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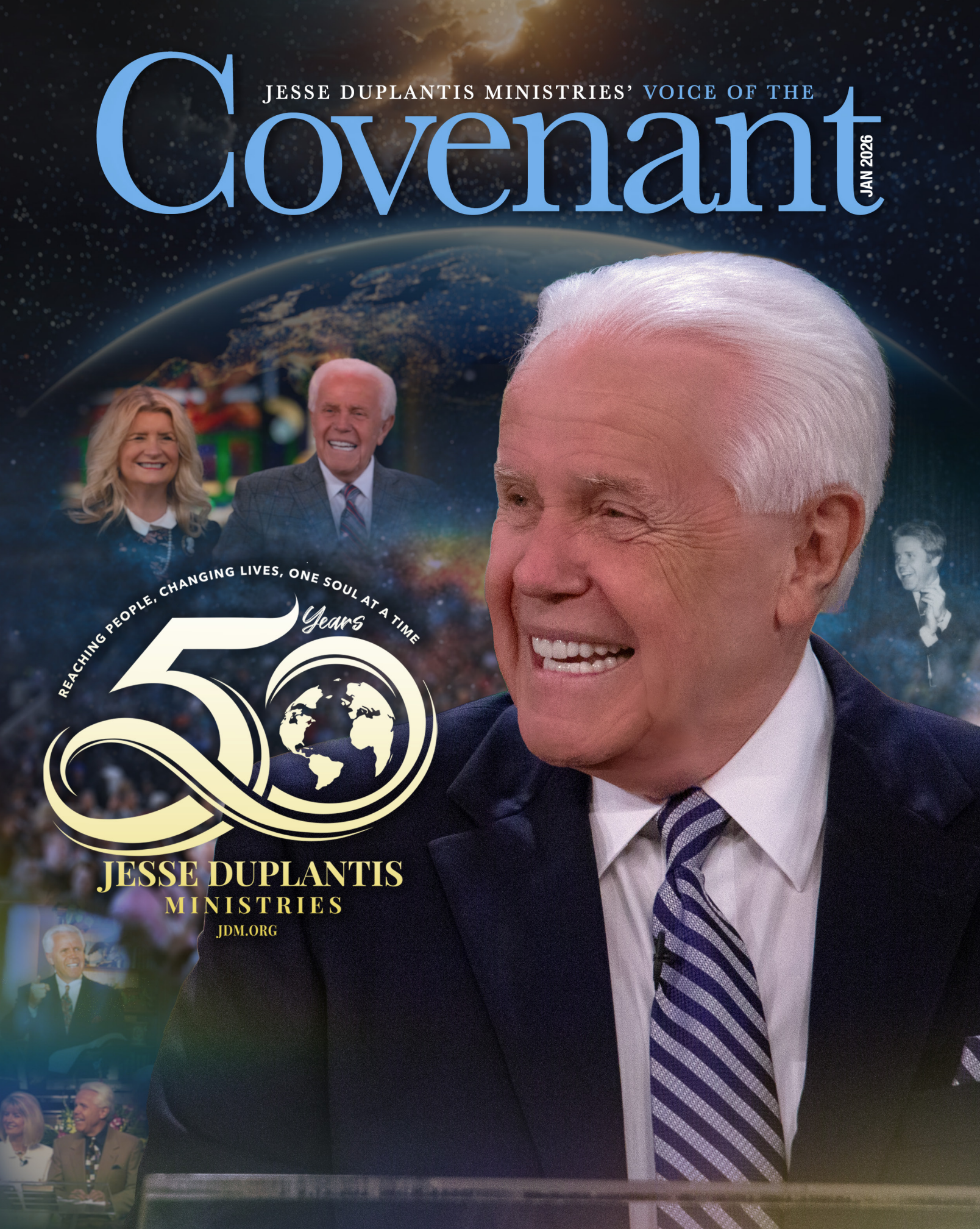
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Jesse Duplantis Ministries has one goal: to share God's message of salvation through Jesus Christ with the world. We want everyone to have an opportunity to know the real Jesus. Approachable, personable, compassionate, and full of joy, that's the real Jesus that Jesse and Cathy Duplantis know and love. And it's their mission in life to make sure everyone on every continent has an opportunity to know Jesus, too.

Jesse Duplantis Ministries is making a difference. Through worldwide television broadcasting, ministry resources such as DVDs, CDs, and digital media, Christian literature including books and our monthly magazine, internet and social media outreaches, and meetings held around the globe, Jesse Duplantis Ministries is "reaching people and changing lives, one soul at a time." Jesse and Cathy Duplantis are reaching out with the Gospel in a way that is captivating the lost and turning hardened hearts back to their first love. People are responding to this joyful, down-to-earth, and passionate ministry. They're tuning in. They're listening and laughing. Most of all, they're realizing the freedom, simplicity, and joy that comes from being at peace with God and in love with His Son, Jesus.

At JDM, we're committed to keeping our focus uncluttered—pure and simple, just like Christianity is supposed to be. We're proud to have one vision, one goal, one mission: World Evangelism. It's our passion! And we invite you to join with us and make it your passion, too.

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Dear Partner,

Happy New Year! Here at JDM, we're starting this year with a bang—and I'm not talking about New Year's fireworks. I'm talking about words of fire! This is our **50th Year of Ministry** this year, and our focus has never changed, and it never will change. We are continuing to "*Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature,*" like Jesus said in Mark 16:15, and God is increasing our reach like never before.

Who would have thought that we'd be doing more now than when we were young? I'll tell you who thought...God thought! And we obeyed. That's the key, Partner. Every day is a new opportunity to keep on walking in the ways of God and seeing the results of saying what He says and doing what He does. Glory!

Partner, Cathy and I are excited about what will happen *this* year—2026 is destined to be great! Why? The reason is because we know we're walking in the will of God. How can we be so sure? We can be sure because we're following Jesus' example. Jesus said, "I only do what My Father says to do, and say what My Father says to say!" That's my paraphrase of John 12:49-50, but you understand what I'm saying. Partner, that's pretty simple, isn't it?

What is God's will? God's Word is His will. Being in God's will isn't hard. I've found that it just takes the decision to follow *His* ways. Notice I didn't say a "yearly" or "daily" decision. That's because following God's way of doing things is a "now" decision. You have to get so in the "now" that now-thinking and now-doing is a habit.

Partner, the Word of God is *alive*. Hebrews 4:12 lets us know that the Word of God is *quick* and *powerful*. It's *sharp*. It can pierce the soul and spirit, and cut between the joints and marrow. It is a discerner of the *thoughts* and *intents* of the heart. Notice the Word didn't say it's discerning what's coming out of your *mouth*. No, God sees straight through to the heart—because it's what you believe in your heart and confess with your mouth (as one thing) that shifts everything! So, what are you thinking in your heart? What are you intending in your heart?

This New Year is here and it's time to put your faith in the now. Start by asking yourself this: "What am I going to think in my heart this year...starting now? What is my intention for this year going to be...starting NOW?" It's time to make a now-decision because faith is always a "now" thing (Hebrews 11:1). Our new theme for 2026 is this:

**I Only Say What Faith Says.
I Only Use My Faith Voice.**

Go with me to the book of Romans chapter four, verse seventeen. This is a famous verse about Abraham, who came to be known as the father of the faith. How did He gain that identity? He gained it by imitating His Father, God—the One who Romans 4:17 says, "*...quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.*"

God's way of doing things is to call those things that be not as though they were—and Abraham got a



revelation about it. He didn't just mentally understand it. He believed it in his heart and confessed it with his mouth. In other words, Abraham started doing things like God did things. Abraham began to create his world with the promises of God and the words of his mouth. He was saying what faith says. He was using his faith voice. Abraham began imitating His Father, God, like a dear child. Abraham knew that if God said it, it wasn't just possible, it was inevitable...but only if he acted like God too, and called those things that be not as though they were. He was saying what God said. He was doing what God did. And because of that, he received his promise and became known as the father of faith.

