THE SUPERNATURAL IN THE MARKETPLACE!

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May Your Family Have a Blessed Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!

In these troubled times, Remember Jesus!

He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords!
Han är Kungen av Kungar, och Herren av Herrar!
Il est Roi des Rois et du Seigneur des Seigneurs!
È Re dei Re e del Signore dei Signori!
El es Rey de Reyes y Señor de Señores!
Er ist König der Könige und des Lords der Lords!
Hij is Koning van Koningen en Lord van Lords!
In a very real sense, the Full Gospel Business Men's fellowship International was literally birthed in Armenia. The Shakarian family immigrated from Armenia to America, as a direct result of a specific prophecy given to them that they would prosper.
The Armenian Airlift was September 16 – October 3. The FGBMFI leadership team consisted of: Douglas Raine, John Schmook, Edgar Gonzalez, Brad Stine, Jesse Ciadduck and Nils Pettersen.

Working with Christian Adventures International, the “Shakarian Gospel Tent” (dedicated to FGBMFI founder Demos Shakarian) was utilized to bring in new converts who were also given the opportunity to join a local church and become a member of a local chapter of FGBMFI. Contacts were made
with business and church leaders. Various business seminars also took place.

Several new FGBMFI and Ladies of the Fellowship Chapters were formed in various cities across Armenia. Chapter presidents were selected to lead these brand new chapters. They received leadership training on how to make a chapter to grow.

Many miraculous healings, infillings of the Holy Spirit, and salvations happened as team members fanned out across the country into various business and evangelistic situations. Even a team member received a miraculous healing. Jesse Craddock had been deaf in his left ear for 55 years following a car accident in which he was catapulted through the car windshield as a 3-year-old baby. He can now hear through that ear.

It was the first open air crusade of this type in Armenia. Thousands received Jesus as Savior and hundreds were healed by the power of God.
stood in the frozen winter’s night of Valley Forge outside of a Military Academy barracks and breathed a half-audible prayer with one of two young Campus Crusade evangelists who boldly shared their faith. I was aware that my cadet classmates were watching and might criticize me, but I also knew there was an audience from another dimension that was watching as well. Snowballs started to fly and pummel the other young witness. I self-consciously prayed the last words, “Make me into the man you want me to be,” and something unexpected happened.
A wave of warmth and light hit me in my mid section and radiated upward through my chest as something entered me. I was not expecting anything like this. The young evangelist, who to this day is unknown by me, knowingly said, “Jesus just came into your heart.” I’ve been changed ever since!

It was also a revolutionary experience when I received the Holy Spirit.

I did not know what to expect as I sat in the middle of the living room in Manheim Pennsylvania with ten enthusiastic believers surrounding me with hands upon my shoulders, chest and head. I came to that living room to receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and this was my moment. A voice in my head kept saying, “You’re not going to get anything.” Then as my tongue got thick, I heard unusual words rolling around in my mind. The leader of the group was praying for me as a surge of life started rolling up out of my belly.

The thought came to me, “You are not receiving anything” as my tongue spoke out a surge of clearly articulated words in another tongue! I continued on in a flood of utterance, which struck me as amazing since I had flunked Spanish in summer school. Life was exploding through me as I stopped and opened my eyes. At that time a voice spoke again, “You have not received anything,” but it was too late. My spiritual perception was entirely shifted. Color seemed clearer, sound crisper and I began to realize that my spiritual perception had just received a turbo boost.

In fact, as I returned to my college dorm, I met Satan. While I was getting prayed for my roommate decorated the wall over my bed with a poster from rock artist Carlos Santana. It was a poster of a lion with a voodoo witch formed out of its open jaws. Positioned at eye level as I opened the door, I stared into the eyes of the poster and it glared back at me. I had not believed in a personal devil up until that moment, but now knew that evil has a personality. Good for me I discovered the Holy Spirit has a personality, also!

I later went to a FGBMFI meeting in Hershey, Pennsylvania. A prophet walked up to me from Israel and said, “God is going to use you to reach your people!” assuming that I knew I had a Jewish background. At which point, I did not know of my Jewish background. I had grown
God plans on releasing phenomenal breakthroughs to His people, just as He did with the children of Israel. This breakthrough will cause us to do what we have been called to do in these last days.

up in the Episcopal Church, so I thought I was going to be reaching Episcopalians. He said, "No, Jewish people. Go home and ask your father." It was a word of knowledge he received. I stepped out into the lobby and I called my father, who is an attorney in Philadelphia. I said, "So, Dad, I just got a word from a missionary from Israel who says that I should talk to you about my Jewish background."

