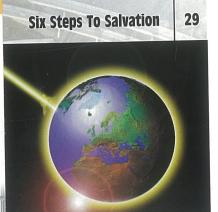
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Richard Shakarian on the 700 Club with Pat Robertson.

Prophecy being Fulfilled

Jesus prophesied that near the end of time there would be an unequaled harvest of men and women

coming to God. This year has proved to be a bumper year of harvest for our Fellowship. I do not have the space to give you a report from all the 148 nations where the Fellowship is working.

In Honduras 485,000 people have committed their lives to Christ since May. These commitments took place in businesses, government, universities, hospitals, prisons and the military. The nation has been so impacted that Congress is presenting to me the highest honor/decoration for our work. This medal is reserved to honor only presidents of nations! In Nicaragua, 357,000 have made commitments to Christ this year.

In England, in Russia, in 158 nations. . . the words of our Lord are being fulfilled. We believe that last year ... 2 million people came to Christ through the work of our men in the FGBMFI worldwide.

In El Salvador this week we are beginning a 1 million man outreach.

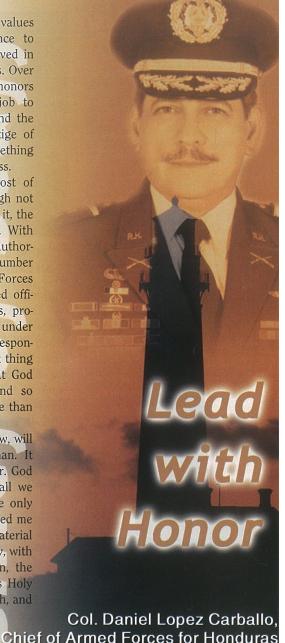
In the U.S.A. hundreds of volunteers are scheduled in 2,000 meetings, in businesses, hospitals, orphanages and government in Brownsville, Texas. We are giving food and helps to the needy. We are expecting tens of thousands to find Christ as Savior. Yes, prophecy is being fulfilled.

International President, FGBMFI

thical, moral, and spiritual values are of paramount importance to our nation today. I have served in the military for more than 32 years. Over my career I have received many honors and decorations. It is now my job to work closely with the president and the government. In spite of the prestige of my position, I know there is something more important than earthly success.

There is an awareness in most of us today that we are empty. Though not everyone is willing to acknowledge it, the fact is that we need Jesus Christ, With this in mind, when I exercise my authority. I want to keep integrity as number one in importance. In the Armed Forces we have officers, non-commissioned officers, soldiers, marines, technicians, professionals, and working staff - all under my authority. This is an awesome responsibility, and yet the most important thing in my life is the deep change that God has made inside me. I understand so clearly now that I am nothing more than a simple mortal.

Every man, whether high or low, will finish his life like every other man. It won't matter if he was rich or poor. God has opened my eyes to see that all we have is so very temporary. We are only passengers in this life. He has caused me to rethink my attitude towards material things. He has shown me a new way, with His help, to serve God, my nation, the Armed Forces, and my people. His Holy Spirit gives me the wisdom, strength, and patience to serve well.





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Institutions undergo transitions, and we have just undergone such a change. This one gives us opportunity to act in the best interest of our nation. God has given me a new vision for the times in which we live. We have just begun a new millennium, and because of this, our minds are focused on the future and a positive transformation for our nation.

There are people under my responsibility who also need to change, and we are working on this. I am introducing fundamental policies within the Armed Forces from the inside out. We have opened the doors to human rights organizations, as well as to the press, who have come in to witness the changes. We are walking in openness. With God's help, we will develop what our nation needs - a new Armed Forces working for the people like never before.

The Armed Forces in this nation is an organization that has promoted development. When Hurricane Mitch struck our nation, we mustered our resources to serve the people. We are there to fight narcotics trafficking. We want to help all our people. However, I am convinced that we will never achieve our goals without implementing a high moral and ethical standard, with the help of God.

Attitudes must change. We have told our officers that we must provide leadership, working together for the good of our nation. We must work together in harmony, and also with prudence. My country and our whole world needs Jesus.

