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Don't Give Up!

Danny Shelton
President



Do you ever get discouraged and feel like giving up? If so, you're not alone!

A few years ago, we produced a music CD called *Pillars of Our Faith* that was filled with encouraging songs about how God is still alive and on His throne. During a break in a recording session, one of the professional musicians shared how he was discouraged with trying to live a Christian life.

The eternal optimist in me began giving him all the reasons he should never give up. I offered Bible texts like Romans 8:28, Philippians 4:13–19, Psalm 119:165, and John 10:10, but after ten or fifteen minutes, he said, “Danny, I’ve tried, and I’ve prayed. But I still can’t find victory in my Christian life. I just feel like giving up!”

I heard myself say, “Don’t give up, Heaven’s on your side! Don’t give up the faith, because *you can’t lose!* All of Heaven is on your side—God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit!”

Those words hit like a ton of bricks, and since my house was just a short distance away, I hurried home and wrote the song, “Don’t Give Up, Heaven’s On Your Side.” The first verse and chorus go like this:

When your burden seems so heavy

And you struggle just to make it through the day.

And it seems the world’s against you

And there’s no one to defend you

And you’re tempted to give up and walk away

Don’t give up, Heaven’s on your side

Jesus shed His blood, and for you He died

*Now He’s ever interceding at God’s mercy seat
and throne*

Don’t give up, Heaven’s on your side.

I felt impressed to listen to that song again this morning, and I’m glad I did! Once again, the Lord confirmed that no matter what I’m going through, all of Heaven is on my side to help pull me through!

3ABN’s ministry, along with many of our administration team (including pastors, 3ABN board members, and me), has come under the attack of someone who left the ministry many years ago. They’ve accused us, along with leaders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, of compromising the gospel for political motives.

We’re not newcomers to Satan’s attacks from enemies of the gospel wrapped in sheep’s clothing. Through the years, many lies and accusations have been told with the sole purpose of destroying the character of those on the front lines for Jesus. If successful, these lies and accusations would impede 3ABN and the Seventh-day Adventist Church in our work of taking the three angels’ messages of Revelation 14 to the whole world.

If this attack came from other denominations or sects, Seventh-day Adventist members would recognize it as being

led by Satan, and would rally to support 3ABN and the Church. However, these lies and accusations are being told by a member of the Church. So we encourage our precious brothers and sisters to “try the spirits” before becoming unsuspecting agents of the enemy to tear down the work of God, by using this simple test: “To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.” Isaiah 8:20.

Do these written or verbal accusations designed to tear down the work of 3ABN and the Church come from God, or are they the work of Satan, “the accuser of the brethren”? Revelation 12:10. For those who read or spread this misinformation, does it draw you closer to Jesus, or do you see it as divisive and destructive to God’s work? Would Jesus use slander and gossip to destroy His enemies?

These accusations are not new. A small group of people have been doing all they can to destroy 3ABN for well over ten years. But there’s no doubt that 3ABN will prevail if we continue, with your help, to take the undiluted three angels’ messages to a lost and dying world!

The Bible says, “By their fruits you will know them.” Matthew 7:20. Please look

at the fruit 3ABN has produced over the past 31 years—and the fruit of those who are playing the role of “the accuser of the brethren.”

The timing is more than coincidental, since 3ABN has named this **The Year of Evangelism**. We’ve begun a worldwide outreach, and Satan is angry that we’re going full throttle after his kingdom of darkness. He’s more determined than ever to destroy us, and we’re no match for him. But in Jesus, *we are more than conquerors!* We’re determined to let God fight this battle. This is His ministry, so the battle is against Him.

3ABN will continue to share the gospel until the Lord is through with us, and our prayer is that you’ll do the same. Remember, we can’t lose, because, “Heaven is on our side!”

Thank you for your love, your prayers, and your financial support; and may the Lord richly bless you abundantly more than you could ever ask or think.

Danny Shelton
3ABN President & CEO



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Truly HUMBLED

by Bobby Davis

Greg Morikone has seen many changes since he arrived at 3ABN in 1999. As a young intern, he began working in our first studio, but before his internship was over, he was hired as a full-time employee.

“I remember that fall when Danny Shelton asked all the staff to join him outside, around the satellite uplink,” he says. “That huge white dish stood out against the bright autumn colors, and I could see the cows peacefully grazing in the pasture nearby. These were some of a young man’s first impressions of 3ABN, and they had a huge impact on me as we sang, *‘We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around. Let us praise Jesus now, we are standing in His presence on holy ground.’*”

“We didn’t make the ground holy. God had already sanctified it. But I remember wanting to be a vessel God could use to pour out blessings on people’s lives.”

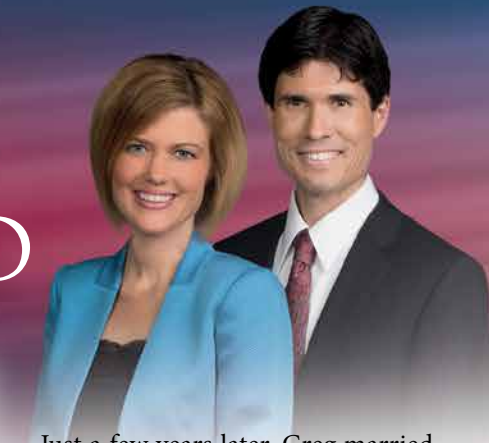


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Just a few years later, Greg married Jill Penney, and she joined him at 3ABN, volunteering for the network and teaching piano in our church school. What a joy they have been—always willing to do whatever they can to help, and always touching others with their kindness.

Greg was soon asked to join 3ABN’s on-the-road production team with the remote truck. After that, he spent several years working in 3ABN’s print shop, and then took over management of our Call Center. His hard work, and that of his dedicated staff, produced tremendous advances in the shipping department, and over the years, millions of orders have been fulfilled.

Most recently, though, Greg accepted the position of production manager, and Jill became the administrative assistant to the president.

ALL THE DETAILS

Greg and his assistant manager, Cheryl Volsch, handle a tremendous amount of production work, while Dee Hilderbrand and Kathy Dugger keep track of it all.

“At the end of 2015 I asked Dee to bring me the large wall calendar from



PHOTO: BETTAMAN CHRISTIAN

Left: Greg meets with Cheryl Volsch, 3ABN’s assistant production manager.

Right: Dee Hilderbrand and Kathy Dugger handle the production schedules for our networks.



her office that has all the year’s schedule for most of 3ABN’s television networks,” he says. “It was the end of the day, and as I sat there alone, I contemplated what the Lord had accomplished that year and I was truly humbled. There had been so many live events—two 3ABN Camp Meetings; an ASI Convention in Spokane, Washington; large free medical help events in Spo-

kane, Washington, and San Antonio, Texas; an evangelistic series with Doug Batchelor in Lansing, Michigan; the GYC youth con-

vention in Louisville, Kentucky; a Kids Time Reunion Christmas program; and our 31st Anniversary Special—to say nothing of all the programs recorded for multiple 3ABN networks. Then there was the biggest challenge of the year when we broadcast live for several weeks from the General Conference Session in San Antonio, Texas!

“As I stared at those challenges, I realized God had brought us through them all while giving us tremendous programming to share with the world.

“I’m so blessed to work with a talented

staff who willingly work long hours, and give their creativity, hard work, and dedication to reaching others for Christ. I honestly never realized the complexity of efficiently setting up sets, lighting them, and keeping up with four studios and a remote unit. The scheduling becomes very complex, and I definitely see the Lord’s hand leading each of our television and radio networks.

“AS I SAT THERE ALONE, I CONTEMPLATED WHAT THE LORD HAD ACCOMPLISHED THAT YEAR, AND I WAS TRULY HUMBLLED.”

“That day in the office, I was overwhelmed by God’s care, protection, and guidance. And as I sat there, I heard God’s voice in my heart saying, *Son, I had it taken care of all along.*

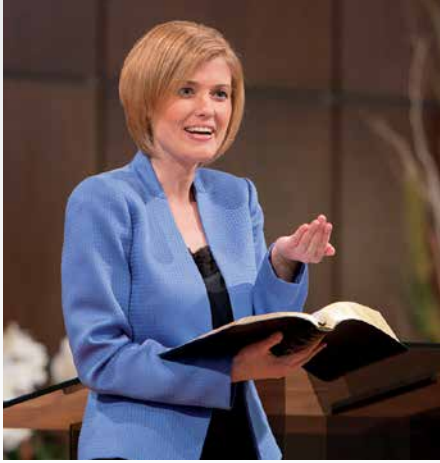
“Sometimes I’ve felt stressed over things. But when I’ve turned to Him, my trust has grown. He’s promised to give me strength, and whatever else I need, when I need it. Not long ago, as we prepared for a two-hour live broadcast with *Global Mission Snapshots*, all sorts of things started going wrong. Literally two minutes before we started, I heard our director, Brad Walker, say, ‘Oh no...’ and from then on, we felt like we were caught in a domino effect. We had problems with our video router, our teleprompter, and our studio

clock. It got so bad that we considered using hand signals in the studio to get the host back on time.

“I was struggling to regain my focus in the second hour when the phone rang. It was Marilyn Durant, our assistant Call Center manager, saying, ‘Greg, someone called and said we just saved his life. He’d been planning to commit suicide, and happened to tune in to 3ABN for the first time. The missionary story we just aired touched his heart and gave him hope. He called to thank us for *saving his life!*’

“Immediately, I felt rebuked. The issues we’d had paled in comparison to the value of a soul. Finally, it all made sense. The devil did his best to ruin this program by causing problems. We tend to think of our signal reaching potential millions of viewers and listeners every day. But suddenly it came down to just one—scared, alone, and hopeless. Watching a single program where someone said something that saved his life. *What are the odds?*

“No, we don’t know what people are going through, but the Lord carefully orchestrates everything, and turns the



“We asked God to use HeartLift to minister to women... and the response has been amazing,” Jill says.

world upside down to reach one of His children who cries out for help.”

WHAT A BLESSING

Jill’s work puts her in touch with those who contact 3ABN with their encouragement and suggestions. “What a blessing it is to work here,” she says. “Actually, I often think, *Of all the people God could have chosen, why us?* It is a privilege to be given a small part in changing lives. We have a great team at 3ABN, but the largest part of our team is our viewers, our listeners, and our readers. They are the great supporters we count on to pray for us.

