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From the Chief Editor



Dear Beloved Readers,

As I sit to pen these words, I am reminded of the quiet truth that God's work is often done in the unseen—through whispered prayers, small acts of kindness, and the steadfast faith of His people. Next Wave magazine exists because of that same unseen faithfulness—yours.
In every article, testimony, and reflection we publish, our prayer is that you will not only find encouragement but also be stirred to draw nearer to the heart of God. We live in a world that often shouts for our attention, yet the voice of the Lord still comes as a gentle whisper. May these pages help you hear it more clearly.

We are excited to welcome our new Editor: David J. Dunworth. This issue is dedicated to our ministers and partners around the world. You will find biblical insights that speak to the challenges of our time, and you will encounter reminders that His light shines brightest in the darkest places. Thank you for journeying with us. Your prayers, letters, and support are not just appreciated—they are a vital part of this ministry. Together, we are telling the story of a God who redeems, restores, and renews.

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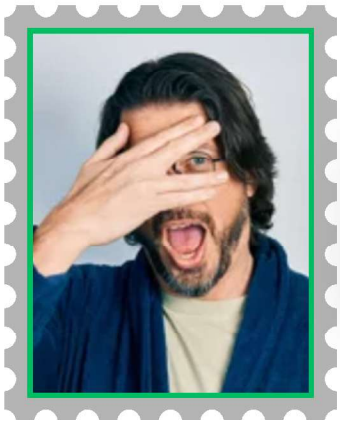


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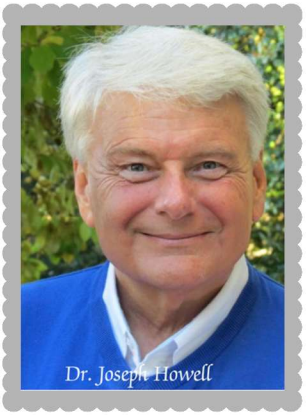
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Members of the Presbytery of the International Circle of Faith, members of ICOF, friends, and others,

Praise Jesus! He alone is worthy of our praise!

When I consider that this is my 24th opportunity to address this Global Body of Christ Followers, I stand in awe. In awe of you, our journey together, and the lives we have been privileged to impact. Most of all, in awe of Him, our King Jesus Christ; the One who bought this Church with His Blood. I know many who began this journey have had their Homegoing. Those who are gone Home are deeply missed, and their examples remain an inspiration to all. One day, we will be united again to spend eternity with our King.

Ministry is serious; the burdens are real. I salute all of you who have given your lives to the cause of helping others in the Body of Christ. The King's Business is of the utmost importance. King Solomon understood that there was a time for everything. Now, in this moment, I encourage you to take time to be thankful for those that God has sent you to help you on Life's journey. The commitment and sacrifice of so many are worthy of honor. For my part, I thank God for all of you who labor in the Kingdom of Jesus Christ and especially those who work with us in the various ministries and partners of ICOF. I am in your debt. International Circle of Faith is a big tent. All those who believe in essential Bible doctrine are welcome. Jesus said, *'If they are not against us, then they are for us!"*

There are so many co-laborers in Christ that we have the privilege of working with that I would not be able to do justice to their names. I love all of yo,u and I will be eternally thankful that we journeyed together. I give special honor and thanks to those key leaders who give so sacrificially of their time and energy to help so many.

I thank God every day for my family, the 1st Lady, Dr. Daisy Wade, Prophet Bernie and Pastor Blanca Wade, Pastor William and Evangelist Rebecca Goins, Dr. Barney Phillips, and more. Christ is my first reason for living; you are my second. I am honored to serve with you. I appreciate your time, effort, and commitment to the cause of Christ. We have wonderful times here together, but I am most focused on the fact that we will be together with King Jesus for eternity! I have to say that I believe I am among the most blessed people on Earth. To God be the Glory!

History

I would be remiss if I failed to give honor to those who came before us. Since 1932 and even before, those sanctified vessels of the Holy Ghost (that began this ministry that has become the International Circle of Faith - ICOF) gave their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor to the cause of Jesus Christ.

There are so many that deserve honor. I pause to give honor to the late Bishop Ray and 1st Lady Ruth Cornell, Bishop George A. and Lois Wade, and all the others who made the path so clear before us. Their example as believers is an inspiration to my life.

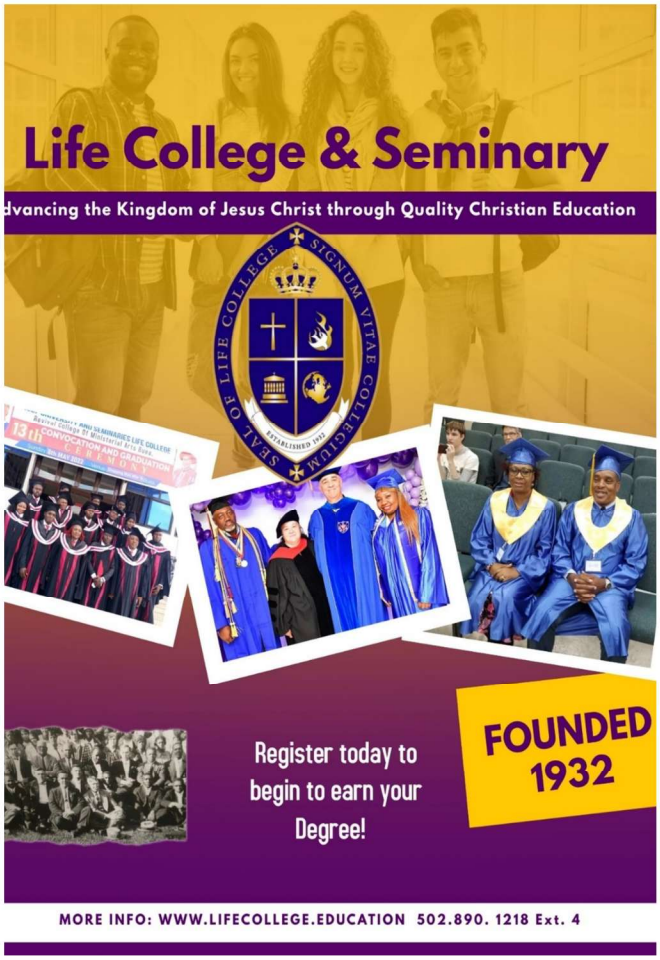


I also want to honor my parents, Bishop Sanford Wade, and the late Dr. Georgia Wade, along with my brother Brian and I, began a ministry (in 1969) to make a difference in the lives of others. My parents have both departed for their eternal reward. I have remained faithful to that vision and, like those who have gone before me, have pledged my life to that cause. I expect our Great King will one day welcome us to enter eternal rest with Him. I expect that God does not just save individuals, but rather he saves families. The family is His focus.

Transition

It has always been my desire to raise capable leaders from this and the next generation. To that end, we desire not only to train but to transition those who are trained and qualified into leadership. I am pleased that those transitional transactions are well underway both internationally and nationally. We will continue to train leaders for this and future generations until the coming of our Lord.

• **The qualified team at Life Churches** continues to focus on equipping the saints for the ministry and training leaders.



• **The Life Fest 2027** is planning to move to a new format on a Cruise ship! Gathering of Eagles will continue our focus on the Global Body of Christ and our mission that we would all be one.

• **Led by our International Missions Director,** Dr. Barney Phillips, ICOF Missions continues to be a driving force in the vision of ICOF. We must do all we can for all the people we can for as long as we can. We must go beyond preaching to being active in the lives of those to whom we minister.

• **Life College and Seminary** is in the capable hands of President, Dr. Stephen Barnhart and the Board of Regents. We continue to focus on education rather than indoctrination.

Life College students are encouraged to learn their calling, learn how to flow in the Holy Spirit, and apply their gifting properly. We will continue to add curriculum, certification, and qualified adjunct professors to our team. https://www.lifecollege.education

- **Dr. Chris Campbell** has taken the lead at Harvard High School International as the Superintendent. His most capable team includes Assistant Superintendents Bishop James Long, Dr. Michael Lobe, and Harvard President, Dr. Daisy R. Wade. Harvard has been instrumental in bringing opportunities to homeschoolers, International Students, and those who need to complete their High School education. https://www.hhsi.education



- **International Circle of Faith Chaplaincy**. New directions have arrived for the International Circle of Faith Chaplaincy. https://www.icofchaplains.org led by the Chaplain Generals, the ICOF Chaplaincy's endorsing agency, International Circle of Faith (ICOF), and the chaplaincy accrediting body, AAHEA – American Association for Higher Education https://www.aahea.org/



Vistas

As ministries transition, we are by no means looking to exit stage right! Contrary! Rather, we are looking forward toward new or expanded opportunities to make an impact on people's lives. Our world is facing a horrible opioid crisis, unprecedented broken marriages, and a plethora of other challenges. People are hungry for something that will satisfy. We know that Jesus remains the answer for the World, If we are sensitive to the Holy Spirit and creative in our approach, we can go to those who have the most need. In 2026, we will join the launch of the Christian World Network – CWN www.christianworldnet.com, forging a path to bring a new vista for the more than 2 billion Christ followers around the world. Our first partnership in this effort will be with Devotion Brands.

Challenges

Pride is like bad breath. Those who have it do not realize the problem. Unfortunately, the ministry is often a bastion of pride. Our forebears undoubtedly had their struggles with pride. Yet, I keenly remember a ministry earmarked by humility, simple dependence on the power of the blood of Jesus Christ, and confidence that all they needed was in Him. They may not have been suave, but they intimately knew Jesus. This is what we desperately need in the ministry today. We need men and women of God who know that they are dependent on the Holy Spirit and that without it, we can do nothing.

Tragically, Confessional Conversion has replaced the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

It was Nicodemus, a leader of the Jewish people, who asked Jesus what he must do to gain eternal life. To this inquest, Jesus gave this key: *"You must be born of the water (baptism) and of the Spirit (Holy Spirit)."* Jesus and the disciples made this clear in key passages from the Gospel of Matthew (28:18-19), the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:38-39), and other places.

Repentance followed by Baptism and the infilling of the Holy Spirit, evidenced by speaking in other tongues. There was no confusion about the criteria or method of salvation as outlined by Jesus Christ and followed through by the Apostles and leaders of the New Testament Church.

Today, those seeking Jesus are taught another Gospel. Some teach that salvation comes from repeating a prayer. This use of a vain phrase is an insult to the power of the Resurrected blood of Jesus Christ. While this could be considered a decision with good intentions, it is not Scriptural to replace the need for baptism in water and the Spirit.

Revival is an oft-used word. Those who use it rightly intend for the word to encourage all of us to see the demonstration and power of the Holy Spirit impact our communities. Revival is being experienced around the world. We embrace this global awareness of the Holy Spirit. At the same time many countries are more void of a move of the Holy Spirit than, perhaps ever, since the beginning of the New Testament Church. We pray for a fresh anointing to fall on these communities, cities, and countries.



Alliances

It has been the legacy of our forefathers and our own journey to embrace opportunities for unity. In this year of 2026 and beyond, we will forge new alliances with ministers and ministries of like-minded vision. The time is now to come together. Jesus said succinctly that 'if they are not against us, they are for us!' Those who are for us are allies we need. Our world faces all the hordes of hell. I encourage you to be diligent. Stand fast! We will see greater things this year than ever before. God will use you to make a difference. Thank you! God Bless you!

Blessings!

Bishop Bernie L. Wade, PhD.
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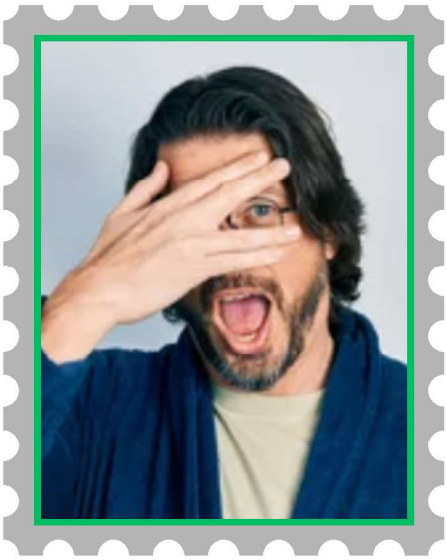
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The Relentless Love I Didn't Know I Needed

by M. Alex Kaine

In the SPOTLIGHT



"I prayed for peace. I prayed for a breakthrough."

I used to think God had forgotten about me. Or worse—that He was angry, keeping me in this perpetual state of unrest as some form of divine punishment. I'd wake up with that familiar weight on my chest, that gnawing sense that something needed to change, but I couldn't quite name what. I prayed for peace. I begged for a breakthrough. I wanted Him to... stop.

Stop the conviction. Stop the discomfort. Stop showing me the parts of myself I'd rather keep hidden.

But here's what I've come to understand, painfully and beautifully: God's silence would have been the real punishment. His absence would have been the true abandonment. Instead, what I mistook for divine harassment was actually divine devotion.

The Inconvenience of Being Loved

I've spent years asking God for bigger platforms, broader influence, and blessings I could point to as proof of His favor. I've journaled about my dreams, created vision boards, and declared promises over my future. But when He started answering—not with what I asked for, but with what I actually needed—I resisted like my life depended on it.

Because transformation? It's invasive.

He began pulling back the curtain on my hidden pride, the subtle ways I'd built an identity around being capable, independent, and in control. He started dismantling relationships I thought were

essential, but were actually keeping me stunted. He allowed circumstances that forced me to confront the idols I'd dressed up in Christian language—success, approval, security, and reputation.

