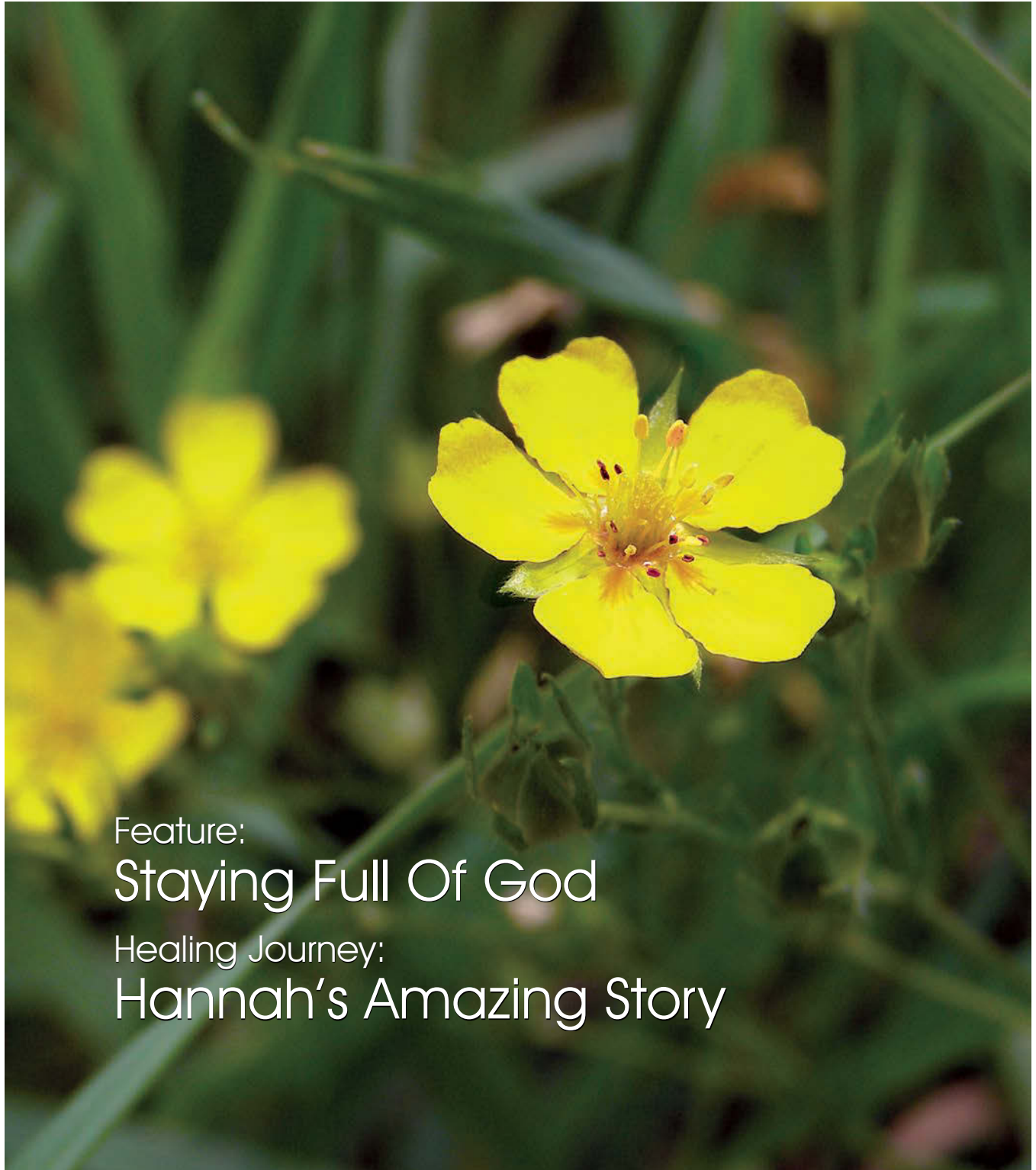


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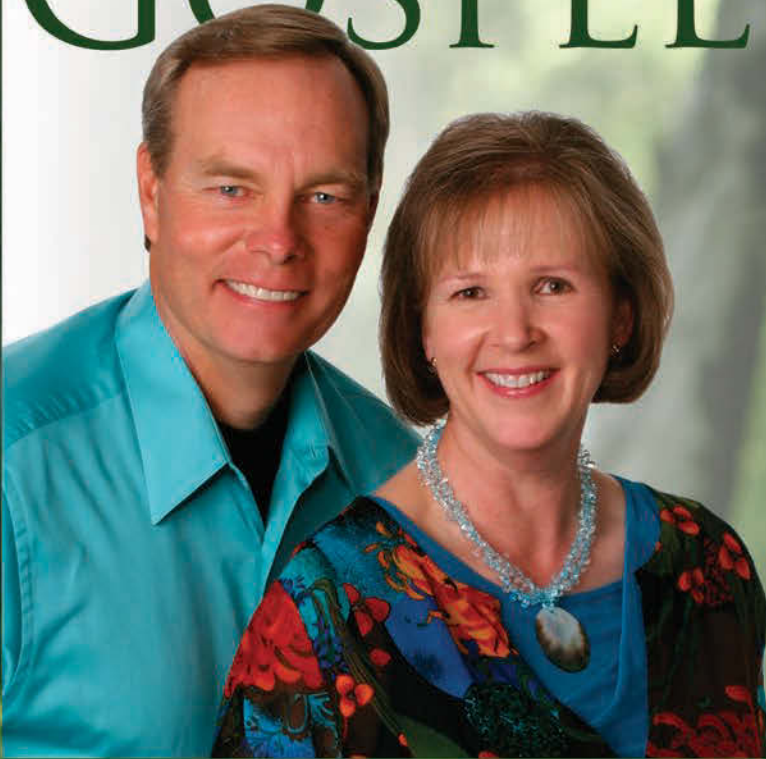
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The Gospel really is the nearly-too-good-to-be-true news. But just making that statement isn't enough. We know that most people want to see the truth of that manifest in the natural. That is one of the main reasons we began publishing the *Gospel Truth Magazine*. We want you to read about what God is doing in the lives of people.

In this issue, you will read the story of a healing journey taken by a little girl in England. It is one of the most amazing miracles I have ever witnessed, nearly too good to be true. I know that Hannah's Story and the miracle that God performed in her life will touch your heart just as it did Jamie's and mine. If you don't read anything else in this magazine, take time to read her story.

We are excited about our upcoming issue of the *Gospel Truth Magazine*. Most of you who have followed this ministry know that on March 23, 1968, God changed my life forever, and I have been preaching and teaching ever since. This fall, our anniversary issue will feature the forty-year history of this ministry and what you have helped us accomplish in the lives of people across America and around the world.

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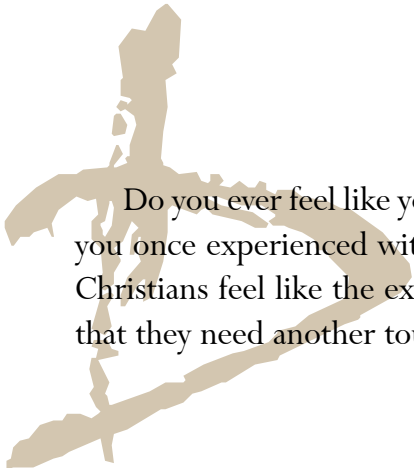
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STAYING FULL OF God

by Andrew Wommack



Do you ever feel like you and God have drifted apart and that the love and joy you once experienced with Him have faded? If you do, you're not alone. Most Christians feel like the experiences they have with God diminish over time and that they need another touch. But is that the way it should be?

The Bible says God will never leave us nor forsake us (Heb.13:5). If that is true, and it is, who moved? As born-again believers, we are all capable of living in the fullness of God every day of our lives. God is continually pouring out His love, joy, peace, revelation knowledge, and every other blessing. But, we can get to a point where we're not receiving and "feel" like He has drifted away.

Romans 1:21 says,

"When they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened."

This scripture contains four separate elements, or keys, that can lead us into and keep us operating in the fullness of God. Expressed positively, they are:

glorify God, be thankful, recognize the power of your imagination, and have a good heart. You have the power to control each of these in your life.

Glorify God

In many places throughout the Bible, the word "magnify" is the same word translated "glorify." Therefore, "magnify" and "glorify" can be used interchangeably. And "magnify" means "to make bigger."

Did you know that you can make God bigger? Technically speaking, God is who He is, regardless of what you think, but in terms of your perception, He can be big or small. You have the power to make Him one or the other in your life.