Partner, many people in the Word of Faith movement have quoted Romans 4:17 for years. But the question I have for all of us who use this verse is this: "Do we say it with the voice of faith?" A lot of people speak faith with the voice of fear and doubt, but I refuse to do that! And I don't want you to either. Partner, I've made a decision to **ONLY** say what faith says, and only use my faith voice. Why? It's because faith isn't about using empty words. It's about believing in your *heart* and not just confessing with your mouth. My first point today is this: **Faith is imitating the Father and using His ways to release creative power.**

You see, when you say what faith says, it releases a creative power in the natural realm. What made Abraham the father of faith was his faith voice. Now that's more than confessing. Saying what faith says is possessing. My second point is this: **For creative power to work all the time, you must understand the energy of God's Word.** God *only* speaks in faith and with faith. You've heard me say this statement many times: "If you want the currency of the world, you must use the currency of Heaven." That's faith. Faith moves things in the natural. The spiritual affects the physical.

The voice of faith is so simple that we sometimes overlook it. This year, I want you to focus on it. Think about it for a minute: Your words are containers that hold your future—spiritually, physically, and financially. Everyone that I know wants to have a good future. So, to make your future prosperous, you must keep your faith in the now.

My third point is this: **"Now-faith" has enough energy in it to keep everything in your life in the present.** Partner, you don't have to wait for things to happen if your faith stays in the now! Hebrews 11:1 starts with, "*Now faith is...*" and then it defines it. Notice, the Word doesn't say faith is tomorrow. It is always in the now. Glory! Your faith voice will get you things quickly if you let it. I don't know about you, but I like things done now. I refuse to let time defeat me. Faith works outside of time and inside of time, because faith is born in the heart of God. It's His way. It's His will. It's how He wants all of His children to live.

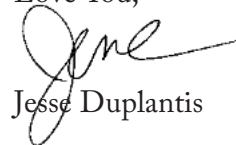
Your faith voice isn't led by time. Your faith is in the Word of God. So, never say, "When the Lord gets ready!" That just puts your answer in the future. It just delays what you are believing for. Partner, God is always ready, and you should be too.

Go with me to Isaiah 65:24. There it says, "*And it shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer: and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.*" Now what does that mean to you? To me, it means God has a message to deliver! His message to you right now is this: **Only Say What Faith Says. Only Use Your Faith Voice.**

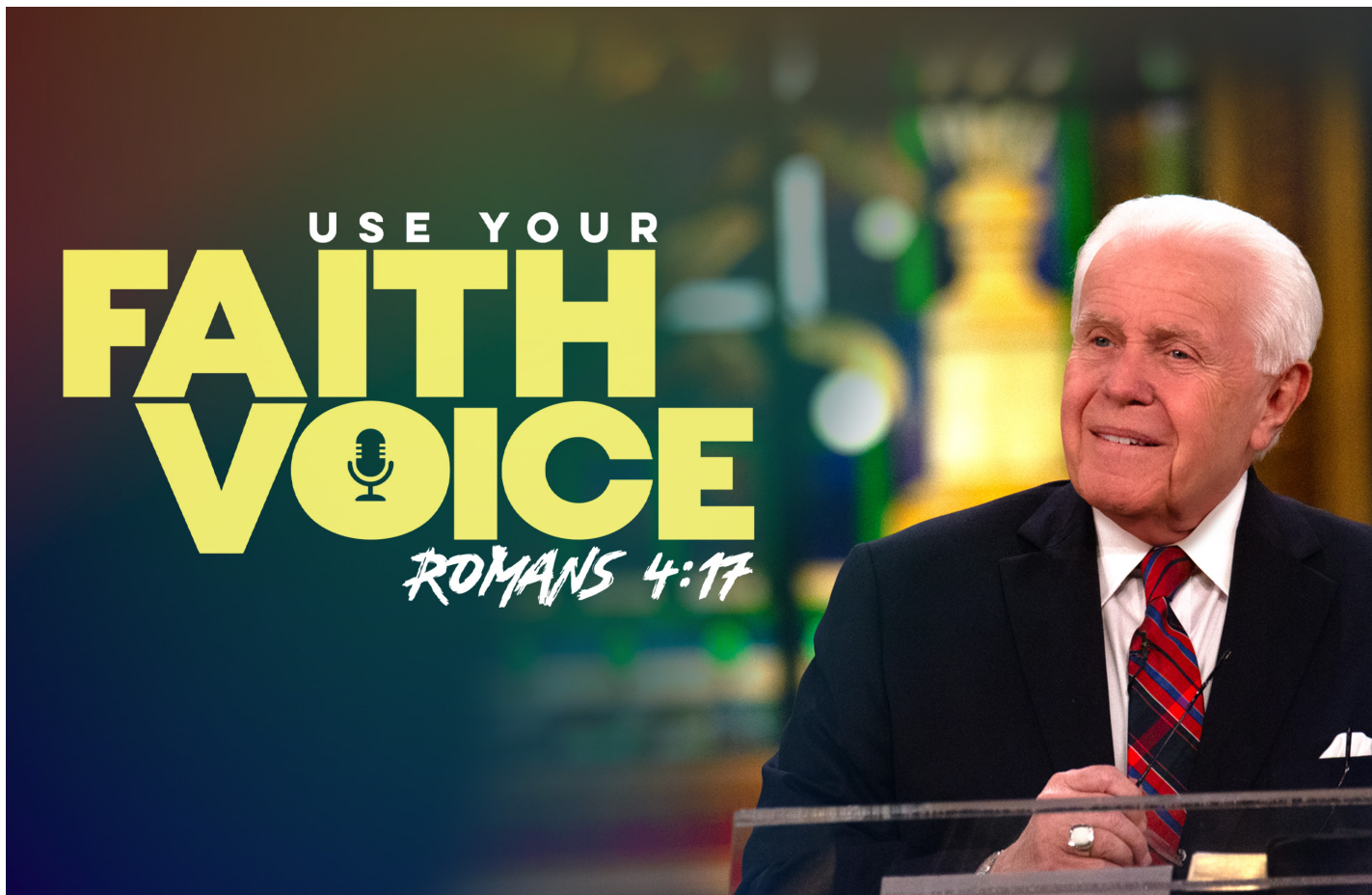
Let me give you one more point on how to say what faith says: **God will always do the maximum and not the minimum.** Go study God's track record in the Bible. He always does more than enough. In fact, one of His names is El Shaddai, which means *more than enough*.

Partner, thank you for reading this letter. I hope it blessed you. I also want to thank you for all your prayers and your faithful financial support. It is so vitally important to go into the world and preach this Gospel. Your finances help us do that. Your seed in this ministry means people being saved, healed, and touched by the mighty hand of God. So, thank you for sending us with the Word—we're still going at it fifty years from when we started, and we aren't stopping any time soon. Glory! As you sow your seed today, believe for the 100-fold. Like I often say, why not? You deserve it. Until next time, keep the faith.

Love You,



Jesse Duplantis



Affirmations from the Partner Letter to strengthen your faith:

I ONLY USE MY FAITH VOICE

- Like Jesus, I'm only doing what my Father says to do and saying what He says to say.
- God's Word is His will and faith is always in the now—so I am developing a “*Now faith is*” habit!
- God's Word is alive, quick, powerful, and sharp, and it flows through me—I confess and possess!
- Faith is imitating the Father and using His ways to release creative power—I do things God's way.
- Like Abraham, I imitate God and speak by faith—I only say what faith says!
- I “call those things that be not as though they were” for whatever I need and desire—I use my faith voice.
- There is creative energy in God's Word, and I know that the spiritual affects the physical—my faith changes things!
- Before I call, God answers. While I'm still speaking, God hears. God always does the maximum for me.
- Every day, I'm only saying what faith says. I'm only using my faith voice. My God is more than enough!

