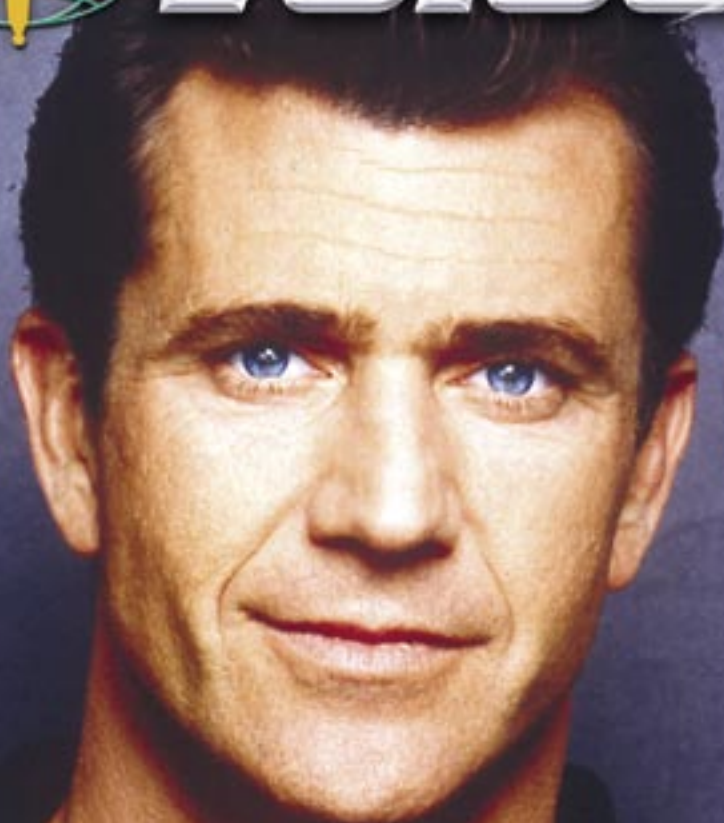




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THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST



LATIN LEADERS' SUMMIT: HIS FIRE FELL!

The fire of the Holy Spirit fell as many FGBMFI leaders from all over Latin America joined together in one accord in El Salvador, January 30-31, 2004.

The Latin nations wholeheartedly entered into the covenant of the vision with me, as the International President. The results have been miraculous.

Our hosts were the men and women of FGBMFI in El Salvador and their President Mauricio Loucel and his wife Armida.

They did an incredible job. They work with all the top people of the nation, including the president. Mauricio owns the Technological University with 16,000 students.

From Mexico to Panama and all through South America, Latino leaders have entered into a covenant with the vision with the Lord, the International President, and with the International office.

That Covenant includes:

1. Each of these nations gives at least 10% of their income to the International Headquarters office. As a result, they each are blessed and overflowing in their own finances.

2. These leaders have been obedient to the covenant of the vision to their own generation. When the Lord gave the direction to take our testimonies out to the factories, the offices, hospitals, marketplace, government, and the military, they obeyed. They have continued taking their testimonies to the people. Our vision is to pray with one person in every family from Mexico to Chile.

3. These leaders stay close with the International President. Each January, I call a special Latin Summit for all chapter and national leaders. We rotate the meeting to one country to another each year. The host nation arranges all the facilities, however, the entire program of all three days is conducted as the Spirit gives direction to the International President. It is not our usual convention. Being directed to leaders, we are able to go much deeper in God and much higher in the Spirit. Many miracles happened at these meetings.

The hundreds of people that came to El Salvador from other nations are going back home carrying a new fire and a new understanding of our covenant and God's covenant with FGBMFI.

Here are some of the spectacular reports:

NICARAGUA – In four years they have grown from 57 to 350 chapters. Humberto Arguello reports that the men and women of the Fellowship have prayed with over two million people in our Fire Teams. They are adding about three chapters a week.

The entire spiritual tone of Nicaragua is forever changed.

