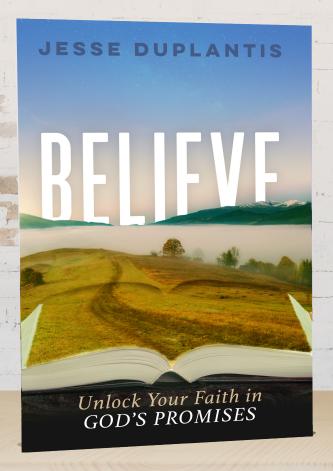
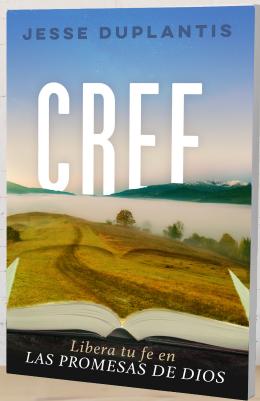
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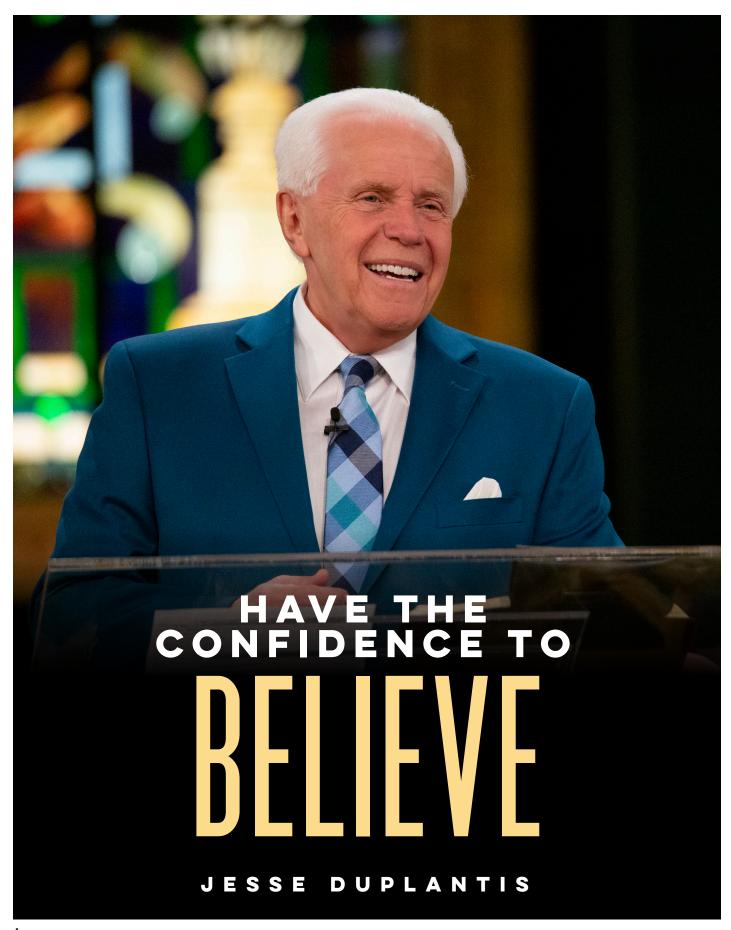
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id you know that you can have full confidence in God and believe His Word? You never have to be afraid of expecting great things from Him. God loves you so much that He inspired 1 Corinthians 2:9 to be written, which says: "... Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him." God loves you, and His heart's desire is that you love Him and allow Him to move in your life and fill you with His confidence. The Bible says, "... perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment..." (1 John 4:18). The world we live in is encompassed about with that disease called fear. I believe that Satan uses fear to either neutralize us or get us off on a tangent—and the purpose is to disarm us of the power we need to live out God's best plan for our life and the lives of people all around the world.

Fear is a disease that steals peace, kills joy, and destroys our mental acumen—it takes a sharp person and makes them unable to think with spiritual clarity or walk in truth. Fear makes a person look more at what Satan is saying and doing rather than at what God has already done and will continue to do. Fear can kill your belief in God and in His Word.

#### **BELIEVE—He Is Doing a New Thing**

I love the revivals of yesteryear. I've got books on the great revivals of the past, and I read them to glean as much as I can from them. They inspire me and show me God's habit of waking up and shaking up generations of people. I love it, but I don't live in it. I love what God did then, but I don't continue to try and revive those revivals of the past. Why? Because it won't change the future. You don't need revival... you just need to stay "vived!"

The apostle Paul said, "...but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before" (Philippians 3:13). There is a future in front of us. God is doing a new thing today. What was back then was wonderful, but those revivals of the past won't meet the needs of the future. Why? Because that time has passed. God has already done that, and today He is going to move forward. "Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even

make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert" (Isaiah 43:19).

That is why God wants us to walk with Him daily—not living according to past religious history... not living by the inspiration of yesterday. Not because what happened back then is wrong. It isn't. But because the inspiration of yesterday is not sufficient for today. How the Holy Spirit moved decades or centuries ago was wonderful, but the question is: How is God moving within your life today? You determine that, not Him. You have a daily obligation to believe the uncompromised Word of the Lord and allow the Holy One of Israel to use you.

Inspire yourself every day as you build yourself up in the Word. What does it say about you? Find out, let it sink in, and BELIEVE it. When you know who you are in Jesus, you can look at a lost, sin-sick world with hope. You won't see them as hopeless because you'll know that there is enough Jesus inside of you to reach out to them all.

