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We've often said that Christmastime should be celebrated ALL of the time. It's a season of divine reflection, gratitude, and giving—and it's the perfect holiday to gather with family and friends to express joy, peace, love, and good will to all men. This is the most wonderful time of the year because we are honoring the birth of our precious Savior and greatest gift, Jesus Christ. Glory to God in the highest!

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We Love You!
Jesse & Cathy



When God Says Something Is Going to Happen, *It's Going to Happen!*

JESSE DUPLANTIS

Mary was pregnant and not just a little bit. She was heavy with child and at the end of her pregnancy—and like any woman about to give birth, she probably wasn't all that excited to travel far from home. What woman who is near the end of her term *wants* to get on the back of a donkey and travel near a hundred miles? Not many, if any, I'll tell you that much!

If Jesus had been any other baby, He would have likely been born in His own hometown of Nazareth because that's where Joseph and Mary were living. Nazareth, in a region of Israel called Galilee, is where Jesus would eventually be raised and also where His ministry much later would begin. But, in the Christmas story, Jesus fulfills a prophecy when His parents suddenly find themselves on a journey they never really wanted to take.

Now, I'm not going to tell you the whole Christmas story. That's not really what this is about. But hear me out,

because there are some lessons in the Christmas story that I believe will bless you and help you to see the wonderful and unusual way God works.

As I mentioned, it had been prophesied many, many years before that the Anointed One, the Messiah, would be born in Bethlehem—but of course, like many prophecies that seem to take a while to come to pass, people tend to go back to everyday living without an urgency to continue looking for the signs. Before Jesus was born, many babies had been born in the town of Bethlehem—and those babies had grown up, gotten married, and had many babies of their own. So, to the locals, being born in Bethlehem was not considered an automatic blessing or much of a big deal at all, and the same was true for being raised in a city like Nazareth.

So, why *did* Joseph and Mary leave home? Why on earth would Mary get on the back of a donkey and head

down south with Joseph to Bethlehem? Why would they do such a thing when they both knew it was inevitable that Mary would soon give birth to Jesus?

There was only *one* reason they left Nazareth—and his name was Caesar Augustus. Caesar was one of the most powerful men in the world at that time, and when he said “move,” people had to listen or suffer the consequences. So, while Mary might have been carrying the Savior of the world in her belly and probably wished for the easiest and best delivery of her baby in her hometown, God had other plans.

Caesar didn’t know or care about Mary or Joseph at all. In fact, Caesar Augustus had only *one* thing on his mind at the time, and that one thing would be the catalyst for getting Joseph and Mary out of Nazareth so that Jesus could fulfill an old, old prophecy about Bethlehem. What was on Caesar’s mind? The same thing that’s on a lot of leaders’ minds these days—*taxes!*

Caesar Augustus Had Money on His Mind

Everybody wants a piece of the action. Just because Jesus was born over 2,000 years ago doesn’t mean that human nature has changed—because as long as there have been leaders ruling people, there have been leaders trying to figure out how to get more money to do the job.

Caesar Augustus had money on his mind. He sent word throughout Israel that it was time for a new census so that he could more accurately tax the working people. Caesar didn’t want anybody slipping through the cracks. He wanted more money, and he wanted it quick.

Not only did Caesar want more tax money, he didn’t want the government to have to go and find out just how many people were going to need to pay up. He didn’t want to send out people to jot down everybody’s name—no, Caesar wanted the head of every household to leave home and travel, according to their lineage, to the place where their own ancestral records were kept. Can you guess the town where Joseph’s ancestral records were kept? You got it. *Bethlehem*.

Joseph was of the lineage and house of King David, so he had no other choice but to do what Caesar said and go to “the city of David,” which is called Bethlehem even to this day. Can you imagine what Mary might have felt when Joseph told her this? Do you think either of them were happy and jumping for joy at the thought of it? Just like nobody really *wants* to pay more taxes, nobody really *wants* to make a tough journey while pregnant. Mary’s hormones were probably kicking just like the baby in her belly, and her nesting instincts were probably kicked up high too, and so I imagine she just wanted to stay home—and the truth is, she could have done just that.

Mary didn’t have to go to Bethlehem. Only Joseph, as the head of his house, was required to make that journey. Mary *wanted* to go. Why? Well, you have to remember that Joseph was still keeping her away because of the flapping jaws of the people around town. Few believed her story—that an angel had come to her, spoke to her, and caused her virgin womb to quicken with a divine child that she was instructed to call “Jesus.” An angel had visited Joseph too, who confirmed the miracle conception, and so he believed and was her greatest ally. And because he loved Mary so much, he chose to isolate her from the community so that she would be able to avoid the humiliation of being seen as her belly grew larger.

Mary relied upon Joseph in many ways. They were in that miraculous predicament together. So I imagine that when Mary heard about the census and knew that Joe had to go, she probably said what any other first-time pregnant mamas would in that moment: “You’re not going without *me!*”

What’s the moral of all this? God knows what it takes to get people to move where they need to be in life to fulfill His plan—and sometimes what it takes is a little discomfort and a whole lot of obedience and faith. If Nazareth was the “comfort zone” for Joseph and Mary, then Bethlehem was the “discomfort zone”! Yet Bethlehem was exactly where God needed to get them in order to fulfill His plan.

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God Knows What Moves People

God knows the heart of each of us. He knows how we think, and He’s not above setting the stage for our eventual success by making us a little uncomfortable in the present. Whatever God calls us to do will require that we need His help—and sometimes His help is a nudge that doesn’t feel too comfortable, but it will stimulate us to move forward in His plan for our lives.

God knew what it would take to move Joseph. Joseph was an honorable man who worked as a stonemason carpenter, and he knew that if he and Mary were going to start their lives out right as a family, well, they needed to obey the law of the land. They needed to comply with the decree Caesar ordered and be counted in order that they pay their taxes correctly. God knew Joseph and how Joseph's mind would guide his decisions.

God also knew what it would take to move Mary. She was a pure-hearted woman who trusted God, and the desire to be with Joseph, no matter what, was something that was deep in her heart. Mary wanted to have Joseph by her side. If she didn't care, she would have stayed home. Mary wanted his love and support at the birth of their first and God's only Son—and even if following Joseph meant great discomfort for herself, God knew that Mary would choose that path. God knew Mary and how Mary's heart would guide her decisions.

