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From the Editor



April. I nearly wanted to cry out, "Unbelievable!" when I heard myself say the name of the month - unbelievable only because it has snuck up on me rather unexpectedly. In the busyness of everyday life it seemed to me that the New Year had "just" started!

April is usually a month associated with exciting happenings – change of season, holidays, and more importantly, the celebration of Easter. For those of us that have observed Lent, the reality of Easter is indeed imprinted on our minds. All believers know that this celebration has nothing to do with bunnies, chocolates or even eggs, no matter how much we may like all of these!

The hype surrounding this time is constantly fuelled by the media, manufacturers and retailers, all in the name of a 'quick buck' with no regard to the spiritual side of the matter. For those of us who love the Lord, things look a whole lot different. This made me think a little about how our children experience this time around Easter, and how important it is for us to teach them the right message. Those delectable Easter eggs (and yes, I do like chocolate) were displayed in my local supermarket in January already!

Darlene Schacht wrote on Facebook, "If we don't teach our children who God is, someone else will teach them everything He's not." Now, it is precisely the Easter Experience – the death and resurrection of Christ – that encapsulates the essence of who God is! This is a loving God who gave His most precious Son as an atoning offering for an evil and wicked creation. If our children grow up knowing this truth, no amount of glitz and glam around a chocolate bunny will ever let them forget this incredible Love! And it will be this Love that sustains and guides them, and allow them to be significant influencers in the lives of others.

A chicken lays an egg, a bunny hops around, and chocolates are really nice to eat; but that is just that. More importantly, God loved the world and gave his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in Him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn't go to all the trouble of sending His Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again (John 3:16 MSG).

And with that, may I wish you and your family a glorious Easter, full of worship and celebration where God is glorified in song and dance, food and laughter, togetherness and relationship, and where the message in your home is: Christ is alive!

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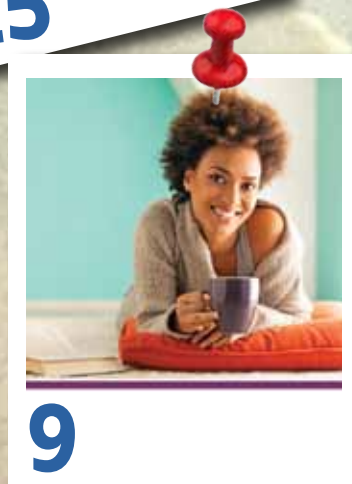
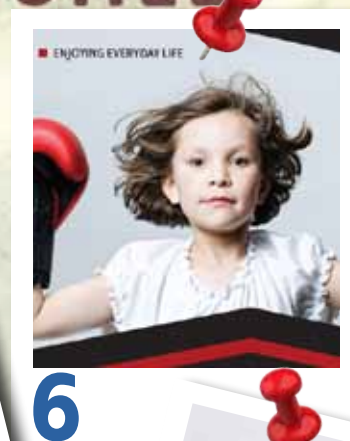
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Get Your Praise On!

By Jenny Roebert

With 2015 being declared the 'Year of the Overcomer', we can be sure to experience some outstanding victories! Victories over the challenges and obstacles that threaten to steal our peace and joy in life. The thing is, when we say we are going to experience great victories, it certainly implies that we will face great challenges too!

Well, to anyone who reads the Bible, that shouldn't come as much of a surprise really. It warns us of difficult, perilous times in 2 Timothy 3:1, "But understand this, that in the last days will come (set in) perilous times of great stress and trouble [hard to deal with and hard to bear]."

Jesus Himself spoke of times of great stress and trouble in John 16:33, "I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace and confidence. In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted]! For I have overcome the world. [I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you.]"

This must be one of our favourite verses of scripture! Yes, there is no denying tough challenges and stressful opposition are lurking ahead, but do you notice what Jesus said on both sides of that statement of tribulation and trials? First, He declares that He is our safe refuge of perfect peace and confidence, then He concludes that we can begin rejoicing because He has already overcome the obstacles and challenges that were intended to harm us!

Don't you just love this? It should stir up some serious joy and praise inside of you! No matter what we are going to face this year, we can be assured of three truths:

We are not alone! We certainly can rely on Jesus being your safe haven in any trial we face, He is our peace and confidence in any storm we encounter.

Jesus has already secured our victory! No matter what comes against us in this world, the Lord has declared that it will not be able to destroy us! The Amplified Bible says that Jesus has already deprived it of its power to harm us.

And thirdly, We need to begin praising! No matter how overwhelming the trials ahead may appear or how devastating they threaten to be, everything changes when we look at things from God's perspective. His promises of victory bring hope and His faithful character fills us with peace and confidence in Who He is in our lives. He is the God of the impossible, Who is more than willing and able to work all things together for our good! "We are assured and know that [God being a partner in their labour] all things work together and are [fitting into a plan] for good to and for those who love God and are called according to [His] design and purpose." Romans 8:28.

It is very important for us to understand that praising God when we face trials is imperative for our victory because praise precedes victory! Praising God in the midst of difficult times allows us to take our focus off the trouble and onto the One Who has overcome that trouble! Praising God completely changes the atmosphere around us. The Word says that God inhabits the praises of His people! This means that heartfelt praise acts like a magnet to the presence of God! It brings His supernatural power right into our circumstances, supercharges our faith and fills us with peace and confidence. While we are focused on praising Him, He works on our behalf!

That's exactly what happened to the Israelites in 2 Chronicles 20:21. Even though they were facing an enemy that completely outnumbered them, their decision to obey God by trusting Him and praising Him with all their hearts brought them one of the greatest victories in history! Not one Israelite was harmed, not one enemy soldier escaped and it took them three days to collect and haul away all the loot they won after the battle! No matter how hopeless it looked, when they began to praise, the Lord fought for them!

The next time you find yourself facing trouble that looks too overwhelming, follow the example of those Israelites - get on your praise and watch what the Lord will do! ■

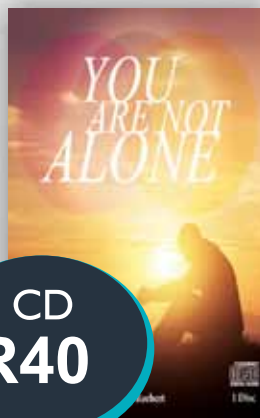


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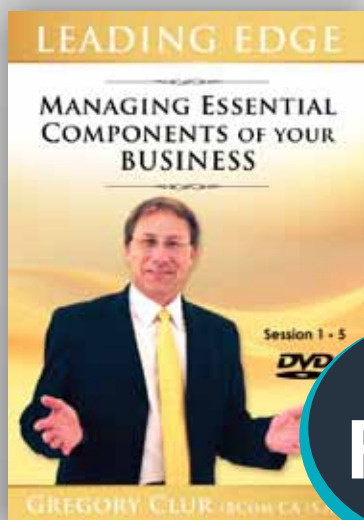


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BY JOYCE MEYER

Real Confidence

DISCOVER THE SOURCE AND HOW YOU CAN HAVE IT EVERY DAY

Do you need more confidence in your life? In the world, we often get the message that we need more self-confidence, but God tells us in His Word that being confident in ourselves is actually a dangerous way to live. Instead, we need to be confident in Him. And as born-again Christians, we have everything in us—through Christ—that we need so we can do everything we need to do.

Philippians 3:3 (AMP) says, *“For we [Christians] are the true circumcision, who worship God in spirit and by the Spirit of God and exult and glory and pride ourselves in Jesus Christ, and put no confidence or dependence [on what we are] in the flesh and on outward privileges and physical advantages and external appearances.”*

This means our confidence shouldn’t come from what we can do in our own effort, who we know, a professional title or what we look like. This is how the world operates, but God doesn’t see us that way. God sees our heart!

First Samuel 16:7 (AMP) says, *"...For the Lord sees not as man sees; for man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."* God is not impressed with our good works, nice clothes, the kind of car we drive, or anything else that has to do with our outward appearance. The only thing that impresses God is a good heart—a heart that sincerely loves Him, that desires to be obedient to Him and that loves people. When our heart is right with God, we have all the confidence we need to be and do everything He has created us to be and do.

Confidence is a belief that you can do a thing; it's faith in God that He has equipped you to do it. When you're confident in who you are in Christ, you can relax and you won't be caught up or controlled by fear, worry or anxiety. The key to living with this kind of confidence, is understanding that apart from Jesus, you can do nothing of eternal value, but you can do all things through Christ who gives you strength! (See John 15:5; Philippians 4:13.)

I heard someone say once that a Christian with no confidence is like a jumbo jet sitting on the runway with no fuel. In other words, you have all the equipment but no fuel to go anywhere. That's a frustrating way to live!

We desperately need the wisdom of God if we're going to accomplish the things He's planned for us to do. The best thing we can do is be constantly dependent on Jesus. John 15:5 (AMP) says, "I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in Me and I in him bears much (abundant) fruit. However, apart from Me [cut off from vital union with Me] you can do nothing."

Here's a good illustration to demonstrate what this verse is talking about: A flower is attached to a vine that gives it life. As long as that flower stays connected to the vine, it is connected to its life source. But once it's detached, it can't continue to thrive.

In the same way, we are dependent on Christ to be our source of life. When we accept Him as our Saviour and we're born again, He comes to live in us and He gives us life deep within our spirit. We need to really get this because as long as we're "hanging on the Vine," looking to God as our vital necessity, then we will be confident we can do whatever we need to do in life.

Jeremiah 29:13 (AMP) says, *"Then you will seek Me, inquire for, and require Me [as a vital necessity] and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart." I love that! And I often pray, "God, I'm nothing without You. I need You. You have to help me or things just won't work right."*

God must be our top priority—our vital necessity—every day of our life! There's nothing more important than having a personal relationship with Him, spending time with Him in prayer and studying His Word. If you will keep Him first, then everything else in your life will fall into place and you'll have the wisdom, grace and strength to face every challenging situation that comes against you.

