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Dear Partners and Friends,

I'm so excited to be walking into this new year of ministry with you! As many of you know, God has been challenging me to stop limiting Him. I realised I was restricting Him in the way I saw myself and the way I saw this ministry. I know I haven't arrived yet, but praise God I've left!

In this past year, we've seen tremendous growth in all areas of the ministry. I believe it's because of your support and me changing the way I look at things. Proverbs 4:18 says, *"But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."* I believe that as we walk out what God has called us to do – without limiting Him through fear or complacency – the fruit of our lives and ministry will continue to grow and reproduce itself beyond our wildest dreams.

In this magazine, you'll read about a lot of great things God is doing. Be sure to check out the article on *How to Become a Water Walker* as well as the article featuring Barry Bennett, one of our great instructors here at Charis Bible College.

Thank you so much for your generous support of Andrew Wommack Ministries. Jamie and I couldn't do what we do without you. You are a blessing!



Andrew and Jamie



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HEALED WHEN THE DOMINOES OF REVELATION FELL

“My dominant emotion was fear. The disease that was in my body was slowly killing me from the inside out and there was nothing I could do about it.”

Every six months, Teresa Houghteling would have to check bloodwork on each of her organs to see if they were still functioning properly. She was suffering from the deadly and incurable Sjögren’s syndrome. After living with the disease for several years, it became a part of her, something she just had to live with. After all, it wasn’t so bad and the medication was helping. Sure, she knew what God’s Word said about healing, but she wasn’t exactly walking with Him at the time. However, that all changed in 2007, when Teresa had an encounter with God. She rededicated herself to Him and began a new journey!

However, things did not go the way she expected.

Teresa’s body did not immediately line up with the transformation that had taken place in her heart. Her physical symptoms worsened. “In 2011, I was diagnosed with lupus, degenerative disk disease in my back, a bulged disk and carpal tunnel in my right arm,” shares Teresa. “The emotion that followed was pure confusion. I just couldn’t grasp that I would get sicker when I was walking so closely with the Lord.” The question of why began dominating many of her thoughts. One day, lying on the doctor’s table, pondering the new diagnosis of lupus, Teresa heard this simple reply to her aching question: “Sin.”





“At the time, I thought it meant I had brought all this on myself through the sinfulness of my past,” admits Teresa. “I thought I deserved it and when you think you deserve something, it makes it very hard to fight against it. The truth was that God had already forgiven me of all my sins, but I hadn’t yet forgiven myself and was taking sickness as a form of punishment. There was no fight in me at that point. I just accepted whatever came at me.”

This fight would not lay dormant in Teresa forever. It wasn’t long before some friends gave her Andrew’s *You’ve Already Got It!* teaching and in 2012, her husband, Patrick, started his first year at Charis Bible College. Teresa enrolled a year later. “We decided to attend because the Father told us to – no doubt about it!”

Spending her days sitting under the Word of God, Teresa began to understand the importance of revelation knowledge and how one’s words are powerless without it. One can’t live on the revelation of others and Teresa saw that she needed a revelation of her own. “God became real to me and His Word became MY word. When I read Scripture, I would put my name in it, as if I heard Him speaking to me personally. My spirit would get stirred and I could actually feel the Word working on the inside of me. I realised that every word in that book was a promise to me and I could stand on it with confidence!

“I remember Andrew making the statement that one of the reasons we don’t get healed is because our physical bodies are more real to us than our spirit man and if we can just get to where we believe what is true in the spiritual more than what is true in the natural, then what’s true in the spiritual will become true in the physical.” For Teresa, this transformation was well on its way, as everything she had been meditating on for the past six months culminated at Healing School, in March of 2014.



Previous page: Teresa at the top of Pikes Peak
Top: Teresa and Patrick with Andrew
Middle and bottom: Teresa during a mission trip to Hyderabad, India, February 2015

“Somebody spoke a word from the stage and immediately, the dominoes of revelation I had received just fell. I got it. I began to speak to the diseases in my body one by one and told them to get out. I began thanking and praising God, knowing it was done. A few minutes later, I heard the Father say to me, ‘You are healed from the top of your head to the tip of your toes and you will walk in divine health.’ I was already convinced that I was healed, but this was a wonderful confirmation!

“On my way home, I heard Him say, ‘So, if you’re healed, doesn’t that include your thyroid gland?’ I had been on medication for my thyroid since 2001 and it had just become a part of me. I didn’t even think about my thyroid when I was commanding stuff out of my body.” Fear tried to creep back in as Teresa thought about what would happen within a few days of stopping her medication. However, Teresa determined not to allow fear to dominate her life again!

She went home and began to pray, asking for confirmation to stop her medication. “He gently brought me to Greg Mohr’s book, *The Healing Door*, where it says that every prayer of faith, every step of obedience and every confession exalting the truth above the facts is another swing of the sword of the Spirit that will eventually cut me completely free

from that sickness and disease. My ‘suddenly’ will come. God told me that this was my ‘suddenly,’ and that was the last day I took my medicine!”

Teresa’s journey brought her to a place of complete health and freedom. However, she will be the first one to tell you that it was not an overnight change. “It was a process for me. I had emotional healing that took place before the physical healing. I meditated on His Word day and night. I studied, I read and I prayed. I became so focused on my relationship with God that I honestly couldn’t say when symptoms began to leave my body. What I could see in the physical had become insignificant in the light of the Word.”

