

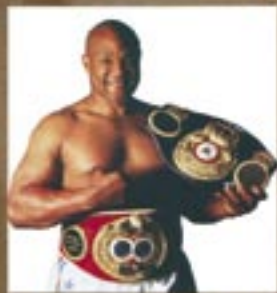


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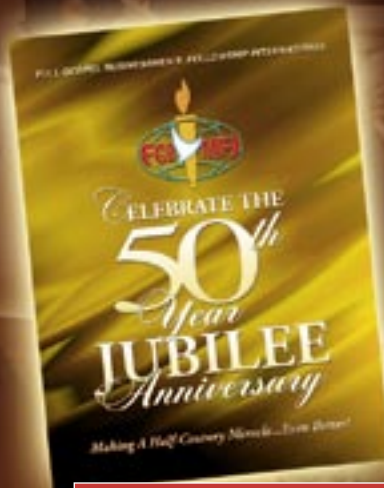


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*Richard and
Vangie Shakarian
celebrate
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“Your Season of Abundance”

Full Gospel Business Men’s Fellowship International’s 52nd annual World Convention was a tremendous success July 18-23, 2005 in Houston, Texas. The anointing flowed from every single top speaker as a throng of over 1,400 attended the annual event held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Houston.

“Your Season of Abundance” was the theme for this historic event as FGBMFI celebrated an upward swing in their United States’ Chapters. Over 52 different countries were personally represented at the convention. Presently, this Spirit-filled business group is active in 160 countries worldwide.

Spiritual, financial, and physical breakthroughs happened as many visible healings took place during the week-long conference. Richard Shakarian, International President, presided over the memorable week. Richard and his wife Vangie, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary to climax the

convention on Saturday night.

Fire Teams, including many from Full Gospel Business men in Central and South America, descended upon downtown Houston on Monday and Tuesday, July 18-19, as they had a concentrated witnessing effort, which resulted in many decisions for Christ.

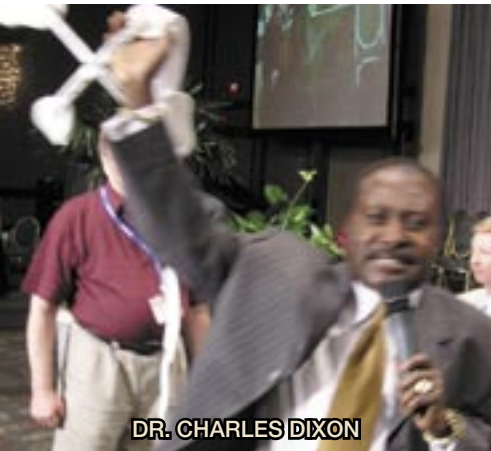
The exceptional evening rallies were extraordinary as Tuesday night received the challenge from Bruno Caamano, President of Alma Vision Television Network. Red-hot testimonies were given by some who had received Christ during the Fire Team evangelistic efforts, even that very day.

Well-known businessmen, ministers, and prophets thrilled the audience as they challenged them, with such notables as: Charles and Frances Hunter, Kim Clement, Paul Sarvadi. Dr. Charles Dixon, Dr. Beryl Dixon, Marcus Lamb, Dr. Mike Murdock, Dr. DeCarol Williamson, among others.

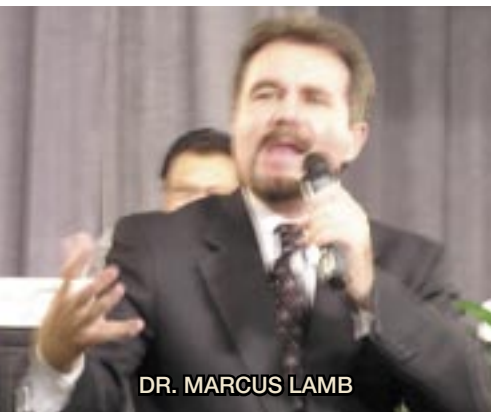
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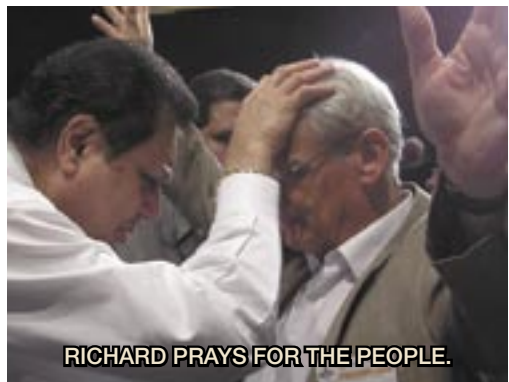
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RICHARD PRAYS FOR THE PEOPLE.

