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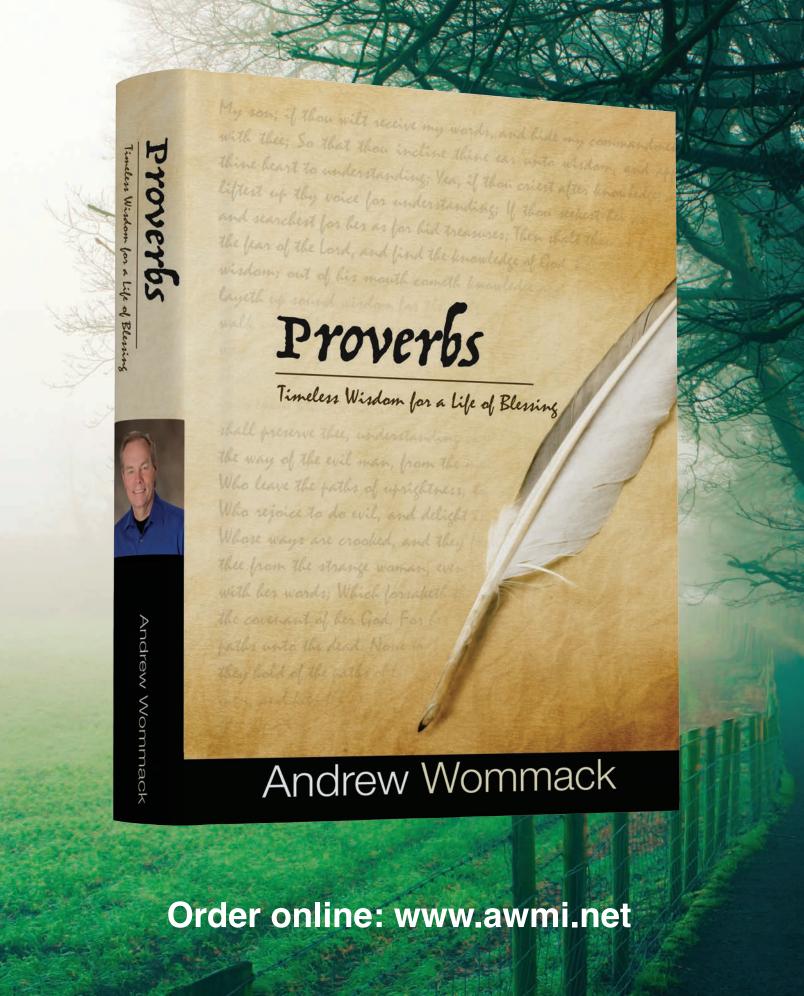
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Dear Partners and Friends,

We've got a lot in store for you in this latest edition of the *Gospel Truth* magazine! First of all, I've got a brand-new book to tell you about. *Excellence: How to Pursue an Excellent Spirit* is about Daniel and his friends and explains why God was able to promote them. These are some important lessons that will really bless you, so be sure to read the teaching in this magazine.

I'm excited about the new way we've developed for people to attend Charis Bible College. The Hybrid Program couples home study with fellowship and instruction at a local Charis campus. It'll allow for people to take courses who've previously been unable to attend.

I also want to tell you about our AWM office in Indonesia, the country with the largest Muslim population. Twenty-six of my books have already been translated there and distributed to tens of thousands of people. Because of this response, we've been able to establish a Charis campus in Jakarta! Praise God!

Finally, we've begun several initiatives to support our A.R.M.I. members nationwide. So many ministers feel isolated and ill-equipped to do the things God has called them to do. In the article "Never Alone—with A.R.M.I.," you'll read how we're changing that.

There's so much more I would like to mention, but let this magazine serve as a snapshot of some of the things God has done through this ministry over the past few months. I just want to say thank you for coming alongside Jamie and me. We have the best partners in the whole world!

Andrew and Jamie

A MESSAGE FROM Andrew & Jamie

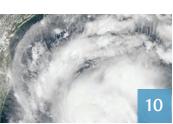






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More great things are on their way...



TAKING TIME TO REMEMBER

Proverbs 22:28

Remove not the ancient landmark.

In Old Testament times, the Israelites used physical landmarks, often a tree or a heap of stones, as reminders. Landmarks served to identify property boundaries and safeguard a family's inheritance. Removal of these physical reminders was expressly forbidden by the Lord.

The Israelites also set up landmarks to help them remember important events. After the Lord helped Israel defeat the Philistines in battle, Samuel placed a stone as a monument to the Lord's deliverance (1 Sam. 7:12). Similarly, Jacob set up a rock as a memorial of his vision of the ladder reaching into heaven (Gen. 28:18). Even feasts were set up as markers. These were all used as continual reminders of what God had done for them

The importance of markers—whether on land or on a calendar—has not lessened with the passage of time. In these days when people are ignoring or even rewriting history, we must remember the former times. We must recall the days of old. God exhorts us to remember the landmarks in our lives. the mileposts on our journey that mark those times when He showed up in significant ways.

Perhaps the most significant marker in Andrew Wommack's life is the date March 23, 1968. On that day, he had an encounter with God that changed his life forever. Until that time, Andrew was a self-described religious Pharisee, trying to earn God's love by good works and religious performance. But on a Saturday night in 1968, God's unconditional love consumed Andrew, and he has never been the same.

Andrew's life is a testimony to what God can do with a person who answers the call. From humble beginnings—when he duplicated teaching tapes in a cardboard box—to a worldwide ministry with a potential global reach of 3.2 billion people, Andrew has proven faithful to that call. How many lives have been transformed in these past fifty years? How many people have been born again, healed, and delivered? How many disciples have been raised up since 1994 when Charis Bible College began? How many others have heard and answered God's call because of Andrew and Jamie's obedience?

Although Andrew Wommack Ministries was not formally incorporated until ten years after Andrew's initial experience, March 23, 1968, marks the day when Andrew made an unconditional surrender to the call of God on his life. It's the reason AWM exists, and in 2018, we're commemorating Andrew's fiftieth anniversary of answering that call.

Throughout this next year, we will be taking time to look back and celebrate the major milestones over Andrew's fifty years of service. We have some special things in store, such as a documentary, a summer banquet, and more! We will keep you posted as these events get closer.

As friends and partners, you are instrumental in all that Andrew and Jamie have been able to do over their years of ministry. We look forward to celebrating this landmark year with you!