Teresa exemplifies how consistency is key to receiving from God. What you do in the everyday will determine the outcome of your life. “You can’t speak Scripture once or twice and then spend the next week focused on your symptoms, the labs, the doctor’s report, etc. What you focus on is what you’ll walk in.

“I know how I got healed and I got healed by the Word of God. I know that no matter what comes my way, His Word is true and no one will ever be able to take that away from me.” *gt*



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PARTNERSHIP: MORE THAN BRICK AND MORTAR

Until 1994, a Bible college was the last thing on my mind. It's not that I was opposed to a Bible college; it's just that over the years, I had seen religious education kill the power and the joy of the Gospel in the hearts of many.

However, the Lord had imprinted 2 Timothy 2:2 on my heart. In that verse, Paul was writing to Timothy and told him to take the things he had learned and commit them to faithful people who would be able to teach others. This scripture captures the heart of something called *discipleship*. Disciples are students taught by a mentor, who are then able to teach based on a living relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Jesus did not call His followers to make converts; He empowered them to make disciples. In 1993, the Lord showed me a ground breaking way to fulfil 2 Timothy 2:2 through a Bible college that would do more than just impart knowledge – it would make disciples of the Lord. This college would prepare men and women for ministry with a unique blend of the teaching of God's Word and practical, "on the job" training.

It is said that you can count the number of seeds in an apple, but you can never count the number of apples in a seed. Each graduating disciple

of Charis Bible College is a seed of unlimited potential, directed by the Holy Spirit and carrying the power of the nearly too good to be-true Gospel of God's love and grace.

If you have helped with this in the past or plan to help in the future, I believe it is important that you know how I feel and think about this huge project. First, I know that God has led me to build a new facility, but for me, it is not about brick and mortar. My focus is on fulfilling 2 Timothy 2:2, which says, *"And the things that thou has heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."*

Second, I want you to know that I will not place this ministry at risk by going into debt, nor will I compromise my integrity or my ministry focus to raise money. The Lord has made it clear that I am to build debt free and that He called me to teach the Gospel truth first. I will not waver from that calling. However, He has also put a vision in my heart for this facility, but because it's His idea, He is responsible for providing the resources.

I am also not concerned about my legacy or building an institution where I will be remembered long after I have left this earth. My heart's desire is to teach the message of God's unconditional love



and grace to as many faithful men and women as possible. The Lord has shown me that the best way to do that is through Charis Bible College.

The *Gospel Truth* program is affecting millions of people around the world. For many, it may be their only exposure to this message, but long term, it's the people we train who will take the message to the world. What they need to learn to be able to communicate this message effectively cannot be taught through a daily thirty minute television programme.

At Charis, students are immersed in the Word of God for four hours a day and they are being taught by some of the best Bible teachers in the world. In fact, one of the things that really blesses me is when I learn that a student's favourite teacher isn't me. God has used me to launch this college, but I am far from the only voice that students hear at Charis. God has brought together a tremendous team of experienced ministers and teachers to impart the truth of the Gospel into their lives.

Charis is experiencing rapid growth every year and all indications are that this will continue exponentially. The necessity to plan for more space to facilitate an ever-growing student body

became obvious to me almost as quickly as we completed our current building.

I think you can see that this is about more than brick and mortar, yet we must build to receive the students the Lord is sending us. So, I ask you, please prayerfully consider what the Lord would have you do to help make this campus a reality.

One of the best ways to help is to become a partner. These are people who recognize that the message of God's love and grace has the power to change a life, and that one changed life is like a seed that will produce fruit in the lives of others for years to come. They have committed to give a monthly pledge of any amount To become a partner with Jamie and me, go to our website: www.awme.net, click on "Partnerships," or call our Helpline: +44(0)1922 473300.

I plan to spend the rest of my life fulfilling 2 Timothy 2:2, and I need your help to do that. Will you join me? – Andrew Wommack 

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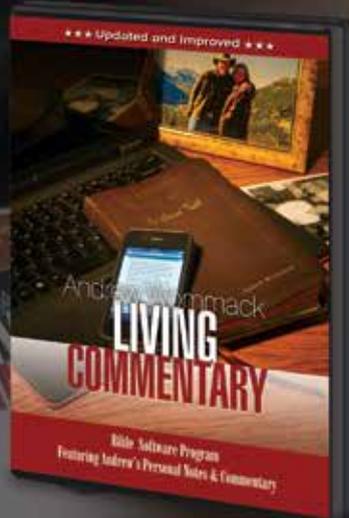
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A NEW WAY TO GOD

The Lord can't dwell among us unless there is a consecrated place for Him. In the Old Testament, this was a tabernacle and later the temple.

Each part was prescribed by God to Moses so that He could have relationship. For example, let's look at the veil:

And thou shalt make a veil of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen of cunning work: with cherubims shall it be made.

Exodus 26:31

When Jesus died, the veil was rent in two from the top to the bottom:

And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst.

Luke 23:45

This veil reached from the ceiling to the floor and from wall to wall. It was somewhere between sixty and ninety feet high. The fact that it was rent from top to bottom (Matt. 27:51 and Mark 15:38) is significant. No person could have torn it in this fashion. It was definitely God who rent the veil.

