



# Gospel Truth SEMINAR



## IMPACT INTERVIEWS

### 2017 Chicago Gospel Truth Seminar

The 2017 Chicago Gospel Truth Seminar was a time of great encouragement and learning for all. Andrew taught on the importance of magnifying the cross, not your loss. There were testimonies of healing of all kinds, freedom from depression, deaf ears opened, and all-around encouragement that nothing is impossible with God. Enjoy!

**Christine Ortmann – Gilberts, IL**

#### How did you discover Andrew?

I was flicking through a Christian program, and all of a sudden, here was this man who said, "God wants you well." I just stopped and listened to what he had to say. I was like, "Wow, they're not preaching that in my church." My mom and I started listening to his programs in 2011.

#### Once you knew that God wanted you well, what happened next?

In the fall of 2016, I was getting frustrated with a church we were attending. I was still trying to rely on doctors to make me well, and then I'd go back to God's Word, telling myself, *God says you're healed*. But then I'd pray, and nothing was happening. Finally, I just decided that God's Word is true, and I'm going to let God be God and stop trying to make it happen. A few days later, while talking to the Spirit, I said, "How did all this start?" I'd been told I had brain damage, and He just gave me this fast vision. It was, like, multiple things that had happened over my lifetime that were all trauma. [I felt like] I just needed to speak to trauma, and I had this peace come over me. I said, "In the name of Jesus, I rebuke trauma." And as soon as I said that, the shaking that had plagued me for six years just ceased. I knew instantly that I'd been healed.

#### Tell us a little more about your healing journey.

When I got sick in 1989, I was told I had the Epstein-Barr virus, then it was chronic fatigue syndrome, then it went to systemic lupus and Hashimoto's thyroiditis. What we discovered about five years ago was I had chronic Lyme disease. I had a tick bite,



and nobody had diagnosed it. In 2010, I started with balance disorder, falling over, and severe shaking and muscle spasms. After twelve visits to Mayo Clinic, it was determined I had developed a severe adult-onset dopamine-responsive dystonia. I went on the same medication that was used for Parkinson's disease. The medication was helpful, but very sedating. I knew that the next increase in my medication was going to take away my ability to function, drive, and even do just activities of daily living. I would have been bedridden. I just said, "Lord, I can't live like this anymore. Your Word says You heal, and I'm going to get this figured out, what it is I need to remove from my mind to allow You to do that." Fasting time and renewing my mind in God's Word is what finally allowed the Holy Spirit to bring about the healing in my life. It's just like I've been reborn. This person used to be sick, but she's not anymore!

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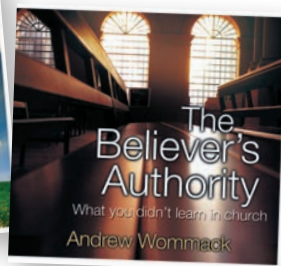
### How did Andrew's teaching help you come to a place of faith?

In the Scriptures, when the disciples said they could not remove the epileptic spirit, Jesus chastised them. He said it was because of their unbelief. I'm a nurse. I've got plenty of unbelief. I've been relying on man to bring supposed healing to people. I had to stop thinking in medical terms and with a medical mind, thinking I knew better. So, through Andrew's teachings *God Wants You Well* and *The Believer's Authority*, I realized that I do have authority and that Satan's a liar.

In *The Believer's Authority*, Andrew is basically telling us that we've been given authority over every living thing. God already gave it to us. He's not going to invade our personal space and make us do something. He's already shown us through Jesus Christ. Andrew's teachings are terrific for that. He lays it out simply so that you grasp the understanding. Why didn't I see this before? It was right in front of my face. I've read these verses fifty times, and why didn't I get it? When I separated myself from the teaching of the church that I'd been going to, I was able to receive the truth of God's Word, and it's just been awesome. Now if a symptom were to come back, I'd just tell it to cease in the name of Jesus and never come back. My life is just so much better. When someone says, "How are you?" I say, "Can I tell you what God's done for me? You have got to get this teaching from Andrew Wommack."

### How were you impacted by the *Healing Journeys* videos?

The *Healing Journeys* testimonies were something that we sat down and watched as a family. It's really inspiring to realize you're not the only Christian going through a struggle. It wasn't man, it wasn't the doctors, and it wasn't the medication; the solution was going back to believing what God's Word says. I watched all of the *Healing Journeys* on YouTube and Andrew's website. It's just so inspiring to see the victory in Jesus Christ.



## Carmen Kuncaitis – Grand Rapids, MI



### What is your occupation?

My occupation has always been a stay-at-home mom, but in a month, I will be a coordinator for Charis Bible College Grand Rapids, a satellite of the Ann Arbor school.

### How did you discover Andrew?

My husband and I went to a church that Andrew Wommack and Dave Duell used to come to over thirty years ago. We loved it when Andrew and Dave would come to our church. It was awesome.

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### What is your favorite teaching of Andrew’s, and how has it impacted you?