I didn't call it construction at the time. I called it crisis.

When Mercy Feels Like Disruption

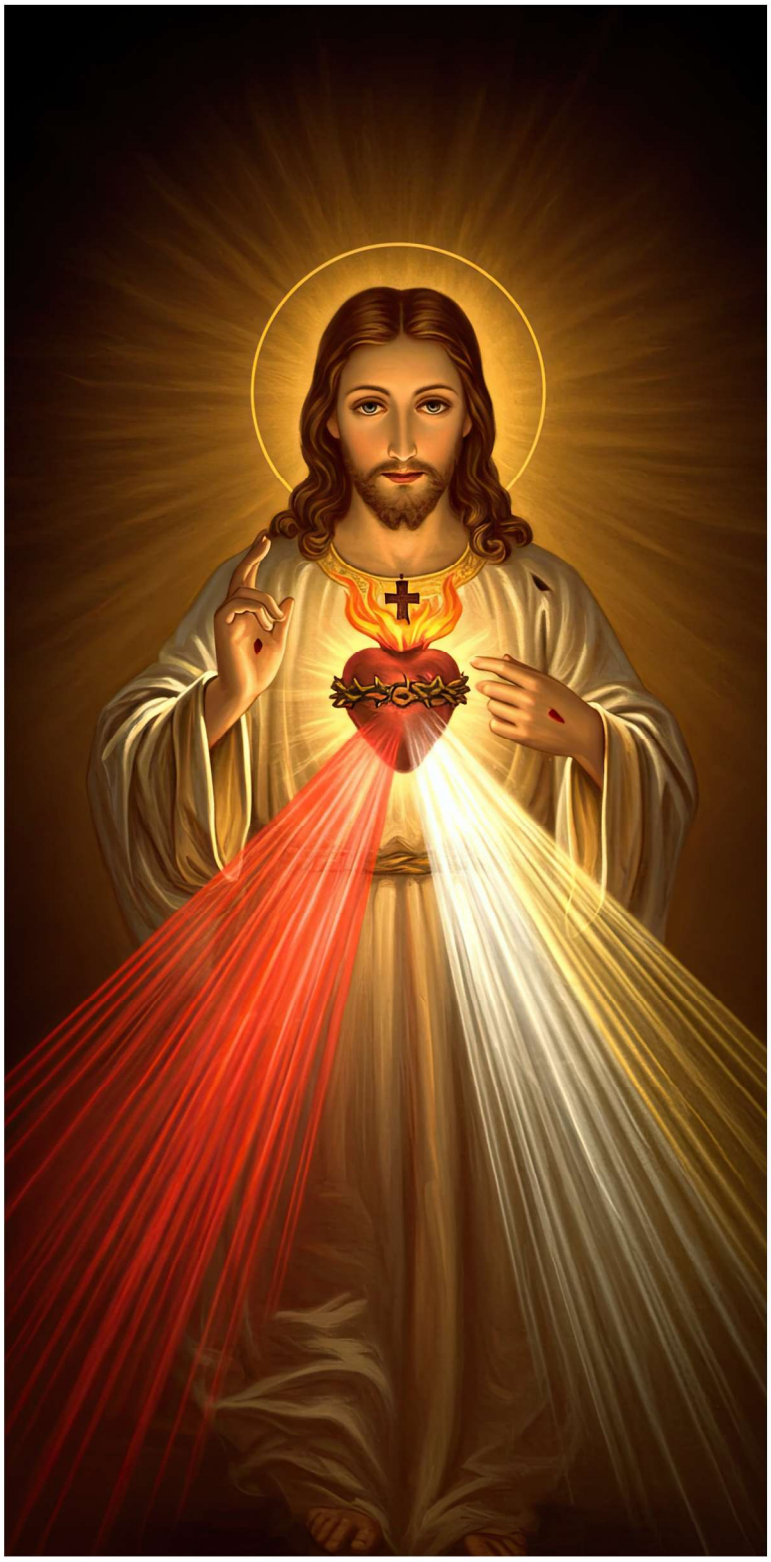
There's a particular kind of tension that comes with spiritual growth, and I'm learning not to run from it anymore. It's that restless, uncomfortable awareness that whispers: *This version of you isn't enough. Not because you're worthless, but because you're destined for more.*

That holy dissatisfaction I kept trying to pray away? That was God refusing to let me settle.

If He truly wanted to punish me, He would've left me alone. He would've let me coast on shallow spirituality and surface-level change.

He would've allowed me to build kingdoms in my own name while calling it ministry. Instead, He loved me enough to interrupt, to challenge, to break open the carefully constructed image I'd been maintaining.

And I'm starting to realize: the pressure isn't a sign I've been abandoned. It's proof I'm still being held.





The Renovation I Didn't Request

Philippians 1:6 promises that God finishes what He starts. But I'd be lying if I said the process felt noble or inspiring most days. Sometimes it feels like demolition—like everything I thought I was is being torn down to the studs.

The truth nobody warns you about: sanctification feels like losing yourself before it feels like finding yourself. Growth aches in ways that comfort never does. And God—controversial as it sounds—isn't committed to making my life easy. He's committed to making me holy.

Not holy in the religious, performative sense. Holy as in: whole, authentic, free from the tyranny of self, bearing the actual image of Christ instead of a carefully curated version I can market.

> *"Growth aches in ways that comfort never does*

Grateful for the Refusal

I'm learning to thank God for His relentlessness. For not answering my prayers to be left alone when what I really needed was to be pursued. For loving me too much to let comfort become my god and complacency become my legacy.

The construction zone I'm living in? It's loud. It's messy. It's inconvenient and often embarrassing. There are days I want to put up a *"Do Not Disturb"* sign and hide until the noise stops.

Maybe sooner rather than later, I can begin to venture out into this big, bad world and have the true courage to walk in His Amazing Light.

But I'm beginning to see glimpses of what He's building—something stronger than what I could've designed for myself. Something that looks less like my polished plans and more like His unfathomable grace.

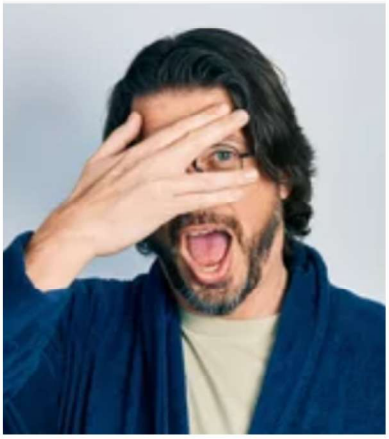
So if you're in that same space—if God feels relentless and the refining feels unending—maybe it's not punishment. Maybe it's the most profound evidence of love you've ever received.

He doesn't abandon projects He never cared about. The fact that He won't leave you alone? That's not cruelty. That's commitment.

And one day, when the dust settles, and the scaffolding comes down, we'll look in the mirror and see less of ourselves and more of Him—and finally understand why He refused to let us stay the same.

That's the renovation I didn't know I needed. And somehow, it's becoming the transformation I'm learning to trust.

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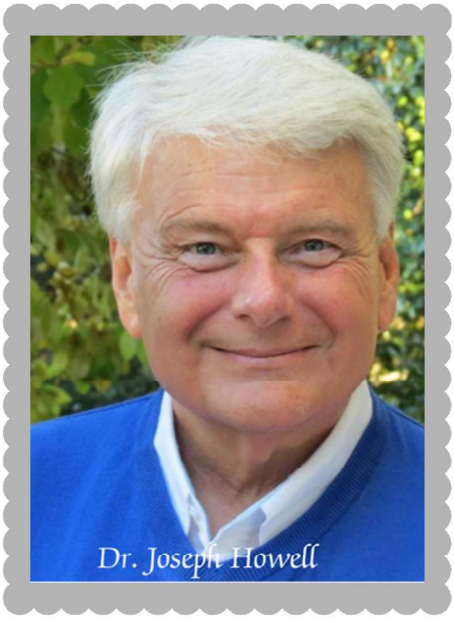


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The Conscious Influencer

by Joseph Benton Howell, Ph.D.

In the SPOTLIGHT



"Called the Enneagram, this tool maps the nine basic personality types and how to determine any person's most intense preoccupation."

Only some influencers are profoundly powerful and in demand. What makes the most successful influencers? They know that the final decision-maker is the person they influence. So, they inspire people to take action by understanding the needs, wants, desires, and fears of those they influence.

This includes understanding what people clamor for, what they avoid, what traps them, and the ideals that drive them. The most potent influencers know that people operate from their higher and lower selves. They know people differ in their primary needs for security, social connection, and emotions. Therefore, understanding the various types of people is crucial to successful influence. But how do we understand others?

Taking the world by storm is a method of knowing people and, most importantly, ourselves. Called the Enneagram, this tool maps the nine basic personality types and how to determine any person's most intense preoccupation. This tool also shows us the types of people in niche audiences who are frequently overlooked. The Enneagram is a wealth of other information that creates an effective influencer.

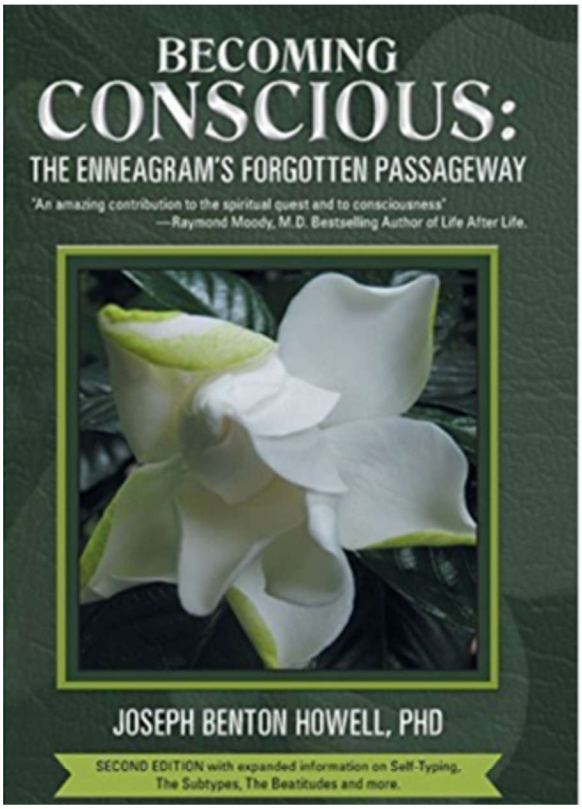
In many decades of practicing clinical psychology, I have experienced the Enneagram's amazing accuracy in pinpointing any individual's personality type.

I use this system because it helps people overcome profound dilemmas and adversities. More essentially, however, it provides tremendous insight into my personality and its dynamics. But the bottom line is that the Enneagram puts us in contact with our highest self - our soul.

Embodying my most authentic nature helps me back out of the problems created by my ego and its personality structure. Because of the truths of the Enneagram, my wife and I survived and maintained our sanity throughout the tragic deaths of both our children. We find that what we truly believe shines like a light to others. Therefore, transparency is possibly the most significant component of our influence.

Discovered in the Eastern world and brought to the West in the last century, the ancient wisdom of the Enneagram is now used in business, government, education, industry, and other organizations all over the globe. It powerfully taps into the nine vital energies underlying the universe and the nine basic personality types connected to them. However, without understanding our own type, knowledge of the Enneagram's personality types puts a gap between who we are and what we advocate.

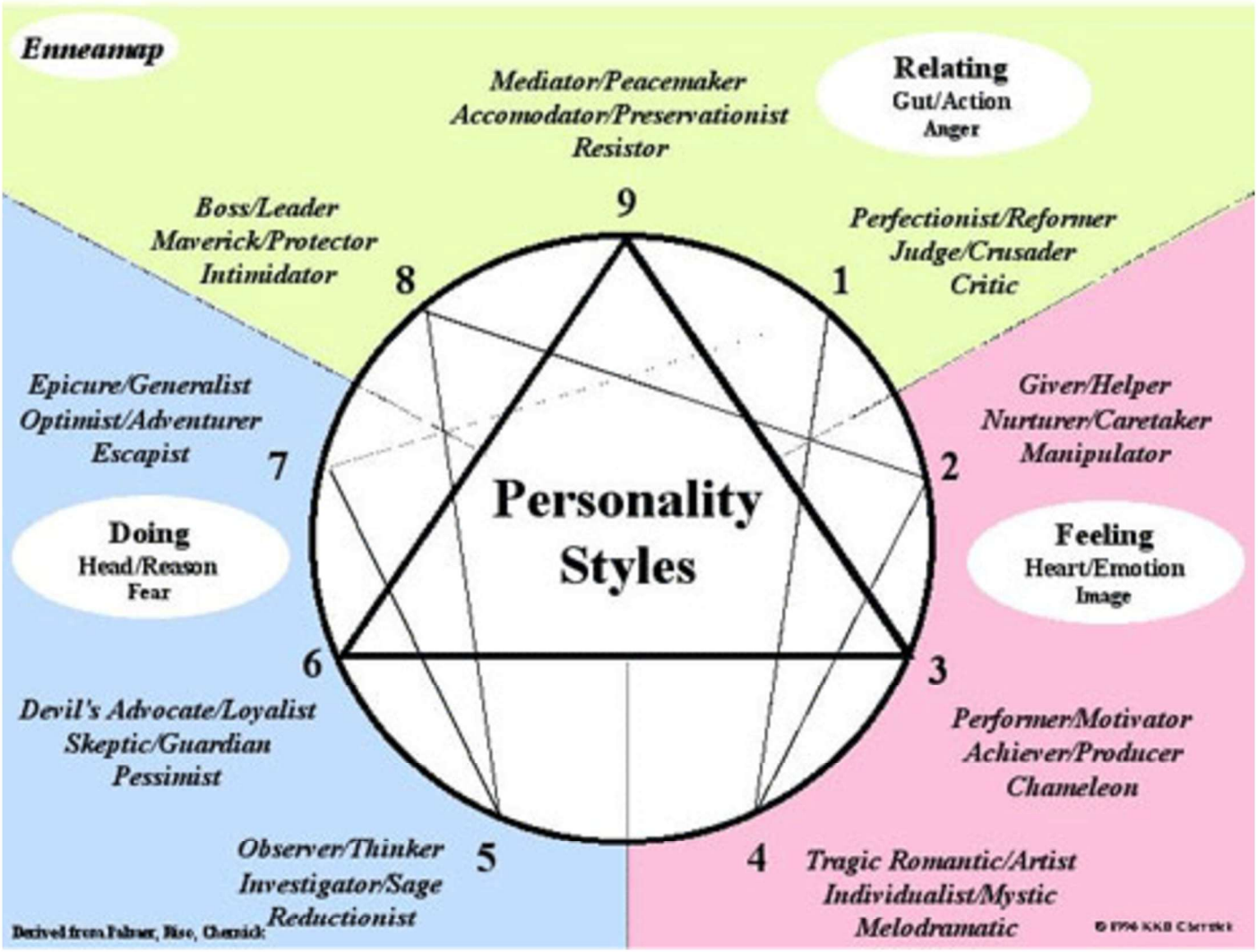
An outstanding authority in Influence – Justin D. Welsh, says "Authenticity is a key factor in determining an influencer. Credibility and the level of trust their followers place in them. It is an essential ingredient that can make or break an influencer's reputation, and by extension, the success of the brands they endorse. At its core, it is about being true to oneself and one's audience.