I have witnessed extraordinary things. I know the power of God works. It has made an incredible difference in my personal life. I have an inner strength now and I can sense the presence of God with me everywhere I go. He



Col. Daniel Lopez Carballo with FGBMFI President, Richard Shakarian, at the Miami World Convention.

has reconciled my own family, and has given me ideas that only He can give. Some of the officers around me can not understand what is happening. I now have a freedom and act without selfish motives.

I tell them that if we receive the freedom and peace Jesus Christ gives, we will have a different approach to our positions in the Armed Forces. We will be dignified. Recently I was in a meeting with the commanders of the military. At the end of the meeting I told those leaders that we must have faith, and we must be faithful. God has given us so much, yet often we fail to thank Him for all His blessings.

I no longer need to seek position. Now the most important title I hold is Daniel Lopez, son of God. I am the servant of my people and not the big chief. It is my mission to teach men and women to walk uprightly in honesty

and transparency. In this way we will bring changes to the world around us.

I have promised God in front of the president that I have changed. I tell the military leaders that we need to allow God to change us and that, with His help, we will become better officers and will be able to effect positive changes in our nation.

There is one thing I would like to pass on to other military leaders around the world: Our profession should be one of honor and sacrifice. It is also one of discipline. It is important that we lead with values. We can not allow our standards to deteriorate. It is important to see God's hand in our decisions. We must be examples to our societies with God at the head of our lives. We must be good fathers. If God is with us and our families, we can do our jobs with lovalty and honor.

Our subordinates look to us for leadership. We must be officers of God. I am the Chief of Staff in my country, but more importantly, I am a servant of God, my family, and my people.



Then my mother was on her death bed and the entire family was gathered around, my sister turned to me and said, "Your wife is a whore." Not knowing what else to do, I slapped her, and she immediately ran to my mother. Mom ordered my wife and me out of the house. She died an hour later and I was not even there. That incident constantly haunted me. No matter what I did, that memory was always there.

Though my parents were born in Naples, Italy, I came into the world on Long Island, New York. My father owned and ran a small bakery, but lost everything during the depression. He and my mother had nine children. We were like steps, born one after another. Because of our circumstances, we were on welfare. Standing in food lines was hard for me, but it was the only way to get enough to eat. In spite of the fact that we had a small vegetable garden and raised chickens, there was never enough food. In an effort to meet the demands of just existing, I quit school after the eighth grade and got a job working on a farm. It paid a small wage, the most of which I sent home to help my parents. That job lasted for two summers.

My next job was at the Ritz Theater. For \$2 a week, I would perform many amazing stunts, like jumping from the roof of the theater past

the marquee to the sidewalk below, or swinging from a thirty-foot high rope on the stage behind the screen. Because of that job I have no fear of heights. Add to that my experience of painting at the theater, and it seemed natural for me to later become a painting contractor.

At the age of 19, just before being sent overseas to North Africa and Europe in the Army during WWII, I got married. Eventually I ended up in Naples, Italy, where one night my unit left without me. When morning came, they were gone and I found myself all alone and frightened. Soon, however, through a man who God brought across my path, I was able to get back with my unit. After that I was part of the Anzio Invasion. In front of us, above the beach, was a row of buildings that faced the ocean. It housed enemy soldiers with a perfect line of fire. God took charge, however, and we found all of them mysteriously dead.

Then I was transferred to France. A short time later we faced a farmhouse that held enemy soldiers pinning down our unit. The responsibility to secure it fell on my company, so the platoon was split in half, and we were told to move on both sides of the farmhouse. A still small voice inside me said, "Don't go to the right." I obeyed. It turned out that the area to the right was mined; to the left, it was not. God was always there with me. After the war, when I returned home, I discovered my wife was carrying another man's child. We had been living with my parents at the time, and when my sister made the announcement, the results were devastating.

Our marriage did not last, and for me the following years brought even more heartache and pain through two more broken relation-



ships. God was very merciful to me, however, and I ended up owning an old house to call my home. It was badly in need of repairs, something I knew very little about, but God helped me to accomplish these repairs, and even to add a complete apartment addition onto the house. Later, when I had a heart attack and was no longer able to work, it gave me a place to live that I could afford while I rented out the main house. God is faithful!