Hebrews 9:1-9 tells us that the veil separated the holy of holies, where God dwelt, from the rest of the temple, where the people dwelt. This signified that man was separated from God by sin (Is. 59:1-2). But the moment Christ died, this veil was torn in two, revealing that the sacrifice had been made and that there was no longer any separation between God and man. Jesus tore the veil – representing His flesh (Heb. 10:20) – in two and opened up a new way to God through Himself.

Think about this: The old system was torn in half and a new way was created. This new way is living, as contrasted with the old way of the Law, which was death (2 Cor. 3:6-10). What effect did the tearing of the veil have on the priests? This wasn't humanly possible and it clearly coincided with Jesus' death. The symbolism could not have been missed by the priests, yet there is no record of any of the priests turning to the Lord. Those still trying to relate to God based on their compliance to the Law will experience death, while those who approach the Lord through this new living way will experience the abundant life only faith in Jesus can bring (John 10:10).

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YOUR FAMILY'S NEXT GREAT ADVENTURE

This summer, make plans to take a memorable family vacation in the beautiful Rocky Mountains and attend Andrew and Jamie's *Summer Family Bible Conference*. You and your family will find this event to be a breath of fresh air as you unwind in the peaceful surroundings and soak in the revelation of God's love for you. Individuals from all over the United States and many other nations – including Poland, Uganda, Norway, England, Australia, China, Belize, Ireland, and South Africa – look forward to this week-long conference each year.

In addition to Andrew's latest messages, the adult services will include teaching from Charis Bible College instructors Barry Bennett, Arthur Meintjes, Wendell Parr, Stephen Bransford, Gary Luecke, and Greg Mohr. On top of that, vibrant praise and worship will lift and encourage all who attend. As Andrew likes to say, "God will call you to something beyond yourself that will make you depend upon Him." This week of Spirit-led teaching and worship will, without a doubt, stir up the hope of your calling.

Of course, the adults aren't the only ones who will be blessed.

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When students first come to Charis Bible College, they might think that Andrew Wommack will be their favourite instructor. However, much to Andrew's delight, many students soon find that they like other instructors as much or more than they do Andrew!

One of Charis' most popular instructors is their dean of students, Barry Bennett. Sitting across from Barry in his office is reminiscent of being sent to the head master's office, but Barry views his role very differently: "I want people to see what an ordinary guy [in Christ] can become." However, Barry does admit that being dean of students requires a formality at school that shapes the students' perception of him. For example, he tells a story about a first year student who was going door to door to get roofing customers and unsuspectingly knocked on his door. When he answered the door in Crocs™ and jeans, holding his dog, she almost fell off his porch, saying, "You're Barry Bennett!" to which he replied, "Well, yes, I am."

As an instructor, Barry's popularity in the classroom stems from the fresh revelation that students receive

BARRY BENNETT



MEET THE INSTRUCTOR

due to the depth of his biblical knowledge. When asked what he feels most passionate about teaching, Barry says, "I teach what I live and what works. I've seen that when the Word is believed and applied, it will transform lives and that's what I like to share."

When he arrived at Charis, Barry was not new to biblical education. After graduating from Christ for the Nations Institute in Dallas, Texas, he and his wife, Betty Kay, spent time teaching pastors and missionaries in Mexico, Guatemala, and finally in Chile. They were in Chile for almost twelve years before returning to Carrollton, Texas, in 2001. There, he directed and taught at Instituto Avance, a Bible institute for Spanish speakers. In 2006, the Bennett family received their next calling, to Colorado Springs and Andrew Wommack Ministries.

While walking past the first-year classroom, Barry heard the Holy Spirit say that he would someday teach at Charis. He began working in the AWM Phone Centre in 2007 as a prayer minister and soon moved over to email correspondence, answering doctrinal questions from individuals worldwide in response to Andrew's television and radio broadcasts. Barry realised that people everywhere had the same basic questions about God and that resulted in his book *Did God Do This to Me?* as well as the development of his second year course *Answers to Important Questions*.

Although Barry has been the dean of students since 2011, teaching has remained his greatest motivational gift. Incoming first-year students have Barry for Introduction to the Bible, Discipleship Evangelism (originally developed by Andrew and former Charis instructor Don Krow), The Ministry of Jesus I & II and Galatians. For second year students, Barry teaches Healing, Laws of the Kingdom, Acts and Answers to Important Questions I & II. Finally, in the third-year curriculum, he teaches Leadership, Missions and How to Teach.

In addition to teaching, Barry is an avid writer. He describes writing as a personal challenge, saying, "Writing is just another expression of what God is showing me and it keeps me in the Word." Last Thanksgiving, Barry began a new book on revelation knowledge, which is the key to all that he teaches. Whether a student encounters Barry Bennett as dean, Charis instructor, or writer, it's clear that his heartfelt desire is to see the body of Christ walking in the truth of God's Word, living by the promises of God, and being modern day examples of Christ. [gt](#)

Children's Ministry in Concepción, Chile



Barry and His Family at Ministry in Poor Community Event







HOW TO BECOME A WATER WALKER

There are reasons that some people see miracles and others don't. It's not fate or luck. It's not like lightning, where you never know when it will strike. God doesn't pick and choose; there are principles you have to follow to see His power manifest. If you don't understand that, that's one of the reasons you're having problems, but you too, can see the miraculous power of God.

The instance where Peter walked on the water perfectly illustrates many of the truths that are essential to walking in the miraculous. This is recorded in Matthew 14:22-29.