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So, for an influencer to act intentionally from their true self, they must know themselves, and the Enneagram is a startlingly effective method for doing this. Therefore, the Enneagram provides information about others and what most influences them. But it also shows us our personality's challenges and sometimes hidden capacities. Understanding ourselves is essential to understanding others. Both understandings are crucial to being a successful influencer.

There are numerous books and study courses on the Enneagram. My 2012 book ***'Becoming Conscious***: the Enneagram and the spiritual essence underlying the type. The book helps us understand ourselves and raise our levels of Authenticity and Consciousness. Countless numbers of people have been influenced and transformed by the truth pointed out by the Enneagram.



Basic Summary of the Enneagram's Nine Personality Types
Personality Type. Challenges of that Type

One: Fixated on being right. Accepting the reality that no one else is always right.
Two: Compelled to help, realizing they are worthy even without giving services.
Three: Must succeed, Willingness to fail, and know they are still valued.
Four: Driven to be unique. Embracing their already profoundly special true nature.
Five: Must collect information. Embodying their capacities without stockpiling information.
Six: Seeks security. Trusting themselves and the universe's flow of support.
Seven: Wants over-indulgence. Accepting a balance of life's Pain and pleasures.
Eight: Seizes total power. Releasing control and being led by truth.
Nine: Goes to sleep on life. Awakening to life and actively participating.

There are many other sets of characteristics of the nine types, including the nine avoidances:

1. Anger
2. Own needs
3. Failure
4/ Being ordinary/insigmificant
5. Emptiness
6. Deviance
7. Pain
8. Own Weaknesses
9. Conflict

Each type is trapped by: **1).** Perfection **2).** Service **3).** Efficiency **4.** Seeking Authenticity **5).** Observing **6).** Security **7).** Idealism **8).** Their own type of Justice. **9).** Seeking Union with others.

The Enneagram reveals the nine ways the unhealthy ego meets its challenges and dilemmas. Called the Passions, these nine adaptations, perpetuated by our lower self, eventually disintegrate us. **1)**. Anger **2)**. Pride **3).** Deceit **4).** Envy **5).** Greed **6).** Fear **7).** Overindulgence **8).** Lust **9).** Laziness.

The Nine Essences as Antidotes to Each Type's Challenges and Suffering

As we follow a trajectory of healthy living, we resolve and transcend the inherent dilemmas of our type. Embodying the positive energies of each type changes us on our most profound levels. Each type's essence is aligned with each type's higher self to heal us and bring us to healing and wholeness.

The Transformative Power of the Nine Essences

ONE: has an essence of Joy that heals rigidity and the compulsion to always be correct

TWO: has an essence of Creativity that substantiates their inner worth, releasing them from the trap of service

THREE: has an essence of Kinship that fosters the community's good instead of their need for personal applause

FOUR: has an essence of Righteousness that aligns them with the right pathway, grounding them in their true self

FIVE: has an essence of Power that frees them from the constant compulsion to withdraw and collect information and allows them to use their wisdom for others as they move in the world.

SIX: has an essence of Loving Peace, and it vaporises Fear.

SEVEN: has an essence of Wisdom that takes them to their healthy, more grounded life instead of being caught up in planning and overindulgence

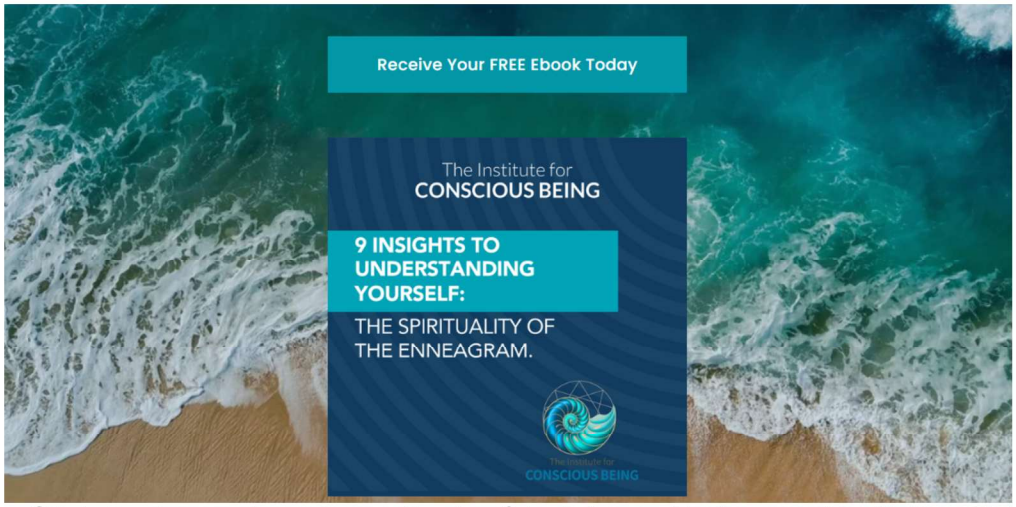
EIGHT: has an essence of Benevolent Compassion for themselves and others, which counteracts unhealthy power

NINE: has an essence of Action that heals complacency, paralysis, and denial

Each type also has an inherent Virtue, which, together with its essential aspects, makes each type more conscious and less ego-involved.

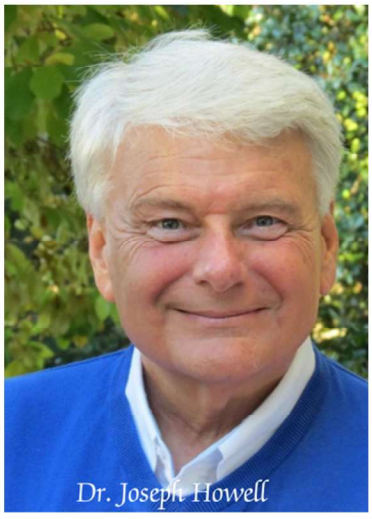
The Virtues are: **1).** Security **2).** Humility **3).** Truthfulness **4).** Equanimity **5).** Detachment from attachments **6).** Courage **7).** Sobriety **8).** Innocence/simplicity **9).** Diligence

Of course, these lists are words that come alive only when we receive instructions on implementing them. Once we apply the Enneagram's wisdom, we will live more consciously.



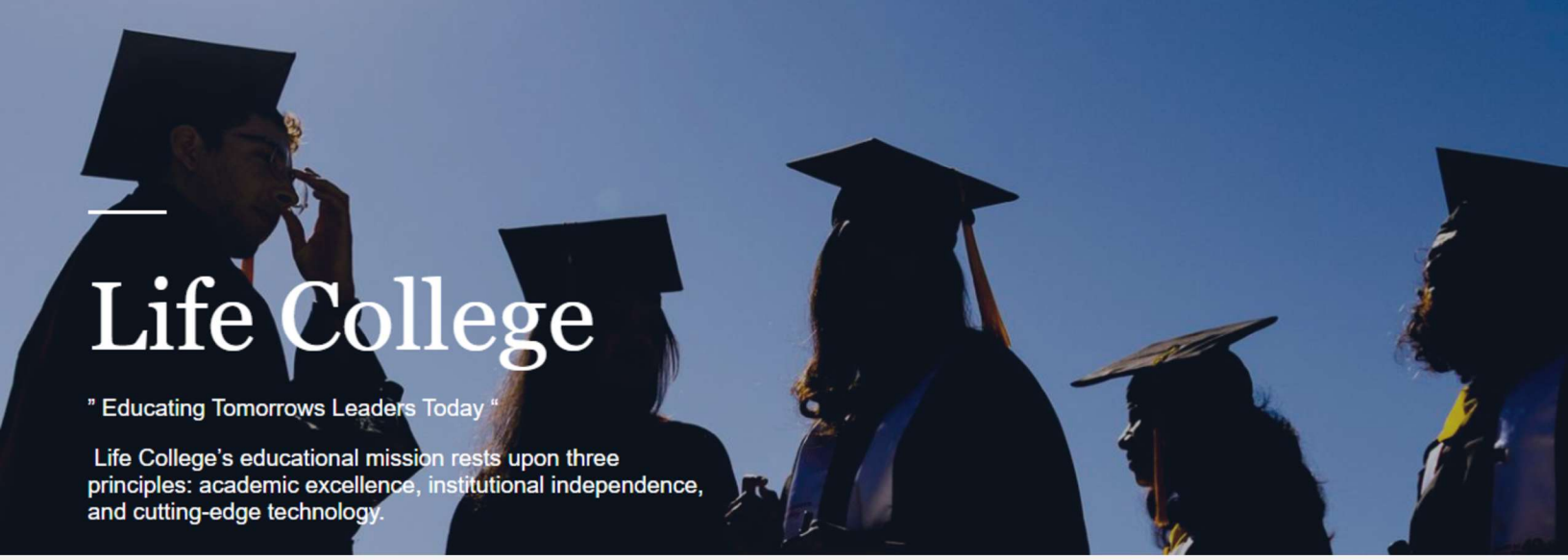
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He authored Becoming Conscious: the Enneagram's Forgotten Passageway and his latest book, Know Your Soul: Journeying With the Enneagram. Dr. Howell and his wife, Lark, founded The Institute for Conscious Being, whose mission is to help raise global consciousness through the wisdom of the Enneagram.



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8 Traits Needed to Represent God to This World

by Bishop Joseph Mattera

(Reprinted from his daily blog, March 2020- images by publisher)

In the SPOTLIGHT



"Our greatest privilege is to represent God to this world!"

1. We are called to speak the oracles of God

Paul the apostle said that he was called to manifest the word of God through preaching that was entrusted to him (Titus 1:3). What an amazing calling! God's will and word came through a broken vessel of clay like Paul! But that is not all – every believer is called to speak the very words of God according to 1 Peter 4:11. As broken as we are, God expects us to know His written word and how to apply it to the world in an effective way! Hence, we are called to diligently study His word so we can handle and impart it without deviation!
(2 Timothy 2:15) This also involves being sensitive to His Spirit and speaking prophetically as the occasion arises. All anointed preaching, sharing, and conversation is, in a real sense - prophetic and is necessary to represent God in this world.

2. Our teaching should be based on sound doctrine

Many people shy away from doctrine because of all the denominations and divergent interpretations of the scriptures. However, that does not mean that doctrine is unimportant and not our responsibility.



All true Bible-believing Christians who study the plain sense of the word (without the traditions of men and culture that have seeped into the church) will generally agree on all the main essentials related to the first principles (Kerygma) of the gospel and its application. The apostles had a deposit of sound doctrine that they handed down to their protégés (1 Tim. 4: 6 = called sound doctrine) with the expectation that they would teach it to others (1 Tim 4:13).

Biblical doctrine is necessary to train believers for every good work (2 Tim. 3:16,17). The Apostle Paul was not just known for church planting but by his doctrine (2 Tim. 3:10). The apostle John says (2 John 9) that if someone doesn't continue in the doctrine (Didache=the teaching handed down by Jesus and the apostles) of Christ has not God. John said that if a traveling preacher doesn't teach this doctrine, do not put him up in your house (2 John 10). Thus, the original Apostles put much importance on sound doctrine, which means contemporary believers are called to dig deep and move past the elementary principles of the faith unto the meat of the word (Hebrews 5:12-6:3) so they can carry the deposit of sound biblical doctrine.

