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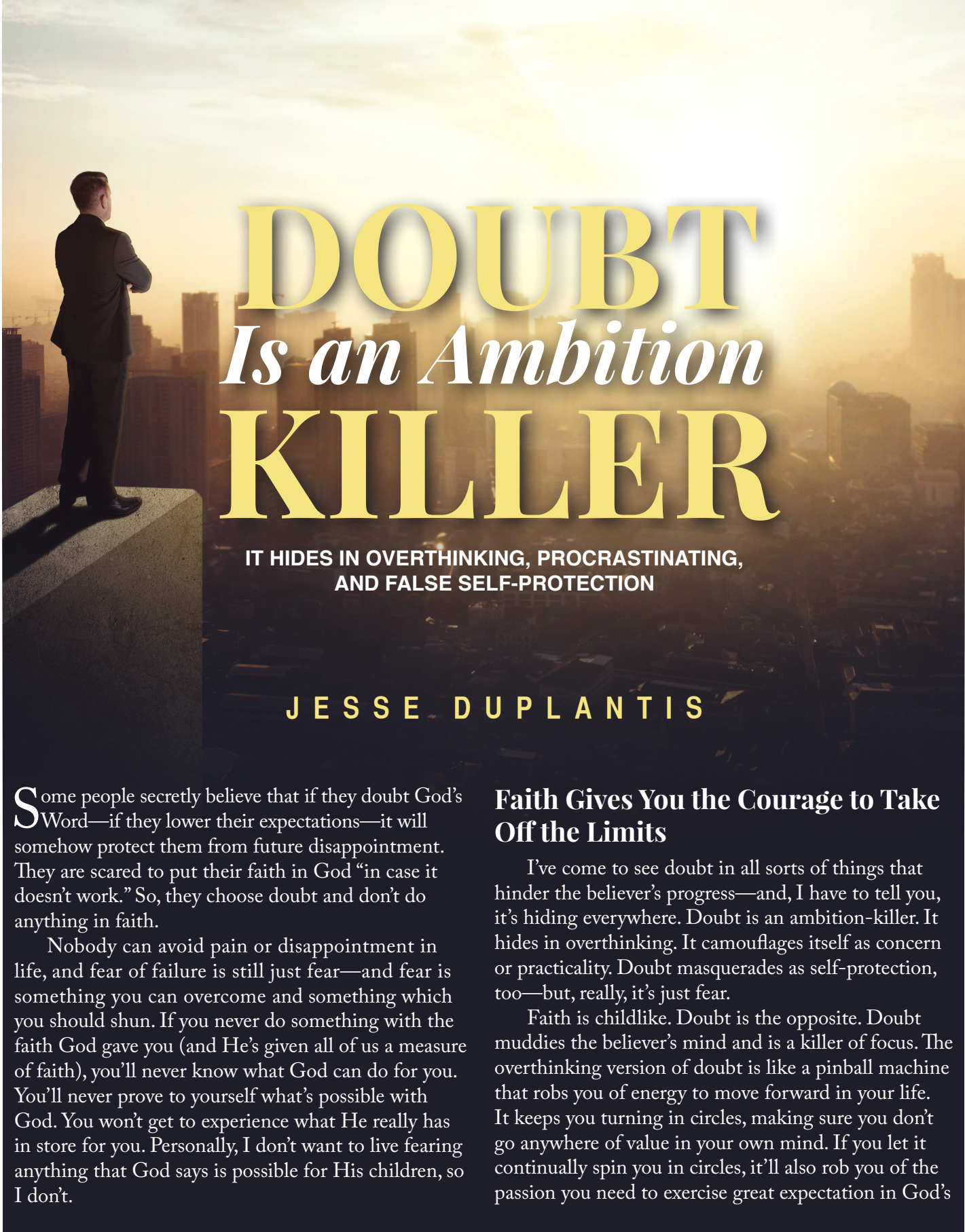
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**DOUBT**  
*Is an Ambition*  
**KILLER**



A man in a dark suit stands with his back to the camera on a concrete ledge, looking out over a city skyline at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow that fills the sky and reflects off the city buildings. The man's arms are crossed, and he appears to be in deep thought or contemplation.

# DOUBT *Is an Ambition* KILLER

IT HIDES IN OVERTHINKING, PROCRASTINATING,  
AND FALSE SELF-PROTECTION

JESSE DUPLANTIS

Some people secretly believe that if they doubt God's Word—if they lower their expectations—it will somehow protect them from future disappointment. They are scared to put their faith in God “in case it doesn't work.” So, they choose doubt and don't do anything in faith.

Nobody can avoid pain or disappointment in life, and fear of failure is still just fear—and fear is something you can overcome and something which you should shun. If you never do something with the faith God gave you (and He's given all of us a measure of faith), you'll never know what God can do for you. You'll never prove to yourself what's possible with God. You won't get to experience what He really has in store for you. Personally, I don't want to live fearing anything that God says is possible for His children, so I don't.

## Faith Gives You the Courage to Take Off the Limits

I've come to see doubt in all sorts of things that hinder the believer's progress—and, I have to tell you, it's hiding everywhere. Doubt is an ambition-killer. It hides in overthinking. It camouflages itself as concern or practicality. Doubt masquerades as self-protection, too—but, really, it's just fear.

Faith is childlike. Doubt is the opposite. Doubt muddies the believer's mind and is a killer of focus. The overthinking version of doubt is like a pinball machine that robs you of energy to move forward in your life. It keeps you turning in circles, making sure you don't go anywhere of value in your own mind. If you let it continually spin you in circles, it'll also rob you of the passion you need to exercise great expectation in God's



Word, and great faith in His plan for your life. It'll steal your future blessings, too, if you let it. Don't let it.

I don't want my faith hindered by fear. I don't want my ambition wiped out by overthinking. And I don't want to sit around doing nothing when God has given me so much to do! This is the life I've been given, and I want to live it well. I can think of no better way than to live in faith and enter Heaven knowing I aimed for God's best in my life—that I did what was set before me. When I cross over to Heaven one day, I want to hear, “Well done, good and faithful servant” and not, “Well . . . what have you done?”

Doubt doesn't get much done. Doubt plays it safe and “tries.” Trying doesn't get much done! Think about it. If you ask somebody to come to an event you're planning and they say, “I'll try,” do you think they are coming? Everybody knows that chances are they aren't coming. The “I'll try” mindset is another one of those things that is just a cover for doubt.

Human nature likes a way out, and doubt gives people that way out. But if you want to do what God has put on your heart, or if you want to have what God has said you can have in His Word—whether it's spiritual, physical, financial, or in your relationships—you will have to have guts. You'll have to choose courage over comfort and push aside the natural mind's desire to overthink God's Word, lower expectations, and hide out in procrastination.

Don't lower your expectations thinking you are protecting yourself. That's a lie; it's a false and imaginary thing. Just see it for what it is: *Fear*. God is with you, He's behind you, and you have what it takes to believe for His best in your life. You really *can* do all things through Christ who gives you strength—and He will give you strength. He'll never leave you or forsake you. You'll never be alone in your faith.

The Holy Spirit will always be with you, nudging you to take the limits off. Be willing to be brave—because bravery is worth it. Anybody can live a boring, faithless, low-expectation life—but God has called you to be braver than that. Always remember that as a believer, you will *do* more and *have* more from God if you first *believe* more. If you believe less, then you'll do and have less, too.

## A Child Has to Be *Taught* to Doubt— We All Start Out with Childlike Faith

A child has to be taught to doubt—because when they are young, they simply believe they “can,” and they get highly upset if you tell them they “can't.” A child

never wants to hear “no.” They want to climb to the top of the slide and go down as fast as they can because they do not fear the ride down. They know that if they fall it might hurt, but they'll get back up—and give the slide another shot, and another shot, and another! They don't quit as easily as some adults do. Why? Because they haven't yet learned to doubt so much.

When we come to God, we are usually older and have had a lifetime of being told what we *can't* do. Sometimes Christians are the worst when it comes to downplaying or flat-out denying God's ability or will to perform His Word—many are just stuck in the habit of trying to protect themselves from some future disappointment.

Others just keep replaying their own past in their mind, just telling themselves it's evidence of what they can't have or can't do in the future. They not only have learned to doubt, but they've become such masters at it that they think it's their responsibility to spread the doubt-disease around!

Old patterns can be broken—and doubt is a pattern that needs to be broken to succeed with God. Faith is the currency of God and it's what He requires if you want to live and do things His way. It's built through hearing the Word of God, and that means that anybody can do it. Deciding to never learn to doubt is joyful because living by childlike faith is a much more hopeful and open way to live. We aren't God's adults, you know. We are God's *children*. Putting our faith in Him is how we were created to live.

