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A photograph of Pastor John Beukes, a bald man with orange-rimmed glasses on his head, wearing a dark blue t-shirt with a white graphic. He is sitting in a black office chair and smiling. The background is a plain, light-colored wall. There are white starburst graphics on either side of his head.

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THE EDITOR'S THOUGHTS

YOUR SUPPORT IS
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ALREADY OUR SECOND EDITION

Can you believe it? This is already our second edition and already we are making an impact and reaching people with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

We are so excited about this edition as we have 2 new sections added and we have our first life changing cover and feature story to share. We are also very excited as we have special offers in this edition that are specially for our readers and also have our usual 'off the hook' 4 columns with great inspiration and knowledge within them.

We need your help and support though, tell and send our magazine to as many people as you can and please support us financially

Mark Page



MARK PAGE

Mark Page is Editor of Rite Life Magazine and Publisher of Go Big Publications. He is married with 2 young boys.

Our cover and feature story this month is all about **Pastor John Beukes**. An amazing story of God's grace and intervention and a man with a passion for Jesus Christ, The Gospel and seeing people changed by the grace and mercy of God.

Pastor John's story started off on a bad note as his mother wanted to abort him but yet God intervened, he ended up deep in the numbers gang and was known as 'Ringo', a feared and well respected figure in the underworld of the Western Cape in South Africa.

Read his story in this edition and be sure to praise God for a life transformed, you are welcome to contact him and please support his ministry too. The details will be at the end of the article.

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THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS

OVERVIEW

THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS IS THE VERY ONE WHO HAS GIVEN US THE BIGGEST GIFT YET

The Christ of Christmas has a meaning for everyone, some like to call Him the Messiah and others like to call Him a great Historical figure, I like to call Him the greatest gift ever given to humanity in past history and in any kind of history, period!

The reality of Jesus Christ and His influence on society can be seen throughout the world and in so many religions, sadly misunderstood and misrepresented in all other religions but none the less made reference to in some way or form.

Let's look at this gift which was given to us:



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Jesus was born into this world with a purpose not understood then but seen today, as we look over history and come to understand a few Biblical principles we see that the greatest gift ever given by anybody has to be the of an Only Son called Jesus Christ.

The reality of Christmas is that it has been commercialized and the total and awesome meaning of Christmas has totally been lost. We need to instill amongst people and especially amongst our children and younger generation the real meaning of Christmas, that Christ is the true meaning of Christmas.

Isaiah 7:14

"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel."

has to be the most important aspect of the Christmas message over and above the fact that Christ was born and unto us a Saviour was given (John 3 vs 16), is that God is with us.

No matter in what situation or what we are going through God is always with us and will always undertake to be with us, even if this does not seem or feel like that to us. The significance of God with us or Immanuel is this: We then understand that Christmas is no about gifts and presents but it is all about God in our midst and that this period is a reminder that a Saviour was given unto us, which by the way is the best and greatest gift we will ever get, and thus it means that God is with us, Hew is in our midst and wanting and having an intimate relationship with us.

Psalms 103:11-13

"For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him."

We then have the added blessing of exactly what this portion of Scripture is

talking about: Compassion! Christmas is a time of thinking deeply about compassion. God, despite our fallen nature due to sin had such great and deep compassion that He gave us a gift that would reunite us with Him. Compassion is something that is sorely missing in life and societies today and something that must be cultivated again.

Compassion is something that can only come from deep inside once we see and experience for ourselves what kind of problems, difficulties and hardships we are going through and what others are going through. Essentially God's gift to us at this time of Christmas was a compassionate gift and my question to you today is this: **What are doing about this compassionate gift that you have received?**

John 1 vs 29

"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

Now, in looking at all of this concerning Christmas we have

to take encouragement and most important of all take hope in the fact that Christmas brought about something that would change the whole of history in terms of the sin problem and our reconciliation with the Father. When Christ was born He was already earmarked to pay the ultimate penalty of giving His life so that the problem of sin and eternal death would once and for all be taken care of.

If this is not seen as the greatest gift ever or seen in light of eternity without God, then we will never see in context the significance of the true meaning of Christmas.

Christmas in it's truest form and meaning has to be understood in the context of the sin problem and realized by the fact that this could only be done out of compassion. This compassion has to be cultivated by every believer and our sole purpose must be to spread this Good News of Jesus Christ as the Only Saviour to all and everyone, no matter the cost or the battle we might find ourselves facing.

May we realize that not everything is about getting and many times it is about giving too, without expecting anything in return.

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Isaiah 7 vs 14



Galatians 4 Vs 4-5



Luke 2 vs 11

FROM DEEP IN GANGLAND TO DEEP IN GOD'S HEART

PASTOR JOHN BEUKES

OVERVIEW

I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE DEAD AT BIRTH

I have only one brother, my mother only gave birth to two children. My oldest brother was two years older than me. He was also in prison but he became a 28 and the 26 and the 28 are mortal enemies, they don't sit around the same table. If we bumped into each other it was an eternal feud and it only continued outside of the prison. My own brother and I couldn't get together because it was just blood splattering's and fighting. It got so bad that my own mother pointed out to me one day, **"Ringo, you know I should have killed you when you were born."**



PASTOR JOHN BEUKES

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My name is John Beukes, I went by the alias of Ringo here in the Cape. I really want to share this story of mine with you. The Bible declares that a true testimony saves souls and saves lives. I want to use my life today to save someone else's life, there might be someone whose life is on the wrong path and because of this I want to share with you my own life experiences that at the age of 14 I was tired, I was fed up, I didn't listen to or accept any authority and so at the age of 14 I ran away from home. I saw at that stage that the 'gangsters' were the angry guys. They have the money, they have the women, they have the nice cars, they have the nice clothes.

And I then desired to be like one of them. I ran away because I didn't want to listen to



my mother. I didn't want to listen to anyone. I decided that I should go and make my own life, and I looked at the 'gangsters' and how they do things. I went away from home and went to stay with my Uncle, he was a big smuggler of cannabis at that time and at that young age it wasn't enough for

to be just a smuggler. I wanted to start the experience of prison life, the life of the 26 number in the prison, but I still had no experience of life itself. And then at the age of 16 I ended up in one of the most dangerous prisons in the country, Pollsmoor Maximum. And so at the age of 16 I arrived at the prison as a juvenile. And while I'm in prison I was found guilty of armed robbery and at that age I didn't know anything but all I want to be is like one of these men, a person who will be feared in the community and will scare everyone, I want to be a respected man in the community because all the men I look up to are like that.

I thought that it was the best way out for me and at that age I was found guilty in Parow One. They couldn't punish me because I was a youth, I just had to be there until I turned 18 years old. And then I was there until I turned 18 years old, I became a 26 in Pollsmoor Maximum Prison and then at the age of 18 they sentenced me to 5 years in prison. But the first time I walked out of that prison I was an adult of 27 years. I stayed longer in prison because I didn't want to be an ordinary guy, I wanted to be someone that if they looked at me they would see great fear, to be a respectable man. So now I am released from prison and I was a 26 gang member, I was very feared and very big in the numbers gang. I now have a license to do what I



wanted to do but life just went on and I was in and out of prison for over 35 years.

I have only one brother, my mother only gave birth to two children. My oldest brother was two years older than me. He was also in prison but he became a 28 and the 26 and the 28 are mortal enemies, they don't sit around the same table. If we bumped into each other it was an eternal feud and it only continued outside of the prison. My own brother and I couldn't get together because it was just blood splattering's and fighting. It got so bad that my own mother pointed out to me one day, "Ringo, you know I should have killed you when you were born." She went on to say that there was nothing that could be done for me, She told me that I would never get it right in life. But let me tell you that at that time it meant nothing to me because in my own mind it was okay to live like that.

It got so bad that they wanted to kill me because I was too bad for them. They then decided to put my name on a death list to kill me. They tried but failed. But let me tell you good news today, I was a 26-year-old who never believed in God. My mother was the one who was saved and prayed in the evenings.

When she prayed in the evenings, I would tap her on the shoulder and tell her that she shouldn't pray for me

because I do not believe in God, I want to see God in person then I will believe in Him. I realized that I had no way to support myself or support my children, but I was a big 26, I was a gang leader, but up to that point I never supported my 5 children or been there for them because if the number called me I was there, The number always came first, my family last.