That is why it is so crucial that you really believe what Ephesians 3:20 says. I want you to know in your heart that God is able to do "exceeding abundantly above all that you ask or think according to the power that works in you." Believe that and you'll have boldness and confidence to do God's will in your life.

For example, many years ago in South Africa, a man told me, "You've got more boldness than anybody I've ever seen in my life!" Confidence in who I am in Jesus gives me boldness. Why? Because I know that when I walk into a room, I'm the most powerful person there! When I walk into a place, especially if it's a heathen-ridden place, I am the most powerful individual around. Why do I feel like that? Because I know in Whom I believe. I know that my God is not just enough; He's too much!

#### Godly Confidence Makes the Devil Nervous

That kind of boldness and confidence makes the devil nervous. He'll say, "Watch that Jesse! Watch him!" I love to aggravate the devil! So, sometimes I start walking up to a person, like I'm going to talk to them, just to make the devil nervous. When I get close to them, I don't say anything and the devil looks like a fool. He gets all worked up over nothing and I

think it's hysterical! He never knows what I'm going to do.

If you walk into a room and they are cursing, don't clam up. Do what I do and start praising! Man, I have walked into many cursing sessions. I love getting around people who curse because it gives me another opportunity to praise.

If you're a man and you've been to a gym where there is a men's dressing room or weight-lifting section, then you know how men can cuss! I don't know if it's the heavy weights or that there are just no women around to give men those disapproving looks, but it seems like when a bunch of guys get together, cuss words start flying.

One time, when they crank-started the cussin' motor, I stood right by them and started praising. It was so funny to see their faces. Their foreheads crinkled up and they said, "What? What?"

Then I repeated myself, "Praise God!"

"Praise God?"
"Yeah! Praise the Lord!
Glory! Thank You, Jesus!"

Some backed away from me and made their way toward the far-off equipment. Others hung back and got quiet for a while, and then the questions began to come. And that is when I had the

opportunity to let my light shine and tell them a little about my life serving Jesus.

There was one guy who spoke up and said something like, "I don't believe in that blankety-blank-blank religious stuff!" That's when I got as bold as he was and said, "Well, glory to God, I do!"

I don't care about being confronted, and neither should you! Why? Because the Greater One is living in you! The Bible says, "greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4). As I said before, when I walk into a room, I'm the most powerful person there. I know it and the devil does, too! But that isn't so just because I'm bold. No

matter who you are or how you are, if you're born again, then you're the most powerful person in the room. So, just BELIEVE that!

Now, sometimes you have to deal with people who want to push you around. They enjoy confronting you just for the shock value. They want to see your face or what you're going to say when they continue cussing and start talking bad about God. In those situations, I just do a little shock treatment myself. Instead of falling into a theological argument, I just give them simple truths from the Bible in a very matter-of-fact way. I don't argue. I just give it to them straight. If I'm talking about accepting Jesus in order to

go to Heaven and they say, "Well, I don't believe in that," I just say, "That doesn't matter. Whether or not you choose to believe doesn't change the fact that it's true."

Then I start with the facts. "Look, you have two choices, Heaven or hell. That's it. There are no loopholes. If you say that you choose not to believe that there is a Heaven or a hell, then you're saying that you don't accept this Bible as truth and you're calling God a liar, which means that you also don't believe in His Son, Jesus.

And your refusal to accept Him as your Savior is a choice that will send you to hell. But if you believe God's Word is truth and you choose to receive Jesus into your life, then you've made a choice that will send you to Heaven. So, Heaven or hell—which will it be?"

In my own experience, I've found that this kind of simple, no-nonsense approach works great with those who are confrontational and those who are into making up their own rules. I don't enter into any religious arguments. I just state the facts and ask them if they want to receive Jesus and go to Heaven. If they don't get saved right then and there, I know



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that at least they walk away having heard the truth. From then on, they'll be accountable for it.

#### **It Takes Courage to Have** Confidence and BELIEVE

So, what will you believe for your future? Do you know? Have you prayed? Is it something that you can do on your own? Do you need His help? If so, I want to encourage you today that there is no such thing as "impossible" with God. What man cannot do, God can do and will do if you understand the power behind belief.

It takes a lot of courage to have confidence and sometimes you have to tell yourself what

you are going to do. Doubting is about going back and forth. It's about wavering. Faith is about standing firm in your belief and, after doing

all that you know to do, simply continuing to stand and believe.

There are two portions of a scripture passage that I think we all need to really "hear" with our ears of faith. They are, "Be strong and of a good courage" and "Only be thou strong and very courageous" from Joshua 1:6-7. Notice the word "be" and realize that

this is something *you* do. God cannot be strong and courageous for you. You must realize that He is with you, and because of that, you can "be strong" and "very courageous." How do you get to a place where you can rise up with courage? You do that by meditating on the Word of God. You must meditate on the Word of God because it is through God's Word that the full manifestation of what you believe will come to pass. This takes a lot of courage!

It takes courage to stand when everyone tells you that it's impossible. As for me, whenever someone tells me "That's impossible," Hebrews 11:6

automatically comes up in my mind: "But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."

How is that verse able to pop up so quickly in my mind? How is it able to combat the naysayers of the world? It's because I take the time to sow the Word into my heart. You see, I know that I will be able to get out what I put *in*. I focus on God's Word and expect that the full manifestation of what I believe will come to pass.