Sometimes God has to use an unbeliever to do something a Christian won't do. And whether we like it or not, God often uses people we would never choose.

What about Caesar Augustus? What I'd like you to notice now is something hardly anybody mentions when they tell the Christmas story, and it is this: If Caesar was the reason Jesus was born in Bethlehem, then Caesar was the reason the prophecy was fulfilled—and this means that Caesar was moved to action by God, even though Caesar didn't know God at all. Think about that!

Caesar was a heathen—and yet Caesar was the catalyst. Caesar didn't know God—and yet God knew Caesar. Caesar didn't care about the Jewish prophecy or Messiah or anything of the sort—and yet God cared very much about all those things and used an unbelieving man to set things in motion so that His plan for mankind could be done.

Did Caesar even know what was going on? No, he didn't realize God was using him at all. This is what I call “the unconscious obedience of the unbeliever,” and it is flat amazing!

Emperors Are but Officials in God's Plans

Does God only use believers? No. Sometimes God has to move upon a heathen to get believers to move. Sometimes God has to use an unbeliever to do something a Christian won't do. And whether we like it or not, God often uses people we would never choose.

Emperors are but officials in God's plans. So many people are worried about the state of leadership in America today. So many are worried about the division among the people. The believers are even not often on the same page. Who knows what man or woman God will use? Sometimes only God Himself.

God knows what He is going to do to make certain everything is fulfilled in His Word—and if you think He's going to limit Himself to just using the Church, you are living in a dream world. God is going to use the unconscious obedience of unbelievers to get His Word done, too.

God may put people in office you never thought He would. You don't have to approve or disapprove of God's choices—and to even put ourselves in the spot of judging God for anything is foolish at best. I like to say that arguing with God is like a gnat biting the toe of an elephant—it's irrelevant and doesn't change where the elephant is going to walk next!

Maybe God places one man or woman in office because they are willing to obey His guiding—even when they don't realize Who is nudging them to do X, Y, or Z. Maybe God even uses their bad qualities to facilitate the conditions needed to get God's people to move. Caesar Augustus is proof of that because he knew *nothing* about the Messiah, and he couldn't have cared less about Judea or Jerusalem. All he wanted was tax money, and it's unlikely that he wanted it for something good. It's not like Caesar Augustus was known far and wide for being some wonderful and generous benefactor of the people. Yet God used Caesar's greed anyway to facilitate the fulfillment of prophecy.

You've got to understand something. If you worry a lot over political leaders, just remember that no matter what they do, they cannot subvert God's plan in the end—they may hinder it, but they cannot stop it. God can also use anyone He likes and order events the way He sees fit. We don't have to like it. In all truth, we may never understand some of His reasons until we cross over and are no longer looking through a glass darkly—but we can trust that God will see to it that His plan is done.

God Can Use Anyone—Even Those We Don't Like!

I often say that some people aren't “thorns in flesh,” to quote a phrase used by Paul the apostle—they are complete bushes! There are some seriously irritating people in this

world. Guess what? God still loves them, and God may still use them. So don't discount them just because you don't like them very much. God didn't call us to like people. He called us to love people—and sometimes, we love them from afar! And, sometimes, we simply have to look at our own heart to see just why they trigger our emotions so much. We can learn a lot about ourselves just by seeing what irritates the fire out of us!

Until we get to Heaven and meet our Maker face to face, the truth is that we may never understand why certain emperors, presidents, prime ministers, or kings are in place—and we may not grasp how God can *possibly* use them as officials in His plans for mankind. Not everyone God uses is holy and the epitome of perfection. The truth is that God will use anybody who accepts the nudging of His Spirit—even when they don't realize they are being nudged at all!

Would we prefer all of our leaders to be saved and pious, perfect and holy before God? Absolutely! Sure! But you and I both know that even the ones who *are* saved are not always doing the right things 24/7—and yet there they are, earning both praise and disgust, depending on who's doing the scrutinizing. Another reality of our God is that He gives politicians just as much grace and mercy as He gives any other human being, because, unlike human beings, God is not moved by public opinion.

Proverbs 21:1 reads, “*The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: He turneth it whithersoever He will.*” In Old Testament times, God used Cyrus to get the Jews back to their homeland too, and Cyrus was not a man of God. Cyrus couldn't have cared less about anything other than what was good for him—but God used his unconscious obedience to bring the Jews back to their homeland. In New Testament times, God used Caesar Augustus to get Jesus where He needed to be, even though all Caesar really cared about was taxes. God can use rulers today too, to move His plan along—don't forget it. It's a crazy thing when you look back sometimes at your own life and realize you should maybe say thanks to a heathen for getting the will of God done!

So, whenever I feel irritated by a president or some other leader, I remember after I get my aggravation in check that emperors are but officials in God's plans. Sometimes to get us to where we ought to be, it takes a good ole heathen unconsciously obeying God! Just like Joseph and Mary, it took Caesar Augustus' greed to make them go in the direction God wanted.

Joseph and Mary didn't have it easy, and I'll get more to them later, but remember that even when they went to Bethlehem, there were points along the way that they likely questioned God. Can you imagine knowing your unborn baby came into existence by the hand of God? Can you

imagine knowing that the child is so important that angels are sent to you to tell you that fact? You'd think the birth plan would be easy then, right? You'd think there'd be no trouble—God's Son is coming, who can stand against God?

Plenty of people will stand against God, but God can still use them. It's very possible Satan tried to stop Jesus from being born where He should. Was it God's will for there to be no room at the inn? Was it Satan's attempt to hinder God's plan that there was no room at the inn? We may never know—but we do know that Mary and Joseph were led by God regardless of the irritation of the situation. When they were confronted with the reality of no room at the inn, Joseph didn't say, “Hey, Mary, let's go a little further to Herodium or maybe go a little back to Bethany. Let's see if they have rooms available there instead...hold on, baby, I got this!” No, Joseph and Mary stayed where they were, and somehow they ended up in a place where animals slept—and Jesus was born right where God said He would

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be. All the drama didn't matter then. God's will was done and angels filled the sky to celebrate the birth.