PARTNERSHIP:

MAKING YOUR MARK ON ETERNITY

Did you know that she helped reach thousands of prison inmates every year with the Gospel? Because of that, inmates started praying for other inmates, and revivals were occurring in prisons.

Through discipleship evangelism, he aided in setting off a chain reaction of discipleship in Uganda.

Their faithfulness helped to pioneer Bible colleges in places like Poland and Mexico, impacting entire nations with the life-changing power and grace of God.

What would it be like if people in heaven said these things about you?

If you're a partner with Andrew Wommack
Ministries, you'll find out. That's because as
Andrew's partner, you are bringing hope to the
hopeless and setting prisoners free by supplying
AWM prison materials. You are helping make global
disciples with every discipleship evangelism course
that crosses the borders of a nation. You are taking
the Gospel far and deep with every Charis Bible
College campus that is planted around the world.
The impact of your faithfulness is being felt in
eternity. Your partnership is making a difference.

Jesus told us to preach the Gospel throughout the world and make disciples (Matt. 28:19-20, New King James Verstion). Partners of Andrew Wommack Ministries are helping to fulfill that commission. That's because AWM isn't just about Andrew; it's also about his partners. Andrew doesn't take partnership lightly. He knows that he can't go

anywhere without being sent, and he knows that he can't do what he does without the faithful support of those who have partnered with him.

God doesn't take partnership lightly either. The synergy created by people working together toward a common goal allows them to accomplish much more together than they ever could alone. Partnership is so powerful that it can work for good or evil. This was evident at the Tower of Babel, where the people worked together for an evil purpose: to build a tower that would reach the heavens, so they could make a name for themselves. The Lord said, "Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do" (Gen. 11:6). The Lord had to confuse their speech to keep their partnership from accomplishing an evil vision.

But partnership can also be used to bring a God-given vision to pass. That's what's happening with Andrew's vision to change the way the world sees God and to raise up disciple makers through Charis. His vision is being accomplished because of faithful partners who are coming together to help. Many of them have been so blessed by Andrew's message that they can't imagine keeping it to themselves. They want to empower others with the same truths that have impacted their own lives. Some partners even have multiple partnerships because they want to extend their reach further.

So, what does partnership with Andrew mean? Here is what some partners are saying:



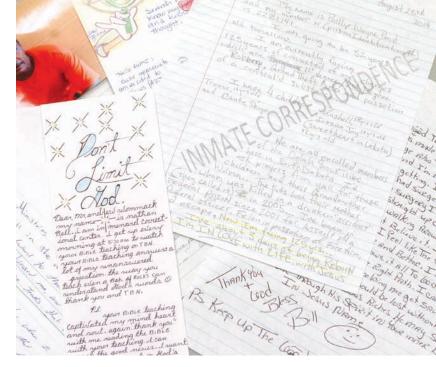
Partnership with Andrew Wommack means that I'm reaching an audience that I couldn't reach by myself. It means giving of my finances to a ministry that's preaching the Word of God. I don't believe there's anything greater than being able to put our finances in a ministry that's preaching the Word of God. Andrew's preaching is changing lives, transforming people's lives day in and day out. I'm one of the lives. It's awesome.

I feel like whenever Andrew goes to Africa or to England or wherever he goes, I actually get to go with him because I'm a partner. I get to celebrate in all the things that this ministry is doing. I get to be a part of that.

Partnership with Andrew Wommack Ministries means walking it out with him, being a part of everything that he stands for. Blessing others with the Word, the truth, and getting it out to everybody.

This ministry makes it possible for someone like me, who comes from Lagos, Nigeria, to learn things and see things that I never thought were there before. And partnership is not just giving the Word to the people in the United States alone. It's a global thing, and when something goes global, more people are blessed by it. People may never be able to say thank you to Andrew Wommack, but their lives are being blessed by the support and the partnerships that go into this ministry.

If you'd like to have a testimony like this, then consider partnering with Andrew. You can focus your giving by choosing what type of partnership you'd like to be a part of:



Letters from inmates

Grace Partners enable Andrew to take the nearlytoo-good-to-be-true news of God's unconditional love and grace to the four corners of the earth.

Foundation Builders are helping Andrew build the Charis Colorado facilities and fulfill his vision of raising up disciples and developing leaders who will proclaim the Gospel throughout the nations. These partners are also helping to fund the next phases of AWM's expansion of the Woodland Park property.

Charis Bible College World Outreach partners are extending the reach of Charis by helping launch and support Charis campuses around the globe.

If you're already a partner with AWM or Charis, thank you! Your prayers and financial gifts are helping transform lives. If you're not yet a partner, make your mark on eternity. To find out more about partnership, go to our website: www.awmi.net **/give**. If you'd like to increase your partnership, you can do so by calling our Helpline: 719-635-1111.

Testimonials have been edited for length and clarity. gt



IN THE SHADOW OF THE ALMIGHTY

John 16:33b

In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Jesus never promised believers a life free of adversity. Rather, He promised victory that overcomes the world for those who walk by faith in His Word.

In response to Hurricane Harvey in Texas, the AWM Partner Relations team made hundreds of phone calls to partners in the Houston area. What they found were people who, regardless of circumstances, were walking by faith and not by sight. Partners who experienced no loss of property were reaching beyond themselves and praying for wisdom to know how to help those in need, demonstrating the very heartbeat of God. The few who experienced property loss or damage were standing on God's promises of restoration, living testimonies to a world dominated by fear. By their faith, AWM partners are making their mark not only on eternity but also on this world.

Here's what one partner had to say about her experience during Hurricane Harvey:

I expect mountains to move per Mark 11:23, and it was so with me when Hurricane Harvey sent numerous rain bands that flooded many Houston homes, businesses, roads, and vehicles. When the lights would flicker off, I would command them back on. When the streets would flood in my neighborhood, I expected to be covered by the shadow of the Almighty because I dwell in the secret place, per

Psalm 91. I pray that the children of the Word will rise up and expect to conquer adversity, calamity, and destruction and believe that no weapon formed against them shall prosper, for this is the heritage of the children of God.

Let me qualify my testimony by stating that I have challenges and circumstances that are not optimal, but I do not dwell on my circumstances of underemployment, lack of personal vehicle, or the temporary need of public assistance. I believe who the Word says I am and what the Word says I can do, and my current situation is only temporary. I have learned that there is no such thing as being secure with possessions, that my security is my confidence in the Word. I walk by faith and not by sight, and I believe that everything is being restored and will be better than before. God will get the glory just like He has done throughout generations before, now and forever. Amen!