I want to encourage you to remember that being self-confident is foolish. It's rooted in pride and only leads to frustration and dissatisfaction. When you get up each day, before you get busy with your daily responsibilities, take a few minutes to pray. Tell God, "I need You, Lord. I'm nothing without You, and I know that whatever I do today, it won't work out right if You don't help me. Forgive me of my sins and cleanse me of everything that's not right in me—every thought, word and deed. Help me to treat people right today and to be a blessing everywhere that I go. And help me to never forget that I'm blessed because YOU are good, not because I'm good. Help me to keep you first in my life, Lord. Thank You for helping me. Amen!" 🙏

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Faith FILLED

BY MELANIE VOIGT

I love hearing stories about faith. I'm amazed at testimonies of healings and miracles. I read passages of the Bible and am inspired by men like Noah and Abraham. I read through Hebrews 11 and am encouraged by all the people who put their faith in God and saw Him do awesome things in and through them. These wonderful stories of faith all start out with a person who trusts God for the impossible and takes Him at His word, and end with an amazing demonstration of His power.

Over the last few months, I've been asking the question: how can I increase my faith? I wanted to learn how to be faith filled (filled with faith.) It's been an amazing journey of God reminding me who He is and how I can trust Him in all circumstances.

What I soon realised in my quest to become faith filled, was that I was already faith filled. As human beings, we all put our faith in so many things every day. We have faith that when the traffic robot goes green that it's safe for us to drive. We have faith that the meal that we get from a take away restaurant hasn't been poisoned – or even that our favourite chair won't collapse underneath us when we sit on it. People of different religions have faith – they perform certain rituals because they believe

it will honour their god. Atheists even have faith (it takes great faith to believe that life was just a giant cosmic accident when all evidence points to a loving Creator.) We put our faith in so many things every day yet sometimes we don't put our faith in God.

What is the difference between other forms of faith and our faith as Christians? It's who we put our faith in. We know that we can trust and rely on our Father God. We know that He is all powerful and is capable of doing 'immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us' (Ephesians 3:20.) Traffic robots may let us down, chairs may let us down, people may let us down but God will never let us down.

In 1 Kings 18:24-38 Elijah challenged the prophets of Baal to get him to set fire to a sacrificial bull. The prophets spent hours calling out to Baal – shouting and slashing themselves with swords and spears – but nothing happened. When Elijah called out to God, He burned up the sacrifice and the altar (even though it had been soaked in water three times.) Even though the prophets of Baal had a lot of faith in their god, he had no power. We can put our faith in God knowing that in Him there is power and that He'll always come through for us.



In Matthew 17 Jesus' disciples questioned him about why they couldn't drive out a demon. In Matthew 17: 20 Jesus says: "Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." All we need is mustard seed sized faith to move mountains. It doesn't matter how much faith we have – it's who we put our faith in that makes the difference.

So how do we tap into this faith that we are filled with? We get to know the One who we put our faith in. We read the Bible and see how He proves His faithfulness over and over again; we spend time praying and asking Him to reveal more of who He is to us. We listen to other people's testimonies of how God did amazing things in their lives and we share the amazing things that God has done in our lives with them.

I was scrolling through my Facebook page the other day and a picture that a friend posted caught my attention. The caption said: 'And then I realised how great Jesus is' and showed a cartoon image of a man lying on his back in a puddle of tears with a look of awe on his face. It really made me smile because I know how as soon as we spend time getting to know God better, we are left in awe of who He is.

The better you know God, the more trust you'll put in Him. You'll know His voice and will know when to take steps of faith. You will know when He is calling you to pray for someone or start a ministry or tell someone about Him. You will know His promises and accept them as truth in your life.

So friends, we are all already faith filled. It's just time that we put that faith in the right thing. Seek God more and you'll soon see that 'the one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.' (Thessalonians 5:24) 📖

ANGUS BUCHAN

Faith

LIKE POTATOES

As we begin this new Year with a newly named television channel, Faith Broadcasting Network, my heart is rejoicing because simple faith has become so much part of my life and I am feeling that many, many viewers will be encouraged to have faith in God and to believe His Word as they seek His leading and His company on the road they will be walking throughout this year. Some of us will be challenged and others of us will learn again that in Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV) the Word says "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."

In 1993, I wrote a book called 'Faith like Potatoes'. I had just returned from travelling the length and breadth of England and Scotland preaching the gospel. I had been away from my family and from our farm for three months and the maize crop I had left young and green in the fields was now harvested and the lands were already being ploughed in preparation for the new season.

I had sat down one day with a pad and pencil and begun to write the story of our lives. It took some months and one evening, as I had nearly completed the closing chapter, I watched on television the life story of Peter Marshall. He was, himself, born in Scotland, later immigrated to America to study, became a pastor and then eventually the personal Chaplain to the U.S.A government, as a relatively young man.

He was an extremely gifted and eloquent speaker and it is said that often, when he preached, students would come and sit in his meetings, not so much to listen to the gospel as to hear the English language spoken clearly and precisely, and beautifully.

It was Peter Marshall who, in trying to describe the type of faith we need to have in our day to day lives, faith that is alive, simple, visible to others and very real, said, after some moments of thought, faith like potatoes. When I heard that I knew that small phrase was to be the title of the book I had nearly finished writing. What I didn't know then, was that

"Faith like Potatoes" would travel the world over and that many people would pray the sinner's prayer at the back of the book and find salvation in Jesus Christ. Halleluiah. Thank you Peter Marshall.

I personally believe in these days most people are looking for real, down to earth Christians with whom they can identify. They are looking for Christians who have a simple faith like Smith Wigglesworth, a plumber from Yorkshire in England. He was a man whom God used to perform many miracles of healing and was often heard to say these words "God said it, I believe it and that settles it." He simply believed God's Word.

Jesus said in the gospel of Matthew 9:29 (NKJV) "According to your faith let it be to you."

Smith was a tradesman, yet he loved the Lord God but would not tolerate sin in his life or others. He was known by reputation as a holy man, yet the common folk could identify with him as a fellow workman, a real and down to earth Christian, who had a deep love and faith in God.

I would like to encourage the readers and those of you who watch 'Faith Broadcasting Network' to begin to walk more by faith in this year and not so much by sight. Keep your eyes on Jesus and He will undertake for you, will provide for you and will watch over you and your household. He only requires one thing from us, as His followers, and that is that we would believe Him and not doubt. He is faithful.

God bless you all in this coming year as we endeavour to keep faithfully trusting in Jesus.

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Fifty Shades of Grey ?

BY SYLVESTER TONDERAI

Fifty Shades of Grey is a 2011 erotic-novel-turned-movie by British author Erika Mitchell under her pen name E L James. The second and third volumes, *Fifty Shades Darker* and *Fifty Shades Freed*, were published in 2012. The Fifty Shades trilogy was developed from a *Twilight* fan fiction series originally titled *Master of the Universe* and published episodically on fan-fiction websites under the pen name "Snowqueen's Icedragon." The piece featured characters named after Stephenie Meyer's characters in *Twilight*, Edward Cullen and Bella Swan. After comments concerning the sexual nature of the material, James removed the story from the fan-fiction websites and published it on her own website, FiftyShades.com. Later she rewrote *Master of the Universe* as an original piece, with the principal characters renamed Christian Grey and Anastasia Steele and removed it from her website before publication.

E. L. James's *Fifty Shades* trilogy is topping best-seller lists around the world, including those of the United Kingdom and the United States. The series has sold over 100 million copies worldwide and been translated into 52 languages, and set a record in the United Kingdom as the fastest-selling paperback of all time. The trilogy was dubbed "mommy porn" by some news agencies (though it's not just mommies who are reading it). Thirty- to fifty-year-old women are recommending the trilogy as the jump start to mommy libido. In the US, the film has become the fastest selling R-rated movie in decades. *Fifty Shades* revived interest in female erotica. Several popular works, such as Anne Rice's *The Sleeping Beauty quartet* and M.M. Majer's *Ero 4*, have been republished to meet the higher demand.

On *The Today Show* on MSNBC, James described the *Fifty Shades* trilogy as "my midlife crisis, writ large. All my fantasies in there, and that's it." And her fantasies include her male lead and successful entrepreneur, Christian Grey, making contracts of sexual bondage, dominance, discipline, female subjugation, sadism and masochism (BDSM) to the virginal college student Anastasia Steele. The movie premiered in theatres on the eve of Valentine's Day. And, as a Christian apologist and columnist, I reviewed it. *Fifty Shades* has been popularised and sensationalised by the steamy, lengthy, and ultra-explicit sex scenes that are scandalous and shocking. But those ultra-explicit and scandalous sex scenes are exactly why believers should steer clear of *Fifty Shades*.

It is not recommendable to read *Fifty Shades of Grey* trilogy or watch the movie because sex is more than use. Sex – and all the things that physically, emotionally, and mentally lead to sex – was created by God to be mutually shared between a married man and woman. Sex is an expression of love that reflects the divine love of God – love that is free, total, fruitful, and faithful. Pornography and erotica are a mockery of the intimacy and beauty of that love. It reduces the essence of sex to mere use, turning something sacred and Godly into something profane and dark. The lust that these books infect us with is all about self-gratification – it's all about use. Lustful thoughts lead to lustful actions. The movie is pornographic in the extreme. It is a "terrible" movie, according to *The New York Times*, with bad writing and awkward dialogue (*Us Weekly* lists "50 Problems With the Raunchy Flick"). But far worse, it is a porn movie disguised as a romance. According to *The Atlantic*, the film shows at least 20 full minutes of sex.

