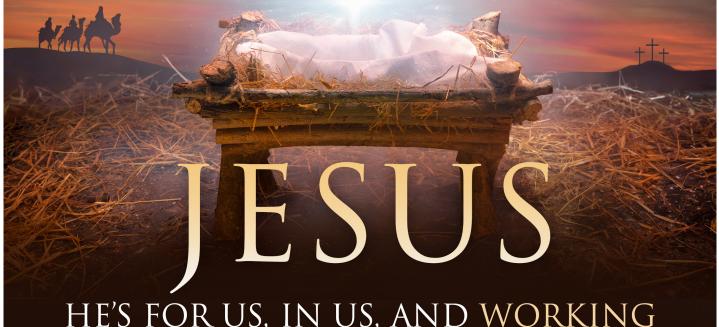
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JESSE DUPLANTIS

I think it's partly because of my white hair that makes me look like I could be their grandpa. Mostly, though, I believe it's the spirit of God inside of me that signals to them that I'm one of the good ones, ha!

Babies are fascinating little creatures. A lot of people can't stand being seated by a baby when they go to a restaurant, but not me. I love it! It doesn't bother me if they cry or holler a bit or talk a little too loud. Why does everybody else get to talk at the table but the baby? Man, there will be a table full of people just yacking and laughing loud. Nobody cares. The minute a baby cries out or talks too loud, people start giving the stink-eye—they start looking around like their ears are offended. I want to say, "You were just talking! Let the baby talk, too!"

Not long ago I was in a mall, just walking around with my wife. I stopped, and there was this lady nearby with a baby who was about nine or ten months old. He was crying hard. His face was all swollen up from it. My wife was doing something, I can't remember, but I was stopped right by the little guy. He looked at me and I looked at him, and he just reached his little arms right out to me like, "Hold me, Mister! Please!"

I thought, I don't know these people. I don't know if they want that, little man! I didn't know what to do, but I put my hand out toward the child anyway. When the mother saw the baby wanted me and I didn't mind, she handed him right to me. The lady was glad to give me the baby! She was flat exasperated from the crying. They were having a tough time.

Immediately, the baby stopped crying and just smiled. He put his little head on my chest, and so I patted him on the back to comfort him. Mama looked flat shocked. She said, "He doesn't do that." I thought, *Uhhh, he just did, lady*. I decided to tell her the truth.

"He sees Jesus in me," I said.

"Who?"

"Jesus," I said. We had a short conversation, but I could see there was no room in her heart for Jesus. She was just glad an old grandpa was willing to take a shift so she could catch a break. But, while Mama wasn't interested in God, that baby sure was drawn to Who was inside of me. I've been on this earth for a lot of years and I can tell you that children can be very sensitive to the Spirit of God. They can sometimes know more than their parents because they have an instinct that simply draws them to what is good—they can't help themselves. They are looking for joy. I've got plenty of that, but not because I'm some funny man. It's because the joy of the Lord is in me.

Jesus has changed me. I was a mean and angry man before I met the Lord as a young man. People may cut me down, but they don't know how far I've come. It doesn't matter, because my past is gone. In Jesus, I was forgiven and He never brings up that old junk. In Jesus, I was healed. Because of Jesus, I was able to let go of the harshness of my upbringing and just become who, I imagine, I was always supposed to be—joyful, strong, generous, and a comforting place to land for people who need some help. That boy sure needed some joy! He needed someone to lean on. God set us up to be in each other's path—because now, that little

man is in this book! And I left him with a gift in the spirit that I hope he feels today, wherever he is.

It's amazing to me how the anointing of God works. As I was holding that boy, I thought, I need to pray over you. I didn't want to freak his mother out, so in my heart I just silently talked to God and prayed, "Lord, put my spirit of joy in this baby. Let him receive what I've got inside that he's responding to right now, oh God, because evidently Mama doesn't know what's going on here."

You see, God is always putting what we need on our path—but sometimes we are like the mama, clueless to what is needed, and sometimes we're like the baby, openhearted enough to see what we need and reach for it.

The more sensitive we are to our own needs, the easier it is for us to be fearless in reaching out. Just like that baby who was needing joy, comfort, and the anointing of God to lift his spirits, we can look to Jesus to get what we need the most, when we need it the most. I see the manger at Christmas and it reminds me of all that Jesus has done for me—spiritually, emotionally, in my body, and in my whole life experience. I was going one direction, but He saw me and I reached out to receive what He had—immediately, what I needed, when I needed it most, came rushing in. Like that baby, my heart lifted. I rested for a minute on Him, and our relationship has just been growing sweeter as the years go by.

What was my number one need way back then? I needed forgiveness, because I knew I was holding on to junk that I could no longer carry—I needed love, I needed forgiveness, and I desperately needed peace. I didn't expect to get joy, but I got that too! You see, we need to unload our junk onto Someone Who can take it, will hold us and comfort us, and put what He's got into us! When we let go and rest on Jesus, He will pick us up and lift our spirits.