At the age of 42 I realize that I didn't have a single 'skill' to help my family if I have to start working, I realized that I couldn't even earn a living for my family, I could only talk about the prison. At the age of 42 I realize that I am just a failure! I then realized that I had sold my whole life to Satan. I realize that I was completely cut off from my family. My Dad died when I was in prison. Satan robbed me of everything, money was the status of a 'gangster'. I was totally alone, the 'gangsters' didn't want to know anything about me because they saw great danger, My family saw me as a demon. I had been married for 5 years at the time, My wife was going through hell,

and my wife hated me. I then had a great desire to change my life and restore my name but I felt that it would be impossible. I knew that I had bad charges that were brought against me, I could only answer, "Lord, I am guilty." But then one beautiful Sunday morning when I was high on drugs, the Lord played a film for me in my mind, right in front of me my whole life and He showed me how many times I should have died, it was just because of my name that I could avoid death, or so I thought.

I heard a voice, "It wasn't your name, but My grace. I look at the TV and it's as if everyone is talking to me in one voice and Uncle Angus Bachan puts it so beautifully that, "You must prepare yourself as if it the last day you will live on earth." And it bubbles in a loud voice that I won't die today but that I'm going to 'prepare' myself and I then get out of bed and don't even know why, go to the bathroom and prepare myself and still don't know why but I pull myself up and I go to the house of the Lord. I then arrived at the church and as I walk in I walk in with an 'attitude' and sit at the very back of the church. They then started with worship in the church and when it came to the third song I found myself right in front of the church and on my knees.

I felt myself crying as the tears ran down my face, I felt so heartbroken but did not

know why? I had no qualms about my feelings. I cried and understand I never cried, I told men that "Tigers don't cry", but I cried. And then I was shown by someone sitting next to me and he asked me "Ringo, what do you want God to do for you?" And I then told him that I want to change my life, I don't know what that means but I want to change my life

He asked me the same question a second time and I told him I just want to fix my life. And he asks me the question again for a third time and after that let me tell you something, my life was never the same again. The Pastor led me to the Lord that very day.

The next morning the Lord wakes me up around 3 o'clock and He tells me that He is going to let me sit at the table of many famous people and I doubted this because of who I am, And the voice tells me that He will teach me and He will guide me and that morning I started my relationship with the Lord. And one of the great heartaches was that I had the wrong woman because she was a Muslim and I said to the Lord

I should not give them back, and He answered me and said that I should be an example to them and after 3 months He will change their hearts towards me and towards Him. I asked her every Sunday to go to church with me and she says yes and on the last Sunday of the 3rd month even before I could ask she said to me that she and our children are ready to go to church. At the church, a woman gives her testimony and my wife gives her heart to Jesus Christ. The biggest miracle of them all was this event.

My Mom then too admitted that she had wanted to kill me at birth and she then said to me "That this is truly a man of God". I then began to mourn because I realized that afternoon that the Lord had changed my destiny, He washed me with His blood and He gave my name new meaning. I realized that I am indeed a child of the Lord. They then told my mother that your son is now an evangelist. At that time there were so many people who called me as a Pastor, even called me a 'Bishop' but the Lord spoke to me and my wife that I was called as an Evangelist. It is now 16 years later and we are still serving the Lord at the same church. All glory can only be given to the Lord.....**if He can do it for me He can most definitely do it for you!**

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HAVE YOU ACCEPTED JESUS CHRIST?

THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

THE BIBLE SAYS
THE FOLLOWING:

Romans 10:9 ESV

"Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

John 1:12 ESV

"But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,"

John 3:16 ESV

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."



Romans 3:23 ESV

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,"

The abovementioned verse is an extremely well used verse and many people know it and can even quote it off by heart, but the significance of it is the reality that every single person needs to contemplate.

If you have not accepted Jesus as your Personal Saviour yet or are thin king about it, you have to start here. The reality of your sin problem cancels and disqualifies you from the very presence of God and this bars you from eternal Life. Your choices are simple here, either an eternity with God or an Eternity without God. I would think that the logical answer would be an Eternity with God. Why? Well let's look at this:

2 Thessalonians 1:9

**"They will be punished
with everlasting
destruction and shut out
from the presence of the
Lord and from the glory of
his might"**

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This is the reality of a choice that omits
Jesus as your Personal Saviour -

= Everlasting Punishment

= Destruction

= Shut Out

= No Godly Presence

= And no Glory at all

This is not something to take lightly and
by the way this is not scaring you into
making a false decision, God is love, thus
we as His followers are love, this means if
I say I have the love of God, it is my duty
to tell you the truth and point you into
the right direction.

So in looking at the sin problem and the
reality of this, what is the answer then?
Let's look at this:

John 14:6

**Jesus said to him, "I am the
way, and the truth, and the
life. No one comes to the
Father except through me."**

NASB

What a wonderful solution to
an immense problem, Go gas
made a way and in making
the way He has also made it
very clear that this is the only
answer to the problem. You
have to accept Jesus His Son
in order to obtain Eternal Life
and ward off all the
destruction and other bad
things spoken about in the
previous Bible verse.

It also makes it very clear that
this can only be done through
JESUS CHRIST His Son, there
is no other way to salvation or
Eternal life other than
through Jesus, NONE!

Let's look at this too:

John 1:12-13

**"But to all who did
receive him, who
believed in his name, he
gave the right to
become children of God,
who were born, not of
blood nor of the will of
the flesh nor of the will
of man, but of God."**

NASB

Wow! Just look at this, not
only do we get Eternal life but

we become Children of God. The impact of this is massive as it speaks to the fact that we now belong to the family of God and receive the benefits of being part of a family, and not just any family but a royal family (1 Peter 2 vs 9).

So in looking and understanding all of this, How do you accept Jesus as your Personal Saviour?

Romans 10 vs 9-10

"that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; 10 for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation."

NASB

Let me just make one point very clear before we look at the above verses, your salvation cannot be obtained by good works, you cannot go to Heaven or be part of God's family because you are a good person, or you do good deeds, No! The Bible makes it clear, if you want to accept Jesus as your Personal Saviour then it gets done on the basis of two things. These two things are critical because it will also help you on your work with the Lord and attain righteousness and a life pleasing to God.



Firstly, you have to confess with your mouth that Jesus is your Lord, this is very important because by your confession God will know and people in the world will know. This is significant because one does not hide a light under a bowl. Everyone must see and hear that you are a child of God.



And secondly you must believe in your heart, with your whole being and understanding that Jesus was raised from the dead and is alive and is your only Saviour.

So if you have read all of this and the Holy Spirit is directing you to accept Jesus as your Personal Saviour please pray the prayer on the next page, God loves you so much.

ACCEPTING JESUS IS EVERYTHING!

PRAYER FOR SALVATION

Dear Lord Jesus,

I understand that I am a sinner and in need of desperate saving, The Bible tells me clearly that the only answer is for me to confess with my mouth and believe in my heart. I am now confessing with my mouth that I am accepting You as my Personal Saviour and believing in my heart that you are alive and well and dwelling within me. Thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit and the fellowship of other Believers and allow me please to follow in your footsteps. Amen!

Wow! Congratulations if you have just prayed this prayer, and know that you are now part of the family of the Kingdom of God. Please tell someone about your decision, pray all the time and read and study your Bible. Find a Holy Ghost, Bible preaching church and join.

Please let us know if you have made this decision and allow us to point you in the right direction.

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SAY IT AS IT IS!

OUR GRAFITTI WALL

Our graffiti wall allows whomever to have their say about any topic or any subject, it short and sweet and allows us to form our own opinions!

I was overwhelmed by God's goodness on two accounts.

Firstly, the truths were simply awesome that He revealed to me. I had prayed for many years for insight on this difficult subject. He was beginning to release a deeper understanding to me. I don't have time to share them now with you. But how my soul for more than a day was caught up in the glorious truths of God's ways. I would remind you that at one moment I didn't get anything out of His Word, and then the next moment He released special insight to know Him more. I still am deeply touched by His dynamic power.

The other reason I was so deeply touched by his goodness is perhaps more obvious. I almost scorned His truths. I was so busy with other things. I didn't seriously look into His Word when He first nudged my soul. It was only later that I figured I better respond to Him. Now here God in His graciousness God pours out such a blessing that my soul was deeply touched. This is His great kindness which flows from His goodness. Truly God is good!

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MONTHLY COLUMN

WEALTH TRANSFER

OVERVIEW

STEWARDSHIP IS AT THE HEART OF THE CREATION MANDATE.

Two things are significant here. First, the Hebrew word for 'man' and 'land' are closely similar, adam and adama. It reveals that God intended humankind to have a close relationship with the land, which might be broadly interpreted as all of God's animate and inanimate creation. Second, although tending and keeping have connotations of development ('subdue') they also imply nurture ('replenish').