The plague of pornography is an epidemic in today's culture, and this movie will make things far worse. *GQ*, a magazine not known for biblical morality, recently cited reasons readers should quit watching pornography immediately. Among them:

- Porn damages the brain. Scientists at Cambridge University recently determined that people addicted to pornography show similar brain activity to alcoholics or drug addicts.
- Porn motivates people to seek new sexual partners. This is an example of the Coolidge Effect, or novelty-seeking behaviour.
- Porn use escalates. In one study, 64 percent of porn viewers reported that their tastes in porn had become more extreme or deviant.
- Pornography saps energy. In the same study, 67 percent reported an increase in energy levels and productivity when they stopped viewing porn. *Fifty Shades of Grey* will spread the plague of porn to even more people. Don't be among them.

The movie glamorizes and normalizes sexual abuse. One study concluded that nearly every interaction between Ana and Christian was emotionally abusive, including stalking, intimidation, and isolation. It also noted pervasive sexual violence, and that Ana exhibits classic signs of an abused woman. A second study showed a correlation between those who read the novel and developing an eating disorder, having abusive romantic part-

ners, engaging in binge drinking, and having five or more sexual partners before the age of 24. E L James' misogynistic fantasy in *Fifty Shades* promotes a warped idea of healthy sex. *Fifty Shades* is the most sexually explicit, most notorious, most morally questionable film of the year so far. Although it is clear the movie directors tried to tone down the sordid details in the trilogy, the film still loses its footing – both morally and structurally. After taking away Anastasia's virginity, Christian even reveals to Ana that he lost his at fifteen to one of his mother's friends, Elena Lincoln, and that his previous dominant/submissive relationships, in which he was the submissive partner, failed due to incompatibility. She is made to sign several dominant/submissive sex contracts – bondages without chemistry. He even spans her. One horrifying scene towards the end is when Grey administers six lashes to Ana with a belt. It is virtually impossible to watch. Even the organization Stop Porn Culture called for a boycott of the movie based on the book because of its sex scenes involving bondage and violence.

Sir Salman Rushdie said about the book: "I've never read anything so badly written that got published. It made *Twilight* look like *War and Peace*." Maureen Dowd described the book in *The New York Times* as being written "like a Bronte devoid of talent," and said it was "dull and poorly written." Jesse Kornbluth of *The Huffington Post* said: "As a reading experience, *Fifty Shades*...is a sad joke, puny of plot". Archbishop Dennis Schnurr of Cincinnati said in an early February 2015 letter, "The story line is presented as a romance; however, the underlying theme is that bondage, dominance, and sadomasochism is normal and pleasurable." The US Executive Director of the National Center on Sexual Exploitation calls the movie "a sensationalized lie, telling women that they can, and should, fix violent and controlling men by being obedient and devoted, and that, somehow, this is romantic. It is no surprise that Hollywood is betting millions of dollars that now is the right time to offer sexual abuse and sexual violence against women as mainstream entertainment."

At an interview before the awards began in February 2015, Melanie Griffith was standing beside her daughter, Dakota Johnson, who stars in *Fifty Shades of Grey*. A reporter asked Griffith if she had seen the movie. She immediately answered, "No, I don't think I can." Johnson was clearly angered and even the reporter tried to get Griffith to see it, but she was firm. If a film is so immoral that a mother can't see her daughter act in it, why should anyone else see it? In March 2012, branches of the public library in Brevard County, Florida, removed copies of *Fifty Shades of Grey* from their shelves, with an official stating that it did not meet the selection criteria for the library and that reviews for the book had been poor. In Macaé, Brazil, in January 2013 court ruled that bookstores throughout the city must either remove the series entirely from their shelves or ensure that the books are wrapped and placed out of the reach of minors.

Genesis 1:18-19 teaches that men and women are made in God's image; this means that what a couple does, including sex, should express the will and purpose of God. In *The Meaning of Marriage*, Pastors Tim and Kathy Keller point out, "Sex is God's appointed way for two people to reciprocally say to one another, 'I belong completely, permanently, and exclusively to you.' You must not use sex to say anything less." God hates any form of violence in marriage (Malachi 2:13-16). BDSM includes humiliation and domination, practices that are at odds with the way we were created and is at odds with honouring your spouse's body as a temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:18; Hebrews 13:4). In Ephesians 5:25 Apostle Paul applies the term 'ought' signifying that love is an expression of willingness not a command. Love is essentially a choice, not a feeling. Your body belong to God first (1 Corinthians 6:19-20) then to your spouse (1 Corinthians 7:4). There are some things you cannot do with a sacred vessel. God cautions us to "flee from sexual immorality" (1 Corinthians 6:18) and to take our eyes off worthless things (Psalm 119:37). Job remarked, "I have made a covenant with my eyes" to refuse sexual sin (Job 31:1). Let's make the same covenant today. The Hebrew term *'ezer* (Genesis 2:20-25) means "helper-companion" or closest friend; it comes from a verb that means "to surround and protect." May your spouse be your best friend. *Fifty Shades of Grey*? No shades at all! ■

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A Word to the Wise:

Purifying that speech

By Tatenda Kangwende

"Yea, at that time, I will change the speech of the people to a pure speech, that all of them may call on the name of the Lord and serve Him with one consent." (Zephaniah 3:9 R.S.V)

The Bible powerfully prophesies of an approaching epoch which will dawn on the earth after that Christ would have returned in divine power and glory to successfully claim and possess the Kingdoms of this world as those of both Himself and His Father (Revelation 11:15-18). At that time, through the work and power of His Holy Spirit, God will swiftly and surely move to unify and purify the world's languages. The end result? Namely a holy tongue which will bring out the best in language, which will entail humanity reaching unprecedented heights of thought, civilization, development and enhancement, coupled with and culminating in the exaltation of the Creator (Zephaniah 3:9,13). What a glorious new day and era that will be! Truly, just the thought of such a future almost spontaneously animates one to kneel down and pray to the Father, "O Lord, let Thy Kingdom come."

Purifying one's speech now

Alas, that day is not yet, but it is sure to come as prophesied. Nevertheless, that prophetic scripture of Zephaniah 3 (when mused upon long and intently enough) yields the price-

less gem of a call to action (for all who will heed) to positively begin now and in earnest to purify their speech. The blessed result of such action is that God will be glorified and others wonderfully edified.

What practical pointers may be applied in helping to purify one's speech? Feel free to consider and apply the following:

1. Think it through: When thought goes into what is to be uttered, the result is usually speech that is pure and acceptable before all. As the Psalmist sincerely prayed, "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer." (Psalm 19:14; R.S.V.)

So then, nevermind about the possibly awkward silence which carefully thinking things through may cause in a conversation; for one will be sure glad that they did.

2. Make it worth its salt: "Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer every one." Pithily penned Paul the apostle in Colossians 4:6 (R.S.V). In one loose sense, one could correctly deduce that what he was essentially noting was that whatever is to be uttered by one should at least (in a manner of speaking) be "worth its salt" or while.

What is eventually uttered should not be bland or otherwise frivolous; and so with that out goes all the excessive slang, vulgarity, negative gossip, gross exaggeration, rude sarcasm, prevarications, pointed and unending criticism, garrulity, and all other forms of "trash talk". Instead, speech that is worth its salt is that which imbues one with purer and more noble thoughts, furnishes one with more concrete courses of action to take, shines a light on possibilities, attractive alternatives and/or anything else which adds to a more valuable or flavourful outlook on life.

3. Proper presentation pays off: Speech is a tightly integrated product which consists of both its actual content as well as the manner in and through which it (namely the content itself) is presented. Proper presentation helps one get the point across that much better/effectively. One should thus be sure to match body language – namely non-verbal aspects such as audibility, intonation, tone, gestures and so forth- with the content which is to be spoken. As the Bible itself wisely and correctly notes, "A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." And, "A gentle tongue is a tree of life." (Proverbs 15:1, 4; R.S.V) Thus, one should not only think on what is to be said, but also on how it is to be said; so ensuring that speech is only made when all is in congruence. ■

Prayer: Lord, thank You for the marvellous gift of speech. Please provide guidance such that it is used to help, heal, inspire and otherwise richly bless others and thus proudly glorify You. This request is prayed with faith and thanksgiving to You both in and through the mighty Name of the soon-coming King of Kings and Lord of Lords, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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We have been taught how to worship and we have been taught how to praise regardless of how and when, we worship because we love to but at the same time there is the presence of God that very few people have been taught about and know about.

Ps Bonnie Deuschle calls the Great Connection that is entering his courts with praise and entering his gates with thanksgiving. In church we know how to get into the presence of God and as soon as we enter into his goodness we stop so that the Pastor can preach the message. Once we are in the presence of God we don't know what to do.

I had never seen these scriptures before when I saw them I was amazed.

"Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil. Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter anything before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few. For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words", Ecclesiastes 5:1-3

So yes we know how to enter into his presence but then what do we do once we are in the presence of the Lord, what do you do? What do you say? Where do you start from?

Ecclesiastes shows us that the Presence of the Lord is about

Keeping Thy Foot:

Which basically means guard your steps as you go in, consider your ways, look at your heart, think carefully as you go into His presence. If the presence of God really hits your life you see your life you really see like Isaiah saw and he gasped Woe I'm a man of unclean lips. Consider your ways as you get into his presence, Jesus said if you about to offer a sacrifice and things aren't well with your brother leave your sacrifice and deal with your life first before you enter in.

Hearing:

"be more ready to hear", "therefore let thy words be few" In his place it all about Him showing and telling us, the presence is what we came to see and touch then hence we should stick to that. Some people are not good at hearing because they talk too much and if we are going to see and hear from the Lord we should ready to hear to hear. As a worship leader we need to learn the attitude, make it a personal culture and endeavour to be a better listener and if we can live that way then we able to listen and hear from the Lord.