We don't sing "Sad to the World" and "It's the Most Terrible Tiiiime of the Year!" We sing, "Joy to the World" and "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year." Why? Because we want joy and wonder and all of the rest of the good things in life. We need the good things even in the bad moments. Our hearts are crying out for it. And it's in that Person Who came as a baby, lying in a manger, that we find what our hearts really crave.

In Jesus, we find the forgiveness we need, the clean slate we need, and all the wisdom and teaching we will ever need for creating a good life that's worth living. That is what Jesus brings, because in Him we find a personal Savior Who understands what we need, and when we need it—and He's always right there whenever we reach out to Him.

The Process of Undoing the Curse

The curse of sin that came to man with Adam and Eve was all about work, desire, childbirth, and an inequality

between the sexes. That's what Satan gave. He promised freedom but gave us the opposite. It's exactly his *modus operandi* today, because that's all he's got—lies. Satan has no new tricks. Every generation, he just puts a different spin on the same old lies.

Redemption from the curse is what Jesus brought and it was marked by true freedom at a spirit/soul level. In Christ, everyone becomes equal—male, female, Jew, Greek, and Gentile; we are all equal in the anointing of God. We were always equal in God's sight, but when our sight was blurred by sin, we began to act in ways that can only be described as despicable. But you do something long enough, you start to not see a problem with it. That's how people end up really messed up in life—they begin small, and whatever their issue, it just grows until it takes over their life. Then, they are living in a reactionary mode from a wounded place of hard living, striving, warped desires, pain, and anger at the inequality seen throughout the world.

In Christ, we are forgiven and the curse is lifted, but we have to walk with God to have what God promises—it isn't like we're floating on cloud nine with grapes dropped by angels into our mouths. Evil still exists. We live in a fallen world, but we are not fallen people anymore. We have been reborn at a spirit level, and now we begin the process of living on a higher level. It happens choice by choice. If we fall, we ask for forgiveness and move on to make a better choice, knowing that we've already won in Christ—and as we follow Christ, we see the manifestation of that winning!

The undoing of the curse began with Him, but we live it out each time we choose God's way over this world's way—that's how our lives get so much better. It's not mind over matter; it's spirit over flesh! Our heart can feel clean as we go because forgiveness is always available, but we have to want it and stop frustrating the grace of God by deliberately ignoring His promptings and continuing toward what is self-destructive. In Jesus, we find courage to look at ourselves and let go of what so easily causes us to stumble. Once we see a problem, then we know that our solution is in Jesus—because He will reveal the root and then uproot it.

If we stay curious and close to Christ, we can look at ourselves through His eyes of love and forgiveness, we can let go of the root causes of our habits and be free in our mind. We're already free in our spirit. It's in our daily practice of being open to God's Word and His Spirit that we become part of the process of undoing the curse in our own lives. It's been broken over our spirit and our life, but we have to renew our mind to it—because the old ways are ingrained in our brain, but in Christ we are made new and able to do what we could never do on our own. He helps us to make radical shifts in our outlook on life. He helps

us to identify thoughts that just don't suit our new life—so that we can really, once and for all, let them go.

The Hope of the World—In Us and Through Us

Hope came into the world so that the world could have hope—and we need hope, don't you think? We need it every day. In the Word, we find so much of it and it's the key to the Christmas spirit remaining in us on a daily basis. That same joy of the season is in Christ Himself. That same intimate sincerity is in Christ Himself. That same love and hope for humanity itself is in Christ, and when we live in Christ, we become the ones who bring it to the world.

At Christmas, people around the world suddenly become more generous and loving to those who are in need. As believers, we know that we have become the hands and feet of Jesus at all times of the year, not just when "it feels good" because silver bells are ringing.

Christmas reminds us, though, that the heart of God pulses in us too, and we act more like Christ when we are always looking to help, to serve, and to give some kind of love everywhere we go. That's our mission as believers: to spread the message that God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, and that whoever believes on Jesus can and will be saved—saved from the curse of sin and death, and from all the lies and trappings that surround those two horrible things.

Jesus came as a vulnerable child lying in a manger—and somebody owned that manger and all those animals. Somebody gave Jesus a place to lay His head when the innkeepers just couldn't do it. I think, at Christmas, it's just easier for many people to open their hearts and be that "somebody" who gives, takes in, and helps another human being in need. As believers, though, that's our joy, right? It's our joy to give to the world "as unto the Lord" all year long!

Jesus' Birth Dries Our Tears—If You've Lost a Loved One, You Can Still Have a Good Christmas

At Christmas, family is such a focus that we can't help but think about and miss our loved ones who have already gone on before us to Heaven. In fact, many people get very depressed at Christmas because they feel the loss so greatly at this time of year. It's true that one of the hardest things we will ever experience is the death of someone we love—but because Jesus was born, we have an enduring hope that we will see them again.

Death loses its former sting in light of eternity. The closer we get to the Lord, the more we realize the truth of eternity. We will miss them being in our everyday life, of course! But we don't just *believe*, we *know* we will see them again—and we will see them young, healthy, and just

beaming in the light of Heaven. They aren't "lost" because we know exactly where they are!