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THE *Ministry* OF *Cheerfulness*

Cheerfulness is infectious! I love to spread the joy of the Lord everywhere I go. No matter where I am, or what I'm doing, I make it a point to infect others with good cheer.

Of course, I wasn't always this way. I've had to learn through the Word just how to keep the joy of the Lord flowing in my life. I pray that as you read, you will be challenged to incorporate the joy of the Lord in your own life. It is the only way to go!

I guarantee you that if you'll listen to and stick with the things of God, you will live an overcoming life.

You will infect everyone around you with the precious, healing joy of the Lord. Your ministry can and will be one of cheerfulness.

I acquired a pencil sketch of Jesus, laughing and full of joy, years ago while ministering during a session at a well-known Bible school. A student, whom I know only as Suzanne, blessed my wife and me with a drawing of what she described as "the Jesus you preach about." As she gave it, she told us that after hearing me minister, she was inspired to draw Him in a different way, full of joy and laughter.

To her, I share a side of Jesus that she had never heard about. I had to admit, after seeing the picture, that, although I knew Jesus to be the author of my

joy, I had never seen a picture of Him laughing.

My wife and I loved it so much that we had it framed and hung it in our foyer. We wanted the joyful face of Jesus to be the very thing that visitors to our home would see.

Now, that picture has gotten mixed reactions. Some people can never picture Jesus in a cheerful way. His eyes shining with love and squinting from laughter are just too much for them to handle. They think that Jesus lived every moment of His life solemn and serious.

But I believe that He had many joyful times in His life here on Earth. If He hadn't, the children would have never come to Him so readily while they were playing. They were laughing and probably tumbling all over the grass, just horseplaying like kids do. I imagine Jesus was smiling ear to ear as He watched them play. I believe it was His joy that put those kids at ease and caused them all to want to be near Him.

Both adults and children alike were drawn to Jesus because He was a man with a ministry of cheerfulness. Jesus ministered joy, peace, and hope while He was here on Earth, and He continues to do it today through His Spirit and His Word.

In John 16:33, Jesus told His disciples: *"These things I have spoken unto you, that in Me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."*

I'm always amazed at how many Christians are shocked when trouble surfaces in their lives. Although Jesus warned us that it would happen, they have this idea that salvation through Christ brings a candy-coated life. Jesus plainly said that while we were in the world, we would have tribulation or trouble. But He commanded us to be of good cheer, because He's overcome this world.

So, when trouble comes, don't be shocked! Be of good cheer, be reminded that Jesus has overcome this world and every circumstance in it!

The devil is just stupid enough to make the Word of God come to pass. The boy doesn't have a lick of sense! You'd think that he'd leave us all alone just to try to prove the Word wrong. But, of course, he's too stupid to come up with any bright ideas.

When the devil sends trouble your way, don't buckle under his attack by singing, "Gloom, despair, and agony on me! Deep, dark depression, excessive misery!" No way! Refuse to agree with that idiot! Don't major on the tribulation; major on the fact that Jesus has overcome the world. He's won! And we've been made more than conquerors through His victory!

Do you know that even in times of tribulation, joy doesn't have to leave you? Jesus said it is possible to be in peace and of good cheer, even in the midst of tribulation, because He has overcome the world.

Really, it's totally up to you. You have a choice to either trust God or worry. You choose joy or you choose anxiety. Either way, you are going to be confronted with trouble in this life. Jesus said it would happen, so there is no changing that. But what you can change is whether you'll go through it in misery or overcome it in joy. I'll tell you from experience that I've tried both ways, and joy is definitely the way to go!

I heard someone say once that the key to being successful doesn't depend on what you've been dealt in life, but how you "deal" with what you've been dealt. In other words, your reaction to the trouble is what is going to determine your success in this life.

Just because you've got some trouble doesn't mean you have to lose joy. You can make a choice to be full of cheer because you know that Jesus has already overcome. It's your part to enforce Satan's defeat by

rebuking him and standing on the Word.

When trouble comes in my life, I say to the devil, "You idiot! You've just proved the Word of God is true! And if this part is true, then it all is! So devil, get ready because I'm going to blast your plans for my defeat. Jesus made me victorious through His blood, and it's in His name that I command you to take your hands off my life! Devil, I enjoy telling you that you are defeated and I have overcome! I laugh at your trouble and enjoy not giving you the pleasure of seeing me buckle under it. You fool, get under my feet!"

You see, I'd rather laugh at the trouble than align myself with it. If I give in to the trouble and begin rehearsing the problem, the joy of the Lord in my life is suddenly replaced with worry and anxiety. I've learned that in order to keep that joy, I must major on the promise and not the problem. Jesus has already overcome, and He's given all authority and power to me! Realizing and believing that is the key to not losing any of that precious joy.

Living in the joy of the Lord is one of the most effective ways to reach others for Christ.

Every human on the Earth is searching for joy. It's the one thing everybody wants out of life. Joy opens doors that once were locked shut! If you choose to live in joy, others will be literally drawn to you. They won't know why, but they'll just love being around you! Some will even ask you why you are always so cheerful. Jesus will use your joy to draw others in so that you can share the Gospel with them. He wants to have a relationship with them so badly, He's going to use any and every avenue you allow Him to in order to reach them.

But if you choose to allow the devil and circumstances to replace your joy with anxiety, you will have a hard time reaching others for Christ through your witness. You'll have to almost chase people down just to tell them about God. And when you finally catch them, you'll have a hard time trying to convince them that what you have is worth having.

Think about it. Who would want to accept the God of someone who lives beaten down and depressed? I mean, if it ain't working for you, why should they believe that it will work for them? It's just a fact

that people who are familiar with you will pay more attention to what you do and how you live than what you say to them. So, be cheerful!

Replace the moaning and groaning, criticizing and complaining with the promises God's given you in His Word. Quit looking at what the devil's done and start looking at what God's done! He's made you more than a conqueror! If He's for you, who can be against you? He's the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. He's overcome this world and everything in it! He's living inside of you, friend!

So, believe it and dig into His Word. Find every promise you can and dwell in that secret place of the Most High. Walk in His Spirit joyfully every day because He's got places for you to go and people for you to meet! His joy will make you like a magnet for the unsaved, brokenhearted. You won't have to go get them. They'll come get you!

But the joy of the Lord isn't just limited to being an effective witnessing tool. According to Proverbs 17:22, *"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones."* Joy can keep you well like medicine! I read one time that most of the hospitals in this country are filled with people whose problems stem from stress, worry, and anxiety.

Your body wasn't created to live worrying about every little thing! You were created to walk in the joy of the Lord every day of your life. His joy can keep you living well!

I love living with the joy of the Lord in my soul! It's taken me out of the heart of the mullygrubs and into the heart of Glory! Now, I don't claim to be perfect. Just like you, I recognize the areas of my life that need to be renewed daily in the Word of God.

I've blamed my temper on my Cajun heritage for years. I've tried to justify it by telling God, "It's that Tabasco Sauce that Mama put in my baby bottle that makes me do this!" It's so easy to find a reason why. Justification for the flesh is so many believers' specialty. But we've all got to learn to get honest with God. It's not like He can't see through the wool we try to pull over His eyes.

The three main things I do when I mess up are:

1. Admit it.
2. Repent, ask for forgiveness and turn the other way.
3. Refuse to let the devil hold it over my head.

Number three is very important because you must remember that God forgives and forgets. He's not going to bring up what you did last week if you've already repented. Only the devil tries to condemn you with the past. When that idiot tries to remind you of anything God's forgiven you for, tell him to shut-up! It's OK, God has given you the right to tell him where to go (i.e. hell!). Just press your heel down a little tighter on his neck, and resist the thoughts of inadequacy he tries to put on you. God has forgiven you and wants you to get back up and start living in joy again. Refill yourself with joy by getting in the Word and dwelling in the secret place of the Most High.