I sent away for *A Better Way to Pray* because I was on a prayer team at our church. I could not put it down when I got it. I read it that day! It just was truth after truth after truth, and I loved how he taught. It just made a lot of sense, and it was powerful to me. It has really changed my prayer life. I spend so much more time just praising Him for all that He does because it’s constant what He does for me, and the devil’s a big nobody.

### Have you had a significant life change through one of Andrew’s teachings?

I love the book *God Wants You Well*. Whatever sickness the Enemy sends my way, it’s not mine. I’m healed. Jesus did it 2,000 years ago, and I’m not putting up with what the Enemy does. I was taking online classes, and you need to go in and interact with the students. I was just being honest one day, and I said, “I believe in healing, and I don’t know why this elbow pain is not going away.” A fellow student encouraged me to imagine my elbow was Jesus’s elbow, taking that pain, and every time I thought of that pain, I should just say, “Thank You, Jesus, for taking that.” I would do that every morning when I woke up. That elbow pain would remind me, and I would say, “Thank You, Jesus. You took it.” I realized three weeks later that I had forgotten to do that because the pain was gone. I just kept praising Him, and it was gone.

### How did your Charis experience begin?

We were sitting in a Gospel Truth Seminar. Andrew was asking who in the audience was a Charis student, and people stood up. My fourteen-year-old son ribbed me, “Mom, that’s for you.” I went, “What are you talking about?” My life is pretty busy. We went home, and for three weeks I could not stop thinking about it. The nearest school was in Chicago at the time, and I said, “I don’t know how we could do that.” I was asked, “Well, could you take one class at a time? If you hate it, you’ve taken one class.” So, I just took one class at a time. It was just life-giving to me. I remember driving and meditating on one of my classes one day. I was just weeping, like, God loves me so much.





## What made you decide to start taking more Charis courses?

I wasn't even thinking about finishing my first year, but when I saw that I had done twenty classes, I said, "Let's finish this thing." I started taking two at a time and finishing up my first year.

## How did you get connected with Charis Ann Arbor?

Ann Arbor opened up, and I drove two and a half hours each way. It was just wonderful. I just knew I needed to do it. I finished second year. I took my third year, and in the first month of going back, God laid it on my heart to bring it to Grand Rapids. I'm going to be a coordinator; I'm going to run it. Five years ago, I would have said that's crazy. God is amazing.

## What has been your experience coming to the Gospel Truth Seminar?

My family would come to Gospel Truth Seminars, and we would just hear the Word from Andrew. We would get so filled up. It was just fantastic family time for us, and both my two younger children got hands laid on them to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit here.

## What does partnership with Andrew mean to you?

Andrew's vision is to go far and deep with the Word of Christ, and I am a *Charis Bible College World Outreach* partner. I am so excited to be part of something that I know has changed my life mightily and powerfully. I'm excited to know that I can be part of someone else's blessing, and it's just awesome to me.

## Is there anything you would like to say to Andrew?

Thank you so much, Andrew, for all that you have done for me. I can't say enough. I'm blessed to be part of your ministry now. I love you, I love you, I love you.

**Connie Phillips – Woodridge, IL**

## What is your occupation?

Before I retired, I was a corporate trainer for AT&T outside plant engineering.

## How did you become acquainted with Andrew?

I met him, I would say, twenty-plus years ago, just turning on the television, flicking through the channels. I saw this man, and I stopped it and said, "Hmm, he's different." I sat down and listened to what he had to say, and I've been hooked ever since. I said, "This man knows what he's talking about. He has it, and I need it."

## What teachings of Andrew's have impacted your life?

I would have to say *The Believer's Authority* and *God Wants You Well*. I had no idea that I had authority as a believer in Christ. I grew up Catholic and then switched over to become a Baptist. I left the Catholic faith because I wasn't learning. The first time I ever went to Bible study classes as a Baptist, I learned there, but there were still things

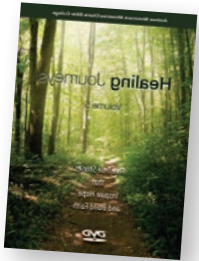


missing that I didn't understand. I questioned healing. I always had the question, "Are there healings going on today?" I'd see things on television with ministries, but I just had big question marks. After listening to Andrew and reading *God Wants You Well*, I understood that God does not want me sick.

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### **Do you have a testimony to share about healing?**

There was an incident last summer after I had registered for Charis. I was fixing something to eat, dropped something on the floor, went to pick it up, got up, and my heart started beating really fast. I could feel it. I went in the bathroom, and I could see the vein in my neck was just pulsating. I lay down, and then about thirty minutes later, my heart was still beating fast. I just drove myself to urgent care. They called me in and took my blood pressure. The nurse went out of the room, didn't say anything, and came back with five other folks. The next thing I know, I'm on the table, and now I'm getting nervous. They said basically it looked like I had what they call VCT. I remembered through the Word and *The Believer's Authority* that I had authority over what's going on with me, regardless of what they're doing to me. So, I started saying some of the scriptures: For I am fearfully and wonderfully made in God. I just started repeating scriptures: For by His stripes, I am healed. Then there was just a calm. I went to the hospital, and they ran tests. I learned from Andrew that I don't have to be fearful, even though what I see all around me is in chaos. I don't have to be that way. I refuse to be that way. I went through their steps, their process, and came home. I'm fine.