Stephanie D.

Testimonial has been edited for length and clarity.



Hurricane Harvey aftermath



NEVER ALONE— WITH A.R.M.I.

Working alone has its benefits. Survival isn't one of them.

—Dr. Dean Radtke

Isolation can be deadly when it comes to success in ministry and especially when it comes to survival. Andrew Wommack knows firsthand the struggles encountered when a minister is working without ready resources, connections, or a good support network.

That's the reason the Association of Related Ministries International (A.R.M.I.) was born. And it's the reason A.R.M.I. is committed to helping ministers feel more equipped and more connected to one another.

Regional advocates are an extension of Andrew Wommack Ministries and A.R.M.I. and are located throughout the United States (now) and the United Kingdom (early 2018).

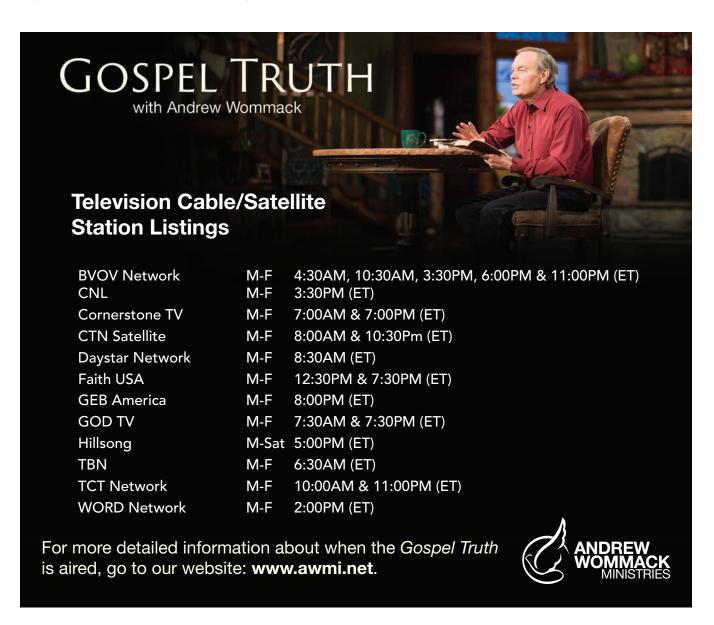
In addition to regional advocates, members also have access to online resources that will help them get to their next step in ministry or business. These resources include webinars and teachings that cover a range of topics, such as finances, church growth and security, marital counseling, and how to market a ministry or business.

At the 2016 AWM Ministers' Conference, A.R.M.I. outlined the benefits of their new partnership with StartCHURCH®, an organization whose goal is to educate and empower ministers not only to start churches but also to run and manage them effectively. A.R.M.I. is providing its members no-cost access to StartCHURCH®, along with a series of webinars, to help both new and established ministers and church leaders understand government and nonprofit regulations.

Along with all these benefits, A.R.M.I. also offers free admission to local A.R.M.I. and regional leadership events and the annual leadership conference,

free monthly teachings, and more. Members also enjoy a discount on the Charis Bible College Continuing Education for Ministers Program.

If you're an A.R.M.I. member, thank you! Consider spreading the word and encouraging others to join and get the support they need. And if you're a licensed or ordained minister, join the A.R.M.I. family today. Find out more at www.armi-member .org. We don't want anyone out in the field alone. gt



FAITHFUL IN THE IN-BETWEEN

Marcus and Sharon Wick's journey to Charis Bible College Colorado began like most students' do: they heard the call. But the couple had not yet met each other and were on different sides of the globe. Sharon was in the Middle East, and Marcus was in Ohio. But after hearing the call from God, each left everything behind, as many Charis students do.

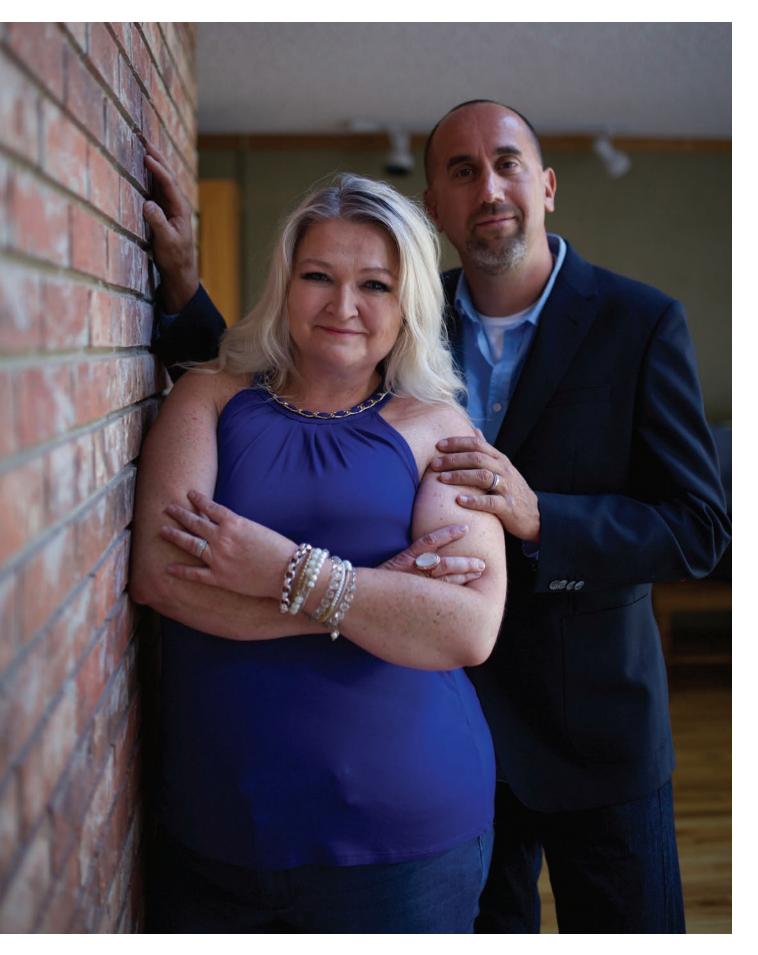
Marcus loved his job at Procter & Gamble, but as he puts it, "All of a sudden, it was like someone reached on the inside of me and turned off the faucet. Andrew messed me up." It wasn't as if he had never listened to Andrew before; he had as a teen. However, this time it was different, and he became dissatisfied with his job. Marcus knew God was changing his desires in order to get him to Charis. By November 2012, Marcus was in school.

