul**

racker Barrel used to feel like a warm memory—rocking chairs, old-time candy, checkers by the fire. But now, it's being gutted by "modern" min-

imalism, and Zach Dean at OutKick isn't having it. "Banquet seating? Lighter paint? Fresher? Cleaner? Nope," he writes. "That's not what we go to Cracker Barrel for."

But this isn't just about restaurant decor. It's a symptom of a deeper cultural sickness: when society turns its back on God, beauty dies. From Hollywood's soulless reboots to fast food chains scrubbing away color and charm, we're watching a full-blown aesthetic collapse. What replaces it? Sterility. Emptiness. Banality.

Scripture tells us we're made in the image of God-the Creator of beauty and wonder. But modern culture has rejected that image. And now we're left with AI music, gray walls and art with no soul.

Cracker Barrel's makeover isn't just bad taste—it's prophetic. As Dean puts it, "This ain't your daddy's Cracker Barrel." And unless we return to God, this cultural decay will only accelerate. Want beauty back? Start with the Source.

# 34,000,000,000,000 (trillion—with a 't') Watt **Snapshot Created the Actual Shroud of Turin?**

he Shroud of Turin, long debated as either Christ's burial cloth or a medieval fake, is gaining renewed credibility. Over 102 scientific fields have invested 600,000+ research hours into the linen. Dr. Jeremiah Johnston confirms, "The majority conclude it's 2,000 years old." Italian scientists using wide-angle X-ray scattering matched its age to the time of Jesus' crucifixion-April 3, A.D. 33.

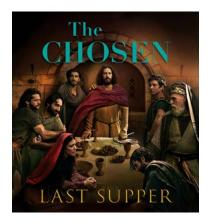
But science can't explain the image: a crucified 5'11" Jewish man with no trace of paint or pigment. One physicist calculated it would

take 34 trillion watts of energy in a fraction of a second to form it-without burning the cloth. L.A. Marzulli suggests the "holy fire," a mysterious flame appearing annually in Jerusalem, could be the divine force behind the image.

Even skeptics have tried to suppress the fire, only to see it reignite. As prophetic understanding increases (Daniel 12:4), the Shroud remains a forensic testimony-not just of Christ's death, but His Resurrection. And that's what rattles the enemy: proof that Jesus rose—and still reigns.

# Woke Snow White **Bombs at Box Office. Faith-Based Films Outshine It**

isney's live-action Snow White has faceplanted at the box office—racking up an estimated \$115 million loss. despite a bloated \$250 million budget. Critics point to more than bad marketing: they blame the ideological gutting of the beloved classic. Gone is the kneeling-in-prayer Snow White of 1937. In her place stands a feminist rebrand who, according



to actress Rachel Zegler, doesn't "fall in love" and thinks the Prince is a "stalker."

Even Jonah Platt, son of the film's own producer, publicly criticized Zegler's behavior, calling it narcissistic. Meanwhile, audiences flocked to faithbased alternatives: The Chosen: Last Supper beat Snow White in second-weekend ticket sales.

When Disney traded purity, humility and prayer for progressive posturing, they didn't just rewrite a fairy tale—they lost their way. As Romans 1 says, "Professing to be wise, they became fools." The light was cast out. Darkness—and disaster-followed.



# A Spiritual Shift Among Young Men

surprising surge of young men in church pews is signaling what some pastors are calling a "major spiritual shift." At Harvest Church in California, Pastor Greg Laurie witnessed 500 people come forward to accept Christ on Easter—many of them under 30.

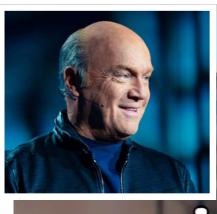
"It was fantastic," Laurie told CBN News. "I can't remember an Easter where we had a response like that."

Laurie pointed to a remarkable trend: more young men embracing faith. "A public school teacher told me her Bible club had 28 boys out of 30 students. That's unheard of," he said.

Even *The New York Times* has noted the pattern. Laurie believes young men are hungry for identity, after years of being told masculinity is a problem. "They're tired of being browbeaten," he said.

Barna CEO David Kinnaman noted a 30 million person rise in professing Christians since 2020.

Fueling the fire, Laurie says, are Christian films like *The Chosen* and *House of David*. But he emphasizes that revival isn't the end goal—discipleship is: "It's time we return to the Great Commission."



Left: Pastor Greg Laurie, Harvest Church; below: Soul harvest at Harvest Church on Easter Sunday 2025





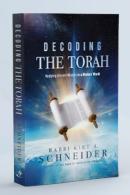
# Did NASA Pinpoint the Exact Day Jesus Died?

ew data suggests the heavens declared the crucifixion.
According to NASA's astronomical models, a blood-red moon rose over Jerusalem on Friday,
April 3, A.D. 33—the very day many scholars believe Jesus was crucified. This rare lunar eclipse aligns with Matthew 27's record of darkness at the crucifixion and is echoed in ancient apocryphal texts referencing a blood moon that night.

Scholars like Harold Hoehner and Andreas Köstenberger agree: Daniel's prophecy of 483 prophetic years from the decree to rebuild Jerusalem (444 B.C.) lands precisely on A.D. 33. The late Dallas Seminary professor Hoehner even identified April 3, in his landmark book *Chronological Aspects of the Life of Christ*.

The number 3—symbolizing divine perfection—may hold deeper meaning still. Jesus rose on the third day and was crucified in year 33. Now, modern science may have just caught up to what Scripture hinted all along: heaven marked the moment of redemption.