Most of us have become masters at enlarging our problems and minimizing God and His Word. I

remember a lady who thought she was pregnant but found out she had cancer instead. The doctors said she needed a hysterectomy immediately. They said she only had a 50 percent chance of living and that she wouldn't live more than two weeks without surgery.

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She came to me crying, "Andrew, have you heard what they said?" Now, I don't always respond this way, but I believe God led me to say what I did. I started laughing and declared, "Cancer's no problem with God. The lights in heaven won't dim from the power

drain if the Lord heals you! It's not any harder to be healed of cancer than it is to be healed of a cold."

I started magnifying and glorifying God. I made the Lord bigger and the cancer smaller. The only thing that made the cancer insurmountable was the value she was placing on what the doctors said. They even called her a fool for refusing treatment and made her sign paperwork to absolve them of liability "when" she died. But she decided to stand her ground and believe God. It's now been almost twenty years since she refused that operation—and she has a whole slew of children.

What do you value? What's big to you? You can magnify the Lord and make Him and His Word bigger than any problem. Do it by glorifying, praising, and thanking Him. Find someone in the Word who overcame a situation similar to yours. Meditate on the Word, and make it more real to you than the problem. You need to get to a place where God's Word is true and where He is greater than any situation.

"All things are possible to him that believeth" (Mark 9:23).

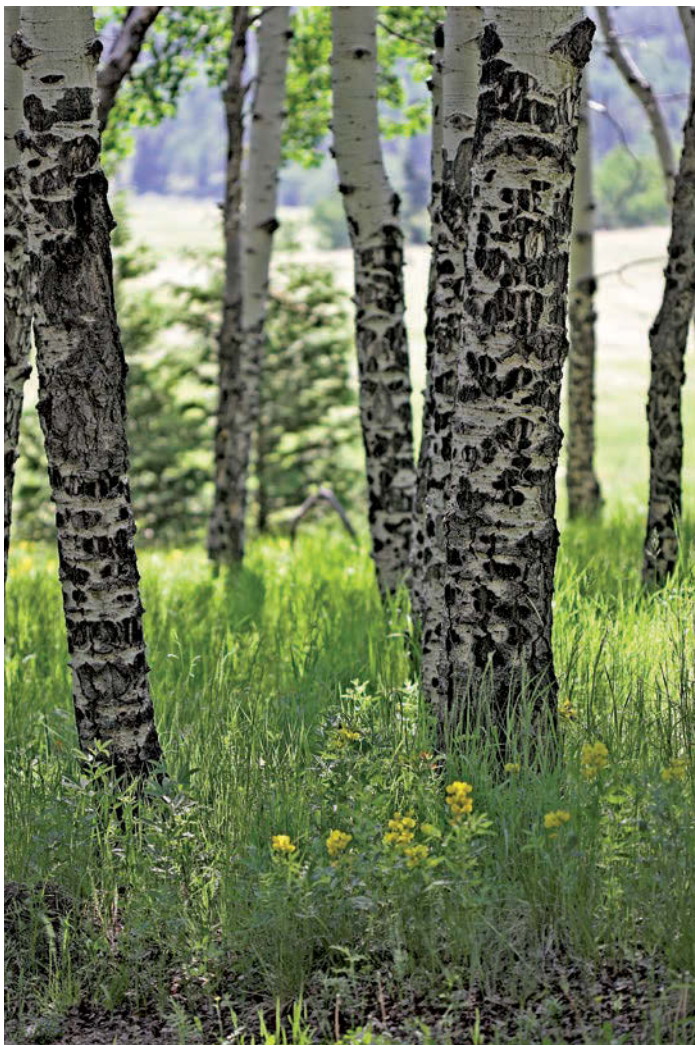
Thankfulness

Paul listed un-thankfulness as one of the signs of the end times and put it in the same verse as covetousness, pride, blasphemy, and unholiness (2 Tim. 3:1-2). Not many would argue that we live in a society full of unthankful people, even in spite of the fact that we have more prosperity and opportunity than any people who have ever lived.

The second key to staying full of God is a thankful heart. Glorifying, magnifying, and thanking Him are all interrelated, but to glorify God, you must be thankful. As you are thanking Him, you're reminding yourself of what He has said and done, which magnifies Him.

"Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits" (Ps. 103:2).

Being thankful involves both humility and memory. Humility is the understanding that you didn't accomplish these things "on your own." Then, humbly



remembering the good things that He has done for you always brings thankfulness. So it's important to look back and rehearse your victories and remember whose power brought them to pass.

"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations" (Ps. 100:4-5).

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Every time you are tempted to gripe and complain about a problem, don't. Instead, enter into God's presence and spend ten minutes thanking Him for His goodness. If you will, you'll find that the natural desire to complain will cease, and the problem will shrink as you begin to see it in the proper perspective.

Imagination

Our imagination is much more important than most people realize. The Hebrew word that was translated "imagination" in the Old Testament means "conception." Our imagination is where we conceive new ideas. Without it, we become spiritually and creatively sterile.

A few years ago I took a trip to Israel. I remember stopping in the valley of Elah. I got out of the bus and walked down to that little stream. I picked up five smooth stones from that stream just the way David once did. I began to imagine what it must have been like for David when he faced Goliath. The story came alive.

The Word of God comes alive when you can picture what it's talking about. Let the Word of God control your imagination as you think about scriptures, and you will see things in Scripture that you can't see with your physical eyes. You see it on the inside...in your imagination.



When the Bible says you're healed, you've got to meditate on that truth until you see yourself healed. Most people allow their imagination to become vain and agree with the image the doctors have painted, rather than the Word of God. They're told what is going to happen, and they imagine it as truth.

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When we fail to be thankful and glorify God, our imagination automatically becomes vain. That doesn't mean it isn't working; it just begins to work against us. A person with a vain imagination is a pessimist, imagining failure instead of success. We need to use our imagination to agree with God's Word and see ourselves the way God sees us: happy, healthy, and prosperous.

A Good Heart

The Scripture makes it very clear that the attitude of your heart is far more important than your actions. Jesus said it this way in Matthew 23:25-26,

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. Thou blind

Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also."

The Lord is more concerned about your heart than He is your actions.

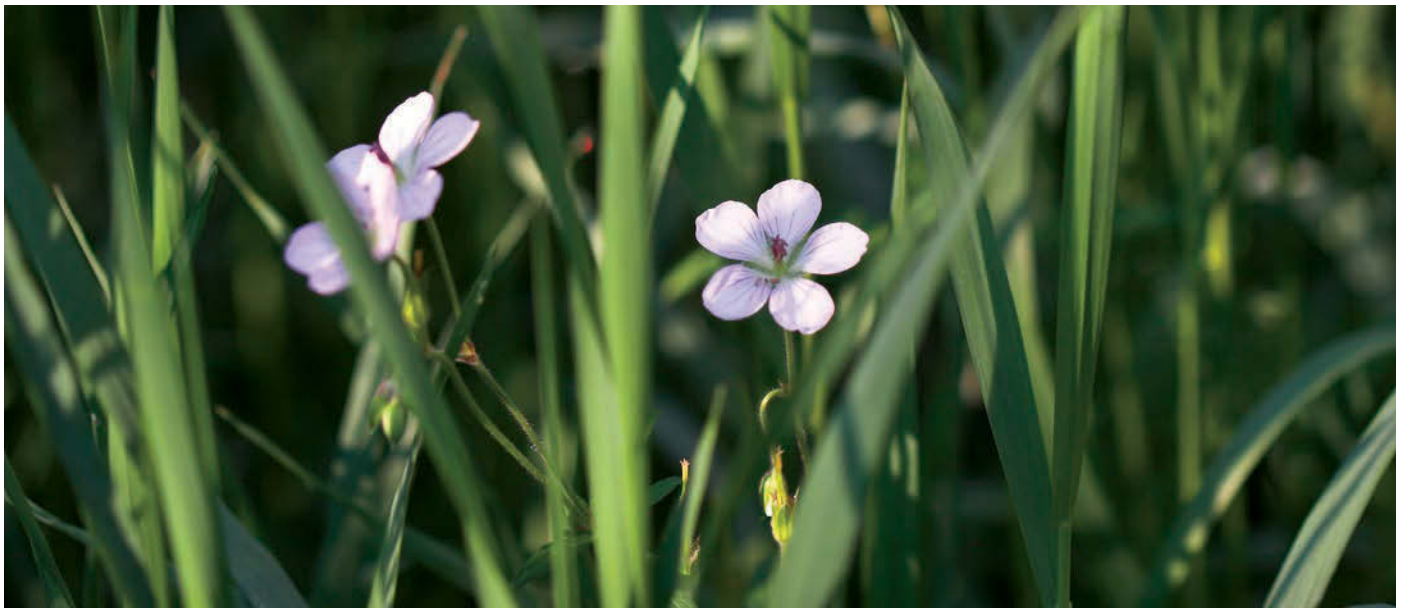
Matthew 12:35, Mark 7:21-23, and Proverbs 23:7 make it even clearer:

"A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things" (Matt. 12:35).