There was an awkward silence on the other end of the phone. He said to me, "Why don’t you come home and we’ll talk about that." I went home. He shut the door, so right away, I knew it was a serious meeting. "Yes, it’s true." He pulls out an old "family tree". He shows me the columns, how the family immigrated from Germany to Philadelphia. It was his grandparents that produced his Jewish lineage. He decided to break away from the Jewish persecution.

Being raised in the South, he saw the business disadvantages with Jews, so he changed his name.

On the one hand, he was surprised that there are people who are actually enthusiastic about Jewish believers in Jesus, however, he cautioned me to temper my enthusiasm because prejudice can be found anywhere, including the Christian community.

He ended with these words, "Never forget this. For the rest of your life, you will have an instinctive rapport with Jewish people. It’s in your DNA. It’s in your bones. It is in your identity. You’ll know it because you will feel it."

Sixteen years ago, I visited Israel and while I was at the swimming pool with the kids I suddenly felt the Lords presence. I said to the Lord, "Lord, what about the Israel harvest? Are You going to move in Israel?" I turned my head and saw a child, 3-6 years old, playing, and
the Lord spoke to me very clearly, “When that generation becomes the generation that is adult in Israel, I am going to move in a great move of my Spirit.” I believe He was saying the greatest move of the Spirit was going to happen with that generation in Israel. So I sat back and just looked at that and thought, “Wow.”

My wife was pregnant on that trip with a son who was born right after that event. He is now 17 and I can literally watch the era of that generation growing and growing and growing, to the point where they are becoming teenagers getting drivers’ licenses right now. The age is now!

The greatest move of God that is going to happen in history is going to happen in Israel.

On September 10, the day before 9-11, I was in an international management seminar in Hawaii. I went to lay out by the pool of the Hilton Hotel. A violent ominous wind suddenly swept past the island. It seemed like a demonic hoard passed over my head toward the United States. As I laid out on a lounge, the Spirit of the Lord, intuitively, just prompted me, to sit up. Suddenly, a 50-pound branch fell right behind my head and smashed. People thought I was killed, but I had sat up just instantly before the branch came down. And a wind blew past me that was ominous in its presence.

I sensed, “What is this? Is this a warning? Should I not be in Hawaii?” Right away however, the Lord spoke to me. I went from panic to elation when I realized that this was his deliverance and not a warning of displeasure. In a moment, instead of being anxious and fearful about what almost happened, I went into joy, instantly.

Ironically, The subject of the management seminar that day was—“Emotional Mastery.” I listened to the world’s authorities talk about how to deal with crises, as 9-11 news came in that their office at the World Trade Center was just obliterated. We had people listen to the cell phone messages that were live from that morning. That was when the Lord spoke to me and said, “This is an hour when the spirit of terror and fear is loosed on the earth. Choose your focus wisely. Taking what you hear and how you hear, and you will move at an extraordinary level of accuracy in Spirit, if you choose what gets your attention.”
God wants to release massive influence into people's lives, because He wants you to be people that can touch, shift, and shake nations in your lifetime.

I believe the supernatural should be the natural in the marketplace; in every arena of life. God is releasing the power to do business supernaturally. The way you define the situation is the way the situation will end up defining you! If you don't choose what gets your attention, the culture will choose it for you. Jesus' words in the last days were, "Possess ye your souls."

You prosper as your soul prospers and you will never make money and hold it with happiness beyond the degree of Emotional Intelligence that you possess.

There is a transfer of wealth and a transfer of resource. At this very moment in history, the greatest financial transition any generation has ever seen is about to take place to the tune of trillions of dollars. God plans on releasing phenomenal breakthroughs to His people, just as He did with the children of Israel. This breakthrough will cause us to do what we have been called to do in these last days.

The Bible says to go into all the world, teaching the nations. Why? Because we have something relevant to family, education, arts, media, business, government, law, and finance. This works in every area of life! Jesus said that his teaching will cause nations to become disciples. While the United States may not be popular in Europe and the Middle East right now, the teachings of Jesus are taking ground daily. Every world religion, including Islam, honors Jesus. There is an anointing for great commission business coming upon a new generation of followers of Jesus who are willing to prosper by doing business in other nations. Recently, a leading Latin American nation in private meetings with myself, and a core team of businessmen and were invited to train the entire military- 300,000 strong- in our leadership principles. We took
these principles from the Bible and call them "success principles." Don’t let anyone fool you— the word of God works in every nation. You just have to know how to go through the door.

