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# IMPACT INTERVIEWS

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God is on the move in Washington, D.C. In these interviews, you'll read about healings and how a Nepalese pastor and some missionaries are using Discipleship Evangelism to transform lives in many cities of Nepal. You'll also learn how Andrew impacted one woman who went on to attend Charis Bible College and become the director of Charis Washington, D.C. All this and more awaits. You're going to be blessed!



### Melanie Burgess – Keyser, West Virginia

#### How did you become acquainted with Andrew Wommack?

I began watching him on TV in 2007 and 2009. We felt the call of God on our lives to go to Charis. It took us until 2012 to fulfill that call. We graduated from Charis in 2014.

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

I was in the first graduating class from the Woodland Park campus. For several years I waited tables, and I got tired of waiting tables. In 2016 Andrew sent me his Sower Seminar teachings. I listened to all those, and after that, I listened to the *Doing What's in Your Hand* teaching. Paul Milligan suggested that we all have gifts and abilities and that God wanted to prosper us. I believed that. I believed that God could give us a creative idea, so I started praying about it and asking the Lord. In July 2017, my husband and I got a camp host position at Rocky Gap State Park in Maryland. In that state park, they have an aviary that houses birds that have been injured and impacted in some way. They can't survive in the wild, and they're all birds of prey. We went to visit one of the programs at the aviary. In that program, the naturalist was talking about a great horned owl eating skunks. She said, "If you're in the woods and you ever smell a skunk coming from above, look up. It could be a great horned's nest." I said to my husband, "He's probably a stinky owl, and I bet he doesn't have any friends 'cause



he smells so bad." I said, "I should write a children's book about that." My husband looked at me, and he said, "There's your creative idea." I was like, "Really?" God had given me the ability to draw, but I've never done anything with it. So, I began praying about it. The more I prayed about it, the more ideas God gave me for the story, like incorporating true facts about each bird of prey and including pictures of the state park in the book. I wrote the story and sent it away to a publisher. Everything I researched said that it would take months, years, or maybe it would never happen at all because I didn't have an agent to represent me. To get a children's book published was a really hard task. The first person that I emailed my story to responded to me six hours later. Six hours is all it took. That was in February, and now it is May. On May 18, my book comes out. It's God's book. He did it all, and I put an acknowledgment in there for Andrew too. It is because of Andrew's teaching that faith rose in me to believe for this. It's awesome.

### **How has being a Charis student impacted your life?**

It's impacted every area of my life—spiritually, financially, physically. I never get sick. Anytime I get a symptom, I curse it. It never manifests. I have faith to believe for different things for my children, for my marriage, and for my finances. I just see God come through in everything that I believe Him for. I couldn't walk through the things that I have been going through if it wasn't for my faith in Jesus and the relationship that I have with him now through the teachings that I learned at Charis.

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### **What does partnership with Andrew Wommack Ministries mean to you?**

Being a partner with Andrew Wommack Ministries has changed my life. His teachings changed everything about me. I can forever stand strong because of the things that I've learned through this ministry. Being able to partner with him and touch other lives is so important to me. His teachings are so simple and real-life that it's just so easy to receive from him. It's just so easy for God to get into people's hearts just through listening to him.

### **Is there anything else you would like to say?**

I'd just like to thank Andrew and Jamie Wommack for their ministry, their faithfulness, and their love for their students, for their partners, and just for everyone that they minister to. Being a partner with them has changed me forever. Inside I have the faith now to be able to stand through anything. I know that I'm going to come out victorious on the other side because of what I've learned through his ministry. I love them both deeply, and I will always be joined to their ministry in my lifetime. I hope that it passes down through my children and grandchildren.

## **Haron Adrian – Kathmandu, Nepal**

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

I am a full-time minister. I used to work as a trucking guide. I earned a lot of money. God called me, and I left everything. Now I'm serving the Lord. I'm a musician. I used to earn money in nightclubs playing guitar.



## How did you become acquainted with Andrew Wommack?

Last year, some friends of mine booked my name for this conference. They started to share about the authority in the power of the believer. I was blown away. I grew up in the conservative Christian community. I was taught that if you do this, God will do this. If you do that, God will do that. Andrew said, "Don't beg God, because He already gave you everything before you got saved." That was really amazing for me. I had never heard these things in my whole life. That Word has really impacted me. It's not head knowledge; it's just according to my heart. In the name of Jesus, I don't have to beg now, because He's already given to me. Just receive and accept it. That word really changed my life.

## How has Andrew's teaching impacted you?

Many times we would pray back home, "Lord, please heal me." In the village where we'd go to minister, we'd pray "Lord, please heal this brother. Please heal this daughter." Whenever we would cast out demons, we'd say, "Lord, please set this person free from this demonic spirit." We didn't know we had authority or power. I heard *The Believer's Authority* and went back home. When I started to pray "In the name of Jesus, get lost, demonic spirit," right away, I saw healings and miracles take place. My daughter was not feeling well in my home. It was by a demonic spirit. I spoke in the name of Jesus, and right away, she was set free.