After a year at Charis, Marcus began to have a desire to be married. He was praying in tongues one day, when he began to prophesy about his future wife: She would be from a good, healthy family whose parents were still together. She would not be an American, not be divorced, and would have her "head on straight." "[Sharon] fit those things," Marcus says. "God was preparing my heart for the wife to come."

Meanwhile, on the other side of the world was Sharon, from Johannesburg, South Africa. She was in her late thirties and had never been married. Sharon grew up in a close-knit family and had graduated from college and became a teacher. She taught preschool through second grade in several African and Middle Eastern countries.

Sharon first heard Andrew when she was given a CD set of his teaching on finding, following, and fulfilling the will of God. She was in Abu Dhabi in April 2013 when she heard the call to attend Charis. God supernaturally opened the door, and she was in school the following September.

Sharon met Marcus during her first week in school. The two were friends initially, but by December, they sensed there was more. They decided to get married over spring break. For Sharon, this represented a total change of life. "I had moved to another country, given up a job, and gotten married all in one year," she says. But



the adjustment was made easier because she "was surrounded by people of faith and good teaching."

Sharon graduated as Marcus finished Third-Year Ministry School. Marcus sensed God was calling them to Los Angeles to plant a church. However, knowing that Sharon also wanted to go to Third Year, Marcus agreed to wait.

During his time at Charis, Marcus was recognized as having a strong prophetic anointing on his life. He prophesied during chapel times, he taught a successful early-bird class on how to flow in the prophetic, and he prophesied to guest speakers and pastors. So, when Marcus graduated, he began to experience a loss of ministry context.

He explains, "At Charis, you're plugged into a system. Then suddenly you graduate, and you're off life support. . . . It's over, and you ask yourself, What do I do next? I had to rediscover my footing as I waited on Sharon."

But by the time Sharon graduated from Third Year, she didn't have peace about moving immediately to LA. She needed time to find her bearings. This meant that the new couple had a task: to get on the same page and discover where the Lord wanted them.

Not knowing clearly what to do, Marcus and Sharon committed themselves to be faithful in the in-between.



Sharon preaching at women's meeting in Uganda

Marcus continued teaching two Bible studies while he painted houses and dug post holes for work. In addition to assisting Marcus with his Bible studies, Sharon taught a singles class that she had also taught in Third Year.

When they weren't teaching or working, the couple stayed faithful to the same local church they attended when they first arrived at Charis. As Marcus explains it, "We kept doing what we were doing, no radical changes. [We] remained faithful until we received our next instructions."

They also began making preparations for their move to LA. "We didn't sign a year's lease," Sharon explains. "We tried to make connections [in LA]. We did the paperwork for the church. We prepared ourselves in marriage [too]." Then in February 2017, the couple planned a trip to LA to spy out the land. However, that month Sharon was hospitalized unexpectedly.



Marcus and Sharon in Uganda

Another delay.

The following month, Marcus prophesied to his pastor about a new church building. A few weeks later, the pastor could barely contain himself. He got up and announced that the prophecy that Marcus had given was accurate—the church was getting a new building. He also prophesied that Marcus was a prophet, not a pastor. Marcus was told that he would minister to pastors and teach about the prophetic.

This presented a course correction for Marcus and Sharon, so Marcus asked the Lord for confirmation about the change. After receiving concrete confirmations, the doors started opening. Marcus began to get speaking engagements at churches, various Charis campuses and, more recently, at conferences in Uganda and Ethiopia. Doors have swung wide open. Marcus and Sharon both call the transition "effortless."

The couple agrees that Andrew's teaching How to Find, Follow, and Fulfill God's Will has had a huge impact on their lives. Marcus says, "It's about the need to take little steps, start moving. We started moving, and God was able to make course corrections. But if we hadn't been moving, if we had just been waiting, I don't believe we would have had it dialed in. . . . How to discover God's will for your life and what to do in the in-between, that's what was governing our decisions."

Coming to Charis was just the first step to Marcus and Sharon Wick discovering God's purpose and plan for their lives in marriage and in ministry. They're convinced that being faithful in the in-between is a major part of the Charis journey.

Are you ready to begin your own Charis journey? Go to www.charisbiblecollege.org.



THE KEY TO PROMOTION: EXCELLENCE

BY ANDREW WOMMACK

Do you think that you should be promoted in business, in ministry, or elsewhere, but you feel like you're being overlooked? Do you want to be preferred above princes and presidents? I want you to know that God created you for greatness. No matter where in life you stand, God wants you to succeed. However, many people see prosperity as an elusive thing. Some people think only those with the education and charisma get promoted, while others feel that employers promote people based on friendships or special connections. But the Bible says something completely different:

For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. [7] But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.

Psalm 75:6-7

Do you see that? Promotion comes from God! If you feel like you're working a dead-end job and you just can't get ahead, you might think it's God's fault. I hate to burst your bubble, but He doesn't work like that. He doesn't "sovereignly" make some people leaders and others followers. God is the One who exalts, but there's more to it than that. It's about what's inside you. It's about your heart's attitude. Promotion is partly up to you.

What I want to share with you is the key to promotion that lies within you. It's called an excellent spirit. Talking about having an excellent spirit may not ring your bell at first; you may not think that this is

something you need. But I believe it really is the key to seeing God's will come to pass in your life.

The Word gives us a great example of godly promotion. The book of Daniel shows us how Daniel and his three friends, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, were promoted, even in an evil, ungodly society. Though they arrived in Babylon as slaves captives from Israel—they grew in favor and influence with four different kings in two different world systems and became trusted advisors and rulers under each. How was this possible? How could four men experience so much favor under such adverse circumstances? Daniel 6:3 gives us the answer:

Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him.

Daniel, from a low-class position, was preferred above rulers and princes! This is what I call supernatural promotion! And it only comes from God. He and his three friends were promoted because there was an excellent spirit in each of them. The supernatural favor they had didn't come from their external circumstances: it came from the inside. It was something intangible, something like attitude, which I will explain in a minute.

The only time that this "excellent spirit" refers to specific characters in the Bible is here in the book of Daniel, regarding these four Hebrews who were living in a hostile environment in a foreign land. But the same principle is seen in the lives of Moses,

David, Esther, and so many others throughout God's Word. They believed God for something more, and because of their attitude of faithfulness—their excellent spirits—they were promoted.