God wants to release massive influence into people’s lives, because He wants you to be people that can touch, shift, and shake nations in your lifetime. There is coming together a release of resources right now.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, I found great favor with God. Favor is the attraction of God to you, that releases an influence through you, so that other people are inclined to like you, trust you, or cooperate with you in the assignment God gave you. Favor is not on people only. Its highest form is on assignments. When you get the assignment, it is because you were faithful in the warfare of the previous level. Favor is about to increase because you have been faithful. Favor is a magnet to the blessing and promotion of God.

God is seeking to set apart a people into whom He can birth, by the Spirit, the initiatives and the desires of the counsel of heaven. At this same time, fallen and foul principalities seek to birth their foul desires in the womb of the disobedient. Jesus taught that the tares would increase and grow at the same time as the wheat (Matthew 13:26). The tares are the children of the devil and the wheat are the children of God. Both harvests multiply at the same time. If you will open your womb (heart) to the seed of the word of God you will see the manifestation of the works of God! To have an open womb toward God requires that you keep your spiritual womb closed off to every other spirit. Resist the defilement of compromise and watch God fill you with heaven’s desires, dreams and blueprints. It’s the most exciting life imaginable!

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Transformation Power At Any Cost!
General Georges Sada, Iraq
I was a General in the Iraqi Air Force, starting my training in 1958. I first met Saddam Hussein in 1965 when my wife was teaching English at a school. I went to pick her up. I gave a lady a ride; it was Saddam’s wife. She introduced Saddam to me. He was walking; he didn’t have a car. He came to power in 1968, as “Number Two”. He took over July 17, 1979. When he took over the power, I was already a general.

Up to 1986, I was a general with Saddam. He used to take advice from me. Sometimes, I would meet with Saddam 2-3 times a day. At that time, Iraq was at war with Iran. In 1986, I left the Air Force because I was the only general who didn’t join the Ba-ath Party of Saddam Hussein. I was not Arab or Islam, so that did not fit me. I was a Christian Believer, and I continue to be a Christian Believer. So they “retired” me in 1986. I stood by my faith, so I did not want to change to the Ba’ath Party.

As an Assyrian, I have always been a Christian, but I haven’t always been “saved.” According to tradition, all Assyrians are Christian. And, if you are born to Assyrian parents then you are automatically considered Christian yourself. You don’t need to confess your sinful nature or receive Christ into your heart.

But, these misconceptions changed when a pastor from Fresno, California, Moris Girgis, preached at my church one day in 1986, proclaiming the urgent need for everyone to accept Christ, personally. Thank God, I responded!

Despite disapproving eyes, I was one of a handful of people who walked the aisle to the front of the altar that day to announce myself a sinner to the world and to declare my desperate need for a savior. My act of kneeling at the altar in front of an American pastor bothered many, but I didn’t care. I knew I needed God’s transformation power at any cost.

I had to confront long-standing tradition to discover it. I was born into an orthodox Christian church—the Assyrian Ancient Church of the East—and a very limiting, liturgical style of worship. When I married my wife Esther in 1966, I began going to my wife’s church, the National Evangelical Church of Baghdad and there, I gained a sense of freedom I never had before. However, few Assyrians in the church understood the concept of a personal relationship with Christ.
God’s spirit caught hold of me and convicted me of my personal failings and need for a Savior. The pastor’s altar call tugged at my heart and although a man of high reputation, I responded to it. After this time, many in the Evangelical Church in Iraq began to desire this same personal relationship with Christ. A rebirth began, and Christ’s message started to reach more Iraqis.

On August 2, 1990, when Saddam invaded Kuwait, I was the first officer to be recalled back into active duty. I was in Baghdad in the huge, underground Operations Compound around 1 o’clock in the morning.

There is only one apartment in this operations compound. It was specially built for the Supreme Commander (Saddam). It was Saddam’s bedroom, if he showed up. The Air Force Commander (my former student) asked me to stay in Saddam’s apartment. He was the Officer of the Day. At 1 am I went to the apartment to sleep. I thought the deadline of the United Nations was 1:15 a.m. But nothing happened then, so we thought that we would sleep okay. At 2:30 a.m., I woke up. I did not know what woke me up this time.

I walked 17 seconds to the main operations’ bunker through a corridor to the electronic’s room. All of a sudden, the earth started shaking! I knew it was a big attack. The electricity and radio went off. I looked back from where I came, the apartment. I went back and forced the door open. I looked on my bed (Saddam’s bed). There was a huge concrete block that had fallen from the ceiling. The bed was flattened out on the ground. I immediately said, “Thank you, Jesus, its’ only You who told me to get out of here!” The missile had been fired from a submarine in the Mediterranean Sea.

