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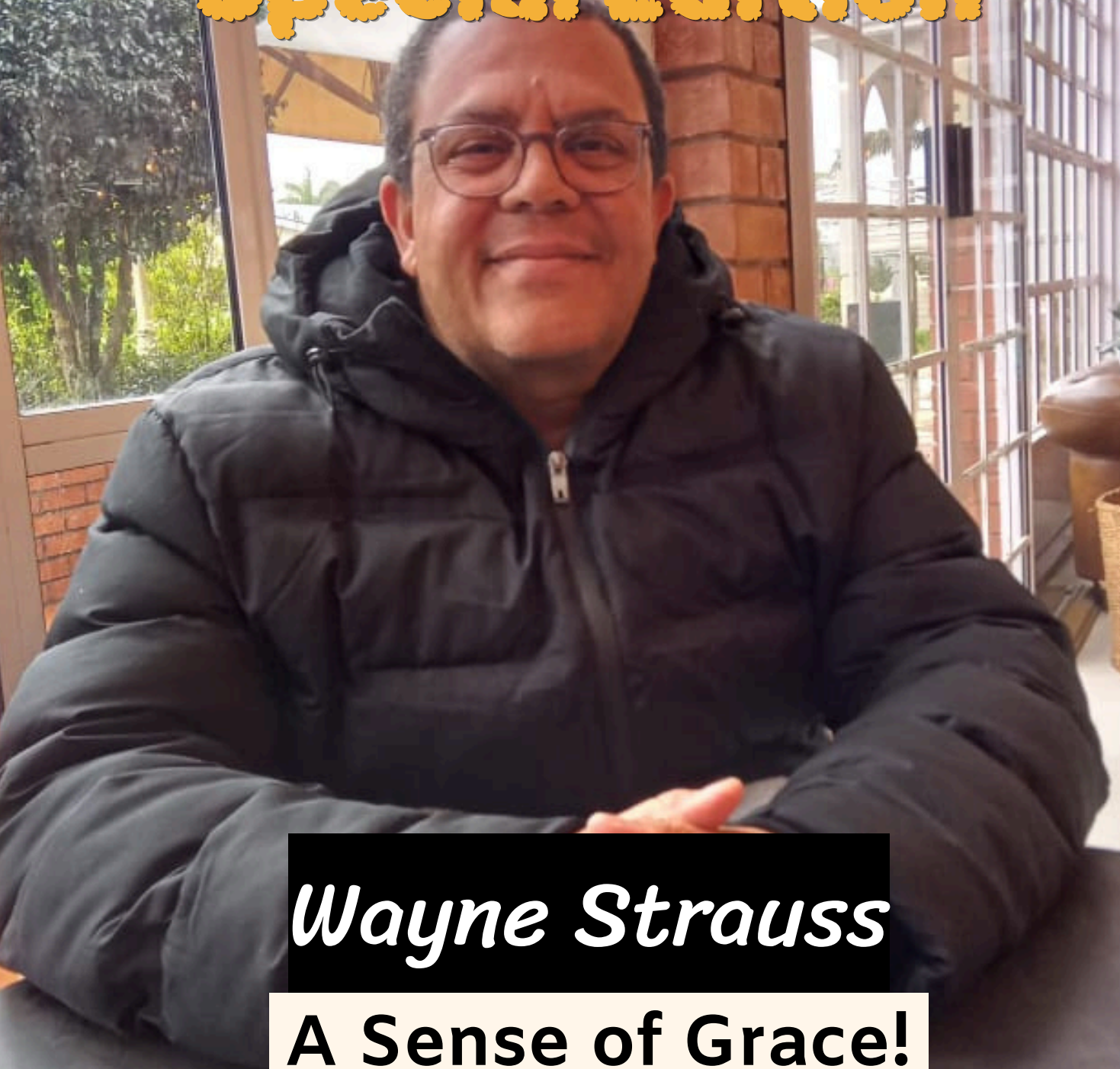
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Wayne Strauss discovered a sense of grace through Jesus.

By Gerda Potgieter

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mother, but I did not. Instead, I went back to the adult who shared those sexual images with us and asked him to show me more..."

Unfortunately, Wayne took the wrong road, in sharp contrast to his Christian upbringing. He said, "I was sexualised at a very young age, following the incident with my friend's father. My friend and I played sexual games with each other without our parents knowing that. I also started reading the Huisgenoot (an Afrikaans magazine) and went straight to the gossip stories they are famous for – those sick stories about celebrities sleeping around and their constant drama. I used to go straight to the back pages as those stories about others who took the wrong path fascinated me. The next step on the road to destruction was that I became sly, keeping essential things from my parents. I also started to smoke at the age of only fourteen. At the time, children were allowed to buy a single cigarette from the shops. Nobody questioned that at that time. The road to destruction went on for a very long time, which included sexual misconduct with anyone willing, men or women."