Business is the exchange of goods or services for profit or economic gain. When you are employed, you are selling your services.



**BISHOP
MATTHEW
DANIELS**

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OCCUPYING YOUR DIVINE PLACEMENT FOR THE TRANSFER OF WEALTH

Stewardship is at the heart of the creation mandate God gave to man that He created in His Image and Likeness. In Genesis 1:26-28 God delegated 'Dominion' to us, but in Genesis 2:15 God made us Accountable:

"And the Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to tend and guard and keep it." Genesis 2:15 (AMP)

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have connotations of development ('subdue') they also imply nurture ('replenish').

Brethren, since we do not have advance notice of the rapture ("But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father" Mark 13:32), it is very easy to become weary in active service.

In Luke chapter nineteen, our Lord shares a parable about a certain nobleman who went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and return (v. 12). This parable was easily understood because Judea at the time of Christ was subject to the Romans having been conquered by Pompey about sixty years prior to Christ. Judea however was governed by the Jews who were allowed to do so by the Romans. It was required that a prince or king go to Rome and receive a recognition of that right from the Roman emperor. As Jesus spoke this parable, Archelaus, the son of Herod the Great, had gone to Rome to obtain confirmation of the title left to him by his father, and succeeded in obtaining it.

The reason Jesus told this parable was to clear up some confusion about Himself.

And as they heard these things, he added and spoke a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought

that the kingdom of God should immediately appear.—
Luke 19:11

Jesus, as the promised Messiah, was not ready to set up His earthly kingdom at that time—He must first die, be buried, rise again, and return to His Father in Heaven. Then at a set time by the Father, He would return to rule and reign among men.

As this nobleman in Luke nineteen gets ready to depart for the far country, he calls his servants and delivers unto them pounds. A pound was a large sum of money in those days—approximately three years of wages according to some scholars. Thus, they were entrusted with a large gift. The Lord then commands them to "Occupy till I come" in verse thirteen. The word occupy means to invest with the intent of increase. They were not simply to keep the pound safe. Later it is revealed in verse twenty that one of these servants kept his pound in a napkin (a safe place) until his lord returned. He was rebuked severely and lost the pound

and the reward. Those servants who invested their pounds were commended and given more opportunity.

Romans 12:6 teaches us that we as Christians have been entrusted with gifts to be used for the Lord. “Having then gifts differing according to the grace given unto us.” We too are to “occupy.” We are to invest our time, talents, treasures, and opportunities for the Lord so that God’s work is advanced and can multiply. How long must we occupy? Should we set a termination date for our service? Would it be proper to say, I’m going to read my Bible every day for a month. Or, I’m going to tithe and trust God in my stewardship until I get out of debt? No! God’s command is to occupy—until He returns.

John admonishes us in 2 John 8, “Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.” Most Christians start out well in the journey but for one reason or another become disenchanted, discouraged, or detoured in their service. John reminds us that the only way to receive a full reward when we shall meet the Lord is to continue all the way to the end

We may not be physically able to serve in the same ways throughout our entire lives, but we must never have the attitude of retirement from the Lord’s work. As long as God leaves us here, He has a plan

to use us for His glory. If we are not careful, we will succumb to the notion that it is too hard in this present generation to be faithful. Or, I’ve done my part—let someone else get involved. The devil would like us to believe that our labour is in vain and it won’t matter if we take our hand off of the plow.

What a tragedy it would be to stop serving before the Lord’s return. When He comes back, let’s determine we are going to be in the battle.

Again, we note that He uses the phrase to describe this action as “Occupy until I come.” In Luke 19:14, He informs us that He considers the whole world as belonging to Him—that all “citizens” belong to Him. But He also points out to us that while He is gone, “His citizens hated Him” and sent a message after Him saying, “We will not have this man to rule over us.” In other words, He lets us know that everyone will not receive the order of God, that there will be those who will rebel against the purpose of God during this present age in

which we live.

Verse 15, gives us the picture of Jesus returning, just as He promised that He would. We notice that while He is gone, He has received the Kingdom which He had gone to obtain and when He comes back, the first recorded action is His command that those servants to whom He had invested on be called unto Him that He might know how much every man had "gained by trading."

The term "Occupy until I come" has many definitions. Many times in periods of self-pity and apparent defeat, some Christians have used this statement to justify the attitude of simply "holding their own." This logic goes something like this, "I have done my best. It seems that nothing works. Perhaps, I was not meant to be successful in working for God in this world, therefore, I will simply attempt to 'hold on' and be faithful to Him until He comes. It is evident that I cannot go forward, so I will just determine to hold on and at least not go backward, until He comes. Like Noah even though I may not win converts, at least I will be faithful in witnessing and in preaching and in stumbling along and humbly doing the best that I can. Even if I cannot do anything else, at least I can hold on and occupy until He comes."

Let us forever settle it in our minds that this attitude is absolutely not the perfect

will of God for anybody in His kingdom. "Occupy until I come," was never meant just to "hold on," and "protect what you have" until Jesus comes. In fact, both the statement, "Occupy until I come," and the correct definition of "occupy until I come," comes out of this very parable which we are now studying. Paul gave the definition of what a minister is in First Corinthians, 4 and verse 1: "Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God."

The responsibility of a steward is two-fold, just as the word "occupy" has a meaning that is two-fold. First, a steward is meant to protect that which has been committed unto him. Here Paul tells us that a minister of God is to be looked upon by the church as a protector of the mysteries of God. A mystery, scripturally speaking, is any truth revealed by God to man. The minister of God of which every Christian is, is to protect the revelation that God has given through His word. We are to do this in whatever way is necessary. We do this by imparting truth

through preaching and by defending God's truth from errors taught by false preachers. It is a defensive posture. It is an "earnestly contending for" the things of God.

The second responsibility of a steward is to enlarge the holdings of his master or owner. He is not only a protector but also an investor. The word occupy has two meanings. In a passive sense, occupy does mean to protect that for which we have been made responsible. However, as we shall see in this parable, the primary meaning of occupy is not to protect only but to also invest. So a steward is both a protector and investor simultaneously.

This side of investor stewardship is not defensive but rather offensive. It is not a passive stewardship. It is not the cautious, conservative eye of protectionism, but rather the risk-taking that is necessary to enlarge the borders of the kingdom. It requires that the active best be brought out of a man. It requires planning, perseverance, and determination, boldness, and willingness to sacrifice. This aspect of apostolic stewardship must be strongly emphasized to each of us, whether or not it is a pleasant thought.

Stewardship is rooted in God the Creator, who created a world that flourishes with abundance and diversity. We are created

in God's image, to co-create with Him and for Him, to create products and services through stewardship for the common good of all. Stewardship is a holy calling for all of us, which is commended in the Bible.

Christians are expected to embrace stewardship as central to our mission of holistic transformation of peoples and societies. We should diligently use through perseverance our God-given gifts to serve God and people. In doing this, we are positioning ourselves for the wealth transfer that is coming.

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WHY DO SO MANY PEOPLE MISS THE 'TRUE' MEANING OF CHRISTMAS?

Keynote Scripture:

John 1:10-12

"He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name"



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Pastor Mike Gobel donating one of his landscape paintings to Prof/Ps Shaun and Shani Ramroop of The Campus Church in Pietermaritzburg, KZN. Included in the picture a small group of the congregation.



Although many Christians and even non-Christians will celebrate Christmas every year, many don't know what it's really all about or why they are even celebrating the significance of this day in history. People will and are missing the 'true' meaning of Christmas because it has become obscured

by all of the unavoidable worldly influences that we see and witness in nearly every shop window, and in the media. However, for those of us who know and love the Lord Jesus Christ, Christmas should be a time to focus on His "birth." But even we can get caught up in the swirl of activity around Christmas and can miss its 'true' meaning in a practical sense.

Satan has so cluttered the Christian concept of Christmas with such needless paraphernalia that its true meaning and purpose has become entirely lost to both Christian and non-Christian alike. These days Christmas has become, not so much a time to celebrate the birth of Christ as much as it is a time to party and indulge in the worldly pleasures of life that so often is associated to excessive eating and drinking.

Historical Pagan Influences

It would require an entire theological teaching on the 'history' of Christmas (birth of Christ) to understanding why and how religious rituals and traditions have caused much of the confusion. It is therefore not surprising that the simplicity of the 'birth of Christ' is drowned in a sea of traditions, many being of pagan in origin. We should not be surprised because when Christ was born in Bethlehem, most people of that day 'missed' its true meaning as well.