It was the Lord who woke me up! Nothing else! Jesus protected me from the missile attack on the bedroom of the operations’ bunker!
I told Saddam earlier, “The Americans ARE going to attack us. The American airplanes can enter our air space and attack the targets.” He made me responsible for the prisoners of war.

WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

I want to make this very clear...Saddam Hussein hid weapons of mass destruction! That is: biological, chemical, and nuclear he was trying to do. In 1981, the nuclear program was destroyed by F-16’s of the Israelis. They were afraid he might use it against them. Saddam continued the programs for biological and chemical; and he also continued to do something for the nuclear program. These weapons were used against our nation. They were used against Kurds in the north where many, many thousands were killed.

Some weapons of mass destruction were destroyed by the American air strikes in 1991. Some were destroyed by United Nations’ inspectors. Some were destroyed even by Saddam himself, to show them to the inspectors, that he was finished. But that was not everything. He managed to hide these weapons up to year 2002 when he realized the Americans were coming.

A natural disaster happened in Syria in the Zeyzoun area. There was a massive flood in that area of Syria, because a dam broke. Saddam took the advantage of that natural disaster and he decided to send the WMD to Syria. All the weapons of mass destruction were gone to Syria by air by a 747 and a 727. They were converted to cargo airplanes from a regular passenger civilian plane. The pilots and the captains who flew the airplanes told me about this. They were also interviewed by the United States government.

The pilots did not see the passengers. They saw the yellow barrels. Under the cover of night, Saddam’s troops pulled all the seats out of the civilian airplanes. These yellow barrels with skulls (indicating poison) were on the airplanes. These airplanes flew from Baghdad to Damascus direct. The Republican Guards, in a very secret way, delivered the WMD to the airplanes. These airplanes were regular passenger airplanes. These planes were normally going to and from Syria, because they were civilian airplanes, so they were not under the close scrutiny like the military aircraft were.
IRAQ'S FUTURE

For more than 40 years the people of Iraq have been beaten down, oppressed, robbed, brutalized, and stripped of their resources and power by a tyrant. We were all victimized by a despot who would stop at nothing to enrich and empower himself. Now that we have a new government, a new constitution, and a new opportunity to join the community of nations, we have to look forward to what is next. With God's help, perhaps we can even regain some of what we've lost.

After the liberation of Iraq in 2003, Americans should be very proud of their armed forces for what they have done. They have liberated 27 million Iraqis. These 27 million Iraqis were living under a dictator regime. The most beautiful thing is the elections. 71% took part in the free elections. The Iraqis selected 275 members for the Parliament, and for the first time in history, 88 women were elected.

Of course, everybody is sad for the sacrifices and those who have lost their loved ones. It is not easy. It is very difficult. I bow in front of the mothers and fathers who have lost their loved ones to liberate my country. But, believe me, what America did was a great job; and this great nation has done something that nobody could do, and first, they have liberated the country; second, they have defended themselves from far away.

If Saddam was still in power, the weapons of mass destruction would come to America. On secret tapes, I heard Saddam saying that a bottle of germs from the biological ...could be taken to Washington, put in some water, "We could kill 100,000 people!" Just imagine. There are thousands of ways to bring a bottle into the United States. I know Saddam Hussein and his intention. I know his hatred. I know his revenge. I know how he used to think. Only God knows what this man was going to do.

The decision to remove Saddam Hussein was the right thing to do. It was done at the right time and, I believe, in the right way. If one only hears what the news media say about the situation in Iraq, one would probably get the impression that nothing is going right and that the decision to use military force was a bad one. But this is not true. Many things are going well now, but I've never heard anyone on the evening news in America saying that the new government is doing well.

Yes, there's still an insurgency, and yes, there are still people willing to
blow themselves up for religious and political causes. But freedom and democracy are very powerful incentives, and the people are beginning to discover that freedom is something worth living for, too.

THANK YOU, AMERICA, FOR LIBERATING US!

After Iraq’s liberation in 2003, Christianity seemed poised for explosive growth. But, sadly, many Christians began to leave Iraq instead, driven out by immense persecution from extremist Muslims. In fact, at least half a million Christians have left since the Iraqi liberation, most escaping to Syria, Turkey, and Jordan. At present, the only areas experiencing an increase in Christian church planting are the Kurdish in the north.