I like to say that my loved ones aren't in my past; they are in my *future*. That just soothes my soul. It's a real abiding truth that has helped to dry my tears. I know when I see my mother again, I'll see her like my daddy saw her when she was young and healthy, full of life and spunk! I know that Heaven does not work on the timeframe of earth—if a thousand years is like a day, my mother has been in Heaven just minutes, really. What she is seeing is blowing her mind. The people who went before her whom she loved are there, too.

I'm not sure God knows what He's getting with that many Cajuns in Heaven...but I do know the food is going to be great! That's a joke, but I know you understand what I'm saying. Every person who passes on to Heaven makes it that much sweeter of a place. God loves us, and we bring our personalities with us when we go. We just lose all the heaviness of this earthly body and the weight of sin that permeates this earth, too. We don't realize how much it affects us. I believe we got so accustomed to feeling it that we just considered it normal, but it's not normal.

When we get to Heaven, the love of God in such close proximity has an effect on our soul—we are light-hearted, with zero fear, and there is no more need for faith. Christ is right there, and we can see Him face to face, just like we can see all our loved ones who died here on the earth.

Angels and humans living side by side and moving around freely—God has some special things in store for us! When we start to get a divine perspective, death really loses its sting. When we get a divine perspective, we read scriptures like, "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord," and realize that there is no such thing as real death. The body wears out but the spirit lives forever, and when we cross over, it's a sweet and joyful reunion.

If you've lost loved ones, don't let the Christmas season drag you down into despair—realize that the devil would love to sift you like wheat, to steal your joy, kill your hope, and destroy the goodness of this celebration. You don't have to feel guilty for being happy or live holed up in your house to avoid other people who are happy.

Realize that the baby you see in the manger everywhere you go, all those decorations, and all those twinkling lights are reminders that eternity exists and the Maker of it came down to give us all a way to move right to Heaven when we cross over. When you see the manger, thank Jesus for coming because He's the reason why any of us will see our loved ones in Heaven again. He's the reason! Not just for the season, but for eternal life—which gives us that beautiful and truthful promise.

Your loved ones aren't "missing" or "lost" or anything of that nature—they are safe and happy in the light of Heaven and they know you will be there soon enough, so

they aren't worrying or fretting. They aren't even hurting or worried. So don't take on hurt and worry that you don't need. Miss them, but don't let that missing steal your joy. You may be young and you may live to be 120 years old, and those years on earth are still *nothing* by Heaven's eternal standards. This life is a vapor and some seem to go too soon, but if you've accepted Jesus, you have the promise that you will be with your loved one again.

I was born in 1949, and it's as if the years have flown by. When I was young, I didn't feel the years went as fast as they do now. So what! I enjoy every year. I make my days good days. I look forward to seeing my family, but I also look forward to the people I have in my life right now. I know Jesus, and so I know I'll see every one of my loved ones who have passed away in Heaven. It's a real place, and because Jesus came, we can go immediately when we take our last breath.

Because of Jesus, my tears are dried in His promise and His great love. If you find yourself hurting this holiday, please, I encourage you to remind yourself of the truth and let Him dry yours, too! He's ready and able to do it so you can enjoy your days and all your holidays, too.

Death Just Isn't What It's Cracked Up to Be

Satan wants the sadness to stay. He wants the sickness to remain. He loves poverty and seeing God's creation in turmoil. When Jesus came, He didn't put sickness on people—He healed. He didn't reduce people to poverty—He brought abundance everywhere He went. If the people came to a meeting and were hungry and nothing was close to buy enough food to feed them all, He'd just miraculously multiply what was there. Jesus fed over 5,000 people that way—that's abundance.

If you went fishing with Jesus, He'd nearly sink your boat with the catch by telling you where to cast your net. If you needed money for your taxes, He'd produce gold coins in a fish's mouth. People couldn't even die around Jesus. He'd raise them from the dead and ruin the whole funeral. I know how people can be, and I just bet there was somebody griping at Lazarus' tomb, saying, "I already paid to wrap the guy, I already paid for the flowers!" Jesus didn't care because life was wonderful to Him. He never left anyone with less than when He came. He always left people with more. More wisdom. More truth. More love and peace. More healing. More miracles. More of whatever was needed at the moment.

Everywhere Jesus went, He spoke on having faith in God—on being close to the Father, on prayer, on how to receive, and how to live God's way. He said we didn't even have to have that much faith to produce results, and He used the mustard seed as an example. He said even if we had that tiny amount, it was still enough to affect change in our

own lives and manifest what we need or desire. We serve an abundant God, and we have an abundant Savior and Lord in Jesus Christ.

Satan wanted to take Jesus out even as a baby. He did everything he knew to do to discredit Him, to get Him to fall to temptation, and to hurt Him by attacking those Jesus loved—he used the Word itself against Jesus, he tried to get His family to call Him crazy, he tried everything he knew to do, even though he wasn't even sure if Jesus was "the One."