And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away. [23] And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone. [24] But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary. [25] And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. [26] And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. [27] But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. [28] And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. [29] And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

Notice in verse 22 that the Lord had to constrain His disciples to get into the ship. The word "constrained" means to compel or urge. In other words, this is saying that there was resistance on the disciples' part to do what Jesus said, but, to their credit they went submitted themselves to

Him. They were doing exactly what Jesus told them to do. That's one of the essentials to receiving a miracle from God, yet look what verse 24 says:

*But the ship was now in the midst of the sea,
tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.*

Some people have the mistaken belief that if they are really following God, then everything should be smooth sailing. That's how a lot of people discern whether they are in the will of God. They look at their circumstances, and if everything is just perfect, then it must be God. Thinking you have missed God just because you have a problem is absolutely incorrect. This instance proves that. They were doing exactly what the Lord told them to do.

It is true that some storms are of our own making. Jonah proved that (Jonah 1-3). Jonah ran from God, encountered a storm while on a ship, was thrown overboard and wound up in the belly of a fish. The disciples were in the very centre of God's will when this storm hit in Matthew 14. I'm saying all this to point out that you can't look at circumstances to tell you whether you are in God's will. You need a word from God. You need an inner witness from the Holy Ghost that what you're doing is what God told you to do. If you don't have that, it will hinder you from seeing His power manifest in your life. When problems come, you'll feel condemned and think, *I brought this on myself; I deserve it.* You need to know, first of all, that you are doing what God told you to do.

Most of these disciples were fishermen on that very lake. I personally believe that the reason Jesus had to constrain them to get into the boat was because they knew that the conditions were ripe for a storm, and they didn't want to be out on the water. Had they been thinking about the fact that Jesus had just fed 5,000 people, not including women and children (Matt. 14:15-21), they would have expected a miracle, because they were only out there at Jesus' direction. It wasn't their wisdom. They never would have done this if it were up to them, but in





the centre of God's will is where you can hope to see the miraculous!

You see, Jesus was aware of their situation and He was responsible for them being there. You might be in a situation right now where you are facing absolute disaster financially, physically, emotionally or in your relationships. Maybe nothing seems to be working. If you are there because of your own rebellion and disobedience to God, then you need to do what Jonah did in the belly of the fish – repent (Jon. 2:1-9). You need to say from your heart, "God, forgive me. I know I've been in rebellion toward You, but right now I make a change to follow You again." Get out of rebellion and get to where you're submitting to God. He loves you and wants to set you free.

So, are you a Peter or a Jonah? If you are in the midst of a storm and you know that you are there because you've been following God, then you need to recognise that the Lord is responsible for you. Where He guides, He also provides. That's just a principle of God. Just as Jesus was aware of these disciples' plight, He is aware of your situation.

God is in the midst of the storm with you and He's not there just as an observer. He cares for you more than you could possibly imagine. His power is present to set you free. Instead of expecting defeat, instead of meditating on tragedy, you need to expect a miracle from God. You've got to get away from doing everything in the natural and only depending upon God as a last resort. God ought to be your first resort. That's what my series *How to Become a Water Walker* is all about. God has miracles He's wanting to manifest in your life. The story of Peter walking on the water is packed with powerful truths. Walk on top of your problems instead of being overcome by them.

Another powerful truth that is essential for the miraculous is that you have to be willing to get out of the boat before you walk on water. Most of the disciples were clinging to the slim hope that the boat gave them. They were in a raging storm, so it's probable that the boat was filled with water just like another time on that sea (Mark 4:37). It was foolish to step out of the boat onto the water, but that's what God told Peter to do. He had to go beyond his own ability and trust that God would keep him from sinking.

Likewise, many of us are afraid to step away from the world and out on the word that God has given us. We want the miraculous but don't want to leave the relative safety of what everyone else is doing, but just like this boat, the world is in crisis. Without the Lord, it's going to sink. Why are we so afraid to leave the mundane and trust God for a miracle? Peter was willing to risk it all.

As long as you can live without the miraculous power of God, you will, but there should be something in you that is sick and tired of being sick and tired. God made each one of us for greatness, but not greatness by the world's definition; the Lord wants to release His miracle-working power in you. He wants to make your life better than your biggest dream.

If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you? Sadly most Christians don't have any noticeable differences in their lives when compared to an unsaved person. That is not the way it's supposed to be. **GET OUT OF THE BOAT!**

God intended for mankind to live in Him. As Acts 17:28 says, "*In him we live, and move, and have our being.*" He is absolutely supernatural. He is not limited by the things you see and experience here in this physical world. The normal Christian life is for you to be drawing upon God's ability and power. Let me put it this way: If you aren't walking in the supernatural, miraculous power of God, you are living below your privileges, in a substandard life.

That might seem strong, but it's true. If your life isn't supernatural, then it's superficial. I really believe that.

Someone might say, "But Peter began to sink." That's true, but Peter also walked on the water. That's something that no one but Jesus is recorded in Scripture as doing and when Peter began to sink, the Lord was right there to pick him up. He didn't drown and neither will you if you get out of the natural and begin to start walking in the supernatural.

Some of you might think, *Well, I don't need a miracle like this. I don't need to walk on water. What does this have to do with my situation?* Of course, I'm not saying that God wants you to physically walk on water. The significance of this is that here was a situation where it looked like the disciples might be killed and Peter was able to walk on top of what was trying to kill him.