MEXICO – Mario Garcia reports 68 chapters and is growing very fast. A few years ago we could count the chapters on our fingers. Mexico was having a Fire Team while we were in El Salvador where 3,000 came to Christ.

GUATEMALA – Luis Alberto Mazariegos reports 18,000 members, 163 chapters and a completely new revelation that the vision is the covenant for FGBMFI, and for each generation.

HONDURAS – reports 173 chapters, and in addition 63 ladies chapters. Through their Fire Teams, they prayed with 147,400 people in 2003.

COSTA RICA – Francisco Fallas reports a one-year growth of 70 chapters for a total of 150 chapters. Their outreaches to married couples have brought in many new people.

EL SALVADOR – Mauricio Loucel reports 100 men's chapters and 21 ladies' chapters. A FGBMFI Youth Convention is to be held this November.

PARAGUAY – Roberto Chihan reports 14 chapters working in the highest levels of society. 2,500 people participated in recent large meetings.

Pray for the continued blessings of God on our Latin American leaders,



Richard Shakarian
International President

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THE
PASSION
OF THE CHRIST
A FILM BY MEL GIBSON

VOICE magazine does not normally endorse any particular movie. However, we feel that Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" will have long-term effects upon the world.

AT THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY WORLD CONVENTION IN AUGUST, 2003, Mel Gibson showed clips from the movie and briefly shared of his foundation of faith; and how his personal faith was greatly strengthened while making this movie.

Mel Gibson shared, "I had to make this film; I couldn't not make it. About 13 years ago I came to a difficult point in my life, and meditating on Christ's sufferings, on his passion, got me through it. Life is hard, and we all get wounded by it. I was no exception. I went to the wounds of Christ in order to cure my wounds. And when I did that,

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through reading, and studying, and meditating, and praying, I began to see in my own mind what he really went through. I began to understand it as I never had before, even though I had heard the story so many times. It was like giving birth: the story, the way I envisioned the suffering of Christ, got inside of me and

Mel Gibson tells the story of the PASSION at the 50th Annual World Convention in August, 2003, in Anaheim, California.



started to grow, and it reached a point where I just had to tell it, to get it out.”

“I tried to make it as realistic as possible. I wanted the audience to feel like they were really there, witnessing the events as they had actually happened. But at the same time it’s hugely personal. I saw other film versions and I couldn’t understand them. I couldn’t believe them. Once I started meditating on the Passion, really going deep into it in my own mind and heart, then I began to understand it, to believe: that’s the version I put on film.”

Mel adds, “I hope it makes people think. I hope it makes them reflect. The movie is about faith, hope, love, and forgiveness. If it stirs those things up in people, it will be a success. I hope it makes people ask questions, and maybe even make them want to read (or re-read) ‘the book’.”

After a private screening of the movie, Richard Shakarian, FGBMFI International President, was visibly moved. He solemnly related, “This movie will have a big impact in Hindu, Buddhist and

Muslim nations. ‘The Passion of the Christ’ is going to make a huge impact to hundreds of millions of people in the developing world. Because of their suffering, they will relate to our Lord’s suffering.”

“Through His suffering, people who are not excited about organized religion will come to know about Jesus Christ. I expect the greatest audience to be young people, many of whom have heard about Jesus and will be curious to know more. The big question of ‘why’ was answered in the words that Jesus gave... ‘Behold, I make all things new!’”

Jim Caviezel, the talented actor who portrays Christ in the movie, reveals his deepest hope for the film, “My prayer is that I don’t want people to see me in the film; I only want them to see Christ. I now know Him (Christ) in a more personal way than I have. I am proud of this film because it is the truth. ‘It is as it was’, even though some have tried to discredit that line.”