Ignorant Pre-occupation

Luke 2:7 says, "[Mary] gave birth to her firstborn Son, and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." The first person who missed Christmas was the innkeeper. He was unable to take in Mary and Joseph because he had no room for them in his inn.

Apparently he was indifferent to their plight.

Many people are like the 'innkeeper.' The chambers of their souls are filled with needless things—with stuff that doesn't matter. As a result, they miss the opportunities in life that could make a major difference, not only in your own life but in the lives of others. Our society and world around us is filled with the unnecessary, the insignificant and the meaningless. We spend a fortune to amass things so we can let our children fight over them when we die. And our time is eaten away by the demands that life places on us.

People miss the true meaning of Christ at Christmas because our lives are crowded out by a

world that dictates what we should think, do, and buy. Like the innkeeper, people today are pre-occupied with the mundane. How sad it is that so many people live their lives in pursuit of such, only to wake up one day in eternity without God.

Jealous Fear.

In the Book of Matthew, chapter 2 we meet another man who missed Christmas. Herod was the king of the land at that time. He feigned his desire to worship Jesus Christ, but he was fearful because One had been born who was called the King of the Jews. The Greek word translated "troubled" in verse three means "to be agitated" or "stirred up." It carries the idea of total panic. Herod panicked. Why? He was afraid of Jesus – afraid of another king coming to take over his reign, control and power. Not understanding or wanting to accept the difference of Him being the King of kings.

Many people miss the true meaning of Christmas because of the same kind of fear Herod had. Herod was afraid that someone else would take his throne.

Today people are fearful of giving up their own plans, priorities, desires and dreams and replace them with the plans of God. They don't want to come to Christ because He will cramp their style –

He will lay claim on their lives. That means they will have to alter the way they live. The world tells people to do their own thing, master their own fate, and chart their own destiny. The world is full of 'kings' who will not kneel before Jesus Christ, so they miss the true meaning of Christmas just like Herod did.

We even have believers today who have sat in church for years but still have not fully submitted to the authority of Christ.

Prideful Indifference.

Why do some people miss the true meaning of Christmas? Prideful Indifference. They simply don't care. When we read in the Bible of the life of Christ we can see that the people had all the facts. In their hearts they knew who He was but they didn't need a Messiah. Why? Because they were self-righteous. They saw themselves as perfect keepers of their own laws. There was no room for the Son of God in their system. When the grown 'Child' arrived on the scene, they hated and despised Him.

So they plotted His murder and screamed for His blood. Many people today miss the true meaning of Christmas because they don't realise we are all sinners in need of a Saviour. Thus they ignore Christ who came to remove us from the 'bondage of sin.' They don't show any interest in the Saviour because they don't understand their need to be saved.

They don't understand that 'the wages of sin is death' (Romans 6:23) - that sin plummets people into an eternal hell. Consequently, they ignore the remedy because they don't see the incurable 'disease' that they have and which can only be removed and restored by the merciful and saving grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

I urge you today my brother and sister, no matter where you are in life, or what you are doing or have done - nothing in this world is more important than knowing you are safe in the arms of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. The Bible tells us that we need to "take refuge in the shadow of His wings" and so I encourage you today to turn your eyes to the heavens and ask Him to come into your life and become your Saviour.

If you are a believer but you feel your relationship with Jesus is not what it should be, now is the time to seek His Grace. Simply repent of your sins and ask God to teach, lead and guide you to a better understanding of His Word that will enable you to grow in confidence, authority and power in and through the fellowship of His Holy Spirit. May God bless you. Amen!

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In last month's article we dealt with the fact that when God wants to release His assignment in the earth He looks for a vessel (Ezekiel 22:30). This month we will be dealing in depth with the vessel called mankind and how God calls them. God's sovereign plan was to always choose mankind and to set them apart for His divine purpose. We will be using the "8 Prophetic Processes" that God uses to call man. To explain the 8 Prophetic Processes" we will be using the Abrahamic model which is based on Genesis 12:1-3.

1. The first part of the process is "God speaks". Identify and discern the voice" that is speaking to you. In Genesis 12: 1 we identify God's voice. However Paul says in 1 Corinthians 14:10 "There are many voices in the world and no voice is without significance." It is however imperative that we identify and discern the correct voice

speaking to us. Let's look at the various voices but it is in no particular order and they are the voice of self; the voice men; the voice of the devil and the voice of God.

A. The Voice Of Self:

This is where people are influenced by the voice of self and take it upon themselves to step into the authority and responsibility of a kingdom assignment which they have not been divinely called to. An example of that is seen in Numbers 16 and 17 where Korah is mentioned. He rebelled against the divinely-appointed leadership in Moses and tried to advance himself as a leader. These are the signs of those that has been influenced by the voice of self, let's identify them:

- They cause others to rise up against existing leadership. (Numbers 16:2)

- They publicly criticize and question the existing leadership. (Numbers 16:3)

- They accuse leadership of what they themselves are guilty of. (Numbers 16:3)

- They are not satisfied with their current position they have been given so they continually pursue positions which would give them more power and not what God has necessarily called them to. (Num 16:10)

- They continue to murmur against the existing leadership. This represents self-willed and presumptuous men who wants authority that is not given to them.

B. The Voice Of Men:

They claim to receive a call from God but

the call is by the authority of human vessels who are not speaking by the unction of the Lord. This is where people step into a particular kingdom assignment because they were appointed by men. They were the people's choice and not God's. We see in scripture that the first Israel, King Saul was man appointed (1 Sam 8-10). People confer roles and functions on you through a democratic process of nomination or election and not what you are necessarily called for. They do so because you are their favoured choice.

C. The Voice Of The Devil:

This voice tries to influence you but causing you to doubt the voice of God. We see in Genesis 3:1 he questions God's voice causing just a little bit of doubt enough to get you off balance. Than he casts aspersion on God's character so that you don't only doubt what God says but also who He is. In Genesis 3:4-5 he tried to prove to Adam and Eve that God is not as loving and carrying as He claimed to be and was depriving them from been like Him. He further on influenced their thinking

by opening up their eyes to what they thought they were missing out on and provided himself as a solution. The devil knew that if they could buy into him he would then influence how they would run their assignment in the garden. He has never stopped trying, he tried it with Job; Jesus and his continually trying it with us. All of this is done so that he could have control on how we run our assignments on the earth.

D. The Voice Of God.

Our victory and longevity in our kingdom assignment hinges upon this call. Jesus did mention that my sheep knows my voice and another voice they will not follow (John 10:3-5).

Whenever God calls we must remember that it's you that He wants and He wants to set you apart for a particular task. We see Genesis 12:1 that it is God speaking to Abraham. It is imperative that we identify God's voice amidst all other voices.

Samuel heard the voice of God, but did not recognize it until he was instructed by Eli (1 Samuel 3:1-10). Gideon had a physical revelation from God, and he still doubted what he had heard to the point of asking for a sign, not once, but three times (Judges 6:17-22 , 36-40). When we are listening for God's voice, how can we know that He is the one speaking? First of all, we have something that Gideon and Samuel did not. We have the complete Bible, the inspired Word of God, To read, study and meditate upon. All

Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17). When we have a question about a certain topic or decision in our lives, we should see what the Bible has to say about it. God will never lead us contrary to what He has taught in His Word (Titus 1:2). Those who hear God's voice are those who belong to Him—those who have been saved by His grace through faith in the Lord Jesus. These are the sheep who hear and recognize His voice, because they know Him as their Shepherd. If we are to recognize God's voice, we must belong to Him. We hear His voice when we spend time in Bible study and quiet contemplation of His Word. The more time we spend intimately with God and His Word, the easier it is to recognize His voice and His leading in our lives. Employees at a bank are trained to recognize counterfeits by studying genuine money so

closely that it is easy to spot a fake. We should be so familiar with God's Word that when someone speaks error to us, it is clear that it is not of God. While God could speak audibly to people today, He speaks primarily through His written Word. Sometimes God's leading can come through the Holy Spirit, through our consciences, through circumstances, and through the exhortations of other people. By comparing what we hear to the truth of Scripture, we can learn to recognize God's voice. The second process is "God's Instructs". Every time that God speaks it will be accompanied with an instruction. This is where we get clarity as to what God wants us to do. When God calls man He gives each one an instruction based on their assignment. We see in Genesis 12 :1 God instructs Abraham to get out of the country; from kindred and from his father's house. The Apostle Paul was also instructed to go to Ananias house (Ac 9:11). God would sometimes instruct us to pray, fast, give a significant seed or go there and do this. Sometimes the instruction that God gives us doesn't have a direct link to where we are going but His reason for doing that is to test our obedience and full reliance on Him. Our response to God's instruction should be:

1. We Must Listen. As God's children, we must be sensitive to the times when He talks to us. We must be diligent to pray

2. until we understand clearly what He is saying and follow the instructions from God.
3. We Must Obey. He speaks to us, and we listen to Him. Then comes the hard part sometimes: we have to obey what He is telling us to do. Even when it's inconvenient, even when it doesn't fit with our idea of what should be happening in our lives, and even when we just flat out don't want to do it, we must be open and willing to obey God simply because God knows best. Otherwise, the consequence is a hardening of our hearts. We will be less able to hear Him the next time and further away from the path where we need to be.

