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y husband, Solomon, lost his wallet. This was not a new occurrence — he is a visionary, an idea person,

and often misplaces things, especially when deep in thought. My family is used to finding the milk carton on top of the refrigerator, the car keys on the bathroom sink and his cellphone between the couch cushions. But after two days of looking everywhere we could think of, we started to worry that he might not have misplaced his wallet in the house as we imagined ... and that meant we may have to proceed to cancel debit and credit cards and order a new driver's license, etc. Not a happy thought! Unfortunately, the next day he had a ministry trip out of town and needed to have all of those items with him. So, since it was already dark, we decided that the next morning he would search the family van one more time and confirm it wasn't there, and then we would know it was really lost.

When my alarm sounded the next morning, it woke me out of a dream in which I had found Solomon's wallet in his dresser drawer. It was extremely vivid, so I immediately checked his dresser thinking, why not? It could be ... The light was off because my son was still asleep in his crib, but I couldn't feel the wallet, so I thought the dream must be symbolic. It means we will find it, somewhere. Later that morning, right before I left for work, I told Solomon the dream. While I was still pondering the dream again and what it might mean, he reached out to retrieve an item from the drawer I mentioned. When he opened the drawer, to his surprise there it was! The wallet was tucked nicely in a corner. Praise God!

Now, I consider myself a person of faith, but I don't mind saying that I was shocked. Having a dream about finding a wallet in a drawer and finding that same wallet in any drawer would have been incredible. But to find it in exactly the same drawer I found it in my dream? That was miraculous. It was overwhelming-the thought that God cared. He really cared enough about our frantic search for Solomon's wallet to show us where it was (or have His angels put it there—I can't rule that out!). He helped us find the wallet in a pretty spectacularly supernatural way. I'm pretty sure, He must know how much is in that wallet and that's exciting. He will provide for every need.

Jesus said that the very hairs on our head are numbered, and that not a single sparrow falls without the Father's consent. I think one of the hardest things for us Christians is to actually believe that God cares, and He cares about every detail of our lives. These past few months certain things have unfolded in my life personally, and I have experienced the faithfulness of God in some tangible ways. In the process, I have realized that my life would have been much easier if I had trusted God just a little bit more.

Here's my point. You can trust Him. Sometimes we get occupied trusting God for the "big" things—healing, finances or for someone we love to be saved. He cares about those things, but don't forget that God also cares about the day-to-day things. When you can't find your car keys, or you are stuck on a project at work that seems impossible, or how about when your child starts biting someone else's child ... and you don't know what to do? He cares, more than you know. He has made provision for you in every situation, whether big or small.

God also cares about the really big things. In this issue, we examine the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling on homosexual marriage. As well, the videos that surfaced of Planned Parenthood's doctors and executives discussing harvesting organs from live babies cause us to ask, what is our response as Christians?

We also share Zechariah Haile's story of a faith journey and how he found emotional healing after his father died by trusting God for direction when his heart told him to go to China, but God said Israel. God cared about Zechariah and made provision for his healing, but only in the place of obedience. Then there is veteran Omar Lopez' testimony about his miraculous survival and healing after a helicopter crash, while serving in the military. His healing came as he learned more about Who God is and who God created him to be.

We hope these stories inspire you to act in faith and help you to realize that you can trust Him. He cares that much.

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By Dennis Lindsay

GIVING



WALKING ON WATER

Christ For The Nations is unique. We have the Holy Spirit's fingerprints on our history, including our financial history. We have had unexpected financial miracles, which are especially significant when you realize we have no professional fundraiser and no emphasis on a great, charismatic leader. The reason for our success is simply that we have always chosen to rely on faith and have continually stepped out of the boat of comfort, taking our example from the Apostle Peter's famous walk on water.

My father, Gordon Lindsay, had four significant experiences of stepping out of his boat of comfort. He chose to sell his house four times and gave all the proceeds to Christ For The Nations. It always seemed to me that he took Jesus' words very seriously in Mathew 19:21. "Jesus told him, 'If you want to be perfect, go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow Me.'"

The first time my dad sold his house, he launched *The Voice of Healing* magazine and ministry, now Christ For The Nations. CFN is a global ministry and has changed lives throughout the world. The second house they sold started the printing company in the 1950s. My brother, Gilbert, has taken over a former communist printing company in Russia, shipping to 114 nations and has printed over 60 million books in over 80 languages.

The third house was sold in the 1960s to start our Native Church Program. Since we began, we have roofed over 13,000 churches. The final house my dad gave to CFN was to start Christ For The Nations Institute (CFNI). This investment into God's Kingdom has had some of the best returns, with over 40,000 students, and over 45 associated Bible schools launched.