Have you ever noticed that children usually don't walk around confused and miserable all the time, unless someone is not treating or training them right? Well, doubt is a bad trainer, and it sure doesn't treat you right! Doubting leads to confusion, and that can end up being debilitating. Believing, on the other hand, has an energy to it that is so much more hopeful—it's freeing and childlike. Believing laughs in the face of what doubt fears, and it is a much easier way to live in my opinion.

## We Are Limited without God and Stifled without Faith

I like hearing the word “can.” “Can't” is just doubt's way of trying to take me for a ride and rob me of my position as God's child—because childlike faith is supposed to be my default position!

I figure, what's the point of telling yourself you “can't”



if God said that with Him, you “can”? Too many believers walk around constantly reinforcing the lie that they “can’t.” If you do this, I have a question for you. Do you think if you *say* “I can’t” long enough that you’ll somehow convince God you are right? God will always believe that with Him, you can—He’s not changing!

What God says about you in His Word is the truth. If you say something different about yourself, then the bottom line is that you aren’t telling the truth—you are just lying to yourself. God says you can do *all* things through Christ Who gives you strength, and childlike faith believes that and then goes out and ends up proving it true.

You see, we are limited without God and stifled without faith. Once we find God and start living the believing life, we have access to God and access to strength we never had before. It’s an inner strength that only He can give—peace that is hard to understand, joy even in trouble, and guidance that no man or woman on this earth, no matter how talented or wise, can provide. We can start living by faith and not just by sight, in His strength and not just our own, and we can use His divine principles in His Word to do things a different way—a believing way.

Childlike faith is so much the opposite of doubt. Doubt feels like we are hammering at our dreams or goals alone, but childlike faith knows we are never alone or forsaken. God is with us. We don’t have to come up with all the strategies. We have a whole Bible full of life-strategies and a power source called the Holy Spirit inside us to comfort and guide us. We can move forward each day with hope instead of fear . . . unless, of course, you choose doubt.

## Doubt Is a Blindfold—It Keeps You from Seeing What’s Possible

A lot of people call themselves a believer, but they don’t believe much of anything that Jesus said. If you listen to them long enough, you’ll be able to tell. A “play it safe” or “zero expectation” mindset isn’t hard to spot. It’s marked by a habit of fixating on problems instead of what God said, and a tendency to dismiss or water down whatever concept of faith Jesus taught. In other words, it holds on to a form of godliness but denies the power of godliness. It’s a bunch of nice sounding words, but underneath those words is doubt in God’s power.

You get what you consistently believe for, and you see what you consistently want to see. It’s always our choice how we view things. I like to see through the eyes of

faith in God because I know that doubt is a blindfold—it doesn’t want you to see what is possible with God.

People have always tried to get me to lower my expectations. I can’t tell you how many times I’ve heard, “Now, don’t get crazy with this thing . . .” But I just believe that if “getting crazy with this thing” means having faith in the principles of God, call me crazy! If it means believing what Jesus said, then, again, call me crazy. I don’t want to be blindfolded by doubt. I know with God that all things are possible.

Many of the people I ministered alongside in my early years, who tried to get me to lower my expectations or called me crazy, are long out of the ministry. Now they come and look at what God has done in my ministry and don’t call me crazy anymore. They sit on my “crazy” every time they put their butts on my “debt-free/owe-no-man-anything-but-to-love-him” pew! Hallelujah! They got the results of their faith, and I got the results of mine. I’m not better than them, and they aren’t better than me, but we *believe* differently.

I came up with a saying in those early years when I’d end up in a discussion with somebody who was trying to debate and convince me to doubt. When they’d try to “reason with me” and get me to water down my faith, I’d remind them of what God already said in His Word. If they pushed and still tried to teach me to doubt, I’d just say, “Well! *Somebody* is lying . . . I pick you!” I still say that joke today because it works!

You see, I don’t care how distinguished or how “good” an argument somebody is making if it’s in opposition to Jesus. If they are going against what Jesus said, well, they can keep their opinion—but I’m not taking it. I don’t want to learn their doubt. I don’t want to be blinded by their unbelief. I want the life God has told me I can have, and I want to live it in childlike faith. So, if someone doesn’t feel the same, that’s fine—we all choose what we want to do. We can agree to disagree and still enjoy each other’s company. But if they want to keep arguing, I can’t do that. I just shake the dust off my feet, so to speak, and keep on walking by faith.

God can handle people, and some, I believe, He will have to train in Heaven! To me, there just is no good in arguing with someone who simply does not want to believe.

## People Always Ask Me, “Brother Jesse, How’d You Get So Confident?”

People ask me all the time, “How’d you get so confident in yourself?” The truth is that what they think



they see is just a side effect of never learning to doubt. You see, I *can't* do any of this on my own. I know it. I'm not that good! So, I'm not confident in myself—but I am very confident in God! I'm confident in *His* ability to use me, teach me, and give me favor wherever I go. I'm *super*-confident in His ability to perform His Word. That is faith. That's all that is!

Think of it like this: When you *know* that the God inside of you is bigger than any challenge, it's easy to look confident. When you know that all things are possible with God, and He called you to do something you *know* you can't do on your own, you just start relying on Him. You have to! If you want to do what He said, you just have to start thinking that with God, you can handle *whatever* challenge comes up. So, you take a step forward. Then, you take another.

One step at a time, you move forward. And you don't spin in your head about it because you know that if you could do it on your own, you would. You can't, so you know "I've gotta trust God in this," and you do. Entertaining doubt just multiplies doubt—it adds to confusion and subtracts results. If you want results, you have to move. You have to take a step forward. You choose to believe that God is with you because even that's the truth. The truth is, *He* can—and because He's *in* you, He can help you more than you could ever do on your own.

## The Dead and the Avoiders Have One Thing in Common: Neither Move

Sometimes doubt hides under procrastination. Avoiding doing something gives some people a false sense of peace. The avoidance becomes a temporary relief of the stress of thinking about actually *doing* something. But let's face it, nobody ever got anywhere by *avoiding* going there!

If you have something God has put on your heart, or something you are believing Him for and you actually want to do it, don't let the stress of overthinking it pile up. Just realize you are avoiding out of doubt and fear. Sometimes just knowing that will help you to see how silly it is to keep avoiding what you actually want to accomplish.

You can't move forward by avoiding. You move forward by taking action. That action may be as simple as praying, it may be confessing the Word, or putting a message on that inspires you. It may be actually taking action in the direction of your dream, or a project, or whatever it is you need to do. Doubt that comes

disguised as procrastination is a form of fear for most—it's usually self-doubt. As believers, we conquer self-doubt by realizing we do everything with God.

Some procrastinate because they are waiting to feel like they "are ready"—but if you already know you can't do it on your own, why wait? God is with you; don't doubt that. Nobody who waits until they "feel like it" usually feels like it. Nobody who waits until everything is perfect and they "feel ready" usually feels ready.

God is ready. He's always ready. His Word says that He's called me to be instant in season and out—that means whatever time it is, in season or not, God has called me to live by faith, give of myself, and move forward in my ministry. Whatever I have to do, He's ready to help me do. Step by step, I know that I know that I *know* He will help me finish my course, if I keep the faith.

You see, living by faith isn't *just* about praying and reading the Word; it's about taking action in your own life according to your faith. To live by faith is to take action. Faith without works is dead, and the dead have one thing in common with avoiders: Neither MOVE.

Well, God has called me to move. I'm alive and breathing, so I might as well take action and enjoy this life and the work God has called me to do. Remember that action itself—whatever it is—will help you to break the habit of overthinking. Even if you are not motivated, you can create momentum one step at a time. Every step in faith you take shows you that you "can" because God is with you. Again, this is plain old faith and confidence in God, and it works. It's called never learning to doubt!

## People Always Ask Me, "Brother Jesse, How'd You Get So Bold?"

People also always ask me, "Brother Jesse, how'd you get so bold? You'll just say anything, and it looks like you don't fear at all." The answer to that is, well, boldness is just a side effect of the Holy Spirit within me. Go and read about the disciples in the Upper Room when the Holy Spirit came down, and you'll see how boldness came into their lives, too.

Those disciples and followers of Jesus were in hiding—they were timid because Jesus had been killed for His beliefs, and they were worried about what might happen to them. They were people like you and me, but many were fearful of the future. They were uncertain about everything because they'd just lost Jesus to the cross



and the grave. And even though He had appeared to them after His death and told them to go to the Upper Room and wait, they were still uncertain about their lives. Where would they go? What would they do next?

What happened to them after the Holy Spirit came down in the Upper Room? Boldness! They went from hiding to being seen everywhere. They went from being quiet about Jesus for fear of persecution to going straight out into the streets of Jerusalem to preach the message of Christ. When the Holy Spirit came down and entered them, fear left and boldness took its place. They were in the streets witnessing, telling the stories of Jesus, and getting people saved.