3. We Must Trust Him. That faith and trust in Him then becomes a resting of sorts. It is at this point that we trust in the nature and the character of God. The third process is "God Directs." We see in Gen 12:1 that God instructs Abraham to come out and then tells him that He will direct him to a place. The second and the third process looks very similar but the former deals with what to do and the latter,

where to go. We can see it in Paul's case how God's Instruction and God's Direction is combined (Ac 9:11). In Abraham's case God didn't give a specific location as to where He would lead him because He wanted Abraham to be fully reliant on Him. The nature of man is that when we get to the place of knowing we tend to develop a spirit of overconfidence and then we operate from our expertise and no longer seeking the face of God. So God wanted to lead him step by step. Truth be told is that we don't have to always know everything but just to be obediently reliant on Him for guidance. Then there are times when God gives specific directions and points you to the place that He wants you to God and this could be because you have been proven to be fully matured and will not be overwhelmed. The Fourth Process is "God's Making Process." In the making process there's a pre-making and a post-making. The pre-making is the process where God shapes and develops our character and the post-making is where we are developed into the prophecy or what the Word terms it the "Word made flesh." We see in John 1:14 that Jesus was the Word made flesh meaning that became what was prophesied over Him; one the prophecies is seen in Isaiah 53. There where things spoken or prophesied over us and God has to develop us so that we are the word made flesh. Whatever your

Kingdom assignment is, God has to build within you all the resources needed to fulfill that Kingdom and all this is part of the making process. But in order for the making process to begin there has to be submission and that is the laying process in Psalm 23:2. After the laying or submission than there has to be a following, Jesus said to the disciples "Follow and I will make you....Mt 4:19. God uses His Word; the Holy Spirit; leadership; institutions (educational and spiritual); circumstances and challenges as a tool for developing. We see in Genesis 12:2 that God says to Abraham that He will make Him. In John 8:36 He also wants to make us free and when we are faithful stewards He will make us rulers, Lk 12:42. All this is progression but it is a process. Part of the making includes stripping; breaking; stretching but there is also a building; growing and increasing. It is not all dull and gloom. The Fifth Process is "God's Empowering Process." God tells Abraham in Genesis 12:3 that He will bless him. The word bless also means 'to em-

power". So the God that promised to empower Abraham also promises to empower you for He is able according to Ephesians 3:20. He empowers you by strengthening you in the inner man so that you can complete the assignment. Not only will you complete the assignment but you will also be strengthened to handle the pressure; attacks and also the responsibilities that comes with it. For God's power to constantly flow in your life you need to be connected to Him, John 15:4. The Apostle Paul also knew that for him to fulfill the task he needs to be fully connected to God that is why he desired to know Him, Phil 3:10. The God's empowering process is also to enable us to handle the various processes and when we look back than we can say like David, "If it had not been for the Lord...." Psalm 124:1-2. God's enabling power is the anointing that comes through the endowment of the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit gives gifts and callings to believers He also releases specific anointings for empowerment and effectiveness. The specific anointings are given for specific purposes of helping the believers fulfill God's plan and will for their lives. These anointings help them function in the different measures of Christ's ministry. The Sixth Process is "God Making You Influential". This is where God promises to make Abraham's name great and this

was part of the process of making him influential. We must remember that God is not threatened by us been influential and great; as a matter of fact He desires to do that. The reason for Him doing that is so that we could be used as a motivation of what God is capable of doing. So that when you look at a certain individual that had an encounter with God you can now say if God can do it for so and so surely He can do it for me. It is at this stage where your calling and anointing is recognized. Too many people step into their Kingdom assignment because they have been educationally trained; good businessmen or simply out the desire of been know but if God isn't in the making process it is in vain. When God calls you a person his gift will be recognized and he will not have to strive or struggle to get noticed. We see in Psalms 75: 6-7 that promotion doesn't come from the east or from the west but from God. A man of God doesn't need to declare his abilities to other people. As a leader we need not seek

key positions except the one of humility before the face of the Lord. It is at this stage where we must realize that the world is not eagerly waiting for the manifestation of our ministries but the sons of God who are the mature disciplined ones; who knows how to handle the great platforms of life. We need not fear that God has forgotten us to the extent that we push our way but whilst you are waiting continue serving. Jesus went through this phase by humbling Himself that is why Paul encourages us to have the mind of Christ, Philippians 2:5-8. Because Jesus humbled Himself His name was made great, Philippians 2:9-10. Serve your way to greatness. The Seventh Process is that "God Protects." This is where God protects you and what He invested in you so that the assignment should be fulfilled. God says in Genesis 12:3He will curse those that curseth thee and this speaks of God's protection. God's protection is not only from destruction but from been corrupted because if the enemy can't destroy you it will try to corrupt you. We see how the enemy was after Abraham and what God invested in him. It started with the Egyptian Pharoah trying to stake claim to Sarah, Abraham's wife but God protected her by sending a plague, Genesis 12:14-17. Secondly, we see how Lot was envious of what Abraham had and God had to bring about a seperation

Gen 13:5-13. Thirdly, God promised Abraham a son but the problem was that Sarah was barren and the enemy planted in her mind to introduce Hagar to him in order to make that prophecy a reality. She didn't know that she was playing in the enemies favour but God protected Abraham's assignment by also blessing Hagar and giving Ishamael an assignment, Genesis 17:20. The enemy continued to pursue Abraham where Abimelech the King of Gerar tried to stake claim on Sarah again but God intervened in a dream in Genesis 20:3-8. Not only did God protect Abraham but He also protected men like Joseph; Moses; David; Jesus and Paul, to name a few. Just like God protected all of them, God will protect you as well so that you are able to fulfill your God-given vision. The Eighth and the last process is "Becoming A Conduit". This is where God tells Abraham that "In thee shall all the nations of the earth be blessed", Gen 12:3. God now uses you as a vessel

vessel from where His blessings flow through. You are now blessed to be a blessing and all this is so that the name of the Lord be magnified in and through your life. The people now has a living testimony living amongst them, who went through and experienced what they did. It is said of Jesus that we have in Him a High Priest that is not out of touch which the feelings of our infirmities, Hebrews 4:15 and that is because He became the Word made flesh and dwelt amongst us, John 1:14. The Apostle Paul became a conduit for God to use him in order to reach the Gentiles, Galatians 1:15-16. You are also a conduit for God's blessing so that you can comfort others, 2 Corinthians 1:4 and that you have been given a ministry of reconciliation, 2 Corinthians 5:18.

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Hebrews 4:15

15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are –yet he did not sin.

2 Corinthians 5:18

18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

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SOMETHING FOR THE TEENS

TEEN WITNESS

HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD

Scriptures for reference:

Matthew 17:5-8

5) While he (Peter) was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased. Listen to Him!"

6) When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified.

7) But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," He said. "Don't be afraid."

8) When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

Revelation 1:15

15) His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of rushing waters. Did you know that God speaks to us every day? Speak, you might ask? How does God speak? There is many ways that God can choose to speak to us. In this article I'm going to discuss the audible voice of God. Have you ever thought about that? How did Jesus communicate with His Father? Jesus spoke to Him, but did you know that God actually spoke back to Him and not only that, God spoke about Him in an audible voice to others? There is a lot of places in the old and new Testament where God spoke to His children in an audible voice.

Did you know that it still happens today? There were 3 times in my life where God spoke to me in an audible voice. Right in the beginning of my walk with the Lord I remember walking in a Shopping Centre once when suddenly I heard the audible voice of God. I immediately knew that it was God speaking to me. I'm privileged that this have happened three times in my life. Each time in a totally different manner. The second time it happened, I stood in my lounge when I too fell to the ground. The power of

God was so strong that I couldn't get up from the floor and God spoke to me instructing me to "Submit" to Him. I even hurt my knees! I was in awe. During a prophetic meeting last year God spoke to me again in an audible voice. His beautiful voice sounded like rumbling water. After that, I clearly heard God say "Come to me. Come to me." He said it twice. It was such a beautiful experience... needless to say that I felt very excited about the whole ordeal.

