



The Gabriel Jacquez Family

You Have To DO THE RIGHT THING!

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In late 1984, I began playing “tag” with God. I was introduced to God’s salvation from a cousin, but I was in the world and out of the world, going back and forth.

My wife, Suzanne, was already a Christian. She was more spiritual than I was. She didn’t mess around; but I did. I didn’t have the Holy Spirit, but she did. Even though I was a “Christian” I had a very, very bad marriage. I used to abuse my wife, emotionally. After awhile, we could not get along with each other. I was also doing drugs and alcohol.

In 1988, we got to the point where we could not get along anymore at all. In July 1, 1988, I decided to move out of my house. I lived with my mom and just left my wife with the household.

However, I thought that maybe we could eventually work it out. At the beginning of January, 1989, I wanted to get rid of drugs and alcohol; and get back with my wife and kids. But just as I made that commitment to God, my wife called me and told me she wanted a divorce. I was astonished.

I argued, "What, a divorce? All these years that I have put you through and now that I wanted to get my act together, and start serving God, now you want a divorce?" But I had lied to my wife so many times. I had disappointed her so many times. She thought I was just giving a lot of "lip service."

Now that I want to get back together, she doesn't want me! I talked to God, "Lord, I want to get back with my wife." But my wife and I were so divided. We couldn't even talk to each other. I didn't want to go back to a wife and fight anymore. I wanted a new wife that would love me, like when I first got married.

So I started seeking the Lord. The Book of James tells us to rejoice when we go through trials. Now I see why I had to go through divorce, because God was dealing with me. He was purifying me. God was cleaning my inner spirit.

In the beginning of 1989, when my wife was out of town, I went to the house. I wanted to make the marriage work. I was going to write her a letter, leave it in her room, and let her know why she should take me back. After all, I was a changed man. I was going to put some scripture into my letter. I was there for about two hours; but all I could write was one sentence. I couldn't understand what was going on.

When I searched for the scriptures to use in the letter, I read where we can call "Abba, Father" or "Our Father" we have the same spirit that God has to raise men from the dead. Of all the times I've read the



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Bible, I had never seen that scripture before.

I started crying, "Abba, Father. Give me your Holy Spirit." The third time I said that, the anointing of the Holy Spirit came upon me. Literally, the "scales" came off of my eyes. God's Word became alive. I just couldn't get enough of God's Word. The Holy Spirit started speaking to my heart. I prayed to receive the fruits of the Spirit. The Lord showed me the fruits of the flesh that I had done; everything that I had ever did to my wife. I just repented and cried unto the Lord. He kept on showing me how awful I had been.

While receiving the Holy Spirit, I continued to cry and to weep. When I got my composure back, I wrote my wife a three-page letter in two minutes. God was showing me how much of a sinner I had been. I repented and repented. I've never been the same since!

Before I knew it, the drugs were gone. The alcohol was gone. Everything was removed from me. I was rejoicing. However, at that time, my wife was not ready to get back together. Yet, I promised God, "Whether or not You are going to give me my wife back, I am going to serve You with all of my heart, no matter what! I will be pure to You, until You release me." She had already filed the papers. You see, God was checking my heart. God wanted to know if I was going to give Him "lip service" like I always did.

Exactly one year after we separated, on July 1, 1989, I received a call from my wife. We met at the public library. At that time, she did not know that I had received the Holy Spirit. At that time, we couldn't even stand each other. When I started talking to her about the Holy Spirit, all of a sudden, our spirits were united as one. We were one.

From that day forward, my wife put all of my badness behind her. We started serving God as a husband and as a wife. I now have so much love for my wife, just like when I first met her. My wife also has a love for me, just like when we first got married. The Lord has blessed our marriage tremendously.

A couple of years later, our second son and soon our daughter came along. We now have three beautiful children that God has blessed us with: Emmanuel, James, and Gabriela.

The Lord continues to bless our marriage. Sure, we have ups and downs, but now that we have the same spirit, it is not the same anymore,



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because we are united as one. The Holy Spirit gives to us a united marriage. God has done a genuine miracle in our marriage!

At about the same time as my miracle in my marriage, there were also a lot of things going on in my business. At that time, the company that I own now, I was just an employee. God has worked miracle after miracle. When He restored my marriage, God put it in my heart, also, that He was going to bless my business.

When I received the Holy Spirit, my whole life changed. I was drinking, partying, and doing all kinds of things. Even the profits of the company grew when I got filled with the Spirit. I give God the glory for changing our work. I would pray for the Holy Spirit to give me wisdom. The company was prospering like never before because of the Lord.

When you receive the Holy Spirit, God gives you wisdom and He makes you to become a good steward. I am working for the Lord now, and not for man. God started really blessing me in my job.

God put into my spirit that I was going to own my own business. I shared this with my wife. I prayed, "God, if You want me to own my business, You are going to have to open the doors. If You don't want

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me to have the business, You will have to close the doors.”

As I was trying to get a loan for a new business, the Holy Spirit talked to me, “Gabriel, didn’t you tell me that you wanted Me to open the doors to your new business? You are opening the doors yourself. I am not in it!” That’s when I knew it was not the proper time. I had to repent. I was not being honest with my bosses. The Holy Spirit told me that I had to go tell my bosses what I was doing. It was not right. I was going behind their backs.

The Lord told me, “You need to do the right thing. If you are going to serve Me, and you want Me to bless you, you have to be righteous; and you have to do the right thing.”

A couple of days later, I made an appointment with the two owners. We sat down and I explained to them, “I don’t have a whole lot of money. All I have is my experience.” This one owner was really strong-headed. I remember he got up out of his chair and he slammed his fist on the table. He got upset. I thought I was going to get fired. I thought to myself, “This is it!”

He told me, “Do you think we are going to let you go. The last five years this company has been doing tremendously, financially. We have never been able to give bonuses before. But you turned around this place. We are not going to let you go!” Boy, what a surprise and a relief. I fell back in my chair.

The Lord told me, “Be upfront and be honest with them.” I told them that the only way I would stay is if they would make me a partner. They said that they would. This was in June and July. I also told them that I needed an answer by the end of the year. I set a time limit.

We had a meeting where I told them I would settle for ten percent of the company, starting in November. However, they made me an equal one-third partner - 33 1/3%. I was in total shock.

Instead of settling for ten percent, God had bigger plans (33 1/3%). That was awesome. The Holy Spirit promised me, “I am going to continue blessing this company. All I am asking you is to be righteous; and to do the right thing.” Many businessmen can be persuaded to do non-ethical things. In 1999, one of the partners decided to get out of the business. Again, the Lord was there. In 2002, my second partner

retired from the corporation. Now the corporation is making monthly payments to him.

My wife of nearly 25 years and I are so honored to own the business we own today. This business belongs to God. Everything we do, we submit it to God. All He wants me to do is to be a righteous man. He will continue to not only bless the business, but also blesses my family.

When God blesses you with a business, He wants you to be righteous. He wants you to do the right thing; and to get the pride out of the way. I am really excited with what God is doing in my life. When you serve God and you surrender to God, He is in control; and He just wants to bless His children.

Last year in November, I had an opportunity to go with a FGBMFI Fire Team to Honduras. The Lord opened up doors. We ministered from the prisoners to the generals of Honduras. We can never, ever put a limit on God; and how He can use us. But we have to be willing to...DO THE RIGHT THING! ■

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