Boldness gave them the guts to preach—and they began Christianity right there on the streets of Jerusalem. They weren't doing all that on their own. They weren't all naturally bold people. They were in fear for their lives just the day before. No, the Holy Spirit within them had infused them with boldness, and they knew they had to speak the truth. In the face of persecution, ridicule, and knowing talking about Jesus could possibly bring them death, they spoke the truth. They lived with boldness. They had confidence in God.

Now, if the early disciples could do *that*, surely we can stop trying to “protect ourselves” from “being disappointed” if we put our faith out there! Surely we can stop avoiding or procrastinating over what God's put on our heart. I rely on the Holy Spirit every day. I stir up the gift of God every day—that means I fellowship with Him every day. I check in with Him in the morning before I check in with anybody or anything. Why? I need to stir up my gift—for that day, for whatever step I will be taking.

I never learned to doubt. I decided to take a simple approach to doing the things I can't do—and that means just accepting that it's God's job to help me do my job. We're in this together, and that is that. It's this kind of mindset that looks at the day in front of me and says, “God will give the strength I need to be ‘more than a conqueror’ today, to take whatever step I need to take to do His will. I'll overcome whatever may arise and come out better in the end because I have favor and God is with me. If a problem comes, I can change it with my faith, and if I make a mistake, God will correct me and guide me. No devil in hell will stop me. I will accomplish what God has put in front of me today!”

That's what it sounds like in your own head when you choose not to doubt, and I've got to tell you . . . it sounds good to me. Let words like that come out of

your mouth in the morning. Make it a habit and you'll see. It's hard to doubt when the Word is going in and coming out of you every day.

Your confidence in God will grow the more you fill up your mind with the Word. You'll become bolder than you once were, too. You'll see more of what you want happen, and you'll see that courage and faith go hand in hand with manifesting God's promises.

Without the blindfold of doubt, life becomes more of an adventure. The days go by quicker because the energy of faith brings you focus and excitement about what comes next. The more you live by faith, the more memories of goals being met, victories being won, and God-touched experiences start stacking up. You start seeing that your life is about using faith to prove to yourself what's possible for you with God—in whatever area you choose to focus on.

The believer's life should be full of experiences worth remembering. Even the hard things, the experiences you wish hadn't come, can end up being something you look at with pride—as in, “Look how God brought me through this! Look what He did with me in this! What the devil meant for harm, God actually turned around for good—because I always believed He would!” What goes well and what doesn't are experiences worth remembering when you see them through the lens of faith.

The believer's life is not supposed to be boring. It can be peaceful and exhilarating at the same time—because peace of mind comes along with the wonder of childlike faith and the experiences that faith creates. Life is better with wonder! It's a key factor to living for the Lord. He enjoys amazing us if we'll have the faith to believe that He can.

I believe that, over and over, as you cast doubt out of your mind, you're going to see God show up and show out in your life. You're going to see His Word come to pass in ways you never thought of as you live by faith. One day, who knows? You just might look back at a great life of faith and have people ask you what they always ask me: “How'd you get so bold and blessed?” Maybe you'll end up saying some version of what I say, too: “It all started when I decided to never learn to doubt God!” 🌐

This article is an excerpt from Jesse's newest book,  
***I Never Learned To Doubt***



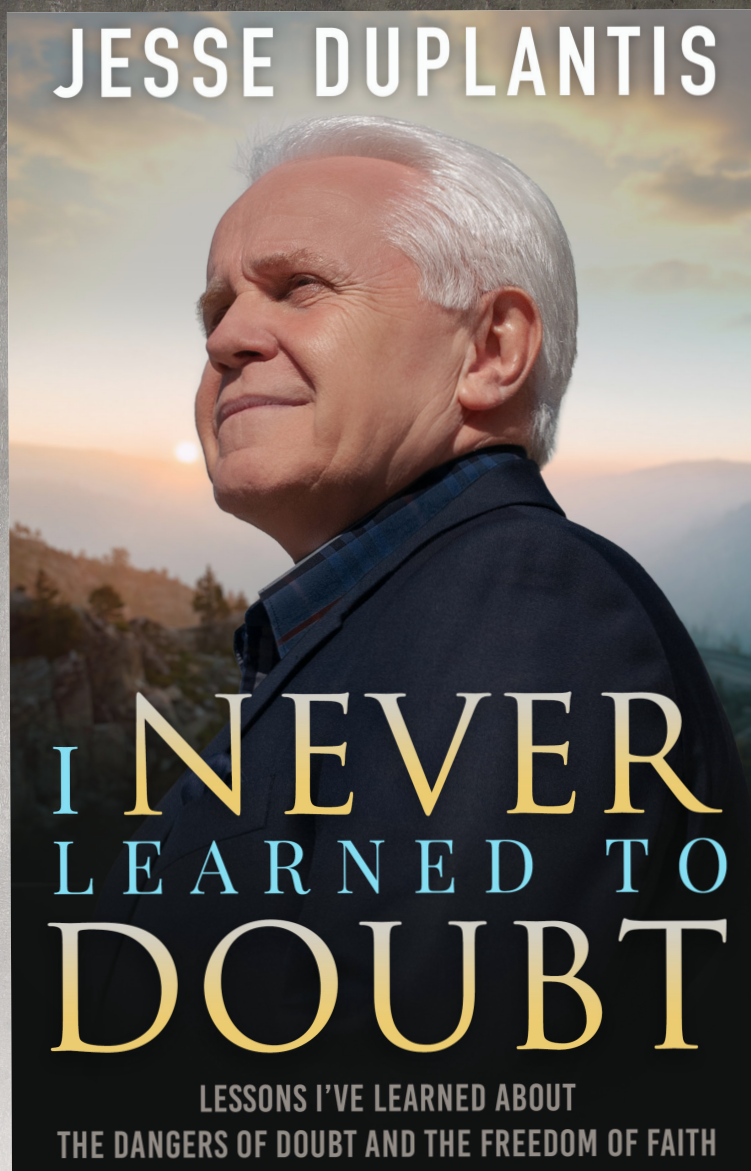
## I Never Learned To Doubt

Doubt is a habit. You aren't born a doubter. You learn to doubt over time, after being hit with the injustices and instability of this world. In this book, Jesse is going to try to help you go back in time... and regain what you lost.



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### VIRGINIA:

I am a college student at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. I am one of God's soldiers and I want to do His work, so then the end can come. Please pray for college campuses and young people's minds in general. I was a sinner too, so I am showing grace to others; but having that prayer of agreement from you would be great! I'm reading your book, *I Never Learned to Doubt*, and oh boy! The Holy Spirit was present in my dorm room, and it touched my boyfriend as well. Please pray in agreement with me that young believers will have the strength like David; that we aren't alone because of God—that it's okay to stand out, to let our testimony reign. Thank you for writing that book. Your realness and your truths have helped me realize a lot. Thank you for helping me come to my Christ Savior; that He will now lead and direct my path, and that I will carefully continue to ponder my feet so He can continue to use me and bless my paths.