After my third divorce, I was broken, depressed, and full of fear. Life held no meaning for me; I just wanted to die. Then one day I heard that still small voice again. It was God, saying, "Be at peace." From then on I felt differently and knew things had somehow changed. I was finally able to have a real night's sleep. Sometime later, I heard that voice once more, "You are forgiven." At that moment it was as if a huge anvil had been lifted from my chest. I was free at last. It was then that the pain I had felt when my mother died finally lifted.

During my recovery from the heart attack, God spoke to me about forming a band. When I was a kid I had bought

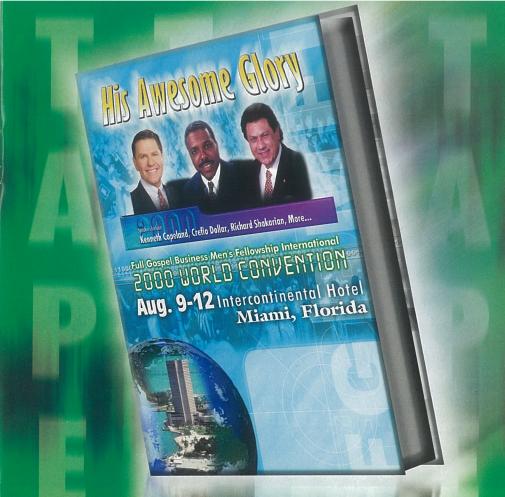


Vince Tedesco, 81 years of age, Oct. 6, 2000

a harmonica and taught myself to play. Before long we had 75 members in our band. We would meet, pray, and practice. We were asked to play for various functions over the years.

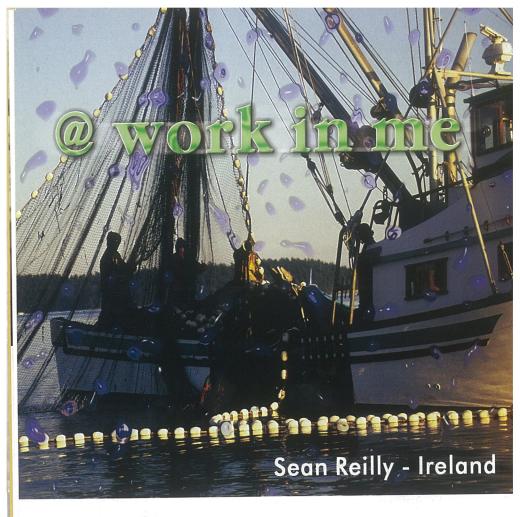
I have been a member of Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International for 20 years now. The organization has helped me to grow spiritually and become a better person. Several years ago, one of our members asked, "Why don't you use the talent God has given you to bring happiness to nursing home patients? While you have their attention, tell them about Jesus. Don't preach to them. Just share your testimony about what God has done for you."

At 80 years of age, I still enjoy the good health and strength needed to entertain these nursing home residents, many of whom are younger than me. Each day I thank my Lord for His many blessings in my life and the true peace that passes all understanding.



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In September 1988 everything changed for me. My wife, Kitty, was diagnosed with a growth in her throat and was losing her voice. The doctor said she needed an operation. The very idea of cancer sent shivers through me. My

youngest son, Shane, was only five years old, and he loved his mommy very much. Our little daughter, Lisa, was eleven years old. The thought of Kitty dying frightened me.

On the morning Kitty was going into hospital, while she was packing her bag, I was in the kitchen. I decided to say a prayer. I said it from my heart for the first time in

my life. I asked God to help me, "...I can not manage on my own." Saying that prayer changed my life. When Kitty returned home from hospital, everything had gone well. I noticed she unpacked a prayer book from her suitcase. She said a nurse had given it to her. It was called "The Secret of Happiness".

At that time I was working on a passenger ship and was sharing a cabin with two other men. Since the only time the cabin was empty was during meals, I would eat quickly and go back to the cabin to say prayers from that book. After three months on board, I had developed a great love for prayer; the first thing I did every morning was pray. At one point I was having difficulty getting time alone, so I prayed about the situation. Within a week I was interviewed for a higher position in the company, which meant extra money and a cabin of my own.