Speaking Less

"Don't be hasty", "let thy words be few" the Lord here is showing us that in his presence its key choosing words and knowing which words to say. Moses said I stutter and Isaiah said here I'm send, Samuel said here I'm Lord, what will you say and what have you said in his presence before. In God's presence we have to know the words we speak. We have to learn to withhold words and be careful with words

Words of the Heart

The heart speaks, the heart has words and even though our minds speak before our hearts relate God here is teaching us to learn a lifestyle where our hearts and minds speak the same language and we mean what we say. Jesus said they honour me with their lips but their hearts are far from me, God wants our hearts and minds to be in sync.

The presence of God is more than just an idea, it's a reality and it's a lifestyle that we have to cultivate in our own space before we endeavour to step into his presence. It's not something that you quickly do before you get in it's a lifestyle that you cultivate, a footballer create football on and off the pitch but he puts in 70% off the pitch that he does on the pitch. God wants that focus and heart to chase after God and not a soup in a cup mixture

May we learn to hear, may we consider our ways, may we speak less and know the God we serve above all.

Worship Him in the Beauty of His Holiness ➡



EASTER or PASSOVER

BY HELMUT MEIJER & MADELEINE ROOTMAN

There is an enormous difference between Easter and the Biblical festival called The Passover, which God had commanded the Israelites to celebrate into perpetuity (Exodus 12:12-14).

The Passover is mentioned first in Exodus 12 and is a festival firstly in solemn commemoration of God's rescue of the Hebrew people from both the hands of the Egyptians and the Land of Egypt, but more so in Messianic-Christological terms, The Passover is concerned with the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus (known in Hebrew as *Yeshua*) as the perfect Lamb of God (See 1 Corinthians 5:7). The word *Passover* comes from the Hebrew word *pesach*, which literally translates to "passing over" in reference to the Angel of God having passed over the Israelite camp, whilst killing the first-born of the Egyptians.

Easter - though sadly and unquestionably assumed by many (if not most) as referring to the event of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ - is actually a festival rooted firmly in polytheistic paganism. The word *Easter* originates from the ancient Babylonian Goddess of fertility, known as "Ishtar" - derived from the ancient word for Spring "Eastre" (2).

The obvious question is, where and when did these two festivals become associated?

The first believers were Jews (3). And these continued to celebrate *Pesach* (Passover) as is clearly witnessed in Acts 12:3-4. It is only when the faith in Jesus of Nazareth, as the promised Messiah, spread into non-Israeli (especially Greek) territory, that the [monotheistic] world view of the early believers gradually became syncretized with the world view of the surrounding nations.

Over time traditions, philosophies and religions of the foreign nations muddled up with the message of Jesus, reaching its apex at the point where church and state amalgamated under the rule of Emperor Constantine around A.D. 325. The unfolding of the tumultuous history of State-and-Church extends beyond this article, but over time, as the Roman Catholic Church grew in stature, more and more pagan traditions melded with the faith in the Messiah of Israel. The exact point in time when the Biblical festival of *Pesach* became confused with the Babylonian Spring festival of *Easter*, is unclear, but we read of vile phallic worship in Isaiah 57:5-8 and Ezekiel 16:17 where the so called "groves", connected

with the "high places" in Israel, were the very images and places where these abominable Easter festivals were celebrated. Interestingly, the word for "groves" is the Hebrew word *asherah*, and is always link with the worship of Asthoreth, alias *Isthar*.

The association of everything Easter (amongst others: hotcross buns, Easter eggs, the Easter bunny; even the delusive celebration of Lent) with the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, remains a dark enigma and stands to be solemnly scrutinized at the hand of Biblical investigation.

In the night of Jesus' betrayal, He celebrated with His disciples, the very Passover pointing to Him. Breaking bread with them, He left them with the clear instruction, "do THIS in remembrance of Me." (*emphasis added*) (4)

- (1) "Messianic Christology is a study of Old Testament prophecy concerning the First Coming of the Messiah." - Arnold Fruchtenbaum, Messianic Christology. <http://www.amazon.com/Messianic-Christology-Arnold-Fruchtenbaum/dp/091486307X>
- (2) "Ishtar" is commonly known as Semiramis or "The Queen of Heaven". She was also variously known in the ancient world as Ostare, Ostern, Eostra, Eostre, Eostur, Eastr, Eastur, Austron, Ausos. See <http://www.religioustolerance.org/easter1.htm>
- (3) Henry Chadwick, "The Early Church", Penguin, (1993)



Wear your Tekkies for a Good Cause

29 May 2015

It's that time of the year again when you can kick off your high heels, school shoes or boots and swap them for your comfy pair of tekkies (we all know you want to). The best part – it is all for a good cause.

How, you ask? Friday, 29 May is Tekkie Tax Day! All you have to do is:

Choose the sector you want to support and YES, you may choose more than one.

Animals
Basic Family Care
Children
Disability or
Education

Get your R10 sticker (that is the tax you pay) and wear your tekkies. Maybe just wash them before you wear them. If you don't have time, you can get a pair of our **funky shoelaces called "tekkie tags"**. This way you won't be ashamed because you can't tell the colour of your tekkies anymore.

You can get the stickers and "tekkie tags" from any of the participating welfare organisations or you can order what you need directly from the website.

The campaign is endorsed by 16 of the biggest and most accountable national NGOs in the country, representing more than 1 500 local organisations.

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| • Child Welfare SA | • ACVV |
| • SOS Children's Villages | • VVA |
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| • Special Olympics SA | • Cheshire Homes SA |
| • Endangered Wildlife Trust | • NG Welsyn |
| • HPCA - Hospice Palliative Care SA | • SAVF . . . and these are just the national beneficiaries! |
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| • CANSA | |



Put your best foot forward this May and support the next Tekkie Tax Day on Friday, 29 May 2015.

Faith

By Mpho Thulo (Part 5)

So then faith [cometh] by hearing,
and hearing by the word of God
(Romans 10:17)



Being born from a black South African race, I could swear that I am just like the typical Gentile nations mentioned in the Bible. As far as I can remember we did go to church and came back to also worship our tradition. I remember trying on my own understanding and knowledge to sum up all these practices together. Really it didn't make sense and it is wasn't something that was open for discussion, I mean no black man or woman can actually sit down with older people to try to understand this set up or point of view, it feels like a curse and rebellion against ancestors and forefathers, and for this reason we all followed suit, "the ways of our forefathers". When you start to exercise your faith by leaning on God and not your own understanding, His spirit will begin to show you things on a new level and will bring you to wholeness. Our black society here in South Africa and Africa needs to know the true faith. What I've also realized as I grow in my faith in Christ is that there will be a time when I will have to defend my faith. Where I would meet wise man and woman who have the

wisdom of this world and are very inspirational, but if I do not know the foundation of my faith I will shy away and be bombarded by their ideologies, philosophies and cultural belief systems.

A church is where we learn about our faith and if the doctrine of the church doesn't align with the foundation that was laid by Jesus in recognizing His church then we are still lost. We will reach for other things and secular beliefs to enhance our church tradition the same way the 7 churches had done in the book of Revelation and also in the Old Testament where the children of God started to worship idols, made sacrificial offerings for idols and the gods of the Amorites and other foreign gods. This happened because the doctrine was wrong and twisted and other ministers added their own doctrines to the original Doctrine of God preached by apostles of Christ.

People lost their true worship and faith because the Book of the Law was no longer read

in the assembly and this caused a drift between man and God. We have so-called Christian churches that recognize our traditional norms and cultures that still practise animal sacrifices and consult with dead spirits and river gods. If our very own preachers and ministers still uphold the ways that was prohibited by the Word of God, then what does this mean to the foundation of the true church that was structured by Christ? Every church must preach the true doctrine of the Bible, the church should resemble the church that the ancient Christians built, the church that recognizes Christ as its only foundation.

"Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it" (Matthew 16:18)

The church that upholds Christ Jesus, the Son of God, is the true Church. The mixture of tradition and church services does not form part of His Will.



Here is example taken from the Bible of faithful servants of God

- Abraham, the Father of our Faith. When God tested Abraham's faithfulness to Him by asking him to sacrifice his son Isaac, he did not waiver even though what God asked him was painful and heavy. He believed that that in the end he will return with Isaac by his side.

We come along tests like these in our lives where God asks us to do something that is outrageous in our eyes or even a fear of ours. When I started to hear God I had to be faithful to Him even when I couldn't understand why. I had to do what He asked me to do and the result is to mature in faith. In the case of Abraham we learn that faith desires an action on our part. He went to the mountain of Moriah and was going to be faithful to God and he received what he was trusting in God for.

- When Moses was called to lead the Israelites out of Egypt, the Lord required him to go to Egypt to face pharaoh and deliver the children of God. So in this scripture reference we see that Moses was doing what He was called to do.

- In a nutshell, in the call of the Lord it takes faith to do what you are called to do. Moses could have been fearful to return back to pharaoh and own up to what he did when he killed the Egyptian, he could have chosen not to go back to Egypt, I am sure he thought of many reasons to not to go, but faith overruled his circumstances. When God calls you He expects you to do the natural.

If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you.

- We also see faith in Christ Jesus where He endured the death on the cross, He could have well said "no Father, I have done enough, I have preached, healed the sick, restored the broken-hearted and delivered the captives...", but His faithfulness to God made Him strong enough to go on and face all kinds of tests and tribulations knowing in His heart that it will all work together for the good of all mankind and that God's Will be done.