“Your Season of Abundance”

heavyweight boxing champion of the world (who might be better known for his cooking grills), gave his personal testimony of triumph. Foreman and Richard Shakarian jokingly sparred a moment for the enthusiastic crowd, just before Richard pinned a Lifetime Member pin on the former champion.

The Grand Finale Banquet guests heard from a true American

hero, Thomas Hamill. He told intricate details of how he was captured in Iraq and how he survived 24 days in the hands of the insurgents, before his daring escape.

For all participants in the week-long celebration, everyone realized they had experienced their own “season of abundance.” ■



“My Mom’s Words Followed Me!”

Excerpts from a testimony given by George Foreman at the 2005 FGBMFI World Convention in Houston, Texas.

For years, I would hear my dear mother say that all of the time.... “Oh, Lord!” I didn’t understand that. I figured that one day I was going to have enough money so that I would never hear my mother say those words again, “Oh, Lord.”

Boxing promoters promised me, “George, one day you are going to have lots of cars, fleets of Cadillacs, and you can be very rich. You can have anything you’ve ever wanted.” So, I turned professional.

My career really took off with one knockout after another. I wanted to become rich and famous and be the heavyweight champion of the world so I could stop my dear mother from saying, “Oh, Lord.” I just didn’t want to be poor anymore. I wanted those fleets of Cadillacs.

One night in Kingston, Jamaica, I was there to fight Joe Frazier. My manager and I knew that if you hit Joe Frazier, he actually liked it. If you missed him, he got upset. There came that moment where you stand face to face and stare at each other. I looked at him right in the eye. I thought, “I hope Joe Frazier doesn’t look down, because then he would see that my knees were knocking.” But after two rounds, I was the heavyweight champion of the world!!

Now, I was the heavyweight champion of the world and I had the fleets of Cadillacs and a lot of money.

I just didn’t believe in this religious stuff. It didn’t seem real. I had money and everything, what did I need to pray for? That is how I felt about it.

I kept winning and winning.

Then the time came to fight Ali in Zaire. I thought I would go over there and knock him out

in two or three rounds. I would collect my money and go back home. I felt like no one could stand up to my power. Ali kept talking to me, “I am the greatest. I am the greatest.” I thought, “Yeah, right.”

I beat Ali up in the first few rounds. About the sixth round, when I was really doing great, I hit him in the side and he fell on me and he whispered in my ear, “Is that all you’ve got, George?” I admitted to myself, “Yep, that’s about it.”

The next thing I knew I was in trouble. I was looking for an exit. I was lying on the floor, being counted, “One, two, three....” I looked up and there was Ali screaming, “I told you.” I thought, “Boy, if I could get my hands on him again!” You’ve heard of “Rope a dope”? Well, I’m the dope!

I knew I would kill him next time. The next time I was going to stop Ali forever. So I started training hard. I once again became the number one contender in the world. I sent that money back to momma and she still said, “Oh, Lord!”

I fought a young man by the name of Kenny Young. By the tenth round he knocked me



The oldest man to ever recapture the World Boxing Heavyweight Championship title, George Foreman.

down. After twelve rounds, the decision was made. I thought, “No big deal to me. That didn’t mean anything to me. He deserved a knockout. I can go back to my fame.” Afterwards, I waited around in my hot dressing room.

I reflected in the dressing room as I was cooling down. I thought, “I am still George Foreman. I still have my contract with ABC Sports. I am still rich. I still have money in the bank. I can go back to my ranch in Marshall, Texas and retire if I wanted...and DIE!”