Paul Harvey tells “The rest of the story”, “I really did not know what to expect. I was thrilled to have been invited to a private viewing. The film was very briefly introduced, without fanfare, and then the room darkened. From the gripping opening scene in the Garden of Gethsemane, to the very human and tender portrayal of the earthly ministry of Jesus, through the betrayal, the arrest, the scourging, the way of the cross, the encounter with the thieves, the surrender on the Cross, until the final scene in the empty tomb, this was not simply a movie; it was an encounter, unlike anything I have ever experienced. Frankly, I will never be the same.”

“When the film concluded, no one could speak because words were woefully inadequate. We had experienced a kind of art that is a rarity in life, the kind that makes heaven touch earth.”

Billy Graham comments, “Every time I preach or speak about the cross, the things I saw on the screen will be on my heart and mind.

After watching 'The Passion' I feel as if I had actually been there. I was moved to tears."

James Dobson spoke, "It is deeply moving, powerful, and disturbing – a film that must be seen."

Pat Robertson reveals, "Without question, this is the finest work that has ever been done on this subject."

Rick Warren ("Purpose Driven Life") says, "It is brilliant, biblical – a masterpiece."

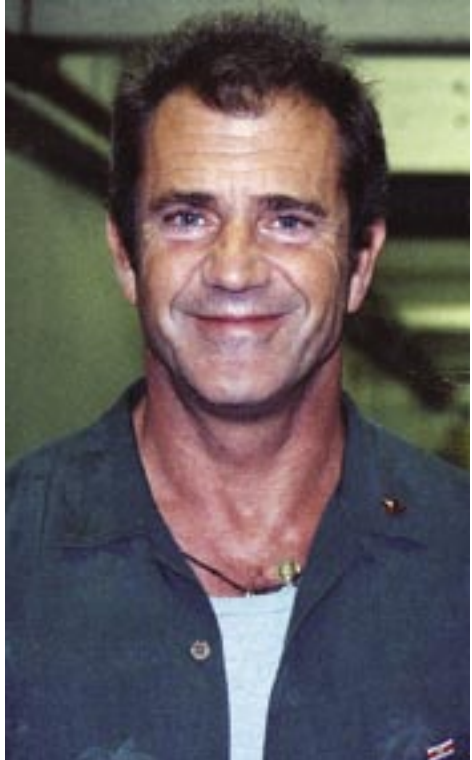
Ted Haggard, president of the National Evangelical Association, tells, "It conveys, more accurately than any other film, who Jesus was."



Richard Shakarian, International President, prays for Mel Gibson during the Jubilee Convention in 2003.

During the filming, Gibson, a devout Catholic, attended Mass every morning because “we had to be squeaky clean just working on this.” Gibson admits, “I’m not a preacher, and I’m not a pastor, but I really feel my career was leading me to make this. The Holy Ghost was working through me on this film, and I was just directing traffic. I hope the film has the power to evangelize. Everyone who worked on this movie was changed!”

Mel Gibson adds, “I expected some controversy, but I wasn’t expecting it to get so personal. It’s been a real eye-opener. I have handled it by not letting it thwart this project, and by praying. My prayer life has grown a lot as a result of it. I pray for the people who are upset. I sincerely believe that their suspicions are wrong. This movie will bring people closer together, not incite violence and hatred. That was our experience in making it, and that has been the experience of the people who have seen it.” ■



Mel Gibson (Note the FGBMFI pin on his lapel)

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LOVE-LINK

In a recent prophetic message the Lord summoned the men of FGBMFI to come to Israel as a spiritual army to stand in the gap and pray. This special event will be more than a convention, a tour, or a Board Meeting. Pray for favor; pray for God's blessing upon the nation, and pray about your involvement in this incredible opportunity.

We will pray together in the Upper Room. We will walk where Jesus walked. It will be a safe, spiritual retreat in a 5-star hotel. There will also be an International Director's meeting. God is calling all FGBMFI families and friends to go to Israel and share with these dear people His great love. In this special time of Israel's history, what greater blessing can we be than to bring anointed people, full of love to Israel and let His Glory bless the people (through you)!