Satan loves it when good people are in pain, suffering, and hurting, and he was thrilled when Jesus was crucified. He thought it was over. But when Jesus rose again, and when He took the keys to hell, death, and the grave, Satan was upset and said that if he'd known, he would have never crucified Him. Why? Because in death, Jesus created our way to eternal life. It was in death that Jesus won. So, don't let death itself fool you. It's not all it's cracked up to be, thanks to Jesus! Abundant life is what He came to give... and it doesn't stop when the grave comes.

Jesus, an Antidote for a Guilty Conscience

It doesn't matter what you've done; if you ask God to forgive you, He uses the blood of Jesus to wash that sin away. Sin just means "missing the mark," and we've all done it and fallen short of the glory of God in some way. There are things people do that they regret for the rest of their lives. Shame clings to them. They can't get over the guilt. But, in Jesus, we have an antidote for a guilty conscience—and even if people try to remind us, God will never do it because He believes His Son's sacrifice is enough to pay the price for *all* sin, and not just the little ones!

Christmas brings a purity of spirit with it, and we are confronted with images that seem like the best and most hopeful ways of living. Images of happy children, peaceful parents, good relationships, and all the sweetest things in life are on display—but for those struggling with guilt or shame, they can barely look at purity without feeling assaulted by the backlash of their own guilty conscience. If that's you, I've got a message for you—you are forgiven. God forgives the worst things, and there is nothing you can do to stop Him from doing it. If you ask for forgiveness and repent with a sincere heart, whatever you did is washed away and it will never be remembered against you anymore. Period.

If we confess our sins to God, He is always going to be faithful and just to forgive us. As far as the east is from the west, that's how far God moves our sins away from us. It doesn't matter how scarlet-red-bad the sin is either! When God washes it away, you are made clean in His sight—white as snow! God has compassion on us, and He understands that we never sin alone. We always have a

tempter in Satan, and we are living in a fallen world. But in Christ we find relief from the guilt and shame. In Him, we find no condemnation. Once we repent, He washes those sins away and it's as if they've been thrown into the depths of the sea.

So, ask for forgiveness if something is weighing on your soul—and then let it go. Like you forgive others, forgive yourself. Like God forgives you, forgive yourself. Then, realize the truth: You will have more mercy on others and God just may use you to help someone in the area that you've been forgiven. It's amazing how that works sometimes in life! God turns the bad around and gives you the grace to help another walking in the shoes you used to wear.

The Holy Spirit is a Comforter and a Corrector, and you don't have to worry about sin very much if you stick close to Him—crucify your flesh daily, not just Sunday, and you won't fulfill the lusts of the flesh. It's a daily journey, a daily practice, and a turnaround that He can help you accomplish.

Jesus came to forgive. He came to give mercy and grace. He's a friend Who sticks closer than a brother—and He's the antidote for a guilty conscience. Even in Heaven, He works to "fix" things. If you blow it, the Holy Spirit will tap you on the inside and you will know where you went wrong. That's conviction of sin, but it's not condemnation. That's the Holy Spirit giving you an opportunity to turn to Him, ask for forgiveness, and go the other way. It's not hard. It's just a choice you make. So, why sit in the misery of guilt or try to pay for your sin yourself? You can't do it on your own, and beating yourself up just leads to more misery. You'll be better in the future if you ask for forgiveness and let it go today!

It's the most wonderful time of the year—so let it be that inside of you, too. When you see the manger and you hear the songs, let that purity come through and realize that *you* are made pure and holy in the sight of God the moment you ask for forgiveness and release that junk to God. In Christ, you don't have a merciless master—you have a loving, compassionate, and merciful Savior!

In Jesus, You Find a Revelation of God and Yourself

When Christmas is cold here in New Orleans, Louisiana, we sigh relief. I live in a hot-as-Hades part of the world and we never know if we'll be putting sweaters on or wearing shorts to Christmas lunch. But when it's crisp and cold outside, we breathe in that new air and feel the Christmas spirit in the way that we imagine others who live in colder parts do.

When Jesus came, it was just like that in a way—a breath of fresh, cool air came down from Heaven on a cracked and hardened world. In Jesus, we find a revelation

of God that is unique and personal and so intimate. When we accept Christ as Savior and Lord, we get to feel God up close and personal—and in that relationship we build, we get a new revelation of ourselves. We find our authenticity in a much greater way. We find a way to stop living in reaction mode to life, and we start to create our life from a place of peace and joy.

Jesus came as a baby, and He won His mother's heart—but it was in His love for humanity and His sacrifice for us all that He won the heart of the world. Time stood still. A cosmic shift occurred. In the Spirit realm, angels filled the sky in praise. And when it was all said and done, mankind itself was in an entirely different place. Redemption. Salvation. Victory. New life. New ways of thinking and abundance to be received and lived—spiritually, physically, financially, and in every other way.

In Jesus, we are redeemed. In Jesus, we start again. In Jesus, the switch on this earth was flipped—we now have a way back to God the Father in a pure state, and back to ourselves in the way we were always meant to be.