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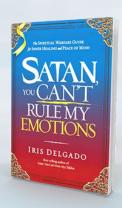
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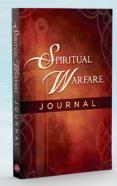
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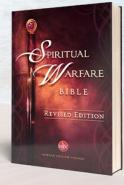
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# Why the Church Is Drifting-

and How the Torah Can Help Save It

The modern church is losing its way by rejecting God's eternal laws—Rabbi Schneider is calling believers back to reverence, anointing and the prophetic standard

BY CHARISMA MEDIA STAFF with RABBI KIRT A. SCHNEIDER

n an age when spiritual confusion runs rampant and reverence for the sacred has been lost in the shuffle of modernity, Rabbi Kirt A. Schneider stands as a voice calling the church back to its biblical roots. As host of TV's Discovering the Jewish Jesus and author of the new book Decoding the Torah, Schneider offers a powerful call to rediscover the wisdom and order God established in His Word—particularly through the often-overlooked laws of the Torah.



# Step-By-Step With Messiah Yeshua

Many believers skim past Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy, unaware of the treasures tucked within. Yet Rabbi Schneider insists that buried in these ancient texts are not outdated rituals but blueprints for holiness, rev-

elation and communion with God. The laws of the Torah continue to shape the lives of those who seek to walk in the footsteps of Jesus today. In Decoding the Torah, Rabbi Schneider invites readers on a transformative journey through the 613 commandments of the Torah, revealing their significance for believers in Jesus-both Jewish and Gentile. He uncovers the spiritual depth within these ancient laws, demonstrating how they shape the lives of those seeking to follow Jesus today.

Rabbi Schneider emphasizes that while many laws cannot be practiced in their original form, they remain a source of divine wisdom, offering guidance and nourishment for all believers. Each commandment points to God's holiness and His desire for a just and compassionate world. Decoding the Torah explores how Jesus fulfilled the Law, showing how the commandments lead us toward a life of love and mercy.

By examining key Scriptures, Rabbi Schneider bridges the gap between the ancient commandments and contemporary life to deepen faith and apply eternal truths to daily walk with God.

In a recent Charisma interview, he unpacked seven truths that the modern church must recover if it is to walk in the fullness of God's power and purpose.

# The Prophecy Crisis: Discernment Over Hype

Today, nearly anyone with a microphone and a platform claims to be a prophet. Rabbi Schneider warns, "We've got too much, too much riffraff going on today in the realm of prophecy." He explains the Torah standard bluntly: "False prophets were to be not listened to, and even stoned to death."

Schneider calls for a return to holy fear before speaking for God: "If we're going to be saying, 'Thus saith the



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Lord,' we better be sure that it was the Lord, and we better hold ourselves back until we are." Reverence must precede revelation—false prophecy isn't just a mistake; it undermines trust in true prophetic voices.

Reflecting on the chaos created by unchecked prophetic voices, he said, "It's like the boy that cries wolf, you know, he keeps crying wolf and it doesn't happen, then he cries wolf again and no one responds."

# Torah Is Not Legalism—It Is God's Self-Revelation

One of the greatest misunderstandings among believers today is the role

of the Torah under grace. Schneider teaches, "The law was holy, righteous, spiritual and good," stressing, "we're not under the law, but we can't throw out the baby with the bathwater."

Instead, the Torah reveals God's character and instructs us in holiness. "The law is a self-revelation of God and

the law is not contrary to the grace of God," he says. Jesus didn't abolish the law; He fulfilled it, fulfilling God's covenant while maintaining the beauty and purpose of His commands.

Schneider points to a translation error from the King James Version that wrongly pits law against grace: "The word, but first of all, wasn't in the original manuscripts that we have. That's why it's in italics."

### Witchcraft in Disguise: The Seductive Spirit of Manipulation

While the church denounces witchcraft in obvious forms, many believers unknowingly embrace its subtler manifestations. "A woman can be in the spirit of witchcraft by trying to manipulate people through seduction," Rabbi Schneider warns.

He emphasizes that manipulation, new age "manifestation" and control are gateways to spiritual rebellion. "At the end

of the day, it's witchcraft," he says—the attempt to control one's environment and others outside of God's prescribed ways.

He added, "This is so common that many Christian women don't even realize how they're on the edge, how they're actually in a spirit of compromise."

# True Incense: Spiritual Atmosphere by Divine Design

Incense, often used today in secular and spiritual circles alike, held a very specific function in biblical worship. Schneider cites Exodus 30, teaching, "You couldn't just make up your own incense... it needed to be a specific type of incense, and you're not going to know

what that incense is until you know the God that gave us the Scriptures."

He draws the connection to prayer: "The incense was burned every morning and every evening. So, it was a continual, fragrant aroma arising to the Lord." Holiness is not aesthetic; it is an obedient, surrendered life rising like incense before God's throne.

Schneider states, "We burn incense by being in continual loving communion with our Creator."

### The Anointing Must Be Protected

Drawing from Leviticus 10:7, Schneider explains the priestly call to devotion: "You shall not even go out from the doorway of the Tent of Meeting,

word, I left so fulfilled because I stayed in the anointing. We have to make sure that we don't go outside of the anointing of the Holy Spirit's presence on our life," he says, urging believers to abide daily.

### **Guarding Our Tongues: The Spiritual Cost of Cursing Leaders**

While the commandment to not curse God is widely accepted, Schneider notes that Scripture also forbids cursing leaders. "David said, 'Far be it from me to strike the Lord's anointed," even though Saul pursued him unjustly.