How did “die” get into my

“My Mom’s Words Followed Me!”

thought process? Wait a minute. I’ve got safe deposit boxes and money in the bank. I could retire right now and die. How did that DIE get in there? But I had all this strength. I’m not going to die. That boxing match didn’t mean anything to me, I wanted my life!! I started walking real fast. After all, I had to keep my life in me.

A voice said to me, “Do you believe in God?” Sure, I do. “If you believe in God, then why are you scared to die?” Wait a minute. Everybody believes in God. I did believe in God, but I just didn’t believe in this religious stuff. I thought, “I’ve been rich all these years. I can buy anything I want. Okay, I am still George Foreman. I can box and give money to charities, etc.”

I heard a voice say to me, “I don’t want your money. I want you!” I then knew it was God. I was given a chance to hear something that I had never heard before. I said, “God, I believe in you...”

But before I could say another word, my legs gave out. Just like that, I was gone “out of this life.” I was in this deep, dark nothing.

It was like someone had drug me off into a deep sea. There was

nothing to hold onto. I was gone and I was dead. I looked behind me and I saw everything I had ever worked for: my money, my stock, my safe deposit box, but it was as if someone took a match to all of it. It was gone. I knew there wasn’t any hope for me.

Then I got mad. I said, “I don’t care if this here is death, I will still love you God.” When I said that, it was as if a giant hand reached in and pulled me out of that dark place. I believed in God. The guys picked me up off the dressing room floor and put me on the table. I could feel blood flowing through my veins, so I was no longer afraid. I laid back and realized that if I was dying, I was going to die with God. I said, “Dr. Webb, move your hand, because the thorns on his head are making him bleed.” I saw blood coming down my face. I hadn’t been cut in a boxing match. I saw blood. “You’re bleeding where they crucified him!” I jumped off the table and yelled, “Jesus Christ has come alive in me!” I told the guys that I had to clean myself. I ran for the shower and washed myself. “Hallelujah. I am clean. I have been born again!”

“I’ve got to go out and save the world,” I yelled. I started telling

people about Jesus Christ. I had a new strength, but it was through Jesus.

I experienced all kinds of riches, but at that moment in that dressing room, I felt everything I ever wanted to feel. In less than six seconds, I had everything that I had ever wanted in my life. Then they rushed me to intensive care.

That was almost thirty years ago. Little by little, people started calling me, “Brother George” or “Old Rev.” I was ordained a minister and to this day I am a preacher in the church of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

My life is proof that God never gives up. But, you cannot make that boxing champion money as a preacher. I finally told my wife that I was broke, and that I had to go back into boxing. That was the only business that I really knew. She said, “Don’t do it. They are going to kill you.” I gathered my kids around the table and said, “What do you think?” They looked at me with that look of “Go get food!” I knew then what I had to do.

I kept boxing and people laughed at me. They made all kinds of jokes about George Foreman. “He will never be

champion again. He is too old.” But in 1994, I became the oldest man to ever regain the championship of the world!

God made me very successful in all kinds of businesses. I believe the scripture that says, “Whatsoever my hand touches, I shall prosper.” Put your hand in His hand. Everything you touch will prosper. God has taken me into all kinds of places in the world, but I have never forgotten to tell this same story, that Jesus Christ is alive in me!

There is no better thing to do, even today, than to give Jesus Christ your life. I asked God to take my life and use it. I have been able to travel around the world and tell people about how great God has been to me. It doesn’t matter who you are. It doesn’t matter how many times you have heard your mother say, “Oh, Lord!” It doesn’t matter how broke you are.

But God took me and made me everything I could have dreamed of; and even more. Our living God can do the same for you. It doesn’t matter who you are or where you have come from. Just give him your life. Remember, God doesn’t want your money. He wants YOU! “Oh, Lord!” ■

DO MY WILL!

Douglas Raine, Commerce, Texas

In 1956, my family moved from the country to the city. My dad worked for the US government during the day and drank at home in the evening. We blended in with the rest of the families in our neighborhood except for one family across the street. They were different, very outgoing and full of joy. That family invited me to church in the spring of 1957 and I joined the church four months later. The next six months I attended a Bible study and it was then that I realized that I did not have a relationship with God. As the Holy Scriptures were opened up to me, I prayed with the teacher to invite Jesus Christ into my heart. I now had new friends and was active in the church youth group.