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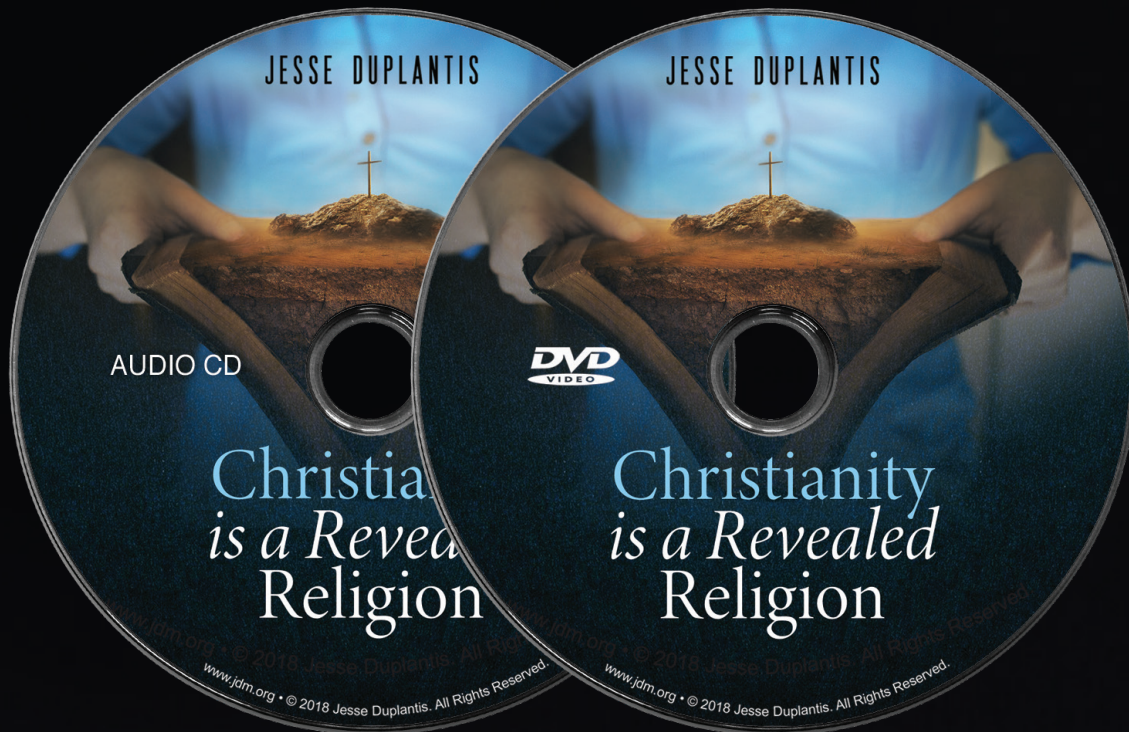
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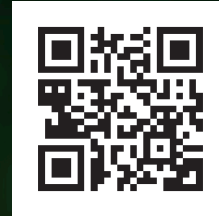
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God is doing so many glorious miracles in the lives of people through JDM! I can never praise Him enough for the wonderful ways that He has touched lives for the past 46 years. Psalm 106:2 (NLT) says, *“Who can list the glorious miracles of the LORD? Who can ever praise Him enough?”* Since 1976, Jesse and I have been joyously bringing the Gospel to the world and seeing results, like the wonderful testimonies featured here in this issue. As you read each one, I pray that you will be encouraged to stand firm in faith for your glorious moment.

**Georgia:** I am a Partner with JDM. Jesse always says the anointing of increase is on him, and I am a testament to that fact. Today, my boss randomly gave me a \$20,000 raise. I know it was the Blessing making me rich without sorrow. I heard the Holy Spirit say, “And I’m just getting started.” Jesse and Cathy, I love you, and I thank you for years of sound doctrine concerning finance.

**Maryland:** It has been approximately 6 months since I heard about your ministry. Towards the end of December 2021, I heard Jesse’s message on “Why Isn’t My Giving Working?” That was when I became a Partner with your ministry. Ever since I heard that message, I started tithing, planting my seeds, gave my firstfruits, and gave alms. I was not sure in the beginning if I could afford it. I told myself that I would at least give it 3 months. But I believed in the word you delivered from God. Wouldn’t you know that in April 2022, my boss came to me and told me to come into his office. He wanted to give me a raise. Now, keep in mind that he gave me an annual 3% raise towards the end of 2021, and now he decided to give me another raise of \$20,900 a year. I knew as soon as he told me this, that this was of God. I have never known a boss to offer me a raise without first requesting it myself. So, thank you for sending me that word. I have the utmost respect, and I look forward to seeing you one day in person and listening to your sermon in person. Needless to say, I will continue on my path of obedience to God.

**Louisiana:** I wanted to tell y’all thank you for praying with us! I have followed your ministry all my life. My mama would take me and my cousins to hear Brother Jesse in different states in the US. In August 2021, we were trying to come up with the rest of the down payment on our first home. The devil fought it, but the Lord prevailed! We messaged your office, and the staff reached out and called us and prayed with us. This helped encourage us, and I believe helped finish the work. We have now been in our new home for 9 months! Thank you, Jesus, and thank you Jesse, Cathy, and the JDM Staff/family for taking time to pray with us and encourage us. We love y’all and are so grateful to have your ministry in our life!

**Instagram:** Glory to Jesus! Many years ago, Brother Jesse was ministering when I experienced the fruit of Joy. I never laughed before that time. Joy became my strength in life! Thank you, Brother Jesse.

**Facebook:** TotalJDM is wonderful! I have learned so much from these teachings. I love the Boardroom Chats, Glorious Moments, and Faith the Facts too.

**Armenia:** When I listen to Jesse preaching, I grow in my soul and receive revelation.

**Email:** I went to my grandparents' house a couple of weeks ago, and my grandma's brother had to go to the hospital because he was dying. I don't know exactly what was wrong with him, but he was a sinner (drinking and drugs) and his family has that problem too. My grandma was believing hard for him and talking to him over the phone, telling him not to die but to hang in there, that God was going to heal him. My grandpa had no hope that he was going to pull through because it looked like he was going to die, and I was uncertain about the outcome myself. I wanted to believe, but I just listened to my grandpa say, "Well, he probably won't make it through this." But when I got home, I got on your channel on YouTube, went to Faith the Facts, and found one of your messages called "Overcome, 'Suppose It Don't Work' Syndrome!" And when I tell you I had a faith boosting, I mean I really had a faith boosting! You said, "That's for somebody out there right now." That was for me! Period. I felt it all through my spirit. I got up and I prayed for my uncle, that in the name of Jesus he will be healed, saved, and filled with the Holy Ghost—him and his whole family. I prayed and believed that what I prayed would come to pass. Then I got so excited and worshipped and praised the Lord for healing and saving him and his whole house, and filling them ALL with the Holy Ghost! When I went back to my grandparents' house again, the first thing I heard from my grandma was, "Hey, did you know God healed your uncle? He even got saved and said that he'll never drink again! He even told the doctor not to give him any morphine, but to give him something light for pain if he needed it—something he wouldn't get addicted to." When you believe the unbelievable, Jesus always comes through! I love you guys. Thank you, Jesus!

**Facebook:** You all are so encouraging. I must confess that I have learned to doubt my doubts and to begin to believe God for the impossible. Thank you for always believing in me. I pray that God will use me to do the same as He has used you guys to encourage us. It is an honor to be part of this ministry because not once have you guys ever doubted us—instead, you believed in us. So, thank you, covenant family, and may you continue to bring glory to His holy name.

**Hawaii:** My 16-year-old son has been so touched by your ministry. Although he isn't old enough to have a regular job yet, he goes door-to-door washing cars to make extra spending money. And every time he gets paid, he makes sure to give me his tithes and seed money to invest in your ministry. Thank you both for the work that you do—it has impacted my family so greatly and in so many countless ways!

**Missouri:** I was first introduced to a video of Jesse in 1997—it was his "Close Encounters of the God Kind." I was captivated by the way Brother Jesse brought his messages to life in me. I realize now that it was the Spirit of God reaching out to me through him. I was around 15 years old then. Life and many poor life-choices led me into addiction of all kinds—drugs, alcohol, and women. But I always tried to follow Brother Jesse. Even in my darkest days, his messages always held sway in my thoughts. Ten years ago, I met my wife and I quit almost every addiction when we had our firstborn son. Alcohol was the thing that I wouldn't let go, which almost destroyed my family, my health, and my sanity, until April 17 of last year. I was drinking that day and blacked out. My wife took over, now 3, kids and left me alone in the middle of the night. I woke up crying, shamed, and hungover. That same day I finally did something I thought I would never do. I researched and found an Inpatient treatment center to help me find my freedom again. April 20, 2021 was my first day sober in over 20 years. I praise God because today I am still sober, living in recovery, and grateful for everything and every second that I have. God has delivered me, and Brother Jesse has always been like a Spiritual Father to me, even though we have never met. Praise God for all He has done and continues to do! I give it to the Lord. In Him ALL things are possible.

**Texas:** Thank you for allowing God to use you to not only touch my life, but the people of Impact Family Church and the millions of others around the world. I listen to your messages during the day and have a YouTube playlist of your sermons I play each night, so that my spirit grows while I sleep. Your sermons have changed my life. Your messages are without a doubt expanding me and teaching me how to believe the unbelievable and receive the impossible, because it's doable. Meeting you in person was truly like meeting Jesus in terms of the sweet, gentle, and loving spirit that Jesus has. Jesus used you to touch and change my life and take me into another dimension of relationship with Him. Thank you for constantly growing my vision. I am excited to keep growing my vision, growing my relationship with God, and watching Him do the impossible for me. Praise the Lord that I don't have to pay for it; only believe for it! You and Cathy mean more to me than you may ever know, so thank you for your dedication to God and His kingdom!

**YouTube:** Greetings from Italy! I love you both! You encouraged me and taught me how to manage my downs. I'm very happy that I can learn more about Jesus from you. God bless you!