“Many people will not respond to a tract, a knock on their door, or an invitation. But in the quiet privacy of their home, the Holy Spirit uses 3ABN to invite them to come to Christ.

“Many of the letters people send to our president cross my desk, and people from all faiths thank us for sharing bib-

lical truths they’d never heard before. I recently spoke to a lady who is not a Seventh-day Adventist, but signed up to be a Blessing Is on the ‘GO!’ Evangelistic Team Member. She’d been watching 3ABN through Better Life TV for about a year, and says she’s now looking for an Adventist church. So I asked her about the evangelistic tools we send her each month, and she said, ‘Oh, they’re such

minister to women and bring them closer to Jesus, and the response has been amazing. One woman called and said, ‘I never felt like I was good enough, and could never measure up. Then, as I watched your program on forgiveness, you spoke about conviction verses condemnation, and I finally realized that Satan was the one heaping condemnation on me. God has set me free!’

“WE’RE ALL INVOLVED IN THE GREAT CONTROVERSY BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL . . . AND WHEN YOU PRAY FOR US, YOU JOIN US IN THAT BATTLE.”

a blessing to me!’ We’re sending her evangelistic tools to share these truths with others, but those tools are sharing truth with her!

“Each person who signs up to send a monthly donation in any amount receives a signed certificate from Danny,” she explains, “and recently someone signed up who could only give 70 cents a month. Many people live on a fixed income and a very tight budget. I thought about her faithfulness to God; how she might be saying, ‘Lord, I can’t give much, but I’ll send what I can.’ We’ll never know the impact of that gift until we get to Heaven, but I know for sure that God will bless and multiply it, and that someone will be there because of her!

“When we give ourselves to the Lord, He accomplishes amazing things. I remember how inadequate I felt when 3ABN asked me to record the *HeartLift* series. But because of God’s blessing, and the many prayers of others, it happened. We asked God to use that program to

“That didn’t happen because of me,” Jill says. “That happened through the Lord.”

HUMBLED

Greg and Jill say they are humbled every day as they see what God accomplishes when we’re willing to serve Him. “Each of us at 3ABN has a part in winning souls to Christ. But the largest group of our workforce is those who support us from their homes. As Danny says, ‘This is *your* 3ABN!’”

Jill agrees. “We’re all involved in the Great Controversy between good and evil—the battle for hearts and souls of people. And when you pray for us, you join us in that battle. Satan doesn’t want this message to get out, but praise God, the Lord is stronger!”

“Prayer is the key,” Greg concludes. “Without your prayers and financial support, this ministry would never have existed. Praise God, we can all take part in spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ to the world.” ☺

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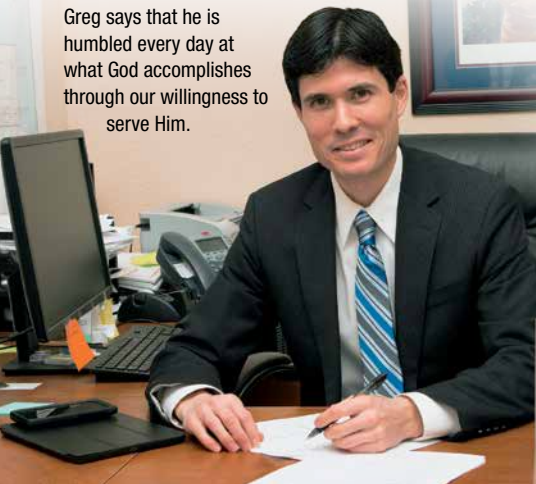


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Shine On

by Shelley Quinn

As I was driving to work recently on a cold January day, something alarming happened that led me to a spiritual insight.

Danger In the Dark

It was 7:00 a.m.—eighteen minutes before sunrise. The cloudy sky was a dreary gray, dimly backlit by twilight. The driver ahead of me was stuck behind someone driving 15 mph below the speed limit, and oncoming traffic was unusually heavy on the two-lane highway between my house and 3ABN. As we topped one hill after another, the line of approaching headlamps seemed to have no end.

The car I followed pulled out to pass the slower vehicle, but immediately

swerved back into our eastbound lane. For a second I thought this erratic driver had a problem, but then I saw it—an oncoming vehicle with no lights that blended perfectly with the asphalt pavement. How dangerously close they had come to a head-on collision!

Again the driver before me accelerated to pass, but as his vehicle came parallel with the slower one, he slammed on his brakes and swerved back into our lane again! Could it be? Yes, another approaching vehicle had tempted fate by failing to turn on their headlamps. These careless, lightless drivers—so similar in appearance to their surroundings—were putting lives in jeopardy.

Suddenly it occurred to me there were people like this within the church—members in motion, conforming to the *appearance* of Christianity, but lacking the transforming light of God within. These take the name of Christ, claiming to represent Him, but their wick is smoldering. They lack the oil of the Holy Spirit. They lack the fire of passion. Like those lightless drivers, they move in line with the traffic of Christian tradition, but their witness jeopardizes others by their dismal representation—or, more frankly, misrepresentation—of Christ. Oh, Lord, do not let us be counted in that number!

“Let Your Light So Shine”

In Matthew 5:16 Jesus says, “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” Jesus is the light of the world, and—as He dwells in our hearts

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through faith by the power of the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 3:16–17)—we are to reflect His love, life, and character.

How can we let our light shine? The Apostle Paul instructs us to “Show yourselves to be blameless and guileless, innocent and uncontaminated, children of God without blemish...in the midst of a crooked and wicked generation...among whom you are seen as bright lights...in the [dark] world, holding out [to it] and offering [to all men] the Word of Life.” Philippians 2:15–16 (AMP).

You can let your light shine by joining The Blessing Is on the “GO!” Evangelistic Team. Simply register to give a recurring monthly donation of any amount to support evangelism around the world and in your local area. In turn, you will receive a certificate to show you have become a team member, and each month 3ABN will send you an evangelistic tool (a book, music CD, sermon DVD, or Bible study materials) to share with your family, friends, or neighbors.

As you share, you will be holding forth the Word of Life and shining like a star in God’s universe. ☺



Join the “GO!” Evangelistic Team

Setting up a monthly donation of any amount to support evangelism is easy! Just visit 3ABN.tv and set up an automatic donation by credit/debit card. You can also set up your donation through PayPal, but be sure to check the “Make This Recurring (Monthly)” box.

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This Month’s Evangelistic Tool *What’s the Big Deal?*



This book brings a fresh biblical perspective on the importance of the Fourth Commandment, while tackling the ten most common objections to worshipping on Sabbath.

Share Your Experiences

We all love great stories, and we want to hear your experiences as the Lord opens up new opportunities for evangelism in your neighborhood! Is someone coming to church with you? Write us or record a 1–2 minute video on your smart phone and e-mail it to GET@3ABN.tv.

“I want to be an Evangelism Team Member! I am not a Seventh-day Adventist, but love your church, keep the Sabbath, and worship at the First Tampa Church in Florida.”

TRUE TO OUR MISSION

by Nikki Anderson

As I sat down to write this article, I had no clue what I was going to write about. Absolutely blank. And I was late in submitting the next 3ABN Radio article (The editor gets concerned when he has to remind me.) So I did what I should never do—I got distracted and became involved in something else; well, many “something elses.” I started to write it again a few days later, and by then I was *way* behind. (Oops! Now I’m in trouble.) Sometimes I can’t help it—I just run in to a brick wall. So, I ran the other way again. (*Oh, Lord, help my poor editor!*)

A few days later we had our annual 3ABN Day of Prayer and it was wonderful. So good to hear the news about what’s been happening in all the different 3ABN departments. And the testimonies! I gained an even greater appreciation and respect for many people when I heard them talk about how they came to be at 3ABN. Some volunteers have even found new careers here!



Nikki Anderson is the administrative assistant for 3ABN Radio.

INSPIRED

As always, management had inspiring things to say and encouragement for all of us. Our 3ABN president and CEO, Danny Shelton, announced that 2016 would be The Year of Evangelism. Then 3ABN’s CFO, Brian Hamilton, came up as the last speaker. As he spoke, it became very clear to me that this is why 3ABN and many of our affiliates are under attack right now—this year 3ABN is planning to do some mighty evangelism work, and Satan is furious!

While 3ABN has been focused on evangelism from the beginning, we’re looking for ways to do even more. And with The Blessing Is on the “GO!” movement, a big push is on to increase our evangelistic efforts.

I can say with a great deal of certainty that the goal of the majority of radio station owners has been to use their stations as evangelistic tools. Many 3ABN Radio affiliates have been the target of Satan’s attacks since they first thought of applying for a permit to build their stations. Some owners went through the process of applying, building, and getting on the air without a hitch only

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to have a strong supporter became a determined opponent, doing everything they could to shut down the station for various reasons. Many times the reason is that they don’t want to hear “all that Bible truth,” because they “know all that stuff.”

They’d rather be entertained. But perhaps they’ve lost sight of God’s purpose for the station—to preach the undiluted three angels’ messages of Revelation 14 to listeners in their community who don’t know “all that stuff!”

TRUE TO OUR MISSION

Please pray for those owners and radio boards who experience opposition in any form. Pray that God will keep them focused on evangelism from now until Jesus comes again.

My friend, Mr. Webster (who’s dictionary I use a lot) says this: Evangelism: preaching of the gospel. Evangelize: to instruct in the gospel; to convert to Christianity.

Our mission at 3ABN Radio is to present Jesus to the world, and then let the Holy Spirit do what He does best. Amen! 🙏

A NEW DOOR OPENS

by John Dinzey

It's amazing how God answers prayer! Since Spain was one of the few Spanish-speaking countries where our programming was not available through cable companies or a local TV channel, I began praying about five years ago for the Lord to bless us with some means of reaching that country.

Interestingly enough, God has made it possible for people to view 3ABN Latino via the Internet in many countries where we are not on cable or TV. We've been pleasantly surprised to receive e-mails and phone calls from Spanish-speaking people in Japan, Afghanistan, Cuba, Switzerland, Sweden, and Spain. This indicates that God is using the Internet to bring His message of hope and salvation into the homes of hundreds and thousands of people.



John Dinzey is the general manager for 3ABN Latino Network. Originally from the Dominican Republic, his passion is to preach the gospel. His wife, Idalia, works with him at 3ABN Latino, and they've been blessed with two wonderful sons, Samuel and Caleb.