"For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man" (Mark 7:21-23).

"For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Prov. 23:7).

Your heart controls what you say, and it also controls what you do. All of the above are products of your heart. The opposite of those can be true also. Love, joy, peace, patience, and the rest of the fruit of the spirit are also products of what your heart believes. When your heart responds in a negative way, it's because you allow it to be dominated by external (or physical) things instead of by the Word of God.



Our understanding is then darkened, and we become insensitive to God. We actually cause our hearts to become hardened. The word “harden”, according to the dictionary, means cold, insensitive, unfeeling, and unyielding. And when our hearts become hardened or insensitive to God, they automatically become sensitive, dominated by, and controlled by our physical senses.

So what do most people do when they realize their actions, which are being controlled by their hearts, are causing problems for themselves and others? They resort to behavior modification. They try to change their actions without changing their hearts, and that never works long-term. If you want your behavior to change, you must change your heart. Make sure that the Word of God is the dominant influence.

If you will put these four keys into practice in your

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life, you will never be the same. It will change the way you think about everyone and everything around you. It will give you a God perspective.

What I have written here is only an excerpt from the teaching on this subject. My new book, *Discover the Keys to Staying Full of God*, has just been released. In it I teach on this subject in-depth. Order today by going to our website at www.awmi.net, calling our Helpline at 719-635-1111, or by completing the order form in the magazine. **GT**

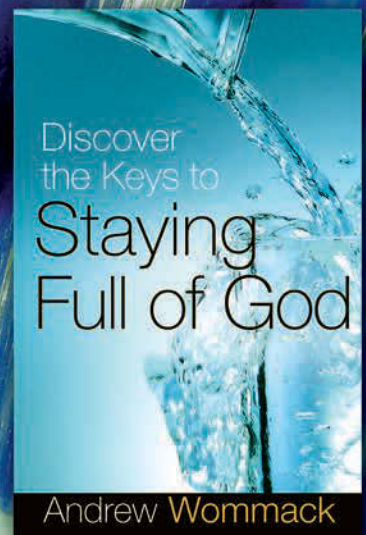
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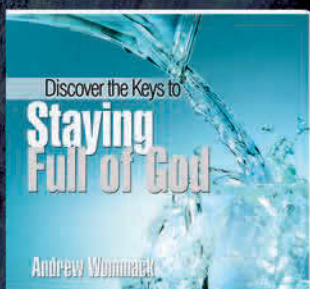
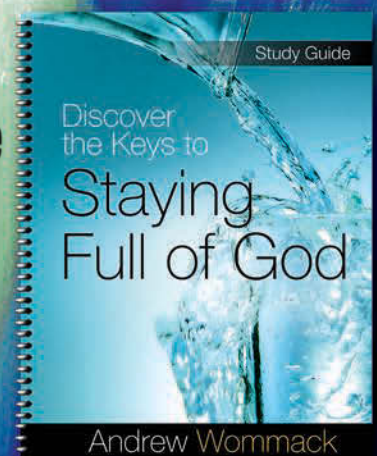


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WHERE THE RUBBER MEETS THE *Road*

The maroon Oldsmobile Cutlass lay sideways in a ditch, barely visible through the blowing snow. Jeremiah Williamson had just arrived back in Colorado Springs earlier that day when he got caught driving in a fast-moving, icy snowstorm. Hitting a patch of ice, his car spun out of control and off the road.

Jeremiah had returned to Colorado Springs after living in the Midwest for several years. After his wife passed away, he sensed God telling him to return to his spiritual roots. Although he was a Christian, he was not walking closely with the Lord. "I knew my life was in trouble," Jeremiah recalls. "I needed a change." He obeyed God and went to Colorado to get back in touch with his spiritual mentor.

Someone pulled Jeremiah from the ditch and took him to the Red Cross shelter to get him out of the dangerous weather. He soon discovered that his mentor had moved out of state, and he found himself without a plan. While at the shelter, he heard about a rescue mission in town called Faith Harbor, run by Paul and Marilyn Vyzourek.

"At that time, Paul and Marilyn housed people in their basement and helped them get back on their feet," says Jeremiah. "I knew this was where I needed to be."

It wasn't long after Jeremiah came to Faith Harbor that the mission underwent major changes. "Almost as soon as I got there, we moved into a new building, and the mission's name changed to Springs Rescue Mission." Unbeknownst to Jeremiah, he was on the ground floor of all God was doing at the mission.

Prior to his salvation, Jeremiah had experienced life as a biker, an alcoholic, and a homeless person. "I could relate to those around me at the mission. I know what it's like to lose everything. And now as a Christian, I knew I could help others." As Jeremiah went through the mission's rehab programs, he began to sense God's



Joe Vazquez, Executive Director,

*Springs Rescue Mission,
Colorado Springs, Colorado*

calling into rescue ministry work.

First, however, Jeremiah realized he needed a stronger foundation in God's Word, so he enrolled in Charis Bible College. While at the college, he volunteered at the Springs Rescue Mission helping in their computer department. Upon graduation, Jeremiah took a staff position as the mission's chaplain.

Today, seven years later, Jeremiah is still a chaplain, but now at a rescue mission in Connecticut. The training he received at the Springs Rescue Mission and Charis Bible College prepared the way for his future in rescue mission work. Little did Jeremiah know that God had a plan for that snowstorm he found himself in. But then again, God can use anything to accomplish His purposes!

Jeremiah's story is one of many that have come out of the Springs Rescue Mission since its founding in 1996 by Paul and Marilyn Vyzourek, both CBC graduates. The Springs Rescue Mission is a member of the Association of Gospel Rescue Missions (AGRM), a worldwide organization of faith-based missions. Today the Springs Rescue Mission is led by Executive Director

Joe Vazquez, who helps establish missions throughout the United States through AGRM.

"I am honored that God would entrust me with this ministry," says Joe. "I am constantly amazed by the lives that are transformed here." Joe, also a graduate of CBC, developed a heart for the mission while he was still a CBC student. "As part of our second-year training at the college, we had to get involved with ministry outside of the school. Paul and Marilyn were open to having CBC students practice their preaching skills during the mission's outreaches. So what started as a way for me to preach, turned into a real call on my life for rescue mission work."

Joe has seen the Springs Rescue Mission grow from Paul and Marilyn feeding the homeless in local parks to having served its one millionth meal in 2005; from the Vyzoureks housing as many men in their basement as possible to current plans for a 50-bedroom dormitory for men who are homeless or suffering from substance abuse; and from Paul and Marilyn providing not only food for the poor, but also occasional clothing or other material goods to the Springs Rescue Mission, becoming the largest provider of free goods in Colorado Springs.

Now with 26 full-time and 8 part-time staff members, along with numerous volunteers, the Springs Rescue Mission offers a total of 20 programs to help drug and alcohol addicts, the homeless, and those in poverty. One of its programs is New Life Discipleship, one of the original services started by the Vyzoureks. This life-changing rehab program is a 24/7, year-long service for men who have had struggles with substance abuse. The men live at the mission and commit to spiritual counseling, Bible studies, mentoring, job training, and education to help turn their lives around.

Other programs include Emergency Services, where food boxes, clothing, and housewares are provided on an emergency basis; the Learning Center, a computer-based, self-paced education environment to

help develop basic educational skills while also helping students obtain a GED, design a résumé, and look for living-wage jobs; a Warming Shelter, providing warm, safe beds on dangerously cold nights; and Evening Chapel, where a hot meal and a Bible message are served six nights a week for anyone wanting to attend.

Although the Springs Rescue Mission has come a long way, there is still much more room for growth. "God has shown me many areas of expansion and has given me a big vision of where He wants to take the mission," says Joe. Future plans include a \$2 million men's rehabilitation facility with dorm rooms, a recreation center, and a large dining area; a women's rehab program similar to the men's; and the development of affordable, transitional housing.



Evening meals provided to the homeless, followed by ministry.

Above and Left: On-the-job and educational training programs



Through all of its growth, Joe will never forget the roots of the mission, planted by Paul and Marilyn, two CBC graduates wanting to make a difference in their city. The Springs Rescue Mission is still very much involved with CBC and Andrew Wommack Ministries through financial partnerships and volunteering. Many CBC students frequently volunteer at the mission as part of their required ministry work, while others help from a heart of compassion for the poor. And the Springs Rescue Mission leaders also visit the college to share how the community has been impacted through the mission.