Once you get a taste of His love, you just never want to go back to living without it. And at Christmas each year, you get the chance to retell the old story and relive that moment in time when God decided to do something really different and really special. The day Jesus was born changed everything, and even though it was over two thousand years ago, it's still fresh and new and full of lifechanging power today.

So the next time you are walking around the shops at Christmas, the next time you hear the songs and see a manger with the holy family and all those donkeys, shepherds, scientists, and angels, just remember—all of that was for *you*.

God left Heaven for *you*. He came down to earth for *you*. Everything He taught, He taught to give new life and abundant hope and promise to *you*. And when He gave Himself up on the cross, well...that was His whole point from the very beginning. God gave His all and gave His best when He gave Himself for *you*. He did it because He loved you—because He loved the whole world, all of us, including you, just *that* much. He's promised to return—don't forget that very real promise. The end of the story is yet to come!

So, if you want to see Jesus, look into the manger, look into your own heart...and then, look up to the sky! One day you will see Him coming, returning for not only you, but all of us who love Him so much and are looking for His return. And I believe that is *wonderful!*

This article is an excerpt from Jesse's book, *The Most Wonderful Time of the Year*.

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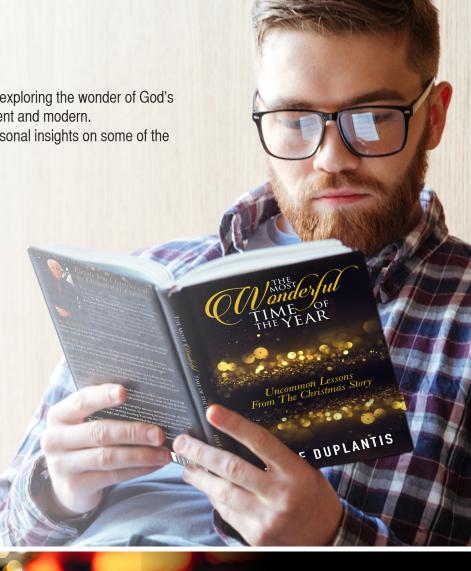
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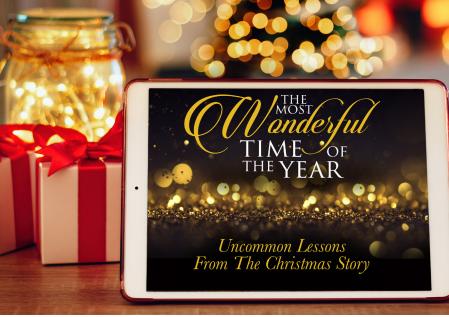
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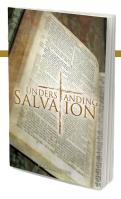
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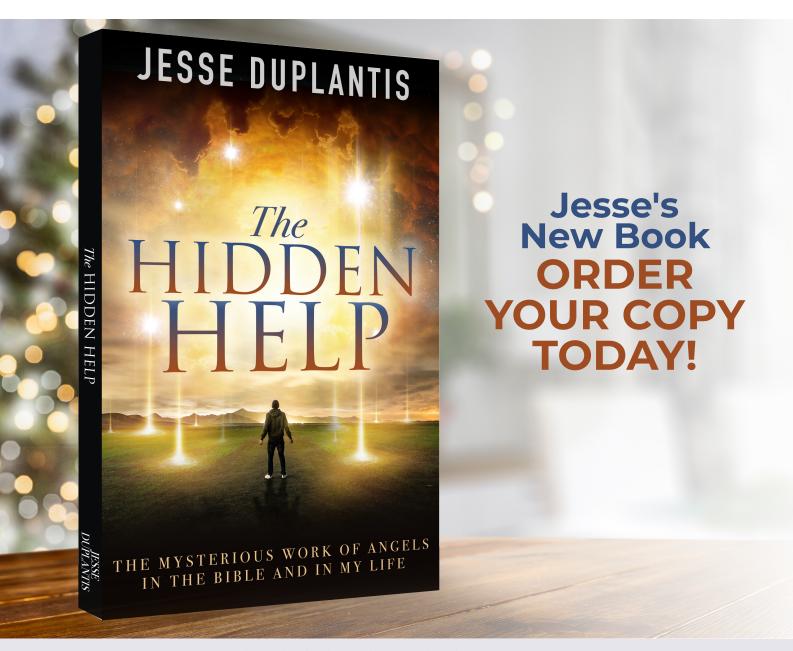




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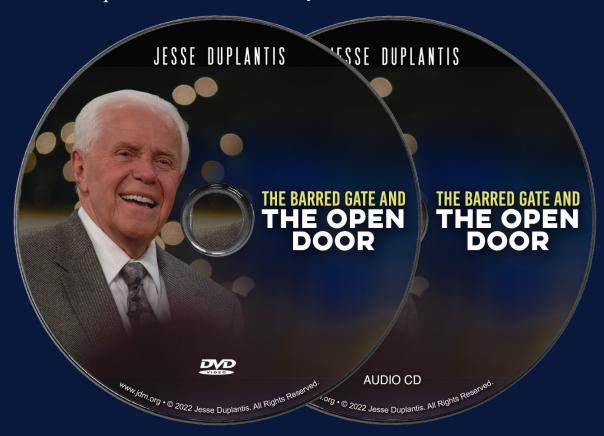