Faith means I am going to do what the spirit has revealed to me, regardless of how my circumstances of life may be. Heed your call regardless of your educational background, your past or your denomination, because when you are faithful to God it means you trust that He will come through for you. It will be futile to proclaim faith when our actions do not mirror our beliefs. So take that leap of faith and step into the unknown because the call of God is bigger than we can see or imagine. Trust in God to provide for your journey.

Our faith should not be based on things like maitlamo or dithapo (binding/beads), and animal skin bands and snakes skin bands like it is

taught in our Ukuthwasa beliefs. These beliefs shift our focus and deter our beliefs. Instead of believing and trusting in God, we start believing in earthly things and the power which we believe they have.

Sin, Faith, Duty

Jesus said to his disciples: "Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come. It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble. So watch yourselves."

"If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying 'I repent,' you must forgive them."

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you."

"Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, 'Come along now and sit down to eat'? Won't he rather say, 'Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink'? Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'" (Luke 17:1-10 NIV) 📖



When Style

Disrupts Worship

By Waldo Malan

There are times when style – in the sense of how to do things – can interfere with our worship of God. In order to better explain this statement I will need to make some basic assumptions and share my understanding of some concepts first.

Firstly, God requires all humans to worship Him – He first makes this public statement when handing down the Commandments to Moses: “I am God, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of a life of slavery. No other gods, only me. No carved gods of any size, shape, or form of anything whatever, whether of things that fly or walk or swim. Don’t bow down to them and don’t serve them because I am God, your God, and I’m a most jealous God” (Exodus 20:1-6 MSG). Jesus quotes Deuteronomy when replying to Satan,

“Worship the Lord your God, and only him. Serve him with absolute single-heartedness” (Luke 4:10 MSG). Perhaps it would do us well to remind ourselves of why we were created in the first place. Essentially we were created for fellowship, and to have a meaningful relationship with God, our Creator.

We know that God is love (1 John 4:8). This simply means that God cannot be “in” or “out” of love, but that He “is” love. In our limited human understanding of love, even we have to agree that love cannot exist singularly on its own island! By this I mean that for love to be love, it must have at least two parties to participate. Love must always have a giver as well as a recipient. So when God creates man in His own image, He really made humans to “be love,” and therefore create recipients for His

love. But love needs to be reciprocal, therefore we can also say God created us to be givers of love as well. And in this beautiful exchange of giving and receiving love we find the purpose of our creation.

I like to think of my creative purpose, this giving and receiving of love, simply as worship. When I hear God say that I must worship only Him, I don’t really see that as a commandment but rather as a promise to fulfil my destiny. Throughout the history of mankind we find thousands of expressions of worship, unique to each person that God created. Adam worshipped God by giving new names to the animals, birds and flowers God created. Noah worshipped God by building a boat, Abraham by offering his son as a sacrifice, Gideon by fighting battles, David by writing poetry and



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singing songs, and the list goes on. What is interesting is that all people (and yes, that includes you and me) have unique ways in which we worship God. Unique people have unique worship.

Every human is unique, ranging from physical to spiritual features. We learn that God takes the time to individually weave every human together while in the womb (Psalm 139) – we are completely “hand-made” items, each one uniquely crafted! We have our own unique set of fingerprints, palm print, iris and voice. Let me focus briefly on the human voice. A voice biometric or “voice print,” is as unique to an individual as a palm or fingerprint, which essentially says that no two voices are similar. In fact, many security verification systems now use voice biometrics as standard procedure. What I find amazing is that it means I have a song to sing that only I can sing! So when David encourages me to “sing a new song to the Lord” (Psalm 96:1), that is a song only I can perform! A unique song for a unique God!

All parents will bear me out that when their children were born, they were born the “complete package.” As parents we cannot add or subtract anything from that package, but rather with the help, wisdom and grace of God we can only hone, focus, sharpen and steer those personalities into the people God made them to be.

The reason for this brief preamble is really only to say that our worship defines our relation-

ship with God, or simply that our worship is our relationship. We can then all agree that worship cannot be an event but rather that it is a lifestyle. Therefore we cannot schedule sessions of worship (to be alternated with sessions where we don’t worship) any more than we can schedule sessions of breathing. A short while after we stop to breathe we will also cease to exist... similarly a short while after we stop to worship we cease our relationship with God.

The strange peculiarity of the human race is that we try to organize and rationalize everything around us. Perhaps it is because we are so prone to comfort zones? Just look at the variety of magazines on sale from fashion to homes, recipes to cars, and so on, all “selling” the concept of what is “in” and what is “out.” Unfortunately we have allowed our conformity of general perceptions about what constitutes right/wrong living into our worship. In general the Church has contributed into cementing in place the perception that worship is music, and therefore to be used as an “event.” Let me explain. Most Christian congregations have meetings made up of prayer times, the teaching of the Bible and singing of songs. More often than not the musical portion of the meeting is referred to as ‘worship,’ implying that the two are mutually exclusive. Flowing out from this perception we will then make all wrong kinds of assumption related to style. Some will claim that worship can only be “real” or “wright” when a pipe organ is used, others will claim that the use of a drum kit in church is “wrong,”

that only hymns can be used, or that we should be “with the times” and only use music found on the top-sellers on iTunes.

By stylizing our expression of music, and by thinking worship is only expressed through music, we deny ourselves a more meaningful relationship with God. Our worship extends far beyond music, and certainly also far beyond the style. Truth is, we can use any style of music as an expression of worship, and we can use any music as a means of communicating our love to God. However, it cannot, and should not stop there. We worship God by looking after the widows and the poor, we express our love of God in our relationships with all people, and in essence we express our worship simply by giving to others. We give our time, energy and resources to all so that they may be exposed to “God is love.” Often we can be so narrow-minded in our approach to an infinitely creative God that we “disrupt” our own worship. We are uniquely crafted to offer God a unique relationship. It is precisely our uniqueness that defines our worship.

Let us not hinder our relationship by wasting our efforts in admonishing others in the manner they choose to worship, reprimanding them for their choices of music or even how they choose to teach others the Word of God. Let us rather focus on the gifts God placed within us, and practice those as an expression of our worship. God is interested in the big picture of our lives, and will ask only one question the day we arrive at His throne: Did you love? 📌


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BY PHIL COOKE

BE HONEST: ARE YOU ADDICTED TO BEING ONLINE?

The American Psychiatric Association is focusing more and more attention to our online behaviour – some might say “addiction.” For instance, they’ve officially recommended “Internet-use Gaming Disorder” for further study. I’m a contributor to Fast Company magazine, and they recently did a reader poll and discovered that 47.5% of their readers admitted to feeling addicted to the Internet.

Perhaps a more revealing look at people’s behaviour is the question of **what people are willing to give up to spend more time online:**

- 70% are willing to give up sleep
- 68% are willing to give up going to the bathroom
- 40% are willing to give up time with friends
- 37% are willing to give up time with their significant other
- 31% are willing to give up time with parents or siblings
- 28% are willing to give up meals
- 12% are willing to give up time with children

I’m reminded by Luke 12:34: “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” People’s hearts are always revealed by how they prioritize their time. How about you? What are you willing to give up in order to spend more time online? ■

ARE CREATIVE PEOPLE MORE EASILY DISTRACTED THAN EVERYONE ELSE?

Over the last year, more and more books are being published that deal with how creative people handle the distractions of modern living in a hi-tech age. Maria Popova over at Brain Pickings recently reviewed the book *“The Creative Brain: The Science of Genius”* by neuroscientist Nancy Andreasen. Toward the end of the review she mentions the relationship between creative people and distraction: “Creative people, Andreasen notes, can be more easily overwhelmed by stimuli and become distracted. Some of the writers in her study, upon realizing they had a tendency to be too sociable, employed various strategies for keeping themselves isolated from human contact for sizable stretches of time in order to create. (Victor Hugo famously locked away all his clothes to avoid the temptation of going out while completing *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* in 1830, which he wrote at his desk wearing nothing but a large gray shawl.) And yet for all its capacity to overwhelm, the creative mind remains above all a spectacular blessing:

Our ability to use our brains to get “outside” our relatively limited personal perspectives and circumstances, and to see something other than the “objective” world, is a powerful gift. Many people fail to realize that they even have this gift, and most who do rarely use it.”

There you have it. A neuroscientist confirming that creative people struggle with distraction more than others. As a result, the most successful have created routines and strategies for channelling their distraction into a positive purpose. If you’re checking your Twitter feed while reading this, you may be exactly the type of person we’re talking about.

In fact, I would go so far as to say it’s not the most talented or gifted creatives who achieve success, it’s the ones who’ve created a disciplined routine for getting things done. What about you? What’s the routine that holds back the tsunami of daily distraction and allows you to constructively create? ■





BE HONEST: ARE YOU ADDICTED TO BEING ONLINE?

We all want to get advice, pitch our ideas, ask for a job, or otherwise meet someone we admire. But chances are, that person is out of your orbit. So what are the secrets to scoring that important meeting? While everyone is different, and there are no guarantees, here are five techniques that should help you make the connections you need:

1. **Make your network work for you**

Remember the “6 degrees of separation” idea? People you want to meet are often closer than you think. At least once a week, make a few calls around your personal network and inquire about people you should meet. Have them make suggestions and ask if they’ll arrange the meeting. You’ll be surprised how fast your personal relationships will grow and eventually include the people you want to meet. Plus, a personal recommendation is always a great way to connect.

2. **Have something to offer**

Successful people get asked for hundreds of meetings, so you need to stand out. Stop thinking about you and start thinking about them. What can I do for them? What could I bring to the table? Come up with a reason he or she would benefit by meeting you. (And your sparkling personality shouldn’t be the only answer.)