Ten years previous to this, I had bought a new car and was looking for a tow-bar for it. My friend, Sean, told me to go to a man working in an old forge up the road. He was doing them at a cut rate price. When the man was putting on

Sean Reilly with his wife, Kitty



the tow-bar, he asked where I had bought the car. Thinking it would get me a better price, I lied.

Now, 10 years later, I was driving past the forge one day when a inner voice said, "You owe this man money." It was so clear that I jammed on the brakes in shock. I sat there for some time and the whole story about my lie came back to me. I decided to face the music and go see the man.

I found him just as I had left him all those years ago. Walking over to him, I explained the situation. The first thing he said was, "Is there anything wrong with the tow-bar?" I smiled and said no, then continued with my story, explaining what had happened to me. I said I wanted to put it right, whatever it cost. He asked, "Would ten pounds be okay?" I agreed and walked out on cloud nine.

As the months went by I found other changes happening to me. Around this time there was a serious problem with an old stone shore outside our neighbor's house. It had collapsed and was blocking the water from running along the side of the road. I was pondering this situation

and wondering how it could be resolved since it should have been the Council's job to fix it and they had refused. Out of the blue a voice said, "Do it yourself." With the help of my neighbors and cement pipes from the Town Council, the job was done in two days and everything was put back to normal again.

Then I heard about the "Life in the Spirit" seminar being run in Murrintown. My wife, Kitty, and I went to it.

On the second last night of the seminar we were told to have an expectancy of the Holy Spirit coming the next evening. I did just that, but nothing happened to me. Deciding I had missed something, I went to the seminar again in another town six weeks later.

John Nolan from the Wexford Chapter of the FGBMFI asked me to join the organization. Over the next few months, when I heard many testimonies of other men, I realized I was not mad after all. I prayed, "Lord God, if You want me to become part of the FGBMFI, I would like to receive the gift of tongues." A few months went by and one day as I was walking by the side of my home, minding my own business, all

Sean with work colleagues



of a sudden a great weight lifted from me and I started praising God in other tongues.

One day my friend, Sean, invited me to go fishing on a small boat. As we motored through the sound of the Saltee Islands, the sea was very rough. Looking around, all I could see was white water. Fear started rising within me. I whispered, "Lord, calm the storm within me." At that moment, a beautiful peace came over me and the fear vanished.

On 22nd July 1997, my wife, Kitty, had her hair done in Bridgetown, had a photo taken with her brother, Joe, and a video taken of her in the garden with her grandchildren. It was just an ordinary day and she was enjoying herself. Later she went to a concert. She rang home to say that she wasn't feeling well, so my daughter, Shirley, went to get her. Feeling tired, she went up to bed. I checked on her after about ten minutes. She looked asleep, but was not breathing correctly. While Shirley rang the doctor, Kitty stopped breathing. She died in peace with no pain. I thank God for the life we had together.

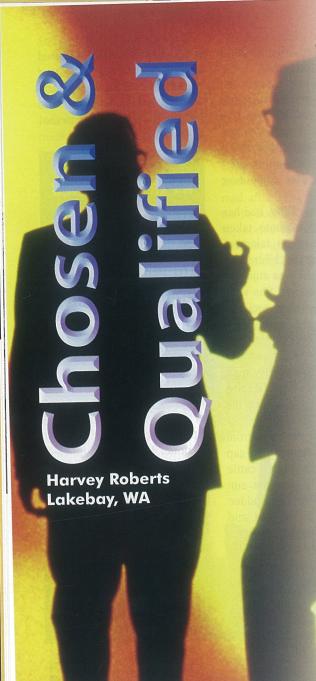
On one occasion, while coming home from town by bicycle, I felt tired so stopped at a gap in a field. As I stood there I could see cattle in the field, hear birds singing, see the sun shining and feel a small breeze. All of a sudden I felt as if I was hit at the back of my head, and I doubled up. I prayed, "Jesus, help me." After a few minutes I decided to walk home. About 20 yards later, I laid against a small wall.

Leaning there, I prayed, "Lord, I don't want to die here like a dog on the side of the road." Finally a car stopped and a lady asked me if I was okay. They called an ambulance and I was taken to hospital. After examination, the

surgeon said I had a ruptured aneurysm and he would have to cut through my scull and clip a vein. He also told me he lost one in five patients in that operation.