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KVTH/26 – IND: Mon 7:00PM, Fri 6:00PM  
Jonesboro  
KVTJ/48 – IND: Mon 7:00PM, Fri 6:00PM  
Little Rock  
KKAP/36.1: Sun 6:00AM, Mon 9:00PM  
KVTN/25 – IND: Mon 7:00PM, Fri 6:00PM  
Pine Bluff  
KKAP/36.1: Sun 6:00AM, Mon 9:00PM

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## FLORIDA

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Jacksonville/Brunswick  
WUJF/33.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM  
Leesburg/Orlando/Daytona Beach  
WACX/55.1 – IND: Sun 8:30AM  
Miami/Ft. Lauderdale  
W16CC/16.5: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM  
Orlando/Daytona Beach/Melbourne  
WPXB/50.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM  
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WBIF/51.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM  
WWEQ/24.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM  
Pensacola/Fort Walton  
WDPM/18.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM  
Tampa/St. Petersburg/Sarasota  
WCLF/22 – CTN: Wed 7:00PM  
WSVT/18.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM  
West Palm Beach/Ft. Pierce  
WSLF/35.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM

## GEORGIA

Atlanta  
WDTA/35.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM  
WGGD/23.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM  
Macon  
WDMA/31.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM

## HAWAII

Honolulu  
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## IDAHO

Boise  
KZAK/49.4: Sun 5:00AM, Mon 8:00PM  
KBTI/41.1: Sun 5:00AM, Mon 8:00PM  
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Chicago  
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Moline/Rock Island  
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## INDIANA

Indianapolis  
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South Bend/Elkhart  
WEID/18.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM

## IOWA

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Sioux City  
KSXC/5: Sun 6:00AM, Mon 9:00PM

## KANSAS

Hutchinson/Wichita  
KWKD/28.1: Sun 6:00AM, Mon 9:00PM

## KENTUCKY

Louisville  
WDYL/28.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM

## LOUISIANA

Baton Rouge  
W31EU/48.1: Sun 6:00AM, Mon 9:00PM  
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KAGN/31.1 – IND: Tue 5:30AM, Tue 7:00PM, Fri 9:00AM, Sat 4:00PM, Sun 11:00PM  
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NADN/13 – MY Network: Wed 6:30AM  
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New Orleans  
KNLD/28.1: Sun 6:00AM, Mon 9:00PM  
WGNO/26 – ABC: Sun 9:00AM  
WNOL/38 – CW: Wed 6:00AM  
Shreveport  
KTAL/06 – NBC: Sun 7:30AM

## MAINE

Auburn/Portland  
WLLB/15.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM

## MARYLAND

Baltimore  
WWDD/40.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM  
Hagerstown  
WDWA/23.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM  
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## MASSACHUSETTS

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W26EU/40: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM  
New Bedford  
WMPX/33.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM

## MICHIGAN

Battle Creek/Grand Rapids/Kalamazoo  
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WADL/38 – IND: Sun 8:30AM  
WUDT/23.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM

## MINNESOTA

Minneapolis/St. Paul  
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## MISSOURI

Kansas City  
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Springfield  
KWBM/31.1: Sun 6:00AM, Mon 9:00PM  
St. Louis  
WPXS/13.1: Sun 6:00AM, Mon 9:00PM  
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## MONTANA

Billings  
KINV/14.1: Sun 5:00AM, Mon 8:00PM

## NEBRASKA

Omaha  
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## NEVADA

Las Vegas  
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## NEW HAMPSHIRE

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New York  
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## NORTH CAROLINA

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Durham/Fayetteville/Raleigh  
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WWIV/66.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM  
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## OHIO

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Cleveland/Akron/Canton  
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Columbus  
WOCB/39.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM  
WXCX/45.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM  
WCLL/19.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM  
Dayton  
WLWD/20.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM  
Toledo  
WDTJ/68.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM

## OKLAHOMA

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Tulsa  
KTZT/29.1: Sun 6:00AM, Mon 9:00PM

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Pittsburgh  
WPDN/65.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM  
Scranton/Wilkes-Barre  
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## RHODE ISLAND

Providence  
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Columbia  
WKDC/50.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM  
Greenville  
WGS/16 – IND: Mon 11:30AM  
WSQY/51.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM

## TENNESSEE

Chattanooga  
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WDDA/6.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM  
Jackson  
WJTD/42: Sun 6:00AM, Mon 9:00PM  
Knoxville  
WTNZ/43 – Fox: Sun 10:30AM  
WDTT/24.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM  
Memphis  
WDMN/59.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM  
Nashville  
WNTU/26.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM  
WNPX/20.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM  
WRTN/7.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM

## TEXAS

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KVAD/16.1: Sun 6:00AM, Mon 9:00PM  
Austin  
KADT/16.1: Sun 6:00AM, Mon 9:00PM  
Beaumont/Port Arthur  
MFDM/4 – FOX: Sun 7:00AM  
Brownsville/McAllen  
KRZG-CD/35.8: Sun 6:00AM, Mon 9:00PM  
Corpus Christi  
KCCX/24.1: Sun 6:00AM, Mon 9:00PM  
Dallas/Ft. Worth  
KDTN/2.1: Sun 6:00AM, Mon 9:00PM  
KPTD/51.1: Sun 6:00AM, Mon 9:00PM  
El Paso/Las Cruces  
KSCE/38.1: Sun 6:00AM, Mon 9:00PM  
Harlingen/Weslaco  
KRZG-CD/35.8: Sun 6:00AM, Mon 9:00PM  
Houston  
KDHU/50.1: Sun 6:00AM, Mon 9:00PM  
KLTJ/22.1: Sun 6:00AM, Mon 9:00PM  
Lubbock  
KFII/4: Sun 6:00AM, Mon 9:00PM  
San Antonio  
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KQVE/46.1: Sun 6:00AM, Mon 9:00PM

## UTAH

Salt Lake City  
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KUTF/12.1: Sun 5:00AM, Mon 8:00PM

## VIRGINIA

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Petersburg  
WRID/48.2: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM  
Richmond  
WRID/48.2: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM

## WASHINGTON

Seattle/Tacoma  
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Spokane  
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KQUP/47.1: Sun 4:00AM, Mon 7:00PM  
KDY/32.1: Sun 4:00AM, Mon 7:00PM

## WASHINGTON D.C.

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WDDN/23.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM

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Charleston/Huntington  
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## WISCONSIN

Appleton/Green Bay  
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Madison  
WMWD/38.1: Sun 6:00AM, Mon 9:00PM  
Milwaukee  
WVTV/18 – CW: Sun 7:00AM  
WDMW/65.1 – CW: Sun 7:00AM



# THE TWO KINDS OF CHRISTIANS

JESSE DUPLANTIS



I was studying 3 John 1 recently and discovered that even as early as the days when Jesus walked the earth, there were two kinds of Christians. I guess you could call them “the true” kind (good ones) and “the not-so-true” kind (bad ones). Now, before you stop reading and start thinking of passing this article on to help somebody you think falls into the “bad” category, I believe this teaching will be helpful to anyone who desires to grow deeper in the Lord. After all, God designed all of us to continually progress in spiritual things so that we can be who He’s purposed us to be, right?

So first, before we begin reading the apostle John’s letter to his friend Gaius in 3 John 1, I want you to remember something about the New Testament. It actually can be defined in one word: correspondence. But as you know, God has established these letters as Holy canon, which means that while in John’s mind he’s writing to Gaius, in God’s mind this is a personal letter from Jesus to you and to me. So, go ahead and put your name where Gaius’ is, and let’s start reading in verses 1-5:

*The elder unto the wellbeloved Gaius, whom I love in the truth.*

*Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.*

*For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth.*

*I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.*

*Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers.*

The apostle John was very special. Jesus loved him deeply, and wherever Jesus went, John made it his mission to stay very close to Him. John understood what God had done for him through the person of Jesus

Christ. This gave him great moral courage, and it was evident throughout his ministry of spreading the Gospel.

In John’s letter to Gaius, he makes it no secret how much he cares for and esteems his friend in the first verse when he begins by saying, “*The elder unto the wellbeloved Gaius, whom I love in the truth.*” He continues in verse 2 with a blessing: “*Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.*” This means that all of those things work together—prosperity of finances as well as prosperity of health in our body, mind, will, and emotions. This is God’s will for us and a truth He wants us to walk in every day. Gaius was a Christian who faithfully walked in spirit, truth, and love. He was a blessed man and a giver—not only of his finances, but also of his time and of his love.

John clearly identified with Gaius. He saw something in him that he knew was vital for all “true” Christians and commends him for it in verse 3: “*For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth.*” In other words, John is saying that everywhere Gaius went, people saw Christ in him, the hope of glory. And as Christians, that’s what you and I are supposed to do—we’re to be a light and a blessing to everyone we meet.

There’s something else about Gaius that really stood out to me. In verse 5 it says, “*Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers.*” Gaius received everyone in the church with open arms—but not only other believers, it says he treated “strangers” the same way. Think about that. A true Christian is not only a helper in the church, but also a lover of the brethren—even if they’re strangers!