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SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND HOLY SPIRIT CONFERENCE

April 15-17, 2004

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22nd PHILIPPINES NATIONAL CONVENTION

April 21-24, 2004

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FORT FLAGLER, WA MEN'S ADVANCE

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Consider a Gift of Life Insurance to the Fellowship.

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Al Schirduan, Folly Beach, Sc

I believe God has a plan for everybody's life. It starts before we are born. My father was born in Germany. When World War II started, he was drafted into the army. He normally didn't like to talk about those days. One story he did share was about the Gestapo. They lined up all the men in the city. They asked the first man if he wanted to join the army, if he said no they would shoot him.

Amazingly, the rest of the men would decide to join. My dad was captured by the Russians. He was sent to a prisoner of war camp deep in Russia. The cold, disease

and starvation took many lives. Each man was given a bowl of warm water (soup) and a roll once a day. Naturally everyone would gobble down the meal quickly. My dad broke the roll into three pieces. He ate one for breakfast and then hid the other two pieces for lunch and dinner. He said hunger and food filled his thoughts throughout the long days. Two things kept him going: looking forward to the next piece of



Al Schirduan

bread and his prayers to God.

I came from a family of ten children. My oldest brother, Timmy, died at age four. I was two years old. My amazing mother not only kept us fed and clothed, but woke us up every morning with a smile on her face and a song in her heart. We had neither a clothes dryer nor disposable diapers. My mom hung the diapers outside during the cold New England winters, snapped the ice out of them, then draped them about the house to fully dry. She rarely lost her smile. She had me convinced that raising nine children was the greatest privilege in her life.

Our family never missed a Sunday service. Christian education was very important to my parents. I attended Christian elementary school and four years of Christian high school. Growing up, I always enjoyed religion class and the stories about the famous saints, priests, and nuns. However, in high school I realized that no one believed those stories. In my senior year our religion teacher taught us that miracles do not exist. She stated that Jesus was a good man, but the Bible was just another philosophy and the miracles were only symbolic. This undermined what little faith I had. My confusion led to discouragement and occasional depression, which followed me throughout high school and into college.

At college I set about to discover the true meaning of life. I took a philosophy class titled the Philosophy of Science and then I took a science class called the Science of Philosophy. I wanted to learn the true foundations of knowledge and man's existence. I discovered that although the physical world had definite and absolute laws of operation, apparently human behavior had no absolutes. I was taught that man's nature was subjective. The age of "Enlightenment" brought noted philosophers and thinkers to explain human nature such as Voltaire, Immanuel Kant, James Joyce and Carl Jung. However, human behavior could also be interpreted by pornographers, pedophiles or anyone. Any and every description has equal credibility because, according to them, there are no absolutes, no boundaries of right or wrong. So, I decided to take refuge in biology and the sciences where the absolute laws gave me security. However, I continued to wrestle with my conscience and conflicting feelings of guilt, hopelessness, doubts, fears and confusion.



The Schirduan family, left to right: Heather (my wife), Al, Sarah and David.

Once out of college I moved to Florida. My parents had a small house near the beach. I decided to stop looking for the “answer to life”. I put my conscience behind me and just had fun. I did what I wanted with little reservation. The weekend party started on Friday before I got home from work and ended on Monday or Tuesday. A good friend and one of the funniest guys I knew was Mike Gleam. He played

guitar at the bars and regularly attended our parties. I noticed he had missed the last few. Catching up with him at the beach, I asked him why, he said “I got saved”. I asked him, “saved from what?” I had never heard the term.

He then explained his belief in God and a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. He said God loved me. Now, many people have said that they loved me and yet had left me or hurt me. Saying God loved me meant very little. Mike explained that healing miracles also took place in this church and they spoke in tongues. I asked how many people in the church spoke in tongues and he said all 400 of them. I thought this was either mass hypnosis or a true experience. Hope began to rise up in me that maybe there is a God. A God who created me and knew me and Whom I could know. It sure seemed like this should be right. But somehow I had never met anyone who actually lived like they believed it.