### **What did you think of the *Healing Journeys* videos?**

I was astounded because these were just real people, just everyday people sharing their testimonies and what God has done. They were healed through the teachings that they learned through Andrew Wommack.

### **How has being a Charis student impacted you?**

I find that it's helping me because I am learning directly through the Word of God. Once I found out about Charis, when they said their textbook was the Bible, that did it for me. I want to understand the Word of God, to know what God is saying to me. So, that's all I need. I want to know the Word and the truth of the Word.



**Sally Ro – Hudsonville, MI**

### **What is your occupation?**

I am a full-time minister. I actually have two part-time jobs. I'm a part-time praise and worship leader at a church in Grand Haven, and I'm a part-time church planner and a female pastor, which is very unique but fun.

### **How did you first come across Andrew and his ministry?**

I became acquainted with Andrew Wommack Ministries when he came to a church that I used to attend in the Grand Rapids area, called Resurrection Life Church. He was the special speaker, and I loved his teaching.

## How are you enjoying the Gospel Truth Seminar?

It's so awesome. It's so wonderful. Andrew's been teaching about how we can either magnify our loss or we can magnify the cross. He's been teaching on how important it is to keep our thoughts right so that we can walk in the joy of the Lord, that our joy is dependent on our thought life and what we're meditating on. If we think on the right things, we will be at the place where nothing can touch our joy and our joy is unstoppable. It's just wonderful, wonderful teaching.

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## Do you have a story to share about how Andrew's ministry has helped you?

At one time in my life, I was completely bound by fear and anxiety and depression. It got so bad that I couldn't even sleep, and I would wake up every five minutes. I was just in this horrible place. I was being so tormented, and I didn't know how to get free. I just remembered Andrew Wommack, and I felt like he would have something to help me in that time. I went to his website—there's all kinds of free stuff on the website to help you—and I started to meditate and listen to him. I believe if I hadn't listened to Andrew Wommack's teaching, I would have gone into a mental institution. Now I magnify the cross and not my loss. I was able to cut my pills gradually with my doctor's help and advice. I know that what really helped me was Andrew's free teachings. If I didn't know that God loved me unconditionally, I would still be on all that medicine today.

## What does partnership with Andrew mean to you?

I am a partner because I was healed of depression, horrible depression, and horrible anxiety through Andrew Wommack's ministry. I want other people to be healed, and I want them to know that God loves them unconditionally and that there's grace available. I know that when I support Andrew, he's going to help other people to be free. I'm free today and filled with so much joy. It's all because there were people willing to make a sacrifice. I listened to Andrew's tapes for free. Other people gave and set me free, and I want to do the same thing for others.

## Is there anything you would like to say to Andrew?

Andrew, I want to thank you with all of my heart because at one time, I was bound with anxiety and depression and fear. It was so tormenting, Andrew, I can't tell you. I thought I had committed the unpardonable sin. It was just so, so horrible. I just couldn't even function. You gave your free teachings about the love and the grace of God, and I am so thankful to you for that, because I listened to hour upon hour. You've helped me so much through so many things, and I just can't thank you enough.



**Den Slattery – Glass Lake, MI**

## What is your occupation?

I'm a retired Army chaplain, but once I retired, I started doing pastoral work.

## How did you become acquainted with Andrew?

I had seen Andrew on television a number of years ago. I was flicking through the channels, and I just happened to come to him. I heard this country hick talking. I thought, *He doesn't have anything to say*, so I just flipped through the channel and went on.

Recently I came across it again, and I decided I'm going to listen to this guy. I started listening, and I liked what he had to say.

There are very few people who are really teaching that the Bible is the Word of God, literally. Andrew has a very unique perspective on it, and I like it. He's a radical, and I like radicals because I'm kind of a radical too. Many of us are struggling with issues, not just "Is the Bible the Word of God?" but "What about marriage?" or "What about homosexuality?"—all these kinds of things. I like Andrew's teaching. We need people to stand up for the truth and not compromise.

### **What have you experienced at this Gospel Truth Seminar?**

I brought a lady with me who had been losing her hearing. She had lost total hearing in one ear, and it had gone down to 12 percent in the other ear. Her audiologist said, "You're going to lose all of your hearing in a matter of days." I encouraged her to come to this conference, and we were praying that she would have time with Andrew so that he could pray for her. Andrew did today. He laid hands on her and spent about five minutes with her, just with his hands on her ears, talking to her and rebuking things. She was able to hear afterwards, even out of the ear that was totally deaf. Yes! That's awesome! She was so excited afterward and so excited to tell her husband back home. It filled my heart with joy just seeing the joy that was in her.



*Verbal testimonies have been transcribed and edited for length and clarity.*