While many who initially come to the Springs

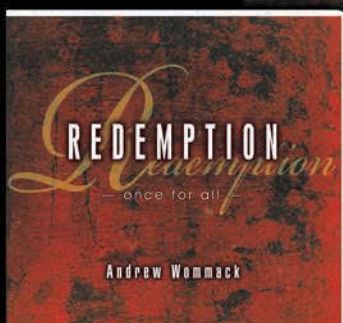
Rescue Mission are addicts, Joe Vazquez says he is also addicted—to the work and the people of the mission. He is passionate about his job of showing the love of Christ and building relationships with the poor and needy of Colorado Springs. “Once I get with these people and watch God’s love transform their hearts, there’s no place else I’d rather be.” **GT**

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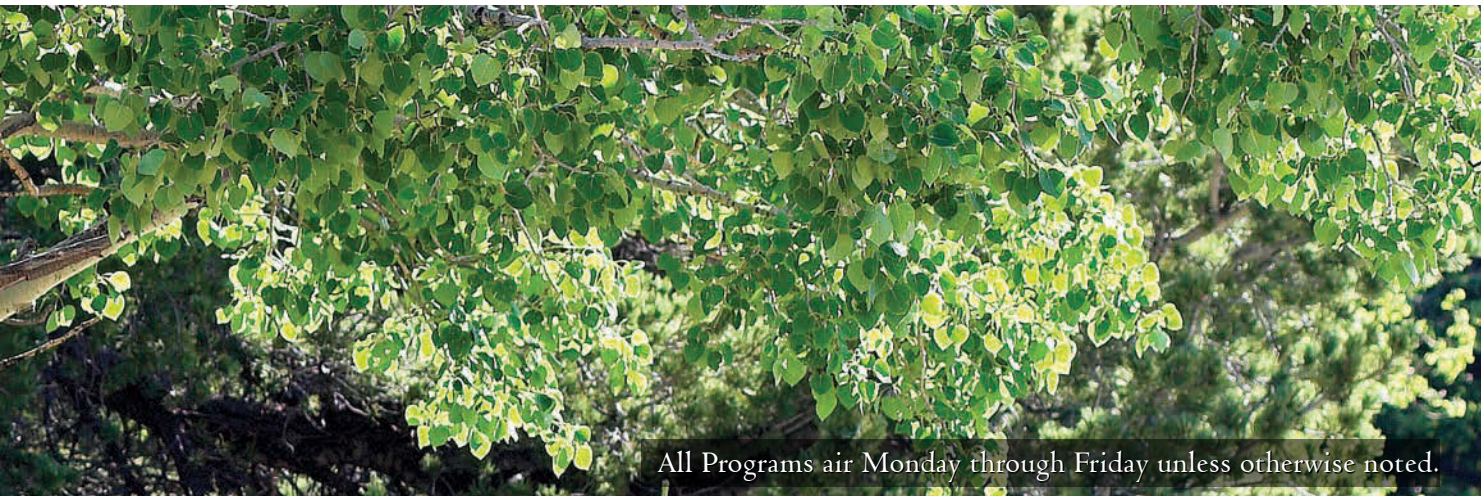
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POWER OF PARTNERSHIP

FORTY YEARS AND COUNTING

March 23, 2008 marked forty years since the Lord called me into the ministry. I remember that Saturday night like it was yesterday. My heart was instantly changed. I spent the next four and a half years renewing my mind before I went into full-time ministry and another six years pastoring three small churches.

I started a daily radio broadcast in 1975, and the ministry began to grow. We hired our first employee in 1977, and now it takes over 200 employees to meet the needs of the people we are serving in the U.S. and around the world.

I left the pastorate and started traveling full time in 1978. That's when we incorporated Andrew Wommack Ministries. So for the last thirty-three years, I've been ministering on daily radio and for the last eight, on daily television across America.

The *Gospel Truth* television program began January 3, 2000 on INSP, a Christian network that covered 1 percent (or 1.2 million) households in the U.S. In the summer of 2000, we began broadcasting on the God Channel network, covering all of Europe. By the end of 2007, the broadcast covered 56 percent (or 61 million) households in the U.S. and 160 million homes outside the U.S.

It's been an amazing walk with the Lord. God has been so good to touch my life and use me to touch others. I can truthfully say that what happened to me over forty years ago has never worn off, and I don't believe it ever will. It gets sweeter every day.

In the next issue of this magazine, we will be highlighting the forty-year history of this ministry. I'm looking forward to reporting what God has done in the lives of people around the world because of your faithful support. I know you'll be blessed.

The article in this magazine called *Staying Full of God* shares the secrets I've learned in order to keep the touch of God fresh in my life.

God never gets stale. If you feel like a leaky vessel, it's the things you do, or rather fail to do, that make you a leaky vessel. Once you learn these keys in *Staying Full of God*, you can refresh your relationship with the Lord anytime you want. That's invaluable.

I also encourage you to read *Hannah's Story*; it really touched my life. This little girl was on the verge of death when a tape, provided free of charge fifteen years before, became the seed that released the healing power of God in her life. After listening to the tape, Hannah's parents were filled with faith and hope and wanted to know more. So they went to our website, and there they downloaded hundreds of my teachings.

After her healing, Hannah's dad, Ashley, testified about the miracle. His eyes filled with tears as he told how what he had learned from those teachings was so important in Hannah's miracle. Then he stopped and thanked all the partners of Andrew Wommack Ministries for making them available on the web for free. He said, "If they hadn't been free, my daughter would be dead."



That is just one example of what God is doing in the lives of people who hear this message. We receive over 25,000 contacts per month through calls, letters, and emails and average 10,000 website visits per day. These numbers are not just statistics; they represent people whose lives are being changed. Jamie and I thank all of you who have stood with us in this ministry to help reach these people.

Because of partners like you, we offer the vast majority of our teachings for free or for a suggested donation. Over half of those who contact us for the first time take advantage of the materials without a donation, just like Hannah's parents. However, over half of those who receive these free materials give at a later date. They, too, want to be a part of helping someone else change his or her life.

Together we are making a huge impact in the lives of people around the world. They are coming to know Jesus in a real and vibrant way. They may never have experienced that if you had not been willing to send us with the message.

Our future is so bright, I have to squint to look at it. We plan to totally saturate the U.S. with the *Gospel Truth* by the year 2020. We now have offices in England, Canada, and Uganda; and we have Bible colleges in four foreign countries, with more coming shortly. Read more about our plans, in the anniversary issue of this magazine coming in the fall.

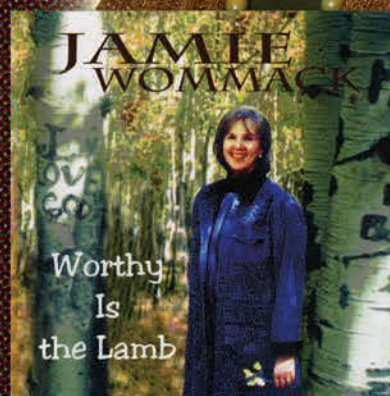
I know that not everyone will receive this message, but I believe the Lord wants me to present it. I believe the Lord has raised me up and put His Word in my mouth to be sent throughout the earth. I am willing to go, but I need to be sent (Rom. 10:15).

Thanks to those of you who have so faithfully given to help us deliver this fresh bread from heaven. If you haven't yet partnered with us in this great endeavor, we ask you to pray about becoming a *Grace Partner* today. *Grace Partners* are those who have committed to giving \$30 or more per month, or an annual gift of \$360 or more. It's these consistent, regular gifts that help us plan accurately and wisely for the future.

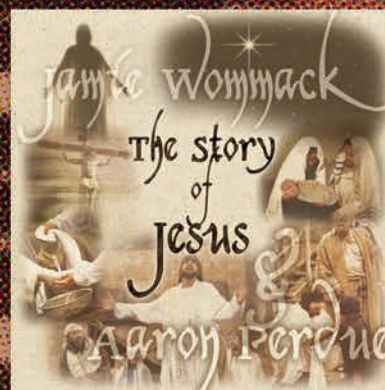
Help us take this nearly-too-good-to-be-true news to people who are starving to hear the *Gospel Truth*.