However, about four years ago, I asked someone who was recommended to me, 'How can we get on cable or a local TV station in Spain?' and their answer was a curious one. They told me that not many people receive their television programming from cable, but that the vast majority of the people in Spain preferred to watch free-to-air TV stations. Several of the stations we contacted were asked exorbitant rental fees, so the project was left in the Lord's hands for the best solution.

A NEW POSSIBILITY

After praying for this from time, I began wondering how the Lord would answer our prayers, and finally, we rejoiced last year when we read an e-mail from Pastor Juan Surroca of Alfa TV in Spain, who had an interest in joining 3ABN to reach the people of Spain!

Alfa TV is renting several TV channels that reach millions of potential viewers in cities like Madrid, Valencia, La Palmas de Gran Canaria, Alicante,

and Vigo. They have limited Christian programming, and since 3ABN has been producing Spanish programs for over 12 years, we're a welcome source of programming they greatly need. For us, of course, it's another door of opportunity to further the preaching of the gospel! Praise the Lord!

FINDING A WAY

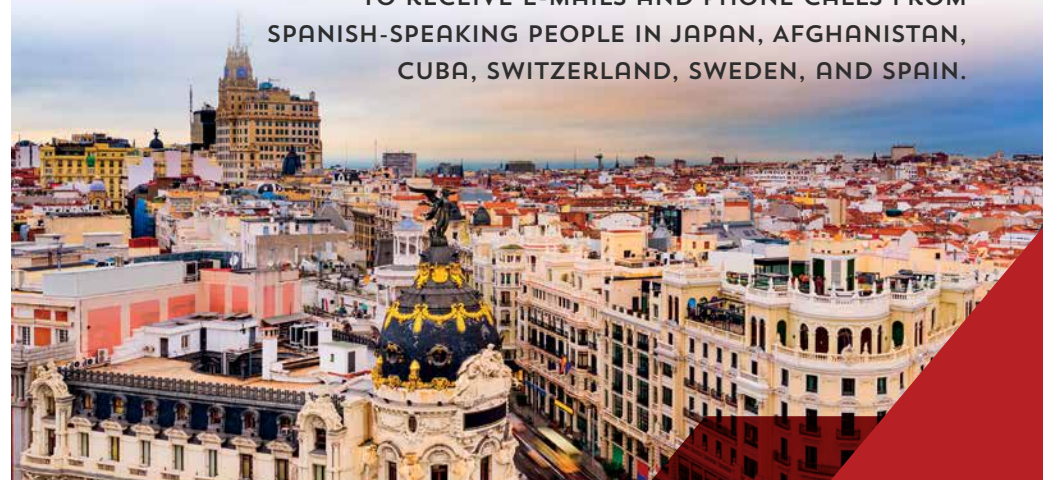
Currently, we are not broadcasting 3ABN Latino via satellite to Spain, so we needed to find a way to get the programs to them. The most practical way was to send them hard drives, and this process has already begun. But before we do this, we must first convert our programming to their television standard, called PAL. Please pray that the Lord will bless this

effort to bring more people into His kingdom.

We are praying that this will be a historic year of evangelism for 3ABN, and we see the Lord opening more doors for the gospel to be preached. Just today I received another call from a gentleman in California who is interested in rebroadcasting 3ABN Latino!

We're also working on a project that will be a cause of great rejoicing—both for God's people, and the angels in Heaven! We're asking for the Lord to lead, open doors, and supply every need. Unfortunately, I can't tell you much more right now, but please remember us in prayer as we strive to bring the undiluted three angels' messages of Revelation 14 to the world. ☺

WE'VE BEEN PLEASANTLY SURPRISED TO RECEIVE E-MAILS AND PHONE CALLS FROM SPANISH-SPEAKING PEOPLE IN JAPAN, AFGHANISTAN, CUBA, SWITZERLAND, SWEDEN, AND SPAIN.



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SPAIN Population 47 million
28th most populous country on earth



Could It Be PTSD?

by Dr. Yvonne Lewis

What do you think about when you hear Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)? Displaced veterans? Men and women who suffer flashbacks from war? Although that's all true, one seldom hears about the PTSD that plagues inner-city residents. Yet, it's real—and more prevalent than you think! In fact, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) says that 30 percent of inner-city kids suffer from PTSD.



Dr. Yvonne Lewis is a naturopathic doctor, author, lecturer, and singer, as well as the general manager of 3ABN's Dare to Dream Network for urban audiences.

Dr. Howard Spivak, the Director of the CDC's Violence Prevention Division, has presented research showing that inner-city children are essentially living in combat zones. However, unlike soldiers, they never

leave the combat zone, and experience repeated, inescapable trauma.

Jeff Duncan-Andrade, Ph.D., suggests that one in three urban youth have mild to severe PTSD, and their symptoms include fear of strangers, sleep problems, nightmares, repetition of the trauma in play, irritability, aggression, recklessness, and regression to bedwetting and thumb sucking. A sexually abused child may also play out "dark" bedroom scenes with dolls.

Rejected

Sonia's* mother was about 14 when she had her, and only two or three years later, she gave birth to a little boy. Because she'd been impregnated twice while she was underage, the police came to take her to a home for wayward minors. Realizing what was happening, she cried, "I can't leave my baby!" But

as three-year-old Sonia began running to her, this young mother pushed her away and headed into the house to see her infant, instead.

The pain Sonia felt from that rejection never left her, and she didn't see her mother for another 16 years! She bounced in and out of foster care, never receiving the love and caring she so desperately needed, until the last home she was in. By then she was a teenager, and she felt it really didn't matter anymore. Not surprisingly, she exhibited an inability to trust others, and a kind of paranoia about "the system" as an adult. Her tough exterior made it difficult for others to get too close to her, and she was often confrontational and angry.

Adverse Childhood Experiences

Paul Tough, in his groundbreaking book, *How Children Succeed*, discusses the role of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) in determining the success potential of a child. According to the research he cites, the more ACEs they endure, the less potential they have for success.

Children who grow up in stressful environments generally find it harder to concentrate, sit still, rebound from disappointments, and follow directions. Many who are labeled with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) are really suffering from PTSD! Physical or sexual abuse in the home, gang-related violence, and neighborhood and school bullying can all lead to a PTSD state, through which children have to make

many mental compensations in order to cope with their reality. As Paul Tough said, "When you're overwhelmed by uncontrollable impulses and distracted by negative feelings, it's hard to learn the alphabet."

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Show You Care

According to kidshealth.org, you can help your children cope with stress by telling them that you notice when they're bothered by something. Be sympathetic, show that you care and want to understand. You should also listen to your child. Ask them to tell you what's wrong. Avoid any urge to judge, blame, or lecture. You may need to seek professional help for your child, depending on the severity of the reaction.

Pray for your children and teach them to lean on the everlasting arms of Jesus. Teach them that He is their best Friend, and that He cares about what they're going through. Help them develop good leisure time activities such as watching Dare to Dream, and be an example of a balanced life. ☺

*Sonia is a pseudonym.

THE LION AND THE LAMB

by C. A. Murray

There's an old and much-used proverb about this curious month of changes that says, "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb." This proverb references the cold, blustery weather that characterizes the beginning of March in most northern regions, and the generally mild weather that marks its passage into the month of April.



C. A. Murray is the general manager for 3ABN Proclaim! and also hosts and produces the *3ABN Today* program. His wife Irma is a producer for 3ABN Latino.

Although this is not always the case, I suspect it's been true enough to generate the proverb. However, any Christian with a working knowledge of the names and titles attributed to our Savior is aware that these seemingly opposite

realities are used to describe Jesus in various aspects of His ministry on behalf of fallen humanity. Revelation 5 describes Christ as both Lion and Lamb. He's the Lion of Judah, and the only One worthy to loose the seals and open the scroll held in the hand of Him who is sitting on the throne. Here we see the exalted power and position of Jesus, but later we see Him as a bleeding Lamb that appears to have been a sacrifice, but is still alive.

What is curious and marvelous is that it is actually this Lamb that takes the book out of the hand of Him who sits on the throne. The Lion is worthy; the Lamb is the active agent. This is a sermon and story in itself.

POWER AND LOVE

Ellen White discusses this by writing, "The Saviour is presented before John

under the symbols of 'the Lion of the tribe of Judah' and of 'a Lamb as it had been slain.' Revelation 5:5-6. These symbols represent the union of omnipotent power and self-sacrificing love. The Lion of Judah, so terrible to the rejectors of His grace, will be the Lamb of God to the obedient and faithful. The pillar of fire that speaks terror and wrath to the transgressor of God's law is a token of light and mercy and deliverance to those who have kept His commandments. The arm strong to smite the rebellious will be

As I ruminate on these passages and see the changing of the weather occasioned by the incoming and outgoing of March, I am so thankful for the Lion who is powerful and mighty; but I am also eternally grateful for the Lamb slain from the foundations of the world for my sins so I might have a right to the Tree of Life. This is true for all who love and serve Jesus.

The Lion and the Lamb in the same month. The Lion and the Lamb in the same Man—the unique God/Man who

THE LION IS WORTHY. THE LAMB IS THE ACTIVE AGENT. THIS IS A SERMON AND STORY IN ITSELF.

strong to deliver the loyal. Everyone who is faithful will be saved. 'He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.' Matthew 24:31.¹

She goes on to say in speaking of John's vision, "John saw the mercy, the tenderness, and the love of God blending with His holiness, justice, and power. He saw sinners finding a Father in Him of whom their sins had made them afraid. And looking beyond the culmination of the great conflict, he beheld upon Zion 'them that had gotten the victory. . . stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God,' and singing 'the song of Moses' and the Lamb."² Later, in Revelation 14, it is the Lamb that joins the 144,000 on Mount Zion.

is at once Sacrifice, Savior, and King. I owe Him my all every day, every month, throughout eternity! This is the Jesus we exalt on 3ABN Proclaim! As you watch and reflect on Him this month, may you be drawn closer to Him in gratitude for His unspeakable gift of salvation. ☺

¹ Ellen G. White, *Acts of the Apostles*, p. 589.

² White, p. 589.

3ABN's Russian Evangelism Center

God's Miraculous Jewel

by Julia Outkina

If you ask us if we believe in miracles, we'd reply without hesitation that *miracles do happen* at 3ABN Russia!