As they wheeled me to the operating room, I thanked God for my life and my wonderful family.

As they wheeled me to the operating room, I thanked God for my life and my family, and I prayed that His will would be done. I woke up the next day doing well. They had found two more aneurysms in my head, so it was back to the operating room the next day. This seemed very serious so I asked many people to pray for me. I am now a witness to the power of intercessory prayer. I am still here praising God, and am so thankful to all those who prayed for me. 🦄



hen I was in third grade at St. Alphonsos Catholic Church, I was on the way to recess when God spoke to me. He told me to keep my life pure, that He had a plan for my life. I wasn't even born again at the time, and I was afraid to tell the sisters that God had spoken to me. They wouldn't have believed me.

When I was in the seventh grade, we moved to Mansfield, Washington, where my dad had a beer tavern in the town. One time when my parents were having a disagreement, I went for a walk. At the side of the road I found a Christian tract. I read about Jesus dying for me. I remember talking to Jesus at that time.

After my parents were divorced the following year, I moved back to Seattle to live with my aunt and uncle. In the ninth grade, my dad picked me up from school one day. When he said goodbye that day and drove off, we never saw him again, and he never paid my mother any child support. At that time I picked up a spirit of rejection. I decided no one would be allowed to get close to me



again, and I determined then that I would never cry again.

When my girlfriend got pregnant, I quit high school, and we were married. Unfortunately it did not last long and we ended up divorced. Because of that I became alienated from my family and church. I decided that if I was going to go to hell, I might as well live like it, and that is what I did.

About three years later, a man I met at work, who was studying to be a minister, tried to win me to Jesus. Though I was afraid to go to his house to pray with him, I did start to read the Bible. Then I was invited to a revival service, where I heard the gospel preached for the first time. At the end, an altar call was given. I was sure that someone was trying to

push me down that aisle. When I realized I was starting to cry, I caught myself. Remembering my oath never to cry again, I left the church, shaking, and determined never to go back there again.

A month later, I found myself in a charismatic church. Again I sensed God calling me to go forward; again I resisted. The preacher told us we should respond when God calls or our hearts might be hardened and we could end up missing Him altogether. As I left the church, I took a tract that was laying at the back. At home, I did ask Jesus to come into my life. Sadly, though, after a short while I found myself back doing the same old things.

Then I met Carla, and we were eventually married. When she started going to church, I decided to go with her. One day she decided to commit her life to Jesus, and I rededicated my life to Him at that time. Some time later my brother, who had been in Vietnam and had become involved with drugs, took his own life. A year after that my son was drowned in the Bering Sea while on a crab boat. I cried out to God at that time. "Lord. I have been running from You all my life. I

am hurting, and I don't know if You can use me, but I am Yours." I believe God had been waiting a long time to hear me say that.

At that time we sold our house and moved to Puyallup. It was there that I met Chuck Spott, who introduced me to the FGBMFI. One time at a house meeting, the man who was speaking asked me to come forward. I had never met him, but it was as if he knew all about me. He asked me if I would be willing to forgive the people, the church, and even myself for all the hurts that had happened in my life. When I said yes, it was as if the shell I had built around myself crumbled and I was set free. Then the man had a word of prophecy for me. He told me I was called to preach to lost and hurting people, those who had fallen by the wayside. Then he added that this time I was not to turn away.

At another meeting I attended, Benny Hinn was the speaker. During the worship time, I lifted my hands to the Lord and said, "All these other people are being blessed, why don't You bless me?" Then the fire fell, and I received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Soon I learned that all Christians are called to bear fruit, and I needed to get outside the church and start telling people about Jesus. At the Warm Beach Camp one year the speaker was Bill Subritzky. It was there that I learned about deliverance, about casting out demons.

A member of the Tacoma Chapter, Norm Dragseth, was involved in a prison ministry at the Pierce County Jail. I asked if I could go along. On my second visit he asked me to preach. I have been going there now for 15 years. We hold over 100 services a year.