A few years later a change occurred in the 11th grade. I was good at school and excelled in sports. The school that I attended was in a rough area of the inner

city. We would walk in groups for protection to the sports field. One day we were jumped by a gang and my friends ran off and left me. That was some beating I took that day, but I arrived at the practice field later. My friends ran up to me and asked for my forgiveness. I said, "NO! I will not forgive you!" and in regret they quit the track team. I then quit the youth group. From 1961 to 1986 a spirit of unforgiveness separated me from God. I still went to church, but lived for the things of the world. I was consumed with work and special interests.

In fact, my life was centered on me. I graduated from college with a degree in chemistry, served in the United States Army, and worked in sales and marketing for a fortune 500 company. I was married and had 2 children, lived on a farm in the country, played polo and fox hunted with my own pack of foxhounds. I had

*Douglas Raine
calling bounds
during a fox hunt.*



a grape vineyard and looked at starting a commercial winery. Life appeared good. At least that is what I thought. Then, everything blew up. My wife of 18 years said that she was leaving and that I could have the farm and the kids. I remarried the first woman that was nice to me and that lasted a year. I felt like a failure and the children were in total rebellion.

As a single parent I struggled with work and health. In 1986, I suffered a stroke and was battling to save my job and kids. My only hope was to reestablish my relationship with the God of my youth. I needed help. I developed

a passion to seek God. He was about to reveal Himself to me in a most unusual, terrifying way. This took place at a meeting in October 1987. I was experiencing my second stroke-the big one. I was facing death. The pressure in my head was so great I thought it was going to explode all over the back of the church. I continued to pray for wisdom and understanding in raising my children, when I was compelled to surrender everything to my Lord Jesus Christ. Immediately, JESUS met me right where I stood. He spoke to me and said, "DO MY WILL!" The Lord was calling

DO MY WILL!

me to obedience. Immediately, the pressure in my head left as I was standing before God on holy ground.

I felt clean as God washed away all my sins and at the same time felt an over abundance of love, like nothing I had ever experienced. God took me from death and gave me new life. That evening the prodigal son returned to the Father. As I received this gift of life, I also received the Gift of THE HOLY SPIRIT. Little did I know that there was a person praying for me and my family when this all happened. This was the start of a new life with lots of testing along the way.

My first test of obedience came from a friend's story. A story about a young couple killed in an automobile accident. The cause of death was alcohol related. The enraged father searched the community to find the person who sold or gave them the alcohol. After 2 days he found nothing. He returned home to relax and opened up his liquor cabinet to get a drink before going bed and there was a note, "Dad, I hope you don't mine that I took this bottle." He was responsible for his daughter's death and her friend.

Shortly thereafter my daughter

of 14 years said, "Dad, I see nothing wrong with taking a drink." I was not going to be the one responsible for her death. I had a large investment of wine that was kept in my wine cellar. I spent that day gathering up my inventory, which included my prize winning wines and loaded it on the truck. I then drove to the dump and broke every bottle.

In September of 1988, I married that godly woman who had been praying for many years for the Lord to send her a suitable husband even if He had to raise him from the dead.

In the spring of 1990, God put an educator in my path. I first met him at a men's prayer breakfast. As I passed by the table where he was sitting the Holy Spirit said, "Pray with that man." I continued to walk to the far side of the room to take a seat. During the breakfast this man stood and said, "I need someone to join me in prayer and intercede for the church." The Holy Spirit prompted me to stand and accept the offer. Little did I know what type of person with whom I would be praying. He was the most godly man I had ever met. He was the President of the Tri-county Chapter of FGBMFI. I had been baptized in

the Holy Spirit for 2.5 years, but it was he who taught me how to use it and pray.