#### **Check Yourself Today: Do You** Have Confidence in God?

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God will show you what to do and when to do

it. He will anoint your every step. He will open doors no man can shut and shut doors no man can open. What is your responsibility? It is to simply believe and act on His Word. God wants you to be courageous—because it will take a lot of boldness to believe like this.

So, stir yourself up in the Word. "... Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God" (Romans 10:17 NKJV). Never forget that your ability to BELIEVE is contingent upon how often you "hear" the Word of God absorb it and implement it.

Check yourself today and shift your focus because if you want to *have* what God said you can have and *do* what God said you can do, you must be dedicated to believing God's Word. Don't dismiss what He says just because it sounds impossible. God specializes in the "impossible," and as the Lord Jesus said in Mark 9:23, ALL things are possible to him who believes. 👀

This article is an excerpt from Jesse's newest book *BELIEVE*.

# Prayer of SALVATION

A born-again, committed relationship with God is the key to a victorious life. Jesus, the Son of God, laid down His life and rose again so that we could spend eternity with Him in Heaven and experience His absolute best here on earth. The Bible says, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

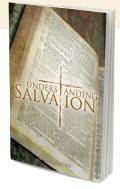
It is the will of God that everyone receives eternal salvation. The way to receive this salvation is to call upon the name of Jesus and confess Him as your Lord. The Bible also tells us, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved...For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:9,13).

Jesus has given salvation, healing, and countless benefits to all who call upon His name. These benefits can be yours if you receive Him into your heart by praying this prayer:

Heavenly Father, I come to You admitting that I am a sinner. Right now, I choose to turn away from sin, and I ask You to cleanse me of all unrighteousness. I believe that Your Son, Jesus, died on the cross to take away my sins. I also believe that He rose again from the dead so that I may be justified and made righteous through faith in Him. I call upon the name of Jesus Christ to be the Savior and Lord of my life. Jesus, I choose to follow You, and I ask that You fill me with the power of the Holy Spirit. Right now, I declare that I am a born-again child of God. I am free from sin and full of the righteousness of God. I am saved in Jesus' name. Amen.

If you have prayed this prayer to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior, we would like to hear from you. I would like to send you a free copy of our *Understanding Salvation* booklet to help you begin your new journey with Jesus Christ. You can contact me online at jdm.org and click on the "Do You Know Jesus?" link, or you can use the top portion of the envelope/order form in the center of this magazine.

— Jesse Duplantis

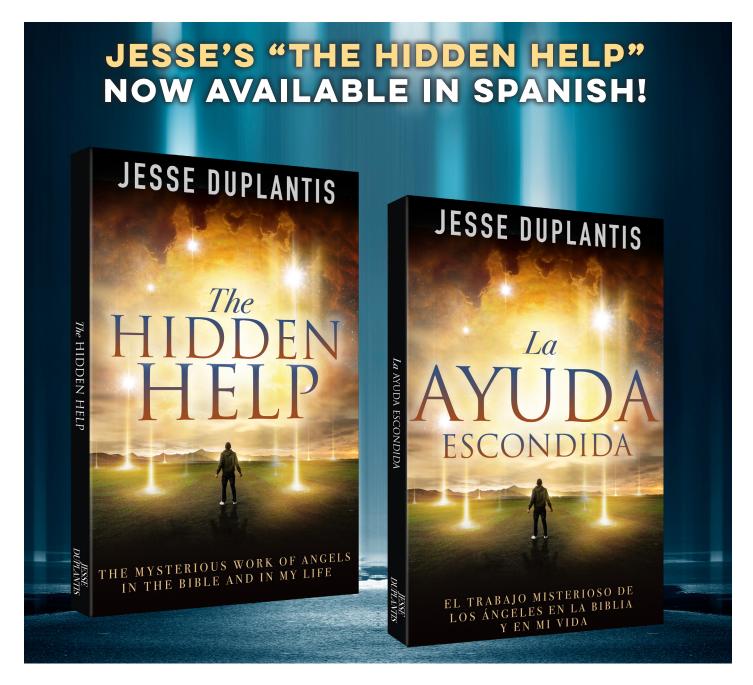


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#### THE HIDDEN HELP

Who are we to the angels? Why do they help us? What draws their attention? Are guardian angels real? Are God's angels worthy of praise? How can we tell the difference between the fallen and the faithful angels? Dr. Jesse Duplantis answers questions like these and much more as he shares teaching and stories from the Word of God to help you view the angelic realm, as well as yourself, in a biblically-sound way.



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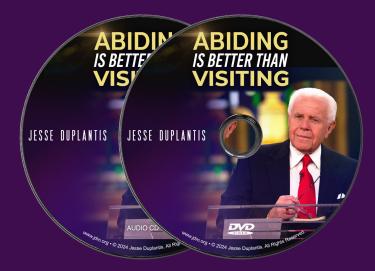
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¿Quiénes somos para los ángeles? ¿Por qué nos ayudan? ¿Qué les llama la atención? ¿Son reales los ángeles guardianes? ¿Son los ángeles de Dios dignos de alabanza? ¿Cómo podemos diferenciar entre los ángeles caídos y los fieles? El Dr. Jesse Duplantis responde preguntas como estas y muchas más, mientras comparte enseñanzas e historias de la Palabra de Dios para ayudarle a ver el reino angélical, así como a usted mismo, de una manera bíblica.



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# Do you need prayer?