When I first started, satan tried to intimidate me. I was in the counseling room with a big inmate, who had a toothache. He couldn't get out to see a dentist so I prayed and asked Jesus to heal him and take away the pain. His face started to change right in front of my eyes. He looked like a person in a voodoo spell. Then he started to throw punches at me, but it was as if God had an invisible shield up around me. I took authority over the demon in Jesus' name. After about a minute, he stood up, something shook him like a dog would shake a cat, then slammed him to the floor, where he started crying. I assured him it was over.

I have witnessed many healings and miracles, but the greatest miracle of all is when someone gives his life to Jesus and is made into a new person. I don't look for signs and wonders, but when you preach about Jesus, they just seem to follow. If God is calling you to the prison ministry, step out. You will not be disappointed. It is a blessing to serve Jesus.

Remember, God doesn't choose the Qualified. He qualifies the Chosen.

Things Finally Changed

Dr. Mark Rutland, Lakeland, Florida

Being the quarterback on the local football team in a small southern town is like being untouchable. So our constable, Buck, was willing to give me a bit of leeway. My parents were out of town when I was arrested. I did not steal the car, and technically did not know the brand new Oldsmobile we were riding in was stolen.

My friends had hot wired the car and taken it from the town car sales lot. They had come by and asked if I wanted to go for a ride. We didn't get far before the police had pulled us over and we were arrested. They told Constable Buck, "Rutland had nothing to do with it." I implored him not to tell my dad, who is an exparatrooper, thinking he would beat me nearly to death if he found out.

He agreed to let me go, but he had to

release me into the hands of an adult. Unable to think of anyone else to call, I phoned the youth minister at the church. He had been trying to get me to go to youth camp, and once we were in the car, he handed me a form and said, "Well, we have one more week of youth camp. Fill in the form." I looked at him and complained, "This is blackmail." He came back, "Hey, call it whatever you want."

Throughout that week, I refused to attend the meetings and generally made myself a nuisance. I was angry and rebel-

lious. On the last night another boy and I were caught in the woods smoking. The camp counselor, who found us, reprimanded us and told us to get up to the worship meeting. I cussed him and said, "Make

me!" In those days things were a little different than they are today. He was 6' 6" tall. He grabbed me by the scruff of the neck, whopped me with his heavy belt, and dragged me up the hill to the chapel. I was kicking, gouging, and cussing all the way.

There on the back row. I heard the speaker talk about the "Baseball Game of Life". explaining that life

was like running around the bases and then sliding home. The umpire shouts, "You're out! You missed first base. You see, first base is Jesus, and if vou miss Him, you're out!" It was as if he was talking right to me. "Even if you are the president of the student body or quarterback of the football team, if you've missed Jesus, it won't count for anything." When he invited people forward for prayer, I went. Though I didn't want to serve God or anyone else, I did not want to go to hell. Over the next few years my life was roller coaster of trying to serve God and falling away.

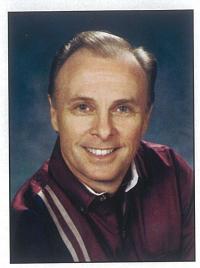
We moved to Maryland where I made

the basketball team and met a beautiful girl, who was the captain of the cheerleaders. At that time no one had any idea that I had had any kind of an encounter with Jesus Christ. Everything was going great until this terrific girl I was so in love with went to a Christian youth meeting.

She then stood up in church one Sunday and said, "Excuse me, I would like to give a testimony." This was

unheard of in our town so the minister said. "Okay, Alison." She began to tell how she had been "Born Again".

I was completely intimidated by her boldness, power, and maturity. She became a bold witness for Jesus Christ in our community and it began to weigh on me. Then one day she asked me if I would like to start dating her again. She was "drop dead gorgeous", so I said, "Yes!" She continued, "It's going to be different this time. It will be on my terms." Not knowing what I was getting into, I quickly agreed.



Dr. Rutland, Pres. Southeastern College

She took me to every Christian Youth rally in the area. I saw every "Billy Graham" movie. It was a year of misery, but I was desperately in love. She agreed to marry me.

It wasn't long after this that I prayed the prayer I would do many times after that. I call it a prayer of rededication. I was as sincere as I knew how to be, but there was no power in it. I wanted to serve God, I wanted to be a good husband, but something was wrong.