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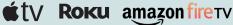
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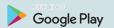
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GLORIOUS MOMENTS with Cathy

It is such a delight to receive your testimonies about the great works of the Lord and to share them with others. While preparing our December magazine, I reflected on the powerful theme that the Lord gave to our ministry for 2022: GO DO THE WORK. I was led to read Psalm 111:2-3 (AMPC) and it really touched my heart, so I want to share it with you as we close out this year. It says, "The works of the Lord are great, sought out by all those who have delight in them. His work is honorable and glorious, and His righteousness endures forever." The work that the Lord is doing in this ministry and in your life is honorable and glorious and it must be shared. Never forget that, especially during this Christmas season. Each time you take the time to share your glorious moment about what the Lord is doing in your life, it brings honor and glory to our wonderful God and it is a sure way to brighten up another person's life too. Merry Christmas!

California: I thank God for your ministry! January 1, 2021, during the lockdown, churches were closed in my area. I couldn't even contact anyone by phone. I prayed to God, "What am I going to do? I have to do something!" So, during the pandemic lockdown, I began to watch your messages. Your messages always uplift my spirit. I decided to give \$25 to your ministry for an entire year. Praise God, in 2021 my rent was PAID entirely for a whole year! Glory! Hallelujah! Thank you, Jesus! But, more importantly, I started praying in the Spirit almost constantly. My son, who lives with me and who has had a very angry spirit, suddenly started to be more open and started talking about his anger and has become more settled and willing to listen to the Word of God! Again in 2022, I became a \$25 giver for another year. I couldn't wait! My younger son got a job a ½ block from our home. No gas expenses here! Then, I received \$210 from out of nowhere! More than 100-fold above and running over! I thank Jesus every day for you, Cathy, and your ministry.

Australia: Glory be to GOD, who brings a word to us through Pastor Jesse & Cathy's Boardroom Chats! What wonderful work you do. You revive weary souls and fill us with faith, hope, and joy. I just get so revved up and spring out from bed every week with this. Ever since I have been connected to you this way and as a Partner, I have seen miracles in my life. All glory to God. Thank you, dear Pastors. Thank you, Team JDM, for bringing this to us!

California: I watch you on the fire stick app almost daily. I really enjoy all the programs to choose from. I'm honored to be a Partner as well. I just want to give a big shout out to Cathy! When I'm watching, you have been giving scripture out of The Passion Translation. I'm really enjoying this translation. Just got my hardcopy Bible of it yesterday. It's like having a Bible study while I'm doing my scripture readings. I'm also reading Jesse's book, I Never Learned to Doubt. It's helping me see God's Word again with a childlike faith. I met Jesus personally as an adult. Made some bad choices and went back into the world for about 20 years. When Covid hit, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. That was my wake-up call to get God back first in my life. I've been putting Him first every day since then. I still have a lot junk to get out, but putting God first makes it much easier. Thank you for all the resources you offer online and in the app. I'm excited about being a Christian again.

Australia: I used to receive demanding debt letters in the mailbox, which was so stressful to say the least. Now when I open up my mailbox, the debts have now been replaced with JDM Partner Letters! Glory to God. Thank you all for the principles and the time both you and Cathy spend on air each day to help those in need.

Colorado: I'm so very excited to be tithing to your ministry. I have never heard anyone teach the laws of giving the way you do. I found your YouTube channel and have been blessed by it. I found your video on "The Four Types of Giving," and it has proven to be highly effective in my walk. It's true what you say about the seed being so very powerful. I'm blown away how fast it returns back to me! Thank you for giving me a formula to manage the flow of increase to me. I have been keeping track, praying over, and staying constant with my sowing. This is only the second seed I've begun to do this with, but the results...Praise God! I have given tithes before, but never felt any increase from it. What you teach is the truth, God's words, and promises. Thank you!

Ohio: I attended my first Visionary Conference this year. It was on my vision board, and God made it possible for me to go. I sacrificed to come, but I wanted and felt impressed that I needed to be at the conference. Brother Jesse had a word at the Friday service that the Lord had great surprises of finances when we got home. I named my offering, which was to receive the spoken words at this conference and not doubt. I ended with "Be it done unto me," and 3 days later it has come to pass! The past 4 months have been very hard for me financially. I was forced to quit a very good job at the end of December 2021 because of Covid disagreements. I have been working 2 parttime jobs, which have not paid well nor treated me right. The Monday after the conference, my former boss wanted to make one final attempt to meet with me (I was already declined a meeting twice). We met, and he is going to pay me \$2.50 more an hour, along with an extra paid weeks' vacation. My insurance and 401K will also be back. I accepted the offer the next morning. Glory be to God! I am still expecting great surprises to come to pass before the month and the year ends.