What's trying to kill you? Is it sickness? How about financial problems or marital problems? Maybe it's

just the mundane. Many people are suffering from boredom. Whatever it is, God wants to release His miracle-working power in you and put you on top, but it's up to you. It's His power that performs the miraculous, but Peter didn't see that power in operation until he took a step outside of the boat.

The exact same principles that operated in Peter's life in order for him to walk on the water will work for you too! You need these principles operating in your life to receive the miraculous power of God.

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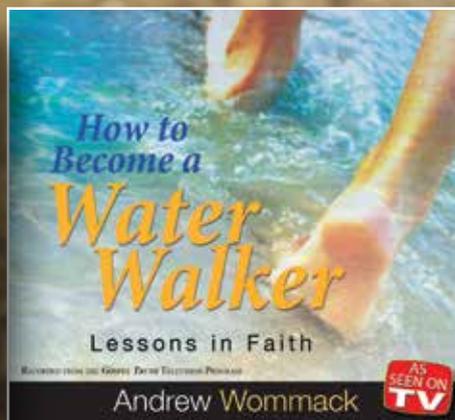
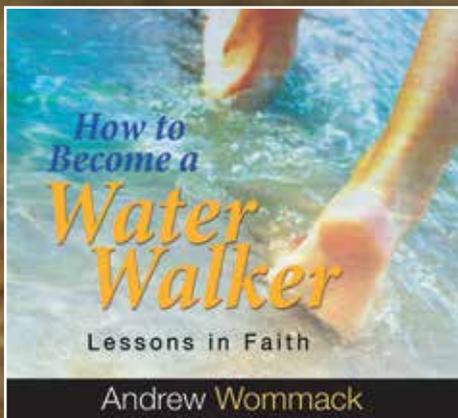
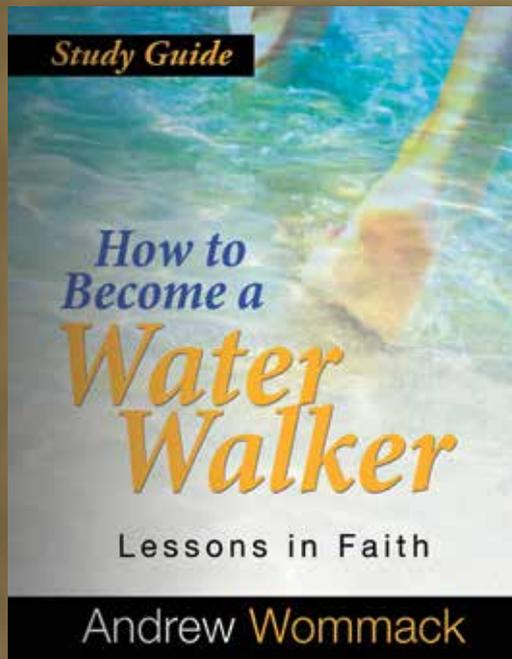
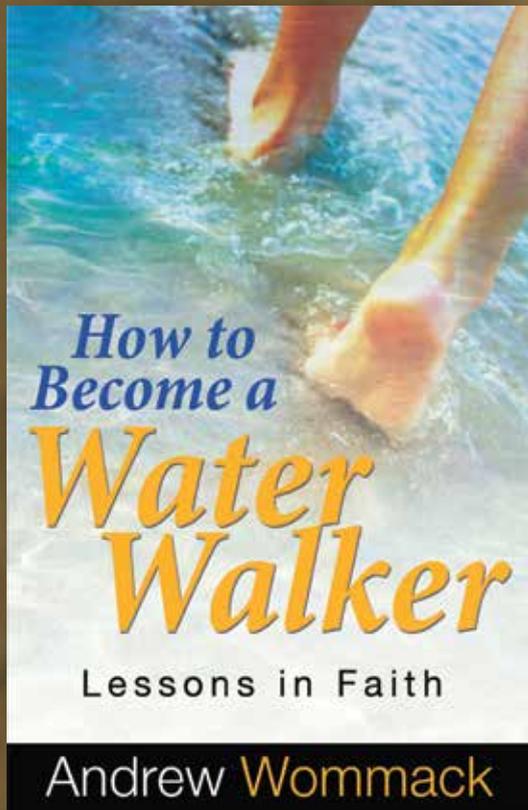
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LAYING A SECURE FOUNDATION IN KARAMOJA

Humans crave security in all areas of life, from finances to relationships to health. In many countries, numerous resources are available to aid individuals in the quest for a comfortable lifestyle. For the Karamojong tribes, located in Uganda's northeast region, however, modern conveniences and comforts do nothing for the insecurity with which they are plagued.

The Feinstein International Centre conducted a study in the Karamoja region to help understand the manifestations and sources of this wide-spread insecurity. The study concluded that a number of factors contribute to the high stress levels in Karamoja. Armed livestock raids along with smaller scale livestock thefts, destruction of property, personal injury, death, sexual assault and revenge attacks were found to cause continuous devastation for families in the region.

In the same study, a group of women from the Matheniko community expressed their thoughts: "In the past, we had days of much sorghum. We had peace. We could move around in this area. We had animals at home. The insecurity, now, is spoiling everything. We could deal with the famine if it weren't for the insecurity."