On a daily basis, I accept a portion of joy, the holy fire, and I confront problems with promises. If sickness tries to attach itself to my body, I confront it with 1 Peter 2:24, *"Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by Whose stripes ye were healed."*

In situations of financial difficulty, I enforce Philippians 4:19, *"But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."*

If I begin to get weary, I go to the Word and get filled. I remember God's promise in 1 Corinthians 15:58, *"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."* Jesus has overcome! He has a promise for every problem you've got. His promises are always bigger than the problems. The devil is really no match for God or His people!

Life can be very intense and fast paced. Those who run hard often faint, and those who cannot run are often in despair.

Life can be difficult if you are trying to live it on your own. The world is fast paced, and the "survival of the fittest" is the prevailing mentality. But, praise God, you and I don't have to live the way they do! We've been called to walk a different path than the rest of the

world. He's given us a better route. If we'll run the race He's set before us with joy, it'll be much easier to avoid fainting along the way.

Today there are many believers running in the wrong race. Unknowingly, they trot along, leaning on their own understanding and standing in their own strength. Although they want to believe the Bible and trust in God, they always seem to end up relying more on themselves and those around them rather than on Jesus. Consequently, their lives show it. They live pretty defeated and don't have much joy for themselves, much less anyone else.

There are a few different types of people who do this. Some people constantly speak about what the devil's done in their lives. They are always focusing on the problems of life and have a real hard time being cheerful. Because of so many past defeats, they've become people with no confidence in themselves or in God. They say they'll never do anything, and so they don't. The devil has convinced them that they are useless.

If you are like some of those who have no confidence in themselves, but you want the ministry of cheerfulness to become a reality in your life, there is a way to gain that joy. Renewing your hope in Jesus and renewing your mind through His Word are the keys to gaining confidence in yourself.

Go back and find out what Jesus did for you on the cross and what rights His blood bought for you. Research all that you have been made through Him. It'll stir you up! It will cause you to begin focusing on Him instead of on the circumstances. Your mind has got to come off those problems and on to His promises. Hope needs to be nurtured.

Hope is earnest expectation that God will do what He said. Hope gets the pressure off of you and allows you to begin to stand on His Word and in His strength. When you begin to have hope, then faith can start to work. Faith is what gets those mountains to be thrown into the sea. But you can't have faith until you have some hope. So, get intimate with Jesus, read His Word, and worship Him with a true heart! Drawing close to Him will build you up. As His Word becomes real to you, hope will come easily and then faith will too. When He is your focus, joy becomes inevitable. Choose to dwell on the fact that Jesus has already overcome!

Offices are not measured by their prominence, but by the fidelity in which they are carried out.

Another type of people who have trouble being cheerful are those who feel as if they never win the prizes in life. The high positions are always given to someone else. Somebody else always gets the job. They begin to complain about it, and self-pity starts to choke their joy. Consequently, they are discouraged by any job they are given that doesn't seem prominent enough.

If you feel this way, I must tell you that God's offices are not measured by prominence. They are measured by the fidelity in which they are filled. God doesn't overlook anything noble! What you consider small, He considers very important, and He rewards those things that you do with a good heart. No matter what it is, God wants you to be faithful with what He's placed in your hands. You have a job that you need to do with joy! It is important, and you need to know it!

A veteran is never useless, and spiritual service is not measured by physical strength.

Then there are those who have been running the race for many years. They ran on the right path faithfully and saw God do many extraordinary things through their lives. Joyfully they ran for many, many years. But time went on, and somewhere along the way, they began to slow down. They were fainting, becoming weary in well doing. Eventually, the devil convinced them that they were no longer needed. They began thinking of "retiring" instead of "refiring."

A veteran is never useless, and spiritual service is not measured by physical strength. It doesn't matter what your age in the faith, you can be a powerful force for the Gospel.

Did you know that Abraham did his best when he was one hundred years old? He considered not his own body and staggered not at the promise of God. It has nothing to do with how much power, intellect, or how many qualifications you have. The only thing that matters is how faithful you are to the call of God. Faith in God will make you an overcomer and enable you to be effective no matter what your age in the faith.

While holding a revival meeting, the pastor invited me to speak at a luncheon for the widows in his church. These elderly women, most of them were in their 80s, were strong women of faith and had lived for God most of their lives. One of the women who sat next to me just sparkled with the fire of the Holy Ghost. I looked at her and said, “You have fire!”

She looked up at me and exclaimed, “I certainly do!”

When I jokingly asked her if she was planning on having another baby, she looked at me right in the eye and said, “I’m not 90 yet!” She had learned to daily “refire” the gift of God in her life. The joy of the Lord had been her strength for some time, and she wasn’t even thinking about retiring in the faith.

Joy is going to be refired through relationship with Jesus. Trust in Him, and you will be free in this life. Free to be an overcomer, full of His joy. Man, it’s easy to live smiling when you know God has it all under control! He can handle it all!

You can be an encourager to everyone you meet. When the joy of the Lord dominates you, true encouragement is unconscious. You’ll encourage others without even realizing it! Let God flow through you to others. It’s our purpose to have fellowship with Jesus and impart life and joy to others. We can be used to change lives! Joy, that holy fire, keeps our purpose warm and our intelligence aglow.

**Cheerfulness is infectious, but
stupidity is aggravating.**

Did you ever meet people who had more stupidity than God-given joy? They are like a flash of lightning, lighting up the sky and breaking through the gloom for a moment. They are like happiness, dazzling brightly then disappearing without a trace. Happiness is an emotion that is short-lived and can be reversed by the first signs of trouble.

Joy is not an emotion, it is a spiritual force that you live with, day in and day out. Your ministry of cheerfulness doesn’t shut down just because tribulation comes. God-given joy stands throughout every attack of the enemy.

Cheerfulness is fixed and permanent. While in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus prayed, “*Abba, Father, all things are possible unto Thee; take away this cup from Me: nevertheless not what I will, but what Thou wilt*”

(Mark 14:36). Problems and difficulty did not change Jesus, because He knew that He came into the world to defeat death for all mankind on the cross.


Cheerfulness comes from knowing the Good News. When the devil throws his fiery darts of gloom, you have a shield of faith against depression. Get your shield up! Happiness also can be produced by helping others. Considering your neighbor over yourself is the ladder out of misery and unhappiness. By helping others, you have the opportunity to see yourself in a different perspective. Meeting someone else’s need requires you to break from self-consumption.

A few years ago, I was scheduled to minister in a rather large church. It was my first time there, and I was waiting with the pastor in his office before the evening service began. He kept huffing and puffing, sneaking out to see how the church was filling up, getting more and more irritated as the service time drew closer. I finally asked him what the problem was, and after telling me that the church was only half full, he exclaimed, “I just couldn’t preach to this crowd! It’s too small!”

I was shocked by his attitude, and I wondered how he ever managed to make the church grow to this size. I said, “You know what your problem is? You came to have the people meet your need, but you should have come to help meet their need. If you’ll do that, it won’t matter if two people show up or two million.”

You see, that pastor’s priorities had gotten out of line. His cheerfulness had been robbed because he’d become totally consumed with himself. His main focus was not on the people or their needs, but on himself.

Just as Jesus does with us, He expects us to prefer others over ourselves. As you spend time developing and intimate relationship with Him, preferring others will become your heartbeat. Love for others will overtake you and a powerful ministry of cheerfulness will begin to grow within you.

As you daily run the race set before you, Jesus will ignite a holy fire in you that will fill you with joy overflowing. There’s nothing like living for Him! 