At that time, Wayne was a broken, downtrodden, and lost soul with countless challenges. For years, he had been enslaved by immoral living, alcohol, and drugs. He tried two rehabilitation centres to deal with his addictions, but neither was able to help him. Unfortunately, he quickly returned to his harmful habits immediately after completing treatment. He even attempted to end his life on two occasions because he felt there was no escape from his addictions other than death.

In 2013, he again decided to try to end his life and had even planned on which day he would commit suicide. However, God had a different plan

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for his life. Wayne explained, "My mother, a dear child of God, had, through all the years, never stopped praying for me. About a week before I could carry out the plan, she showed me a letter in a magazine written by someone who had received help with their addiction problem at KwaSizabantu's CYPISA restoration program." On 24 December 2013, the day he had planned to take his own life, he arrived at KwaSizabantu and committed to the CYPISA program.

Wayne shared the following message: "God's grace has kept me all these years and continues to carry me. I was reminded of the beautiful song Amazing Grace: 'I forever lift my eyes to Calvary, to view the cross where Jesus died for me. And how marvellous the grace that caught my falling soul; He looked beyond my faults and saw all my needs!'"

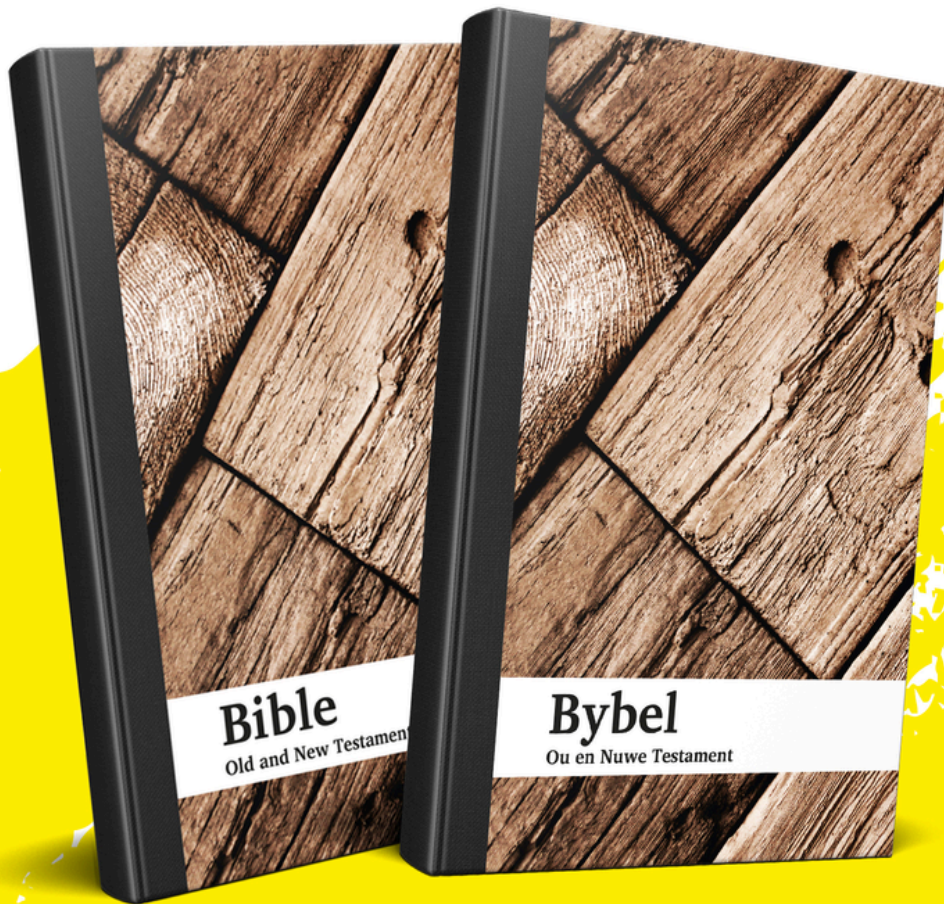
More than a decade has passed since Wayne started his journey at KwaSizabantu. In the past, when he was ensnared in a web of lies and deceit, he blamed his family and others for everything that went wrong in his life. However, he now takes full responsibility for all the decisions he has made ... and the consequences.

The road to restoration is not easy, but he believes you must put in the work yourself to succeed. And that he did!



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HAVE YOU ACCEPTED JESUS
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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."

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What a wonderful solution to an immense problem, God has 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."

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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."

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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.

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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.

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