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# GLORIOUS MOMENTS with Cathy

It is such a blessing to receive testimonies and share them with you in our monthly magazine and on our television broadcast. Each time we share testimonies about what God has done, it shames the devil and glorifies our wonderful God. Revelation 12:11 says, "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." It is important that you share your testimony with someone. Not only will it encourage them, but it will also strengthen you! Get ready to be encouraged and give glory to God for what He is doing in the lives of these precious believers.

In 2019, I sowed a significant seed into your ministry because I heard you talk about the anointing on you for wealth and for debt cancellation. I definitely needed my debts cancelled. I took out two student loans for my daughter's college education with the intent of paying them up on her graduation. At the time, I was married, and my husband had a great job. I was depending on him to pay them. After she graduated, we separated, and I was unable to pay the loans back. Suddenly, I found myself drowning in debt with no possible way of getting out. In 2019, I heard you testifying of the miracles God did in your life financially, and I began to see a glimmer of hope. I began speaking God's Word concerning prosperity. Well, four years later, God did it! My student loan debts are completely canceled: \$190,091! Hallelujah! I just wanted to thank you for speaking the truth concerning debt cancellation and for your ministry! God is so good and so faithful!

I want to let you and your staff know that your messages throughout the years have elevated my faith and knowledge of the Lord, which is priceless! I listened to a specific teaching regarding your 4-point message on tithing, firstfruits, alms, and seed giving. I have been digging deep regarding my relationship with God and being obedient to His Word, building my faith (by hearing the Word of God) through your messages. The outcome of this walk in the Lord has yielded a financial increase in my salary over the last couple of years. In fact, it's almost doubled. I'm surprised but not surprised. Your messages and teachings have opened my heart, spirit, and mind to recognize that God truly wants to bless me and to show the world that our God wants His people to prosper and be in health. Because of the increase that God has provided, I started a new position, and, for the first time, I'm stepping out with my firstfruits offering. I chose your ministry because it's the Gospel message that you preached that has allowed me to be blessed. I typically tithe regularly, but firstfruits are new. Please accept my offering and use it to win more souls into the kingdom. I'm looking forward to seeing God's blessings that will follow, in Jesus' name! Oh, I also have another job opportunity that would elevate my earnings another \$35k a year. Whoop! Whoop! Thank you, Brother Jesse and Cathy, for serving God and being obedient to His Word and will.

Thank you for these bingeable words of God. Sometimes, I feel too overwhelmed to listen to a full message, but these short "Faith the Facts" messages give me one thing I can hear to keep me going. Thank you, JDM team. Y'all are helping my Christian walk. Thank you, Jesse Duplantis.

We have been tithing, covenant-believers for many years, and have operated in firstfruits, alms, and seed-planting. We are also JDM Partners. We give God glory as we've just paid off a 30-year land loan in 9 years! We were also able to buy a new 2022 automobile and pay it off in 11 months! To God be all the glory!

Hi, from San Antonio, Texas! I was deeply blessed watching your two days of the Visionary Conference and your Sunday service at Covenant Church this afternoon. From your messages, I was moved to return to attending church in person instead of just watching online, and that is exactly what I did this morning. Oh my, the blessings are overflowing! I am grateful for both of you, Jesse and Cathy. Glory hallelujah! Amen.

Thank you for encouraging us in the Word. I am believing for overflow! I love watching you both, it makes me so happy and gives me a new way to look at prosperity. I used to think money didn't matter, but now I believe it's a lie from the enemy. Thank you both for hearing, being obedient to God, and sharing the wisdom God has given you both. Keep doing what you're doing! Amen.

I love all of your videos and watch your Sunday service every week. I am in Ohio, so I can't attend in person. I have been more mindful of where I sow my seeds and have experienced their growth in small harvests that come out of nowhere, and it always makes me smile. It has come to me in different forms—from money to several loaves of homemade bread. I have to share this with you: I asked God a question and received my answer through Jesse during a recent service, within days of me asking!

I was scheduled to have an image-guided breast biopsy. I'd had a mammogram, and they called me back for a second one because they said they found "something suspicious" in my left breast. I have not been sick nor had any problems or symptoms. I sent an email asking for prayer. I am SO THANKFUL to report that the biopsy was done successfully. THEY FOUND NOTHING WRONG WITH MY BREAST! They told me I would have pain for a few days, but I didn't. They also told me I would have to apply ice constantly for two days, but I never had to apply ice. IT WAS THE LORD WHO HEALED ME! Thank you to ALL who prayed for me. I give God ALL the glory!

I love these Boardroom Chats, and I love you guys! God has used your ministry to grow my faith, heal me, and lead me to the path of divine living. God bless you guys always!

We have wanted to be wealthy, but just as you said, religion made my wife and I believe that we were not supposed to be wealthy. You have given me back an understanding of being all that God says I am: I can serve my Lord and Savior *AND* be a multi-millionaire at the same time. Thank you for being the vessel that we needed. Now, I can go back and continue to write my Christian movies.

I love the JDM app! I am enjoying the praise and worship to God from Los Angeles, California, but I am only visiting here from Columbus, Nebraska. That's what I love: I get to enjoy this ministry no matter where I go. Thank you for being online and not being afraid to praise Jesus.

We love you, Brother Jesse and Miss Cathy. The truth you speak out about Jesus draws and brings the love to you. My momma used to listen to you, and she caused me to listen, too. When I lost my husband, I felt like I couldn't live, but I realized I felt peace after I listened to you all on your app. It truly got me through the initial devastation. I know God directed me to listen. The joy you have in God overflows and brings joy to those listening. Thank you for being obedient to God.