God's Word is *going* to come to pass, whether the devil fights it or not and whether people understand it or not. If God says, “My Son is coming and this is where He will be,” then that's where He will be—and that holds true whether it's being born in a certain town or coming back through a certain gate! God's will is going to be done. If God said it, don't just accept it. *Believe* it and look forward to it because, buddy, that is what is *going* to happen! I don't care if God said it five thousand years ago or yesterday, it's coming to pass. 🌐

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

God Sent Jesus For YOU

*"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

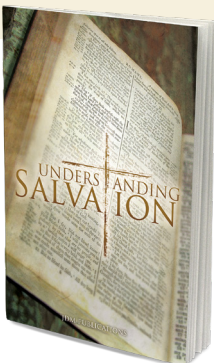
Friend, your Heavenly Father loves you so much that He sent Jesus Christ to the earth for *you*. Long before Mary wrapped Jesus in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger, God had you on His mind. You were to be part of His wonderful plan for a reconciled family. Jesus was God in the flesh, He was born of a virgin, and He lived among men. He came to pay the price for sin by shedding His blood on the cross. Today, He is offering you eternal life in Heaven and a joyful life of victory here and now.

If you don't know Jesus, or if you just aren't where you should be and want to be brought back into right relationship with Him, would you take a moment and say this prayer with me? All you have to do is reach out to Him with simple faith, and He will reach right back down to you and help you right where you are. As you say these words and simply believe with your heart, you will be born again and back where you need to be—home. Are you ready?

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 on the cross 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. Amen.

Congratulations and welcome to the family of God! You are a "new creature" in Christ, and as 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, "...old things have passed away; behold, all things are become new." Please contact our ministry and let us know of your decision to follow Jesus. We'd like to send you our free booklet, *Understanding Salvation*, to help you begin your new life in Christ. Just go to JDM.org (click on "Do You Know Jesus?") or use the response/order form included in this magazine. Always remember that from this point forward, you are deeply loved and never alone. Merry Christmas, and may the new year bring you closer and closer to the One Who came for *you*—Jesus!

Love You,
Jesse



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THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR

There's more to Christmas than buying gifts and the traditional songs we enjoy each year. In Jesse Duplantis' latest book, *The Most Wonderful Time of the Year—Uncommon Lessons from the Christmas Story*, you'll be inspired to live a higher life of faith by exploring the wonder of God's mysterious ways in the lives of people, both ancient and modern. Broken into five key sections, Dr. Duplantis shares personal insights on some of the more unusual elements of the Christmas story through lessons on:

CAESAR AUGUSTUS—How the unconscious obedience of an unbeliever worked to facilitate God's plan for Christ's birth, and how to recognize when God uses this same unusual method in your life, too.

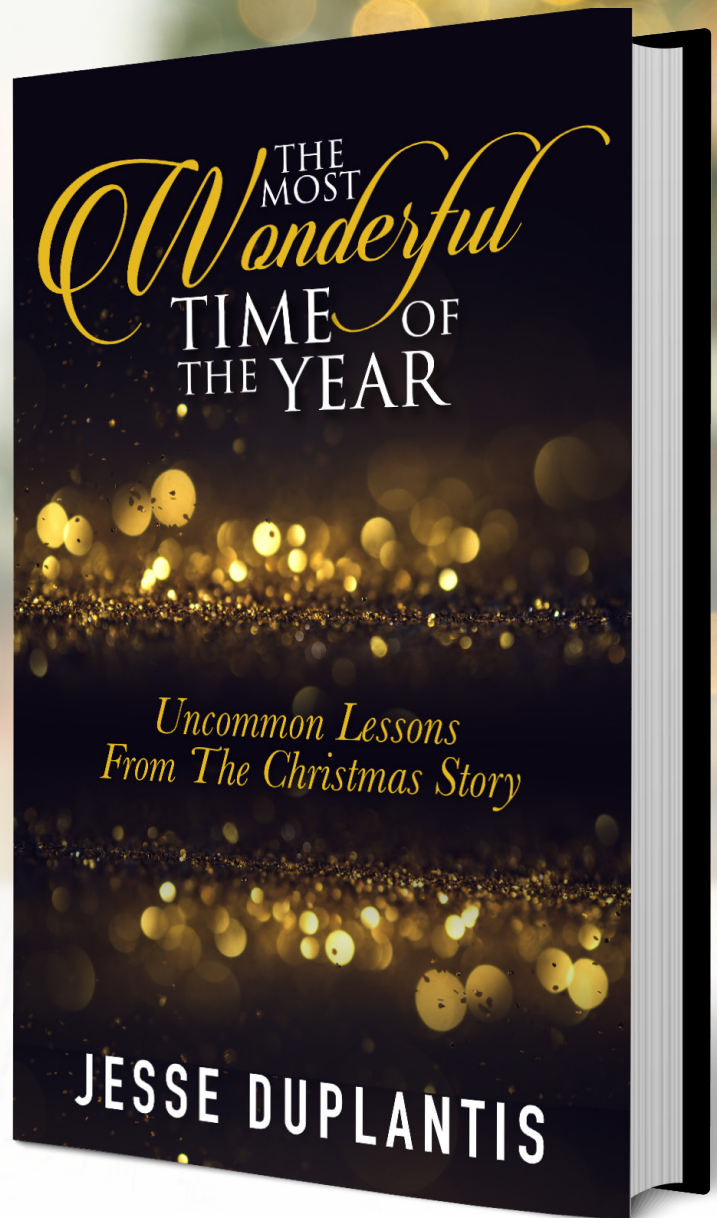
JOHN THE BAPTIST—How God prepared the way for Jesus' first coming by sending a unique, pure-living and straight-talking forerunner, and how it's very likely He will send even more forerunners before His Son returns to earth once again.

THE WISE MEN—How science and spirituality converged to bring "three rich Gentiles" from foreign lands to honor The King of Kings, and what we can learn for our own lives from the humble and generous Magi about abundance, obedience, great intentions, and generosity.

MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS—How the character of Mary was more praised and important to God than sexuality, and how we can learn more about strength of character, faith in God, urgency in obedience, and the sacred feminine bonds of divine connections.

JESUS, SON OF GOD—How the God of the universe and beyond became the "baby in the manger" we see portrayed at Christmas, illuminating our own existence and bringing hope, light, and joy to the world by becoming "God with skin." You'll be inspired to see the manger in a new light, and will be reminded that the story of Jesus isn't over yet!

Take a fresh look at the manger and beyond with Dr. Jesse Duplantis in *The Most Wonderful Time of the Year—Uncommon Lessons from the Christmas Story*.