However, I continued to battle health issues. One evening, I was experiencing severe chest pains. My wife told my friend, the educator, of the problem and immediately he placed his hand on my heart and began to pray. I received a new heart that evening. Another healing took place at a men's breakfast. The speaker called for those with back problems. I had 25 years of back problems and was always going to the doctors. The speaker placed his hand on my lower back and prayed in Jesus name. I was instantly healed and remain healed to this very day. For 10.5 years I met for prayer on Saturday and Sunday with the educator. We would even pray over the phone during the week. He disciplined me up until he went home to be with Jesus. His passion for prayer and evangelism was transferred to me. Like him, I became one of those radical Christians. I had been called to love the people, evangelize, pray for the sick and do whatever the Father called me to do. God removed the pride, greed, selfishness, anger, unforgiveness, bitterness, envy,



Douglas Raine “roading” bounds during one of his fox hunting times.

fear, hatred, insecurity, jealousy, etc. in my life. It is wonderful to be set free in Christ.

As a businessman I have been able to travel in America on business and vacation out of the country with an opportunity to tell people about the saving grace of Jesus Christ. I have been used to take the Gospel to America, Mexico, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Ukraine, Germany, China, Jordan, Iraq, Hungary, Austria, Russia and Scotland. ■

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Miguel Escobar, Virginia

I always dreamed of becoming a businessman. I came to the United States with my wife and my son who was nine months old at the time. I attended the University of Chile where I pursued two different majors: Social Geography and Applied Sociology. Due to the unstable political conditions of the 1970's in Chile, I was denied the possibility of graduation, which triggered my decision to leave home and emigrate to the USA.

Once in the USA I tried different occupations. I remember working as a janitor for a fruit processing company in California, loading trucks in the South; I also spent five years working for Eastern Airlines based in Atlanta.

After this I decided to embark on a new journey as a salesman. I began to sell almost any kind of product. I became self-employed which allowed me to earn

more money than working for a company. At that time I spent most of my time working and all the proceeds seemed to go right through my fingers.

My wife kept telling me that I needed to be saved. I didn't want to hear it; I went on working more and more, even though her words constantly reminded me that true success in life was hidden in Jesus Christ. I used to tell her that I first needed to make a lot of money and then I would be more than willing to attend church. For 12 years, my wife and children interceded for my salvation.

As my children grew up, so were my financial responsibilities. Problems and difficulties were inescapable. Stress and worries were my daily companions.

In 1983 my life turned 180 degrees around. While in Zurich and working on a multi-million dollar business deal, I realized

CHANGED!

*Miguel Escobar prays
with businessmen at the
2004 D.C. International
Convention.*



there was something wrong in the business operation. I thought that my life's dream was about to become a reality. If the deal came through, I would have received \$6 million in commissions. I saw the check with my own eyes. I even remembered making a list of things that I wanted to buy with that money.

In the middle of the transaction I realized that the whole thing was a fraud. The people I worked so much for were all thieves and crooks. My dream came crushing down on me. I was stunned. I just couldn't believe it. Years of hard work and investment went right down the drain. As I look back, now I know what it is to

build on the sand and not on the everlasting rock, which is Christ!

Sad and broke, I returned home. I had to stop in London on my way back. That night in a small, rundown hotel room, I cried my heart out. For the first time, I began to talk to Jesus and declare my insufficiency before Him. I spent two more days in that room talking to the Lord while waiting for my plane ticket to go home. I remember writing Him a letter with full detail of my life. I felt His presence all over the room. At the end of those two days I was no longer the same. Jesus came into my heart and it's been the best birthday's present I've ever received.

Soon after that experience, miracles and signs rained down upon me. The first supernatural experience was the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. Afterwards, the Lord turned five of my tooth-fillings into gold! Dentists from five continents have done an investigation on my gold fillings; at the end, they've reached the same conclusion, it's supernatural. I don't have words to explain what happened. I only know, just like the blind man of the Gospel,

that before I didn't have gold and now I do!

God's spiritual training for my life has been through experience. I know that God saves because He saved me; God heals because He healed me and God delivers because He set me free! I asked God to show me healings, deliverance, and salvation, all elements needed by His children. Without much effort, many souls surrendered to the Lord, which triggered my ministry. The greatest impact took place when I prayed for a 10-year-old boy who was struck with cancer. I went to visit with him. I hugged, prayed, and cried. A week later, this boy was playing like any other; the Lord healed him from leukemia. Through these experiences, the Lord was preparing to face more difficult experiences later on.