During Pastor John Carter's evangelistic program in Russia in 1992, God led



Danny Shelton to buy a huge unfinished building. Russian Adventists who had lived for decades under persecution from the Communist regime couldn't dream of something like that, but with 3ABN's financial provision and construction supervision, the Nizhny Novgorod Seventh-day Adventist Church got down to work.

A Shining Jewel

Today, through the Lord's blessings, the biggest and most beautiful Protestant

facility in all the ex-Soviet Union, houses the Volgo-Viatskaya Conference, local churches, the Istok Christian School, and our 3ABN Russia studios.

More than 200 people enter our doors every day, and more than 500 come every weekend. Besides the intense mass media outreach of 3ABN Russia, our building also welcomes evangelistic meetings, health exhibits, activities for children and youth, annual pastors' meetings, charity concerts, and many other programs that support God's plan for saving Russian people for eternity.

We've been blessed to have this building for 23 years, but materials wear down, and repairs and renovations were needed for the roof, the windows, and the heating and sewer systems. Where would we get the money for all that? We simply didn't know, but God did, and He performed a miracle as the dollar-ruble exchange rate became most favorable in early 2015.

Valeriy Malyshev, the 3ABN Russia's chief engineer says, "We rolled up our

sleeves and did everything we could, ourselves. We changed many windows, repaired the worst parts of the roof, and began changing pipes in the heating and sewer system systems. We're also building a 'green room' for our guests to relax in before they come into the studio, and making improvements on the first floor. We really want to keep God's miraculous jewel in the best and most appealing shape."

Truly so! As Danny once told us, the facility shows the whole world what Christians are like, and through them, what Christ is like.

Large renovations to our building would not be possible without the help of our local Conference, and the Nizhny Novgorod Seventh-day Adventist Church.

"We are praying for an entirely new roof for the whole building, for renovations to the façade, and also to the main entrance," says Sergei Titovskiy, secretary of the Volgo-Viatskaya Conference. "We'd also like to have lights for the stained

"We really want to keep God's miraculous jewel in the best and most appealing shape."



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glass window, so visitors can be attracted by the beauty of this place where we worship our wonderful Creator!"

The Finishing Touch

3ABN's Russia Evangelism Center is a miracle from God, and He keeps this place as something special to His heart.

Just look at the fir trees growing out front. Look how they support the lines of the façade. Who could tell them to grow this way? Only a Creator and Savior! They're a marvelous encouragement and reassurance of His involvement in every detail of what is happening here!

Thank you, dear readers, for supporting God in His miraculous work of saving people around the world! ☺



Julia Outkina is 3ABN Russia's executive director, and has been with us since 1992. Her passion is to win souls for Christ through 3ABN Russia's ministry and her personal testimony.

2016 – The Year of Revival
2017 – The Year of Restoration
2018 – The Year of Reclamation
2019 – The Year of Retention

Come Over and Help Us

It was a rainy, cold, classic London winter day when we returned in January to accelerate plans for London 2016 to the next level.

We made our way to the Copper Box Arena in downtown London, where the evangelistic series would be held. With an aggressive evangelistic plan to reach greater London, we immediately thought this venue with its 7,500 seats was too small. However, God had other plans.

Come Over

The apostle Paul's vision concerning Macedonia closely resembles the vision God gave Danny Shelton about London.

In Acts 16:9 we read, "And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man

of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.'"

In that same manner, God moved upon Danny's heart to "come over" to London and help the South England Conference President, Elder Richard de Lisser, in his evangelistic thrust for the next four years. As head of 3ABN's World Evangelism, my mind and heart have become dedicated to this call from Heaven.

Overflow

On Sabbath our teams fanned out to four different churches. Reggie and Ladye Love Smith, Yvonne Lewis, and Tim Parton accompanied Danny, while C. A. Murray and his wife Irma, Kenny Shelton and his wife Chris, and my wife Angela and I comprised the other teams.

We came together again for an evening concert and testimony time, ministering to an overflow audience at the Brixton Seventh-day Adventist Church. The Lord made it clear that London was on board with 3ABN!

Danny Shelton speaks to record crowds at Newbold College.

"We have never had this kind of response for evangelism."

Richard de Lisser, President, South England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Total Evangelism

At the Sunday conference at Newbold College, a Total Evangelism plan was presented, and I was honored to be the speaker for the morning devotional.

Danny then shared how God had placed London on his heart, and how 3ABN is partnering with them to accomplish God's plans. The atmosphere was buzzing with excitement, and there were so many attendees that an announcement about safety was made and overflow crowds were asked to watch via video feeds set up at other campus locations. Elder de Lisser said, "We have never had this kind of response for evangelism."

The South England Conference then introduced the four-year plan theme: **Evangelism, Everyone, Everywhere!** and we suddenly realized that God had synchronized it with the Wave Evangelism approach. That afternoon, I presented the unique challenges of London Evangelism through a survey constructed by the Barna Research Group, followed by Pastor Murray's lively message on defeating evangelistic obstacles.

3ABN's director of broadcasting and engineering, Moses Primo, presented a new way to get 3ABN into the London community by showing them the mySDATV devices. The audience responded enthusiastically, buying all the units he had on hand.

That wonderful evening ended as I joined Yvonne Lewis, Tim Parton, and Danny Shelton with a spirited program of testimony and song. Pastors and members alike expressed how much they appreciated our dedication to the undiluted three angels' messages of Revelation 14. And although many miles separate Illinois and London, they're now connected by many hearts. Pray for us as we forge ahead aggressively to stimulate the wave of revival.

One thing is for sure. Not only has London been revived, but so have we! ☺



John Lomacang is 3ABN's director of World Evangelism. He pastors our local church and is an author, singer/songwriter, and host of *House Calls* and *A Sharper Focus*. His wife Angela works for 3ABN Radio.

GOD'S PERFECT TIMING

by Brenda Walsh



Producing television programs is quite a process, starting with planning, recruiting, and organizing every detail—just to be ready for the actual day of recording at the studio. But once the lights and cameras are turned off, there is still a lot of work to be done before those programs are ready to air. In a word . . . editing! Sometimes there are hours and hours of work required to edit just one program!

Praying for a Video Editor

A year ago, I began to pray for an editor who would work exclusively for Kids Network so we could get our children's programs on the air so much faster. I was overjoyed when funds were donated for

this position, and I quickly advertised for a video editor. Résumés came from all over—but none had the experience or skill sets we were looking for. I continued to pray, "Lord, please send us the person You want us to have!"

Answered Prayer

Then, in November, we received a résumé from Gary Will who looked *too good to be true* on paper! We sent him a project to work on as a demo-test, creating an opening graphic for our new program, *Tiny Tots Kitchen*. Well, to put it simply, he "knocked it out of the park!" It was easy to see that God had led us to just the right man for the job. In addition to video editing, he is a very talented web and graphic designer.

The first week he was hired, he flew to 3ABN to be there for the *Live Kids Time Reunion Holiday Special*. Two days before the event, it was discovered that somehow, in all the hustle and bustle, an opening graphic had not been created for the program. Gary immediately volunteered to step up to the task, and what normally would have taken several weeks—he completed in just a day and a half! God's timing was perfect!

In Gary's Own Words

"In the journey of ministry I have learned that *true ministry* is about the privilege of serving, and not being served. I feel blessed that the talents God has given me are in the lines of creativity, for He is the Master Creator. I'm honored and humbled to be working for Jesus in partnership with the 3ABN Kids Network family. It is my prayer, that through this ministry, children around the world will be ready to meet the Lord when He returns."

A Full Plate

Gary is already hard at work editing new programs for *Kids Time*, *Kids Time*

Praise, *Tiny Tots Kitchen*, and *Tiny Tots Worship*, not to mention all the opening graphics needed for all the new programs we're producing this year. Yes, God sent Gary at just the right time!

We Need Your Help

If you would like to see more Christ-centered programs for kids, please prayerfully consider supporting 3ABN Kids Network. The need is great not only for production costs, but also to build our new children's studio. If the Holy Spirit impresses, please send your tax-deductible love gifts to 3ABN Kids Network, Post Office Box 220, West Frankfort, Illinois, 62896, or call us at 618-627-4651. You may also donate online through PayPal from many countries at 3abnkids.tv. Thank you for all that you do for this ministry and for God's children around the world. ☺



Brenda Walsh is the general manager of 3ABN Kids Network, as well as producer/host of *Kids Time* and *Kids Time Praise*. She is a published author, singer, cook, and international speaker. She is married to Tim, and they have two daughters and four grandchildren.



The Will Family: (left to right) Aerabella, Tonya, Gavin, Gary, and Elizabeth.



Gary Will at home in his office hard at work editing the new *Tiny Tots Kitchen* program hosted by Cinda Sanner.

Waves

by Mellisa Hoffman

Do you remember the last time you went to the ocean and spent the day at the beach? I'm sure you enjoyed jumping in the waves and listening to them while you played in the sand. If you spent some time swimming in the water, did you wait anxiously for the biggest waves to come in and break near the shore?

The life cycle of a wave is very interesting. Do you know what causes a wave to form in the first place? That's right . . . the wind! The wind's duration and its speed determine the amount of waves formed, and the size of each of them. But, there's one more factor that controls the waves, and that's called "fetch." Fetch refers to the area of water over which the wind blows. The bigger the fetch, the more energy builds up.

A wave starts way out in the ocean, and it can travel for thousands of miles before it reaches shore. As it nears land, not only does the wave increase in height, but the upper part of the wave (the part we can see) starts moving faster than the bottom part because it drags on the ocean floor. At this point, the wave starts to tip forward. When it leans over enough, the wave will curl over and crash, forming what is called a "breaker." Isn't that awesome?

The way that waves are formed is a lot like how Christians are "born." God sends His Holy Spirit into the world, and the people that choose to listen to Him become Christians! We can't see the wind that makes the waves, just like we can't see the Holy Spirit, but when we see a wave, we immediately know that the wind made it! It's the same with the Holy Spirit. When we meet someone that's a Christian, we know that they listened to God's voice. And, as the waves travel toward the shore, they get bigger and bigger. As we learn more about Jesus, our love for Him grows bigger and bigger! So, the next time you are at the beach watching the waves roll onto the shore, think about how much Jesus loves you . . . and remember to tell Him how much you love Him, too! ☺

"And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord."

Isaiah 11:2 (ESV)

People of all ages love playing in the ocean waves!