Why am I sharing my experiences with you? Having supernatural experiences like that does come with a price when you're not informed or protected in an environment where these type of experiences is acknowledged and celebrated. To be honest, I never questioned that it was God because as the word says and I quote "My sheep know my voice, and I know them. They follow me." John 10:27. I just knew. Being very excited about these special encounters, I however made the mistake of sharing it with people who weren't that understanding or accepting of my experiences. Fact is religion doesn't always celebrate or accept the supernatural and being a young believer with no spiritual leading or support I really battled through my journey of understanding who and what I was. Therefore I am greatly pleased to be a prophetic voice that can speak and encourage all those young people and believers facing similar type of experiences. Dear young man or lady... I want to tell you, YOU ARE NOT CRAZY! I want to tell you that our God is Spirit and He is a supernatural God. These type of encounters should be treasured and celebrated... It's a beautiful way in which our God can communicate with us... We are after all spiritual beings aren't we and the Spirit of God can manifest Himself in many different ways unto us.

I bless you all in the Mighty Name of Yeshua.

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TRUE STORY AND PROPHETIC MESSAGE FROM GOD

The Eagles In My Backyard!

We discovered that when a mama eagle lays her eggs that they are usually hatched about five days apart from each other... So we could definitely tell that the females were the 2 older ones and we could even tell the one that was the oldest because it was definitely more advanced. We soon discovered that the youngest was the male eagle as we started to watch them grow, change and learn new things.

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What I'm about to tell you is an absolute true story... One I believe is very prophetic and quite amazing... It is a very bittersweet story and yet I believe it has profound impact on what's happening in the world, our nation today. I believe it is a divine word on how we are to receive victory in times of trouble! A few months ago my husband and I discovered an Eagles nest high up in the pine tree just over the fence in our backyard. This was very surreal and what I consider to be very prophetic and you'll see why by the end of this story....

Eagles, yes three baby eagles... One male and two females we're in this nest. This is highly unusual as we live in the middle of downtown Houston Texas. We were so thrilled to find out about these precious baby eagles and we began watching them each day with binoculars. We watched .

them grow, become stronger, and we read up on them and learned so much about them. We discovered that when a mama eagle lays her eggs that they are usually hatched about five days apart from each other... So we could definitely tell that the females were the 2 older ones and we could even tell the one that was the oldest because it was definitely more advanced. We soon discovered that the youngest was the male eagle as we started to watch them grow, change and learn new things. As they grew, they soon began to flap their wings and hop onto some of the branches just outside the nest... We would see the mom swoop in often and bring them a chunk of meat of some kind and they would be so excited and there would be a lot of chatter and exuberance going on every time she came near the nest.

Every day we checked on "our" Eagles and watched them... It was like watching a National Geographic film in our own backyard... They are so majestic and so beautiful... But then... One day as we were watching, the mom swooped in with food and the baby boy eagle that had never yet left the nest, jumped up with excitement and we literally saw him fall, spiral out from this very tall pine tree onto the ground... We could not believe it... We were so panicked. We witnessed this whole thing in front of our very eyes. Since it had fallen just over the fence it was not our yard... We tried to see if we

could find it and it became apparent that it had fallen in a low bush and it was still alive... The mama eagle was beside herself darting back-and-forth trying to find it... the baby seemed quite hidden in the bushes. When we tried to ask the neighbors (behind us) if we could go in their yard and help him

They said "No" They said that the Eagles were a nuisance that they were loud and they wish they weren't there... They said we should leave nature to its course... We were astonished and so sad..."BUT THEY ARE EAGLES" we said..... By this time it was getting dark and we just prayed that the mama would somehow rescue her baby boy eagle. The very next day we put a ladder to our fence to see if we could see if the baby boy had been rescued... When we looked at the nest we only saw the two females.... then we saw him on the ground. We were so sad to see that the baby boy eagle had been killed by something... It was so devastating...! We kept asking the Lord why we were allowed to see this baby boy

fall out of the nest ...and now, know that he was dead... I thought, "why couldn't it be that we would just think he flew away?"... We were so sad. My sons who have been by often to watch them were also very sad... Then... A few days later, when we looked into the nest we only saw one baby female and the mom feeding it... We had wondered as they had been flapping their wings so much more recently if the other baby female had flown away... But then in our neighborhood update email there was a picture of the dead baby female eagle on the next street over and that it had been hit by a car...

People were astonished that there would be Eagles right here in the middle of Houston... But why?.. Again, would we have to know and have proof that this baby eagle was dead... And had not just flown away..? We began praying over our last eagle and the poor mama who seemed so devastated... she would sit in branches and call out hoping to hear the return call from her baby..... A few days later as I was sitting in my backyard I saw the third baby eagle just standing there in my grass in the middle of my backyard... She was so beautiful and not afraid at all... But then as my husband and I were watching her, it just flew up to sit on our back yard fence... She was sitting there for quite some time and then it literally just decided to LAY DOWN... right there on the fence... Never in my lifetime have I ever

seen any kind bird just lay down... When we see any kind of bird, they are either standing up or they are flying.. this eagle just decided to lay down right there on the fence.. we were amazed .. and it stayed there for quite some time! This whole time I kept feeling like the Lord was talking to me through these Eagles but at this particular time I said to the Lord,

"What am I looking at right now?" What is this all about..?" "Tell me about these eagles.." And then, as if a sermon was being played out in my mind.. I heard this in my spirit... so absolute and so powerfully..... The Lord told me... That the first eagle that fell from the nest died because he was weak... not unlike us, God's people, we will not survive the evil of this world if we are weak, that we need strength that only comes from the Lord to endure and overcome until the end... we must be strong in our faith... Believe and not doubt and stand firmly on the word and not waver in weakness .. that we must not bow down to the rhetoric and the evil but stay focused on

the word of God... That's where our strength comes from ..That we must stay strong in him and in the word to survive! Then I felt the Lord say that the second eagle that was hit by the car died because it was distracted by the things of the world.. And like us, when we take our eyes off JESUS, and instead focus on the world... We allow sin and distraction to lord over our lives. We let our hearts become seared, and then sin will take its toll. We too could die a spiritual death when we try to accommodate the world... We mustn't let the worldly distractions sway us off the path God has for us... These distractions are strategies of the devil that can destroy us. As the Bible says many Christians will fall away in the end...

But then I felt God say that the last eagle... The one that laid down right in front of our eyes... Was how we will survive and endure to the end We like this eagle must REST IN HIM! Seek Him first.. Cast our cares on to the wonderful strong shoulders of our loving Father... And then REST in the precious arms of the one who has all the answers... That is how we will win our war... We will conquer our battles in praises, thanksgiving and in HIS REST!! It's interesting to me that the strongest of the Eagles survived because of Rest.... And with that we soon saw our last baby eagle grow and then fly away... Once in a while we still see the mom and the baby

again.. we hear their calls as they will sometimes return back to the nest as if to check on each other and have a bit of a reunion... And perhaps it's just to join together and have a time of REST...

Isaiah 40:31 - But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like EAGLES ; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

During these difficult ,chaotic and uncertain times in this world... We must draw closer to God and strengthen ourselves in Him...The joy the Lord is our strength... We must not be distracted by the evil of this world and by the circumstances of this world but instead keep our focus on our almighty God... The one who holds this entire world in his hands!... He's got us and he will never let us go... And we must simply SEEK HIS FACE AND REST... rest in him as we cast our cares, seek him daily for his plan... because the latter reign is so much greater than the former reign and we believe the glory of God will

bring a great awakening that will change everything! Rest, Rest Rest!

Matthew 11:28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Hebrews 4:1-16 Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, “As I swore in my wrath, ‘They shall not enter my rest,’” although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” And again in this passage he said, “They shall not enter my rest.” ...

Psalms 103:5 Who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.



Exodus 19:4 You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself.

Revelation 12:14 But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle so that she might fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to the place where she is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time.

Jeremiah 48:40 For thus says the Lord: “Behold, one shall fly swiftly like an eagle and spread his wings against Moab;

Deuteronomy 32:11 Like an eagle that stirs up its nest, that flutters over its young, spreading out its wings, catching them, bearing them on its pinions,





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matter how heavy things rest on our shoulders we will always overcome it. We will always survive our bad days no matter how dark it may seem, there will be light and light brings change, light brings glow. We will look around and see what happens what was always meant for us will return, what we thought we lost will come back with more blessings, we will bare witness to it and be filled with joy and excitement and God will provide us with wealth and we will receive riches from unexpected places. Trust in God all the days of your life and he will bless you. Look for God all the days of your life and he will show you miracles. To avoid disappointments never put your trust in people they'll move out of the way so that you may fall. The light of the Lord will shine, the brightness of his presence will be with you If you are with him.