I've witnessed people being healed from blindness, others walking out of wheel chairs, deaf people who hear again, and those with terminal illnesses were completely recovered by the power of God.

One of the things that impacted my life has been spiritual

COMPLETELY CHANGED!

deliverance. I knew God could deliver from Satan's oppressions; however, I witnessed this in an incredible way. One of the cases I had to face was what I called, "the ping-pong experience." As soon as I touched this person's hand, she got glued to the wall of her house. At the end of this deliverance, I was able to see God's power in action and how He delivers his people. God breaks all strongholds and covenants that men make with the devil. He's done it with an ex-Vietnam soldier who made five different pacts with the devil

in order to come home unharmed after the war. We prayed, fasted and applied God's Word with authority. This brother was set free by the power of the Lord.

I've seen countless experiences with deliverance and healings. However, the most important is that we need to keep our name in the Book of Life. Our calling has the responsibility to build God's people. I feel in my heart that we can pass the flame of the Holy Spirit through prayer, anointing, and seeking His face.



The Miguel Escobar family.

Miguel Escobar joins Richard Shbakarian, International President, in praying for those in governmental leadership.



God changed me completely. The process took time. It wasn't an overnight experience. By His grace and mercy, God patiently invested His blood and power in the development of my life. So far, I've been in ministry for two decades.

In 1985, and only after 15 months of being saved, the Pentecostal Methodist Church of Chile ordained me as a minister of its rank. For the last 18 years of ministry, I've seen God's power in action. The deaf now hear, the blind now see, the sick are now healed, and the lost are now saved. I still believe there's much more to come and see. God's power is inexhaustible.

Also in 1985, it was the first time I heard about the Full Gospel Businessmen group while in Orlando, Florida. I attended the annual convention and met brother Demos. God blessed me

and I began to meet other people within this group. I've seen its work in countries like Honduras, Chile, South Africa, Hong Kong, and Indonesia.

The ministerial work God has called me to do has taken me throughout five continents and for more than 60 countries. The Lord has told me that this is just the beginning.

I have much appreciation for those who minister to businessmen and women. The Lord wants to use them in powerful ways where some of us can't reach.

My ministry is to provoke revival. God has trained and prepared me through much suffering. However, I would not change it for the world. My business is the Lord's Vineyard. ■

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Norwalk Connecticut

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ARRESTED... BY GOD!

**Bob Bassler,
Indiana**

I was a Born Again Christian who fell into sin. I was FGBMFI Chapter President for five years. I worked with Dr. Lester Sumrall in his South Bend, Indiana headquarters, where people came from all over the world to be set free from demonic oppression.

However, I started getting careless with my relationship with God and, as with all neglected relationships, it began to weaken. I started smoking, then, the bad associations and soul-ties developed. Satan knows the areas of our weaknesses. He knew that I had developed soul-ties at the age of 12 with a young friend whose father was at the top echelon of the mafia in Detroit. I had a fascination with the underworld; and Satan used this to get me once again caught up with the Mexican mafia. In addition, and because of my

associations, a cocaine habit formed, and I was selling up to 2 ½ keys per week. One key is 36 ounces. One ounce sells for anywhere between \$1,600 and \$2,000. I was deeply in trouble!

The Scripture says, “Man cannot mock God, for whatever a man sows, that shall he also reap.” I was sowing to corruption and I was reaping corruption. Praise the Lord that no one can hide from Him and He is a merciful God. I got caught...God saw to that! The police put out a “sting operation” on me. I was eating at a restaurant; what could have been my last free meal for 150 years...steak and eggs. When I left the restaurant, I sensed that something was wrong when I left the restaurant. An undercover agent approached me and asked me to come to his car. From the trunk of his car, the agent pulled out a zippered bag that had