My husband and I watched your Boardroom Chat on "The Financial Plan of God – Part 1." We are Partners with your ministry. When Jesse urged people to sow a seed, we sowed \$200.00. We have received our harvest, and we are now debt-free and have money in the bank! We give all the glory, honor, and praise to God. We love your Boardroom Chats. They have been a blessing to us. Thank you, Jesse and Cathy, for all your teachings—they are such a blessing.

The ministry of Jesse Duplantis is spreading throughout Latin America. Jesse, don't stop. Come to Panama! We are waiting for you.

\*This praise report has been translated into English for you to rejoice with us.

JDM Team, we love you. God bless you and long live you! We urge you NOT to stop translating all the teachings. We thirst for the Word of God. You are a light to the world, and we are learning so much from Pastors Jesse and Cathy. They are beautiful. Come to Mexico! We need you.

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**Baton Rouge** 

W31EU/48.1: Sun 6:00AM, Mon 9:00PM Crowley

KAGN/31.1 - IND: Tue 5:30AM, Tue 7:00PM, Fri 9:00AM, Sat 4:00PM, Sun 11:00PM

Lafayette KADN/15 - FOX: Sun 9:00AM

KAJN/19.1 - IND: Tue 5:30AM. Tue 7:00PM. Fri 9:00AM, Sat 4:00PM, Sun 11:00PM NADN/13 – MY Network: Wed: 6:30AM Lake Charles

KFAM/24.1 - IND: Tue 5:30AM, Tue 7:00PM, Fri 9:00AM, Sat 4:00PM, Sun 11:00PM

**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

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Baltimore

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#### **MASSACHUSETTS**

Boston

WYDN/48.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM W26EU/40: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM New Bedford

WMPX/33.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM

Battle Creek/Grand Rapids/Kalamazoo WUHQ/29.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM Detroit

WUDT/23.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM WKBD/50.1: Sun 8:30AM

#### MINNESOTA

Minneapolis/St. Paul

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#### MONTANA

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Omaha

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WPXU/12.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM WXNY/32.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM Syracuse

WNYI/52.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM WDSS/38.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM

#### **NORTH CAROLINA**

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WDMC/25.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM Durham/Fayetteville/Raleigh

WDRN/45.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM WWIW/66.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM Greensboro/High Point/Winston-Salem WHWD/21.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM

#### OHIO

Cincinnati WDYC/36.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM

Cleveland/Akron/Canton WCDN/53.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM Columbus

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Dayton WLWD/20.1: Sun 7:00AM. Mon 10:00PM Toledo

WDTJ/68.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM

#### OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma City

KOCM/46.1: Sun 6:00AM, Mon 9:00PM KOKH/25 - FOX: Sun 8:00AM

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

#### OREGON

Portland

KPXG/42.1: Sun 4:00AM, Mon 7:00PM

#### PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia

WELL/45.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM W29FF/45.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM

WPDN/65.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM Scranton/Wilkes-Barre W43CO/43.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM

#### **RHODE ISLAND**

Providence

WMPX/33.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM

#### **SOUTH CAROLINA**

Anderson/Asheville/Spartanburg WSQY/51.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM

WKDC/50.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM Greenville

WGGS/16 - IND: Mon 11:30AM WSQY/51.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM

#### **TENNESSEE**

Chattanooga

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WTNZ/43 - Fox: Sun 10:30AM

WDTT/24.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM Memphis

WDNM/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**

Amarillo

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/Harlingen/McAllen/Weslaco KRZG/35.8: Sun 6:00AM. Mon 9:00PM

Bryan/Temple/Waco KZCZ/34.1: 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

Houston KDHU/50.1: Sun 6:00AM, Mon 9:00PM KLTJ/22.1: Sun 6:00AM, Mon 9:00PM

San Antonio

GOAI/35 - CW: Sun 9:30AM KQVE/46.1: Sun 6:00AM, Mon 9:00PM

Salt Lake City KSUD/45.1: Sun 5:00AM, Mon 8:00PM KUTF/12.1: Sun 5:00AM, Mon 8:00PM

#### VIRGINIA

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

WASHINGTON

Seattle/Tacoma KWDK/56.1: Sun 4:00AM, Mon 7:00PM Spokane

KQUP/24.1: Sun 4:00AM, Mon 7:00PM KQUP/47.1: Sun 4:00AM, Mon 7:00PM KDYS/32.1: Sun 4:00AM, Mon 7:00PM