The challenges the Karamojong people face are very real. They need help and it is God's will for all people to feel secure (Ps. 7:9), but true security doesn't come from outside circumstances; it comes from a relationship with God. That's why Andrew Wommack Ministries didn't start providing humanitarian aid the way most relief organisations do. Andrew developed a different strategy for outreach in Karamoja based on God's way of doing things – from the inside out. The Lord has deposited every spiritual blessing in our born-again spirits. He has promised protection (2 Sam. 22:33), provision (Is. 55:10) and help (Heb. 13:6) and as believers partake of His promises, the physical circumstances begin to change.

Andrew's number one priority in Karamoja is discipleship, in order to give the people a hope that is firm and secure (Heb. 6:19). Making disciples is the heart of AWM and is a gift that keeps on giving. New disciples teach others (2 Tim. 2:2) and the process is very effective. The Word provides a secure foundation.

AWM also contributes aid and supplies to the Karamojong people. As their security increases and people become empowered by the Word, they are prepared to overcome the unpredictability they face. Although the problems may seem big, the Lord is bigger still. God wants to provide true security for the people, and He's using AWM to accomplish His will.

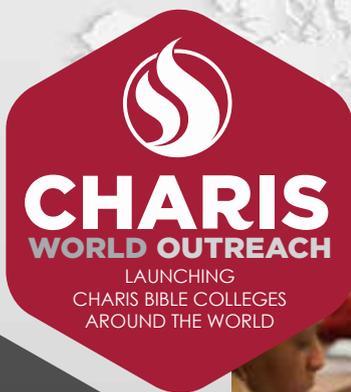
With the help of our partners, AWM is impacting an entire nation and will continue to do so. Many exciting projects are being planned that will expand God's kingdom in the land while providing hope and healing. In Jeremiah, God said, *"I will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security"* (Jer. 33:6b, *New International Version*).

There is still much to do in Karamoja. Each and every one of our projects is targeting a specific need and these projects will help us build a foundation that will produce lasting results.

Psalm 7:9 (NIV) says, "Bring to an end the violence of the wicked and make the righteous secure – you, the righteous God who probes minds and hearts."

Now is the time to bring the violence to an end in Karamoja and make the righteous secure. You can be a part. Will you help us write the next chapter of Karamoja's history?

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I have had to overcome mental problems caused from past sexual abuse, one of them being complex post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). I had nightmares and flashbacks and was living in constant fear. I also had to deal with blackouts caused from psychological and physical reminders. One day I was introduced to someone who works at Charis Bible College Netherlands and who went through what I did. We were both overwhelmed but talked anyway. It was heavy and at first, she told me the same things I heard before – everything is in the Word and I need to forgive, which I did years ago. I got so frustrated. I knew I was close to a breakthrough but wasn't able to reach it yet. We both stood quietly for a minute and then she spoke again. The word was "safety." That was the key. It hit me immediately. She explained that I needed to dive into the Word, look for safety, plant the seed and let God work it out. I cried. That was the key I'd been looking for!

Later that week, I found Psalm 91 and knew that everything I needed was in that chapter. I wrote it down, hung it on a door and meditated on it for two days. Months later, that Charis leader asked me how I was handling the PTSD. I realised I hadn't had a nightmare or any fear related to my past since we last talked. All the symptoms were gone! My therapist, who favours New Age methods, wasn't receptive when I told her what God had done. She made me take a test because she thought I was in denial, but I passed. One month later, she made me do it again, and I passed again. She was flabbergasted and couldn't stop saying how miraculous this was, which allowed me to share my testimony with her, as I am now with you. I am thankful to be healed from PTSD. God is so good!

K. Netherlands

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MESSAGE CHANGES EVERYTHING... AND HERE'S THE FRUIT!



After a divorce, homelessness and a struggle with alcoholism, I got my life back together and went to school. I also attended every one of your conferences in Phoenix. The day before the last conference, I noticed something on my lower backside while driving. I thought it was my belt or my clothes and gave it no further thought. The next day, I realised it was a lump the size of a marble. I took authority over it and asked my daughter to stand with me. It went down at first but then doubled in size. It grew more painful as I sat in your meetings. While my daughter and I were leaving the meeting, you got a word of knowledge about someone with tail-bone issues. My daughter's jaw dropped, and I said, "Did he just say what I thought think he said?" I ran down the aisle where you and another woman prayed for me. Immediately, I believed and received your confession over us. I started doing what I couldn't do before – jumping up and down. That lump did not leave right away, but I can report now that the lump is completely gone. I give thanks for your obedience to Him. Praise God!

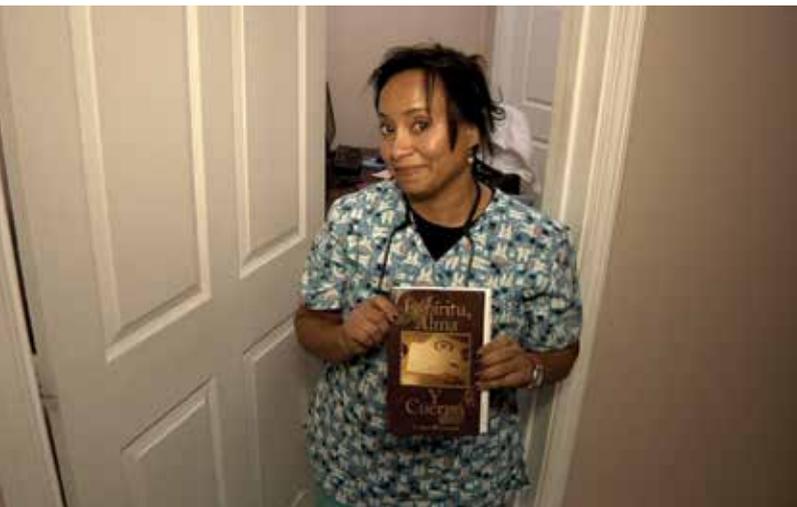
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Psalm 34:8

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IT'S SIMPLE – GOD IS A GOOD GOD!