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I remember attending my friend's church and feeling as if I were walking into heaven. I felt like I was two feet off the ground. After the service I walked up to the front to receive Jesus as my Lord and Savior. I also wanted to receive the Holy Spirit and speak in tongues. I held my hands up and prayed. I sweated in my suit jacket and shirt thoroughly, as many around me prayed in tongues. However I never spoke in tongues. Mike consoled me and stated that although I hadn't spoken in tongues I had received the Holy Spirit and tongues would come. I prayed to God daily and in a praise service three weeks later I asked God to help me. With no expectations from anyone around me and no self-consciousness I began to easily and flowingly speak in tongues.

I have seen many miracles since becoming a Christian. Yet, all it takes is one miracle to prove there is a greater paradigm governing our universe than the natural laws of science. At a healing service I was laying my hands on someone as the pastor was praying for him. I felt his back straighten out and the bones make cracking noises as his back was wonderfully healed. Of course, my mind thinks scientifically. This one miracle defies all natural laws. A foundational law of science is the first law of thermodynamics. It states, "Matter can neither be created nor destroyed." Bone and tissue, (matter) were created from nothing in this miracle. This also takes credence away from the so-called theory of evolution. The new back tissue did not evolve from primordial slim. It came formed, fully human. The limitations scientists put on God are laughable when looked at honestly.

My conversion experience was pretty dramatic. When the truth of God's reality awoke in me, I thought very few people knew about Him. I realized I had at last found the answer to all of my questions. I saw how Jesus' birth, life and sacrifice were the missing pieces that put all of the universe and mans place in it into harmony. It all made perfect sense. Science shows us the physical universe has absolute laws. The Bible shows us the absolute laws of human behavior and existence.

I thought none of my friends or co-workers knew this important information. I remember going to the hospital where I worked and telling my friends and boss about Jesus. I was so excited I told anyone who would listen. It took me a number of weeks before I began

to realize that most of them had already heard the Gospel. I was astonished. One co-worker and friend stated he was a Christian. Again I was amazed and told him he couldn't be. He had never shared it with me. He said that I was just a new Christian and that the excitement would soon wear off. It hasn't.

I kept trying to convince another friend I worked with. He cornered me after work looked me in the eye and said, "Al, I understand what you are telling me, but what I'm telling you is that I'm just not interested." As he walked away I just stood there stunned. I could not comprehend it. How could anyone hear and understand the Gospel message and not be interested?

For about 6 months I walked on cloud nine. I felt God's love wherever I went. Then some of the old discouragements, depression and fears began to creep back into my life. I did not understand why.

I prayed and cried out to God about this. One night I had a nightmare. I tossed and turned and sweated through the night. About four in the morning suddenly that wonderful peace of God flooded my being and I fell into a deep peaceful sleep. When I woke up that morning I heard a voice speaking to me. It said, "Al, you are no good, you will never amount to anything, you're ugly, you are dumb...". As these words came at me I realized those negative feelings came with them. But this time I saw those feelings while surrounded in God's love. He showed me that these words are from the evil one and that I had to learn to fight them with His thoughts, the Word of God. I still must keep vigilant today to keep my mind renewed. (Phil. 4:8) Speaking in tongues consistently also keeps my spirit in close relationship with God. It keeps my inner man strong. (Jude 20)

At 30 years old, my life with the Lord became weak and dry. I had dated some Christian girls but nothing seemed to work out right. Finally, my frustration grew until I made an ultimatum with God. If He would work in my life I would do whatever He wanted me to do. I meant it. The Lord was waiting for me to reach this point. I had pulled back from requests where I needed to speak in front of others. I had a fear of public speaking. If He would change my life, I was willing to face this fear. The very next day a doctor came up to me and asked me to set up a medical mission team to go to Mexico. God did not waste

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any time. Normally I would have quickly declined such an offer. But I knew God had set it up. I was going to obey.