3. We are called to integrate godly motivation with godly activity

Jesus corrected the religious leaders who honored God with their lips, but their hearts were far from Him (Mark 7:6). Jesus told them to wash the inside of the cup (their hearts) and not just the outside (Matthew 23:25,26). Paul spoke about how some even preach



4. We are called to live to serve, not visa versa

Jesus said (Matthew 28:20) that He came not to be ministered unto but to minister and to give His life a ransom for many. Often, those who are in church ministry strive for a title, position, and accolades — resulting in an entitlement mentality that demands everybody serve them. E.G., When I was consecrated a bishop (in 2006) many congratulated me for being *"elevated,"* to which I replied that I believe I am being made lower, not higher! Unfortunately, the celebrity-driven secular culture in which certain popular ministers are treated as gods and Rock stars has influenced the church at large! Jesus told us plainly that in the world the rulers dominate over their people (Mark 10:42), but the greatest in His Kingdom is the one who serves! Those who work behind the scenes to make others successful are greater in God's eyes than those who work for public applause. If we are going to represent God in this world, we have to begin by having a servant's heart.

5. We are called to be Christ-like in attitude

In order to represent God, we need to be Christ-like; this comes forth the strongest when we do not merely think about the things we desire but what others need. The apostle Paul spoke about this in Philippians 2:3-12 when He wrote that Jesus did not think equality with God was a thing to be grasped (even though He was in substance God the Son), but made Himself of no reputation and humbled Himself and became obedient unto the death of the cross. Jesus was broken regarding His willingness to preserve His life (Matthew 26:39). Often, people are flocking to hear the most gifted speakers, singers, musicians, and healers because we are a culture that celebrates

Add a little gifts, talent, and abilities rather than humility and brokenness. God told us (Isaiah 57:15) that even though He dwells in the high and lofty place – He dwells with those who are humble and contrite. He exalts the humble and resists the proud. God loves humility! The apostle Paul said not to think of ourselves higher than we ought to think (Romans 12:3) and to be willing to dwell with the lowly (Romans 12:16). To represent God, we need to walk in the humility and brokenness of Christ.



6**. We are called to discern the times in which we live**

Jesus criticized the religious leaders of His day for not being able to discern what God was doing amongst them. (Matthew 16:1-4) There is always transitions and changes taking place in culture that produce mega trends. God is sovereignly involved in either allowing or orchestrating this confluence of humanity, and sent us into the world this day and age to function as lights in this world (Philippians 2:15; Acts 17:26-28).

We are called to be like the sons of Issachar who understood the times they lived in and how God wanted Israel to respond (1 Chronicles 12:32). To represent God to this world, believers are not to immerse themselves in serving their communities robotically – but they are to study their surrounding culture in order to apply the truth correctly to live out their purpose.7. We are called to be in the world but not of this world

In order to represent God, we need to put up boundaries so that while we are serving in this world we do not become part of it! Believers are called to be like

ships that are in the midst of the sea without taking water into its structure – to be in the water without sinking and drowning in it! Many believers make a huge mistake when they attempt to be relevant to the world by acting like the world because it dissipates the distinguishing boundary of separation God called us to have from the values of the world (2 Corinthians 6:17, 1 John 2:15-17). When believers live in conformity to the world they are not representing God (Romans 12:1,2)

8. We are called to walk in the fruit of the spirit

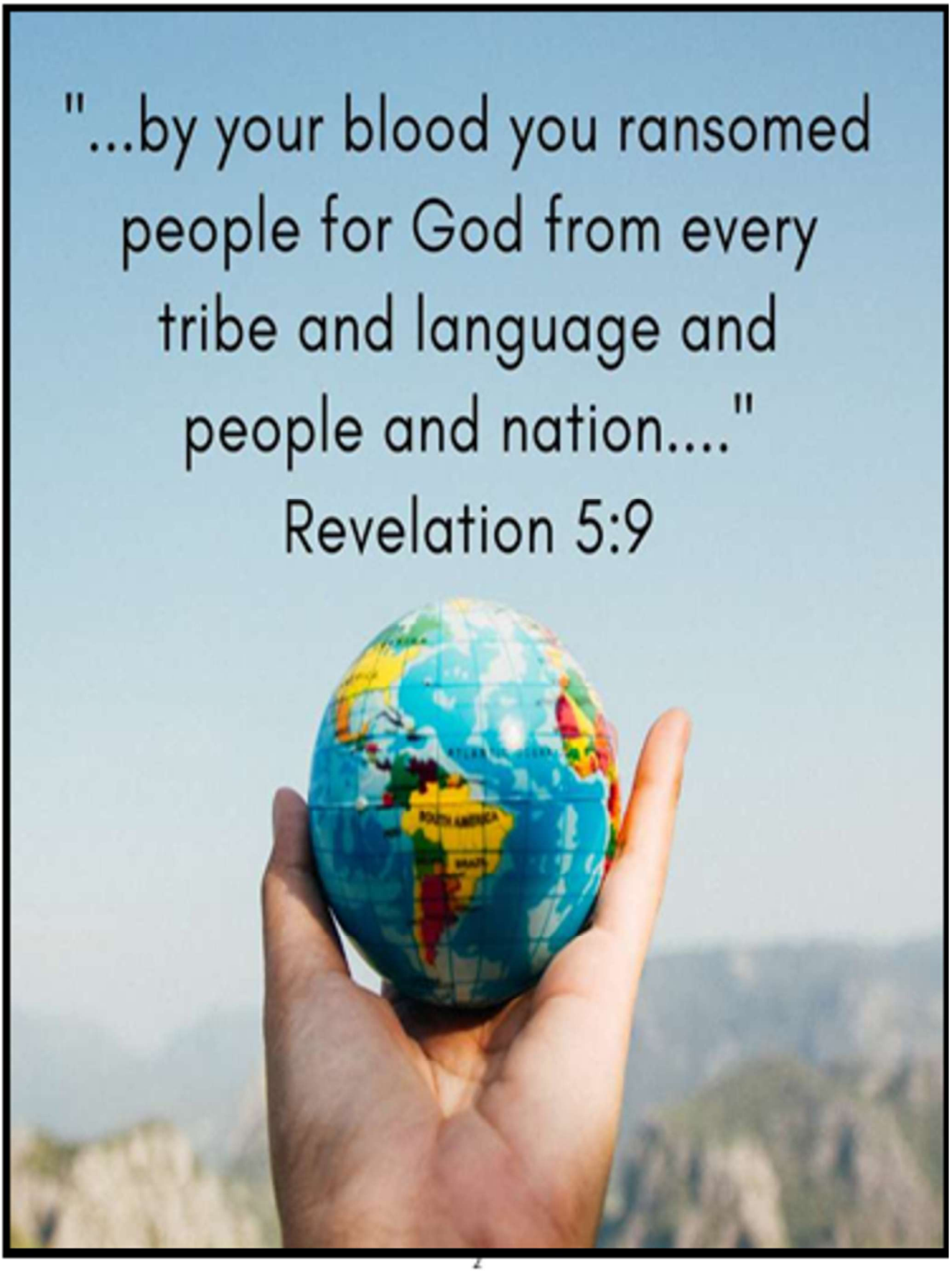
It is not enough to walk in the power of God – we need to walk in the holiness, meekness, joy and peace of God! Case in point – there have been many great evangelists and pastors who moved powerfully in the supernatural but undermined the gospel by their lack of integrity and godly fruit! The Apostle Paul clearly told us that the flesh is contrary to the spirit and visa versa (Galatians 5:16,17) and that there is a huge contrast between a person living and striving for accomplishment according to the flesh and those living by the Spirit. To represent God we need to be continually filled with His Spirit and exhibit His fruits, which includes love, joy, peace, patience, thankfulness, kindness, goodness, modesty and faithfulness (Galatians 5:22,23). Nothing is as contagious in this world as true joy! That is perhaps the greatest witness we have of the reality of the gospel! Unless and until the church embraces and celebrates the fruit of the spirit over exhibitions of power, self-indulgence and flesh, we will not represent God adequately in this world.

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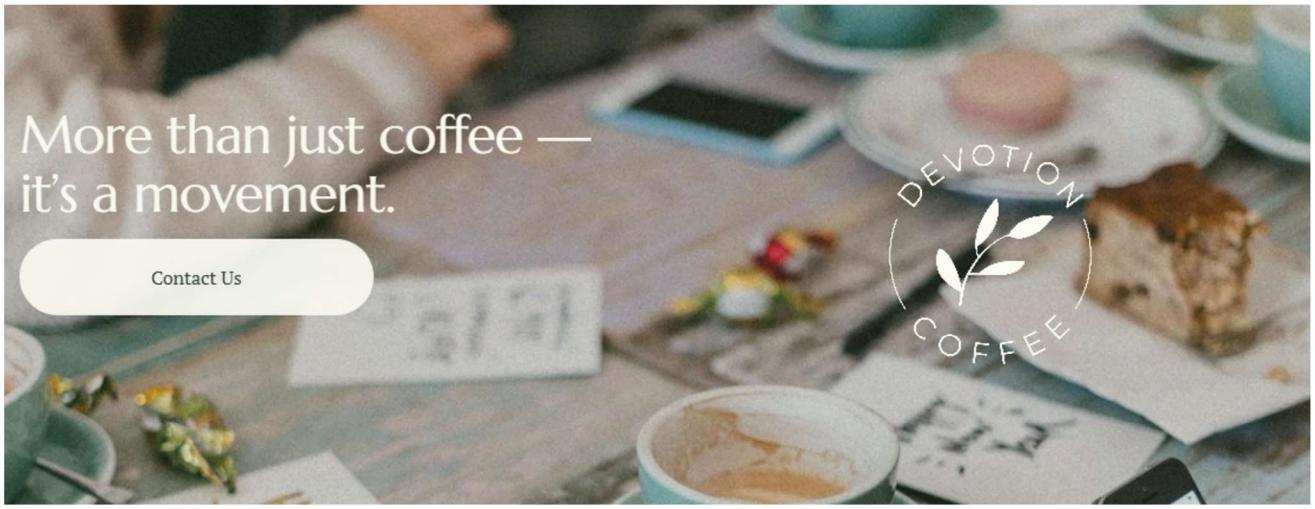
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The New Look and New Editor Are the Right Disruption



Next Wave didn't change because change is trendy. It changed because the audience changed. Attention is tighter, credibility is harder to earn, and the old *"same cover, same cadence, same voice"* approach no longer signals leadership. A new look is not cosmetics. It's a declaration of intent: clearer thinking, sharper storytelling, better design discipline, and a publishing standard that treats readers like decision-makers, not passive scrollers. A new publisher also signals something deeper: accountability for quality, tighter editorial focus, stronger contributor vetting, and a renewed commitment to relevance. If the mission is to lead culture, you can't present like you're trying to preserve a museum.

Counter Point

The Status Quo Protects Trust, Familiarity, and Consistency

The old model may be slow, but it's stable. A longstanding format can feel like a trusted routine: recognizable branding, predictable sections, comfortable tone. Changing the look and editor risks confusing loyal readers, disrupting advertiser expectations, and creating the perception that the magazine is *"starting over"* rather than evolving. There is also a fair concern that redesign can become distraction—style over substance—where the outward polish outpaces the inward editorial rigor. The status quo argues: if the core content works, don't gamble with identity.

Bottom Line

Next Wave isn't rejecting its roots. It's refusing stagnation. The new look and Editor are not a break in continuity—they are a recommitment to leadership-level publishing in a world that no longer rewards *"good enough."*