3. **Show them some love**

Do they have a blog or social media presence? Respond to their social media posts in a thoughtful way. Comment on their blog. The simple truth is, I’m far more likely to take a meeting with someone who’s an active part of my blog community and who I know is in sync with my thinking. Do they have a favourite charity? Donate. Show up at some of their charity events. Let them know you have similar ideas, values, and priorities.

4. **Keep it short**

Dr Larry Poland has been working as a spiritual advisor in the entertainment industry for decades, and as a result has strong personal relationships with men and women at the very top of the industry. One of the biggest reasons for his success is simple. The first time, he only asks for a 10 minute meeting. After all, who can’t spare a mere 10 minutes? And once he gets in the door, no matter how well the meeting is going he always finishes in 10 minutes. That tells the leader Larry respects his time, and guess what? He almost always gets invited back.

5. **Finally, let that person know what you want**

You won’t believe how many people call my office for an appointment, and when my assistant asks what they’d like to meet with me about, they refuse to say. Trust me, if you won’t share the purpose of the meeting to my assistant, you won’t get in – period. Obviously, once they know the reason for the meeting some won’t be interested. But I can guarantee you, finding out on the phone is far better than getting in the door and finding out face to face. You can be sure they’ll never have you back because you’ve wasted their time – and time is one of their most valuable assets.

Scoring that important meeting isn’t impossible, but it does take a little strategy. Focus on these five keys for your next attempt, and let me know if it helps. ➡



Learning: **Something Is Horribly Wrong**

By Martie Du Plessis

I have been involved in the home education movement for fifteen years, and also educated my own daughter at home for a few years. She is married now and they home educate their five children. The latest addition to their family was born a few weeks ago on their farm, and during that time I spent twenty days with the family to help out with household chores and taking care of the four other siblings. The last vestiges of lies that remained from my teacher-training days were finally shattered - I realised again that school and learning is not the same thing!

My assistance on the farm included the home education of the four little ones. I went armed with many plans and programmes in my head for as many exciting activities to do my job as best I could. My experience has shown that it is much easier for parents and teachers to plan a lesson and to aim for an outcome, but much harder to let children play and to trust that effective learning had taken place during playing, or that the playing was actually enough. Parents and teachers spend hours preparing and planning assignments with pre-conceived

expectations, most of which is totally irrelevant to the context in which the children live, with the result that no actual learning takes place. The time I spent with my grandchildren reaffirmed that a child's natural design is to learn. Learning, in its informal expression of exploration, discovery, experimentation, imagination and creativity (playing), is the main occupation (job) of children. When we allow our children to play while forming Christlikeness, we do more for their growth and learning and their knowledge of who they are in God (as God's children).

Though I had success in letting the oldest one do his maths and letter cards daily, I had much more learning successes with exposing them to mending the holes in their dad's socks, sorting the socks of family members, making tomato and onion sauce fresh from the garden, spontaneously worshipping God and adding percussion instruments, cutting branches from a fallen tree, watching a baby being born, caring for a new-born, and being generally helpful around the house. Many other examples can be added!

The most exciting moments of learning I witnessed were when I bought each child a tape measure, with which we experimented by measuring different objects and body parts. This was in preparation for an on-going farmhouse renovation nearby, to be completed over the next two months. We sat around a table and designated the different tasks to the "team" for interdependent work. Cautious Nicholas (nearly 7) was given responsibility for stock, finances and till-slips with his daddy. Artist Evangeline (4) was to help with the interior decorating, colour options and décor with mommy. Caleb (3), more of a hands-on and risk-taking toddler, was assigned to quality control and projects with Vincent the painter. Maia Hope (18 months) was involved with hospitality and fun with Ouma, reminding all to enjoy the projects and also to play in-between. It was in this learning process that I witnessed a sense of true responsibility and enjoyment, also because it was relevant and real (real life context) to the whole family.

It is much easier for the parent or teacher to task children with worksheets than applying creativity, imagination and critical thinking with the aim to model a lifestyle of learning. If parents and teachers truly grasp a lifestyle of learning, they involve and engage their children in all aspects of life with patience. One even includes the very young ones! You answer intricate questions, don't mind to giving detailed answers, and share vision for the sake of understanding the bigger picture. This type of learning has a lasting effect, it is practical and useful, and it imprints on the hearts of the children a future philosophy of continuous learning.

Indeed, in this process the adults learn as much as the children. The involvement requires growth in the adults – a willingness to increase one's capacity to make space for others to grow and learn at their own level and time. Sadly, since many adults never experienced learning at this level when they were children, there is often a lack of experiencing this amazing God-given gift of learning with their own children. However, it is never too late to start. The role of the parent or teacher is as a provider of opportunities, a helper, a supporter and an encourager. It is not a difficult task but rather a simple one. Parents experience this when a child learns to walk – the child is encouraged enthusiastically to do more of what they already can do naturally and go further and faster.

Most parents or teachers have been brain-washed over the years to follow a specific curriculum, and this plan-to-go is mostly to the detriment of the child's soul and relationships involved. A curriculum does not cause learning to take place through learning, as it requires a certain performance standard at a specific time. In fact, a curriculum in most cases is there for the adult (educator) to feel secure in the situation. In order for me to truly embrace the rich learning experience with the children, I had to let go of my own ideas and planned agendas for the day.

Most families are so busy and on the go that little 'free time' remains. Relationships become tense with bickering among siblings who are irritated with one another. Most children spend their free time with TV, movies, iPads, cellphone games and social media connections. However, natural learning happens when children are given time for 'free time', and where family, adult or caregiver relationships are positive. Truth is that adults have more time and emotional energy to embrace natural learning while loving each other and building the family.

The lack of learning has numerous effects on society. Some of the symptoms are resistance to learn, learning problems, conflicts, anger, fear, anxiety, a longing for peers, a longing for entertainment, apathy, dutiful subjection to assignments, independence, disrespect, boredom and much other relational behav-

iour. Furthermore, children lose their ability to explore, discover, imagine, problem-solve, and be creative. They lose their ability to learn and they lose their connection with themselves. These children only want to watch video games, movies and connect with friends. They are children who are bored. A bored child is a sick child. When this happens to your children, they have lost their ability to learn.

During this time of intense, practical experience with my grandchildren, the knowledge of what is going on in the lives of older school children, and being exposed over many years to the fears of parents, I am more convinced than ever that something is very wrong. Unless parents and teachers make it their aim again to bring back natural learning to the educational landscape, we will reap the fruit of deeply disillusioned adults, drifting aimlessly with neither direction nor purpose, and not excited about learning.

In our current Information economy where there is an excess of data, it is of utmost importance that people love learning. Also because it will be a life-long process where any person can learn if they are positive about learning. ✦

Martie du Plessis give guidance to families about alternative education, mostly home education. Martie explains to parents how to find the learning pathway for each child to enable the child to be a job creator rather than a job seeker. When parents have more time with their children, they can live a more value based life.



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Amen

Jazz and I have been very busy building a treehouse. Daddy is helping us make it secure and safe to play in. We have a rope, a ladder and a swing, and we have filled the treehouse with toys, books and even snacks to eat. It's really exciting having your own special place to play in where no one can enter without your permission. Jazz and I like pretending that it is our secret hide out from the bad guys when we pretend to be superheroes. It is like a fortress where we are safe from their attacks and where we keep all of our cool superhero gear.

The Bible tells us in Psalm 91:1-2 that "Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." It

goes on and speaks about all the dangers and troubles we could possibly face in life and how if we are in Jesus we are safe and secure. When you give your heart to Jesus then He comes and lives in your heart and becomes a part of your everyday life. He becomes your protection from danger and harm. The Bible says that you need to dwell in Him to have these benefits. To dwell means to live or keep your attention on Him. So that means you have to actively serve God and keep his commandments, read your Bible and pray everyday so that you can have all the benefits the Bible promises. ➡

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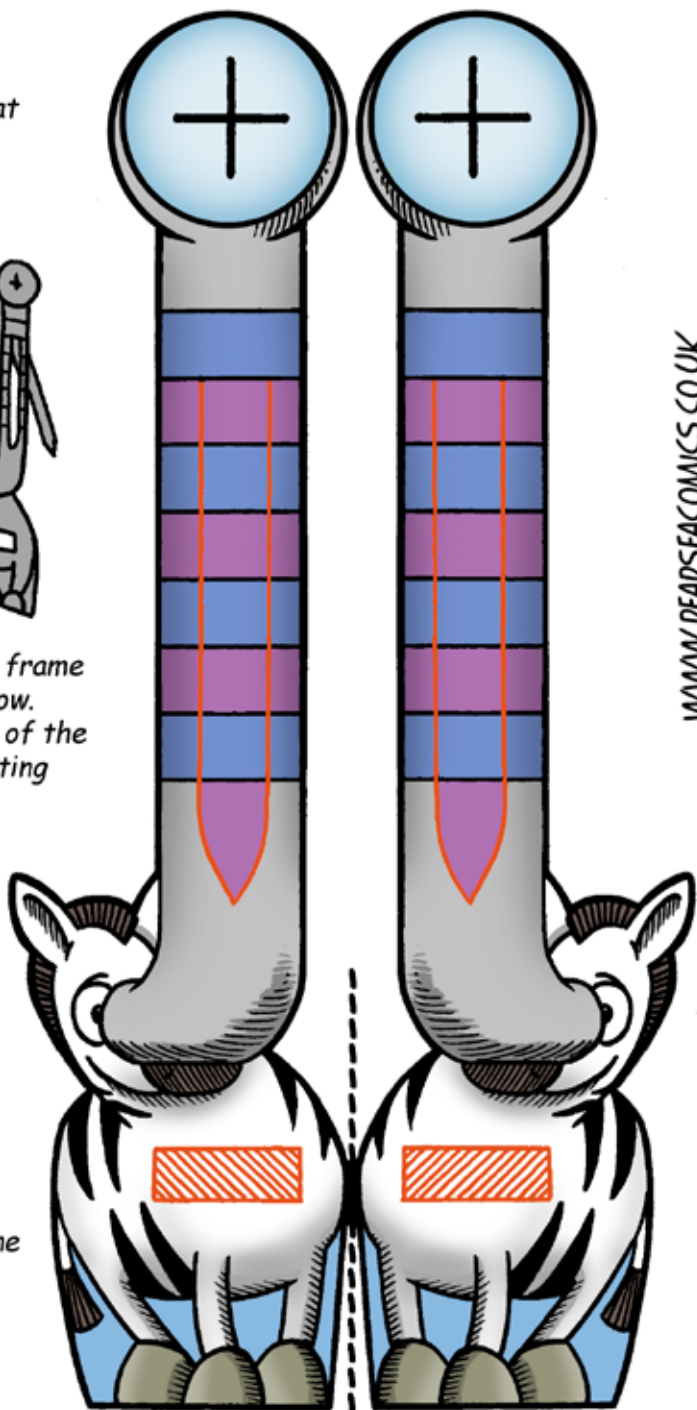
Cut out this Bible perescope. Fold along the dotted line and glue the two sides together. Cut out the red window and along the red line to make an arrow that folds out. For this use a craft knife (with the help of an adult if need be).