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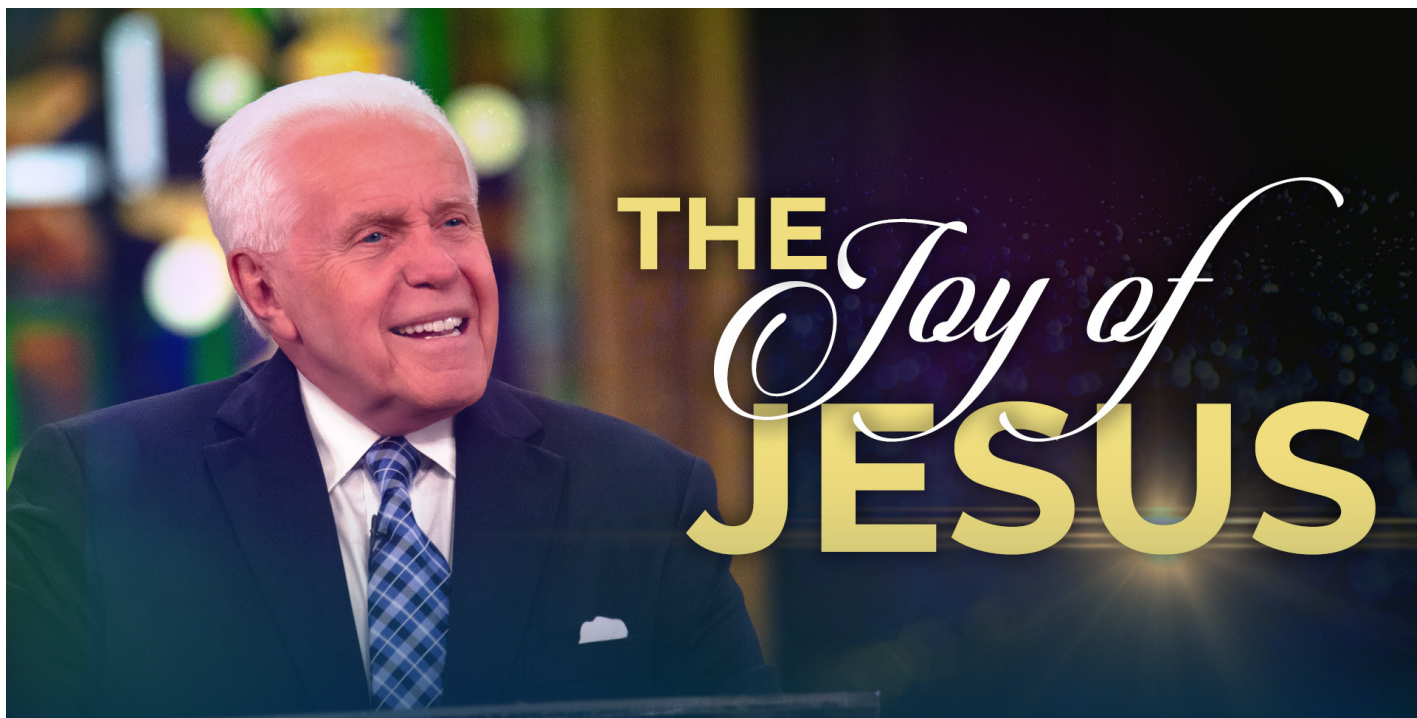
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In Luke 10:17, we learn how Jesus had just received His seventy disciples back from declaring the coming of the Kingdom of God. There was great excitement over the many miracles that were done in Jesus' name. While the Lord was greatly pleased with their success, verse 21 says that He shouted with joy in the Holy Spirit and thanked the Father for the bigger picture that was unfolding right before Him—God's magnificent plan of salvation for mankind.

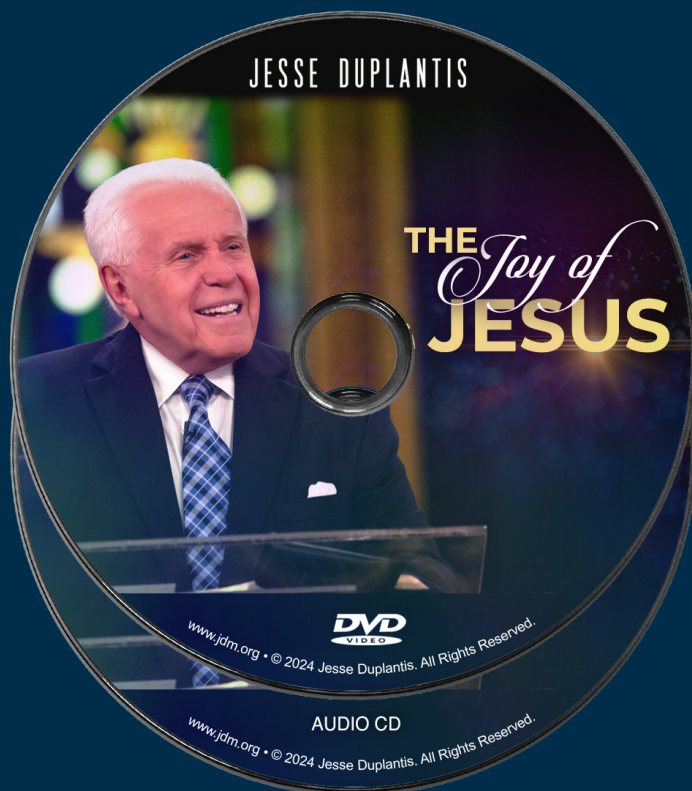
Gain insight and receive God's unspeakable joy as you learn how:

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- Whatever disappointment you meet on the road of life, you can know that your end is sure
- The joy of the Lord is not only stronger than death, it is better than life

No matter where you are or what you are going through, Jesus offers you His joy—it is a solid, substantial, and inward joy that cannot be taken from you. And, just like Jesus, you can experience the joyful gift of the Father's presence every day. So, take a moment to rejoice and be glad in the Holy Spirit. Christ endured the cross for the joy that was set before Him—you!