"I've chosen to keep my mouth shut, not accuse, not judge, not condemn, keep my mouth shut," Schneider says. "One of the quickest shortcuts to growing in

counted as incense before you."

He recounts his personal journey through two and a half years of desperate prayer: "One day, John, the power of God and the kingdom of God broke into that situation, and complete and absolute peace came and the kingdom of God was firmly established."

He reflects, "Some of us today are feeling discouraged and disconnected from God, because we feel that God isn't hearing our prayers."

For those feeling unheard, Schneider assures: "Even the weakest whisper, even that what you feel is so weak and insufficient... every time you reach out to him, it is precious to him. It's incense to him."

### A Call to Rediscover the Sacred

Rabbi Schneider's message is not about returning to ritual for ritual's sake. It is a prophetic summons to a church drifting into confusion, to come back to what is holy. Torah is not outdated—it's eternal. Reverence is not religious bondage—it's spiritual safety. And God's presence does not accommodate our preferences—it requires our alignment.

"We are losing the church because we have lost the laws of the Lord," Schneider states. Yet there is hope. The same Word that once revealed God's holiness to Israel is still alive, still powerful and still able to reform a wandering church.

"Study the Torah," he urges, "and you will be greatly enhanced and empowered in your walk as a follower of Yeshua."

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for the Lord's anointing oil is upon you."

Recalling a trip to Nigeria, he shares, "I said to the Lord, 'Lord, I am not going to leave my hotel room the entire time I'm in Nigeria doing these mass outreaches." Protecting the anointing requires awareness of God's presence and careful separation from worldly distractions.

He continued, "I left that trip after ministering and just loving people and revealing truth and preaching God's power is to watch our mouth."

He advises, "If what we're saying isn't helpful, if it isn't needed and if it isn't good and edifying, there's probably no purpose to say it."

### **Incense and Intimacy: Prayer** as a Living Offering

Returning to the imagery of incense, Schneider unpacks its ultimate meaning: prayer. Quoting Psalm 141, he says, "May my prayer be

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# How to Recognize and Block

### CHARISMA MEDIA STAFF with DON DICKERMAN

n an moment when spiritual deception runs rampant and evil masquerades as light, the body of Christ must awaken to a sobering truth: spiritual warfare isn't a metaphor, and demonic activity isn't limited to Hollywood horror scripts. It is real, it is present and it is targeting lives, homes, churches and even entire generations. To stand victorious, believers must recognize the entry points that give demons legal access—and decisively shut the gate.

### **Discernment: The First Line of Defense**

Discernment is the spiritual ability to distinguish between truth and error, between the Holy Spirit and deceiving spirits. It is not just a spiritual gift for a few, but a mandate for every believer walking in these end-times. Jesus warned that even the elect could be deceived if possible (Matt. 24:24). That warning alone should drive every Spirit-filled believer to sober vigilance.

The demonic realm does not operate without permission. Evil spirits are legalists. They require access—a doorway or a portal through which they can enter. And far too often, believers unknowingly open the gates.

## **Gateways: Spiritual Entry Points**

Scripture speaks frequently about gates, doors and openings in a symbolic and spiritual sense. Proverbs 25:28 says, "Whoever has no rule over his own spirit is like a city broken down, without walls." A broken-down city is one with open gates, exposed and vulnerable to enemy invasion.

# **Demonic Access to Your Life**

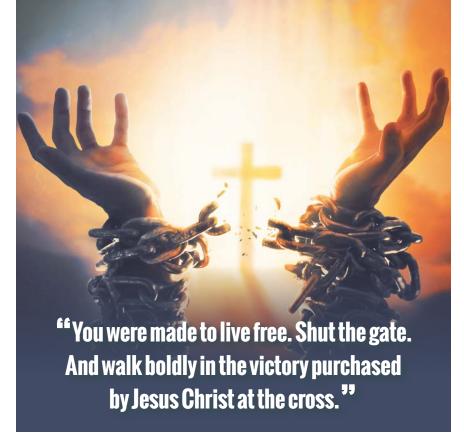
These gates are not external; they are internal. They are the gates of the heart, the mind, the soul and the body. And they are under your control. Demons cannot force their way into a believer's life. There must be a breach, an invitation or an agreement. Let's explore how these spiritual breaches happen and how to discern and close them.

# The Hidden Doors: How Demons Gain Legal Access

1) Generational Curses and Ancestral Sin: The consequences of sin are often generational. Exodus 20:5 speaks of the iniquity of the fathers being visited upon the children to the third and fourth generation. This isn't about God being unjust—it's about legal spiritual consequences passed down through bloodlines.

Signs of generational curses may include patterns of:

- » Chronic illness or hereditary diseases. These are not just medical issues; they can be spiritual afflictions rooted in family sin. Recurring health issues that defy medical explanation often have spiritual origins.
- » Financial hardship despite hard work. When poverty follows a family despite diligence and stewardship, a curse may be at work. It's more than bad luck—it's bondage.
- **»** Family breakdown, divorce and addiction. Cycles of relational failure or recurring addictive behaviors across generations point to spiritual strongholds that must be broken.
  - » Emotional or mental instability. Depression, anxiety or bipolar disorders that run in families often have demonic roots passed



down through generations.

» Spiritual stagnation or confusion. Inability to hear God's voice or engage in meaningful worship and prayer can be a sign of inherited spiritual hindrance.