This principle is similar to lightning. I've heard people say that lightning strikes have no rhyme or reason. You never know where lightning is going to strike. But that's really not true. It has been proven, based on time-lapsed photos, that sometimes lightning will come up from the ground. There's a negative charge in the ground that attracts this lightning. It's not random the way that a lot of people think. In the same way, there are things that you can do that will release and attract the promotion of God. A big one is to have an excellent spirit.

Sadly, many Christians don't believe God for anything. They shoot at nothing and hit it every time. But heroes of faith like Daniel, Joseph, Moses, and David show us a different approach. If we want to experience the results they had, we have to start doing the things they did. We have to start aiming at something.

You know, when Jamie and I were called into ministry, I quit my secular job. For the next six years, I pastored three little churches in Texas and Colorado. The first one had a maximum of 12 people in attendance. The second grew to about 50 while we were there. And the third averaged 100 people every Sunday in a town with a population of 144.

Even with this success, my vision was much bigger than that. I saw myself ministering to people all over the world. The difference between the things I saw in my heart and what was actually happening in the flesh caused me to walk around in a constant state of conflict and tension. Even though I may have felt like giving up, I knew I had to remain faithful. I knew I couldn't despise the day of small beginnings (Zech. 4:10).

I've seen other people in similar situations. They want to minister to millions, so they say, "Put me in charge. I'll be faithful! Give me a church of a thousand. I'll be an awesome pastor!" Yet they won't give themselves completely to a Sunday school class or Bible study group. That's not how it works. Remember that Jesus said only those who will be faithful in the least will be rulers over much (Luke 16:10).

For me, though, the temptation to coast was there. But I knew God was calling me to be faithful. So, I would preach to 5 people as though they were 5,000. I gave each of the churches I pastored everything I had. And I really believe that that attitude solidified the excellent spirit inside me and allowed God to promote me to where I am today.

Begin to have an excellent spirit. The word spirit here is not talking about our three-part being: spirit, soul, and body. It can be defined as a mental disposition or an attitude. When you have an excellent disposition, an excellent attitude, when you are committed to doing everything with excellence, it's just like the lightning I was talking about. You have this charge that attracts the promotion of God, that attracts the blessing of God.

Your source is not your boss. Your source is not the lottery. It's not all of these other things that we look for. We need to recognize that God is our source. God is the one who promotes people. God has placed potential on the inside of every single person.

This is good news because circumstances are often outside our control but attitude is a matter of the heart. An excellent spirit is faithful. It's consistent. It has a moral foundation that doesn't fluctuate or compromise. It causes a person to do what's right even when no one is watching. God delights in excellence, and excellence begins in the heart.

There's a reason God promotes one and sets down another (Ps. 75:7). It's because some people are receptive to God. Some people are seeking after God and allowing God's will to come to pass in their lives, and other people are just not receptive to it.

God is a gentleman. He is not going to force His will on your life. You have to pursue it by having an excellent spirit.

If you aren't being promoted or if it seems like everyone else is prospering while you struggle to make ends meet or if you feel like you've been passed over, check on the inside. Do you have an excellent spirit? The attitude of your heart could be hindering you from living out God's best. You need to change that!

Don't let opportunities pass you by. Proverbs 23:7 says, "For as [a man] thinketh in his heart, so is he" (brackets added). Change cannot happen externally until it first happens internally. Sometimes change

can seem overwhelming, but you're not alone; we are here to help you.

There is so much more to this teaching that I'd like to share with you, which is why I've released a brand-new book called Excellence: How to Pursue an Excellent Spirit. You can also get a CD or DVD series of this teaching. This message will empower you to develop the same spirit that gave Daniel such a strong influence. As you become a person of excellence, you will be prepared to meet challenges head-on and God's blessing will manifest more and more in your life. To order, see the response card, go to our website: www.awmi.net, or call our Helpline: 719-635-1111.



CHARIS HYBRID PROGRAM: THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

Charis Bible College has now made its premier curriculum available to everyone, including those with demanding schedules.

Charis Colorado's daytime program will not change, but students who cannot attend during the day can now attend Charis classes two Saturdays a month or two evenings a week and complete all other course work online. The Hybrid Program, which has replaced Night School, offers the full first and second years of Charis as well as the Third-Year Leadership Program.

The benefits of this new program, called **Charis** Hybrid Evenings and Charis Hybrid Saturdays, include less travel time and expense, less time spent in class, and the convenience of completing most lessons on the student's own time.

Already a success at several international campuses, the Hybrid Program is expected to be a hit in the U.S. as well. This past spring, a trial run of Charis Hybrid Evenings was conducted at Charis Colorado's Night School and was embraced enthusiastically by students:

Trying to work a full-time job and then going to Night School full-time was very hard and grueling. When they offered [the Hybrid Program], it was an answer to prayer. It just was awesome and wonderful, and I loved it!

Randall Robinson

It was good for us. We were actually getting up at six thirty and getting to bed at eleven thirty at night, five nights a week. That is a very tedious, tough schedule to follow, so going to two nights a week was very beneficial. In my opinion, more people will be open to coming if they don't have to commit to the five nights, because five nights is a large commitment. It is a discipline to watch the lessons at home, but if you really want to do this, you will follow through.

Shannon Childers

Charis Miami has been using a form of the Hybrid Program since 2013 and Charis Naples since 2015. Yvonne O'Brien, the codirector of both campuses, can't say enough about the benefits of **Charis** Hybrid Saturdays:

The students love the Saturday option, and it has been so successful. Instead of students coming to school to watch videos of live presentations, we have the option of bringing in a guest speaker for the day and turning it into a conference. Students can bring friends, and we can promote the school. Then students can watch lessons at home. With the Hybrid Program in general, student grades are better, and we have saved money on rental space, using one classroom instead of two. As directors, we use our gifts more and get to know our students better.

With Charis's Hybrid Program, you can now pursue your God-given purpose and manage a busy lifestyle. It's the best of both worlds.

For those interested in an option other than the Hybrid Program, Charis Daytime and Charis Distance Education also provide everything you need to go deeper in your knowledge of God and His Word. For details about any of these programs, go to our website: www.CharisBibleCollege.org.