\$25,000 in it. He asked me if he could get a key of cocaine for him. When he paid me \$3,100 for two ounces, suddenly something went off in my mind. I suddenly realized that all was not as it appeared to be. Something was terribly wrong. What I didn't know was that something was very right. God was at work! I knew at that moment that what was to happen that day would change my life completely. I decided to hit the back roads because I had nineteen 8-balls of pure cocaine and about \$5,300 in my glove box, plus a loaded

revolver. When I cut through a bank parking lot, there was a brown Bronco waiting for me; and a 9mm gun in my face. There were no markings on the Bronco, and the undercover cop didn't identify himself as a cop, so I thought it was a contract out to kill me. I slammed the car into reverse to get out of there, only to find that I was surrounded by cars. Then I saw the badges. There were nine cops and one of me. Obviously, I was caught. All I could say was, "You got me!" I surrendered. What else could I do? I knew that it



*Bob Bassler (right)
prays for the deliverance
of others.*

ARRESTED...BY GOD!

was God. God had arrested me! It was over. After five overdoses (the sixth may have been the fatal one), and the time I almost killed three people over a cocaine deal, there was no doubt. God stepped in and said “enough”. I am thankful today that God cared enough for me to arrest me, to rescue me from a lifestyle that was not only hurting me, but all those close to me. I had a praying wife. The power of a praying spouse can never be overrated. Georgia prayed me through to receive Jesus. People told her that she had Biblical reasons to leave me, but she wouldn't. Thank God she had faith and great tenacity.

I was facing 150 years with seven Class A felony counts. When I was placed in my cell, there was a freshly painted sign, “Jesus loves Ya!” I knew that message was just for me. I knew that God's love had arrested and rescued me. God's love is full of mercy. The cops are not “pigs!” They are working tools of God, used to rescue those who have lost their way, and capture them for God's mercy's sake. They are tools used of God to save lives. It took a while for me to come down from the cocaine-saturated body and to be set free from the

wild living. I had been empowered by the devil and was well known as a man of power in all the strip joints, on the streets, and in the underworld. God had to break all of that off of me. My soul was being held for ransom by the devil, but the Lord paid the price and redeemed back His own. My ministry began in prison. God gave to me the only unsupervised job, working in the greenhouse with all the beautiful flowers and plants, which enabled me to spend quality time with the Lord. In turn, I was then able to witness and lead many to Christ, even starting a church in prison.

I was given a letter of commendation from the State, honoring my character, because of my exemplary behavior and conduct in prison. The favor of God was with me. I ended up serving only 2 ½ years, instead of the 150 years I was originally facing. I was also to serve seven years in Texas, but because of the letter of commendation along with a television program I had done with the Supervisor of the Prison, I was not required to serve the additional seven years. That was God! God told me that He had a ministry for me, back in Indiana,

on the same street where I had fallen, reaching the same people I knew as a gangster.

The Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International was a pivotal point in the launching of my ministry. Soon after my release from prison, I attended a prayer breakfast and dinner meeting where a prophecy affirmed God's call on my new life. Cigarettes are evil. Nicotine is a powerful drug. It is a doorkeeper that opens the door to demons who use alcohol, drugs, marijuana, and cocaine to enslave people. We have heroin addicts who have been set free from heroin, who cannot kick the nicotine habit. That is how powerful it is.

The ministry of New Life Deliverance Center is seeing tremendous results. People are getting set free! The hopeless of humanity become the hopeful in God. The sign that stands outside the New Life Deliverance Center draws people in. It reads, "New Life Deliverance Center – Jesus setting free from alcohol, drugs, nicotine and unclean spirits. Call for help...." And they call, they walk in, they are desperate for a touch from God. The Center has opened a Recovery Center that hosts a



Bob Bassler gives his testimony at the Washington D.C. International Regional Convention.

Praise and Testimony service, with teaching from the Word of God, every Friday night. It is here that those who have been set free share their testimonies and encourage one another.

The devil tried to devour me. He could not succeed because God kept an eye on me. God arrested and rescued me. Seducing spirits are seducing all kinds of people, even born again Christians, into a lifestyle of sin with the promises of pleasure, self-gratification, wealth, power...all false promises designed to steal, kill and destroy. Don't wait until you hit rock bottom to call out to God to rescue you. He will...He wants to set you free! ■

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

6 Steps to Salvation

1. ACKNOWLEDGE

"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

2. REPENT

"Except ye repent, you shall all likewise perish." – Luke 13:3

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

3. 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

4. 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

5. 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

6. 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 them 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."