#### **WASHINGTON D.C.**

**WEST VIRGINIA** 

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

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

#### WTSF/44.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM

**WISCONSIN** Appleton/Green Bay

WGBD/49.1: Sun 6:00AM, Mon 9:00PM Madison

WMWD/38.1: Sun 6:00AM, Mon 9:00PM Milwaukee

WVTV/18 - CW: Sun 7:00AM WDMW/65.1 - CW: Sun 7:00AM

#### **IRVING, TX**

**FEB 6 • 7pm** 

King's Chapel Irving 310 S Story Rd • 972.254.1760 kingsdallas.com

Dr. James & Pastor Colleen Marocco

#### **HUNTSVILLE, TX**

**FEB 7 • 7pm** 

**Family Faith Church** 

2407 Sam Houston Ave • 936.291.9458 familyfaithchurch.com

Pastors Jeff & Eileen Hackleman

#### **NORTH HIGHLANDS, CA**

**FEB 22 • 7pm** 

**Family Community Church** 6331 Watt Ave • 916.334.7700 familycc.org

**Pastors Vince & Marie Harrill** 

#### KAILUA KONA, HI

FEB 25 • 10am

King's Kona

Venue: King Kamehameha Mall 75-5626 Kuakini Hwy • 808.796.3146 kingskona.com

Pastors Jakob & Leah Barrientos

#### KAHULUI, HI

**FEB 25 • 6pm** 

King's Cathedral

777 Maui Veterans Hwy • 808,871,7311 kingscathedral.com

Dr. James & Pastor Colleen Marocco

#### HILO, HI

FEB 27 • 6:30pm

**Glad Tidings Church** 

116 Kapiolani St • 808.961.0616 athilo.com

Pastors Dan & Earlette DeLuz Jr.

#### **HONOLULU, HI**

MAR 3 • 9am & 11am

**Word of Life Christian Center** 544 Queen St • 808.528.4044 wolhawaii.com

Pastors Art & Kuna Sepulveda

#### ZÜRICH, SWITZERLAND

MAR 17 • 10am

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**Zoe Gospel Center** 

Badenerstrasse 808 011 41 44 432 92 72 zoegospelcenter.ch

**Pastors Peter & Vivian Hasler** 

#### **HOBBS, NM**

**APR 10 • 7pm** 

**Chooselife Church** 

700 N Dal Paso St • 575.397.4604 chooselifehobbs.com

Pastors Dean & Kathy Shropshire

#### **KERRVILLE, TX**

APR 11 • 6:30pm

**Calvary Temple Church** 3000 Loop 534 • 830,895,3000 ctc.church

**Pastors Del & Cindy Way** 

#### **NEWARK, TX**

**APR 21 • 10am** 

**Eagle Mountain Int'l Church** 14355 Morris Dido - Newark Rd 817.252.2900 • emic.org

**Pastors George & Terri Pearsons** 

#### **NEW BRAUNFELS, TX**

**APR 23 • 7pm** 

Faith Alive Church

1311 Industrial Dr • 830.312.7709

**Pastors Gerard & Rolanda Montenegro** 

#### **NEW YORK, NY**

**APR 28 • 5pm** 

**Every Tribe Church** Venue: AMC Empire 25 234 W 42nd St • 860.354.7700 everytribechurch.com

**Pastors Frank & Lisa Santora** 

#### STAUNTON, VA

**APR 30 • 7pm** 

Victory Worship Center and

World Outreach

200 Hammond Ln • 540.886.6249 victory-worship.com

**Pastors Ray & Liz Eppard** 

#### **FOLEY, AL**

**MAY 1 • 7pm** 

**Abiding Love Church** 

17644 County Rd 26 (Michigan Ave) 251.943.1615 • abidinglovefoley.org

Pastors CJ & Gigi McBride

#### -2024 AUSTRALIA OUTREACH-

#### SPRINGWOOD, **QUEENSLAND, BRISBANE**

MAY 15 • 7pm

**Rhema Family Church** 

19 Tolmer PI • 07 3208 6640 rhema.org.au

Pastors Tony & Patsy Cameneti

#### **MITCHELL, AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

MAY 16 • 7pm

Seven Streams Int'l Church 5/50 Hoskins St • 02 8279 1200 sevenstreams.church

**Pastors Tinashe & Melanie Sydney** 

#### **BAYSWATER, VICTORIA, MELBOURNÉ**

MAY 17 • 7:30pm

**Breakthrough Christian Church** 31 Michellan Ct • 0416 011239 breakthrough.org.au

**Pastors Peter & Christine Lewis** 

#### OSBORNE PARK WESTERN AUSTRALIA, PERTH

MAY 19 • 8:30am Cathy MAY 19 • 10:30am Jesse

Victory Life Centre

1 Neil St • 08 9202 7111 victorylifecentre.com.au

**Pastor Margaret Court** 

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#### **COLORADO SPRINGS, CO**

FEB 9 • 7pm & FEB 10 • 9am Rejoice Women's Conference 2024

**Charis Christian Center** 

10285 Federal Dr • 719,227,0380

charischristiancenter.com **Pastors Lawson & Barbara Perdue** 



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MAY 15 • 70m

Rhema Family Church
19 Tolmer Pl • 07 3208 6640
rhema.org.au
Pastors Tony & Patsy Cameneti

# MITCHELL, AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY MAY 16 • 70m

MAY 16 • 7pm Seven Streams Int'l Church 5/50 Hoskins St • 02 8279 1200 sevenstreams.church Pastors Tinashe & Melanie Sydney

# BAYSWATER, VICTORIA, MELBOURNE

MAY 17 • 7:30pm

Breakthrough Christian Church
31 Michellan Ct • 0416 011239
breakthrough.org.au
Pastors Peter & Christine Lewis

#### OSBORNE PARK, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, PERTH

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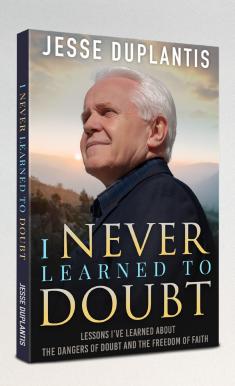
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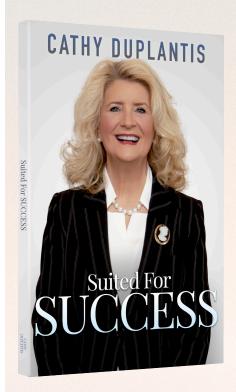