With the best of intentions I applied and was accepted to train for the ministry in the Methodist Church. Following this, I was appointed to my first church in Woodstock, Georgia. On arriving, I could see that those folks were waiting for a pastor to preach the Word of God, but deep down inside I knew something was wrong in my life. I can still remember the waves of despair that engulfed me as I sat there in the driveway of the church.

I put my head down and said, "Oh, Alison, I can't do this." She looked at me and stated, "You told the District Superintendent that



Family photo snapped early in the day of Thanksgiving 1975, the day of Mark's suicide attempt.

you would do this and so you ARE going to do this for a year!" For the next six months every Saturday night found me with my head over the toilet, heaving in fear of Sunday morning. I was so nervous I would grab the pulpit to keep from falling over. This little country church put its arms around us and loved us.

Soon I was offered a position in a big church in Atlanta. They doubled my salary. I was the highest paid member of my graduating class. The predictable happened. Our marriage grew cold and I became more and more involved with the toys of success. By the summer of 1975 I found myself secretly caught up in a wrong relationship. I was living a double life.

By the fall of that year, I was in the grip of deep depression. I carried a suicide note in my briefcase all the time to be ready if I could ever get up the nerve to do it. At one point my wife came out to the garage and found me in the car with the motor running. She asked, "What are you doing here? Did you just arrive home?" I answered, "I don't know." She began to cry and ran inside.

One time I was in the hospital helping a young drug



addict through the night. He begged me to pray for him. Finally I replied, "Son, I can't help you; we are both going to hell." I walked out and got into my car. Getting onto the freeway, I gunned my car to 85 mph, heading straight for an open bridge nearby, where they where doing road construction.

I had bought into the lie of Satan, thinking this would be best for my wife, baby, church, everyone. It would look like an accident. I don't have any idea what happened in the next few minutes; that time is totally missing from my memory. When I came to, I was through the underpass on the side of the road. The motor was off and the emergency blinkers were on. I have no idea how I missed going off that bridge.

At Thanksgiving, my father asked me to say a blessing over the food. Once again I flipped out. I went next door to my

brother's house, loaded a .357 magnum, went out in the woods, and stuck the barrel so far into my mouth that I gagged. I pulled the trigger and nothing happened. I rechecked the pistol and tried again and again. In that moment, for some unimaginable reason, the God of infinite grace reached down and saved my life.

Two weeks later I attended a conference of Methodist preachers. We had invited two "Charismatic" speakers to see what this Holy Spirit movement was all about. The power of God hit that room. The first night the theme was holiness, and God convicted me deeply of my sins. I refused to go back for the next meeting. On the third morning I finally decided to go back.

As I walked into the ball room, the meeting ended. Some people were weeping, some were down on their knees in the hotel praying for each other. I had never seen anything like it! Going over to a conservative friend, who I knew would give me a safe and sane answer, I asked, "Marcus, what is going on?" He said, "Glory to God, Jesus has healed me and baptized me in the Holy Ghost."

When I objected to what he was saying, he said, "Did you know that I have been deaf in one ear for years? I have no inner ear; it was taken out when I was a child. Now I can hear perfectly out of my deaf ear. He put his arm around me and said, "Let's go to lunch." We sat down in the restaurant and the main speaker, Ralph Wilkerson, sat right beside me.

In the afternoon session I sat on the back row. At the end of the meeting, Ralph Wilkerson said, "I believe God has prepared someone to receive the Baptism of the Holy

Spirit." At that moment God gave me a vision, like I was watching a "movie", of everything I had ever done. I saw all my wicked sin and every lie. I fell down on my knees right there in terror, screaming, "God, please don't kill me." Ralph Wilkerson came down from the platform, got down on his knees beside me and said the one thing I couldn't resist, "Brother pastor, I love you."

All I could say was, "If you really knew me, you wouldn't love me. There is terrible sin in my life." His answer surprised me. He said, "Good, you're in the perfect place. Don't you want to receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit now?" I opened my mouth to say, "No! I don't believe in that." Instead, I heard my own mouth saying, "Yes, please, that is what I want more than anything in the world." At that moment I realized that for the first time in my life my spirit had really cried out to God.