I remember a time before I was saved and traveling as a rock musician, I would play at some of the big clubs all over the United States. I can’t tell you how many times

I saw Christian events taking place at those big hotels. Now if *anybody* needed Jesus, it was me, and I know those people could tell. I had long brown hair, I would wear those embroidered jeans, and I always had a big glass of whiskey in my hand. I would see these people walking around with their Christian nametags on, and you know what? Not one person ever witnessed to me. Other than Cathy and my mother, no one ever cared that I was headed straight to hell. Where was the light? Where was the truth?

Even though I was a sinner and a stranger to those Christians, I would've been polite and at least listened to them. That's why it's so important to take every opportunity to let your light shine and let the love of God come out of you as a witness to others everywhere you go. As true Christians, we must make our practical lives be in harmony with our professed creed. In other words, our daily lives should be in line with the Gospel we profess to such a degree that a razorblade couldn't separate the two.

So, if you see someone new at your church or someone new in your neighborhood, reach out to them. Say, "Hey! I want to welcome you. I'm so happy that you're here." Show them hospitality. Be led by the Spirit and reflect the light and love of Jesus. That's how to be a true Christian who walks in truth.

Now let's move on to the "bad" ones. There's always going to be a thorn in the bush. There's always someone in the church who started out as a rose and wound up a thorn. Let's read verses 9-11 so I can show you what I mean. John says:

*I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not.*

*Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth them out of the church.*

*Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God.*

Evidently, in the beginning, Diotrephes had great qualities. They made him a church leader; maybe he was even the pastor. But sometimes you lift people up and it goes to their head. Eventually, it'll blow their head off. Like we say in South Louisiana about prideful people, "They think themself."

That was Diotrephes for sure! John says in verse 9 that Diotrephes "*loveth to have the preeminence*." That means he wanted everybody to recognize who he was. A "proud look" began to take him over. He had a passion for notoriety and a desire to dominate everyone in this church. Those are two elements that were at work in him, and that's how he went from being a true Christian to one who was far from it.

John continues on to say that Diotrephes not only

refused to welcome him to his church, but he was also gossiping and speaking ugly words about the apostle. Additionally, he was also refusing other ministers of the Gospel to preach and rest at his church. John's words about Diotrephes illustrate to us the danger of pride and arrogance for a believer and how we should avoid following Diotrephes' evil ways.

Let's face it, it's possible to be in *a* church and not in *the* church. There's a bunch of Diotropheses out there in churches today, and they're causing trouble. But just like John is doing in this passage by exposing the evil ways of Diotrephes, we need to correct the abusers who are discrediting the Gospel today.


The abusers are easy to spot. They're the ones who don't acknowledge authority. And if they're not stopped, they can corrupt the minds of others. So, you may be asking yourself, "How do I do that?" As true Christians, we are called to hold the truth concerning the person and work of Jesus Christ. It's our *good works* that will be the evidence of godliness in our lives and a testimony of Who Jesus is to others.

Now, let's get back to the other side and talk about another "good one." In verse 12, John says, "*Demetrius hath good report of all men, and of the truth itself: yea, and we also bear record; and ye know that our record is true.*" Just like Gaius, everyone liked Demetrius. They picked up the Spirit of Christ through the apostle John, and they walked in the truth and love of Jesus.

Diotrephes was the same way at first—things went well with him for a while. But, sadly, pride took him over. It makes me want to shake him and yell the old Cotton Patch translation of Galatians 3:1: "*You dumb, stupid fish heads! What's your problem?*"

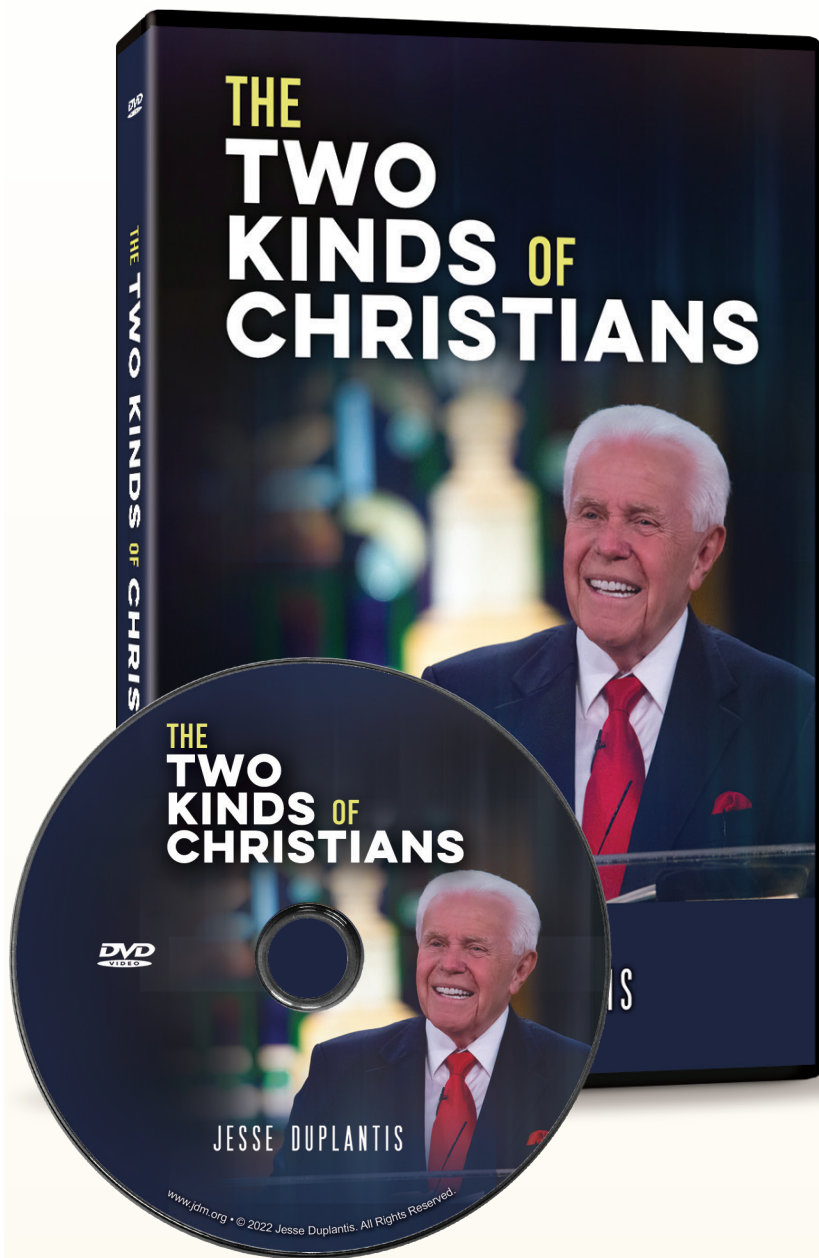
Pride and arrogance always lead to terrible extremes. Look what it led Lucifer to do. Lucifer was a magnificent angel. He was the angel of worship and walked amongst stones of fire. When he moved, music came out of him. He was the most dazzling of all the angels. But he wanted "preeminence," and that's when Lucifer became Satan.

Maybe you're thinking, "Brother Jesse, I'm far from being a Diotrephes, but there's some things I can change in my life to stay true to Christ." That's wonderful! Like I said, your life was designed to always progress and grow spiritually. Your faith should be growing daily because it will always be a testimony of Christ's virtue and character in you.

Remember, you don't have to be deceived by the enemy into living a life that is not full of purpose or one that doesn't glorify God. Strive to make the Gospel a reality in your life by the way you live and treat others. If you heard me say it once, you heard me say it 1,000 times: The only Jesus some people may ever see is the Jesus in you, or the Jesus in me. I'm praying for you to stay your course and be the Christian who walks in truth every day. 