Ocean in a Bottle

SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Empty two liter plastic bottle with lid
- Clear vegetable oil or mineral oil
- Water
- Funnel
- Blue food coloring
- Clean sand, small pebbles, seashells, glitter, small sea creature toys, etc.*
- White craft glue
- Hot glue

DIRECTIONS

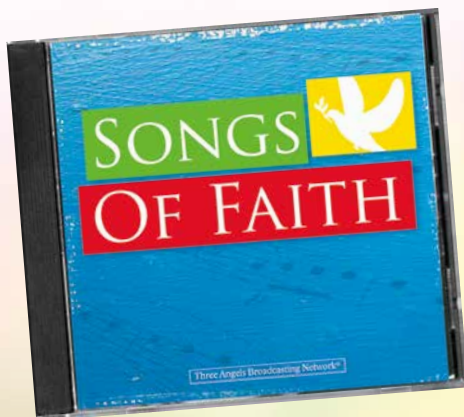
1. Fill a clean, clear two-liter bottle (labels removed) halfway with water.
2. Add a couple drops of blue food coloring and swirl to mix.
3. If desired, add small pebbles, sand, sea shells, glitter, toys, etc.
4. Using a funnel, fill bottle all the way to the top with oil.
5. Making sure that the rim and cap are dry, apply white craft glue around the rim. Seal cap.
6. Apply a layer of hot glue around the outer edge of the cap for added protection from leakage.
7. Turn the bottle on its side and gently rock to create a "wave" inside your ocean habitat!

*Helpful Hints

Use lightweight starfish, shells and other sea creature toys that can float. Test them first in a bowl or glass of water. Find these at your local craft supply store or discount department store.



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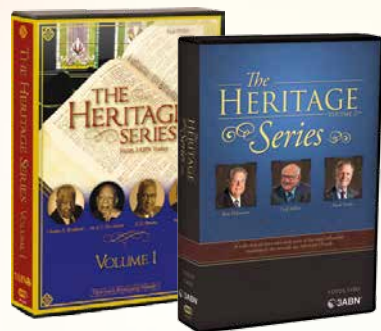
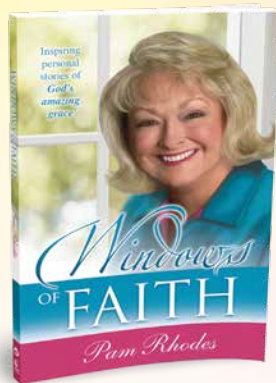
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2:00a	Anchors of Truth CC	2:00a	Life Discovery Series (Jim Reinking) CC
2:30		2:30	
3:00	Featured Ministries CC	3:00	Homecoming 2015 CC
3:30	Heaven's Point of View (Tom Shepherd) CC	3:30	
4:00	In the Beginning (Stan Hudson)	4:00	Eleventh Hour Evidence
4:30		4:30	...(David Asscherick) CC
5:00	Revelation Now (Jac Colon) CC	5:00	Praise! (Kelly Mowrer)
5:30		5:30	Wonderfully Made CC
6:00	Body & Spirit Aerobics (Dick Nunez) CC	6:00	Body & Spirit (Dick Nunez) CC
6:30	Heart Lift (Jill Morikone) ★ CC	6:30	Pressing in to His Presence (Shelley Quinn) CC
7:00	Kids Time (Brenda Walsh) CC	7:00	Digging Up the Past (David Down) CC
7:30	Praise! (Kelly Mowrer)	7:30	Ultimate Prescription (Dr. James Marcum) CC
8:00	3ABN Today	8:00	3ABN Today
8:30		8:30	
9:00	Stones of Remembrance CC	9:00	House Calls (John Lomacang) CC
9:30	Adventures in Missions CC	9:30	
10:00	Focus on God's Word CC	10:00	Free Indeed (C. A. Murray) CC
10:30		10:30	Books of the Book CC
11:00	Inspirational Hour CC	11:00	Revelation of Hope (Taj Pacleb) CC
11:30		11:30	
12:00p	Melody From My Heart	12:00p	Behold the Lamb Presents
12:30	Grace Pipeline (Shelley Quinn) CC	12:30	...(Kenny Shelton) CC
1:00	A Sharper Focus (John Lomacang) ↻	1:00	Off the Grid CC
1:30		1:30	Abundant Living (Curtis & Paula Eakins) CC
2:00	Body & Spirit CC	2:00	Action 4 Life (Casio Jones) CC
2:30	Tiny Tots for Jesus (Linda Johnson) CC	2:30	Heaven's Point of View (Frank Fournier) CC
3:00	3ABN Today LIVE ↻	3:00	3ABN Today CC
3:30		3:30	
4:00		4:00	Tiny Tots for Jesus (Linda Johnson) CC
4:30		4:30	Kids Time (Brenda Walsh) CC
5:00	The Carter Report (John Carter) CC	5:00	Liberty Insider (Lincoln Steed) CC
5:30		5:30	Help in Daily Living CC
6:00	Books of the Book CC	6:00	Gracy Pipeline (Shelley Quinn) CC
6:30	Cook:30 (Jeremy Dixon) CC	6:30	Global Mission Snapshots CC
7:00	Revelation of the Coming King	7:00	Celebrating Life in Recovery CC
7:30	...(Ranko Stefanovic) CC	7:30	...(Cheri Peters)
8:00	3ABN Today	8:00	3ABN Today CC
8:30		8:30	
9:00	Table Talk CC	9:00	Anchors of Truth CC
9:30		9:30	
10:00	It Is Written Canada (Chris Holland) CC	10:00	The Carter Report (John Carter) CC
10:30	Help in Daily Living CC	10:30	
11:00	3ABN Today	11:00	3ABN Today
11:30		11:30	
12:00a	Secrets Unsealed Presents...	12:00a	ASI Conventions CC
12:30	...(Stephen Bohr)	12:30	
1:00	Celebrating Life in Recovery	1:00	Books of the Book CC
1:30	...(Cheri Peters) CC	1:30	Battles of Faith CC

CST	TUESDAY
2:00a	Stones of Remembrance CC
2:30	Descendants of Abraham (Shakeela Yasuf) CC
3:00	Melody From My Heart
3:30	Free Indeed (C. A. Murray) CC
4:00	House Calls (John Lomacang) CC
4:30	
5:00	Heaven's Point of View (Frank Fournier) CC
5:30	Cook:30 (Jeremy Dixon) CC
6:00	Body & Spirit Aerobics (Dick Nunez) CC
6:30	Exalting His Word (Shelley Quinn) CC
7:00	Special Feature CC
7:30	
8:00	3ABN Today LIVE ▶
8:30	
9:00	
9:30	
10:00	Heaven's Point of View (Tom Shepherd) CC
10:30	Pressing in to His Presence (Shelley Quinn) CC
11:00	Featured Ministries CC
11:30	Books of the Book CC
12:00p	The Revelation of Jesus Christ CC
12:30	...(Kenneth Cox)
1:00	Hope in Motion
1:30	Cook:30 (Jeremy Dixon) CC
2:00	Body & Spirit CC
2:30	Heart Lift (Jill Morikone) ★ CC
3:00	3ABN Today
3:30	
4:00	Tiny Tots for Jesus (Linda Johnson) CC
4:30	Kids Time (Brenda Walsh) CC
5:00	Kids Time Praise CC
5:30	Remodeling Your Life (Jim Ayer) CC
6:00	House Calls (John Lomacang) CC
6:30	
7:00	Secrets Unsealed Presents...
7:30	...(Stephen Bohr)
8:00	3ABN Today
8:30	
9:00	Behold the Lamb Presents CC
9:30	...(Kenny Shelton)
10:00	Revelation Insights (Lyle Albrecht) CC
10:30	
11:00	3ABN Today
11:30	
12:00a	Heaven's Point of View (Hal Steenson) CC
12:30	Exalting His Word (Shelley Quinn) CC
1:00	Contending for the Faith (Clifford Goldstein) CC
1:30	Ultimate Prescription (Dr. James Marcum) CC

CST	WEDNESDAY
2:00a	Celebrating Life in Recovery CC
2:30	...(Cheri Peters)
3:00	Revelation Insights (Lyle Albrecht) CC
3:30	
4:00	Digging Up the Past (David Down) CC
4:30	Thunder in the Holy Land (Charles Byrd) CC
5:00	White Horse Media Presents (Steve Wohlberg) CC
5:30	Adventures in Missions CC
6:00	Body & Spirit (Dick Nunez) CC
6:30	ASI Video Magazine (Dan Houghton) CC
7:00	Amazing Facts Presents... (Doug Batchelor) CC
7:30	Help in Daily Living CC
8:00	3ABN Today
8:30	
9:00	Keepers of the Flame CC
9:30	Walking with Jesus (Garloff)/Grandma's House (Neal) CC
10:00	Melody From My Heart
10:30	Liberty Insider (Lincoln Steed) CC
11:00	Table Talk CC
11:30	
12:00p	3ABN On the Road CC
12:30	
1:00	Issues and Answers CC
1:30	Abundant Living (Curtis & Paula Eakins) CC
2:00	Action 4 Life (Casio Jones) CC
2:30	Back to Our Roots (Alex Schlussler) CC
3:00	3ABN Today
3:30	
4:00	Tiny Tots for Jesus (Linda Johnson) CC
4:30	Kids Time (Brenda Walsh) CC
5:00	Revelation Now (Jac Colon) CC
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6:00	Revelation of the Coming King CC
6:30	...(Ranko Stefanovic)
7:00	A Sharper Focus (John Lomacang) ⚡
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8:00	3ABN Today
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9:00	Amazing Facts Presents... (Doug Batchelor) CC
9:30	Books of the Book CC
10:00	It Is Written CC
10:30	Stones of Remembrance CC
11:00	3ABN Today CC
11:30	
12:00a	A Sharper Focus (John Lomacang) ▶
12:30	
1:00	In the Footsteps of Paul (Tony Moore) CC
1:30	Melody From My Heart