This article is an excerpt from Jesse’s first book, *The Ministry of Cheerfulness*, which is being reintroduced to celebrate 50 years of ministry.

God Has *Real Joy* for You!

Are life's circumstances leaving you feeling defeated without any joy in your life? Is trouble robbing you of your cheerfulness? Lasting joy and peace come from knowing the Good News—the Good News that God loves you so much that He sent His only begotten Son to the cross so that you would be made right in your relationship with Him. Jesus laid down His life and rose again so that you could spend eternity with Him in Heaven and so that He could help you live a victorious life full of real peace and joy here on Earth (John 10:10).

If you've never asked Jesus Christ to come into your heart, all you have to do is ask for forgiveness and invite Him into your life. Or maybe you already know the Lord, but you've drifted away and want to come back to Him where you belong. God wants to forgive you and help you get back up and start living in joy. All you have to do is simply open your heart and pray this prayer:

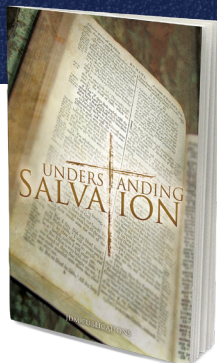
Jesus, come into my life. Forgive me of my sins. I ask You to cleanse my heart and make me a new person in You right now. I believe that You are the Son of God and that You died on the cross and rose from the dead for me.

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

If you just prayed this prayer, congratulations and welcome to the family of God! You now have a brand-new, joyful life with Jesus to look forward to starting right now. Would you please let us know that you prayed this prayer? You can do so online at JDM.org (select "Do You Know Jesus?") or through the response/order form included in the center of this magazine. We want to rejoice with you and send you a free booklet, *Understanding Salvation*, to help you begin your new life of faith in Christ.

Remember, the joy of the Lord is not limited, and His joy can keep you well like medicine (Proverbs 17:22). So, refill yourself daily with supernatural joy and peace by getting into God's Word and dwelling in the secret place of the Most High. As you spend time developing an intimate relationship with Him, a powerful ministry of cheerfulness will grow within you and ignite a holy fire of joy that overcomes the trials and troubles of this life.

I love you and I'm praying for you!
Jesse



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HOW THE HEALING POWER OF JOY CAN CHANGE THE WORLD AROUND YOU

The Ministry of Cheerfulness was the first book that God ever led me to write. I released it in 1993, and while it's small, the principles are still very important to me. Joy is impactful. Joy changes the atmosphere. It's not just some light-hearted emotion—joy is a fruit of the Holy Spirit, and a result of getting close to the One Who created it.

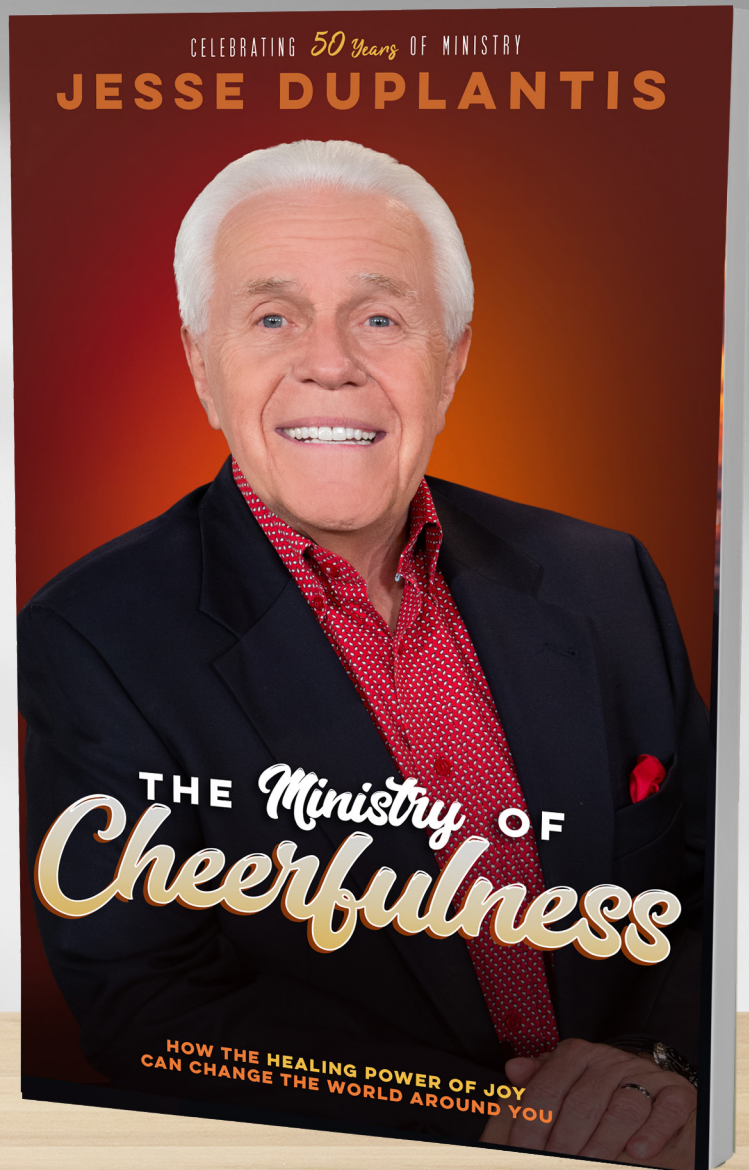
Over my many years in ministry, I've become known for my sense of humor, for my cheerful outlook on life, and for the joy that I live with every day. It's touched every part of my own life and paved a way for me to reach more people for Jesus than I ever could if I'd spent my life spreading doubt and misery!

Joy matters. Faith matters too. And as you read through this anniversary copy of *The Ministry of Cheerfulness*, I hope you'll increase in both of them! The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the bottom line is that it helps both you and the world. It's a dark world out there, but God has given you a light that needs to shine and be seen.

People need your smile. They need the flavor of *your* faith and the kind of joy that God created *you* to express. So, go and get yourself something to drink, sit down for a little while with me, and open your heart to what I believe that God gave me for you. Because there's never a bad time to feel joy, and there's never been a better time to spread it!

God bless you as you read.

Keep the Faith,
Jesse



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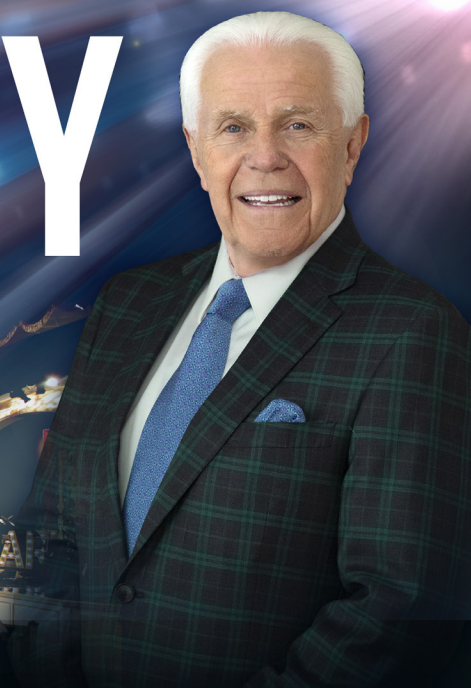
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GLORIOUS MOMENTS *with Cathy*

Since Jesse preached his first message in January of 1976, millions of lives have been transformed through the life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ that is being proclaimed through every available voice. Psalm 105:1 in The Passion Translation says, *“Go ahead and give God thanks for all the glorious things He has done! Go ahead and worship Him! Tell everyone about His wonders!”* As we begin this 50th year of reaching people and changing lives, Jesse and I are so thankful to God for all the glorious things He has done in our ministry, in our lives, and in the lives of our wonderful Partners. I pray that you will be blessed and encouraged by this month’s Glorious Moments, and that you will tell everyone about His wonders!