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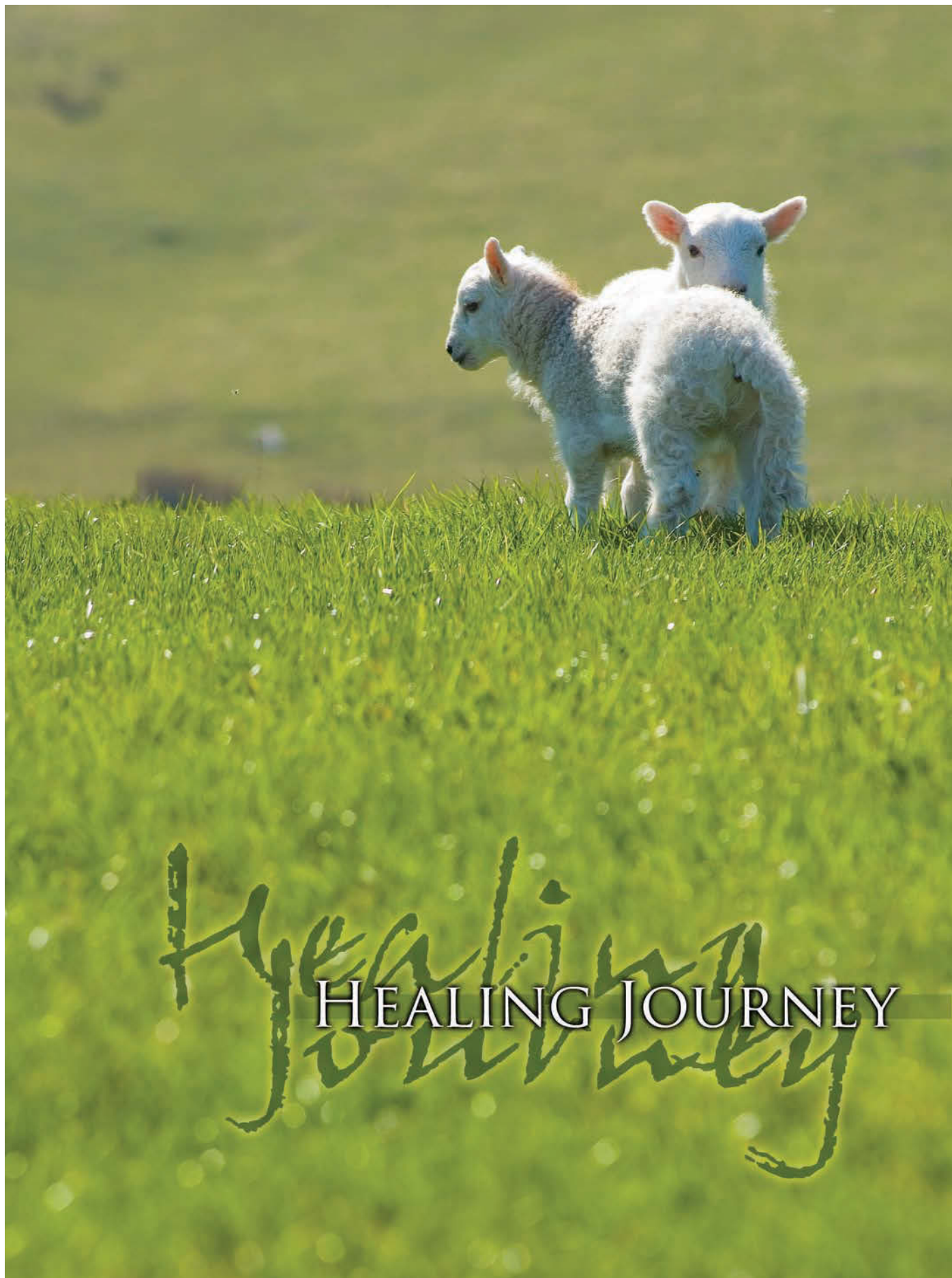


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HANNAH'S AMAZING *Story* — NEARLY TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE —

The morning of February 8, 2006, Carol Dupree answered her door in Norfolk, England. Her son-in-law, Ashley Terradez, stood there. Over his shoulder she saw her daughter, Carlie, waiting in the car with three-year-old Hannah in her arms.

A few minutes earlier, they had dropped off Hannah's two older brothers, Zach and Josh. The boys were to stay with Grandpa and Grandma while Mom and Dad took Hannah to the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital in London.

After three agonizing years, death was reaching out to claim little Hannah. She would not be the first child to die in the Dupree family, nor in the Terradez clan. In fact, childhood death seemed to have followed both families for generations. Even worse, it now threatened Hannah.

They had become born-again believers, casting their hope entirely on Jesus Christ. The family believed in a God of miracles. They believed God *could* heal Hannah, but they didn't know if He *would*.

A familiar dread churned in Carol's stomach. *Not again, Lord. Please, not Hannah!* She was almost unable to speak. "Why have you returned?" she asked Ashley.

"It's going to be a long trip to the hospital," he explained. "I have no CD player in the car. Do you happen to have any tapes we could listen to on the way?"

Carol thought for a moment. This was the Digital Age. Tapes were almost obsolete. But in her mind, she visualized a few tapes that lay in the back of a utility drawer. "Yes, in fact, I do have a few old tapes," she said. "I'll get them for you."

The Power of Partnership

Over the years, Andrew and his partners have given away millions of free teaching tapes. This healing journey begins with one of those tapes, titled "Your New Identity in Christ," shipped in 1990 to England. After being passed around, it landed in a drawer in the home of new converts, Barrie and Carol Dupree.

It lay silently in that drawer for nearly fifteen years, waiting for this day, when it would finally emerge to fulfill its destiny. As they drove toward London, Ashley and Carlie listened. They were at the end of their rope, the very end.



Hannah, one day old

Their three-year-old daughter Hannah had failed to thrive from the day she was born. She would suck briefly from a bottle and then projectile vomit. She slept constantly and would be taken by sudden high temperatures. After spending her first week in the hospital, all Ashley and Carlie could do was take her home, wake her every two hours, and try to get her to accept the minimum of nutrition.

Weaning never happened. At ten months Hannah choked, gagged, vomited, and turned blue at any kind of food thicker than puree form. She woke constantly with inconsolable tummy pain. She had little energy and quickly grew listless.

After a year, doctors at the children's hospital in London confirmed a diagnosis. Hannah had a rare autoimmune disease called *eosinophilic enteropathy*, which meant her body built up allergies to every type of food. Nearly all foods were attacked by her immune system and then rejected by her body.

She was in tremendous pain and losing weight rapidly. As time went by, she became allergic to protein itself. She lost control of her bowels and bladder. Her condition was the worst the doctors had ever seen. The evil of this disorder was appalling.

There was no known cure, only a radical survival method: a feeding tube. After a second year of the disease, as a last resort, doctors agreed to insert a tube into her stomach. She was fed an amino acid formula containing no protein and no known allergens. Everywhere she went she had to be attached to a

pump, and the pump had to be meticulously sterilized and reloaded every few hours. Housed in a child's backpack, this pump would be her burden to carry for the rest of her life.

Apparently, that would not be long. They were returning to the hospital in London because her body had begun to reject the amino acid formula—her last medical hope. The telltale symptoms of pain, screaming, vomiting, and diarrhea had returned.

The Seed of the Word

As they listened to Andrew's tape in the car, Carlie looked down at her exhausted daughter asleep in her arms. She heard Andrew say they had already received healing in the atonement of Jesus Christ. "By His stripes we *were* healed." Past tense. It was a done deal.

Hannah wore clothes made for a nine-month-old infant. In three years of life, her body weight had never even reached the crisis level on the doctor's growth chart. If Hannah was already healed, Carlie was determined to somehow enter into that reality.

Andrew said God had given believers the authority to resist Satan, command healing, and rebuke symptoms. Carlie brushed little Hannah's head. Her once fiery red hair had grown a dull color, and clumps of it fell out in her hand. She grew angry at this evil disease and determined that if what Andrew said was true, she would pursue it with all of her heart for the sake of her little girl.

Hannah, asleep at the children's hospital



Their backs to the wall, the words on the tape found fertile ground in their hearts. Ashley agreed with her completely.

God had given believers the authority to resist Satan, command healing, and rebuke symptoms.

By the time the old tape finished playing in that car, Ashley and Carlie had heard the nearly-too-good-to-be-true news that God wanted Hannah well! He not only could heal her, He would, and He already had! They had never heard those words in their lives before, and after hearing them for the first time, a burst of new hope arose in their hearts. Together they grabbed hold of that teaching like a life vest thrown to a drowning victim.

They rewound the tape and played it again.

Renewing Their Minds

At the hospital, the staff did their best to make Hannah comfortable. Meanwhile, Ashley searched the internet for Andrew Wommack's website. He found it and could not believe the treasure of teaching he could access for free. He downloaded every MP3 teaching available onto his iPod and began renewing his mind. Carlie did the same.