Deliverance from these inherited strongholds begins with recognition and repentance. Break agreement with the sins of the forefathers. Declare the blood of Jesus over your family line.

2) Trauma in Early Life and Birth: The enemy plays dirty. Many doorways open not by our choosing, but through early trauma—even in the womb. Children rejected in the womb, born into conflict or left in isolation (e.g., in incubators) often carry a spirit of abandonment or fear.

Even words spoken during pregnancy or birth carry power. A mother saying, "I wish I never got pregnant" may unknowingly curse her child with rejection. A traumatic birth or difficult pregnancy can create spiritual cracks that must be healed and sealed through prayer.

3) Soul Ties and Sexual Sin: Sex is not just physical; it is spiritual. Paul warns that when we unite sexually, we become one with that person (1 Cor. 6:16). When sex occurs outside of God's covenant, a soul tie forms—a spiritual bridge through which demons travel.

Pornography, casual sex, adultery and sexual abuse are powerful gateways. These behaviors not only defile the body but bind the soul. Spirits of lust, perversion, confusion and shame often enter here and remain hidden until confronted.

4) New Age Practices and Occult Involvement: Satan doesn't care if you call it a "harmless curiosity" or "just for fun." The moment you consult horoscopes, play with Ouija boards, read tarot cards or attend a séance, you enter into covenant with darkness.

Other occult doorways include:

- » Eastern mysticism. Practices such as yoga, transcendental meditation and chakra alignment often disguise idolatry as wellness.
- **»** Freemasonry and secret societies. These organizations often swear oaths and practice rituals that open the door to false gods and spiritual bondage.
- » Energy healing, crystals and spirit guides. These practices are counterfeit spiritual tools that invite demonic influence under the guise of healing.
- » Native spiritualism or witchcraft. Any involvement with shamanism, tribal rituals or spiritual ceremonies outside of Christ are spiritually dangerous.
  - » Hypnotism and astral projection.

Altered states of consciousness open the soul to manipulation and spiritual intrusion.

Any spiritual practice that bypasses the cross of Christ is demonic in origin and must be renounced.

5) Trauma, Abuse and Emotional Wounds: Unhealed emotional wounds from childhood or adult trauma act like open doors in the spirit. Repeated abuse, bullying or abandonment can invite in spirits of rejection, fear, shame and confusion.

These spirits often disguise themselves, masquerading as mental illness, addiction or insecurity. Hidden pain is a breeding ground for demonic deception. Inner healing and deliverance go handin-hand. Jesus came to heal the brokenhearted and to set captives free.

6) Addiction and Substance Abuse: What begins as a coping mechanism quickly becomes a prison. Substance abuse opens the door to spirits of bondage, death and self-destruction. These spirits latch on to pain and offer false comfort that leads to destruction.

Alcoholism in the family line is often linked to inherited addictive spirits. Addictions shift forms but remain rooted in the same spiritual stronghold. Freedom comes not just through sobriety, but through deliverance. A spirit must be cast out; a stronghold must be torn down.

7) Unforgiveness and Bitterness: Jesus warned in Matthew 18 that those who do not forgive are handed over to "tormentors." Bitterness and unforgiveness are open invitations to demonic harassment.

Holding onto offense gives the devil legal ground. Demons feast on emotional wounds that remain unhealed. Freedom demands forgiveness—not because the offender deserves it, but because you do.

8) Curses and Negative Words: Life and death are in the power of the tongue (Prov. 18:21). Words spoken over you—by parents, teachers, doctors or even yourself—can empower demons.

Declarations like, "I'll never be good enough," or "You're just like your father," can function as word curses. These phrases carry spiritual weight. They must be renounced, and new declarations of truth must be spoken aloud in

their place.

9) Entertainment and the Mind Gate: The eyes and ears are gates to the soul. What you watch, read and listen to matters. You cannot feast on darkness and expect to walk in light.

Say it out loud. Renounce it. Cancel it with the authority of Jesus' name.

**Break Agreements:** Declare aloud: "I break all agreements with [name the spirit or sin], and I command every spirit attached to it to leave in Jesus' name."

gatekeeper of your soul. Be a watchman over your own soul.

### The Fruit of a Closed Gate Life

Deuteronomy 28 paints a vivid contrast between lives lived under blessing and those under curse. When the gates are sealed by righteousness, your life becomes marked by:

Peace of mind. When spiritual torment ceases, clarity and rest return.

Joy in the Holy Spirit. True deliverance brings an overflow of supernatural joy and worship.

Financial provision. As generational curses are broken, God's provision begins to flow unhindered.

Strong relationships. Freedom from bitterness and trauma paves the way for restoration.

Physical and emotional healing. The departure of tormenting spirits often results in restored health.

Clear spiritual vision. Discernment sharpens, dreams return and intimacy with God deepens.

Victory over temptation. With the gates shut and the Spirit reigning, sin loses its power.

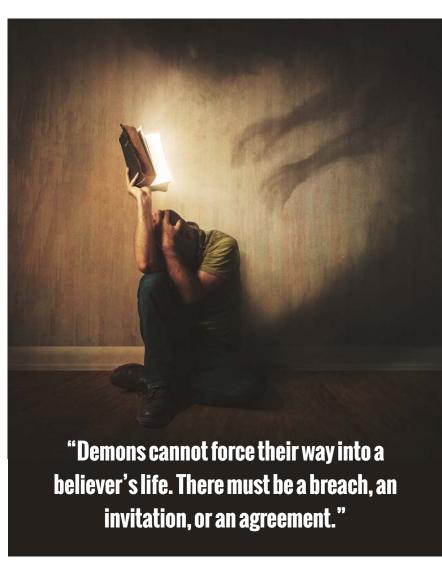
You become a living witness of Christ's power to save, heal and deliver. And you stand as a fortified city—walls strong, gates guarded, Spirit-filled and victorious.