Despite my fear I said yes. I managed to do okay until the doctor had set up a large meeting of other doctors and ministers. As I was driving home after work I was talking to God out loud about my concerns. I reasoned He would understand why I intended to miss this meeting. Suddenly God's presence filled my car and a wonderful peace spoke to my heart. I knew He wanted me to go to the meeting and He would take care of my fears. I had not sensed God's presence like that in over a year. I went to the meeting and with help, the organization and planning went well.

After a number of years as a Christian and having different relationships I lamented that I was still not married. My first priority however, was to survive the mission trip. My goals for the trip were simple. 1. Get to Mexico safely. 2. Not mess up too badly. 3. Get home alive. If I could accomplish this, I would consider the trip a success!

My flight was scheduled a day early and I arrived before the other team members. It so happened the Spanish interpreter also arrived a day early. She greeted us at the airport holding a big welcome sign in Spanish. I thought she was a very nice Christian girl. We ended up with a free evening and had dinner together. She was great company and laughed at all my jokes and stories. This was a smart girl. We ended up spending a lot of time together and grew close that week. After the mission trip she returned to South Carolina and I came back to Tulsa Oklahoma.

God had more in mind for us. I had some strong dreams about Heather. She was also wondering if God had more in store for us. We began to correspond by mail. She had decided if I was willing to come to her house for Thanksgiving that she would continue our relationship. I liked Heather, but I hadn't seriously considered flying to Charleston to see her. Two days before Thanksgiving, it "occurred" to me that I should try to visit her.

I had only \$300 to spend. I called three or four airlines but their prices were all over \$600. My last call to an airline stated they could get me a round trip ticket for \$230.00 on the exact dates I needed. During this time in our lives it was amazing how God worked things together



Posing with members of the Charleston Chapter of FGBMFI (left to right): Brad Bolchoz, Clark Bowman (Chapter president), Ron Drolet, Al Schirduan, and Richard Caldwell.

time and again, sometimes in spite of us, confirming His will. I should mention, Heather had some misgivings before the Thanksgiving trip and wrote to me suggesting I shouldn't come. I never got that letter and didn't learn about it until after the trip. Heather accepted my invitation to spend Christmas in Tulsa.

She stayed with a friend. After church service one evening we talked about our future. I was going to say I wasn't sure what would happen. Instead what came out of my mouth was, "You can move up here and finish college at Oral Roberts University." I was astonished those words came out of my mouth yet I experienced the tangible peace of the Lord when I said it. Later that evening I realized she was mad at me. Who was I to say she should leave her family, friends and a full scholarship to Baptist College to move to Tulsa?