CST	THURSDAY
2:00a	Books of the Book CC
2:30	Grace Pipeline (Shelley Quinn) CC
3:00	Up Close
3:30	
4:00	Remodeling Your Life (Jim Ayer) CC
4:30	Issues & Answers CC
5:00	Origins (Terry McComb) CC
5:30	
6:00	Body & Spirit Aerobics (Dick Nunez) CC
6:30	Hope in Motion CC
7:00	Homecoming 2015 CC
7:30	
8:00	3ABN Today
8:30	
9:00	Stop Smoking Clinic (Arthur Weaver) CC
9:30	
10:00	Wonderfully Made CC
10:30	Heart Lift (Jill Morikone) ★ CC
11:00	Celebrating Life in Recovery
11:30	...(Cheri Peters) CC
12:00p	Ultimate Prescription (Dr. James Marcum) CC
12:30	Laymen Ministries
1:00	Books of the Book CC
1:30	Let's Cook Together CC
2:00	Body & Spirit (Dick Nunez) CC
2:30	Melody From My Heart
3:00	3ABN Today
3:30	
4:00	Tiny Tots for Jesus (Linda Johnson) CC
4:30	Kids Time (Brenda Walsh) CC
5:00	Liberty Insider (Lincoln Steed) CC
5:30	Heaven's Point of View (Tom Shepherd) CC
6:00	The Carter Report (John Carter) CC
6:30	
7:00	Sabbath School Study Hour
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8:00	3ABN Today LIVE ⚡
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10:00	Kenneth Cox Ministries CC
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11:00	3ABN Today
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12:00a	Table Talk CC
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1:00	3ABN Today LIVE ▶
1:30	

CST	FRIDAY
2:00a	3ABN Today LIVE (continued) ▶
2:30	
3:00	Revelation of Hope (Taj Pacleb) CC
3:30	
4:00	Liberty Insider (Lincoln Steed) CC
4:30	Battles of Faith CC
5:00	Sabbath School Study Hour CC
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6:00	Body & Spirit (Dick Nunez) CC
6:30	His Words Are Life (Mowrer)/Grandma's House (Neal) CC
7:00	Revelation Now (Jac Colon) CC
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8:00	3ABN Today
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9:00	Behold the Lamb Presents CC
9:30	...(Kenny Shelton)
10:00	Health for a Lifetime (Don Mackintosh) CC
10:30	It Is Written Canada (Chris Holland)
11:00	Secrets Unsealed Presents...
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1:00	Remodeling Your Life (Jim Ayer) CC
1:30	Cook:30 (Jeremy Dixon) CC
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7:00	Anchors of Truth
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9:00	It is Written CC
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10:30	Hope in Motion
11:00	3ABN Today
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12:00a	A Sharper Focus (John Lomacang) ▶
12:30	
1:00	Breath of Life (Carlton Byrd) CC
1:30	Thunder in the Holy Land (Charles Byrd) CC

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2:00a	Praise! (Kelly Mowrer)
2:30	In the Footsteps of Paul (Tony Moore) CC
3:00	Give Me the Bible (Kenneth Cox)
3:30	
4:00	Focus on God's Word CC
4:30	
5:00	Breath of Life (Carlton Byrd) CC
5:30	Digging Up the Past (David Down) CC
6:00	It Is Written CC
6:30	Tiny Tots for Jesus (Linda Johnson) CC
7:00	Kids Time Praise CC
7:30	Kids Time (Brenda Walsh)
8:00	3ABN Today
8:30	
9:00	Sabbath School Study Hour CC
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10:00	Kenneth Cox Ministries CC
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11:00	Worship Hour CC
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1:00	New Perceptions (Dwight Nelson) CC
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4:00	Maranatha Mission Stories CC
4:30	Kids Time (Brenda Walsh) CC
5:00	Kids Time Praise
5:30	Tiny Tots for Jesus (Linda Johnson) CC
6:00	Laymen Ministries (Jeff Reich) CC
6:30	Thunder in the Holy Land CC
7:00	Breath of Life (Carlton Byrd) CC
7:30	White Horse Media Presents (Steve Wohlberg) CC
8:00	3ABN Today
8:30	
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9:30	Books of the Book
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10:30	Making Waves (Jim Ayer) CC
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The mySDATV devices come in three models—the M10 and M8 set-top boxes, and a small dongle version. All three have the same number of channels, as well as the same video features and functions. "Each religious channel is Seventh-day Adventist," Moses explains, "and their content has been carefully selected. In addition, these devices are the first ones to provide Seventh-day Adventist high

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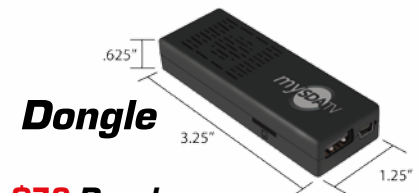
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Surprised BY LOVE

by Bobby Davis



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For twenty-one years, Dee Casper had never heard of a Seventh-day Adventist. “I was young when my parents divorced, and I lived with my dad for 20 years in the small town of Pittsburg, Illinois,” he says. “He gave me a good, moral upbringing, and I never doubted his love. But when it came to religion, my father didn’t go to church much, because his parents didn’t; so neither did I, unless I was with my mom’s parents.”

“By the time I was in high school, I was a thieving, lying, critical, mean spirited, and foul mouthed kid. I was a mess,” he admits, “and I’m sure my dad was worried about me.”

CHANGES

Dee says that only two things were important to him at that time: drumline and his girlfriend. So when she broke up with him because he wasn’t a Christian, he started swearing less and going to church in an attempt to win her back. “Things didn’t work out, though,” he says, “because I was only a nominal Christian, and I never really lived for anyone but myself.”

But things were about to change. “When 9/11 happened, my father was really shaken,” Dee explains. “He realized he wasn’t ready to meet his Lord, so he started watching Charles Stanley and other televangelists, and got serious about knowing Jesus. From that point forward, Dad changed profoundly. He loved me in a way that I had never experienced before. God was loving me through His intended medium—my parent—and that forever defined the rest of my life. I wanted what he had. C.S. Lewis shared his testimony in a book called, *Surprised by Joy*, so I title my testimony, *Surprised by Love*.” *

SEEMING SUCCESS

Although Dee auditioned several years for a chance to march with a professional drum and bugle corps, he’d never made it. But finally, during the winter of 2004, he was offered a contract and signed on with a group from Dubuque, Iowa, for the 2005 season. “That was the only time my dad came

*Dee’s interview on the *Crossroads* on 3ABN Radio is available from our Call Center at 618-627-4651.

with me,” he recalls, “and on the way home he had a heavy feeling that it wasn’t right. But I wouldn’t let go of my dreams.”

Life on the road was crazy. “Imagine a large group of 16 to 21-year-olds touring and living out of buses without a lot of supervision,” he says. “We were ranked thirteenth in the world the first two years, but then finally broke into the top ten my last year. I was still seeking God, but I wasn’t a Bible student. And, of course, my pride, and the influence of others, were a problem. But God in His mercy continued to prepare me for what was coming. I learned to be flexible about living conditions. I learned to be physically disciplined. And when I became a leader, I learned how to teach and address large numbers of people. God never wastes anything.”

DISCOVERING 3ABN

During the off-season of 2006, Dee returned home to his work at a sports retail store and teaching the drumline at his old high school. And although he was successful, financial difficulties began to beset him.

“Dad felt he hadn’t been there for me spiritually, so he left his job to fully invest in me,” he explains. “Eventually, he paid dearly for that, because I kept dragging my feet. But Dad showed me a self-sacrificing love that said, ‘I will not give up until my son is saved. If it costs me everything, I will see that boy saved!’

“I was comfortable with spiritual things, but still too comfortable with the world. I’ll never forget Dad pulling me into his room after my first season

of drum corps. In tears, he confessed to failing me spiritually. He kept asking if he’d hurt me, and I kept telling him no. But when he apologized for not being a godly parent and asked me for forgiveness, it really rocked me! All I could think of was, *You’re the best dad I could ever hope for! Why are you crying?* He took ownership like a man—and he won my heart in the process. Because of that, I know what a real man looks like. Men take responsibility; they don’t run from

“I was finally experiencing God’s love through His intended medium—my parent, and . . . I wanted what he had.”

what they’ve done. They face it head on.

“Dad’s savings dried up, and we decided to get rid of our satellite TV—and that’s how my dad found 3ABN. He encouraged me to watch it with him, and since I had no theological grounding, I was not prejudiced against the message. ‘Seventh-day’ meant nothing, and ‘Adventist’ didn’t, either. What I was hearing was what Scripture taught. I just never knew.

“While Dad enjoyed David Asscherick, I thought he talked too fast. However, eventually he resonated with me because he was younger, and like me, had looked for meaning in all the wrong places.”

THE SABBATH

Dee continued watching 3ABN until he left for his final season of drum corps, and then came the day when his father

asked him whether they should be keeping the Sabbath. “We’d already changed some things we believed, but the Sabbath seemed like a really big change, and I wondered how I’d explain it to people,” Dee says. “I was the head drum major of a top ten corps, my students had an undefeated season, and I’d been promoted to management in my store. All that made it harder to start keeping the Sabbath. But finally, Dad said, ‘Buddy, it’s either true or it’s not. What are you going to do?’”

“I would’ve stayed on the sidelines had Dad not put it that way. For a time, it was an easy choice, but then things got difficult. My bosses would schedule me on a couple Sabbaths, and teaching the drumline during the week was to prepare for weekend events and competitions. Satan really tried to confuse the call of God on my life, and I dragged my feet. Then things got worse. My license was suspended for an expired sticker, we received a foreclosure notice on our house, and Dad’s car was repossessed.”

One day, Dee received a call at work about some jackets, and the voice sounded familiar. “When Pastor John Lomacang came in, I recognized him and told him

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how much I enjoyed 3ABN and the message. He invited me to visit his church, and when I did, his wife Angela took me to the New Believers class. She let me sit with her in church, and then John asked

me on stage and told everyone that he believed I’d be doing evangelism in the nearby city of Carbondale someday! That sounded crazy to me, since that was a rival town. And I *definitely* wasn’t an evangelist!”

THROUGH THE WILDERNESS

As their financial situation worsened, Dee and his father were forced to move into an apartment in nearby Marion, and later, an elderly man from church who was in poor health came to live with them. “While I took care of him, I spent much time in nature,” Dee recalls. “I believe that this—and the fact that I was pouring myself into serving someone else—finally brought about true conversion for me. It took four years to surrender, but my dad and my Heavenly Father loved me unconditionally.”

Eventually, the elderly man required skilled nursing care, then passed away, so Dee began looking for a job in earnest. Through a series of miracles, he landed a job in emergency management and moved with his dad to a city several hours north. Attending the local Seventh-day Adventist church, he met a kind pastor who became a dear friend.