"In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth..."
Luke 10:21

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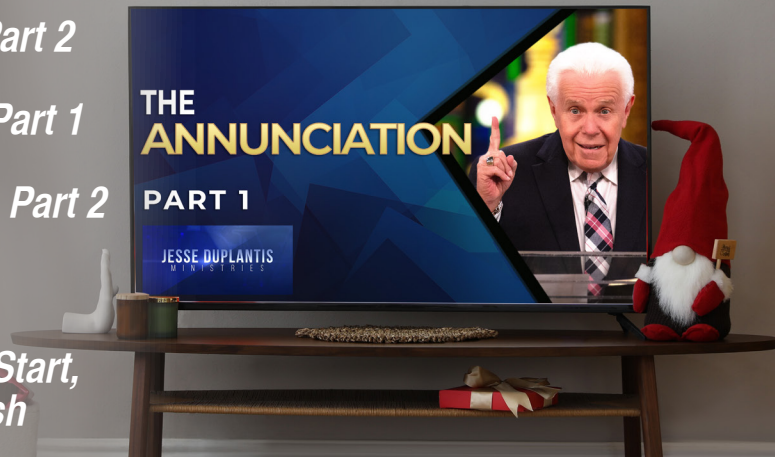
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COLORADO

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CONNECTICUT

Hartford/New Haven
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FLORIDA

Fort Myers/Naples
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Jacksonville/Brunswick
WUJF/33.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM
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Atlanta
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Macon
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Thomasville
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HAWAII

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IDAHO

Boise
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KBTI/41.1: Sun 5:00AM, Mon 8:00PM
Idaho Falls/Pocatello/Jackson
KPIF/15.1: Sun 5:00AM, Mon 8:00PM
Twin Falls
K26LN/26.1: Sun 5:00AM, Mon 8:00PM

ILLINOIS

Chicago
WDCI/57.1: Sun 6:00AM, Mon 9:00PM
WILC/8.1: Sun 6:00AM, Mon 9:00PM

INDIANA

Indianapolis
WDTI/69.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM
South Bend/Elkhart
WEID/18.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM

IOWA

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
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Crowley
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Lafayette
KADN/15 – FOX: Sun 9:00AM
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Lake Charles
KFAM/24.1 – IND: Tue 5:30AM, Tue 7:00PM,
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New Orleans
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WNOL/38 – CW: Wed 6:00AM
Shreveport
KTAL/6 – NBC: Sun 7:30AM

MARYLAND

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

MASSACHUSETTS

Boston
WYDN/48.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM
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New Bedford
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MICHIGAN

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

Austin/Mason City/Rochester
KXSH/35.2: Sun 6:00AM, Mon 9:00PM

MINNESOTA CONT:

Duluth
KMYN/32.2: Sun 6:00AM, Mon 9:00PM
Minneapolis/St. Paul
WDMJ/62.1: Sun 6:00AM, Mon 9:00PM

MISSOURI

Columbia/Jefferson City
KRMS/32.8: Sun 6:00AM, Mon 9:00PM
Kansas City
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Springfield
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St. Louis
WPXS/13.1: Sun 6:00AM, Mon 9:00PM
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MONTANA

Billings
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NEBRASKA

Omaha
KOHA/48.1: Sun 6:00AM, Mon 9:00PM

NEVADA

Las Vegas
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NEW HAMPSHIRE

Manchester
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NEW MEXICO

Albuquerque/Santa Fe
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NEW YORK

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New York
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WDMC/25.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM
Durham/Fayetteville/Raleigh
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Dickinson
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OHIO

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

OREGON

Portland
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PENNSYLVANIA

Philadelphia
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PENNSYLVANIA CONT:

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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
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Columbia
WKDC/50.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM
Greenville
WSQY/51.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM

TENNESSEE

Chattanooga
WCTD/22.1: Sun 7:00AM, Mon 10:00PM
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Knoxville
WTNZ/43 – Fox: Mon 10:30AM
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Memphis
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Nashville
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TEXAS

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Brownsville/Harlingen/McAllen/Weslaco
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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
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Houston
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KLTV/22.1: Sun 6:00AM, Mon 9:00PM
San Antonio
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KQVE/46.1: Sun 6:00AM, Mon 9:00PM

UTAH

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GLORIOUS MOMENTS *with Cathy*

The story of the birth of Jesus is truly a celebration of hope for the future. To a world that was lost and without hope, God sent an angel with a life-giving proclamation to shepherds. Luke 2:10-14 beautifully records the story: “...*behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. 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.*”

The shepherds that were watching their sheep that night encountered an army from Heaven with a powerful message of hope for mankind. The story goes on to tell us how they hurried to Bethlehem, saw the babe in a manger, and told everyone what had happened. It was a glorious moment so filled with hope, they could not keep it to themselves!

For the past 48 years, Jesse and I have dedicated our lives to bringing good tidings of great joy to the world. It is so important that we tell everyone about what God has done and is doing in the lives of people all over the world—especially during the Christmas season.

Rejoice with us as you read the personal stories of victory featured in this month's issue of *Voice of the Covenant* magazine. Each one is a glorious moment in the life of someone that has been impacted through our television broadcasts, evangelistic meetings, website, social media posts, ministry products, and *Voice of the Covenant* magazines. We are thankful to all of our Partners for helping us tell the world the Good News about Jesus. Together we are reaching people and changing lives, one soul at a time!

During one of your sermons, you said, “Tell God what you want.” I laughed and said, “Ok...I want a single home.” We lived in a twin at the time. A year later, we are living in a single home. My husband and I tithe and also work very hard. We never thought we would have a nice home.

Thank you for all that you do for the Word of God. You have blessed me so much, and my sons now watch you, too. One has become a monthly Partner with you, and he can see how he has been blessed because of that relationship with you. Thank you for making the Word simple to understand and easier to follow. God bless you, Cathy, and your team.

We love these Boardroom Chats! So much great information and just a fun environment to be involved in. Keep it up, Jesse and Cathy! We love being Partners with your ministry.

Thanks, Brother Jesse, it always encourages me to hear your word and wisdom. Your words opened my eyes and my ears to truths I needed to hear.

I only recently started listening to Jesse a few days ago and haven't stopped ever since. In one session he spoke at the Southwest Believers' Convention, he had me feeling so happy and blessed, I laughed so hard I had to take breaks. I do not understand who would not watch this man and not have their life instantly transformed. Another thing, before I watched the speaking engagement, I had this random thought that Jesse always looks so healthy, strong, vibrant, and alive! Coincidentally, in that session, he spoke of how he wants to live long enough to see his grandchildren's children, and how he had open heart surgery. Your words have power over life and death, and each time you speak of seeing your grandchildren's children, it is sealed in Heaven and on earth. You will live to see your grandchildren's children. It is shocking to me that between those older videos and now, you still look and sound the same, if not more energetic!