"We'd never heard Scripture revealed so clearly and simply," says Carlie, recalling that special time. "The Word took root in our hearts and became more real to us than what the doctors were saying."

Out of the Mouths of Babies

For five weeks Hannah stayed in the hospital. Carlie stayed with her, relieved at times by Grandpa and Grandma Terradez. Ashley traveled back and forth, fulfilling business obligations. Always, wherever he went, he listened to more teaching from Andrew and shared it with Carlie.

One night, as Carlie put Hannah to bed at the hospital, she joined her for their usual bedtime prayer.



Hannah with feeding Tube

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The boys repeated the words after Mommy and Daddy, but not Hannah. She always insisted on praying in her own words. "Dear Jesus," she said, "thank You for loving me and for healing me. Keep Zachary and Joshua and Mommy and Daddy safe. Amen."

Hannah's jello birthday cake



Suddenly, Carlie heard her daughter for the first time. In childlike faith, little Hannah had been praying a profound truth all along. She had always thanked Jesus for healing her. Past tense. A done deal. A thrill of faith swept over Carlie. The manifestation of the healing that was already accomplished in Jesus was surely just around the corner for Hannah.

“The next time Andrew is in England,” Carlie said to Ashley, “we will go see him—whatever it takes.”

A DIVINE APPOINTMENT

With sudden inspiration, Ashley returned to Andrew’s website. He searched his speaking schedule and could hardly believe his eyes. Andrew was to begin a conference at Charis Bible College in Walsall, England, the very next day! And, as if to confirm God’s timing, the doctors approached them and suggested that they take Hannah home. They felt this would give her a much-needed break from the poking, needles, and testing.

As they all packed into the car, Ashley turned to his wife and said, “Carlie, we have never heard any teacher who is so positive, that it is always God’s will to heal. Everyone else tells us sometimes God does not heal. Andrew rejects this, and now, so do I. When Andrew prays for Hannah, I believe she will be healed.”

“I agree 100 percent,” Carlie replied.

“Once at the conference,” Carlie recalls, “we kept waiting for an opportunity to get prayer for Hannah.” On the third and final day of the conference, Hannah showed signs of great distress. The vomiting, diarrhea, tummy pain, and screaming became intolerable. Ashley and Carlie fought a battle against discouragement. Either Hannah received healing on this last day, or she would more than likely die.

A Second Divine Appointment

As they sat in the morning session, Hannah was in so much pain that Carlie had to take her to the back room designated for mothers and babies. She watched helplessly as her suffering child screamed and writhed on the floor. The other mothers assumed it was an unrestrained tantrum and took their children out,

leaving her nearly alone.

Ashley rejoined her and they talked about leaving and going home. Keeping Hannah there was just too disruptive for the other people.

Just when they were about to give up, however, God sent help. Lesley Decker, the Charis Bible College-U.K. director’s wife, happened to come into the room. With Hannah screaming in pain, she began ministering to Carlie and Ashley. As Lesley prayed, Hannah fell into a deep sleep, providing welcome relief for everyone. Lesley promised them that she would return to the room with Andrew, and he would pray for Hannah.

When the session ended, Andrew and Jamie arrived. They first listened to Carlie and Ashley tell the entire story of Hannah’s illness.

“After hearing it, he told us that healing Hannah was a ‘piece of cake’ for Jesus and that all we needed to do was believe it and agree with him in prayer,” recalls Ashley. With Andrew’s expression of confidence, Ashley felt his faith rise and his unbelief and discouragement leave.

Andrew began by quietly taking authority over Satan, telling him he had to leave, and then he commanded Hannah’s body to stop attacking food and to be well. The Terradezes hung on every word of his simple prayer, agreeing completely with God’s promises to them. Andrew told Carlie and Ashley that their faith must now be proven—they needed to “walk out” what they just said they believed.

Hannah: Moments after prayer feeding tube visible



I Want McDonald's!

When Andrew and Jamie left, Hannah continued to sleep for another thirty minutes. This gave Ashley and Carlie time to discuss what they should do to “walk out” the healing she had just received.

Another mother had remained in the room with them during the prayer. She took a picture of Hannah as she slept after Andrew left. Together they discussed the kinds of mild foods they might feed Hannah to ease her body back toward a normal diet. After such severe deprivation, a sudden intake of the wrong kind of food could kill her. They wanted to act in faith, but they also wanted to be wise.

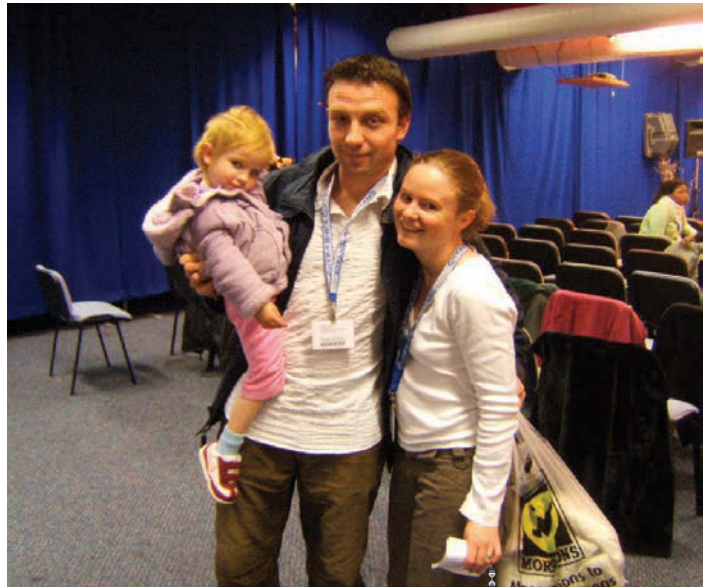
Hannah awoke. She was completely calm. Ashley bent over her. “Hannah, while you were asleep, Jesus healed you.”

Without hesitation, she brightened and said, “Then I want to go to McDonald’s!”

Carlie looked at Ashley dumbfounded. “She’s always been ahead of us in faith,” she said.

Hannah’s five-year-old brother Zachary piped up, “Now that Hannah’s healed, she won’t need her tube anymore.”

To that, Hannah added, “Yeah, and I can eat anything I want now!”



Ashley, Carlie, and Hannah after prayer

That settled it. Carlie promptly unplugged Hannah’s feeding tube. She took the bag of costly medicines that had been used hour-by-hour to sustain her life, and hid them away.

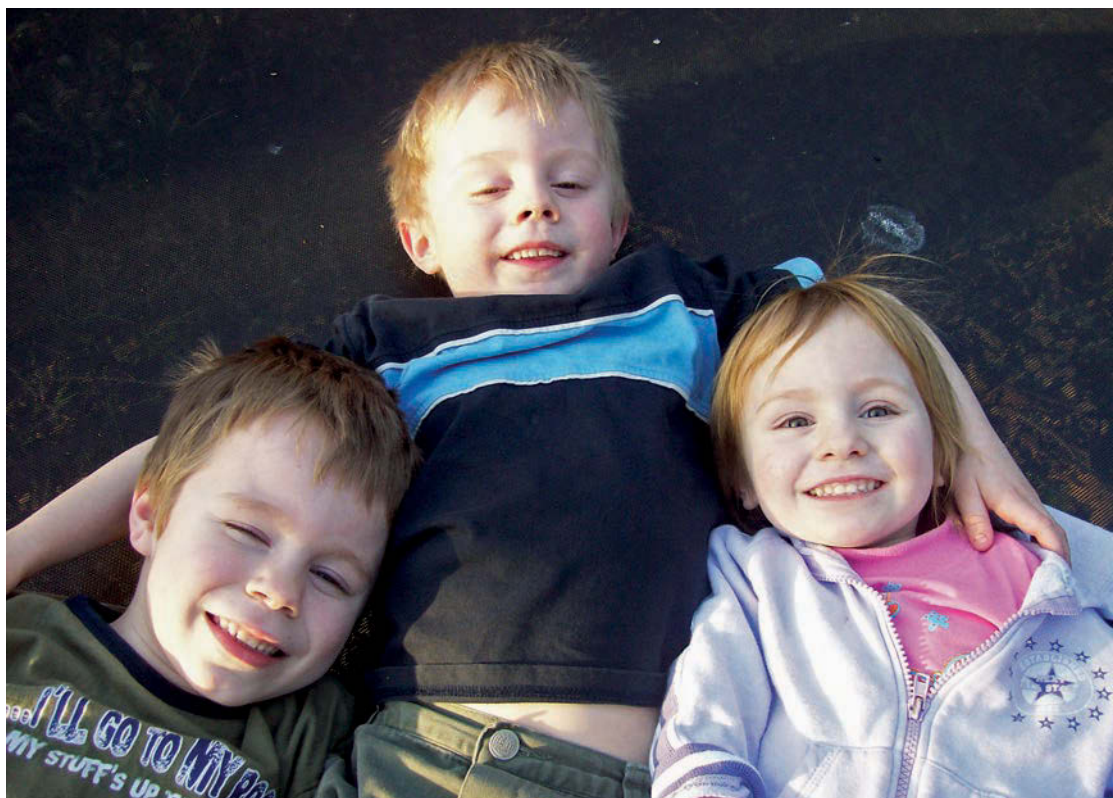
Unable to find a McDonald’s, the family went to a Kentucky Fried Chicken instead. That afternoon, Hannah ate chicken nuggets, ice cream, yogurt, cheese, chocolate, and fruit juice—something from nearly every food group!