I requested prayer for my son, for money to pay for his college. I have been speaking the Word and thanking God for giving us the ability to establish wealth. I’m a single mother and, over the years, I have worked for low wages. I started speaking the Word over his college tuition. God is so faithful—my son has been awarded a full-ride scholarship to a Christian college.

Thank you for praying for my fiancé. He was hospitalized for 9 days with congestive heart failure, atrial fibrillation, and kidney failure. I sent a prayer request to JDM during the midst of this crisis. Today, he is home, doing well with medication and diet modifications, and doing what he loves: painting acrylic portraits. He is happy to be alive. Praise God! Thank you, JDM!

I am so grateful for all your continued prayers for my business. My kingdom business started after Jesse laid hands on me for increase in 2023. We are looking at opening a 2nd location—this is way bigger than me.

Ever since someone told me about you, Jesse, I haven’t stopped listening to you. You brighten up my life and bring hope back into my life.
**This praise report has been translated into English for you to rejoice with us.*

I am so blessed to learn the Word and to be a doer of it through this ministry. I love it! You teach living a holy life before God, because He is holy!

I worked for a company for almost 20 years. The company sold out and they took away all our commissions. We knew this was wrong, so my friend talked to an attorney and he said we had a good chance to recover our commission. I always believed I would win. I had called JDM for prayer of agreement that we would recover our commission. It’s been over 2 ½ years and we won! I just want to thank Jesse and Cathy for never changing and always preaching and teaching the Word of God. We love the Boardroom Chats. You truly are reaching people and changing lives, one soul at a time. Love you both.

Greetings in the name of Jesus from our family in Ecuador! It is with great love and joy that we write to you today. I am a professional soccer player here in Ecuador. I currently play for Libertad Futbol Club in the city of Loja, to the glory of God. Alongside of me are my wife and two children. Although we have not met you in person, we love you deeply. We are giving God an assignment, just as you have taught us. It's been just over two years since God allowed us to discover your ministry through YouTube. What a blessing! It was truly God who led us to you. Since then, our finances have greatly improved. We now understand that poverty does not belong to us, and that we are called to live on earth as it is in heaven. Every time we sow a seed, we ask God to help us live that heavenly life here on earth. We have watched your teaching on "The Four Types of Giving" countless times—it's pure gold! Thank God for the revelation He gave you! We are still believing for complete freedom from debt. We sold our house to get out of debt, trusting that God will return it to us, and even more, fully paid for. We also paid off our credit card debt. Now we only have one remaining debt, but we believe God will move supernaturally. We have firmly committed never to borrow money again. We even cancelled all our credit cards and believe that from now on, God will provide everything in cash. Thank you, beloved pastors, for obeying God and continuing to preach the truth. Thank you for producing content in Spanish—we never miss a message, a magazine, or the Partner Letter. One of our dreams is to one day attend the Visionary Conference in person. We are believing for that too! With this letter, we are sending seed. Although we usually give through the app, we also wanted to bless you this way. Recently, we received something new which has never happened on this team before: bonuses for winning a match. So, we also want to give our God the firstfruits of that blessing, which we are including with this letter as well. We send you a big hug from afar. We love you very much, and we are always praying for you.

God is so great and He loves us so much. My husband got a \$12,000.00 a year raise at his job, thanks to the teaching from Jesse and Cathy. Thanking my Jesus and giving Him all the praise and glory that belongs to Him. I'd been taught all my life the wrong thing and what the real meaning of His Word means. I listen to Jesse and Cathy, Kenneth and Gloria, and Andrew Wommack, and God has been changing the way I think and see things.

Brother Jesse, your YouTube message "Forgiveness & Generosity Working Together" blessed me so much. I love your heart for God, and it is so inspiring! Thank you that you love all the people and that you have such kindness in your heart. May God bless and keep you always and forever!

What a beautiful way for God to demonstrate His love for Jesse by bringing to his awareness the connection and significance of the phrase "Brother Saul" to "Brother Jesse." The LORD loves us so deeply, and it's incredibly beneficial to stay sensitive to Him and read His Word in order to notice the way He shows His love and touches our hearts. His presence and ways of noticing me brings me to tears of joy and gratitude so often, and I pray for all believers of Jesus to seek Him and read His Word to experience these profound moments of love as well. Thank you, Jesse and Cathy, for sharing your thoughts and stories!

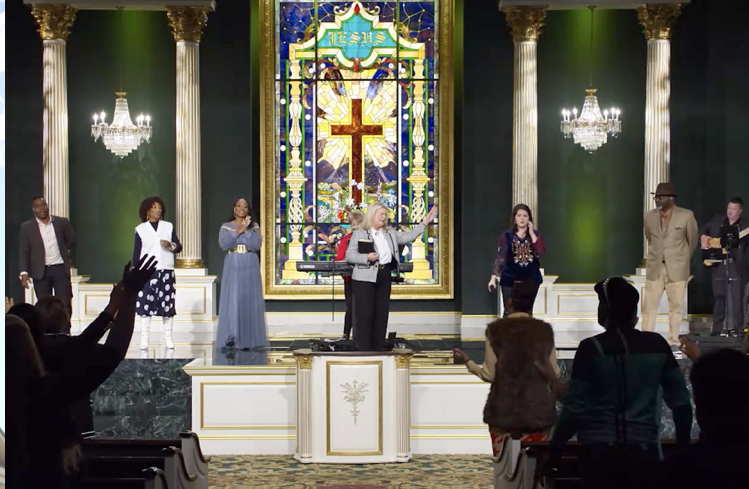
I had a negative breast biopsy report. I saw the surgeon—I only need a small lumpectomy, and I shouldn't even need chemo or radiation afterwards. It's not the kind that usually comes back either. Praise the Lord! Thank you much for praying and standing with me and believing.

Special thanks to Jesse and Cathy. For years as I would listen, open my Bible, or pray, an evil, oppressive spirit would come upon me. I tuned into YouTube, and as I watched your Boardroom Chat, I was delivered and freed from it. Thank you for your teachings. I am finally able to pray in the Spirit. I am so glad I met Jesse and Cathy. Your ministry is so beautiful in grace, joy, fellowship, and the hundredfold teachings.

Brother Jesse, I want God to bless you and use you more. Thank you for teaching us how to keep Satan under our feet and live in the victory Jesus died to give us. God bless you and everyone in your ministry.

Unlimited hallelujahs to God! I enjoyed Dr. Jesse in Brooklyn Park, MN in person. Both of you and your messages are powerful and life-changing. I will never be the same! Unlimited appreciation to the both of you!

Thank you, Jesse. I so needed to hear this sermon today. You made everything so clear on verses that I have seen all my life. Now I totally understand it more after hearing your sermon. God bless you, your family, and church family.