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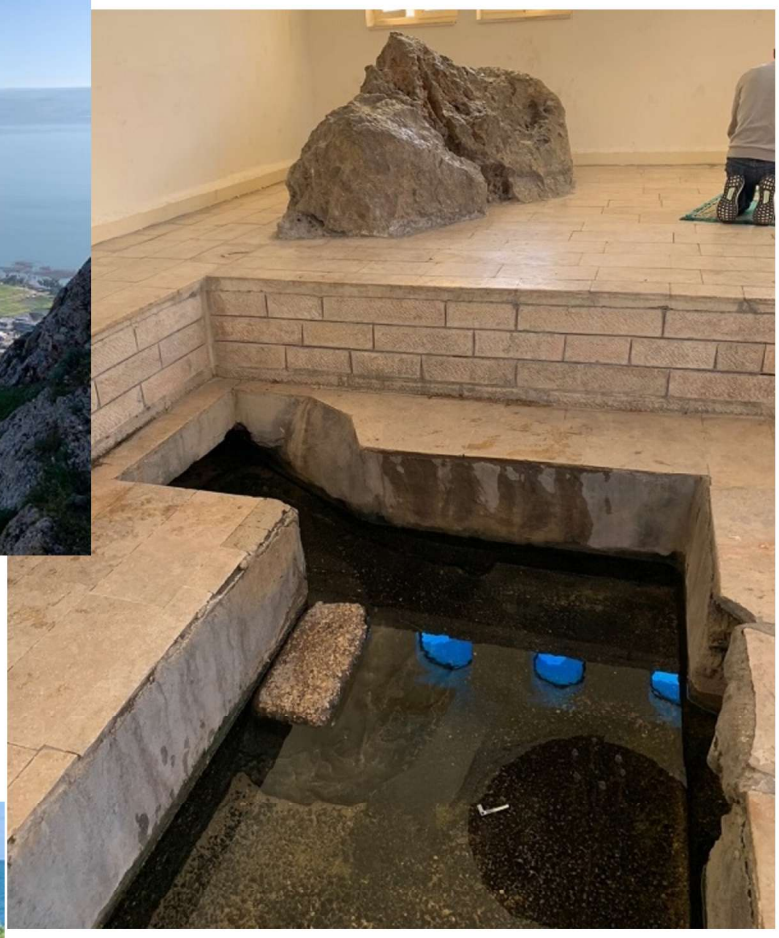
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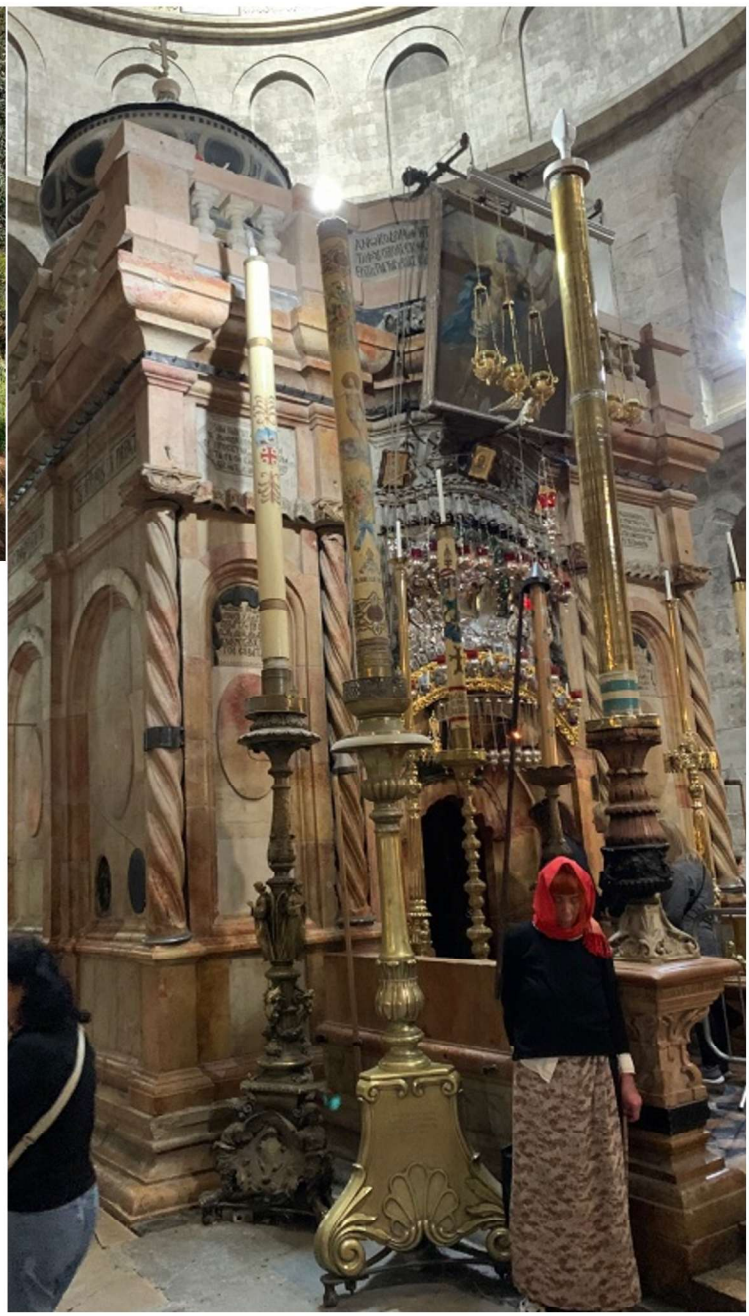
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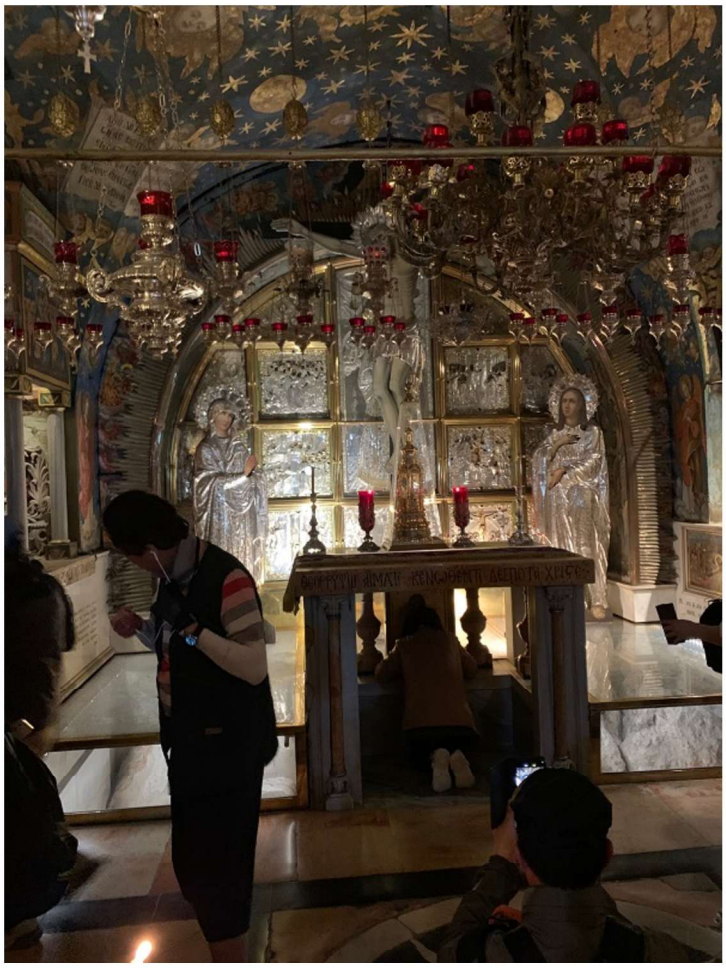
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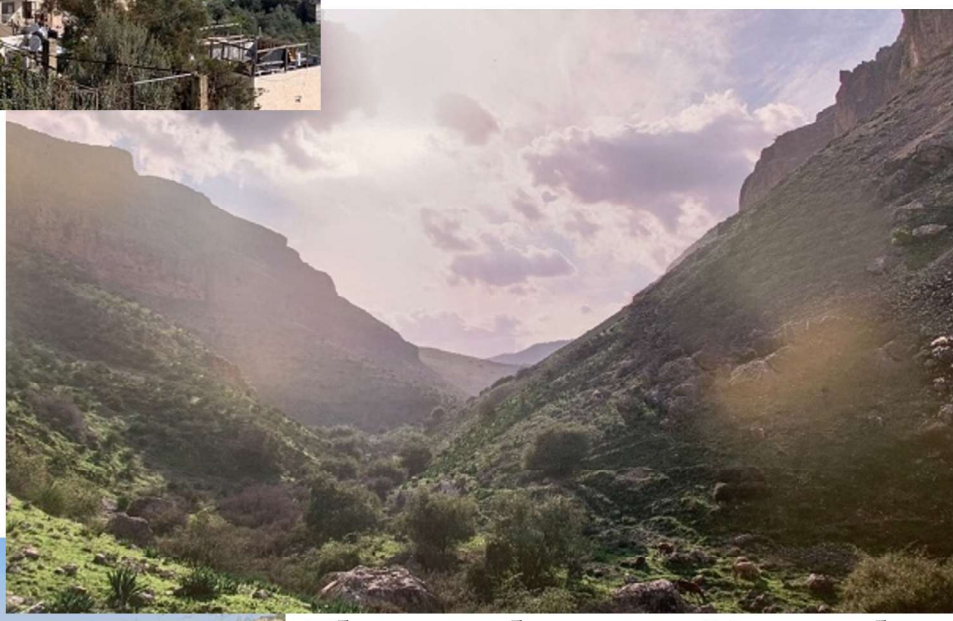




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March 2026 Calendar

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MARCH

March 1

1 PM - FIRST SUNDAY (MC Bishop Wade)

- **Opening Prayer** – Beth Beasley
- **Scripture Reading** – Elizabeth Goins
- **Worship** – Hands of Praise
- **Special** – Blanca Wade
- **This is my Bible**
- **Exhortation** – Blanca Wade
- **Speaker** – Barney Phillips
- **Lord's Supper**
- **Prayer/Giving** – Ministry Team
- **Announcements** - MC

March 7 – 1st Quarter Youth Outing – TBD



March 8 – Youth & Children Classes 11:30 AM

1 PM - FRIENDS AND FAMILY SUNDAY (MC Rebecca Goins)

- **Opening Prayer** – Daisy Wade
- **Scripture Reading** – Tina Burke
- **Worship** – Life Worship
- **Special** – Bernie/Hugo/Elijah
- **This is my Bible**
- **Speaker** – Bernie & Blanca Wade
- **Prayer/Giving** – Ministry Team
- **Announcements**
- **Dinner in Life Center**

March 14 - <u>Quarterly Women's Meeting</u> - TBA

March 15

1 PM - DISCIPLESHIP SUNDAY (MC Daisy Wade)

- **Opening Prayer** – Tina Burke
- **Scripture Reading** – Daisy Wade
- **Worship** – Life Worship
- **Special** – Danielle Goins
- **This is my Bible**
- **Exhortation** – Bishop Wade
- **Speaker** – Keith Fanza
- **Prayer/Giving** – Ministry Team
- **Announcements**

March 22 – Youth & Children Classes 11:30 AM

1 PM - YOUTH & CHILDREN SUNDAY (Hugo/Loidy Zacarias)

- **Opening Prayer** – Elizabeth Goins
- **Scripture Reading** – Carmen Wade
- **Worship** – Life Worship
- **Specials** – Nevaeh /Elijah
- **This is my Bible**
- **Exhortation** – Isabella Wade
- **Speaker** – Neveah Zacharias
- **Prayer/Giving** - Youth
- **Announcements** - MC

March 28 - Quarterly Men's Outing - TBA

March 29 – 1 PM WORSHIP SUNDAY (MC Joshua Phillips)

- **Opening Prayer** – Edith Swinford
- **Scripture Reading** – Beth Beasley
- **Worship** – Life Worship
- **Prayer/Giving** – Ministry Team
- **Announcements**

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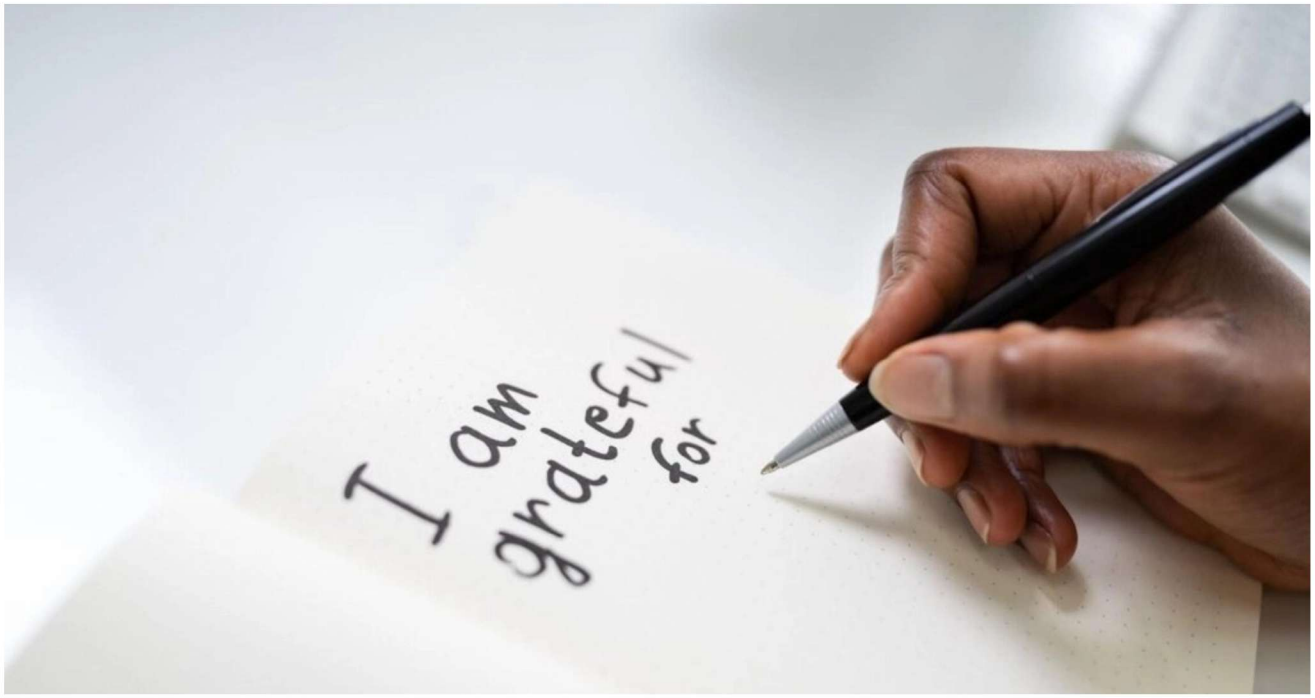
Are You REALLY Grateful?

We live in a culture that treats *"gratitude"* like a seasonal accessory. In November, we post lists of blessings. In good times, we say we're *"so thankful."* But beneath the hashtags and polite phrases, a harder question awaits: Are you really grateful?

Real gratitude is not a mood that comes and goes with the headlines. It is a posture of the heart, a way of seeing God that does not collapse when life refuses to go our way. When Paul told believers to *"give thanks in all circumstances,"* he was not insulated from pain. He wrote as a man who knew prison, scarcity, and rejection. Gratitude, for Him, was not a warm feeling. It was an act of trust.

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

1 Thessalonians 5:18



Superficial gratitude thanks God for what He gives. Mature gratitude thanks God for who He is. One rests on circumstances; the other rests on character. When the job comes through, when the diagnosis is good, when the relationship is restored—yes, we should celebrate. But what about the prayers that seem unanswered, the doors that stay shut, the seasons that feel barren?