# Final Word: Don't Wait to Close the Gate

Today is the day to examine your life. Ask the Holy Spirit to shine His light on every hidden crack. Don't allow generational patterns, unhealed wounds or cultural compromise to dictate your spiritual inheritance.

You were made to live free. Shut the gate. Bar the door. Raise up the standard. And walk boldly in the victory purchased by Jesus Christ at the cross.

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Demons don't need an invitation written in blood—they enter through agreement. Even cartoons, books or video games that glamorize darkness can plant seeds that grow into bondage. Guard your intake with holy discernment.

### Closing the Doors and Sealing the Gates

Recognizing the gateways is only the beginning. Shutting them requires intentional spiritual action.

**Repent and Renounce:** Confess any known sin or agreement with darkness.

Renunciation is a spiritual legal act that nullifies the devil's hold.

**Apply the Blood of Jesus:** The blood of Christ is not symbolic—it is powerful, legal and eternal. Apply it by faith to every gateway in your life. Declare its protection daily.

**Invite the Holy Spirit:** Empty spaces must be filled. After deliverance, welcome the Holy Spirit to take full residence. He is your Counselor, your Guard and your Power.

**Guard the Gates:** Remain vigilant. Discern what you allow into your heart, your home and your family. You are the

How mental health is a spiritual battle won day-by-day

### BY CHARISMA MEDIA STAFF with IRIS DELGADO

n today's high-anxiety culture, the idea of "mental health" has become a buzzword. Self-care routines, therapy hacks and motivational quotes dominate the landscape. But for followers of Jesus, the path to lasting emotional and mental health isn't found in mantras or mood boards. It's found in the trenches of spiritual warfare—one decision, one prayer one surrender at a time.

Best-selling author and seasoned minister Dr. Iris Delgado drives this point home in her piercing new book, *Satan, You Can't Rule My Emotions*. Her message is clear: mental and emotional healing are not a single breakthrough moment. Mental

health is a daily, deliberate spiritual effort.

And if you're not engaged in that fight, you're losing ground by default.

# Mental Health Is a Daily War, Not a Momentary Victory

Many believers cling to the hope of instant healing—a one-time encounter that will flip the switch and make everything better. But Delgado challenges this notion with a sobering truth: emotional stability is not a one-and-done miracle. It's the result of consistent surrender,



truth application, and spiritual resilience.

"The battle for your mental health is not a once-in-a-life event," she writes. "It's a daily consistent effort grounded in faithful trust in God." In other words, it's not just about what happened at last Sunday's altar call—it's about what you do on Monday morning when the enemy whispers lies in your ear and your emotions spiral out of control.

# Recognize the Enemy's Strategy: Disruption, Deception, Despair

The first key to victory is acknowledging that there is an actual enemy working against you. Delgado makes it clear that Satan's attacks are subtle but strategic. He doesn't always roar

like a lion; sometimes he slithers like a serpent, sowing seeds of discouragement, confusion or self-pity.

He aims to:

- » Disrupt your peace.
- » Distort your thoughts.
- » Dismantle your relationships.
- » Discourage your faith.

He uses generational baggage, unresolved trauma, internal lies and even cultural narratives to keep you shackled. If you've ever asked yourself, "Why am I still stuck in this emotional pattern?"—there's a good chance you're dealing with one of his traps. And the only way out is to expose the lie and replace it with God's truth.

# "This isn't a passive rescue operation. Freedom requires your cooperation."



### Victory Requires God's Tools, Not Just Positive Thinking

Self-help slogans won't break chains—only the power of the Holy Spirit and the authority of God's Word will. Power spiritual strategies that go beyond surface-level solutions include:

» Identify and dismantle toxic thought patterns: These aren't just mental ruts—they're spiritual strongholds that must be demolished by truth (2 Cor. 10:4–5).

» Break free from generational curses and emotional strongholds: You may have inherited more than your grandmother's anxiety or your father's temper. But the blood of Jesus breaks every chain if you're willing to confront and renounce them.

» Experience healing through the daily renewal of the mind: Romans 12:2 isn't optional—it's survival. Transformation comes through soaking in the Word, not scrolling through social media.

Spiritual freedom is not automatic. It's intentional. Every lie you uproot and every truth you declare is a step forward in your healing.

### Climbing Out of the Pit Requires Cooperation With God

Psalm 40:1–3 offers one of the most vivid pictures of deliverance in Scripture.

The psalmist says God not only heard his cry but pulled him out of the "horrible pit"—a metaphor for mental and emotional anguish. But here's what we often miss: the psalmist waited and cried out. He partnered with God in the process.

This isn't a passive rescue operation. Freedom requires your cooperation. God opens the door, but you must walk through it. He hands you the key, but you must choose to unlock the chains.

And here's the hard truth: many people stay stuck in emotional bondage not because God isn't willing to deliver them, but because they aren't willing to take the uncomfortable steps toward freedom.

### Practical Steps to Daily Emotional Freedom

Mere inspiration will not move the needle, progress requires substantive, clear steps that give a ladder up and out of the pit.