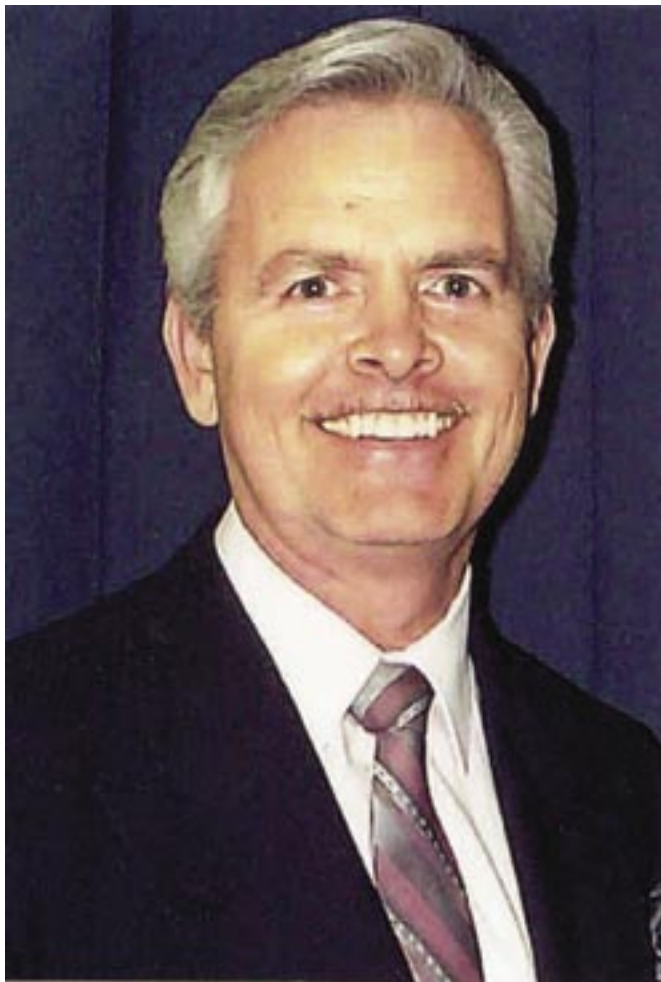
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We had actually known each other only two months. But the Lord in His patience continued to work on us. She had made a list of terms before she would consider moving up to Tulsa. Among them were late acceptance, finances, and a place off campus. Everything came through and worked out smoothly. God still had His work cut out for Him. A couple of weeks after Heather moved to Tulsa our relationship had become difficult. We didn't seem to be getting along. I didn't understand why. My plan had been to ask Heather to marry me at the end of the semester if all things went well. But, our relationship had become so stressful, I thought Heather no longer liked me. I remember coming home from work, finishing up a Whopper from Burger King and asking God if this could have possibly been all a big mistake. I sat down on my bed and heard these words in an audible voice, "Heather is waiting for you to ask her to marry you." I looked up at the ceiling and shouted, "What?" I have felt the Lord's strong leading a number of times, but this is the only time He has spoken to me audibly. He is a merciful God. I went to see Heather that evening and she greeted me at the door with a peaceful countenance I hadn't seen in a while. She said, "Al, you know why I think we've been having so many problems?" I quickly responded, "because you've been waiting for me to ask you to marry me." She answered, "Well...yeah."

Being the hard-headed person that I am, I still didn't ask her. Instead, I made an appointment with my pastor. I remember he was busy at his desk as I sat waiting for him. Suddenly he looked up and said, "Al, has God spoken to you?" I said "Yes." He responded, "Well, do what He said." He then went back to his papers. We were married in June. We have been on a number of mission trips to Mexico and Nicaragua. We have two beautiful children who go to a Christian school where Heather teaches Spanish. I am a Respiratory Therapist and a Registered Nurse, working at a local hospital. We belong to a wonderful church body.

Make no mistake, trials and difficulties have been in our marriage and our life as it is in anyone's. I share some of the more extraordinary times because I need them as a reminder that God is always with me. He doesn't keep us from daily trials, but I guarantee He will walk through them with us. What a wonderful Savior we have! As His word says in Math. 28:20, "I am always with you." ■

Finding Out



For Myself!

Thor Strandholt, D.C., N.D.

I HAVE BEEN A PRACTICING DOCTOR OF CHIROPRACTIC FOR THREE DECADES. I AM ALSO A NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIAN, USING NATURAL ALTERNATIVES TO TODAY'S COMPLEX HEALTH ISSUES. MY BACKGROUND IS ONE OF DIFFICULT TIMES WITH CHALLENGES THAT UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD HAVE LEFT A PERSON IN THE MUCK AND MIRE OF HOPELESSNESS AND DEFEAT.

The hand of God has truly been upon my life as I have come from the pit to the palace. I am here to give encouragement to those who feel that there's no hope. As a child I was raised in seven different homes, which would give anyone a sense of instability in their life. I was also a high school drop out, so some said that I would never amount to anything.

At the age of seventeen, I joined the U.S. Navy and went straight to Vietnam. I received a Presidential Citation for "Special Mission" during War Time from the U.S. Navy. Many of my fellow military comrades came back in a casket or maimed for life either physically or mentally.