With that realization, I said with every fiber of my being, "Yes, I want the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Whatever it is, I want it." He led me in a simple prayer, "Lord God, I give you everything I've got – my life, my wife, my family, my future, my past, my sins, everything." He

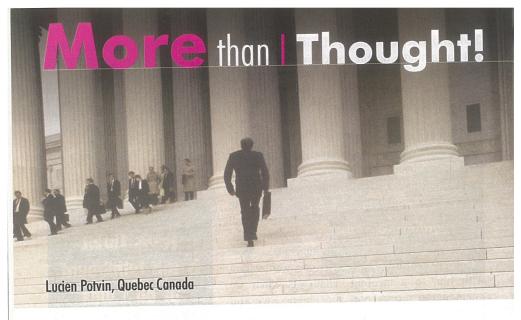


then added the hardest thing of all, "Lord, I give you my ministry." I knew I could not go on as things were, so I said, "Lord God, even if I never preach again, I want to live with your Holy Spirit."

That afternoon God literally changed my life to the core of my being. I received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The chains of bondage that had been with me since junior high school fell away. Hate, bitterness, and anger, that were like a lake in me, broke and flowed out. Words can not express the power of the Holy Spirit, the love, joy, grace, liberty and the truth of God's Holy Spirit.

Since that time I have seen countless miracles and thousands of lives changed through the power of the living God. Over the years this relationship has continued to grow, and God has changed my entire family through His power. The FGBMFI has been a particular blessing to me during this time. I have had the privilege of meeting its founder, Demos Shakarian, and I have been a regular speaker at the FGBMFI Georgia Men's Camp.

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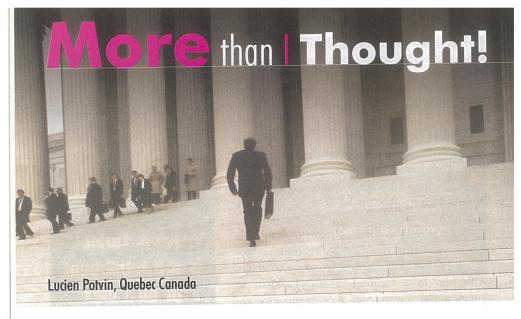




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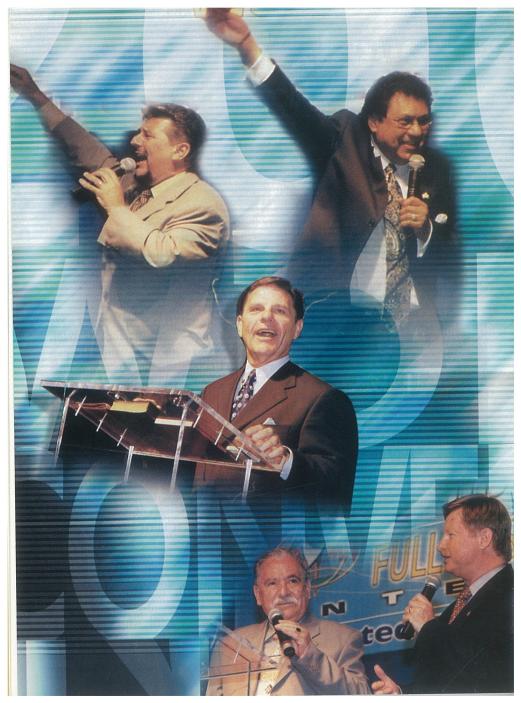




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Men still cry, "What must I do to be saved?" The Bible provides a clear answer.

Acknowledge
"For all have sinned

"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

"God, be merciful to me a sinner." (Luke 18:13)

Repent "Fycent you

"Except you repent, you shall all likewise perish." (Luke 13:3)

"Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out." (Acts 3:19)

Confess

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
(1 John 1:9) "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved." (Romans 10:9)

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Forsake

"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord...for He will abundantly pardon." (Isaiah 55:7)

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Believe

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

"He that believes and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believes not shall be damned." (Mark 16:16)

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Receive

"He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to those that believe on His name." (John 1:11, 12)

Why not make your eternal decision now?

"Lord Jesus, I believe You died for my sins and I ask for Your forgiveness. I receive You now as my personal Savior and invite You to manage my life from this day forward. Amen."

Write us to tell of your decision. We'll send you a booklet, "Now That You've Received Christ."

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