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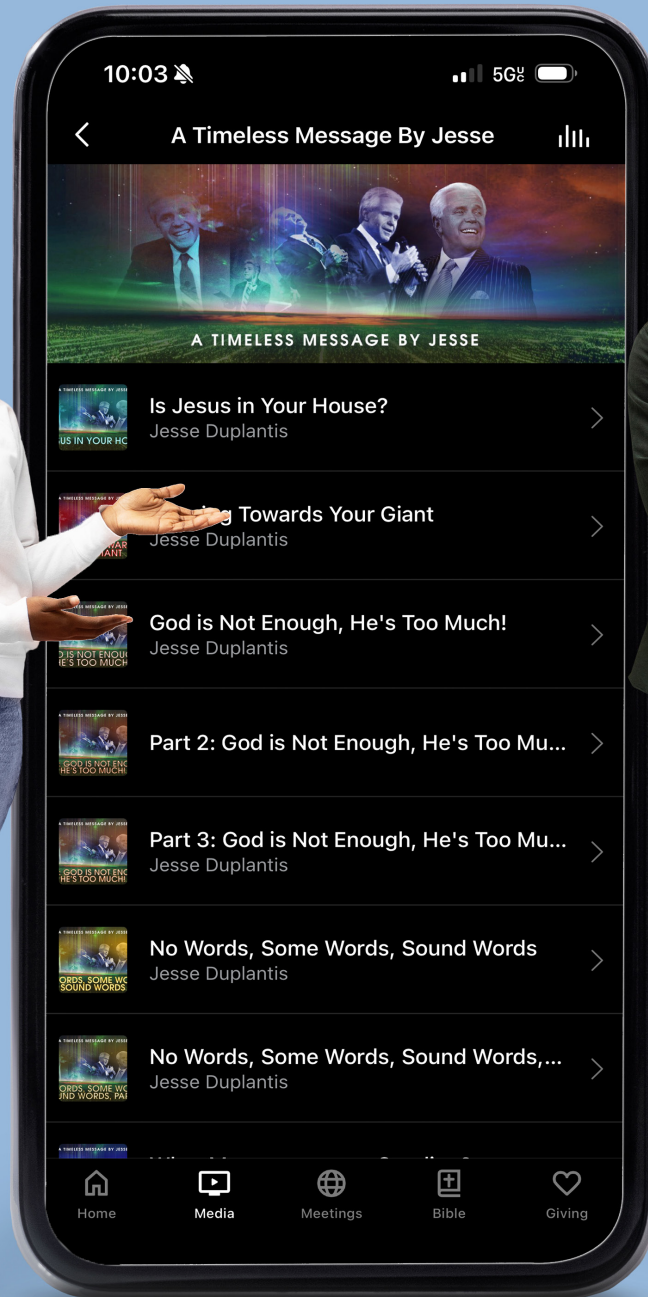


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Praying and STAYING READY

It never fails—as soon as we get in the car to go get something to eat, Jesse will ask, “Where do you want to go?” We could almost record our conversation and replay it rather than go through the same song and dance every time we go out to dinner.

Jesse says he is just being considerate by letting me choose. But we both know he hasn’t a clue about where he would like to go and doesn’t want to make another decision. We are all dressed up with nowhere to go.

In frustration, I usually pick what I think he would like instead of where I really want to go. Once the decision about where to go is finally made (by me), our focus is on reaching our goal. Anticipation and excitement fill the air because we are all dressed up and we now have somewhere to go. We are ready!

As Christians, it is our responsibility to stay ready. The Word tells us to be sober, vigilant, instant in season and out of season, and ready for action. Jesus told the people in Luke 12:35 (NASB1995), “*Be dressed in readiness, and keep your lamps lit.*” The King James Version says, “*Let your loins be girded about,*” which referred to the long and flowing robes that were the normal dress of that day. If anyone was serious about working, they had to secure their robe with a sash or girdle so that it would not hinder their work.

To get the same point across today, we would say, “roll up your sleeves,” to let someone know it is time

to work. But when I think about being dressed in readiness, I can’t help but think about a song I heard many years ago. I don’t know the title, but one verse goes something like, “Put on your red dress, mama, ’cause we’re going out tonight!”

Now, that’s readiness! That’s being filled with joy and expectation about doing something. In the same way, you have to put on the whole armor of God and be dressed in readiness to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

Ephesians 6:14-18 (NASB1995) tells us, “*Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the Gospel of peace; in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith... the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. With all prayer and petition, pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints.*”

Ready Anytime for Anything

After His resurrection, Jesus told the disciples about an adventure that they were about to begin. They were about to be dressed in readiness by the Holy Spirit. Luke 24:49 (NASB1995) says, “*And behold, I am sending forth the promise...stay...until you are clothed with power from on high.*” Everywhere they

went, the Holy Spirit clothed them with the power of God to witness, to heal the sick, deliver the oppressed, and overcome the world.

It is vitally important that we do whatever is necessary to stay dressed in readiness. Be aware of those things that rob you of time with God in prayer and in His Word. When you spend time with Him, you are never caught off guard. You become sensitive to hear and obey the promptings of the Holy Spirit. You become alert and ready at every moment to resist the devil.

The Word says, “...*be alert and sober... put on the breastplate of faith and love...*” (1 Thessalonians 5:6 & 8 NASB1995); “...*prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit...*” (1 Peter 1:13 NASB1995); “*Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour*” (1 Peter 5:8 NASB1995).

Dressed for Adventure

Many years ago, my daughter Jodi and I traveled together to a ladies’ conference where I was invited to speak. From the beginning of the trip, we knew we had embarked upon a great adventure.

Jodi booked our flights and made it clear to the ticket agent that we wanted to go from New Orleans, Louisiana to Carlsbad, New Mexico. However, when we arrived at the airport and tried to check our bags, the porter said, “Lady, you have a problem. Your final destination is Carlsbad, California, **not** Carlsbad, New Mexico.” At that time, we had never heard of Carlsbad, California! By mistake, the airline had issued us tickets to California instead of New Mexico.

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We prayed in the Spirit as we quickly made our way to the ticket counter to change our tickets, hoping we could make connections in time for the service that night. We refused to allow the devil to stop us and prayed for a miracle as we told the ticket agent the situation. We praised God as she told us that the flight we needed to catch was leaving in five minutes, and she radioed ahead to the gate and told them we were on our way. As we ran to the gate, we thanked God for divine intervention and protection.

Although we didn’t expect more adventures, things really got interesting at our next connection in Dallas, Texas. Since it was a long distance to the gate for our next flight, Jodi and I were advised to take the airport shuttle train to save time. We did not have food on the previous flight and had learned that there would be no food on our next flight, so we decided to grab a quick bite before boarding the plane. We thought we had enough time, but we were wrong.

As we approached the gate, we noticed that no one was around. We stared at the locked door in disbelief and screamed “NO! We can’t miss this flight!” Immediately we began to bang on the door, praying for someone to hear us. The agent at the next counter yelled sarcastically, “Ladies, it doesn’t do any good to bang on the door. You missed the flight.”

Jodi and I refused to listen to her and continued banging away and praying for the favor of God. Suddenly, the agent for our flight unlocked the door and we told him our situation. He told us to wait there while he checked to see if the plane had pulled away. But we couldn’t just wait there; we were on his heels running down the jetway to the plane and praying in the Spirit the entire time. Obviously, this was in the days before we had the strict TSA security rules that are now in place. What an adventure!

The door to the plane was shut and the jetway had pulled away a few feet to allow the plane to back away from the gate. Making eye contact with the pilot, Jodi and I saw a reassuring nod and knew we had been granted favor once again. The agent quickly re-attached the jetway to the airplane, and the flight attendant opened the door so that we could board the plane. There was no way anyone could have wiped the smiles off of our faces once we stepped onto that plane. We had made it! Never underestimate the power of prayer to turn an impossible situation around.

Preparing for Eternity

We all know people that fly though life by the seat of their pants, never giving a single thought about eternity. They spend more time preparing for a day at the beach than they do planning for their eternal destination.