Florida: Hi, Jesse and Cathy. I was on my nightly walk and was listening to part 1 of your 2021 Visionary Conference message. You called out to the folks that had gone through an abortion, and the brave ones came forward for healing. I was listening and also saying to myself, thank you Jesse, I wish I could be there, and that this is an amazing message. Thank you for confirming our forgiveness from God because Jesus has already paid the price for our sins.

Maryland: I'm taking this time to thank you as I sow my firstfruits offering into the fertile soil of JDM. I thank you for your uncompromised teaching on "The Four Types of Giving." Through this teaching, one valuable thing I've learned is the difference between giving of tithes and firstfruits. It has definitely made a difference in my giving. And the simplicity of God's requirements versus man's. There's so much more freedom with the wisdom revealed in this series and teaching. Thank you so very much. And with this freedom I have been free in my choosing this ministry work to sow into. Knowing that as my tithes are going to my church, having this freedom is wonderful and exciting. I know and trust this is going towards the work of God's Kingdom and lives are being changed for His Kingdom. Hallelujah! Thank you, Sister Cathy and Brother Jesse, for your dedication to God and His purposes and the Kingdom vision.

Facebook: I learned about the firstfruits giving from you in your *Voice of the Covenant* magazine! I have applied it in my life and the Lord has blessed us! I am a tither and a cheerful giver, thanks to your teachings helping me to understand it and why. Thank you.

Australia: I was watching your Sunday Service where you were celebrating 25 years of Covenant Church. God connected me to JDM about 20 years ago through television ministry. I always wanted a personal relationship with God, but growing up in a Catholic Church, I never understood if that was possible. Then God woke up my husband at 4am and told him to watch the TV. Jesse was on. My husband recorded the program so I could watch it, and that was the start of my partnership with your ministry. I watch your Sunday service every week and worship God with you from my private room at home. I can't tell you how many times the Holy Spirit has touched and strengthened me as I attend your church service from my own room. I live in Australia and am currently on secondment in New Zealand. While I have attended other churches, I always knew my connection is with Covenant Church. And Cathy has been a great role model to me, to show me how to be a great woman of faith in Christ. As I was watching your 25-year anniversary service, God confirmed in me how Covenant Church has been my church from the beginning. Even though I live in Australia and New Zealand, I want to praise God for His divine connection with your church what a blessing! Thank you for everything you do and everything you stand for.



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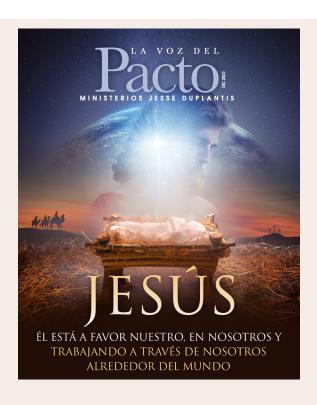




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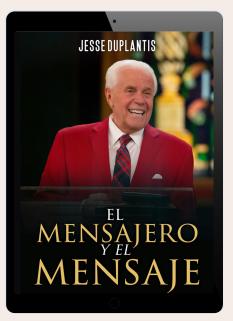
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For several months before Christmas, my mailbox is filled with catalogs from companies I never knew existed. Since I have not ordered a thing from most of them, I know that my name must be on a "frequent purchaser" list. I usually glance quickly at the covers, toss some in the trash and stack the interesting looking ones on the table next to my favorite chair in my family room. There they sit, ready for me to search through each colorful catalog for the special Christmas gifts that my loved ones will remember for years to come. Great gifts always do that.

The really unforgettable gifts never leave our heart and are lovingly described to friends and family members again and again. I love watching Jesse's face as he describes the pair of toy pistols in a holster that were his first real Christmas gift. He said he really enjoyed watching Roy Rogers on television, and up until that time, all he remembered getting for Christmas was a Big Time candy bar or an orange in his Mama's nylon stocking. He always has a great big smile on his face when telling everyone about the fun he had playing with those toy pistols, and I love hearing it again and again. Great gifts never leave our heart.

My earliest Christmas memory is the morning I saw a bright red tricycle with rockets above the back tires parked next to our Christmas tree, waiting for me to take it out for a ride. I was four years old, and I envisioned myself flying through the sky as I peddled with all my might up and down the driveway of our home. Thinking about my red rocket tricycle chosen just for me still fills my heart with joy today.

I often hear people say that Christmas is not about gifts, but they are wrong. Throughout the month of December, people all over the world will be told about God's Great Gift to the earth on a glorious night so long ago. The wise men who followed a star to Bethlehem were actually led by God to give Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Jesse often says they were the "wise guys," and they financed the family trip to Egypt to escape from the wicked king that had been plotting to kill Jesus.

When we give gifts at Christmas or at any other time of the year, we are following God's wonderful example. I think that God still has many wise men and wise women who are being led by Him and obediently give generous gifts to help Him touch the lives of others.

And on Earth. PEACE!