I now sense a sort of spiritual captivity in Iraq and I remember back to the time in which I fully surrendered my heart to Christ many years ago. I want all Iraqis to have this same freedom of worship and to experience Christ’s life-changing love and power without fear of persecution. I want them free of their chains and to have what I have now—a real and personal relationship with the only one who can forgive sin and transform lives—Jesus Christ!

In 1991, Georges was elected deputy president of the Iraqi Evangelical Association. In 1995, he was elected president. In 1996, for the first time, he was able to bring all Iraqi Evangelical churches under one umbrella to further strengthen this body of believers.

FGBMFI wants to thank our friend, Dr. Terry Law, CEO of World Compassion, Inc. for assisting in this important testimony that needs to be told. Major news networks interviewed General Sada and refused to air most of the interviews. Dr. Law is touching many lives in Iraq, especially the children. For more information or to buy General Sada’s book, SADDAM’S SECRETS, go to: www.worldcompassion.tv

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On the Other Side...
When I finished making my rounds on my ship, I took off my uniform jacket and put it on the sofa to use as a pillow. Then I made myself comfortable and fell asleep right away. When I woke up, the radio room guy was sitting with his knees on the upper parts of my arms holding a firm stranglehold around my neck. "Pettersen, I am going to kill you, I am going to kill you!" he said while he tightened his grip.

I tried to fight it, but I was not able to move. I struggled to breathe, but I could not do it. He was still holding the same tight grip around my neck. I started to hear a beeping sound in my head, a sound that soon became a horrific noise, while at the same time I could feel an enormous pain in my head.

Suddenly, it was as if my consciousness moved from my head and down to my stomach region. It was as if I was spinning around in my own stomach, with my body and soul, for a few seconds before I was pulled into a tunnel with walls that looked like they were made of wind.

The tunnel was relatively dark, and I was pulled upwards in it really quickly. The journey lasted a few seconds, and then I saw a blinding light approaching me with great speed.

I was soon out of the tunnel, and I landed softly and comfortably on my knees. I can’t believe it, I thought. I am dead, but I am still alive.

Everything was quiet around me. I am ‘dead’, and now I am right outside of heaven, I thought. Wow, so it was true after all. There is life after death. In my vision, suddenly, an old man with white hair appeared where the shining path ended. He really looked like an old man with thick white hair and a white beard. In his arms he was carrying a great book, and it was opened. The man was tall, despite his apparent old age.

I was convinced. I had died and come before the judgment of God, and now I was going to die or go to hell. I could not say one word.
Now, all I could see was the bright light that was shining from his face. He was carrying the book opened in his hands, while he was getting closer all the time. I heard a voice over the sky saying: “Nils Emil Pettersesen, missionary from Sandtorg”. (Sandtorg is the old name of the place where I was born and where I grew up. I had never been a missionary. All I had done was being present a couple of times in Sunday School as a child.) The God-figure appeared to be looking for my name in the great book. Then he closed the book, put it under his arm and came running towards me.

“There you are. Have you come already?” He called out to me, rejoicing. It appeared He had found my name in the book, and He came running towards me to welcome me. Now I could see that this had to be the One I had heard about in Sunday School. It was JESUS!

There was no doubt in my mind. I had been strangled to death, and now I had been rescued from the eternal judgment and condemnation. Jesus had met me, and we were walking towards Heaven – towards Paradise.

“You have come far too soon; you have to go back because you have a lot of unfinished work to do,” He told me.

Jesus looked at me, and his eyes were mild and He was smiling. Now it was as if an invisible force grabbed me, lifted me from the ground and pulled me backwards, towards the tunnel, and even through the tunnel that I had come through.

Back through the tunnel, I had a sinking feeling in my stomach, and I sat up on the sofa in one quick movement. I heard the door in the crew salon slam, and then I heard steps going towards the afterdeck.

Many questions were going through my mind.

Should I report this fellow sailor and what happened to the commanding officer? He couldn’t be in his right mind doing something like that. Would the commanding officer believe me? What about death and the things I
had experienced there – should I talk to a minister about those things? Would he believe me? This was simply too much. I needed something to distract me. I had a lot to drink out on town that night, and I don’t remember much of it.

But everything soon came back to me. I had been on the other side. There is life after death.

Days turned into weeks, weeks turned into months. I knew that there was a life after death, and that Jesus was the person who is the most alive in the universe, but I didn’t have the guts to do anything about what I knew and believed. I didn’t know any Christians that I could talk to, and I didn’t dare to go to church. I was a coward.