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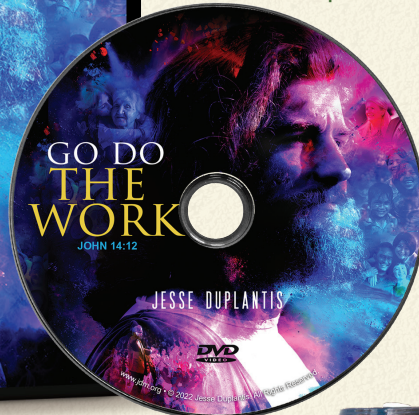
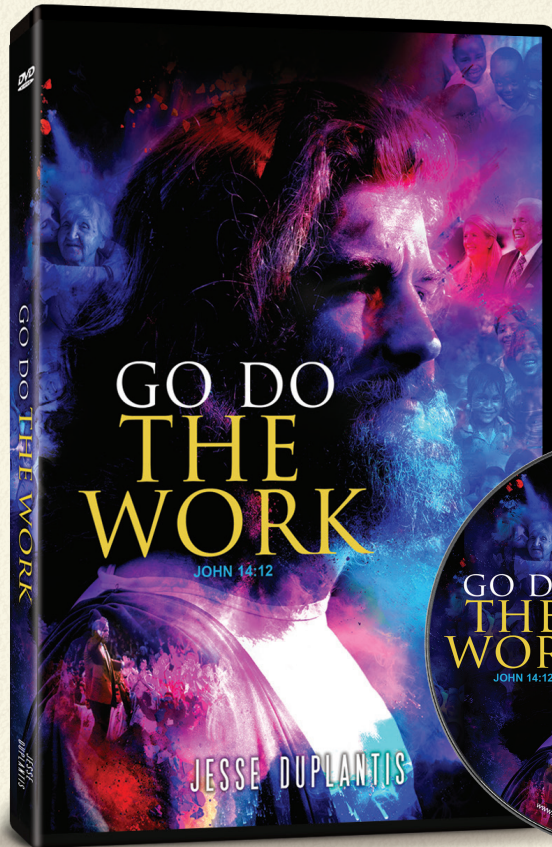
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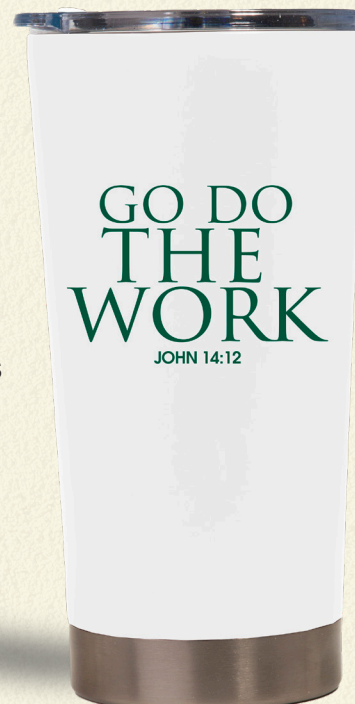
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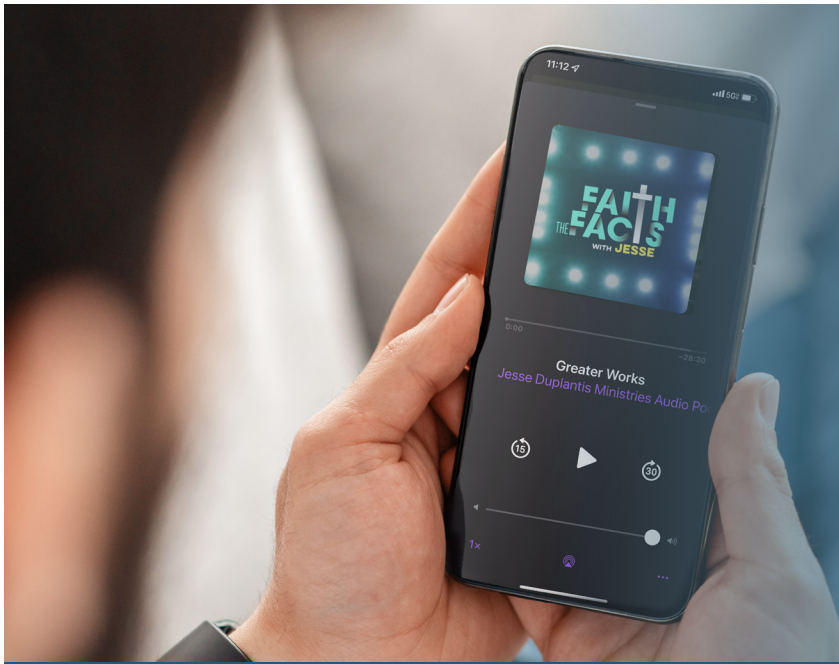
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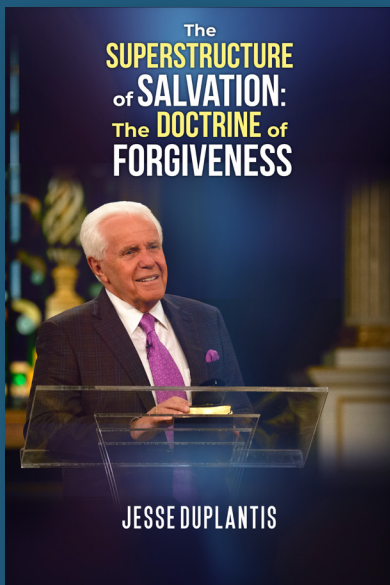
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# Fan *into* a Flame for JESUS!

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When I was about ten years old, my family lived within walking distance to the church we sometimes attended. I remember one Sunday in particular that I felt compelled to go to church. I put on my best dress, fixed my hair, and after close examination in the mirror, I was certain that everything was perfect. No one else wanted to go that day, so I walked to church alone.

I was full of expectation as I listened for words that would satisfy my parched soul. All I needed was a spark from one life that was on fire for Jesus. Looking back, I realize that my soul was ripe for harvesting into the kingdom of God. Unfortunately, empty tradition and a form of godliness left me feeling just as dry as I came.

Each day you and I meet people that have put

on their best outfit and fixed their hair. Everything may look “perfect” on the outside, but inside they are searching for something to satisfy their parched souls. Just one spark from a life that is on fire for Jesus can release a spark that will ignite a flame to a dry, parched soul who’s ready to receive Jesus as their Savior.

Paul the apostle understood this timeless truth and wrote these powerful words to his spiritual son, Timothy: *“I’m writing to encourage you to fan into a flame and rekindle the fire of the spiritual gift God imparted to you when I laid my hands upon you”* (2 Timothy 1:6 TPT). Paul wanted Timothy to realize his responsibility to stay on fire for God by staying in the Word and staying full of the Spirit.

As believers, it is also our responsibility to fan into a flame for Jesus. The Lord is calling all of us to rekindle the fire so that we can release sparks that will ignite other hearts for Him.

## Ablaze with Heaven’s Fire

Have you ever ordered a lukewarm cup of tea on a cold winter day? How about a tall lukewarm glass of tea with your dinner? I don’t think so. I refuse to drink tea that is lukewarm. If my tea is not piping hot or ice cold, I am likely to spit it out of my mouth. Gross, but true.

Well, God is the same way when it comes to the condition of our heart. He is not satisfied with hearts that have holy smoke where the fire used to be. In Revelation 3:16 we are given a strong warning to stay hot for Him while we are in this world. *“So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of My mouth.”* God is looking for hot hearts that are ablaze with fire from Heaven.

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Church, knew how to fan into a flame. When asked how he got the huge crowds that came to hear him preach, he replied, “I set myself on fire and people come to watch me burn.”

John G. Lake told about the anointing that fell on him during his first missionary trip to South Africa in 1908. It was far beyond his wildest imagination, and astounded even Lake himself. He described it as “liquid fire” pumping through his veins.

Samuel Chadwick, an English evangelist who lived from 1860 to 1932, said several interesting things

about this wonderful fire of God. He said, “Fire is the chosen symbol of heaven for moral passion. It is emotion aflame. God is love. God is fire. The two are one. The Holy Spirit baptizes with fire. Spirit-filled souls are ablaze for God. They love with a love that glows. They believe with a faith that kindles. They serve with a devotion that consumes. They hate sin with a fierceness that burns. They rejoice with a joy that radiates. Love is perfected in the fire of God.”

I once heard about a congregation that adopted a great motto for their church: “Wake up, sing up, preach up, pray up, and pay up. But never give up, let up, back up, or shut up until the cause of Christ in the world is built up.” I think that church must have taken the advice that Paul gave to Timothy, and wanted to continually remind each other to fan into a flame for Jesus.

## Sacrifice Accepted with Fire

Throughout the Old Testament, we see the fire of God falling when a sacrifice was acceptable. In Genesis 15:17 (AMPC) we learn about Abraham offering the sacrifice required by God, and that it was shown to be acceptable by *“a flaming torch.”*

In Exodus, God revealed Himself to Moses from a burning bush. *“And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I”* (Exodus 3:2-4).