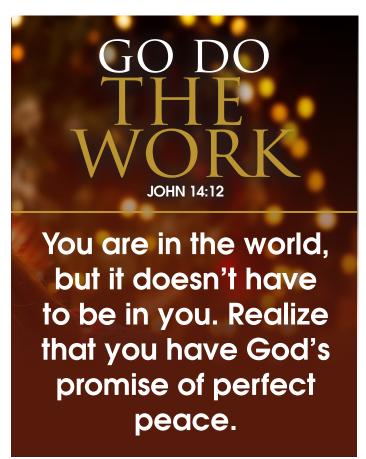
Many hundreds of years before the birth of Jesus, Isaiah 9:6 declared the great plan of God to bring peace on earth. "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

Peace is defined as, "a state of tranquility or quiet; a pact or agreement to end hostilities between those who have been at war or in a state of enmity; harmony in personal relations, especially with God; a state of security or order within a community; freedom from disquieting or oppressive thoughts or emotions."

God wants everyone on the earth to experience true peace. He sent an angel to proclaim the birth of His Son to bring peace on earth. Once the news was announced to the shepherds watching their flock in the night, Luke 2:13-14 says, "And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

On earth, PEACE! This was a declaration that served notice on the devil that his days of tormenting God's creation were numbered. God thought of a great plan to restore mankind by sending His Son to die on the cross for the sins of the world.

Jeremiah 29:11 says, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace,



and not of evil, to give you an expected end." God is not thinking evil thoughts about you! He has thoughts of peace so that He can give you hope for your future.

This gift of peace must be received by faith, so don't try to "feel" it. Believe it! Ephesians 2:14-18 tells us, "For He is our peace, Who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in His flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in Himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that He might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father."

A Gift the World Cannot Give

Years ago I saw a simple yet very powerful statement on a sign in front of a small church that I have never forgotten. It said, "Know God, Know Peace. No God, No Peace." That is really true. This great gift of peace is a God thing that the world cannot give. During the last supper with His disciples, Jesus said, "I am leaving

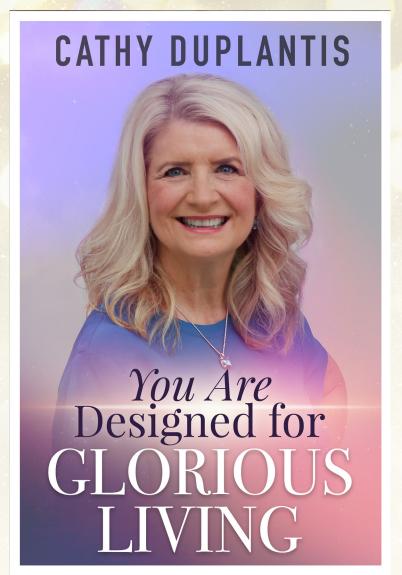
you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid" (John 14:27 NLT).

This life-changing message of peace by Jesus Christ must be preached to the world. Acts 10:36-38 says, "The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (He is Lord of all:) That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: Who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him."

Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil and deliver us from every form of darkness. In John 16:33 (AMPC), He tells us, "I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace and confidence. In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted]! For I have overcome the world. [I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you.]"

Realize today that Jesus has come to give you perfect peace and confidence. You don't have to be distressed or frustrated by the problems in the world. Philippians 4:6-9 says, "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you."

You are in the world, but it doesn't have to be in you. Realize that you have God's promise of perfect peace. You can be confident, even cheerful, in the middle of a frustrating situation. Instead of being distressed, you can choose to think on things in God's Word that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report, and virtuous, and stay full of praise. But don't just think about them—do them! When you do, you can expect the God of peace to be with you and never leave your heart.



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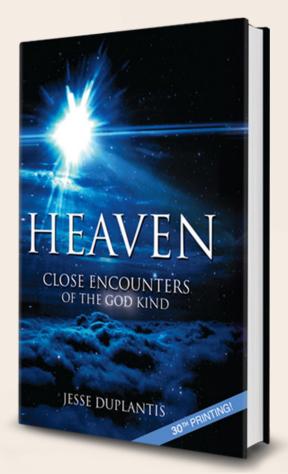
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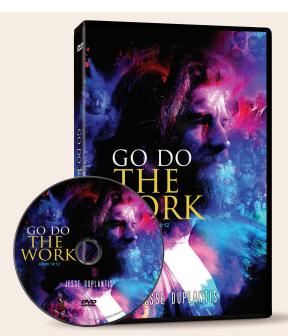


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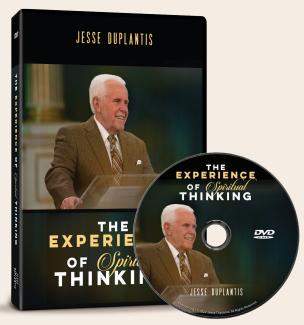
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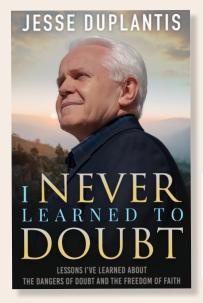
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