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Note: Not all of the above programs are available at every campus. 🗓



Charis Naples Saturday School



CHARIS MISSIONS: **FULFILLING AN ASSIGNMENT TO** THE WORLD

God spoke to me and told me I would be teaching and preaching . . . [and] would travel and "go places that no man would go." Not really understanding [that] phrase, I said, "Okay, Lord!"

—Rosemary Goddard, second-year Charis student

Every year, Charis Bible College launches second-year students on missions trips all over the world. From parts of South and Central America to Russia, throughout Africa, Europe, and beyond, salvations and healings follow these students as they go out, practicing what they learned at Charis.

But Charis missions trips don't just change the lives of those being reached; they also transform the students. God confirms His Word, and the students are strengthened in their relationship with Him through seeing His power at work. Rosemary experienced this very thing on her trip to Costa Rica:

In the city of Limón [Costa Rica], some of us were scheduled to go up to what we called "the church on the hill." The church was in an area where we had to walk up the hill to get to it. It would [mean] climbing muddy, rocky roads, so it was not possible for the bus to reach it. . . . Our leader, Pastor Douglas, told us that no teachers or pastors would come to this church and others like it because they did not want to walk. It is too hot. There is no air conditioning in the church. The roads are too muddy. It is rainy sometimes, and they do not get enough money for doing it. I rejoiced when God reminded me of His words many years ago. This was my first church for

> Charis missions teams all over the world



"going places no man [would] go," and for me, it [will] not [be] my last.

Other students have been profoundly impacted by their missions trip experience:

I went to Russia expecting to see great miracles. And I did see amazing instantaneous healings. A lady with a broken wrist came for prayer and left with her mobility. A Muslim man allowed us to pray for his sore knees while waiting for the train. The pain left, and he literally began jumping and dancing. . . . But it wasn't the physical healings that impacted me; it was the revelation of God's love.

—Austin Brown

I couldn't believe God's faithfulness that day [in Colombia]! Every girl but one received the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues.



And as the team ministered individually, several were slain in the Spirit. One girl was even delivered of demonic activity. It was an amazing time of healing and restoration. All I could do was cry!

—Tanya House

My life was overwhelmingly blessed, as I was privileged to travel to Querétaro, Mexico, on a short-term missions trip with Charis Bible College Colorado. . . . We traveled to another city where a local church, pastored by one of Charis Mexico's students, had prepared a market outreach. The day prior, we canvassed the marketplace, passing out fliers and inviting all to the outreach. On the day of the outreach, hundreds of children and families came, and we were able to simply present the Gospel. Many were saved. The simplicity of love—hugging a child or playing games with a child—combined with the simplicity of the Gospel message of Jesus Christ made this a life-changing day for all involved. . . . I am so thankful for the opportunities that we as students have at Charis Bible College—opportunities to share all that God has given us with the world!

—Grace Iverson

Do you want to help support Charis missions? You can give to the Charis student missions fund any time of the year by calling Charis Colorado: 844-360-9577. To donate online, go to **store.awmi** .net and type "mission fund" into the search box. You can also mail in your donation, specifying on the envelope that you want your gift used for Charis missions.

We are so grateful for your prayers and financial support. You are enabling Charis students to fulfill their assignment to the world!



FROM TRAUMA TO TRIUMPH: NICHOLE MARBACH'S STORY

"You don't have to do that anymore."

These were the words Nichole Marbach heard from God after years of cutting herself with knives and razors.

But why would anyone do this? Nichole explains that she began having flashbacks of sexual abuse. "[And] having stepparents that I didn't feel really liked me as a kid was very difficult. I was just looking for attention. I was looking to feel loved, and I felt like I needed to punish myself." She says that harming herself provided a type of release. "It was easier for me to feel the physical pain than the emotional pain I was feeling."

But when her own daughter reached the age Nichole had been when she was abused, the flashbacks came back. "The only way to cope was to drink alcohol," Nichole says. As her dependency

on alcohol increased, she began hiding it from her family. "Even though I was a believer—going to church, going to Bible studies, doing all of this—I felt like there was no way out," she explains. "I felt so much shame and quilt of just being a mentally ill mother with addictions because I wanted my kids to have a better life than I had."

Worried that his wife was on the verge of suicide, Nichole's husband, Claude, tried to help her. "I always wanted to . . . try to solve the problems for her and try to mitigate things, and I could never do that," he recalls. "I thought maybe the combination of medication and outside support through Christian counseling would be what was needed. But after years of kind of trying this, it never really worked."

At some point, Nichole was diagnosed with bipolar disorder, and it appeared she would have

> Above: Nichole meets Andrew at Charis Chicago in 2015



HEALING JOURNEY

to deal with this for the rest of her life. "I was told it was incurable, and all they could do was manage it with medication."

One day when she was cutting herself again, she heard God speak: "You don't have to do that anymore, because My Son shed His blood for you." Hope flickered within Nichole. "I started weeping. I thought I had to get all the sin out of my life before God would want [a] relationship with me or would love me. And here He was, pursuing me with His love, and He was trying to tell me, 'My Son took the punishment for all sin. He took your punishment at the cross. You are loved. You are forgiven. You are righteous.' But I just didn't know how to be well."

But God had a plan. And when a sister in the Lord shared the words "with God, all things are possible," Nichole knew she had a decision to make. "Am I going to believe the Word of God that says I'm healed, or am I going to believe what the doctors say, that this is incurable, and I need to be on medication for the rest of my life? I got a revelation at that point that, as a child of God, I don't have to take this anymore. I am healed, and I can use my authority."

This turning point was marked by both inward and outward changes, as Nichole no longer cut herself and no longer drank. She also said that she no longer "had that suicidal thinking."

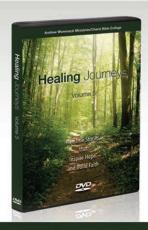
However, God always does more than is expected. With Nichole, He put a hunger in her for truth. "I knew that I needed a deeper foundation in Christ [and] in the Word of God," she says. And as she sought the truth, she found it. She heard about Andrew Wommack and started listening to him and reading his books.

"Then somebody invited me to a Charis Bible College meeting because a satellite school was opening up in my area." Nichole began attending Charis and started seeing even more change in her life. "Charis is not only helping me . . . become a better mother [and] better wife. It's helping the brokenhearted out there see that Jesus sets the captives free, and I am one of them," she explains. "I love to go into the places where there are really broken, wounded people, and I tell them how much God loves you and how much God accepts you, how forgiven you are."