FOCUS

For how long will we live the way we do, for how long will we be distracted by our fleshly lives, we seek pleasure for our flesh but that pleasure is only temporary, so the more we try to please ourselves the more we feel dead on the inside, the more we please ourselves the more we become a burden to ourselves. Physical nature only

brings pain, scars, struggle and all the garbage we do not need. See we focus what's not important and in the process we lose patience while building spiritually. We pick our own poison to devalue ourselves. What do we see in ourselves? How do we see ourselves? How strange is it that when we conquer mountains we want all the glory, but when we stand on the edge, on the verge of losing everything then only we want to call our unto Jesus. When life does not go as planned we want to call unto Jesus, but when blessings arrive and everything we planned goes as it should, Jesus does not come to mind. Temporary solutions don't resolve permanent misguided. Open your doors for Jesus to walk in, we all need his presence in our lives so that we may have light and glory because darkness surrounds us, demons hunt us and those we trust pity us. For how long will we live the way we do? Filled bodies, empty souls and lost spirits. We have no balance and give ourselves no guidance, time has come for us to see that we are nothing without Jesus our savior. We are all blind mortals who seek support from people, people that dissappoint, for how longs will we live the way we do, wake up from the dream of being perfect the reality is that we are perfect in Jesus, to become one with the holy ghost is what we should focus on.

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Damascus Road Ministries, what a name for a church right? It is not so much about the name as much as it's origins and message. Far to often we give names to business and organizations without actually living out what the name is intended to communicate. For example we speak of a "family store" and then cater for only the mother or father or family restaurant and fail to have a family orientated menu! Sounds crazy right? But that is exactly what we do.

A little about ourselves.

Kay and I could not come from more diverse backgrounds even if our lives were scripted for a weekly TV soap opera. Kay, a born and bred South African, lived her entire life in and around Pretoria and went to some of the most prestigious schools in the country. She was raised in a very tightknit family structure growing up in conservative Pentecostal churches. Her parents raised her well and truly as a refined young lady. I on the other hand

was born in Zambia to very Afrikaans parents who were forced to raise me in the English vernacular because Afrikaans just was no an option in that country. I grew up as the youngest of five children and was almost as the only child in the hours as my siblings were all off to boarding school in those years. I was aware of the calling for ministry from a very young age and started out as a youth quartet in the mid 70's and eventfully at the age of 13 preaching my very first sermon. My folks had been very involved in church planting in our Zambia days and started with the Pentecostal Protestant Church (PPK) back then. My church experience varied widely as my father, a ordained lay Pastor, got involved with various religious organization such as Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship, Assemblies of God and the PPK.

Kay and I met in the beginning of 1985 and got married in June of the same year and we are well on

our way to our 40th anniversary. When God makes the connection it's there to stick, so all the glory belongs to Him. From this marriage there are 3 sons and 7 grand children. We consider ourselves truly blessed and highly favoured!

Our ministry life started in the Pentecostal Protestant Church and we entered ministry at the age of 29, not very well prepared for what lay ahead and hit a brick wall at full speed. This almost broke me and left me angry with God and with His people and I wanted to know nothing about church! Kay on the other hand was much more stable in her relationship with the Lord and continued taking our boys to church and staying connected with God. Had it not been for Kay, we would have been in some serious marital trouble. For nearly 17 years I would have nothing to do with church and focused all my energy on a very successful software sales career with fortune 500 American companies. I do want to make mention here, that in this time God had me connect with Alan Platt from the Doxa Deo family, who had a profound role to play in this tumultuous time. I will forever be grateful for the time we spent together and the input that he had in my life at that stage.

How did DRM come to be?

In the early 2000's, the Lord started to

work His path and plan for our lives and I was approached by the very people who caused my spiritual upheaval, and asked to start a church with them and a number of other people.

Without getting into all the detail, Kay and I ended up in this church plant helping to establish the legal framework as well as the small group strategy for the church. After several months we found that we were not well suited for that specific congregation and felt that we were to step away, which we did. Once again, we found ourselves on the fringes of the church world but for different reasons and with very different circumstances and emotions. God used this church plant to restore our relationship with Him and this was part of the plan for that which was to come. We recognize His higher plan in all things in our lives and know that He has just the best intentions and plans for us. 2002 was to be a landmark year not only for me, but for my entire family!

We found that we had no spiritual home and God was not leading us to become part of any particular church, which I found strange. During one fasting and prayer sessions, the Lord impressed on my heart to plant a church. I did not consider myself as the Apostolic type and thought that church plants should be their responsibility. I am just there to fulfill the supporting role.

Obviously I objected and had hundreds of excuses the most prominent one being "I have never done this before and I don't know how!" I have learned throughout my life that my arms are way too short to box with God! It is a fundamental lesson that we would do well to learn and understand. God's ways are much higher than ours, His thinking far more superior to ours, no matter my IQ. The best strategy when following God is to do exactly that, Follow!

Needless to say we started a new church, much against everything I believed. I am not a strong proponent of independent churches, as I believe we all need to submit to an accountability structure. We cannot and should not be a law unto ourselves! Early in 2003, while waiting in prayer, the Lord impressed on my heart to call the new plant Damascus Road Ministries. I had never heard of a name like this and got up, called my family together and asked them this question: **"What Does Damascus Road Ministries**

sound like to you?"; and their spontaneous response was, "It sounds like Home". The name stuck and DRM was born in Jun of that same year. Referring to Paul's experience on his way to Damascus, the Lord was indicating to us the kind of church plant that we were to become. DRM was to become a place where people are to experience the supernatural presence of God and hear what role God wants them to play in His Kingdom. This is a mammoth task. It is our heart to create an atmosphere for the free flow of God's Spirit and strongly believe that for us as the Church to function effectively that the five-fold ministry must operate optimally.

That being said, one of the greatest challenges that we have in the church today, is the exercising of greater discernment. We are overrun with apostles and prophets and it will only be by the guidance of the Spirit of God that we will accurately know who are the real deal and who are self-proclaimed.

At its very heart, DRM has as

as its vision to create a church where people discover God's destiny for their lives and equip them to live out that destiny wherever they are.

To achieve Damascus Road Discipleship Training Centre (DRDTC) offers two equipping tracks. We are a registered Teach Every Nation campus and offer multi-year and short course material prepared by Bruce Wilkinson and secondly we offer in cooperation with Team Impact Christian University (TICU) we equip students to degree level all with the single focus of equipping people to become effective disciples in their every day life. As a separate ministry under the auspices of DRM, we offer a rehabilitation program for people who are addicted to drugs, alcohol and over the counter medication at our Damascus Road Care Centre. (DRCC) Their head office is also in Pretoria. Our rehabilitation program focuses on the restored dignity of the individual and helping the person to reintegrate with society, family and economy through a long term in-patient program. Our church program centers around three major weekly events: Sunday morning at 09:00 our Celebration Service and Kids Ministry Wednesday evenings at 19:00 Prayer cells Thursday evenings at 19:00 Discipleship Training.

Our Senior Pastors, Fanie and Kay

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WHAT IS STRATEGIC CHRISTIANITY?

STRATEGY 1 SELF

OVERVIEW

THE STRATEGY OF CONQUERING SELF WILL ALLOW YOU TO LIVE A VICTORIOUS LIFE

The notion that oneself is your greatest enemy is something that has been written about, conferenced about and spoken about all over the world. The Bible talks about this too and the Biblical strategy of overcoming oneself was placed in the Bible thousands of years ago already.

Let's take a look:

When we look at ourselves we have to come to the conclusion that we are not only been created in a complex fashion but created in such a creative manner that it is hard to really understand all that is involved in the human nature.

This is amplified in the following scripture:

Psalms 139 vs 13-18

**For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my
mother's womb.**

**14 I praise you because I am
fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.**

15 My frame was not hidden from

**when I was made in the secret
place,**

**when I was woven together in
the depths of the earth.**

**16 Your eyes saw my unformed
body;**

**all the days ordained for me
were written in your book
before one of them came to
be.**

**17 How precious to me are your
thoughts, God!**

How vast is the sum of them!

**18 Were I to count them,
they would outnumber the
grains of sand—**

**when I awake, I am still with
you.**

These few verses are so descriptive and so creatively put that it explains exactly how intricate and wonderfully each human being has been created by God.