YES! I have made my eternal decision. I have read the Six Steps to Salvation and have asked Jesus to be my personal Savior. Please send me the booklet "Now That You've Received Christ."

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Los 6 Pasos Para La Salvacion

1. RECONOCE

"por cuanto todos pecaron, y estan destituidos de la gloria de Dios" -

Romanos 3:23

"Dios ten misericordia de mi, un pecador" - Lucas 18:13

2. ARREPIENTETE

"Os digo: No; antes si no os arrepentis, todos perecereis igualmente" -

Lucas 13:3

"Asi que, arrepentios y convertios, para que sean borrados vuestros pecados" - Hechos 3:19

3. CONFIESA

"Si confesamos nuestros pecados, El es fiel y justo para perdonar nuestros pecados, y limpiarnos de toda maldad" - 1 Juan 1:9

"que si confesares con tu boca que Jesus es el Senor, y creyeres en tu corazon que Dios le levanto de los muertos, seras salvo" - Romanos 10:9

4. DEJE

"Deje el impio su camino, y el hombre inicuo sus pensamientos, y vuelvase al SENOR... El cual sera amplio en perdonar" - Isaias 55:7

5. CREA

"Porque de tal manera amo Dios al mundo, que ha dado a su Hijo unigenito, para que todo aquel que en El cree, no se pierda, mas tenga vida eterna" - Juan 3:16

"El que creyere y fuere bautizado, sera salvo; mas el que no creyere, sera condenado" - Marcos 16:16

6. RECIBA

"A lo suyos vino, y los suyos no le recibieron. Mas a todos los que le recibieron, a los que creen en su nombre, les dio potestad de ser hechos hijos de Dios" - Juan 1:11-12

PORQUE NO HACE UNA DECISION PARA SU ETERNIDAD HOY?

"Senor Jesus, Yo creo que moristes por mis pecados y te pido me perdones. Yo te recibo ahora como mi Salvador personal y te pido que guies mi vida de ahora en adelante. Amen".

Escribanos y cuentes de su decision. Nosotros le enviaremos un pequeno libro, "Ahora Que Ud Ha Recibido a Cristo".

SI! Hice mi decision para la eternidad. He leído los Seis Pasos para la Salvacion y he aceptado a Jesus como mi Salvador Personal . Por favor envíeme el pequeño libro "Ahora Que Ud Ha Recibido a Cristo".

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YOUR 3-STEP DIAGNOSIS FOR ETERNITY

(Check appropriate boxes)

STEP 1:

When I breathe my last, the next thing is:

- go to hell
- go to heaven.
- stay buried in the grave
- I have no idea.

STEP 2:

Here is what will probably happen:

- I'll spend eternity in hell.
- I'll spend eternity with Jesus in heaven.
- I'll be reincarnated as a "higher being"
- My relatives can visit my grave; I'll be there.
- I don't really know what will happen.

STEP 3: I'm sure because:

- I've led a sinful life
- I've trusted Jesus as my personal Savior
- I've gone to church all my life
- I support charities, even church
- I'm a good person.

Turn the page to learn how YOU can follow through on these three steps and KNOW your future!

TRES PASOS PARA DIAGNOSTICAR SU ETERNIDAD

(Marque el espacio apropiado)

1er PASO:

Cuando yo de mi ultimo aliento, lo que me acontecera proxicamente es:

- ire al infierno
- ire al cielo
- seguire enterrado en la tumba
- no tengo idea.

2do PASO:

Esto es lo que provablemente sucedera:

- pasare la eternidad en el infierno.
- pasare la eternidad con Jesus en el cielo.
- me re-encarnare como un ser "mas elevado".
- mis parientes podran visitarme en mi tumba; ahi estare.
- no se exactamente que sucedera.

3er PASO:

Estoy seguro porque:

- lleve una vida pecaminosa
- yo he confiado en Jesus como mi salvador personal
- he asistido a la iglesia toda mi vida
- apoye a caridades y a la iglesia
- yo ayude a mi comunidad
- soy una buena persona

Cambie la pagina para que sepa como UD puede seguir estos seis pasos y SABER su futuro!

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