Job's response in the midst of staggering loss still arrests us:
"The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised." — Job 1:21

Those words are not naïve, and they are not easy. They rise from a heart that has decided, in advance, that God is worthy of praise whether or not life makes sense.

That is the kind of gratitude our age desperately needs to see: not a denial of suffering, but a defiant worship in the midst of it. naturally. Paul confessed, *"I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances."* Learning implies process—practice,

This kind of gratitude does not come failure, repentance, progress. Gratitude grows as we deliberately turn our attention from what we lack to the grace we already live in.

The breath in your lungs. Scripture in your hands. Access to the Father through Christ. The quiet work of the Holy Spirit, convicting, comforting, guiding. None of this is owed to us.

Grumbling keeps us at the center: my desires, my timeline, my comfort. Gratitude recenters the story on God: His purposes, His wisdom, His glory. To give thanks in all circumstances is to say, *"I trust You here. I don't need to understand everything to worship You in this moment."*

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise."

— Psalm 100:4



In the end, gratitude is not decoration on the Christian life; it is an entrance.

Thanksgiving is how we step into the courts of God—on ordinary Tuesdays, in hospital waiting rooms, in traffic, at kitchen tables.

So, are you really grateful? Not just in theory, but in the way you respond, speak, post, and pray? If the honest answer is *"not yet,"* you are in good company.

Gratitude can be learned. And by the grace of God, you can begin today—right where you are—to thank Him not only for what He has done, but for who He is.



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The Past, Present, and Future of Chaplaincy

by Josh W Losh II

In the SPOTLIGHT



"Military Chaplaincy, Prominent since the Roman Era..."

Chaplaincy history began with St. Martin's cloak in 4th-century Christianity, evolving from caretakers of relics to royal court clergy, the term stemming from the Latin cappella (chapel). Military chaplaincy, prominent since the Roman Era was formalized in the U.S. Continental Army in 1775 for morale as well as expanding diversity beyond Christian faiths. Today, chaplains serve diverse institutions such as hospitals, prisons, and schools, providing spiritual care, counseling, and leading services for varied faiths in secular settings.

Key Eras & Developments

Early Christianity (4th Century):

The origin of the word *"chaplain"* comes from St. Martin, a Roman soldier who shared his cloak (cappa) with a beggar; the cloak became a relic housed in a appella (chapel), and its guardian was the chaplain.

Medieval Era:

Kings appointed chaplains to guard relics and serve in royal courts, making them advisors in spiritual and secular matters, with practices spreading across Europe.



U.S. Military (1775-Present):
Revolutionary War (1775): Continental Congress authorized chaplains for regiments, recognizing their role in morale.

Civil War: Expanded to include Jewish rabbis and African American chaplains, broadening religious representation.
20th Century: Formalized roles with specialized training, including the creation of the Chaplain Assistant.

Modern Era: Embraces Muslim, Buddhist, and other faiths, awarding bravery medals (like the Medal of Honor) to chaplains.

Healthcare & Institutions (Mid-20th Century):
Professional chaplaincy emerged, moving beyond Volunteers to specialized pastoral care in hospitals, integrating faith into secular healthcare.

Core Functions Across Setting
Spiritual Guidance:
Providing counseling, leading services, and offering sacraments.

Moral Support:
Boosting morale and helping individuals cope with stress, trauma, and ethical challenges.

Pastoral Care:
Visiting the sick, comforting the dying, and supporting families in crisis.

Diversity:
Serving people of all faiths (or none) in institutions where clergy aren't traditionally present, like military bases, prisons, and schools.

There isn't a single definitive number, but there are hundreds, if not thousands, of books about chaplains, covering various settings (military, hospital, prison, etc.), theological perspectives, practical guides, memoirs, and novels, with new ones published regularly, reflecting the diverse roles and experiences of chaplains in providing spiritual care. Major publishers and booksellers list numerous titles, from foundational texts like "Foundations of Chaplaincy" to specific works on crisis care or religious traditions.

Types of Books Available:
Practical Guides: Handbooks for chaplains, such as Professional Spiritual & Pastoral Care or The Practice of Pastoral Care.

Academic & Theoretical Works: Books exploring the history and function of chaplaincy, like Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care in the Twenty-First Century.

Memoirs & Personal Accounts: Stories from chaplains in specific roles, like military or hospice settings, such as War Memories of a Chaplain.



Fiction: Novels featuring chaplains, like The Conversion of Chaplain Cohen.
Specific Settings: Books focusing on hospital, military, first responder, or prison chaplains.

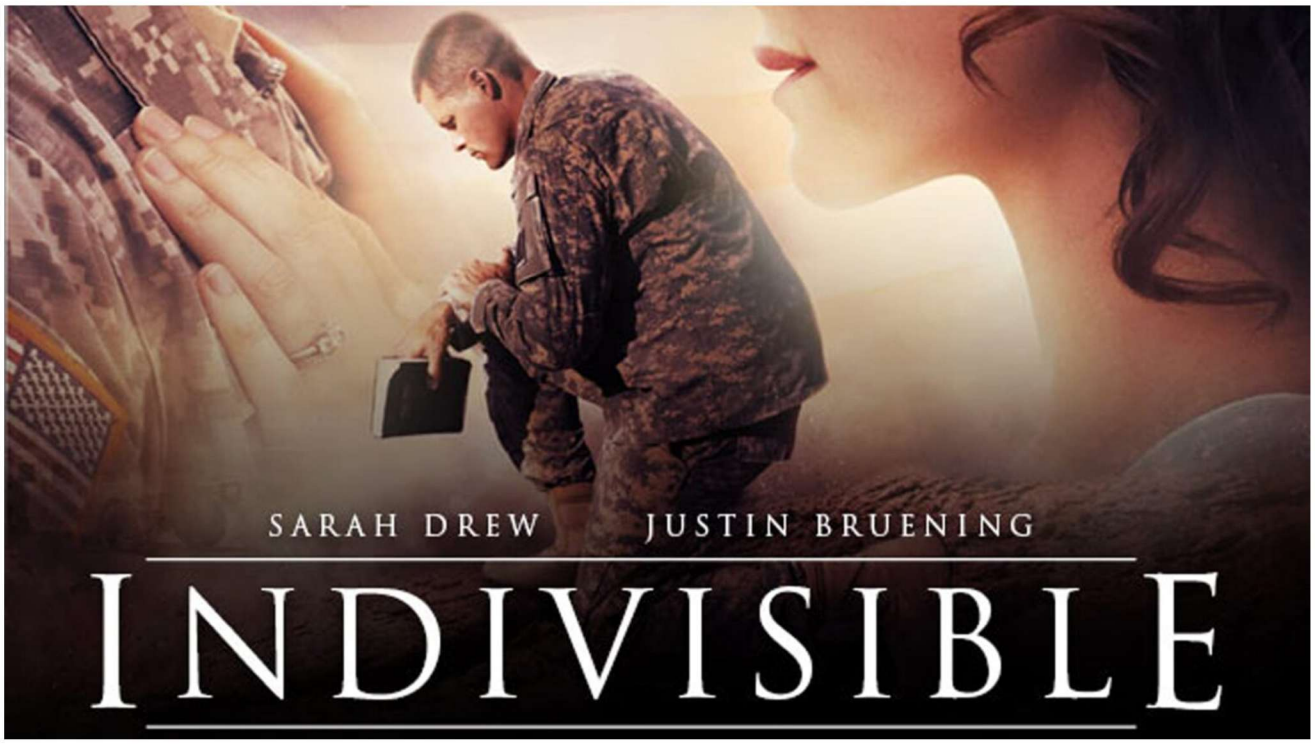
While there is no exact, publicly available, or single-source tally for every movie or television show that features a chaplain, they are a common figure, especially in war, hospital, or crime dramas.

Based on film databases and research sites focused on media representation, here are key examples and contexts for chaplains in film and TV:

Notable Movies Featuring Chaplains
The Four Chaplains (2004, 2013): Films based on the true story of four U.S. Army chaplains who sacrificed their lives during WWII.

Indivisible (2017): A film detailing the life of Army Chaplain Darren Turner.

Fighting Spirit: A Combat Chaplain's Journey (2024/2025): A documentary that explores the role of military chaplains.



Lost Division: A film (2016) chronicling a combat chaplain's diary.

Father Duffy: Often referenced in historical dramas.

War films: Chaplains are frequently featured in films like Saving Private Ryan, The Longest Day, The Story of G.I. Joe, and When Hell Broke Loose.

Notable TV Shows Featuring Chaplains
MASH:*** Father Mulcahy is one of the most recognizable chaplain characters in television history.

William Christopher's role as Father Mulcahy on *M*A*S*H* was the kind, compassionate, soft-spoken U.S. Army chaplain of the 4077th MASH unit, serving as the show's moral compass with his gentle demeanor, quiet humor, and unwavering faith, bringing humanity and hope amidst the chaos of war. He was a beloved figure, known for his simple kindness and grounded spirituality that made the character a fan favorite for over a decade, reprising the role in the AfterMASH spinoff.

Key Aspects of the Role:
Moral Compass: Mulcahy provided a spiritual and ethical counterpoint to the irreverent humor of Hawkeye and the cynicism of the war, offering calm and decency.

Gentle & Empathetic: His portrayal was also defined by his distinctive high voice, gentleness, empathy, and humility, even when he dealt with difficult situations.

Growth: Over the series, Mulcahy quickly evolved from a shy, almost overlooked figure into a more confident and respected member of the unit, demonstrating growth alongside the Evolving show.

Relatable Faith: Christopher ensured Mulcahy wasn't just a caricature of a priest, using everyday language like "Oh dear me" to make him more human and approachable.



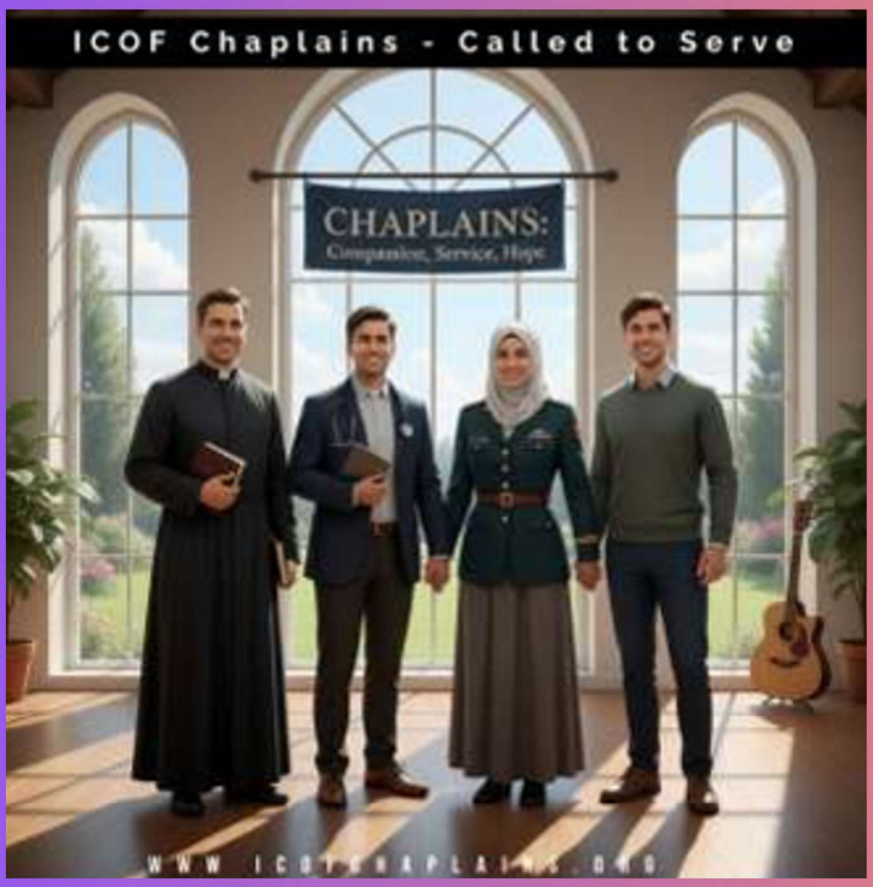
Legacy:
Christopher played Mulcahy from 1972 to 1985, including the After MASH spinoff, which became synonymous with the beloved Chaplain.
His performance made Father Mulcahy an iconic, unforgettable character, symbolizing goodness and faith in a tumultuous setting.
William Christopher's Portrayal of Father Mulcahy in M*A*S*H
Apr 27, 2024 — When Christopher was cast as Father Mulcahy on MASH*, he brought depth to a role that could have easily been overlooked. As the gentle chaplain of the 4077th Mobile Army Surgical Hospital
Oct 17, 2025 — William Christopher played Father Francis John Patrick Mulcahy, the kind-hearted and compassionate chaplain on the TV series MASH* from 1972 to 1983 and its spinoff After Mash.

William Christopher didn't just play Father Mulcahy... he lived him. ...
For fans of M*A*S*H, he will always be Father Mulcahy, the compassionate chaplain who brought faith, calm, and kindness into the whirlwind of the 4077th.
William Christopher played Father Francis John Patrick Mulcahy on the TV series *MASH*. The show was set at the 4077 Mobile Army Surgical Hospital during the Korean War.

Gomer Pyle, U.S.M.C.: The chaplain appears in episodes like "Gomer the Peacemaker."

T***he Big Picture:*** A series that featured multiple episodes about the Army Chaplain Corps.

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Grantchester: Focuses on an Anglican vicar/chaplain figure.

The Omen (2016): Features Chaplain characters.