Find a friend with the same Bible as you and open them at the same page. Sit face to face so each of you can only see the cover of the other's Bible. Take your perescope and frame some words on the page using the window. The arrow should be bent over the top of the Bible so that it rests on the cover pointing downwards.



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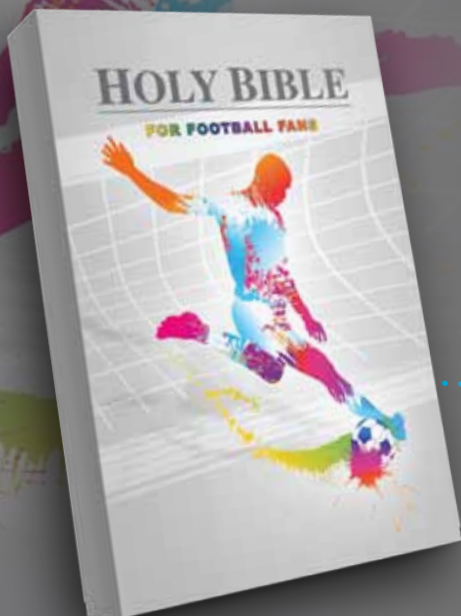
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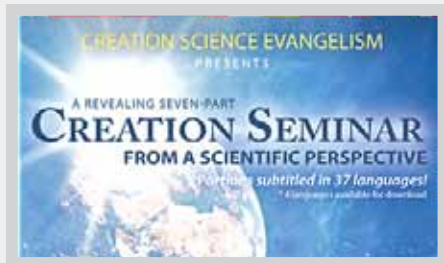


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THUR, 2 APRIL

19:00-21:00



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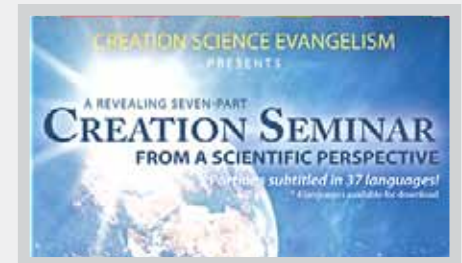


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THUR, 23 APRIL

19:00-20:00



Dr. Hovind shows how public school textbooks are permeated with fraudulent information in order to convince students that evolution is true. This is a must-see for every public school student, teacher, parent and school board member.

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THUR, 30 APRIL

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FRI, 17 APRIL

19:00-21:00



Brenton Brown, born in South Africa, is a Christian songwriter and worship leader. He has a "Worship Lounge" on his blog where people can submit questions to him. He has recorded many worship music CDs. The title track "Everlasting God" on his solo album, was given an award at the ASCAP awards ceremony in 2008. It was the first time that a Christian song was recognized at this ceremony.

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SAT, 4 APRIL

20:00-22:00



The year is about 62 A.D. and the aging apostle Matthew recalls the remarkable events he witnessed as a young man. As his story unfolds, the centuries melt away and we are intimately involved in the life of Jesus.

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW (PART 3 & 4)

SAT, 11 APRIL

20:00-22:00



The year is about 62 A.D. and the aging apostle Matthew recalls the remarkable events he witnessed as a young man. As his story unfolds, the centuries melt away and we are intimately involved in the life of Jesus.

THE WHISPER HOME

SAT, 18 APRIL

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Faith Africa TV Guide - April 2015

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

00h00 - 00h30	The 700 Club	The 700 Club	The 700 Club	The 700 Club
00h30 - 01h00	Infinity Bible Church - D. Salaberrios	Wisdom For Life - Allan Bagg	Wisdom For Life - Allan Bagg	Wisdom For Life - Allan Bagg
01h00 - 01h30	Salvation Ministries - David Ibiyeomie	Believer's Walk Of Faith - B.Winston	Believer's Walk Of Faith - B.Winston	Believer's Walk Of Faith - B.Winston
01h30 - 02h00	Temple of Restoration - Angelo Barbosa	Believer's Voice Of Victory - K. Copeland	Believer's Voice Of Victory - K. Copeland	Believer's Voice Of Victory - K. Copeland
02h00 - 02h30	The First Word - Paul Crouch Jr.	Living Life - Theo Wolmarans	Living Life - Theo Wolmarans	Living Life - Theo Wolmarans
02h30 - 03h00	Abundant Life Ministries - F. Adeyeye	Grace Today - Derek Grier Ministries	In Touch - Charles Stanley	Pathway To Victory - R. Jeffress
03h00 - 03h30	New Psalmist Baptist Church - W. Thomas	Now Faith - John Torrens	Kairos Moments - N. vd Westhuizen	A New Life - Bert Pretorius
03h30 - 04h00	Word of God Fellowship - F. Summerfield	New Beginnings - Larry & Tiz Huch	Radio Pulpit - Heartbeat TV	Marriage Today - Jimmy Evans
04h00 - 04h30	Daystar Christian Church - Sam Adeyemi	Christ in Prophecy - D. Reagan	Kerry Shook Ministries	The Messenger - J & L. Bevere
04h30 - 05h00	Refuge Temple Ministries - W. Archie	Joni Table Talk	New Level - Hank & Brenda Kunneman	Changing Your Life - G Dickow
05h00 - 05h30	John Hagee Today	John Hagee Today	John Hagee Today	John Hagee Today
05h30 - 06h05	Family Time - Angus Buchan	Family Time - Angus Buchan	Family Time - Angus Buchan	Family Time - Angus Buchan
06h05 - 06h30	A&J - Andre' & Jenny Roebert	The Potter's House - TD Jakes	A&J - Andre' & Jenny Roebert	The Potter's House - TD Jakes
06h30 - 07h00	Wisdom For Life - Allan Bagg	Wisdom For Life - Allan Bagg	Wisdom For Life - Allan Bagg	Wisdom For Life - Allan Bagg
07h00 - 07h30	Believer's Walk Of Faith - B.Winston	Believer's Walk Of Faith - B.Winston	Believer's Walk Of Faith - B.Winston	Believer's Walk Of Faith - B.Winston
07h30 - 08h00	This Is Your Day - Benny Hinn	This Is Your Day - Benny Hinn	This Is Your Day - Benny Hinn	This Is Your Day - Benny Hinn
08h00 - 08h30	Believer's Voice Of Victory - K. Copeland	Believer's Voice Of Victory - K. Copeland	Believer's Voice Of Victory - K. Copeland	Believer's Voice Of Victory - K. Copeland
08h30 - 09h00	Creflo Dollar Ministries	Creflo Dollar Ministries	Creflo Dollar Ministries	Creflo Dollar Ministries
09h00 - 09h30	Enjoying Everyday Life - Joyce Meyer	Enjoying Everyday Life - Joyce Meyer	Enjoying Everyday Life - Joyce Meyer	Enjoying Everyday Life - Joyce Meyer
09h30 - 10h00	Destined To Reign - Joseph Prince	Destined To Reign - Joseph Prince	Destined To Reign - Joseph Prince	Destined To Reign - Joseph Prince
10h00 - 10h30	Living Life - Theo Wolmarans	Living Life - Theo Wolmarans	Living Life - Theo Wolmarans	Living Life - Theo Wolmarans
10h30 - 11h00	Gospel Truth - Andrew Wommack	Gospel Truth - Andrew Wommack	Gospel Truth - Andrew Wommack	Gospel Truth - Andrew Wommack
11h00 - 11h30	Life Today - James & Betty Robison	Life Today - James & Betty Robison	Life Today - James & Betty Robison	Life Today - James & Betty Robison
11h30 - 12h00	Grace Today - Derek Grier Ministries	In Touch - Charles Stanley	Pathway To Victory - Robert Jeffress	Your Move - Andy Stanley
12h00 - 12h30	The 700 Club	The 700 Club	The 700 Club	The 700 Club
12h30 - 13h00	Grassroots - Angus Buchan	Grassroots - Angus Buchan	Grassroots - Angus Buchan	Grassroots - Angus Buchan
13h00 - 13h30	John Hagee Today	John Hagee Today	John Hagee Today	John Hagee Today
13h30 - 14h00	New Beginnings - Larry & Tiz Huch	Israel Now News	End Of The Age - Irvin Baxter	Jewish Voice - Jonathan Bernis
14h00 - 14h30	Christ in Prophecy - David Reagan	Jesus Calls - Paul Dhinakaran	Time Of Grace - Mark Jeske	Abba's House - Ron Phillips
14h30 - 15h00	The Adventures Of Donkey Ollie	Dr. Wonder's Workshop	What's In The Bible? - Buck Denver	Gospel Bill
15h00 - 15h30	Scaley Adventures	My Destiny Place	Save The World - Jarrod Davidoff	Maralee Dawn & Friends
15h30 - 16h00	MXTV - Tim Bisagno	Acquire The Fire - Ron Luce	The Green Room - Jonathan & Suzy	Youth Bytes - Chad Daniel
16h00 - 16h30	Mission Feeding - James & Betty Robison	The Ramp - Karen Wheaton	Love A Child - Bobby & Sherry	Check The Sound
16h30 - 17h00	Ever Increasing Faith - Fred Price	Kerry Shook Ministries	Faith Connect LIVE	Manna-Fest - Perry Stone
17h00 - 17h30	Joni Table Talk	The Wave - Steve Kelly	It's Supernatural - Sid Roth	The Hal Lindsey Report
17h30 - 18h00	It's Supernatural - Sid Roth	It's Supernatural - Sid Roth	Changing Your Life - Gregory Dickow	It's Supernatural - Sid Roth
18h00 - 18h30	Overcomer - Joel Osteen	Your Move with Andy Stanley	Marriage Today - Jimmy Evans	Jack Van Impe Presents
18h30 - 19h00	Faith Connect REPEAT	Leadership Essentials - John Maxwell	The Messenger - J & L. Bevere	Doccie Thursday
19h00 - 19h30	Great Awakening - Rodney H. Browne	Radio Pulpit - Heartbeat TV	The Mark Gungor Show	Enjoying Everyday Life - Joyce Meyer
19h30 - 20h00	Enjoying Everyday Life - Joyce Meyer	Watchmen On The Wall - Errol Naidoo	A New Life - Bert Pretorius	A New Life - Bert Pretorius
20h00 - 20h30	Now Faith - John Torrens	Kairos Moments - N. vd Westhuizen	Supernatural Now - G.Maldonado	Supernatural Now - G. Maldonado
20h30 - 21h00	Supernatural Now - G. Maldonado	Supernatural Now - G. Maldonado	This Is Your Day - Benny Hinn	This Is Your Day - Benny Hinn
21h00 - 21h30	This Is Your Day - Benny Hinn	This Is Your Day - Benny Hinn	Creflo Dollar Ministries	Creflo Dollar Ministries
21h30 - 22h00	Creflo Dollar Ministries	Creflo Dollar Ministries	Winning Ways - M. Ashimolowo	Winning Ways - M. Ashimolowo
22h00 - 22h30	Winning Ways - M. Ashimolowo	Winning Ways - M. Ashimolowo		
22h30 - 23h00				
23h00 - 23h30				
23h30 - 24h00				