EVERYONE HAS SOMETHING MORE TO GIVE

After Dad died, my mom took over the ministry. She was determined not to just keep it going; she expanded it in every way imaginable. From just a few acres, our campus grew to over 90 acres. She paid off the mortgage on the Institute Building auditorium that had just been constructed before Dad died. We purchased and built apartment buildings, student buildings, classrooms, a library and many of the other buildings you see around campus. From just over 50 students we now exceed 1,000 students every year.

Her secret was found on her bedside table. She kept three books there at all times—her Bible, the latest nonfiction Christian book and her checkbook (so she could be ready to give at a moment's notice). She regularly gave over 60 percent of her salary, and at times, more. The U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) couldn't believe she lived on as little as she did, so they audited her. Those auditors were proven wrong. Her life of giving was officially confirmed when the IRS cleared her audit completely. Proverbs 3:9 (NLT) says, "Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce." I think this was the secret to her much-vaunted fundraising ability—she never took "no" for an answer because she believed everyone had something more they could give. She always did.

GOD SAYS, "DO YOU TRUST ME?"

Here at CFN, we believe that the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6 is a model for a life of faith. When it says, "Give us this day our daily bread," we recognize that it describes the daily exercise of faith for provision that God expects of us. It doesn't only mean natural bread—financial provision—but it also means spiritual bread or the spiritual food we need to grow and become who God called us to be. Manna fell daily. God wants to meet us daily, not monthly, annually or even weekly. He wants to meet us every day to impart His presence, His direction and His provision.

I have worked here at CFN for over 50 years, and I have seen the hand of the Lord bring about surprises that no one thought of or could have orchestrated. God is fully capable of meeting your needs, but you have to prepare for surprises from Heaven. The question God asks is, "Do you trust Me?"

ONE STEP AT A TIME

This life of trusting God has four simple steps. First, hear the Word of the Lord. This step requires you to put faith-building scriptures and sermons into your mind, such as Deuteronomy 15:10 (NLT). "Give generously to the poor, not grudgingly, for the LORD your God will bless you in everything you do."

1985—Christ For the Nations Japan was established by CFNI graduates Charles & Dianne Gyurko. In 1994, CFN-J was accepted as CFNI's first Associate Bible School. 1987—Oral Roberts presents Freda Lindsay with an honorary doctorate from Oral Roberts University.

1988—Freda meets with Governor George H.W. Bush just before he is elected President of the U.S.



As you do that, you are enabled to take the second step, which is the step of faith. This faith step involves the generous giving described in Deuteronomy.

Once you have applied faith to your giving, the third step is to simply trust the Lord. Proverbs 11:24-25 (NLT) says, "Give freely and become more wealthy; be stingy and lose everything. The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed." The principle of giving is counter to our culture, but as we choose to give, we have to keep an attitude of trust in God.

The final step is to expect a miracle. You have meditated on God's Word; you have taken that step of faith and trusted God in the midst of it. Now, you must expect Him to move. I can tell you from my experience, you can never outgive God.

GIVE IT AWAY

Mathew 6:21 says, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." My dad founded this ministry on the principle of giving, and one of the biggest gifts he gave was the platform, the megaphone, of *The Voice of Healing* magazine. He constantly and consistently deflected attention away from himself and promoted other ministers and ministries. As one secular author, David Edwin Harrell, Jr., in his book *All Things Are Possible*, describes, "Lindsay was particularly

1989—The first Youth For The Nations camp was held. This life-transforming youth camp has impacted the lives of thousands of young people. 1991—Five Advanced Schools of ministry are established: Global Missions, Youth Ministry, Leadership Pastoral Ministry, Worship & Technical Arts, and Children's & Family Ministry. wary of those evangelists who seemed to have an inordinate ambition to magnify themselves and those who seemed to hope to amass money for personal comfort. Lindsay clearly saw and certainly expressed more openly than any other man the destructive and divisive excesses in the movement."

One example of this excess was a monthly ministry magazine that had over 30 pictures of the minister himself. In contrast, the magazine my father founded was devoted to supporting and giving a voice to other ministers. Christ For The Nations has always grown through leaders who rely on the Lord. We are not about fame . . . we are about bringing the truth of the Gospel.

WHO DO YOU SERVE?

Mathew 6:24 says, "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money." The way you can tell whether you are serving God or money is your time, effort and thoughts. Are they consumed with things, money and worrying about how to get more money? Or are your thoughts centered on God's Kingdom and how to promote His agenda on Earth? The thoughts you focus on determine your actions and your actions become your lifestyle. Once your thoughts are turned toward Him, you can give without fear and live without regret.

1991—Freda Lindsay's motto was 3 & 5. This meant you should read three chapters in the Bible every day, and five on Sunday. This allows you to read the Bible in one year. Freda had read through the Bible more than 75 times in her lifetime.