Key Contexts

Military Focus: Most portrayals, particularly in film, are centered on the U.S. Army or Navy Chaplain Corps, often in combat zones (WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq/Afghanistan).

Documentaries: There are specific documentaries, like Chaplains (PBS), that explore the lives of these individuals across various sectors.

Roles: They are typically portrayed as moral or spiritual counselors, often serving on the front lines without carrying weapons.

While hundreds of productions have depicted clergy in some form, explicitly labeled *"chaplains"* in military or service contexts number in the dozens to hundreds over the last century of cinema and television.

There isn't a single number for chaplaincy training organizations, but many diverse groups offer programs, including major accreditors like the ACPE (Association for Clinical Pastoral Education) (with over 300 programs), specific certification bodies like the Association of Professional Chaplains (APC) and Spiritual Care Association (SCA), theological seminaries (about a quarter in the US), and specialized groups for police, fire, and military chaplaincy, all providing various forms of spiritual care education and certification.

Key Types of Organizations

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Providers: The ACPE accredits hundreds of CPE programs, a common requirement for board certification, offered in hospitals, prisons, and other settings.

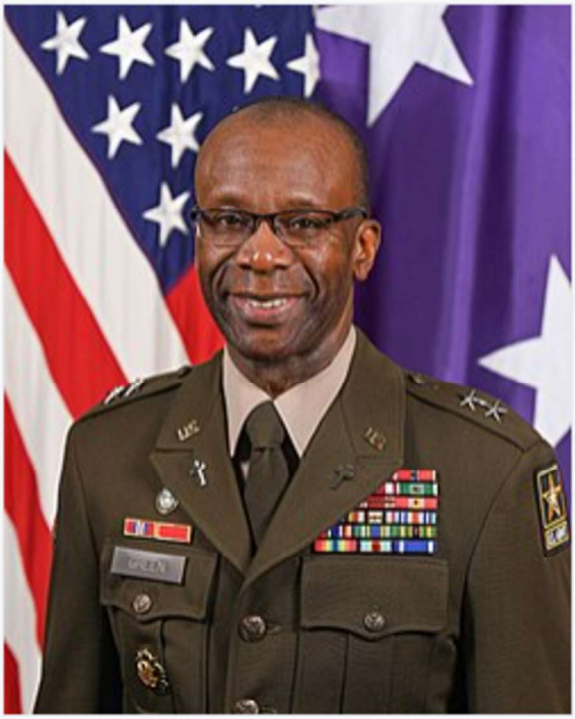
Certification Bodies: Organizations. Like the APC, SCA, and the National Association of Veterans Affairs Chaplains (NAVC) offers Certification, education, and experience.

Theological Schools: A significant portion of theological seminaries offer formal chaplaincy training programs, notes the Chaplaincy Innovation Lab.

Specialized Groups: Numerous smaller organizations focus on specific areas, such as the International Conference of Police Chaplains (ICPC), Federation of Fire Chaplains, and Salvation Army in disaster services.



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Multi-faith & Interdisciplinary: Groups such as the Institute for Clinical Pastoral Training (ICPT) offer broader, interfaith training for various spiritual care roles.

Association of Professional Chaplains (APC) or Spiritual Care Association (SCA) for certification pathways and program listings.

Famous chaplains include the "Four Chaplains" of WWII (Fox, Goode, Poling, Washington) known for sacrificing their life vests, Medal of Honor recipients like Emil Kapaun and Milton Haney, historical figures like WWI's decorated Francis P. Duffy, and modern figures such as FDNY Chaplain Mychal Judge (9/11) and Senate Chaplain Barry Black, highlighting bravery, service, and diverse faiths across military, emergency, and government roles.

Military Heroes & Sacrificial Acts

The Four Chaplains (WWII):
Methodist (Fox), Jewish (Goode), Catholic (Washington), and Reformed (Poling) chaplains who gave their life vests and stood together on a sinking ship, becoming a symbol of interfaith unity and sacrifice.

Emil Kapaun: He was a Korean War chaplain who earned the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions and care for prisoners.

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Francis P. Duffy: WWI chaplain, the most decorated cleric in U.S. Army history, honored for bravery in France.
Mychal Judge: FDNY chaplain killed at the World Trade Center on 9/11 while ministering to victims.



Medal of Honor Recipients:
Nine chaplains have earned the Medal of Honor, including Milton L. Haney (Civil War) and John M. Whitehead (Civil War).

U.S. Government & Senate
Barry Black: Current (as of recent data) U.S. Senate Chaplain, a Seventh-Day Adventist.

Peter Marshall: Famous former U.S. Senate Chaplain, known for his inspiring sermons.

Pioneers & Trailblazers
Abraham Klausner: Post-WWII chaplain who cared for Holocaust survivors and refugees in displaced persons camps.

Abdul-Rasheed Muhammad: First Muslim chaplain in the U.S. Army (1993).

Pratima Dharm: First Hindu Chaplain.

Other Notable Figures
Charles Liteky: A Catholic priest and Medal of Honor recipient known for his service in Vietnam.

Cecil Pugh: South-African RAF chaplain who died similarly to the Four Chaplains in 1941.

How Many U.S. Chaplains Currently

There's no single exact number, but estimates suggest thousands of chaplains serve the U.S., with around 3,000 in the military (the Army alone has over 2,500), plus thousands more in healthcare (like VA and hospitals), federal prisons, and corporations, with a strong demand for professional board-certified chaplains in various settings.

Military Chaplains:

Total: Around 3,000 across active, reserve, and Guard components.

U.S. Army: Over 2,500 to 3,000, including active and reserve, representing many faiths.

U.S. Navy: Around 898 active duty as of August 2025, notes The Banner.

Healthcare & Other Sectors:

Healthcare: An estimated 10,000 in healthcare organizations, with about two-thirds of hospitals employing them.

VA: Many of the 10,000+ professional board-certified chaplains serve in Veteran's Affairs.

Federal Government: Up to 6,000 chaplains in the military, VA, and federal prisons.

Zippia (2025): Estimates over 9,220 chaplains in the U.S. generally, with over 7,140 in hospitals.

Key Takeaway: The total number is in the many thousands, with significant roles in defense, healthcare, and other critical areas. Though some shortages exist, especially for certain faith groups in the military.

Why are Chaplains in High Demand in an Increasingly Secular America? - Chaplaincy Innovation Lab

May 5, 2021 — Chaplains are in demand in a number of ways: * **Responding to emergencies*** Chaplains have responded to: * *Ground Zero* * Crime * *Natural disasters * Terrorist Attacks*

No Definitive Number of Chaplains around the globe.

The International Circle of Faith Chaplaincy is an incorporated and registered nonprofit ministry organization in Washington, D.C., with offices in Missouri and Kentucky. The ICOF Chaplaincy has an ecclesiastical endorsement with the International Circle of Faith Ministerial Association and is accredited by the American Association for Higher Education and Accreditation (AAHEA).

Vision:

1. To bring change in the implementation of ministry, by getting out of the walls of traditional church settings and placing ministry representation in varied areas of society.

2. To see chaplains who are trained professionals providing meaningful, life-changing service to the communities in which they live, through involvement in every sector of community life, be it health and welfare, education, transitional living, emergency service, and governmental support.

3. To provide practical community support and spiritual counsel to emergency service workers, those in crisis, secular society, and those persons in transition by meeting their needs. Trained and licensed chaplains will provide counsel, education, advocacy, life improvement skills, and recovery training that provides a bridge between the secular and spiritual environments of community life anywhere in the world.

Mission

ICOFC's mission is to provide training, recognition, certification, information, and services in the varied areas of chaplaincy. We interface with both the secular and ministry worlds to promote unity, understanding, and purpose. We are dedicated to providing professionally trained and dedicated chaplains in the various fields of need.

As soon as I became the Administrative Assistant and Chief News Correspondent of AAHEA and began interacting with members of the International Circle Of Faith and realized there was Chaplaincy Training available the God given desire to serve in every aspect of ministry I can and following in the footsteps of many past Losh Pastors and other church leaders, I knew it was something I needed to pursue.

The ICOF Chaplaincy Training Manual is a 2024 revised edition by Bishop Barney Phillips.

It covers 10 different modules:

-The Chaplaincy
-Chaplaincy Resources
-Confidentiality
-Critical Incident Stress Management
-Crisis Reaction
-Death Notifications
-Suicide And Alcohol

This is one that I can personally relate to as the Son of a mostly lifelong physically and verbally abusive alcoholic that I found myself having to break the generational chain of:

-Stress
-Listening/Communication Skills
-Introduction To Emergency Management

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From Jerusalem to the Villages:

A Biblical Framework for Transforming Rural East Africa

The Radical Economics of the Early Church

by David James Dunworth SDG



In the second chapter of Acts, we encounter one of the most revolutionary economic experiments in human history. Luke writes, "All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need" (Acts 2:44-45). This wasn't socialism imposed from above—it was generosity flowing from transformed hearts, people who understood that abundance begins not with accumulation, but with circulation.

Today, across the sun-scorched savannas and verdant highlands of rural East Africa, millions of our brothers and sisters in Christ face a paradox that would have been familiar to those early believers. They possess the same faith that moved mountains in Jerusalem, yet they remain trapped in cycles of poverty that seem as immovable as stone. They worship the same risen Lord, yet struggle to imagine a future beyond tomorrow's meal.



At Trinity International Ministries, we have walked the dusty paths between mud huts where families cook over wood fires, where children drink from contaminated streams, where darkness falls absolutely when the sun sets because electricity remains a distant dream. We have sat with village elders and young mothers, with farmers and craftsmen—people whose faith burns bright even as their circumstances remain desperately dim.

Understanding the Scarcity Prison



The poverty we witness in these communities is not merely material—it is psychological and spiritual. When you have known nothing but lack, when your parents and grandparents survived by hoarding every grain of maize against the inevitable famine, generosity feels like suicide. The scarcity mindset becomes a prison with invisible bars, convincing God's children that His resources are limited, that sharing means losing, that prosperity is a zero-sum game where someone must lose for another to gain.

This contradicts the very heart of the Gospel. Jesus declared, *"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full"* (John 10:10). The Greek word here—perisson—means abundance, overflow, more than enough. Our Lord did not come to help His people merely survive; He came to help them flourish.

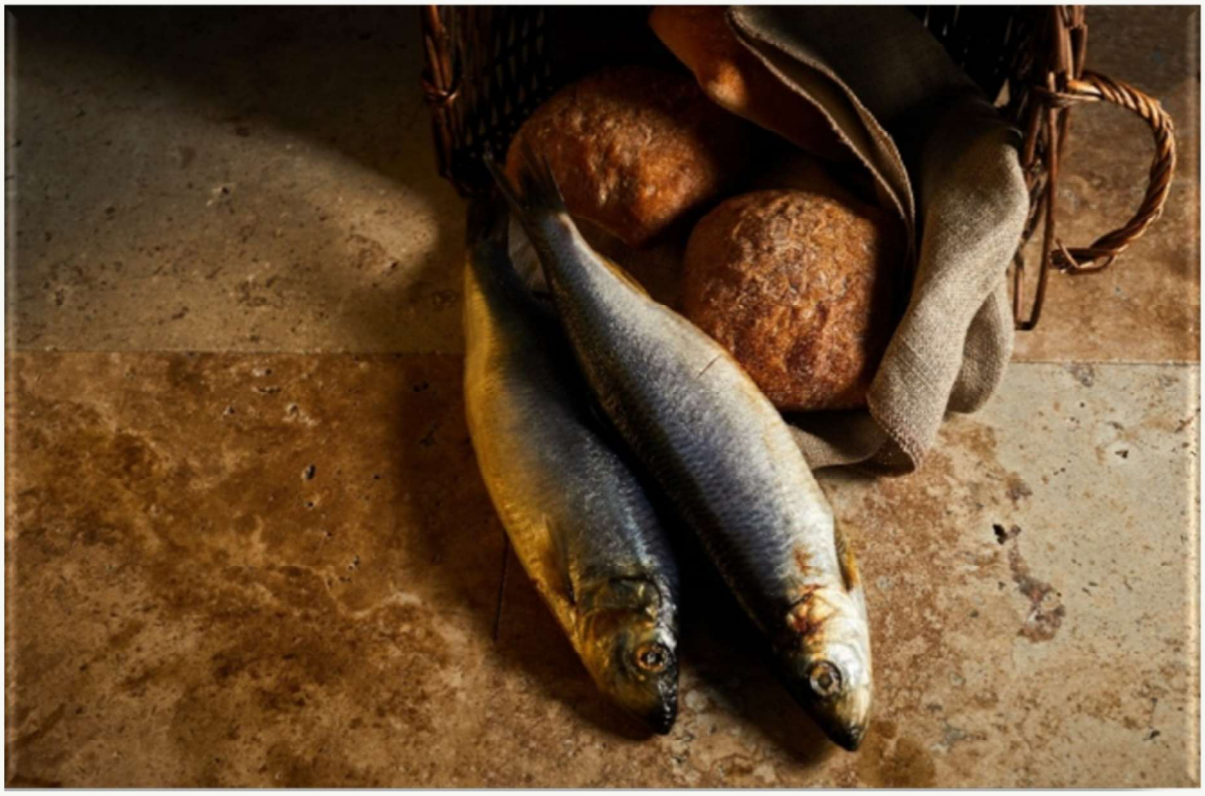
The Acts 6 Principle: Meeting Practical Needs

When the early church faced its first internal crisis—the neglect of Hellenistic widows in the daily distribution of food—the apostles did not spiritualize the problem away. They appointed seven men "full of the Spirit and wisdom" to address this practical need

(Acts 6:3). The church understood that spiritual transformation and material flourishing are not competing priorities but complementary expressions of the Kingdom.