Pastor Duplantis was the guest speaker at my church, Cornerstone Church, in San Antonio. At the end of the 8am service, Pastor Hagee and Pastor Duplantis made a call to the congregation for anyone with a specific struggle or need to be put in God's hands and, in faith, He would solve it. Pastor Duplantis was so sure that God would be answering prayers that he said, "I want to hear testimonies!" Well, that is exactly what this is. I have seen God's hand move and provide for me and my family many times, but it never ceases to amaze me how God confirms that He alone is our Provider and Comforter. For clarity, I have to give the back story of this struggle that has been a strain on my marriage and family for over a year now. Our newly built home had a poorly installed water connection break loose, leaving the house inundated all day long in about 4 inches of water. Our homebuilder and homeowner's insurance were both unwilling to cover expenses since the home was under warranty by the homebuilder, and the homebuilder was blaming the manufacturer of the plumbing parts. We had only been in the home 3 weeks, so many items were still in boxes or unassembled on the floor. Damage was extensive. In time, our homeowner's insurance came around and assisted us with expenses, but we had to pay thousands on credit beforehand to replace many needed items. Unfortunately, it hasn't been easy to get our insurance to fully reimburse everything, and it has taken a bit of fighting to recover our losses that really should be the responsibility of our homebuilder, who built the poorly installed plumbing. When Pastor Duplantis spoke about the specific needs and wants, it occurred to me that I could be specific with our needs, too. There was one claim we had submitted to our homeowner's insurance to reimburse us for some lost or damaged items that we purchased for replacement. Curiously, our insurance decided to repay just under half of the value for our claim. This meant a little over \$3,000 was not going to be reimbursed! Although this was nowhere near the entire value of the items we lost, my wife and I were just getting very frustrated with needing to fight for every nickel and dime. It was at this point when I was at church and heard Pastor Duplantis' message. I needed to hear this!

(Continued) So, after that prayer that Sunday, and emboldened in my faith, I called my homeowner's insurance the following Monday. I wasn't rude or forceful, but I knew I was operating under the authority of The King of Kings. In just a few minutes of conversation with our claim's agent, \$3,500 was deposited into our account! I know for some this may seem like a meager sum and a very minor victory, but it was exactly and precisely the need that I was concerned about when I prayed asking God to take care of it. I have been very encouraged and I'm thankful that I was in attendance that Sunday. Once again, our Lord has demonstrated that when we can't make it happen, He's got this!

I can listen to your Boardroom Chats many times per day, and your old sermons are exceptional. I enjoy going back to your sermons and it makes me laugh, full of joy, power, and authority. Thank you!

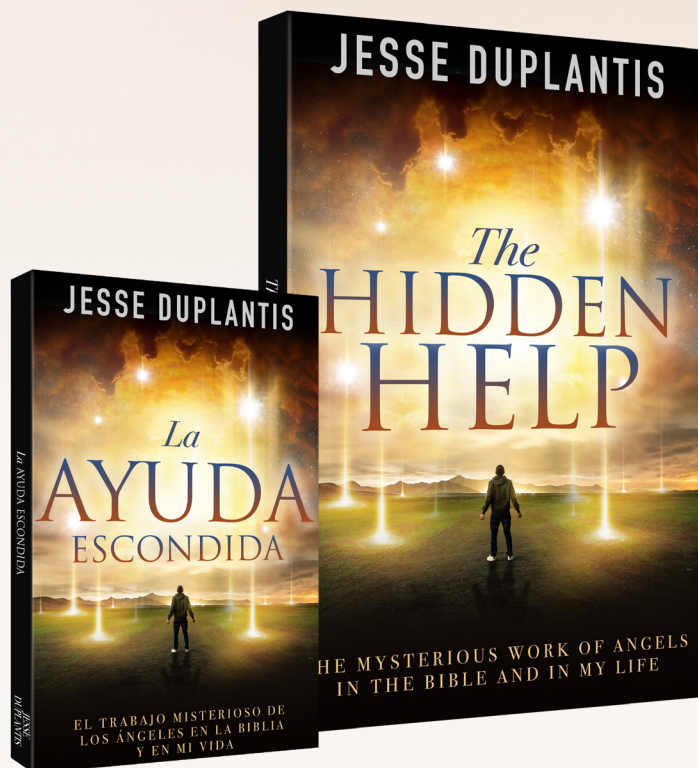
Brother Jesse stated, "Watch what God will do the next 7 days, starting today" during the offering time of the service. The Holy Spirit said immediately to me, "Plant a \$7 seed—one dollar for each of the 7 days in the week." I received over \$800 unexpected money in return! God can do whatever He wants because He is all good!

Your ministry is such an inspiration to me. You two give so much love to God's people. Pastor Jesse is so cheerful, never a dull moment when he is around. You two minister the Word so clearly that even a baby can understand it. I listen to all of your Boardroom Chats.