Now in understanding how in detail each human has been created it is important that because of the fact that this creative power is so strong it can also work

against us. Let us look at the 4 biggest issues humans have with self:

- 1. Pride**
- 2. Ego**
- 3. Negative thoughts and talk**
- 4. Overthinking!**

These 4 areas are extremely important on know and to get to know how you deal with these areas in your life. Once you know how you use, react and allow these 4 areas to either dictate in your life or whether you override these areas will determine whether you are going to be successful in life in terms of self or be overrun by them.

The reality we find is that these 4 areas are the reality of the human nature, it is going to be there, the key though is that you must learn to put into place the strategies given by the Bible so that they do not run your life but that you in your Spirit man dictate over them.

The following 4 verses deal with each of these topics.

PRIDE

Proverbs 11:2 ESV

**When pride comes, then comes
disgrace, but with the humble is
wisdom.**

Very interesting indeed, with pride we see that it ends up in disgrace but the opposite to pride is a humble spirit that equates to wisdom. Everyone must be working towards becoming wiser.

EGO

James 3:16

**For where jealousy and selfish
ambition exist, there is
disorder and every evil thing.**

An ego equates to two things: Jealousy and selfish ambition. Why? Because having an ego means that you want to be better than others, you feel you are above others, take heed to what the Bible says it leads to disorder and all kinds of evil, strive to be compassionate and empathetic to others, love all the time.

NEGATIVE TALK AND THOUGHTS

1 Peter 5:8

**“Be alert and of sober mind. Your
enemy the devil prowls around like a**

**a roaring lion looking for
someone to devour.”**

This is exactly the result of negative thoughts and talk, the devil is prowling around and when he hears you in this mode he is certainly going to overwhelm you and get the better of you, the answer is simple, speak the Word and meditate upon God.

OVERTHINKING

Colossians 3:2

**“Think about the things of
heaven, not the things of
earth”**

The solution to an extremely difficult problem is seen here in this verse, I say it is very difficult because we live in a world that is getting darker and more difficult, more situations to deal with and on top of all of this is the matter of living by Faith, not by sight!

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THE FUNNY IN LIFE

WHITE HAIR

White Hair

One day, a little girl is sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly notices that her mother has several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast to her brunette hair. She looks at her mother and inquisitively asks: "Why are some of your hairs white, Mum?"

Her mother replied: "Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white."

The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then asked: "Mumma, how come all of grandma's hairs are white?"

CAT WENT TO HEAVEN

Cat went to Heaven.

People believe that their pets

will go to heaven. One day a cat went to heaven. God welcomed into heaven and asked, "Is there anything that can make your stay more welcome here?" The cat replied, "I have lived my life in the barnyard. I slept on the hard floor of the barn. I am old, and my joints ache. Could I possibly have a pillow to sleep on?" God granted his wish. The cat thanked God, crawled up onto the pillow, and fell fast asleep.

A few days later, some mice went to heaven. They were greeted by God with him asking if He could make their stay in heaven more comfortable. The mice replied, "we have been chased by dogs and cats all our lives. We were always too slow and there aren't many of us still around. We need something to make us run faster. Could you please give us some roller skates to help us?" God granted their wish. They were so happy and ran off skating. A few days later, God approached the cat. He asked the cat if things are going well for him. The cat responded, "thank you so much for the lovely pillow. It is so soft, and I fall asleep so easily. By the way, you are so generous. I can't thank you enough for providing me the meals on wheels!"

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18And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen." Matthew 28 vs 18-20 NKJV

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Who is J E S U S?

(Matthew Chapter 1)

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There was a beautiful Kingdom. This Kingdom was called Gods Kingdom. God was so kind that He decided He wants to share this special Kingdom with all His children on earth. He had to find a way to bring this Kingdom down to earth and therefore God made a brilliant plan. He decided that he would send down a man, his Son, who He would call Jesus. His Son would have a special job on earth and that job would be to help Gods children understand everything about His Kingdom. See, this Kingdom is not an ordinary Kingdom... it's the most extraordinary Kingdom of all!

And God so loved all His children that He wanted to share all the treasures and secrets of this Kingdom with His sons and daughters. God is a loving God and only want what is best for everyone in His kingdom.

God was so kind that He even announced the birth of His Son to His prophets long before His Son would be born. All Gods people on the earth was awaiting the birth of His Son who would rule as King in His Kingdom. There was so many unanswered questions among Gods children. What would the new king look like? What would the new Kingdom look like? What would He do? Would He be strong? How would He rule?

So God made a plan. God's plan is always the best. There was a beautiful woman named Mary who was promised as wife to a handsome man named Joseph. God needed a woman and a man who could be a mother and father to Jesus. So God was well pleased with Mary and Joseph and it delighted Him to choose them to be the mother and father of His beloved Son. Before they got married something extraordinary happened! Something that could only happen in God's Kingdom. Mary fell pregnant and Jesus was conceived from the Holy Spirit and not from a man. See, Jesus was very special right from the beginning; He was not going to be an ordinary little boy and He was not going to be an ordinary man either. This wasn't easy for Joseph to understand... How could this be? That is why he secretly decided to leave Mary... but God made a plan and decided to send His angel to go and speak to Joseph. While Joseph was thinking about all of this, God sent his angel to speak to him in a dream to assure him that it would be fine for him to marry Mary. The angel told Joseph that the baby is conceived from the Holy Spirit and he also gave Joseph the name of the baby. He told him that the baby's name should be JESUS. Did you know that Jesus means Savior? What do you think Jesus came to save us from? The biggest job that Jesus received from His Father was to save us all from sin. Joseph obeyed God and did what the angel commanded him to do... He decided to marry Mary.

Next month we'll learn more about the birth of Jesus.

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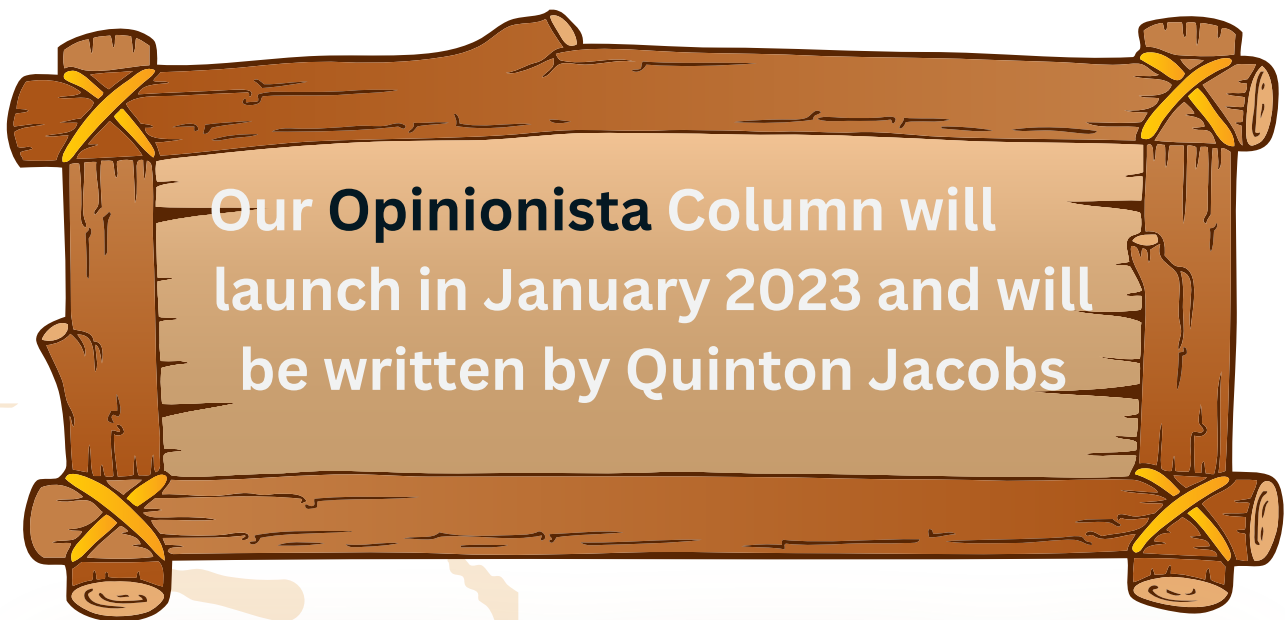
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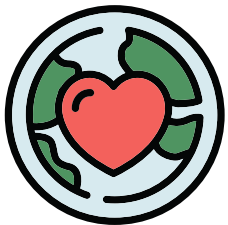
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