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

Last year, I became acquainted with Discipleship Evangelism, and those teachings really impacted my life. We are now using this as a manual for training in the villages because we found out it was translated to Nepali. We have trained five villages so far. There are still more villages we're planning to train. We've targeted fifteen villages to train this year. This teaching is really a blessing for us. It's not easy training, because we have to go to those villages. It takes three days to walk. It's too expensive for them to come down to the city.

We are using Discipleship Evangelism to train our pastors and leaders in the Himalayas. There'll be hundreds and thousands of church plantings and ministries in those areas. It's hard sometimes because the government laws and regulations are becoming so tight now. The persecution is rising, but we're not sitting back. We want to go forward to train more people in the Word. When I was working as a trucking guide, I saw so many tiny villages. I never saw people traveling to those places to reach out and share the Gospel. God spoke to my heart, "I didn't call you to the city. I called you for the Himalayan regions." Right after I leave here, I'll be leading the training in one village. We have so much training going on.

## Don Stonecypher – Woodbridge, Virginia

### What is your occupation?

I'm retired from the federal government. I retired full-time into the ministry. We are missionaries to Nepal.

### How did you become acquainted with Andrew Wommack?

The Lord led my wife to his website. She wrote him an email and started communicating with him. Things started happening.



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

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Through *The Believer's Authority*, I learned how to take the authority to speak to things that be not as though they are. I didn't know how to do that, and I was someone who begged God. We don't beg God anymore; we thank Him and praise Him. Now we're seeing people healed when we pray for them. People's lives are changed. When we were in Nepal this past fall, there were a lot of young ladies there who had issues with unrest in their minds and all sorts of questions. We prayed for them, and they came back and had testimonies. Eighteen in one service testified that the Lord had given them peace in their mind, something they had never felt before. Their husbands had left them or been killed or other serious things. The Lord met them in a wonderful way.

## What does partnership with Andrew Wommack Ministries mean to you?

We like partnering with Andrew Wommack Ministries because we feel that the Word is getting out to people. We like that he shares his materials even if people can't afford to pay for some of those things. He will send materials anyway. We love the open heart that he has for everyone to hear the Word. We just want to give everyone the opportunity to hear the Word. It's up to them to make their choices, but they need to have that opportunity to hear about Jesus.

## Would you like to say anything to Andrew?

Thank you, Andrew. When we visited last year at this meeting, we talked to you and said we wanted to translate your Discipleship Evangelism course. Well, you beat us to it, and we put it to work in the last three months. It has trained over a hundred people who have agreed to go out into unreached areas and train others. We're putting your work to good use.



### Barbara Keller – Richmond, Virginia

## Where are you from, and what is your occupation?

I am originally from Slovakia. I help with my husband's strategy and IT consulting firm, and I have a small children's clothing line.

## How did you become acquainted with Andrew Wommack?

Actually, it was through a friend of mine. She said, "You have to plug into Andrew Wommack. He'll change your life." And she was right. My life changed from that first podcast that I found online.



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

We hadn't been able to get pregnant. Years before, I had gone to the doctor for an issue, and he said that my fallopian tubes were blocked. We did an HSG, which is a procedure where they inject dye into the uterus, and it shows you if all is clear. Both of the tubes were blocked, and he said that I would have to go through IVF to be able to get pregnant. At the time I was a Christian, but I didn't know that God could heal. I didn't know that that was part of the whole package. Listening to Andrew, I knew that healing was part of salvation, so I just prayed. I turned on Healing School for the first time, and Carlie spoke out a word of knowledge and said, "There's somebody listening

online who has blocked tubes.” I couldn’t believe it! I went to the doctor a few years later, had the same exact test, and he said everything looked perfect. The tubes were open and all was clear. We’re still waiting on children, but I know that God called us to be fruitful. I will be a joyful mother. I’ll be back with that testimony, I’m sure.

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

*The True Nature of God* is absolutely one of my favorite teachings, and it transformed my life. I would give *The True Nature of God* book to a friend or anyone on the street because personally, and I think it’s the case for so many people, we are under the spirit of condemnation and religion. This book really shows us that God is love and that we are righteous through Him. I think everyone in the world needs to read it.

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### **What does partnership with Andrew mean to you?**

All of Andrew’s teachings are free, and because of his partners, the people that truly need to hear this—and maybe wouldn’t be able to afford it—can. If everyone can give a little bit, then we can reach the whole world, so it’s crucial that we become partners.



### **How are you enjoying the conference? What do you like about it?**

I love it. I count down the days every year. I’ve been coming here for, I think, the last four years, and I always leave more blessed than I came.

### **What is Andrew teaching on, and how are you being helped by this teaching?**

The teaching is about our identity in Christ, our righteousness, the Holy Spirit, and how He’s our Comforter. It’s speaking right to my heart, exactly what I needed to hear. It’s been a huge blessing.