Claude says that Charis Bible College has helped Nichole become grounded. "She is really at peace," he says. "She is full of joy."

"Going to Charis has changed my life," Nichole says. "It has just increased my healing by showing me who I am in Christ and understanding that we already have everything in us through Jesus Christ."

Nichole is not alone in her story of trauma turned to triumph. Andrew Wommack Ministries receives countless testimonies of people experiencing their own victories through what Jesus has done for them. Watch Nichole's video and other healing stories at www.awmi.net/video/healing. And if you have your own testimony to share, we'd love to hear it. Call our Helpline: 719-635-1111, or email us at info@awmi.net. 💵



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It's Indonesia's Turn

Where is God sending the message of His grace next? To the nation with the largest Muslim population in the world: Indonesia. It all started in 2002. when Irwan Siregar heard the audible voice of the Lord tell him, "It's not your will, but My will."

Irwan wouldn't fully understand those words until years later, after he and his wife, Angeline, graduated from Charis Bible College Colorado. Just a short time after that, the Lord led Irwan to direct an Andrew Wommack Ministries office in Jakarta. Indonesia, which opened in 2016.

Indonesia is a country where the persecution of Christians is common, but that's not the whole story. What you might not know is that many of Andrew's books have been translated into the Indonesian language, and 70,000 copies of his books have been sold!

And that's not all.

Just last year, a Gospel Truth Seminar was held in Jakarta, attended by an average of 2,000 people each night. Prayer ministers, trained by Irwan and Angeline, received numerous praise reports of healings. Some of them include:

- A tumor in a young woman's throat disappeared after being prayed for.
- An older lady dealing with post-stroke symptoms walked in with a crutch, but she got healed and went home without needing the crutch.
- One person who had an allergy for many years and had symptoms of fever and nausea was healed after receiving prayer.
- A young man suffering from insomnia was healed after getting prayer.



First-year students from Charis Jakarta

A lady with a tumor, after hearing the Word and receiving prayer, went back to the doctor, and her tumor was smaller.

Also, about 400 people responded to the altar call, some to give their lives to Jesus and some to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

During the seminar, Charis interest meetings were held to gauge whether Jakarta was ready for a Bible school. Over 150 people attended. With a green light to launch a Charis campus, the Siregars began to translate thirty courses of the first-year curriculum. "We need[ed] to get the translation done first of all because [students] can only speak in Indonesian," Irwan says.

At the time of this writing, the Siregars are holding monthly events called "The Charis Experience," where prospective students can receive the instruction and ministry they can't get anywhere else.

Registration day

"We show once a month just a lesson from Andrew from Charis," Angeline says. "We did 'A Sure Foundation,' and last week we did 'Healing' by Barry Bennett." They regularly see fruit from these gatherings. "There was a guy who was limping," Irwan explains. "After the event, he texted me, saying, 'I got healed.'"

As for how people have responded to the message, Irwan comments, "One of the things that we have





Student briefing

noticed is that they are now becoming much more aware of legalism, because unless you give them the authority of the truth, they won't see that they're under the bondage of legalism. . . . People [have come] to us and said, 'You know, this is amazing. This type of teaching is amazing. I'm changed. Now I can see differently. I live differently. I think differently."

When asked about the AWM Indonesia office, Irwan shares, "We are here in the largest Muslim nation in the world, and yet we're doing this, and the response has been overwhelming. . . . Now I know what the Lord meant when He said 'Not your will, but My will' in 2002 . . . I cannot put it into words. It's just so overwhelming what we're doing right now. And I think it can only get bigger and bigger." Irwan continues, "And therefore . . . every time we pray in our prayer time, we ask the Lord, 'We need resources, Lord. We need resources.' Because, you know, we can see this thing growing bigger and bigger every time."

God sends grace where it's needed most. It's now Indonesia's turn. The impact the Siregars are making on this largely Muslim country is due to the prayers

Irwan and Angeline, a couple not willing to let the risk of persecution get in their way, answer the call of God on their lives.

"I think you can only appreciate what God is doing in your life after you have begun the trip," Irwan says. "You've got to make that move. You've got to be on the road and walk that road before you can see things unraveling in your life that are just amazing. So, it's a journey, basically. It's an amazing journey with God. And that's what we're going through right now. It's awesome."

Through the support of friends and partners, AWM has been able to establish fourteen additional offices around the globe. The Siregars' amazing journey is just one example of how the Gospel of grace is going farther than ever. For information about AWM's other offices, go to our website: www.awmi.net/more/contact-us. ##

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IN ONE ACCORD

Psalm 133:1-3

- 1 A Song of degrees of David. Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!
- 2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;
- **3** As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

This is the fourteenth psalm in a row that was called a song of degrees. The English word "degrees" was translated from the Hebrew word ma'alah, and this Hebrew word means "elevation, i.e. the act (literally, a journey to a higher place, figuratively, a thought arising), or (concretely) the condition (literally, a step or grade-mark, figuratively, a superiority of station); specifically a climactic progression (in certain Psalms)" (Strong's Concordance).

Therefore, most commentaries list this as a song that was sung by those traveling to Jerusalem. Jerusalem was built on a series of mountains, or hills, and the pilgrims were directing their attention and prayers to the temple located on Mount Zion.

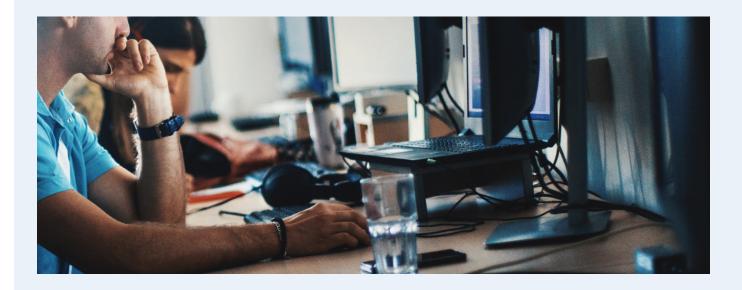
This psalm is proclaiming the benefits of unity among brethren. There are many things that are good for us but aren't pleasant. But unity among brethren is both good and pleasant.

Unity among brethren releases the anointing power of the Holy Spirit. In contrast, division and discord hinder the anointing power of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 1:10). When the Holy Spirit came in power on the Day of Pentecost, they were all in one place and in one accord (Acts 2:1). What would happen if the body of Christ were to be all in one accord today?