During the early days of their relationship, finances were tight for Leonardo and Iselsa Jimenez. “We had always been taught that God was the one in control,” remarks Leonardo, “using sickness to teach you and poverty to keep you in line.”

One morning at work, he was listening to a local radio station when Andrew’s *Gospel Truth* program came on. Leonardo leaned in as Andrew taught “God Is a Good God,” and the impression that it left on him would change his life forever.

Iselsa’s previous religious training, had led her to act as Leonardo’s Bible study teacher. However, as Leonardo continued to listen to Andrew’s teachings, he began to gain new revelations and the roles soon reversed. As Iselsa listened to the things Leonardo would share, she would bring her

settled in her heart that what Andrew was teaching was true, the couple began to see changes in their lives – changes that lined up with the Word of God.

While Leonardo worked for the hospital, Iselsa worked as a dental assistant, but this was far from where she imagined herself being. Her education in the Dominican Republic meant that the United States would not recognise her credentials as a certified dentist. The legal system prevented her advancement, so she decided to further her schooling in America.

“The Word says to delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart (Ps. 37:4),” remarks Iselsa. “I had a desire to do greater things. America is supposed to be the land of your dreams and I wasn’t living that dream.” Determined to see

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frustrations before God and ask, “Is this really true? Are You really showing these things to him?”

Iselsa remembers Leonardo sharing, “It’s so simple – God is a good God and the devil is a bad devil. See life from there. Whatever is good is from God and whatever is bad is from the devil.” Once Iselsa

God’s promises in her life, Iselsa scraped her savings together for application fees and postage to apply to schools across the country. One by one, she sent out her applications, each one containing a piece of the hope she held for her future and one by one, she was rejected.

However, as they continued to renew their minds through Andrew's teachings, understanding their true identity as the head and not the tail (Deut. 28:13), they began to see a tremendous change in their lives.

Iselsa came against the previous rejection from the dental schools and chose to reapply. She and her husband prayed together over her applications and blessed her outgoing letters, speaking the promises of God over each one. Eventually, Iselsa was accepted at the University of the Pacific Dugoni School of Dentistry, where she graduated as the class salutatorian.

"It was an eye-opener for us," recalls Leonardo, "finding out that God was not the problem after all. Basically, the devil was taking advantage of our ignorance of the Word of God. The Word says, 'You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free' (John 8:32). Once we began to get knowledge of the Word of God, we were able to possess the promises that God had already made available to us."

Today Leonardo and Iselsa operate their own dental practice called Alpha Dental, in Katy, Texas. The office, managed by Leonardo, is in a beautiful 2,500 square foot space, and they now live in a 3,000 square foot home in a nice neighbourhood. "We have more than enough," remarks Leonardo. "I'm not lacking in anything, and money is not a problem anymore – sincerely."

Both Leonardo and Iselsa credit their success to standing on the Word of God and Andrew's teachings, which helped them to see that God is truly a good God. "When Leonardo told me about Andrew Wommack and what he was learning," says Iselsa, "I started to build my foundation on the Word of God and my life was truly changed. It was not because I was in America and it was not because I was a dentist. When I made the decision to believe God and His Word, that's when I saw my life change." [gt](#)



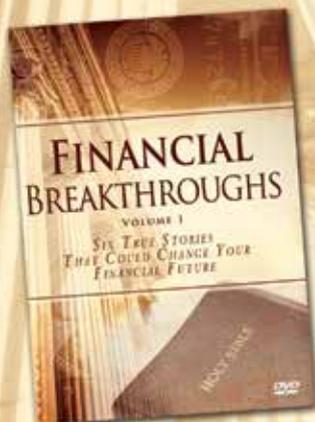
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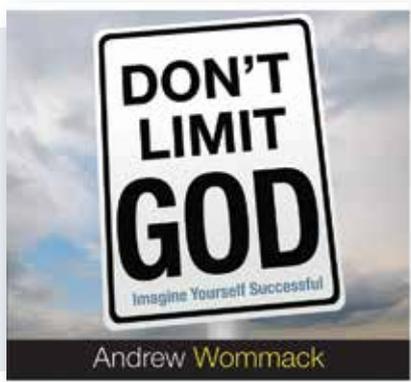