This is the model we follow at Trinity International Ministries. We recognize that preaching the Gospel to hungry people without addressing their hunger honors neither God nor neighbor. But we also understand that sustainable transformation requires more than charity—it requires capacity building, education, and the empowerment of local believers to become agents of change in their own communities.

In a world where well-meaning groups often turn to one-way crisis relief, our vision is rooted in something far greater—God's call to empower His people. We look beyond the limitations of handouts and feeding programs, believing in a deeper, Christ-centered trans-formation. The challenges facing communities are vast and deeply rooted, and charity alone often fails to touch the heart of the matter. It creates a cycle of dependency, but we believe in a greater promise: one where individuals are equipped to stand on their own, as God intended. You can feed someone for a day, but when you teach them to fish, you honor their God-given potential.



Cash Flow: The Language of Prosperity

Here is a truth that surprises many who romanticize poverty: money is not evil, and understanding its movement is not unspiritual. The Apostle Paul himself was a tentmaker, a businessman who understood that sustainable ministry requires sustainable economics (Acts 18:3). He worked with his hands not because he lacked faith, but because he possessed wisdom.

In the villages where we serve, we have discovered that many believers possess entrepreneurial instincts waiting to be awakened. The woman who sells tomatoes in the market, the man who repairs bicycles, the farmer who grows surplus cassava—each represents potential that remains unrealized because no one has taught them the fundamental language of business: cash flow.

Cash flow is simply understanding the rhythm of money—when it comes in, when it goes out, and how to ensure more arrives than departs. It sounds elementary to Western ears, but for someone who has never seen a ledger, never tracked expenses, never distinguished between revenue and profit, this knowledge is genuinely transformative.





From Scarcity to Circulation

When a village shopkeeper learns to track her daily sales and understand her margins, something remarkable happens. She begins to see patterns. She makes better decisions. Her small profit grows slightly larger. And then—here is where the Kingdom breaks through—she begins to share.

This is the Acts 2 miracle happening again in our time. Not through external imposition, but through internal transformation. When believers understand that wise stewardship creates surplus, and that surplus shared multiplies rather than diminishes, the scarcity mindset begins to crack. They discover what the early church knew: "God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:8).

The Road Ahead

The work is vast and the laborers are few. Thousands of villages across East Africa remain untouched by this message of biblical prosperity. But we have seen the fruits—communities transformed, businesses launched, children fed, churches strengthened, and the Gospel proclaimed not merely in word but in deed.

The early church turned the world upside down not through political power or military might, but through radical love expressed in radical generosity. Today, in the humblest villages of East Africa, that same revolution continues. One lesson at a time. One entrepreneur at a time. One transformed community at a time.

The Kingdom comes not only in glory but in ledgers, not only in preaching but in practice.

Trinity International Ministries serves rural communities across East Africa through biblical business education, discipleship, and community development. We also support children who otherwise would never get the chance to go to school.

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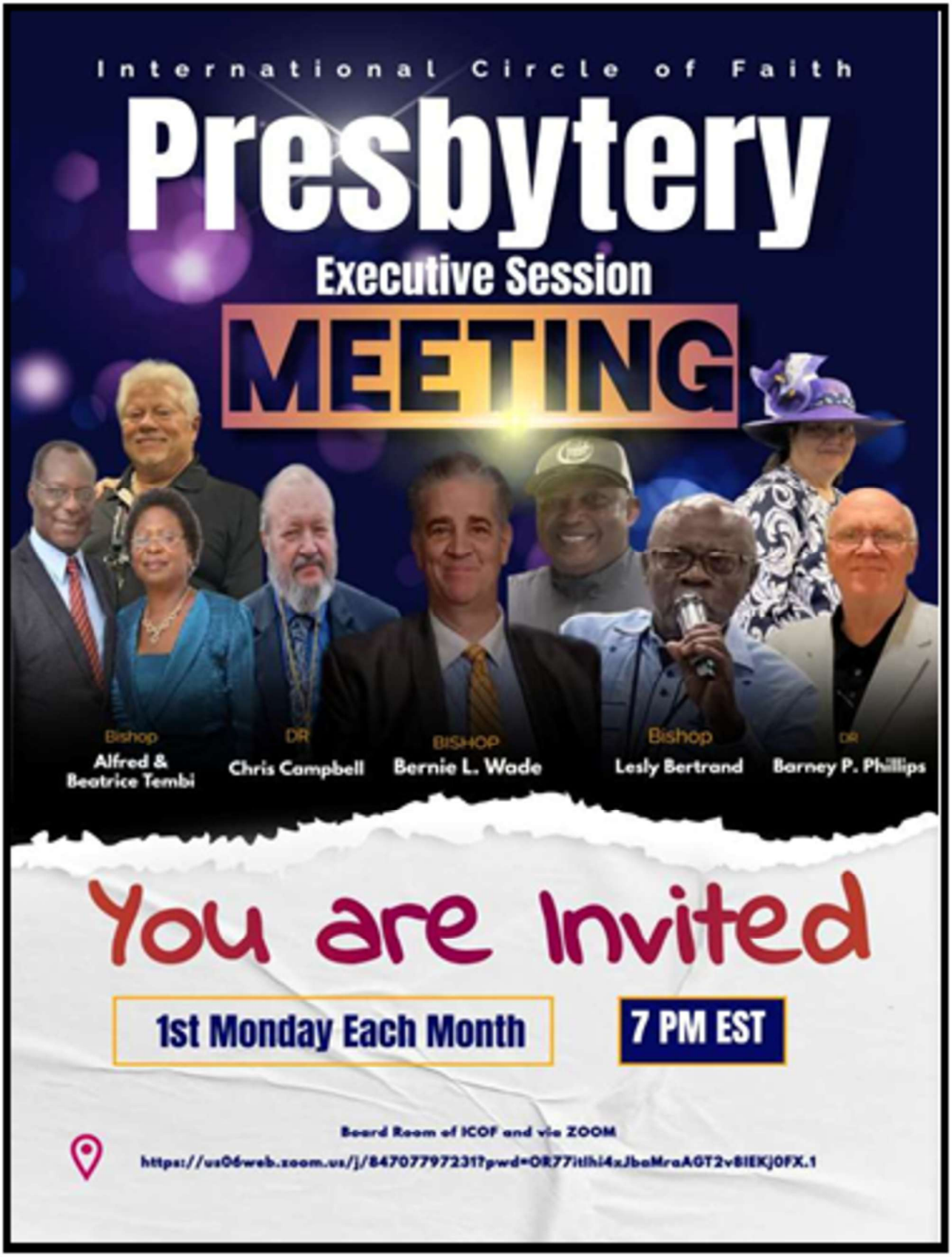
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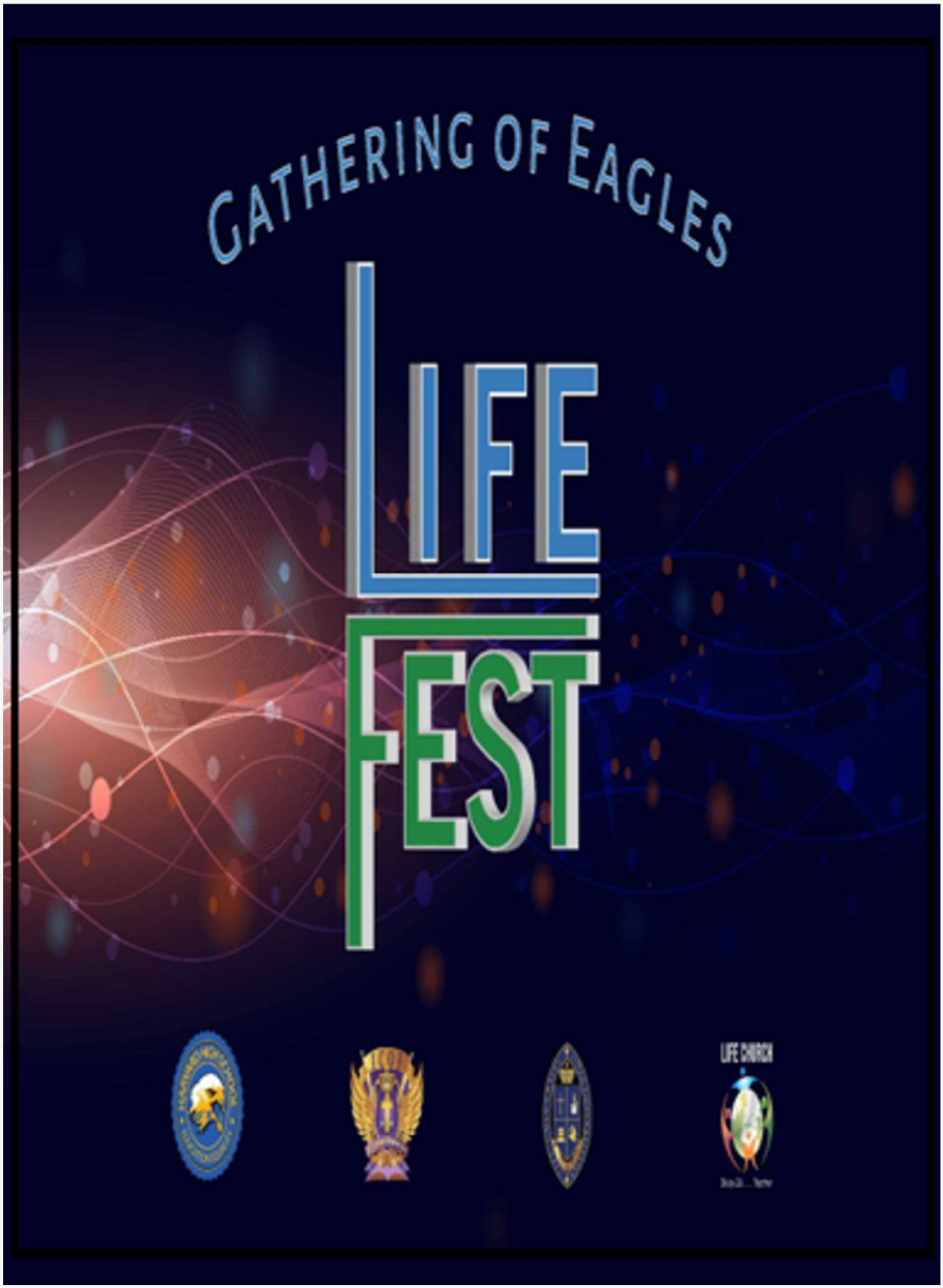


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A Little About the New Editor



Greetings in the Name of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. It gives me great pleasure to "make your acquaintance" so to speak. Don't let the image on the right cause you to think I am shy, although most creatives are. I need a new headshot, as my current one is a bit outdated.

To supply some background, I like to say I am a recovering Roman Catholic, a voracious reader of the Bible and other Christian writings. I am an international best-selling author and speaker, and have served as a ghost writer and direct response marketing copywriter, and magazine publisher.

I grew up in Chicago, but left there when I was nineteen, volunteering for the Air Force during the Vietnam War era (anything to get out of the house) to begin my adult journey.

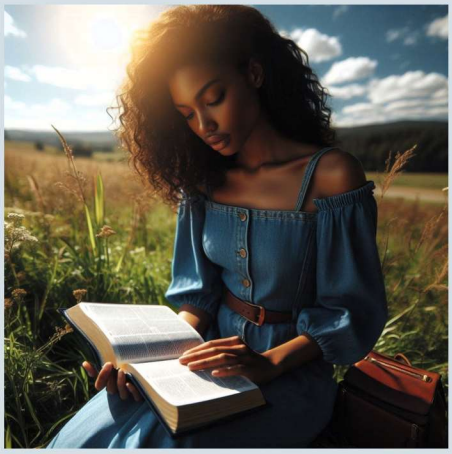
God had specific plans for me, because even though I volunteered for Vietnam and the UK, I spent my first tour of international duty in London. Never came close to combat. Over the course of my nearly eight years serving in the military, post basic training I was stationed in South Dakota, central Illinois, the UK, Greenland, South Korea, Japan, and short stints in Germany, and Italy,

I spent a career in hospitality,, continuing with my military training; I was an Officer's Club and NCO Club manager. I even did some work for the Embassy in London, serving as a courier and protocol office staffer. So, high-end private clube honed my craft in numerous areas of expertise.

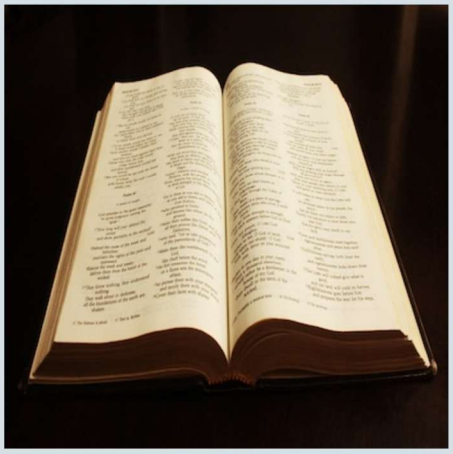
Fast forward to 2020, COVID brought me a whole lot closer to Jesus. An early but life-threatening bout of 10 plus weeks created a trade - my life to serve Him if I would live. And so, here I am.

I serve the poor in marginalized villages in East Africa, and have since 2018.
There you have it; the crux anyway. As I continue to work on Next Wave, I will continue my tale so you get to know me better over time.

Blessings,
David



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