Renounce self-pity. This is a big one. The "poor me" mentality may feel comforting, but it's spiritually suffocating. Delgado urges readers to reject the temptation to wallow. As 1 Corinthians 10:13 reminds us, everyone faces trials, but God always provides a way out—if we're willing to take it.

**Fully forgive.** Bitterness is like drinking poison and expecting your

enemy to die. Forgiveness isn't a feeling—it's a decision. It means letting go of the desire to punish, trusting God to vindicate, and praying for those who hurt you. Delgado emphasizes that unforgiveness is a spiritual blockade, not just an emotional wound.

**Reject comparison.** Measuring yourself against others breeds either inferiority or pride. Either way, it's a trap. Galatians 6:4 challenges us to focus on our own work, our own progress, and our own obedience. God didn't call you to someone else's path—He called you to yours.

Guard your thoughts and words. Words create spiritual momentum. Delgado warns that repeating the enemy's lies—like "I'll never change" or "I'm too damaged"—actually gives him more power. Instead, declare God's promises and confess His truth over your life. Your tongue is a weapon—use it wisely.

Stay tenderhearted. Life hardens people. But spiritual growth requires softness. Delgado calls on believers to reject the false safety of emotional numbness and instead lean into the healing presence of God. Tenderness is not weakness—it's the soil where the Holy Spirit works.

# **Spiritual Growth Demands Heart Discipline**

Emotional freedom demands a holy

lifestyle. You can't walk in victory if you're nurturing secret grudges, justifying pride, or chasing self-centered dreams. That priceless freedom purchased for us in the blood on the cross, is found in disciplines such as:

- » Pray for those who offend you: Not only does this align you with Christ's example, but it purifies your own heart.
- **» Desire God's will above your own:** Lay your expectations on the altar and trust God's higher plan—even when it hurts.
- » Resist the urge to avenge yourself: Vengeance hardens the heart and puts you in God's seat. Leave justice to Him.
- » Accept correction and grow: Be teachable. True freedom requires brutal honesty with yourself and a willingness to change.

This isn't legalism—it's spiritual maturity. It's choosing the narrow road that leads to life.

"You weren't saved just to be rescued from hell. You were saved to represent heaven on earth."

# **God's Perspective Changes Everything**

The way you interpret your life determines how you experience it. We must as believers adopt God's lens:

- » You are seated with Christ—which means you're above the drama, not buried in it.
- » God can use even injustice to elevate you—just look at Joseph, Esther, or Jesus Himself.
- » Life isn't always "fair," but it is always filtered through God's love and sovereignty.

When you surrender your rights and expectations, peace floods in. You stop needing control because you trust the One who holds it all.

### **Staying Free Means Staying Filled**

Freedom is not just about what you break off—it's about what you fill up with. Delgado underscores the absolute necessity of living full of the Holy Spirit. The fruit of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience—aren't personality traits. They're evidence of a heart saturated with God.

To sustain and build your freedom:

- » Renew your mind daily. This is not optional. You are being shaped every day—either by culture or by Christ.
- **» Live in the present.** Regret and worry are tools of the enemy. God lives in the now. So should you.
- » Stay grateful. Thankfulness disarms the enemy and re-centers your soul.
- **» Stop speaking defeat.** Words are not harmless—they're spiritual declarations. Speak life or stay stuck.

### You Were Made to Thrive, Not Just Survive

Jesus didn't go to the cross just so you could limp through life barely holding on. He came to give you life and life abundantly (John 10:10). Emotional health is not just about avoiding breakdown—it's about walking in purpose, joy and power. You weren't saved just to be rescued from hell. You were saved to represent heaven on earth.

"The journey out of the abyss is not always easy," Delgado says, "but it is always worth it." Each time you choose forgiveness over revenge, humility over "Spiritual warfare isn't glamorous.
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pride, truth over lies—you're climbing higher. The chains loosen. The darkness fades. And the light of Christ shines brighter.

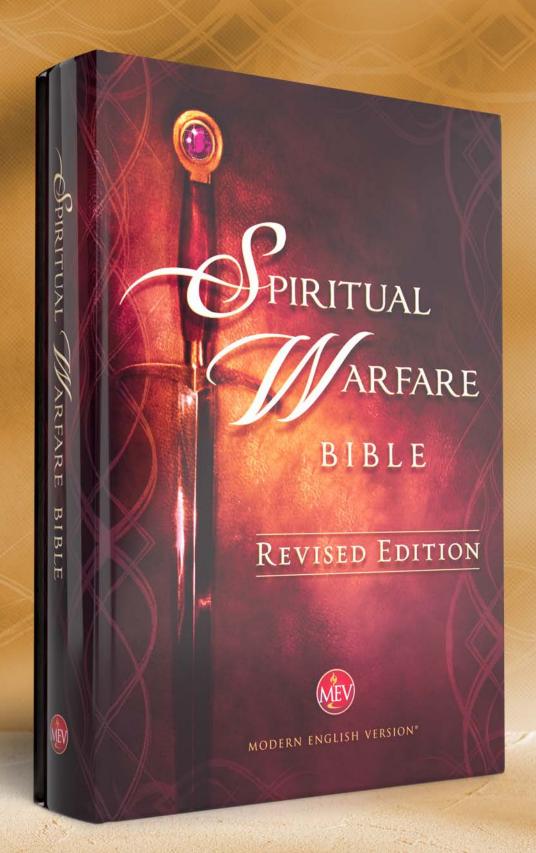
## Take His Hand. Keep Climbing.