Later, some of the church members brought him along to a 3ABN Camp Meeting, where Dee met David Asscherick, director of ARISE Institute. He also met a recent ARISE graduate, Ben Middleton, who a year later would start UnScene Media Group. Talking to Ben rekindled Dee’s desire to attend the ARISE school of evangelism, and when his work contract was up, God provided

multiple miracles for Dee to enroll in that program.

“My dad initially was against this, because I tried to go a few years earlier, and God had given a clear ‘no.’ However, the Lord knew I’d relied on my dad to know His will, and He needed to break that dependence. (God later showed Dad that this really *was* His will for my life).

“I learned to preach and do outreach, and then David baptized me as a Seventh-day Adventist on December 4, 2010. I still struggled with pride, though, and as I received praise for my preaching, there was a struggle within me. I needed to die to self.

“When I came home, I ended up in a homeless shelter where Dad was staying. I spent four months literally feeding the sheep bread on the shelter’s farm. You see, I wasn’t safe to use on humans yet, so God put me there to see if sheep (which are illustrative of God’s people) would matter to me. After I acquired a lot more humility, Dad and I got jobs working for a community center in Carbondale, and I ended up doing evangelism at a small Adventist church—fulfilling Pastor Lomacang’s prediction!”

UNSCENE MEDIA GROUP

After his father got a different job in service to the underprivileged, Dee moved to Tennessee to work at Heritage Academy.

During his last year, he served as a Bible worker, an elder, and was even



Dee was baptized by David Asscherick and graduated from the ARISE Cornerstone program. He currently serves as Evangelism Director for UnScene Media Group.



asked to consider becoming a pastor. But in 2015, the Lord brought him back in contact with his friends, Ben Middleton and Ryan St. Hillaire, from UnScene Media Group. They told him about a new school of evangelism, and invited him to be their evangelism director.

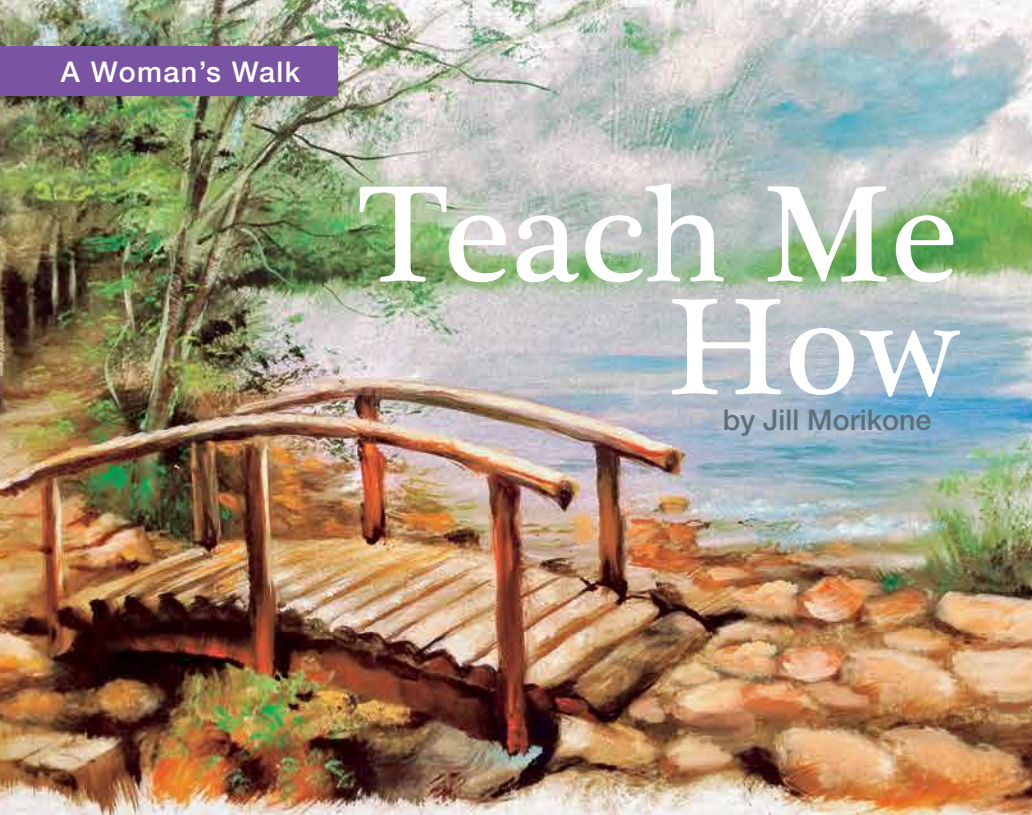
Dee says, “The Institute for Digital Evangelism Arts (IDEA) is a one-year media evangelism training program in partnership with 3ABN that combines evangelism with media training in an internship-learning experience.

“As I look back, I realize how everything God brought me through—my non-profit work, teaching, preaching, and Bible work—was God’s preparation for what I do today. When I get up to preach, I ask Jesus to get me out of the way. And when I’m done, I am humbled, because I know I don’t have any claim to this.” ☺

Teach Me How

by Jill Morikone

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I hung up the phone and turned to the pile of letters on my desk. They seemed to pour in with no end in sight. After the third or fourth letter, a smaller one caught my eye. Feminine handwriting. Cursive. “Mrs. Jill Morikone” written plainly on the envelope. I tore it open with some expectation. Maybe it was a note of encouragement, or a card.



Jill Morikone is the administrative assistant to 3ABN's president, a columnist for the *Adventist Review*, and involved in teaching Sabbath School and women's ministries. She's married to 3ABN production manager, Greg Morikone.

I began to read. It was definitely from a woman, someone I had met a couple of times previously (I'll call her Susie). She was older, and, from all appearances, a genuine Christian. I began to read—page after page of how I had not done the best job in a certain situation and specific things I should do to improve. *Ouch!* Some of her assessment was true, but some didn't seem so accurate to me.

Why do people feel the need to address issues in other people's lives?

I put it aside. *No need to answer that now*, I thought. Other, more important matters demanded my attention.

Lingering

Weeks passed and I had largely dismissed Susie's letter from my mind, although my heart still harbored a lingering resentment.

One morning, as I had my devotional time, I came to Romans 15:5, “Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus.” I closed my eyes and began to pray. *Lord Jesus, I thank You for enabling me to be likeminded toward my brothers and sisters. Thank You that I can walk in peace with all of them.* My resentment was buried so deeply I didn't even sense it!

However, the next two verses jolted me out of my spiritual complacency: “That you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.”

Instantly, the Holy Spirit spoke to my heart. *Jill, My daughter, since I have received you, don't you think you could receive your sister? You know, the one who wrote you the letter that hurt you?*

Teach Me How

Sometimes it seems like following Jesus is peaceful, and the way is smooth. Yet at other times it seems like He asks me to do what's impossible, what's painful, what's most against my natural heart. *I'm sorry, Lord, I prayed. I want to be able to receive my sister Susie as You would. Teach me how. Please!*

He impressed me to write Susie a letter, thanking her for sharing her wisdom and insight with me. As I wrote, I felt a little of my bitterness slip away. Day after day, as I continued praying to receive her as my sister, I felt God releasing the resentment in my heart. Within six months to a year, Susie had become my friend!

Only God can take a painful relationship and restore it. Only He can blow on the embers of a marriage grown cold. Only He can take pain and turn it into peace.

Choose to give Him access to the painful and bitter places of your heart.

Choose to accept His way of turning resentments into relationships.

Choose to walk the stony path that leads to freedom! ☺





Peanut Butter Fudge

From the kitchen of **Josh Chance**



I've been known to have a bit of a "sweet tooth," so to keep myself from making poor choices, I've taken to making this healthy treat, instead.

This is a simple recipe that's quick and easy to put together, so it's perfect for our busy life. I use freshly ground organic peanut butter without any added oils, preservatives, or sugar. The organic peanuts are a good source of protein, and another great ingredient is the extra virgin coconut oil, which is more immune to oxidation than just about any other oil.

With all the nutritious ingredients in this recipe, this is one treat I can feel good about making for my family. 🌱

Josh Chance



INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup freshly ground organic peanut butter
- ½ cup extra virgin coconut oil
- 2 Tbsp coconut butter
- 1 ½ Tbsp honey
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 2 Tbsp coconut milk
- 2 Tbsp organic peanuts, chopped & divided in half
- 2 oz. carob chips or chunks*
- pinch of pink Himalayan salt

*Carob Chunk Recipe:

- Ingredients:** • ½ cup carob powder • ½ cup coconut oil, melted

1. Mix the carob powder and coconut oil until smooth.
2. Pour out into a thin layer (hint: use a Tupperware lid about 8x5 inches).
3. Freeze for about 10-15 minutes or until solid. Break or cut up into desired size chunks.

DIRECTIONS

1. Place coconut oil and butter in small saucepan. Melt over low heat.
2. Mix ingredients until well combined then place into small glass baking dish lined with parchment paper
3. Sprinkle carob chips and remaining peanuts on top.
4. Place in freezer for one hour and fifteen minutes.
5. Transfer to the refrigerator overnight and cut into pieces before serving.
6. Keep remainder refrigerated.



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GOUT

Not Just the Disease of Kings Anymore



by Dr. James Marcum

Gout is a disease that, in years past, has been associated with kings. When a patient of mine with a red, swollen, and painful big toe explained he was not of royalty, I had to expand the list. Gout is a problem with too much uric acid. Uric acid builds up in the body and the crystals can precipitate into the joints, tendons, and tissues. The metatarsal-phalangeal joint, big toe, seems to be the most common. An important condition that must be also considered would be septic arthritis.



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Gout has been estimated to inflict up to 8 million a year. The pain usually begins in the night and may start spontaneously. The pain is devastating and often keeps the victim from ambulating easily and may last up to a week. The acute phase

is usually treated with medications including non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications, steroids, colchicine, and a newer medication, pegloticase. Gout can also lead to kidney stones and deposits in various parts of the body called tophi.

Ingesting too many purines and too much fructose tend to be triggers. Purines are found in meats and seafoods. The average person now ingests around 100 pounds of sugar a year. Just going plant-based and cutting back on processed sugar may be all that is needed to prevent another attack of gout. There are other precipitants including alcohol,



dehydration, trauma, surgery, rapid cell destruction, and even cool weather. Sometimes the kidneys are not able to excrete urate made by the body.