As Ashley watched her eat, he could hardly contain his excitement. He sent a text message to his mother, Linda, in Essex, England: “Praise God. Hannah was healed...She has been eating like a trooper...Jesus has healed her 100 percent. Just like the Word tells us so! First Peter 2:24.”

After the meal, the Terradez family got back in the car to return to the final evening session of the conference. They were bouncing with excitement and divine energy. They would testify before the group that it is always



Hannah and the extended family in Walsall



Zach, Josh, and
Hannah after
healing

God's will to heal, and all we have to do is believe and take our authority in Christ.

But suddenly, a terrible sound sent a shiver of fear through everyone in the car. From her safety chair in the rear seat, Hannah began to gag and cough. This familiar sound was an absolute precursor, always leading to vomiting, violent pain, and diarrhea! Her brothers began to duck for cover.

In only a moment, Ashley remembered Andrew's teaching about not speaking to God about a problem but speaking to the problem about God. He turned in his seat and said, "Choking, gagging, in the name of Jesus, I command you to stop!"

A calm settled over Hannah. She swallowed and stopped choking. The boys emerged from hiding. In another moment, she was laughing and playing with her brothers again.

In the days ahead, this scene was repeated once more with the same result.

From the day in Walsall when Carlie disconnected the feeding tube, it has never been used again. Nor have they used any of the expensive medicines that had once been so necessary for Hannah's survival.

The Miracle Girl

When Hannah was brought back to the children's hospital, the doctors had no explanation for the incredible transformation in her. She ate anything she wanted, was symptom free, and started to gain weight. Her hair color was returning, her eyes sparkled, and she had boundless energy. They could find nothing at all wrong with her. Even her blood tested perfectly.

After nine months of healthy eating, they finally appointed a day to remove the feeding tube from her tummy. As she slept peacefully in a hospital bed, they shook their heads and wrote "miracle" across her medical report. They call her the "miracle girl" to this day.

A Family Blessing

Once they began to understand their authority in Jesus, Ashley and Carlie never looked back. They returned to their home and sold it. They moved to Walsall to attend Charis Bible College and immerse themselves in

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the truth that had made all the difference for Hannah.

The ripple effect on the two extended families has been equally profound. Barrie and Carol Dupree; as well as Ashley’s parents, Daniel and Linda Terradez; have sold homes and businesses to move to Walsall where they all attend CBC and marinate in the life-changing Word of God.

Whenever they are able to tell this story, Ashley and Carlie take time to thank all the partners of Andrew Wommack Ministries for helping make this miracle possible. It was their gifts that made free tapes, CDs, and ministry through the website available to those who need it. They also are deeply grateful to those who support the vision and work of Charis Bible Colleges around the world. “Without access to that truth, taught

with such clarity, we may never have known it for ourselves.”

Only Heaven Will Tell

So where did this healing journey begin? It began with a partner who gave in 1990, enabling that free tape, “Your New Identity in Christ,” to be duplicated and sent to England. This tape waited like a seed, discarded in a drawer until the day it emerged to set in motion this powerful series of events.

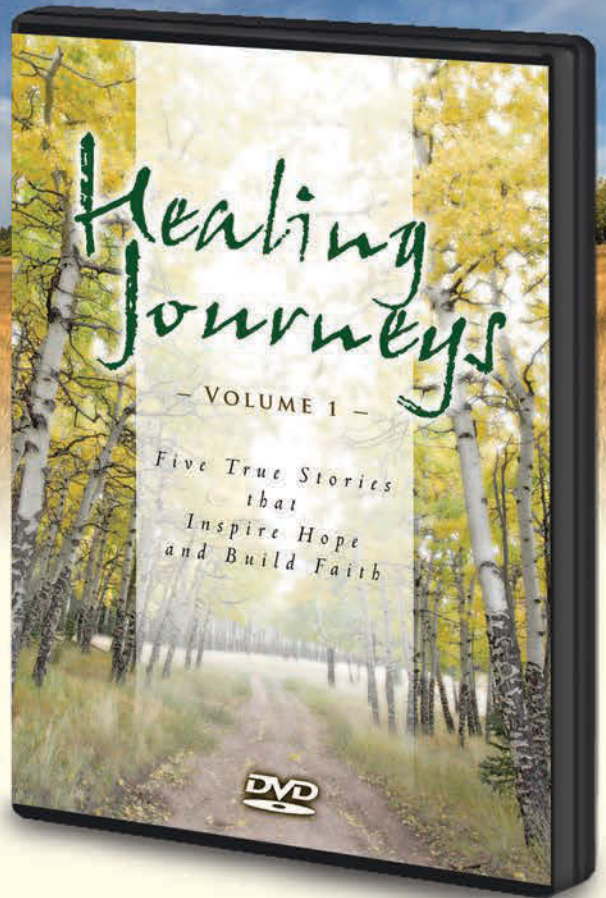
Only heaven will reveal how many friends and partners share in the harvest of the Word of God through this ministry.

Meet Hannah for yourself, and her wonderful family, in our *Healing Journeys*, Volume 1 DVD, just released by Andrew Wommack Ministries. While filming in November 2007, Stephen Bransford, the producer, was told that Hannah often made up songs to Jesus. But when he tried to capture her singing, she became shy and clammed up. When Carlie asked if she would please sing one of her songs for the camera, Hannah replied in a whisper, “No, Mommy, these songs are just for Jesus.” **GT**



HEALING JOURNEYS

— VOLUME 1 —



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CBC Belfast Directors, Grady & Yvonne O'Brien

Belfast, a once embattled city, is thriving. "It has become a very popular tourist destination, and the people are friendly and optimistic about the future," says Grady O'Brien, director of Charis Bible College-Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Grady, originally from Dallas, Texas, and his wife, Yvonne—a native of Ireland—have been married for fifteen years. They have four children: Liam, Rory, Maisie, and their youngest, Aiden, who was born in April 2004 while they were attending Charis Bible College in Coventry.

They met Andrew Wommack in November 2000 at a meeting in Dallas, Texas, where they were challenged



with a simple question concerning their future: "Are you waiting on God, or is God waiting on you?"

The following spring, they moved to Colorado Springs, where Grady attended CBC. After graduating, they moved to England and spent one year working with Tom and Kit Wickell, directors of CBC-Coventry. Yvonne graduated in May 2004 from CBC-Coventry, and they were soon on their way to Antrim, Ireland.

Last year they moved the school from Antrim to Belfast, a much better location for serving the people of Ireland. They began with nearly twenty students this year and are expecting tremendous growth in the years to come. The people of Northern Ireland are hungry for the Gospel. Praise God! **GT**

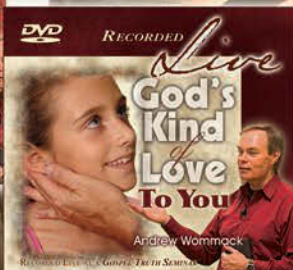
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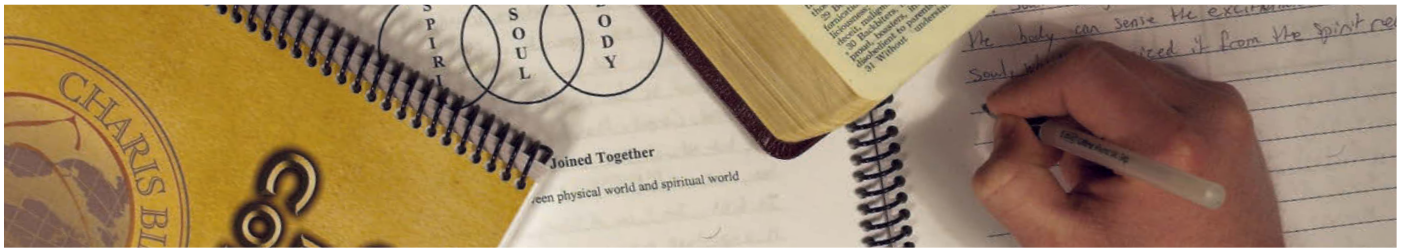


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The sun felt so warm shining through the windshield of my car. It was only about ten degrees outside, but the solar energy of the bright Colorado sunlight was keeping the inside of my car toasty. I leaned my head back and closed my eyes to enjoy the moment as thoughts of the last two years began flooding my mind.