*If your life has been changed through JDM,
I want to hear from you! ~ Cathy*



Books by Jesse & Cathy



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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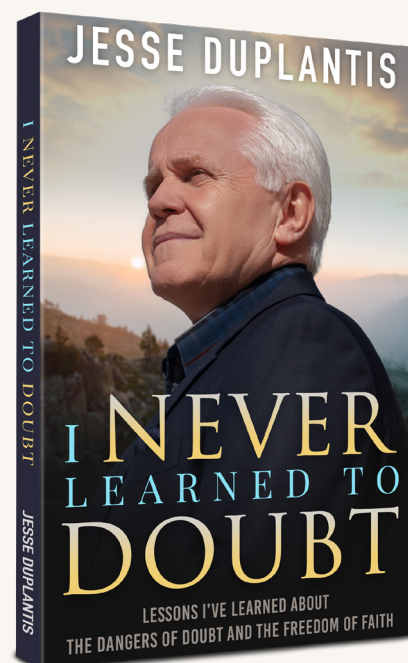
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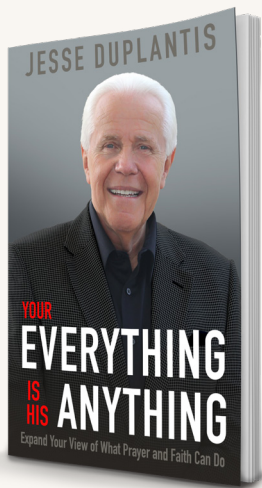
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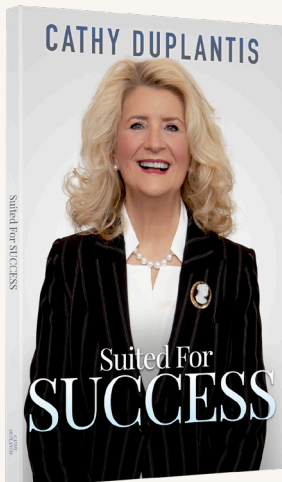
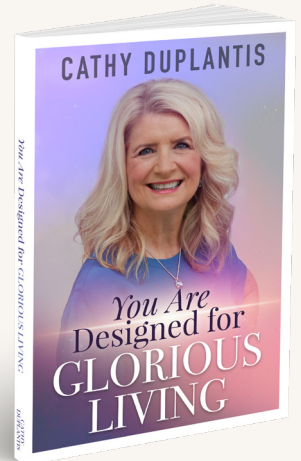
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Cathy Duplantis will challenge you to take away the limitations you've placed on yourself in the past and will encourage your imagination to soar! Get ready to get stirred up about living the glorious life that God has designed uniquely for you.



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While societies in the world today are driven by the desire for success, many Christians seeking success in their own lives are not well received. But the TRUTH about God's view of success is revealed throughout the Bible. His will *is* and *always has been* for all of His children to thrive, prosper, and achieve everything in their lives that He's called them to do.



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GOD'S INDESCRIBABLE *Gift*

*What kind of description of Jesus
would you like to portray this holiday season?*

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It is very difficult for me to ignore a beautifully wrapped Christmas present under my tree, especially if it has my name on it! Jesse has often placed my gifts inside several boxes in an attempt to outmaneuver me and keep me guessing. He knows that I'll study the shape of the gift from every angle, carefully lifting and shaking it, determined to figure out what's inside. I love a mystery!

As Christmas gets closer and the suspense mounts, I plead with Jesse to describe at least one thing about the gifts he's placed under the tree. Usually he doesn't. He knows I'll guess, and then our Christmas celebration wouldn't be the same. He's right.

As I think about unwrapped gifts and Christmas, I am thankful to God for all that He has given and keeps on giving.

The apostle Paul wrote, *"Now thanks be to God for His Gift, [precious] beyond telling [His indescribable, inexpressible, free Gift]"* (2 Corinthians 9:15 AMPC).

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However, long before Jesus was born in Bethlehem, the Spirit of God moved upon Isaiah to begin to describe His precious Gift that would be given: *"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"* (Isaiah 9:6).

Then, many years later, God sent an angel to reveal His indescribable Gift to a young virgin girl named Mary: *"And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a Son, and shalt call His name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David"* (Luke 1:31-32).

The angel also gave Joseph a further description of this precious Gift of God: *"But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the LORD appeared*

*unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for **that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.** And she shall bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call His name **JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins.** Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a Son, and **they shall call His name Emmanuel**, which being interpreted is, **God with us**"* (Matthew 1:20-23).

Later, when Jesus was born, God sent a multitude of angels to deliver what may have been the very first singing telegram to announce the birth of His Son to a few shocked shepherds in the field.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign

unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

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.

Luke 2:10-14

Each time God's message was sent, it revealed a different facet of Jesus to the world. God is still doing that today. The life you live for Jesus each day shines a light for someone to see the greatness of God. As my husband Jesse often says, "The only Jesus some people will ever see is the Jesus in you or the Jesus in me." It

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is true. What kind of description of Jesus would you like to portray this holiday season?

The Gift Came to Give Us Abundant Life

I'll never forget the joyful look on my daughter's face when she saw her first bicycle on Christmas morning. Jesse and I were almost as excited as she was and immediately carried the bike outside to help her try it out. It was a family thing.

The training wheels were safely attached, but she still needed Mom and Dad to help her balance the bike down the first block. It didn't matter that we were all in our pajamas running down the street. We were having so much fun helping Jodi enjoy her first bike, we didn't care about how we looked or what people thought. We were enjoying the moment.

Jesus said, *"The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows)"* (John 10:10 AMPC).

Strong's Bible Dictionary defines the word *abundant* as "superabundant (in quantity) or superior (in quality); by implication, excessive." This all makes total sense when we understand that Jesus came to give us the highest and finest quality of *life*, the God-kind of life.

Zoe, the Greek word which is translated "*life*" in John 10:10 means "...of life as a principle, life in the absolute sense, **life as God has it**, that which the Father has in Himself, and which He gave to the Incarnate Son to have in Himself, and which the Son manifested in the world" (Nelson's Bible Dictionary).

The kind of life Jesus showed to the world was free from pain, lack, and fear, and was filled with health, prosperity, and peace. Jesus came to bring total restoration of the God-kind of life to each of us while here on earth, in addition to the indescribable gift of eternal life in Heaven. Each day, our life can be filled with His power, His joy, His peace, and His faith.

Many years ago, I spoke to a Seminary graduate who had just discovered God's promises for abundance. She was surprised that she didn't notice them before, because she was suddenly finding scriptures on prosperity and abundance throughout the Bible. It was as though she'd discovered a precious map to a long-lost treasure chest. When I began to tell her about a new verse that I'd just found, her face lit up with excitement. As she walked away, I knew that she was on the right track. She was destined for abundance.

I guess I'm still shocked by the number of Christians that haven't discovered the truth about biblical prosperity and Jesus' promise of an abundant life. You would think that the very first words that God spoke to mankind would settle that issue once and for all. The Bible records them in Genesis 1:28:

"And God blessed them...."

That word *blessed* means "**empowered to prosper.**"

Just those four little words alone would have been enough, but God did not stop there. The verse goes on to say, *"...and God said unto them, **Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.**"*

It is clear that abundance has always been God's

will for His children. To those who are willing and obedient, He promises that they will **eat the good** of the land (Isaiah 1:19). That is the quality of life that God offers to each of us today.