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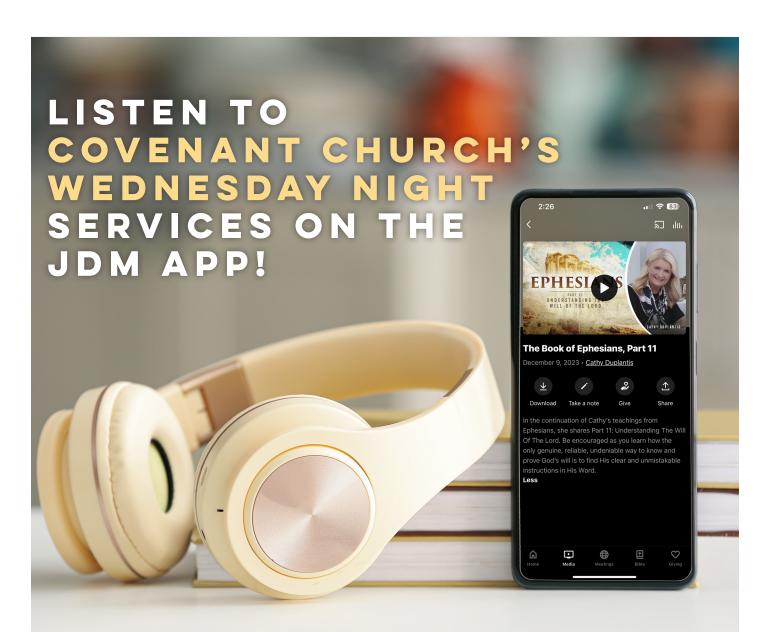
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# Wednesdays 7pm

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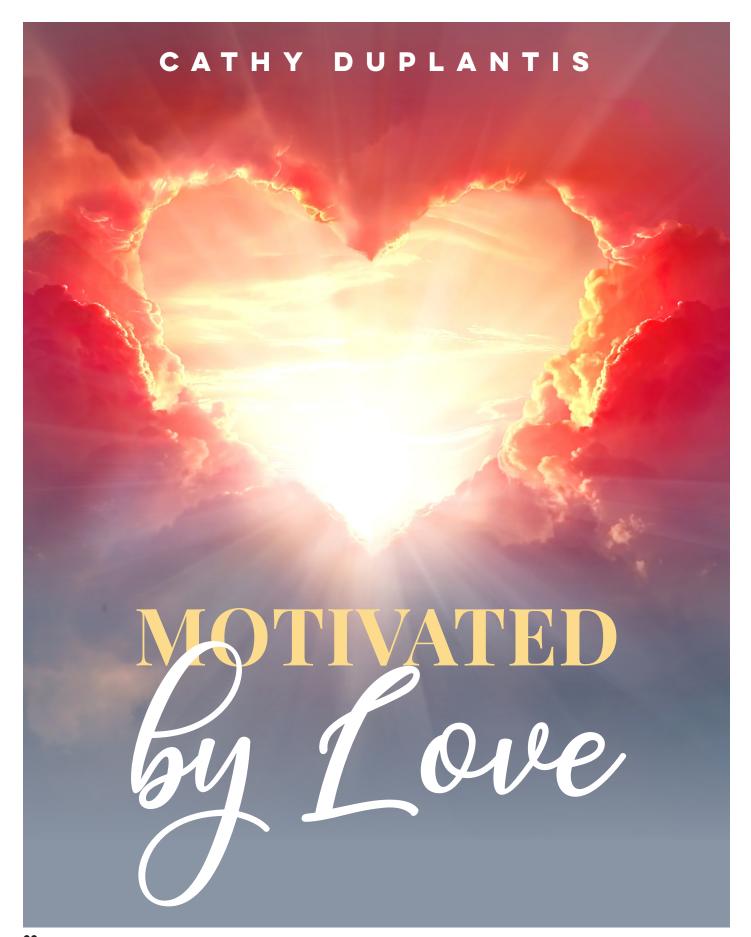


## **WAYS TO WATCH ONLINE:**









In the she was four years old in the backyard of our little yellow house. Jodi stood as tall as she could, smiled really big, and spread her tiny arms out as far as possible. Her adorable pose was in response to my frequently asked question, "How much do you love me, Jodi?" I always loved asking her that question because I would often receive a tight hug around my neck when her little arms came down.

Every child learns how love behaves by example. If they are around people who shower them with gentle kisses, hugs, smiles, and encouraging words of love, children will respond in a similar way. Actually, we are all motivated *by* love *to* love.

When God sent His Son to the earth to die for us, He was expressing His great love for His creation. Each time His love is received, the God kind of love is reproduced in the world. Romans 5:5-8 says, "...the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while

we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

As you begin to realize that God's great love has been poured into your heart, you are motivated to release His love into the world. The compelling truth of the Gospel is that God loves you **as much as** He loves His Son Jesus. That same God kind of love (agape) empowers you to keep His commandment of love and therefore enables you to receive results when you pray. It doesn't matter how impossible your need seems today, if you follow the instructions from Jesus

in the following passage of scripture, you can have **whatsoever** you ask!

If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be My disciples.

As the Father hath loved Me, so have I loved you: continue ye in My love.