How had I come to be sitting in my car in a snow-covered parking lot in Colorado Springs? It seemed like a dream. Back home, close friends of ours were probably enjoying their evening walk along the beach in the warm ocean breeze of Boca Raton. We had enjoyed such great times together. I missed those walks and the rich conversations that accompanied them. Had we really left what we had always known and loved for this?

It was after one of those walks that I happened to watch one of Andrew's television programs for the first time. I was sipping lemonade while channel surfing the Christian networks, hoping to find something meaningful. Most programs left a lot to be desired, until I came across this cowboy with a Texas accent. He was in the middle of teaching a series that I later learned was called *You've Already Got It!*

One of the first things I heard him say was, "God has already done everything He is ever going to do." That got my attention. If that was true, then I was in trouble. I was seeking God with all my heart, longing for Him to do more in my life. Now, here's this cowboy telling me that God had already done it all. I knew there had to be more to that story, and as it turns out, there was.

The television program soon became like church to us. We were hearing things we had never heard before, and they were beginning to set my wife and me free.

Our dreams of ministry that had once burned brightly had nearly gone out. But now, those fires were being rekindled.

This was the beginning of a journey that would lead my wife and me, at middle age, to sell our home, move to Colorado, and enroll in Bible school. The decision wasn't easy, and the obstacles we would face seemed almost insurmountable at times, but God was faithful. As I have since learned, we were not unique in our struggles; many of our classmates had similar experiences.

Now here I sit waiting for my wife. That once reserved and quiet woman has blossomed into a social butterfly. God has given her such a love for people that she can hardly pass up an opportunity to minister to someone in need. That's exactly what she is doing now as I relax here in the warm sunlight. I really don't want to interrupt, but I better give her a quick call on the cell phone; I have to be to work in a few minutes.



What does the future hold for us? We don't know. But whatever it is, we know God will direct our path and order our steps. There is no place I would rather be than the center of God's will. And as we look forward to our second year at Charis Bible College, I know that is exactly where we are.

When we were thinking about attending CBC, something Andrew said really made me think: "It's not

the devil who placed that desire in your heart." He was right; it was God. Our lives will never be the same.

The details may change, but this is a story that has been told repeatedly in the lives of many attending CBC. If the Holy Spirit is leading you to become a student here, then obey His voice. He will make a way, He will provide, and He will change your life forever. **GT**

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ANDREW'S ANTIDOTES

— Counteracting the Poison of Negativism —



CREATION, SCIENCE, AND EVOLUTION

Q. Do Creationists reject science?

Anyone familiar with the creation/evolution debate should know that anti-creationists love to lob the accusation that creationists are “anti-science” or that they “reject science.” Evolutionists frequently label creationists “flat-earthers” and even go as far as suggesting that consistent creationists should deny the law of gravity!

What’s more, these assertions are sometimes made with the implication (or outright allegation) that creationists are openly anti-science. So for those who haven’t already made up their minds before hearing us out, are we truly against science? Not at all! Answers in Genesis (like other creationist groups) affirms and supports the teaching and use of scientific methodology, and we believe this supports the biblical account of origins. So why all the disagreement?

Much of the problem stems from the different starting points of creationists and Darwinists. Everyone, scientist or not, must start their quests for knowledge with some unprovable axiom—some a *priori* belief on which they sort through experience and deduce other truths. This starting point, whatever it is, can only be accepted by faith; eventually, in each belief system, there must be some unprovable, presupposed foundation for reasoning (since an infinite regression is impossible).

For Bible-believing Christians, God’s Word is our starting point: our presupposed foundation through which we interpret and balance fallen man’s ideas, including those derived scientifically. Although some may consider this a foolish faith, everyone has such faith in something. But which is foolish: faith in the unmovable Word of the omniscient creator God or faith in man’s fallible, changing ideas?

Q. Did God use the big bang to bring the universe into existence?

No—even though many Christians say that they can believe in the big bang as long as you say God did it. But here’s the big problem with such a scenario: by saying that God created the universe using the big bang, one is really saying that what God said He did in His Word is not true.

Genesis 1 teaches that God made the earth first, covered with water. The sun, moon, and stars were not made until the fourth day of creation.

The big bang, however, teaches that the sun and stars came before the earth, and then the earth formed as a hot molten blob that cooled over a long period of time—before water formed. This is the opposite of what God’s Word clearly states, which means that Christians cannot add the big bang to the Bible.

Sadly, when Christians tell people they can believe in the big bang, they’re also, in essence, saying, “But you don’t have to take God at His Word.” Such compromise has undermined the authority of God’s Word in our Western nations.

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The genealogy in Matthew is from Abraham to Jesus, while Luke traces Jesus' ancestry from Jesus all the way back to Adam. The genealogies are the same from Abraham to David, but from David to Jesus, they are totally different. Both these genealogies were accepted by the early church despite their differences, which is proof enough of their accuracy.

The answer appears to be that Matthew traces David's line through Solomon (Mt 1:6), while Luke traces the royal lineage through Heli, another son of David (Lk 3:31, 32:14). This would bypass the curse on Jehonias's seed listed in Jer 22:30.

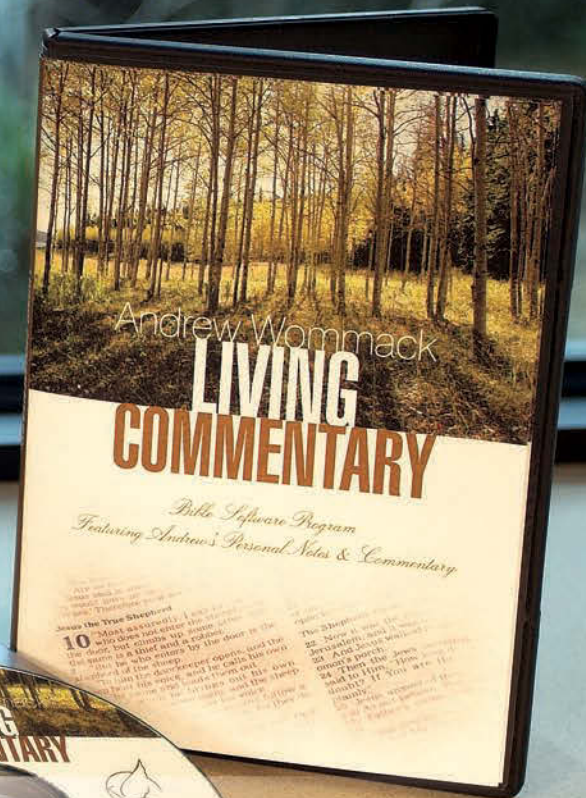
The justification for two genealogies is that Matthew records Joseph's line while Luke records Mary's line. Luke does say Joseph was the son of Heli, which would appear that Luke is also tracing Joseph's lineage, but that would not have to be the case. There is a biblical precedent for a man's first son to be reckoned to the mother's lineage if her father had no sons (Mt 23:35; Lk 11:31; Acts 1:6). This could explain the substitution of Joseph's name for Mary's in Luke's account. This is especially appropriate since Jesus was the seed of the woman (Gn 3:15), not the seed of man.

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Matthew



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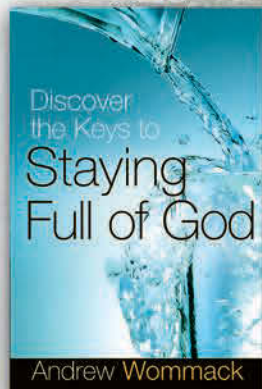
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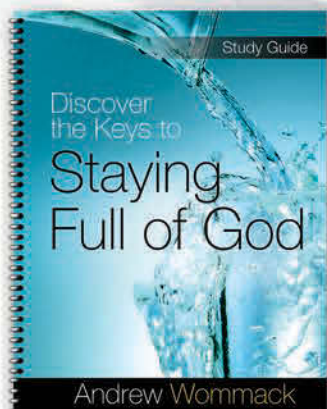


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