In South Louisiana, we have an abundance of seafood and, boy, do we know how it should be cooked! It's all about flavor and spice. One of my favorite local commercials from many years ago starts off with a scene of an outdoor picnic table loaded with fresh, steaming seafood of every type you can imagine. I could almost smell the seasoning through the television screen! Just as I began to lick my lips, the camera backed up slightly to reveal the back of a large man also looking at the tantalizing table loaded

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down with the good of our land. Just then, that man turned to look straight at me through steam-filled glasses and with a huge grin, declared, “Life is good!” Now, even if you hate seafood, you know that man was talking about abundance.

I believe that when God promised that we would eat the good of the land, He wasn’t just talking about a full belly. He was talking about a full life—one that is filled with joy, peace, love, and every good thing that Heaven has to offer.

If you have never heard it before, I want you to know today that God has empowered *you* to prosper—spiritually, physically, and financially. He wants you to be the head and not the tail, above and not beneath. You were created to be blessed coming in and blessed going out. You are blessed of the Lord. This is not just a suggestion from your Creator; it is His command in Deuteronomy 28:1-13.

God sent His Son, Jesus, to bring this message to the world. In fact, in His first sermon, Jesus boldly proclaimed that it was now “...*the accepted and acceptable year of the Lord [the day when salvation and the free favors of God profusely abound]*” (Luke 4:19 AMPC).

We know that God’s Word cannot change and it will not return to Him void. It will accomplish that which He sent it to do. He will have a people that will “*be fruitful.*” God will have a generation that will receive His promise and welcome “*the day when salvation and the free favors of God profusely abound.*”

The word *profusely* means “to radiate with abundance; plentifully, abundantly, extravagantly, freely.” Now that ought to make you shout! Those are the kind of free favors that our God has prepared for His children. That is the kind of abundant life that God has in mind for you and me!

The Gift Came to Give Us Overcoming Life

First John 4:4 says, “*Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world.*” Although the devil hates people to know it, *you* were created by God to rule in life! For years he has deceived people into thinking that they were powerless against his attacks, but nothing could be further from the truth. You have overcoming life *through* Christ.

When I was a teenager, I hated to be bossed

around by my older sister. I remember getting really angry with her and shouting, “Who died and put you in charge?” That was a popular phrase at the time, and it didn’t mean the same to me then as it does now. Today, I know Who died: Jesus. And when the devil tries to touch anything that belongs to me, I remind him of who is in charge. No matter what weapon is formed against me, my family, or ministry, it will not prosper (Isaiah 54:17).

First John 5:4-5 says, “*For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?*” You *can* take charge of your life! Instead of bowing down to every attack against your household, you can stand firm *for* God in the earth. You can rule *over* circumstances instead of being ruled *by* circumstances.

The word *rule* means “to exercise control, dominion, or direction over; govern.” Romans 5:17 says, “*For if by one man’s offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall **reign in life** by One, Jesus Christ.*”

This may be news to some people, but, from the beginning, God made it clear that He gave mankind dominion over His creation (Genesis 1:26). Even when Adam failed to enforce his dominion and subdue the devil, God already had a plan to redeem and restore mankind to their rightful place of authority in the earth. Colossians 1:13-14 AMPC declares: “[*The Father*] *has delivered and drawn us to Himself out of the control and the dominion of darkness and has transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, In Whom we have our redemption through His blood, [which means] the forgiveness of our sins.*” Jesus’ blood transferred us into His kingdom and restored the dominion that was lost by Adam. Now that is Good News!

Before going to the cross to die for the sins of the world, Jesus spoke these powerful, encouraging words in John 16:33 AMPC: “*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.]” Even in the face of distressing situations and frustrations, you *can* be of good cheer and be confident in God. Why? Because God’s Gift came to give you overcoming life!

The Gift Came to Give Us Eternal Life

When I was a child, it was very popular to have an aluminum Christmas tree. I know it sounds weird today, but I absolutely loved it! It was a shiny, silver colored tree, filled with identical blue, shiny round ornaments, and it was always positioned right in the center of the large picture window in our living room.

The really spectacular thing about this tree was the motorized color wheel that would transform that tree from silver to bright red, blue, green, and gold as it turned continuously. The moment the tree was decorated and the color wheel was positioned for maximum effect, all of the children would run outside in the yard to watch our tree change colors through the window. We were so proud.

Our celebration of Christmas is really our way of expressing Jesus to the world. We decorate our homes, give gifts to those we love, and sing Christmas carols in honor and celebration of God’s great Gift. The angel Gabriel told Mary, *“He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest...”* (Luke 1:32). We have a great Savior! He gives us a great salvation and we can expect great victories! His boundless love, unspeakable joy, indescribable peace, divine health,

overflowing prosperity, supernatural strength, and so much more, are available to all who come to Jesus.

In his book *Unwrapping Christmas*, Pastor Jack Hayford wrote, “Packaged in the Person of Jesus is every gift we will ever need to fulfill every longing we may ever have. It will take a lifetime to unwrap the essentials for our present, and an eternity to unfold the glories of our future. But start now!”

Most of us get caught up in the day-to-day battles of life and forget that this life is just a vapor compared with eternity. Romans 6:23 says, *“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is*

eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

God’s great plan for your life is good. The Word says that He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that you ask or think according to the power that is working in you (Ephesians 3:20). His divine power has already given you all things that pertain to life and godliness. You have exceeding great and precious promises (2 Peter 1:3-4).

After every gift is unwrapped and the Christmas decorations are stored away, the only gift that will keep on giving is eternal life. It is the most important gift that God had in mind for you when He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to the earth. His Gift is *precious, beyond telling, indescribable, inexpressible, and free* to all who ask. Receive God’s Gift of abundant, overcoming, and eternal life today! 🌐

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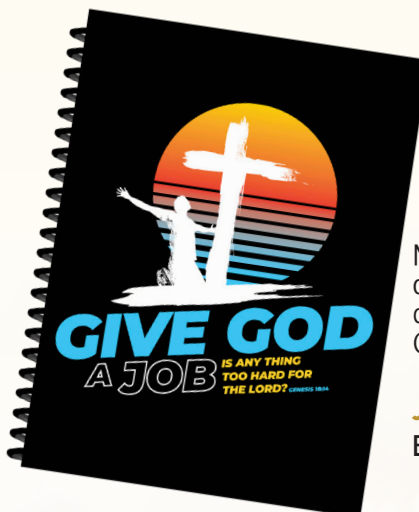
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