In the spring of 1984 I drove off the road in my speeding car not far from where I lived. The car had hit a big hole in the asphalt with the front right wheel, and then the wheel and the front suspension was crushed. The accident happened just before the road took a left turn.

The car twirled around on the road, and I called out, “JESUS” with all my strength. In the same second the car was surrounded by a white cloud, and I could see an angel through the windscreen. I had seen an angel, and there was no doubt in my mind that when I called the name of JESUS, the rescue had come to me that same second.

Despite my near death experiences, I was not sure if God would accept me should I die. I had not exactly lived as a Christian should live, and in my heart it felt like God was still far away.

I was having dreams in the night where I would feel like I was falling through my bed and down into the darkness together with the lost souls, where snakes and evil spirits tried to strangle me. Now I could see up through the roof, and I saw a hand from heaven that cut through the clouds and pointed at me. A voice said: “Nils, you have to choose heaven or hell.”

I needed an answer directly from God. On Tuesday, January 6, 1987, I knew it. Today I HAD to get an answer. Tomorrow might be too late. I could not handle this any longer. I stopped at a kiosk to buy the local newspaper, and there it said that an evangelical church had a meeting… Bible and prayer at 7 pm. I drove to the church.

I could hear voices from inside the main hall. At that point it was as if the devil started to speak to me: “Are you stupid, Nils? Are you going to
become a Christian?"

I walked quietly back out the church door and walked towards the town center where the pub was. Then it was as if God’s voice came to me on the inside and said, "You have never been as close to God’s kingdom as you are at this point, and if you walk away now, your heart will become hard, and you will not be able to come back later."

I could feel a battle going on inside of me. I did want to become a Christian. I clenched my fists and decided to go back into the church. It was now or never.

The people who were there looked quite normal except from the fact that they were in a church. I could feel a sense of warmth in the room that touched my heart. I realized that these people had a sincere faith, and that God was there. The reason why I had come there was to meet God.

I released a sigh of relief when I walked out of there. Later that night, when I was at home, I started to think about the Christians that I had met in the evangelical church. They looked happy and content. I decided that I wanted to become like them.

I went down on my knees at the side of my bed and prayed, "God forgive my sin." Nothing happened. I tried to cry, but not one single tear came. My heart felt hard. Then it was as if I heard a voice speaking clearly from inside of me, "You have to pray to the name of Jesus, the same name the Christians prayed to."

I thought about what I had heard as I laid down on the bed. But how was I supposed to pray? I hadn’t prayed to Jesus before. Then I heard the same clear voice saying, "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force." I thought about the words I had heard again, and I understood that I had to want to become a Christian with all of my heart, no matter what the cost.

So right there, from my bed, I stretched my hands up towards the ceiling and called out with all my strength: "JESUS, HELP ME. I DON’T WANT TO GO TO HELL; I WANT TO GO TO HEAVEN. JESUS, HELP ME!"

I was filled with an enormous love and peace in my heart. Tears came streaming from my eyes. Now I could hear His loving voice inside of me. I cried and thanked Jesus for saving me. Together, with my near-death experience, it was brought up to my remembrance that at the age of 8
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years old I had given God my promise to be a missionary if He helped me in a specific moment that time. He did! As I was a newborn Christian, I said to Jesus, “If you still have use for me I say yes to be a missionary for You.”

Then just a few seconds later I was baptized in the Holy Spirit. A blowing wind came towards my house where I was living and it seemed to increase in power. I thought my house was going to blow away. Thank God I was saved in the last minute. It was just like the wind came into my bedroom and was blowing towards me and my bed. When it hit my head it was just like a soft warm little breeze and I felt a heat going down towards my body. When I came to myself, I heard somebody singing and speaking in a foreign language in my room, but I did not understand that it was actually me, until I was covering my mouth. Then the sound stopped. It was me talking and singing in other tongues. This is a supernatural power that Christians need in order to serve God. You don’t have to go to the “other side” to have your life transformed!

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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
   “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?

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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 pereceréis 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 confiesares 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” - Isaías 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”. Escribamos y cuentenos de su decision. Nosotros le enviaremos un pequeno libro, “Ahora Que Ud Ha Recibido a Cristo”.

Si! Hice mi decision para la eternidad. He leido los Seis Pasos para la Salvacion y he aceptado a Jesus como mi Salvador Personal. Por favor envienme el pequeno 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 proximamente 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-encamare como un ser “mas elevado”.
☐ mis parientes podran visitarme en mi tumba; aqui 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!