After returning from Vietnam I married out of loneliness at the young age of nineteen and had a daughter. I became an unconfessed alcoholic and became a bar hopper. My marriage ended and was once again on my own with no stability in my life. I was headed nowhere fast!

Finding Out For Myself

Fortunately, while in the Navy, I took the G.E.D. test and by God's grace, I received a high school diploma. Encouraged by that small accomplishment, I began to consider the possibility of going on to a higher level of education. After finishing my time in the Navy, I met a Chiropractor who had taken care of my wife after my daughter was born. I spoke about the idea of going to college to become a professional to help others regain their health.

I always liked the idea of helping others but never dreamed of going to college. I made application with Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa, and got accepted on a probationary basis but I had to maintain a good grade average in order to stay or I would be kicked out to make room for someone else.

It was while attending college that I met his beautiful wife, Mary Lee and on February 14, 1973, we tied the knot. That's why Valentine's Day is so special for us. She had three children from her unsuccessful marriage, so adapting to the new family atmosphere was a new challenge for all of us.

As we were still in the molding

process, Mary Lee went to a church and had the tremendous experience of receiving Jesus as her Lord and Savior. When she returned home and shared the new life-changing time she had at church, I just had to go and find out about it for myself. The same thing happened to me and I haven't been the same since.

My life took on a new meaning and God began to do a new thing in our lives. Many trials came but in spite of it all, the Lord saw us through. Now, after nearly thirty years we have had experiences that have made my wife and I wife stronger in character and trust in the God that delivered us out a life of certain destruction.

As a Lifetime Member of FGBMFI, I believe that we should use our God given talents to help others in need and to always be open to learn new things and to become the best that we can be!

As a success seminar speaker throughout the United States, I've been the Executive Director for "Way of the Winner" Success Seminars. There have been numerous appearances on national television and radio programs. ■

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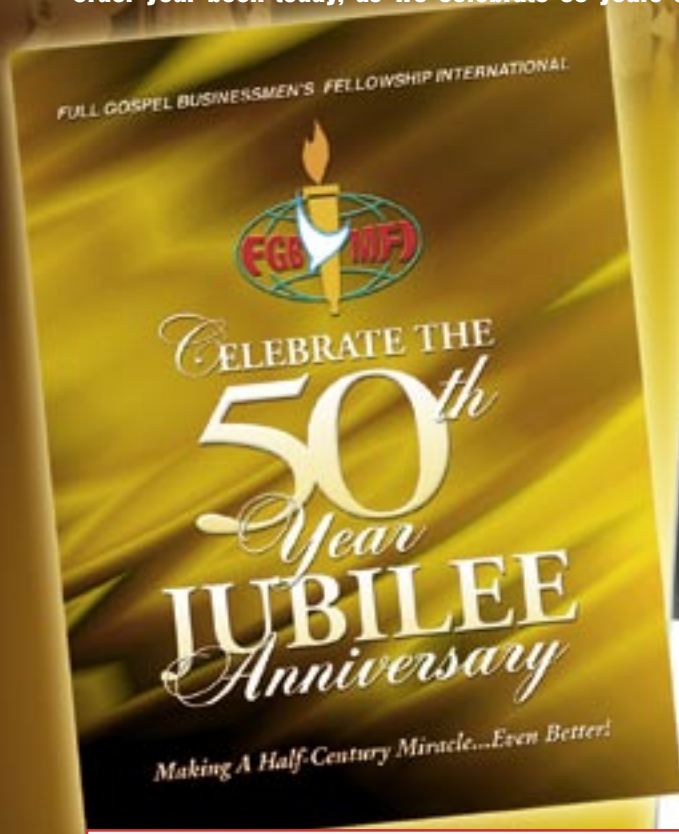
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Men still cry, "What must I do to be saved?" The Bible provides a clear answer.

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."

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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 probablemente 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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