God commands His blessing on unity among His saints. It's like life-giving moisture to parched land. There is an anointing that we will never attain individually.

While individual study is important, we also need interaction with fellow believers. Iron sharpens iron (Prov. 27:17), and what we learn on our own often needs to be shared with others so that they can learn and grow too. Use my *Living Commentary* software program to further your understanding of the Word, and then use that revelation to encourage unity among the believers. Go to www.awmi.net/store/living-commentary to get the *Living Commentary*.





HIDDEN HEROES

Today the backbone of any organization is its information technology (IT) department. For Andrew Wommack Ministries and Charis Bible College, this is no different. Whether it means maintaining the ministry's online infrastructure, creating and upholding Andrew's internet presence, or protecting the ministry against cyber-attacks, the hidden heroes of the IT Department keep AWM and Charis moving forward together. This solid team of nearly thirty people guards the ministry in this age of technology.

"The IT Department has many faces and functions," the director of information technology, Elena Sharp, says. "IT can be considered the core of running any large operation, but like the engine in a car, it can't run alone. It needs all the other parts to make the engine run. . . . IT needs to integrate with and support every arm of the ministry. Because of this, we have a unique opportunity to experience and touch virtually every area."

When asked why she likes working for IT, digital technologies manager Colleen lammarino answers,

"Knowing that all the behind-the-scenes projects and tasks are done without anyone even knowing they were done. The people are amazing in this department. Their skills, knowledge, and professionalism would rank at the highest level in any organization."

The grace message needs to reach the global marketplace, and what better way to do that than online. "A strong, global internet presence is vital for Christian ministries today," solutions architect Adam Tatusko explains. "It is no longer enough to simply have a website, but also, we must deliver modern, mobile, and media streaming apps in order to cover all possible avenues [that] users may take to engage with the ministry." Adding to these thoughts, database systems manager Drew Williams says, "Andrew is well known to a large TV audience, but younger audiences spend less time watching traditional TV. In order to expand his reach, he must expand his visibility."

As fulfilling as this work is, serving in an IT department for an international ministry does have its

challenges. David Chapin, a tier III support technician, shares how "language barriers, time differences, continual security threats, [and] malware" are a few difficulties they face. Elena adds, "Creating a global presence and supporting global needs for AWMI and Charis Bible College isn't as easy as it may seem, even with the advances in technology we have today. We must meet all the varying governmental regulations and laws according to each country while attempting to achieve a unified system and process." IT services manager Stephen Stafford explains the department's work with international AWM directors and offices: "This IT department [in Colorado] is crucial to producing and maintaining centralized systems that tie all of us together."

The reach and impact of the internet is still greatly untouched. Web developer Aaron Simpson explains, "The internet opens up an entire channel of information that can promote Andrew's teachings. . . . It's vital for our organization to have a strong internet presence that accommodates people of all regions and cultures." Further explaining this idea, donor system administrator Colin Hueston says, "You have an increasing population that does not use the radio, traditional television, or physical newspapers/books. You have to develop the online presence."

As AWM and Charis expand, our hidden heroes in the IT Department will continue to protect the ministry's online infrastructure and global reach. None of this would be possible without your support. As Zachariah Collins, an IT intern, puts it, "The digital world still has huge amounts of untapped potential for the Gospel." Because of the support of our partners and friends, our IT people can create online platforms for the Gospel to go farther, reaching more people than ever before. And the online impact is only growing. Thank you! 💵





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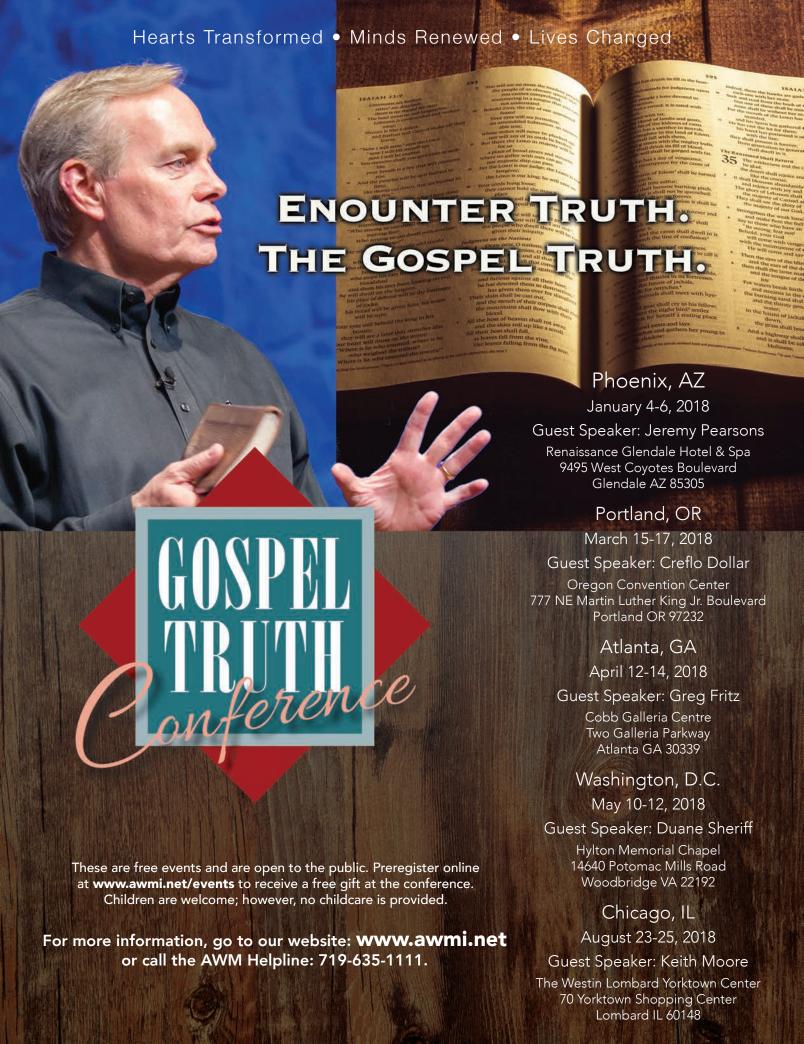
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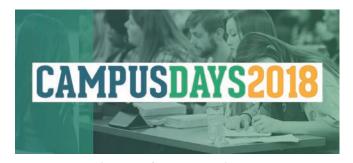
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