### **Would you like to say anything to Andrew?**

Andrew, thank you for all that you’ve done and for being faithful all of these years. It’s been fifty years now, so congratulations! I am so blessed by your ministry. I don’t even have the words. By blessing me, you have blessed my community as well. You’re just reaching the world, and I am endlessly thankful for your perseverance and your faithfulness. Thank you.





## Sylvia Boswell – Raleigh, North Carolina

### What is your occupation?

I'm retired from JP Morgan Chase Bank. I started as a teller and retired in 2006 as a second vice president.

### How did you become acquainted with Andrew Wommack?

I started to watch him on TV and was just blessed by the *Gospel Truth*. The Word of God was so clearly shared. In 2012, the Lord said, "I want you to start sowing seed into that ministry," and I did. Lo and behold, a couple of months down the road, I got a postcard in the mail saying that they were opening up a Bible college in Raleigh, North Carolina. The Holy Spirit said, "I want you to go." I'm like, "Why not? I'm retired. I have nothing but time." That's how I ended up at the Bible college.

### How has being a Charis student impacted your life?

Charis has had an awesome, awesome impact on my life, and I tell everyone that Charis is the second-best thing that ever happened to me besides Jesus. It gave me the ability to know who I am and what the call is on my life, what God created me to do and who He created me to be. It's an ever-unfolding thing. It just keeps expanding. I went to second year, and then He took me to Third Year. Then He took me to volunteering. And if that wasn't enough, He took me to the director's training program. Then He made an offer for me to be a director of a Charis campus. Now, that's God operating in and through a surrendered life.

### What does partnership with Andrew Wommack Ministries mean to you?

I decided to become a *Grace Partner*. I wasn't looking to get something back from Andrew. I just wanted to play a part in something that was just so *God*. What happens at Charis and what happens with Andrew Wommack Ministries is absolutely, positively supernatural. No person can put all those things together. Even in the school, when you see all those teachers come together, and you see lives get changed and worlds get changed, it is like the coolest thing ever.

### Would you like to say anything to Andrew?

Andrew, I just want to say thank you, thank you, thank you. When "thank you" really isn't enough, then I would pray the Lord's blessing over your life, that He will continue to strengthen you, keep you, and keep you centered in His will. You have truly, truly made a difference in lives throughout all eternity. So, God bless you and keep you and Jamie always and forever. Love you.



## Donna Brown – Cheverly, Maryland

### How did you become acquainted with Andrew Wommack?

I heard Andrew on TBN and Daystar. What he was saying was so refreshing. My spirit felt agreement with a lot of what he was saying, and what I didn't understand, over time he would explain. He's just straightforward, and there's no fluff.



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

The *Healing Journeys* are probably my favorite. I like when the people give their testimonies and when Andrew shows the videos of what happened before and how they're now able to walk in freedom without pain in situations that the doctors don't even understand. You don't have to go to some special place. God can do it with you and your words and your believing Him. He makes it so simple.

## How are you enjoying the conference? What do you like about it?

I was sitting in an afternoon session, and suddenly I started feeling a sensation in my back where I normally don't feel any sensations. It was like something was just moving. I wasn't touching my back or anything. But my spine was doing something. I've suffered from scoliosis since I was twelve. This morning, when I got out of the shower and was looking at myself in the mirror, my hips were equal. Usually they're shifted to the right. I was in shock. I called my friend Yolanda and I was like, "Look! Hallelujah! Thank You, Lord!" She's like, "You got healed!" I'm just speechless. Glory to God!

I just want to thank Andrew Wommack and the ministry for this awesome opportunity, and I can't wait to share it with others and see other people healed and delivered without the fanfare, just knowing that it can happen to anybody. Just keep believing. What I learned from watching Andrew is that anyone can speak to it. You've got to believe. Instead of waiting for something, you've got to start believing. I've lost some height because of the scoliosis. I believed that at some point, the Lord would heal me, and I would get that height back. When I felt taller last night, it just clicked that something was going on.

## What does partnership with Andrew Wommack Ministries mean to you?

I signed up yesterday. I thought, *I'm going to start where I can, where I am, and this is what I can give now, but I'm going to get started.* I just signed up to make a commitment every month and then, as we get better financially, to increase it. I'm going to apply godly principles to our finances so that we will get to the point where we'll be able to give more and more.

## Would you like to say anything to Andrew?

Mr. Wommack, I just thank God for you and for the simplicity of your ministry. I thank you for your generosity. I thank you that you were able to give testimonies about when you got married and how you just gave all your money away, believing God, and the crazy things you did. I thank you for the opportunity to come to these conferences and to receive so much. I thank you for what you're doing in my life and in the lives of my family and friends and for just being so down to earth, where it's not about race; it's about grace. Thank you for making this conference available right here in the Washington, D.C. area. To God be the glory. Thank you, Andrew Wommack.

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