Spiritual warfare isn't glamorous. It's gritty. It's personal. And it's each day. But it's also winnable. With every step you take toward healing, God is right there with you—empowering you with His Word, strengthening you by His Spirit, and loving you into wholeness.

So, take His hand. Refuse to give the enemy one more inch of territory in your mind or your emotions. You were made for more than survival.

You were made to live free.

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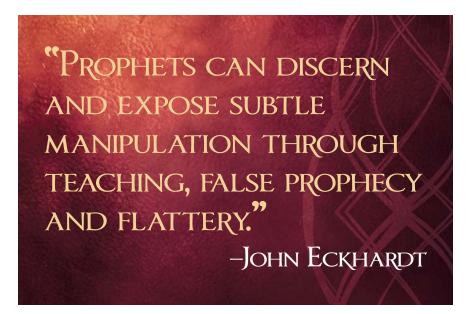
# JESUS IS COMING-BUT ARE YOU READY FOR WAR?

Inside the newly revised *Spiritual Warfare Bible* with top deliverance leaders arming believers to defeat darkness

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very hour draws us nearer to the consummation of our faith—that long-awaited day when Jesus will once again set His feet upon the earth. With each passing moment, the urgency intensifies: we must be fully equipped, nourished and rooted in the power of God's Word as we prepare to stand before the Living Word Himself.

In these perilous times, *The Spiritual Warfare Bible: Revised Edition* is a critical resource for the body of Christ. More than a Bible, it is a field manual for victorious living amid spiritual battle featuring fresh insight and anointed teachings from today's leading voices in deliverance and spiritual warfare—Alexander Pagani, Kathryn Krick, Isaiah Saldivar, Iris Delgado, John Eckhardt and Greg Locke—all contributing wisdom forged in the fire of frontline ministry.



### **Going Deeper in Deliverance** The Secrets to Deliverance By Alexander Pagani

Freedom is your inheritance in Christ. It's what Jesus came to earth to give freely to those willing to receive it. First John 3:8 tells us that "For this purpose the Son of God was revealed, that He might destroy the works of the devil." Demons love mediocrity and apathy. They thrive off believers having no passion to pursue freedom. But when the true kingdom of God has arrived, it will interfere with the kingdom of darkness. It will aggressively confront what has remained hidden for years. Digging disturbs what's been living in undisturbed areas. When we dig deeper and unearth what's been hiding, it causes a disruption. There will be minor manifestations of resistance. Don't be alarmed. These are demonic tactics to get you to stop digging. Whatever you do, don't stop digging until every last work of the devil in your life has been destroyed.

# The Value of Anointed Words

Unlock Your Deliverance By Kathryn Krick

It's important to value the true anointing that is flowing upon your life. When you are positioned under the anointing and a servant of God declares a word over your life, such as "be healed" or "this spirit must go," whether this declaration is spoken in

a one-on-one prayer or a corporate prayer, you must value that anointed word! The Roman centurion valued Iesus and the word He declared when he was seeking healing for his servant. He knew that when Jesus spoke a word, his servant would be healed. The centurion's faith released the miracle (Matt. 8:5-13). "So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it" (Isa. 55:11).

When an anointed servant of God speaks, the word must come to pass. Many people are losing their miracles before the miracles manifest from the

spiritual to the physical realm. They leave the church, thinking that nothing happened. The miracle was released through the word, but they missed it!

When a person throws you a ball, you have to actually lift your arms and open your hands to catch it. If you leave your arms at your sides, the ball will pass over your head. You have an easy opportunity to catch the ball, but you choose to completely miss it. This is how it is with receiving miracles in the presence of an anointed servant of God. The servant of God is throwing miracles at you with their words, but you have to lift your hands and catch the miracle to receive it! The action of catching your miracle is believing and choosing to value the words declared.

### **Jesus Commissioned You** to Cast Out Demons

How to Cast Out Demons By Isaiah Saldivar

Jesus gave three main commissions when it came to casting out demons.

The first commission is in Matthew 10:5-8 when He calls His 12 apostles to cast out demons. Note that He did not ask them to do this; He told them to. Now, you might be thinking, "Isaiah, I'm not one of the 12 apostles. This doesn't apply to me!" Let's keep going.

The second commission is in Luke 10:17-20, where Iesus sends out the 72 disciples and they return saying:

"WHEN AN ANOINTED SERVANT OF GOD SPEAKS, THE WORD MUST COME TO PASS." -KATHRYN KRICK "Lord, even the demons submit to us in Your name." These were not the 12 apostles. These were 72 disciples. You still might say, "But Isaiah, this doesn't apply to me! I'm not one of the 72 disciples." Let's keep going.

The third commission in Mark 16:15-18 applies to every believer. It says the first sign of a believer is that they will cast out demons-not they might, not they can, but they will! To me the text is clear: This is for every believer.

It saddens me how many Christians see their friends and family being demonized and choose to do nothing about it. When will you get tired of seeing everyone around you in bondage while you have the answer? The Bible says in Romans 8:11 that you have the same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead, living in you. You do not have a weaker, lesser version of the Holy Spirit; you have the same Spirit that raised Christ inside you! So, let's get to work! It's time to go to war against the forces of darkness that keep our friends and families in bondage.

### **God's Security System** for Your Home

Satan, You Can't Have My Marriage By Iris Delgado

Satan was able to completely destroy Job's family and home. Today he still tries to enter an unguarded home and steal, kill, and devour. I am convinced that without a spiritual security system built upon the Word of God, our homes cannot and will not be able to withstand the even tougher, perilous times of crisis ahead of us.