If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love.

These things have I spoken unto you, that

My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

This is My commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Ye are My friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of My Father I have made known unto you.

Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in My name, He may give it you.

release His love

into the world.

## God's Love In Us...

- Endures long and is patient
- Is Kind
- Is never envious nor boils over with jealousy
- Is not boastful or vainglorious
- Does not display itself haughtily
- Is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride)
- Is not rude (unmannerly) and does not act unbecomingly
- Does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful
- Takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong]
- Does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness, but rejoices when right and truth prevail
- Bears up under anything and everything that comes
- Is ever ready to believe the best of every person
- Its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances
- Endures everything [without weakening]
- Never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end]

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

# These things I command you, that ye love one another.

John 15:7-17

God's love command is ground zero for Christianity. If we don't get this right, we don't get anything right. Making a quality decision to walk in God's love will reveal things in our lives that need to be corrected and keep us focused on what is really important. Learning the way love behaves actually empowers us to overcome the world and all of its problems and pitfalls. Instead of being drawn off into the devil's territory and getting hurt, God's great love will always lead us to victory in every area of life.

I think that Jesus' promise of answered prayer in the above scripture passage should be a powerful motivation for every one of us to obey God's love command. Since faith begins where the will of God is known, there are no limits when we abide in Jesus and allow His words to abide in us. His promise of whatsoever will work for whosoever believes it! I like to say, "I'm a whosoever, and I'm going after my whatsoever!"

# **Keeping God's Love Command Is Your Safety Net**

Knowledge about the amazing love of God produces a new confidence that *you* can actually receive *whatsoever* you need. That confidence liberates you to boldly reach for the impossible. Regardless of any attack, the devil may launch, Isaiah 54:17 declares that no weapon that is formed can prosper against you. That's your heritage as a righteous child of God.

I like to compare godly confidence to the huge safety net that is positioned below the trapeze artists as they soar through the air from rope to rope. They are able to put forth all of their efforts because they know that regardless of what happens, that big net is standing ready. If problems arise, they bounce on that net, get back on the ropes, and begin flying through the air until they finish their performance.

Resting on God's great love will produce an amazing confidence that will motivate you to fly through life with the greatest of ease. You know that you are ready for anything and equal to anything through Christ Who infuses inner strength into you (Philippians 4:13 AMPC).

# The Word Mirror Reveals God's Perspective

When you look in your mirror, you may see things that need to be corrected—like a bedhead or lipstick on your teeth. It would be foolish to take the time to look and still not do anything about what was just revealed. Well, God's Word is our mirror into our hearts and will always reflect the truth. Don't allow yourself to be deceived. If you obey the Word, you shall be blessed! Although there may be things you would rather not see, acknowledging a problem is the first step to real change.

James 1:22-25 AMPC says, "But be doers of the Word [obey the message], and not merely listeners to it, betraying yourselves [into deception by reasoning contrary to the Truth]. For if anyone only listens to the Word without obeying it and being a doer of it, he is like a man who looks carefully at his [own] natural face in a mirror; For he thoughtfully observes himself, and then goes off and promptly forgets what he was like. But he who looks carefully into the faultless law, the [law] of liberty, and is faithful to it and perseveres in looking into it, being not a heedless listener who forgets but an active doer [who obeys], he shall be blessed in his doing (his life of obedience)."

One of the many embarrassing moments in my life happened many years ago after having dinner with friends. The husband, a plastic surgeon, wanted to give Jesse a book that had really impacted his life and invited us to come by his office for a minute before going home that night.

Then, while all four of us were talking, I noticed that he was looking very carefully at my face. Suddenly the conversation shifted in a totally different direction, and he asked Jesse and I to go to his examination room. We agreed, and when we entered the room, he asked Jesse to sit in a chair and then asked me to sit on his examining table and look straight ahead into the large mirror on the opposite wall.

Now, I'd missed a lot of sleep that week and I only had three hours of sleep the night before,

so I knew that this was the worst possible time to hear his unsolicited, expert advice about my face. Even though he thought he could make me look years younger, I really did not enjoy hearing his suggestion: cut the top of my scalp and pull the entire top of my face over my head! I looked away from him and straight into Jesse's eyes, and we both busted out laughing. He assured us that he was not expecting me to make a decision that day about the brow lift, but just wanted me to begin thinking about it. I know he meant well and just wanted to help fix me up; I also realized that his expert eyes will always see things through a different perspective.

This experience helped me to realize that when we carefully look into the Word of God, the Holy Spirit is able to reveal God's perspective. The God kind of love motivates us to make adjustments and allow His love to perfect every area of our lives.

# Never Judge God's Love by Your Past Experiences

The God kind of love is not a dysfunctional love or perverted love. The God kind of love is pure. His love is not blind—it sees more, not less. But because it sees more, it is willing to see less.

As we spend quality time with God in prayer and in the studying of His Word, we can understand how to walk in love. One of the best descriptions of the God kind of love is found in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, which contains the fifteen characteristics of love and is featured within this article. Then, in verse one of the following chapter, we are encouraged to "Eagerly pursue and seek to acquire [this] love [make it your aim, your great quest]"

(1 Corinthians 14:1 AMPC).

I challenge you to make love your greatest quest in life. Look into the mirror of God's Word today and begin to see the way that God commanded you to live, and make adjustments as needed. Although love may not make the world go round, it sure makes the trip worthwhile!



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