Certain medications can predispose to a gout attack and include diuretics, niacin, tacrolimus, cyclosporine, and even aspirin. As your physician evaluates, they will mention the association with obesity and sleep apnea. In sleep apnea, cells starved of oxygen release purines from the cells. They will also mention genetics. The genes SCL2A9, SLC22A12 have been associated with gout. Mutations of the SC genes effect the absorption of uric acid.

Recent plant research has shown that red cherries, 16 a day, may help with inflammation as well as uric acid production. I hope you never have gout but this condition is associated with many other medical problems.

If you have a gout attack, medications might be needed for a few days. Then, find out the reason for the gout—diet, alcohol, extra weight, or medications might be the etiology. If you can find the reason why, hopefully you can prevent another spell. If bad genetics are the culprit, allopurinol might help.

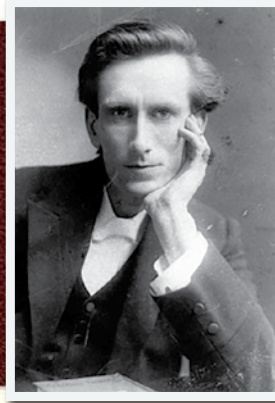
I think back to the time of Daniel and the food the earthly kings ate. Daniel wanted that which was sown. I think this is a good idea. Let's stay away from the disease of earthly kings. Hopefully it won't be long till we are eating from the Tree of Life. ☺

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THE STICKING POINT

by Bobby Davis



“LOYALTY TO JESUS IS THE THING THAT WE ‘STICK AT’ TODAY. WE WILL BE LOYAL TO WORK, TO SERVICE, TO ANYTHING, BUT DO NOT ASK US TO BE LOYAL TO JESUS CHRIST.”
OSWALD CHAMBERS

I’ve long enjoyed reading daily devotional books, perhaps because of the wonderful memories of my father reading one to our family every morning after breakfast. One book in particular has become a favorite because it challenges my ideas about God.

It’s a small book that’s read and loved by many, though the author has long since fallen asleep in Jesus. Perhaps because of the richness of the language, I prefer the “classic” version of Oswald Chamber’s book, *My Utmost for His Highest*.

A TEST OF LOYALTY

One dog-eared page stands out to me: the December 18 entry called, “The Test of Loyalty.” In fairness to Mr. Chambers, I urge you to read it for yourself online, since it packs a punch I could never duplicate without quoting its entirety.

He begins by stating that we take great liberties with our circumstances, and don’t really believe God engineers them—although we say we do. When trials come our way, we often miss the fact that He has ordained them, blaming something or somebody instead, and missing God’s lesson for us. “The test of loyalty always comes just there,” he writes. “If we learn to worship God in the trying circumstances, He will alter them in two seconds when He chooses.”

As Chambers points out, “Loyalty to Jesus is the thing that we ‘stick at’ today. We will be loyal to work, to service, to anything, but do not ask us to be loyal to Jesus Christ.”

As I read those words, I was stunned. *Am I loyal to Jesus in all circumstances?*

I’ve wondered about that many other times, too, and the inescapable conclusion I’ve come to is that no matter where I am in my walk with the Lord, there’s always something I’m hanging on to, something I’m just not willing to give up—yet.

I’m pretty sure I’m not alone in this. No matter how much we pray or ask God to remove our character defects, some of them just stick around. We justify, rationalize, and excuse our behavior or attitudes. And we suffer. Sometimes we accuse others of *the very thing we’re guilty of!*

SOMETHING WRONG

There is only One who can free me from my shortcomings. But I’ve often prayed about some problem at length, only to fail again and again.

What am I doing wrong, Lord?

Finally, one day I heard a friend say, “If I ask God to remove a character defect and it doesn’t go away, there’s either

something wrong with my prayer, or something’s wrong with my *willingness*.”

Oh, but there’s more. Chambers concludes with this thought: “The idea is not that we do work for God, but that we are so loyal to Him that He can do His work through us—‘I reckon on you for extreme service, with no complaining on your part and no explanation on Mine.’”

Extreme service. No complaining. No questions. No explanation. *Oh Lord, please give me the willingness to surrender!*

A STICKING POINT

We all have a sticking point. An honest search of our hearts will always reveal *something* that opposes the grace of God in our lives. Although it may seem a trifle, hanging onto it will make us increasingly miserable; and if we don’t change, we risk losing our eternal life.

What’s your sticking point? Have you spent enough quiet time with the Lord to let Him bring it to your attention?

If you haven’t, maybe it’s time to do so. ☺



Elaine's Challenge

by J.D. Quinn

Hearing a quick series of siren blasts, Elaine glanced into her rearview mirror. Blinking red and blue lights created an immediate panic in her mind—*No, please, not me!* She pulled over, and the police car followed. Elaine's heart sunk as she considered the possible loss of her freedom. At 88 years old, she had only two

asked, "Officer, what is the problem?" "Ma'am, you just made an illegal turn—you didn't use a turn signal." The officer quickly checked her documents, and gently inquired if she might be somewhat confused. Elaine assured her that other than being rattled over the incident, she was quite fine.

Her shaking hands nervously fumbled through her purse, and time seemed to stand still.

more years on her currently issued driver's license. Two more cherished years of freedom and independence. What if...?



J.D. Quinn, is 3ABN's Pastoral Ministries Department Manager. His love of God's Word and background in counseling and administration fuel his passion to help others.

A female officer approached her car, asking to see her driver's license and registration. Her shaking hands nervously fumbled through her purse, and time seemed to stand still. Her voice crackled as she

Relief swept over her as the officer merely issued a warning ticket, but it was short lived. Within a few days, a certified letter from the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) arrived. It matter-of-factly stated her license would be revoked in two months. *Two months?* Her mind raced. She lived in California, and her children lived on the East Coast. How would she do her errands? Her freedom and independence were hanging in the balance. Reading further, she noticed she could make an appointment to contest their decision.

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Crushing fear motivated her to call the 3ABN pastoral prayer line immediately. She believed in the power of prayer, but this situation seemed to demand faith that was beyond her reach. By the leading of the Holy Spirit, I shared scriptures to increase her courage and total reliance upon God. Elaine hung up and called the DMV to request a committee hear-

promised peace because her eyes were not focused on Him, and she wasn't placing her complete trust in Him (Isaiah 26:3).

With God's assistance, she ran the marathon ahead of her. Elaine met with the DMV committee, who laid out a number of requirements. She had to take, and retake, a driving test. She was

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ing. Excited when they granted her this second chance, she called me again to give God the glory for this opportunity.

However, her courage dwindled during the night. She tossed and turned, plagued by negative thoughts. *I'm too old, I'm too inexperienced as a driver, I don't react as fast as I should anymore.*

When Elaine called me the next morning to tell of her fearful and exhausting night, the Holy Spirit prompted me to share a quote that has often encouraged me: "We need to trust in Jesus daily, hourly. He has promised that as our day is, our strength shall be. By His grace we may bear all the burdens of the present and perform its duties. But many are weighed down by the anticipation of future troubles. They are constantly seeking to bring tomorrow's burdens into today. Thus a large share of all their trials are imaginary. For these, Jesus has made no provision. He promises grace only for the day."¹

The silence on the other end of the phone was finally interrupted by soft crying. Elaine realized she had lost God's

required to visit an optometrist, and then an ophthalmologist. Trusting in God to maintain her independence and freedom for a couple of more years, she finally heard these words, "Ma'am, you passed, and we will reinstate your driver's license."

When you're 88 years old, this is a victory that represents freedom and quality of life. God gave her the victory, and increased her courage, faith, and determination. Today, Elaine is strengthened and better equipped to meet the next challenge life throws at her. Thank you, Lord! ☺



(L to R): Judy Beasley, Elaine Barnes, and Lois Carpenter are prayer partners at the Lodi English Oaks Adventist Church.

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¹ Ellen G. White, *Testimonies to the Church*, Vol. 5, p. 200.

God Is Our Fortress and Strength

by Dr. R. Dean Davis

Communication in the Hebrew language to the ancients is both rich and varied. Using their five senses of sight, hearing, touch, smell, and taste, they come to know and understand something by personal experience, rather than by rational thought. Through hearing they understand words, thoughts, and symbols. Through sight they experience reality, beauty, and form. Imagery of things they've experienced or understood in the past is used to understand similar new things or experiences they encounter in the present.

The Camp

In Numbers 2, the Israelites are portrayed as a military camp, where each tribe is numbered and encamped separately around the tabernacle by its own banner or flag. Judah is camped on the east side. They are the chief tribe, along with the tribes

of Issachar and Zebulun. On the south side is the chief tribe of Reuben, along with Simeon and Gad. The chief tribe of Ephraim is camped on the west side, along with Manasseh and Benjamin. On the north side, Dan is the chief tribe, along with Asher and Naphtali. This geometric pattern is also likely repeated on the breastplate of the High Priest.

The Thirteenth Tribe

You will notice that this chapter lists thirteen tribes, even though Joseph and Levi are not listed as part of the twelve tribes that make up the army. This is because Jacob adopted Joseph's two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, essentially giving their father a double portion of the inheritance. The thirteenth tribe of Levi serves as spiritual officers and guardians of the tabernacle, and is encamped between the twelve tribes and the sanctuary.

Numbers 3 and 4 list those who are to care for the sanctuary and minister within it. God declares the tribe of Levi as His firstborn, therefore making it spiritually responsible for the people. The

three sons of Levi and their descendants have different sanctuary responsibilities: Gerson camps on the west side and cares for its coverings; Kohath camps on the south side and cares for its furniture; and Merari camps on the north side and cares for its frame and structure.

The sons of Aaron are to minister within the tabernacle. They camp at the front, on the east side, and their work symbolizes the ministration of the coming Messiah. They must be 30 years of age in order to officiate, just as the Redeemer would, in the future.

Protection All Around

The organization of the tribes of Israel as a military encampment with the tabernacle in the center, geometrically portrays the whole camp as a military fortress, with the Lord's house/palace at

The Lord protects them from the inside, and they... protect Him from the outside.

the center. Its form is a perfect square, indicating there is no weak side for attack. The Lord protects them from the inside, and they in turn, have the responsibility to protect Him from the outside. The fact that He is always in the center of their camp demonstrates God's great love for them, and His desire to be the center of their lives.

The geometric form of the encampment indicates that the Lord is the spiritual fortress and strength for His people, as well. He's ever present, and when the camp moves, He remains always with them. ☉



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