Most of the advanced technology and outlets of information available pertaining to marriage and parenting follow the ways of the world and are not based upon the Word of God. God intended for our homes to be a flourishing garden, full of life and substance, material wealth, and personal enjoyment. But Eve allowed herself to be tempted by the devil, and since that time we are in warfare with good and evil.

We must reclaim our home and establish a firm foundation upon Jesus Christ, the solid Rock. Stop giving the

enemy permission to express himself in your marriage.

Take a stand. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you (James 4:7).

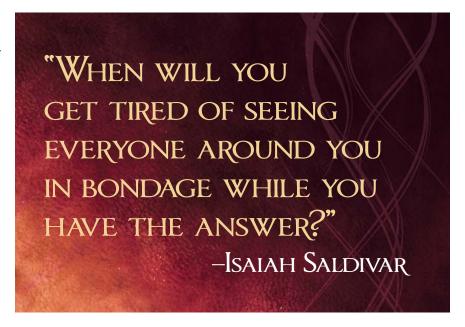
### The Jezebel Spirit Is Manipulative God Still Speaks By John Eckhardt

Just as Ahab's wife Jezebel was notorious for being very manipulative, so is the Jezebel spirit. Prophets can discern and expose subtle manipulation through teaching, false prophecy heresy will affect the lifestyles of the saints and even once-strong assemblies will find themselves in a broken-down, weakened condition.

### **Under Demonic Influence** Cast It Out

By Greg Locke

Critics of deliverance ministry claim it is impossible for a Christian to suffer demonic oppression, and they believe the Bible itself says so. They point to 1 Corinthians 6:19,



and flattery. The influence of the Jezebel spirit will always be seen in false teaching and efforts to control decisions. It may also involve witchcraft, seduction and sexual sin. Obviously a church cannot remain healthy with the influence of a seducing Jezebel spirit.

This spirit seduces believers, leading them astray, misleading them. The Jezebel spirit causes churches to be guided more by the flesh than by the Spirit. The spirit of Jezebel draws the whole church away from purity and interferes with true worship. When a Jezebel spirit is present, spirits of perversion, adultery, immorality and fornication will run rampant in a body of people. Slander and gossip are the marks of this spirit.

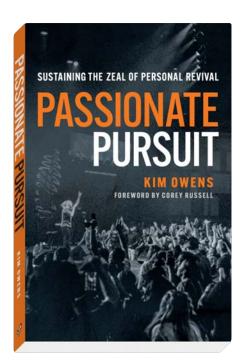
Churches under the influence of a Jezebel spirit will go astray in their doctrine. Dangerous false teaching and

which says believers are the "temple of the Holy Spirit," which we absolutely are. But in the context of the passage, we see that Paul is explicitly talking about sexual immorality and is reminding us that we should never desecrate our bodies (our temples) with perversity like fornication. Not one time does the Word of God say that a Christian cannot be under the influence of a demonic spirit. In fact, since we know that idolatry and perversity are examples of how we wrestle against spiritual wickedness (Eph. 6:12), such struggles are evidence that evil spirits can attack our minds and bodies.

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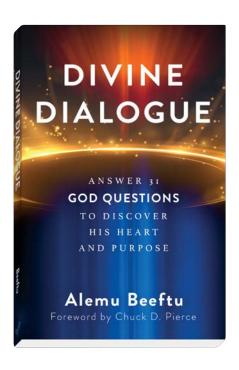
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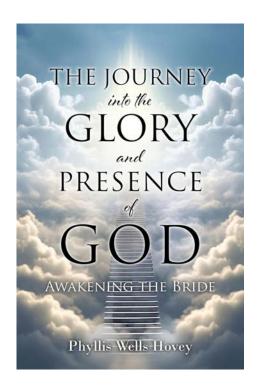
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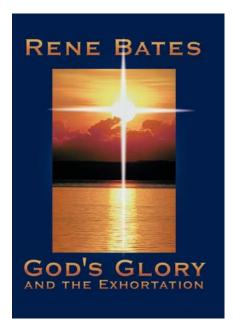
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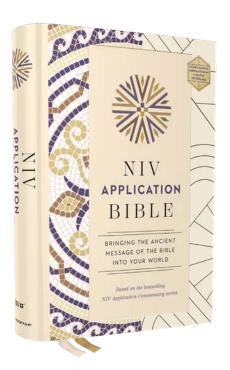
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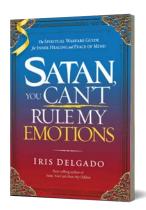
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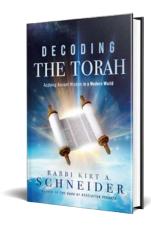
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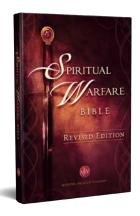


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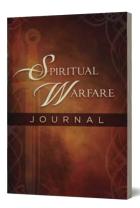
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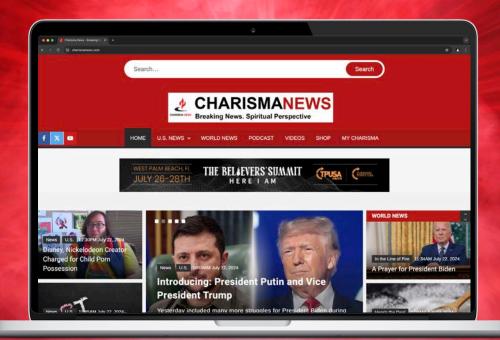
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