We also learn in Exodus that the fire of God came down on Mount Sinai to speak to the children of Israel. *“And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled. And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount. And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly. And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and God answered him*



# GO DO THE WORK

JOHN 14:12

*"I'm writing to encourage you to fan into a flame and rekindle the fire of the spiritual gift God imparted to you when I laid my hands upon you" (2 Timothy 1:6 TPT).*

*by a voice" (Exodus 19:16-19).*

One of my favorite examples of the fire of God is the one about Elijah on Mount Carmel. I just love the way he mocked the false god, Baal, and declared before all the people that his God was the one true God. In 1 Kings 18:24, Elijah challenged them, *"And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD: and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken."* Later in that same chapter, we see how Elijah's sacrifice on behalf of his nation was accepted by God. *"Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, He is the God; the LORD, He is the God" (1 Kings 18:38-39).*

When we read the Word of God, it is clear that fire is often used as a symbol of God's presence. In 1 Chronicles 21:26 we learn that David built an altar to God *"and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called upon the LORD; and He answered him from Heaven by fire upon the altar of burnt offering."* There was no mistaking it: God was pleased with David's heart, and his sacrifice was clearly accepted by the God of Heaven.

The Bible also tells us in 2 Chronicles 7:1 (AMPC) that *"When Solomon had finished praying, the fire came down from Heaven and consumed the burnt*

*offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the Lord filled the house."*

Are you ready for the glory of the Lord to fill your spiritual house and set your heart on fire? All you have to do is offer a sacrifice that is pleasing to God. Now I'm not talking about the Old Testament way of sacrifice, like we just read about. No, Jesus' blood thoroughly satisfied all of Heaven's requirements and forever redeemed all of mankind from sin.

According to Romans 12:1 (AMPC), the sacrifice that is required of us today by God is a life that is totally devoted to Him. *"I appeal to you therefore, brethren, and beg of you in view of [all] the mercies of God, to make a decisive dedication of your bodies [presenting all your members and faculties] as a living sacrifice, holy (devoted, consecrated) and well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable (rational, intelligent) service and spiritual worship."* Fire from Heaven will fall on the life that is devoted to God.

## Let YOUR Sparks Fly

While speaking on this subject, the Lord showed me just how parched the world around us really is. They seemed to me like kindling that is dry, cracked, and highly combustible. I knew that once they'd come into contact with a life that is burning for Jesus, they would also ignite with the fire of God. All it takes is one spark to change a dry, empty life into a fulfilled life. So, fan into a flame, let your sparks fly, and ignite the world around you!

That's what Jeremiah did. He compared the Word to a fire that was shut up in his bones and could not be contained (Jeremiah 20:9). Even in the midst of great persecution, the Word of God spilled out like burning lava to his generation. Jeremiah burned with God's Word and left sparks everywhere he went.

John the Baptist was the same way. He preached hell so hot that you could smell the smoke when he came near. Yet, as on fire as he was, he told his followers that one was coming after him (Jesus) that would baptize them with the Holy Spirit and with fire (Matthew 3:11).

In Acts 2:3-4, it says, *"And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."*

Verses 5 and 6 go on to say, *“And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under Heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.”* They were amazed to hear the disciples speaking the wonderful works of God, and verse 12 tells us that they asked, *“What meaneth this?”*

The next twenty-four verses record Peter’s anointed answer to them on the Day of Pentecost. In verse 36, we can read the conclusion of Peter’s anointed sermon: *“Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, Whom ye crucified, both Lord and Christ.”*

The Bible goes on to tell us the result: *“Now when*

*they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the LORD our God shall call.”* (Acts 2:37-39).

The same fire of God that was released on the Day of Pentecost is available to you today. The Lord is inviting you to come to Him and receive this awesome gift of God that will ignite your heart with holy fire. Once you devote your life to God as a living sacrifice, you too can fan into a flame and spread a few sparks of your own. 🌐

## Are You Ready for Jesus to Set *Your* Heart on Fire?

Jesus loves you, and He came to give you a powerful life that is full of His love, joy, and peace. He’s inviting you to come to Him and receive the abundant life He paid for you to have. If you don’t know Jesus or if you just aren’t where you should be and you need the Lord to rekindle the flame of His love and power in your heart, I would like to lead you through a simple prayer that will supernaturally change you from the inside out. All you have to do is open up your heart to Him and all of God’s amazing promises are yours.

Romans 10:9-10 says that if you believe with your heart and confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, you will be saved. If you’re ready, pray this prayer with me now:

*Jesus, come into my life. Forgive me of my sins. I ask You to cleanse my heart and make me a new person in You right now. I believe that You are the Son of God and that You died and rose from the dead for me.*

*Jesus, I want to thank You for loving me enough to die for me. I accept all that Your shed blood bought for me on the cross, and I receive You as my Savior and Lord. In Your name I pray. Amen.*

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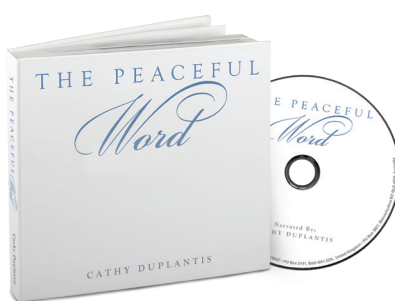
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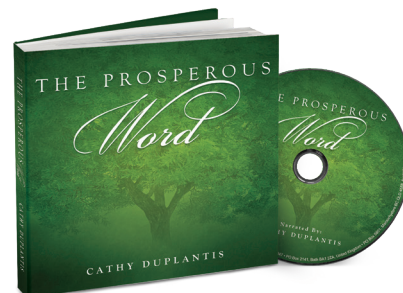
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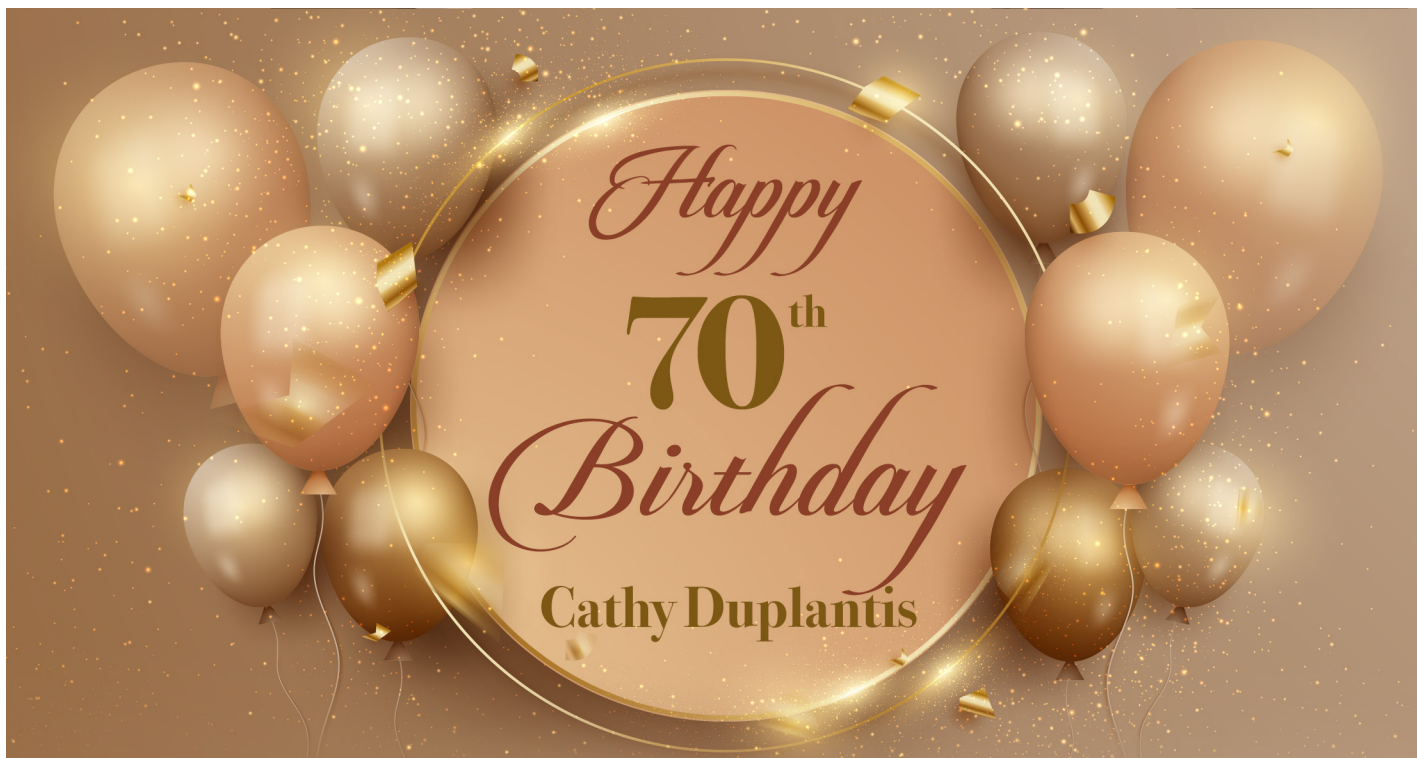
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