I used to be that way. It was not unusual for me to lay awake for hours thinking about how to rearrange the living room furniture or what sewing project I wanted to start next. Jesse used to get aggravated at me for keeping him awake at night describing the details of a dress pattern I'd found that day. I would just rattle on and on about the design of the collar, or type of fabric that would accentuate the cut of the sleeve, before I noticed that he had fallen asleep from boredom. Back then, I would get caught up with what I considered important, yet overlooking the one thing that was necessary. I was like Martha in Luke chapter ten:

*Now as they were traveling along,
He entered a village; and a woman
named Martha welcomed Him into
her home.*

*She had a sister called Mary, who
was seated at the Lord's feet, listening to
His word.*

*But Martha was distracted with
all her preparations; and she came up to
Him, and said, Lord, do You not care that
my sister has left me to do all the serving
alone? Then tell her to help me.*

*But the Lord answered and said to
her, Martha, Martha, you are worried
and bothered about so many things;*

*But only one thing is necessary, for
Mary has chosen the good part, which
shall not be taken away from her.*

Luke 10:38-42 NASB1995

Martha wanted everything to be perfect for Jesus, but she forgot one very important thing: the condition of her heart. She was resentful of Mary and wanted everyone, including Jesus, to know it. Mary, on the other hand, was so hungry for Jesus' words; she couldn't care less about what was on the stove. She had discovered the only thing that was necessary: sitting at Jesus' feet.

Don't live like Martha. Don't get caught up in what seems to be the need of the moment and never take time to hear the words of Jesus. He has clear directions to help you find abundant life on Earth and eternal life in Heaven. Jesus is preparing an awesome destination for all those who are praying and staying ready for His return.

Make Your Reservation

You wouldn't think of getting on a plane to Paris, France without reserving your seat. It's laughable to think that anyone would even try that one. However, we see people each day that think they are going to Heaven after they die, even though they have never made the proper arrangements.

Jesus said in John 3:3, "...unless a person is born again (anew, from above), he cannot ever see (know, be acquainted with, and experience) the kingdom of God" (AMPC).

The price of the ticket to Heaven is far too exorbitant for any of us to pay on our own. It could only be purchased with the precious blood of Jesus, shed on the cross of Calvary, and it is free to all that call upon His name.

I made my reservation for my heavenly home the moment that I asked Jesus to come into my life and forgive my sins. He handed me that precious ticket and told me to stay ready. In Mark chapter thirteen, Jesus taught us how to be ready for the moment that we would board the heavenly train for glory.

*But of that day or that hour not a
[single] person knows, not even the angels
in Heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.*

*Be on your guard [constantly alert],
and watch and pray; for you do not know
when the time will come.*

*It is like a man [already] going on
a journey; when he leaves home, he puts
his servants in charge, each with his
particular task, and he gives orders to the
doorkeeper to be constantly alert and on
the watch.*

*Therefore watch (give strict attention,
be cautious and alert), for you do not
know when the Master of the house is
coming—in the evening, or at midnight,
or at cockcrowing, or in the morning—
[Watch, I say] lest He come suddenly*

*and unexpectedly and find you asleep.
And what I say to you I say to
everybody: Watch (give strict attention, be
cautious, active, and alert)!*

Mark 13:32-37 AMPC

As Christians, it's our responsibility to be praying and staying ready for Jesus when He comes. In the 260 chapters in the New Testament, over 300 references to the Second Coming of Jesus reveal that His appearance shall be:

Certain: "...if I go...I will come again" (John 14:3).

Personal: "...this same Jesus... shall so come"
(Acts 1:11).

Sudden: "Watch...lest coming suddenly He find you
sleeping" (Mark 13:35-36).

Visible: "...every eye shall see Him" (Revelation 1:7).

Nothing this world has to offer will keep me from making that long awaited trip to Heaven my eternal destination. I've got my bags packed and I'm ready for that trumpet sound!

*For the Lord Himself will descend from
heaven with a loud cry of summons, with
the shout of an archangel, and with the blast
of the trumpet of God. And those who have
departed this life in Christ will rise first.*

*Then we, the living ones who remain
[on the earth], shall simultaneously be
caught up along with [the resurrected
dead] in the clouds to meet the Lord in the
air; and so always (through the eternity of
the eternities) we shall be with the Lord!*

*Therefore comfort and encourage one
another with these words.*

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 (AMPC)

When Jesse told me about his trip to Heaven, I could hardly wait to see it for myself. Each time I hear him talk about the things he saw and the people he met in Heaven, it stirs my heart more than I could ever explain.

Jesse's encounter with Jesus that day has forever impacted both of our lives. We are determined to tell the world that Jesus IS coming. He is coming for born-again believers who are praying and staying ready for His return.

Prepared Living in Readiness Changes Your Priorities

Esther saw the need of the Jews and was ready to be used by God to deliver her people. She knew she was called "*for such a time as this*" (Esther 4:14). Anna the prophetess served the Lord continually, and was present at Jesus' dedication in the temple. She witnessed the first coming of Jesus because she was praying and staying ready (Luke 2:36-38). John the Baptist was filled with the Spirit for a purpose. He was sent by God to turn back many to the Lord and make ready a people prepared for the Lord (John 1:23).


During the period of time after the resurrection of Jesus and before His ascension, Jesus made many unannounced appearances to His disciples. They never knew when Jesus would appear in a crowded room or on a lonely road and vanish almost as suddenly as He came. I can imagine the anticipation each time that they were together, ready and waiting for His return to the earth. Jesus gave His disciples the following words of instruction and encouragement before going to the cross.

*Do not let your hearts be troubled
(distressed, agitated). You believe in and
adhere to and trust in and rely on God;
believe in and adhere to and trust in and
rely also on Me.*

*In My Father's house there are many
dwelling places (homes). If it were not
so, I would have told you; for I am going
away to prepare a place for you.*

*And when (if) I go and make ready a
place for you, I will come back again and
will take you to Myself, that where I am
you may be also.*

John 14:1-3 (AMPC)

Jesus is preparing all of Heaven for you! All you need to assure your place there is a ticket signed in the blood of Jesus. If you've never asked Jesus to forgive your sins and to come into your life, you can do it right now. Use the power of prayer to finalize your plans for your eternal destination and stay ready for Heaven. 

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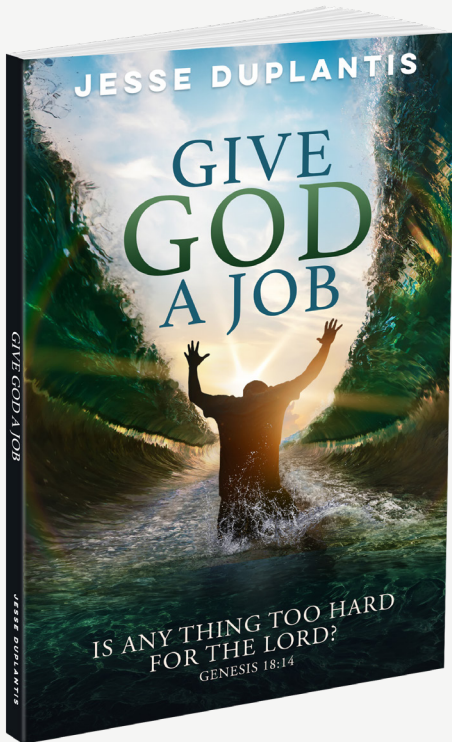


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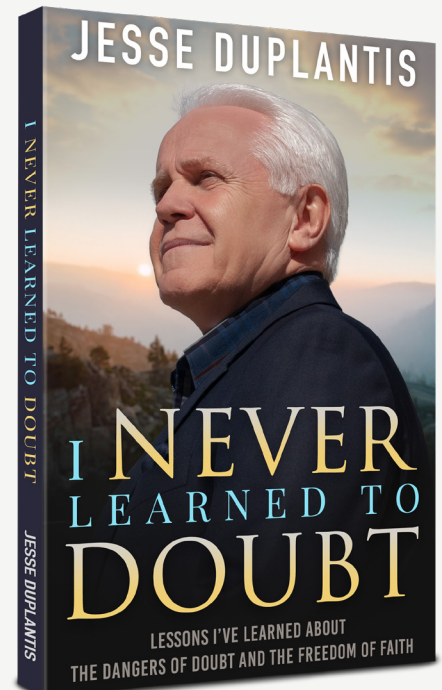
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