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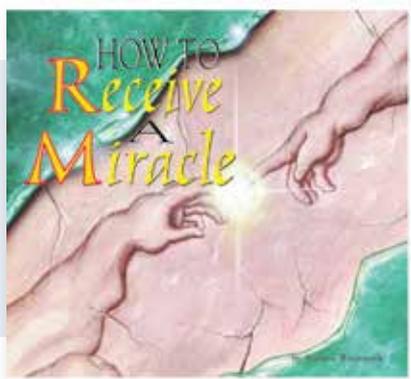
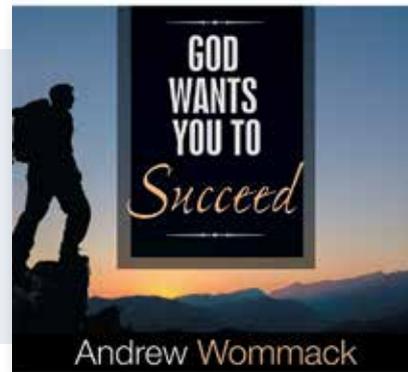
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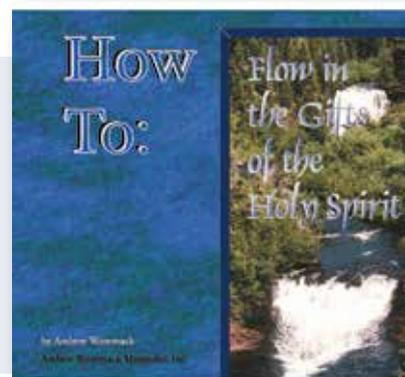
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Recently the Supreme Court ruled in favour of Hobby Lobby and granted them an exemption from the Affordable Care Act's birth control mandate. It's not my purpose to comment directly on that ruling, but I want to point out how the conservative media responded to this.

I heard one of the leading conservative radio talk show hosts downplay the whole thing. He spoke of how it really wasn't a victory for conservatives at all. He said that the insurance companies would just raise their rates to pay for this service and that Hobby Lobby would be paying for contraception anyway through the higher premiums. He also pointed out that Hobby Lobby only won by a 5-4 vote, and he expounded on how narrow a victory this was. He concluded that it shouldn't have been that close and, therefore, wasn't really a victory.

Although all of those things might be true, I thought of how the liberals would have acted had this been defeated in the Supreme Court by a 5-4 vote. I'm certain they would have shouted this from the rooftops as a major victory. They wouldn't have emphasised how close the vote was but would have embraced this as an unqualified success and predicted the whole balance of power in public opinion would shift to their side and therein lies a major problem that I want to point out.

Those opposed to conservatism and the morality that the Bible promotes never focus on their failures, only on their successes and even when they fail, they emphasise how they are gaining momentum and will succeed next time. They are constantly positive about their agenda.

The conservatives, however, are constantly negative. Of course, there are a lot of negative things to focus



THE TEN-SPIES SYNDROME

on, but it seems they never miss a chance to point out how bad things are and predict that we are all doomed. Even when there's a victory like the Hobby Lobby case – regardless of how small the victory might have been – the emphasis is on the negative side of the issue. They don't need the liberals to run them down; they do it to themselves.

This leaves those of us who were praying for a resurgence of freedom and morality disheartened. It leaves us with the impression that even when we win, we are just losing. It makes us think that it's a

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lost cause: *What's the use?* This poisons the attitude of those who are seeking to turn this nation back to God in the same way the ten spies made the hearts of all the Israelites faint (Num. 14:1).

The spies didn't lie about what they saw in the Promised Land; they gave an accurate report and even produced evidence of how good the land was. The thing they did that was wrong was to discourage the people with the information they shared. They just focused on all the negatives and discouraged the people (Num. 13:33). That's what is happening today.

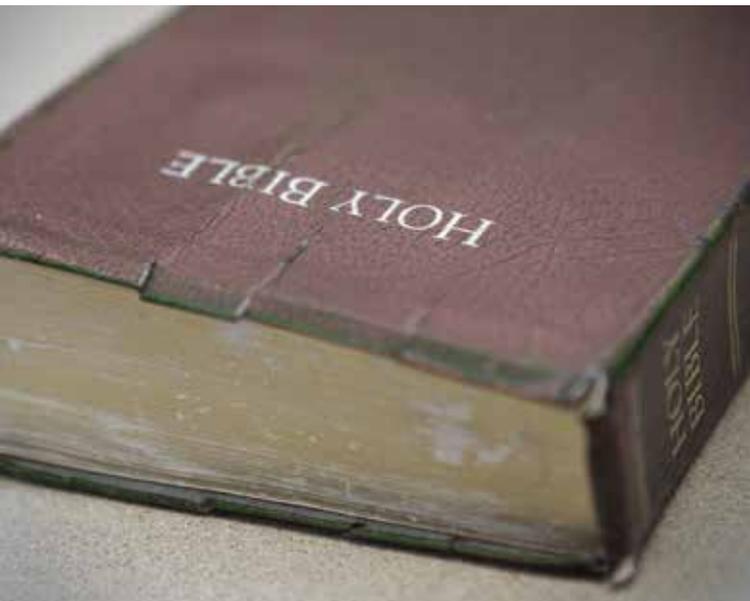
Even churches as a whole take this same approach. Sermons are mostly spent talking about how bad things are and then just giving a token of encouragement at the end to pray and ask God to change things. If we spend the majority of our time focusing on the problem, then the main things we will come away with are disappointment and discouragement.

I'm not suggesting that we bury our heads in the sand and pretend everything is good, but there is a right way and a wrong way to present the problems and challenges we face today.

Joshua and Caleb admitted there were giants in the land. They didn't sugar coat anything, but they also presented the truth that God was with them and the giants would be bread for them (Num. 14:6-9). A giant isn't a giant when compared to God.

Today we certainly face giants, but God is with us in an even greater way than He was with the Israelites of Joshua's day. Sure, we live in challenging times, but the way to win isn't to discourage the troops. We need to be encouraging them.

We must regain the high ground and start operating in faith and optimism, believing that our prayers are being answered (2 Chron. 7:14).



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