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Friday

Saturday

Sunday

Highlights

00h00 - 00h30			
00h30 - 01h00	The 700 Club	Empowered by the Spirit - M. Lamb	Music - Alternative Rock
01h00 - 01h30	Wisdom For Life - Allan Bagg	Wisdom For Life - Allan Bagg	Wisdom Seekers - Wally Scholtz
01h30 - 02h00	Believer's Walk Of Faith - B.Winston	Believer's Walk Of Faith - B.Winston	Life By Design - Andre' Olivier
02h00 - 02h30	Believer's Voice Of Victory - K. Copeland	Believer's Voice Of Victory - K. Copeland	Real Woman, Real Life - T.Tredrae
02h30 - 03h00	Living Life - Theo Wolmarans	Living Life - Theo Wolmarans	Turning Point - David Jeremiah
03h00 - 03h30	Abba's House - Ron Phillips	Dreams & Mysteries - John Jackson	Treasures
03h30 - 04h00	A New Life - Bert Pretorius	Planetshakers TV	Hour Of Salvation - David Ibiyeomie
04h00 - 04h30	The Higher Level - Chris Hill		
04h30 - 05h00	Manna-Fest - Perry Stone		
05h00 - 05h30	Jack Van Impe Presents	Friday Night Live REPEAT	Movie REPEAT
05h30 - 06h05	John Hagee Today		
06h00 - 06h05	Family Time - Angus Buchan		
06h05 - 06h30	A&J - Andre' & Jenny Roebert	Faith Connect REPEAT	Hour Of Power - Bobby Schuller
06h30 - 07h00	Wisdom For Life - Allan Bagg	Grassroots - Angus Buchan	Great Awakening - Rodney H Browne
07h00 - 07h30	Believer's Walk Of Faith - B.Winston	Wisdom Seekers - Wally Scholtz	Jerry Savelle Ministries
07h30 - 08h00	This Is Your Day - Benny Hinn	The Living Stone - Edgar Holder	Order My Steps - John Francis
08h00 - 08h30	Believer's Voice Of Victory - K. Copeland	It's Up To You - Allen Joseph	
08h30 - 09h00	Creflo Dollar Ministries	Life By Design - Andre' Olivier	
09h00 - 09h30	Enjoying Everyday Life - Joyce Meyer	Hillsong - Brian Houston	Faith Worship @ The River LIVE
09h30 - 10h00	Destined To Reign - Joseph Prince	Point Destiny - Ron Kussmaul	Supernatural Now - G. Maldonado
10h00 - 10h30	Living Life - Theo Wolmarans	Turning Point - David Jeremiah	Christ For All Nations - D. Kolenda
10h30 - 11h00	Gospel Truth - Andrew Wommack	Winning Walk - Ed Young Sr.	It's Supernatural - Sid Roth
11h00 - 11h30	Life Today - James & Betty Robison	Fixing The Money Thing - G. Keese	Creflo Dollar Ministries
11h30 - 12h00	Dreams & Mysteries - John Jackson	New Level - Hank & Brenda Kunneman	John Hagee Today
12h00 - 12h30		Real Woman, Real Life - T. Tredae	Steve Munsey
12h30 - 13h00	The 700 Club	The Messenger - J & L. Bevere	Something Fresh - J. Garlington
13h00 - 13h30	Grassroots - Angus Buchan	Kingdom Connection - J. Franklin	The Potter's House - TD Jakes
13h30 - 14h00	John Hagee Today	Henry Fernandez Ministries	The Higher Level - Chris Hill
14h00 - 14h30	Zola Levitt Presents - Myles Weiss	Answers with Bayless Conley	Overcomer - Joel Osteen
14h30 - 15h00	Word Alive - Bob Rodgers	Speak the Word - Randy Morrison	Enjoying Everyday Life - Joyce Meyer
15h00 - 15h30	Adventures In Odyssey	Turning Point Int - Muiyiwa Olarewaju	In Touch - Charles Stanley
15h30 - 16h00	iShine KNECT	Urban Revival - Judah & Lee v Staden	Believer's Walk Of Faith - B.Winston
16h00 - 16h30	Urban Revival - Judah & Lee v Staden	UnderDogZone	Believer's Voice Of Victory - K. Copeland
16h30 - 17h00	Stella's Voice	Living Effectively - Myles Munroe	Discover Life - At Boshoff
17h00 - 17h30	Empowered by the Spirit - M. Lamb	ICAN Foundation - David Molapo	Watchmen On The Wall - E. Naidoo
17h30 - 18h00	It's Supernatural - Sid Roth	Faith Life Church with Keith Moore	
18h00 - 18h30	Planetshakers TV	Save The World - Jarrod Davidoff	
18h30 - 19h00		Faith for Every Nation - Mark Hankins	
19h00 - 19h30		Rhema Church - Kenneth Hagin Jr.	
19h30 - 20h00	Friday Night Live		
20h00 - 20h30			
20h30 - 21h00		Movie	The River @ Tampa Bay
21h00 - 21h30	Enjoying Everyday Life - Joyce Meyer		
21h30 - 22h00	Father's House - Pierre du Plessis		
22h00 - 22h30	Supernatural Now - G. Maldonado	Father's House - Pierre D Plessis	Abba's House - Ron Phillips
22h30 - 23h00	This Is Your Day - Benny Hinn	Alleluia Ministries - Alph Lukau	Alleluia Ministries - Alph Lukau
23h00 - 23h30	Creflo Dollar Ministries	Healing Your Soul - Katie Souza	Power Point - Jack Graham
23h30 - 24h00	Winning Ways - M. Ashimolowo	Treasures	Gospel Music Showcase - G. Penrod

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29 Kings
23:21-23
(NIV)

21 The king gave this order to all the people: "Celebrate the Passover to the LORD your God, as it is written in this Book of the Covenant."

22 Neither in the days of the judges who led Israel nor in the days of the kings of Israel and the kings of Judah had any such Passover been observed.

23 But in the eighteenth year of King Josiah, this Passover was celebrated to the LORD in Jerusalem.





Life

By Thalia B Tsoaeli

God, the Source of Life

1. Genesis 1:2-3
2. Psalm 104:24
3. Numbers 16:22
4. Genesis 1:26-27
5. Genesis 2:9

Sustaining Breath of God

6. Psalm 104:29
7. Psalm 150:6
8. Romans 1:20
9. Psalm 139:15-16

Jesus, the Giver of Life

10. John 6:33-35
11. John 10:10
12. John 17:2
13. 1 John 5:11-12
14. John 14:6
15. John 1:4
16. John 6:51

Living/Existence

17. Genesis 25:7-8
18. Mark 15:37
19. Genesis 1:20
20. Proverbs 14:27
21. Proverbs 18:21
22. Genesis 23:1

Well-being

23. Ezra 6:10
24. Psalm 16:11
25. Psalm 30:5

Quicken

26. Romans 4:17
27. Psalm 119:88
28. Psalm 71:20
29. Psalm 143:11
30. Psalm 119:107

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