Christ For The Nations exists to impact humanity with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

This year, we have seen the deaf and lame healed during summer missions outreaches and at the Voice of Healing Conference. We have enabled poor churches in Third World countries to literally put a roof over their heads with our Native Church Program. We have fed and clothed orphans, supported refugees in Israel and given scholarships to international students to attend CFNI.

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H E A L E D B Y G R A C E

By Julene Fleurmond

Omar Lopez's engaging personality and bright smile reveal his obvious joy for life—so much so that you might never realize that he has experienced some of the darkest days imaginable. This 33-year-old student at Christ For The Nations Institute was a soldier in the United States Army and survived a helicopter crash that took the lives of several of his fellow soldiers and left him struggling with the physical and emotional aftermath of his survival. His story of healing and the grace to trust God through the process show resilience and faith that are inspiring and moving. Omar joined the United States Army in peacetime, but by the time he was deployed to Iraq in 2003, he was part of the war that followed the September 11th attacks. "I was young; I had never killed anybody in my life, and obviously in war, you have to do stuff you never thought you'd have to do," Omar explains. After being in Iraq about seven months the day came that changed his life. On November 2, 2003, he and his fellow soldiers, who were stationed on the Syrian border, were headed to Baghdad. Two helicopters, or Chinooks, came to pick them up, each with a 36-passenger capacity. As Omar was in line to get on the first helicopter, the soldier in front of him unexpectedly got out of line, and Omar took the last seat. The helicopter took off. Omar remembers hearing a loud noise that sounded like someone slammed a door. As he turned to his left, he saw a large fireball coming towards him, and it singed his face. He heard an alarm go off, and the pilot announced that they were going down. Omar thought that he must be dreaming, but then he felt the shock of a second missile that hit the helicopter. The impact threw him out of the helicopter, sending him flying 300 feet.

Tears stream down Omar's face as he described what he experienced. "I opened up my eyes. I just remember hearing one of my friends saying, 'I can't feel my legs; I'm going to die; I'm going to die,' and then I realized that I wasn't dreaming." He could smell the distinct odor of fuel and feel the heat of the fire. His eyes were open, but he couldn't see so he just began to scream. He felt other soldiers trying to remove debris from his body and comforting him, promising that they would get him out of there.

Omar was in so much pain that he was placed in an induced coma. His injuries were severe—he had broken both feet, both hips, shattered his right forearm, dislocated his right shoulder and fractured his neck. He found out later that the soldier that left his place in line was the only medic among them. The second helicopter landed without incident so the medic was there to stabilize and keep them alive until more help arrived. When Omar woke up eight days after his accident in a hospital in Washington D.C., he couldn't remember what happened or how he got there. The doctors told him he would never be able to run again, and he would have to use a cane for the rest of his life. Omar was only 20 years old at the time, and his identity had been bound up in his athletic ability for as long as he could remember. "I remember praying, 'God, You should have just let me die.""

Despite his anger and frustration, Omar experienced God's presence, accelerating his recovery—what should have been a six-month hospital stay ended in only six weeks. Even so he was disappointed that after his body had recovered in most ways—he could walk without a cane—he still wasn't able to run. He continued to ask God, "If You heal others, why don't You heal me?" It was only recently that a major shift happened in his heart. Pastor Eric Hollar, in a CFNI class, described God's grace in a way Omar had never heard before—that God loved him, regardless of anything he had ever done. He realized that he had always tried to earn God's favor and love. "I lived more like a slave than a son, but it's because no one shared the Gospel with me the way he did," Omar reflects.

After this healing of his soul, Omar received a final healing in his body. Just a few months ago, he was visiting Florida with some friends and jokingly told his friends they should jog home. As he began jogging, he was surprised that it didn't hurt. "I began to cry, thinking, 'God, I don't even remember what it's like to run," Omar shared. Omar and his friends ran about two and a half miles nonstop that day, something he hadn't done in over 12 years. Now, he runs every day.

Out of the 36 soldiers on the helicopter, 16 died at the crash site and four passed away later on, leaving only 16 survivors. Omar, recipient of a Purple Heart Medal because of his injuries, says that even among his friends who did survive many still have evidences of their injuries, such as brain damage or missing limbs. He is the only one with no physical signs, except for a few scars, that he had been in the accident.

Omar shares his full testimony on video. To view, go to cfnthevoice.com/healed-by-grace.



God healed my heart and my mind from all the guilt that you feel from war, and to me that's the biggest miracle—that after I sincerely received the salvation of grace, He healed my heart, then He healed my body as well.

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Zechariah Haile's Story

• *By* Celeste Groomer

G od is most definitely involved in the affairs of men. Only He can take a tragic, personal trial and turn it into a remarkable victory in a person's life and for His Kingdom! That is what happened to me when I went on the CFN Israel Tour this past May. Never, in a million years, would I have suspected what God was about to do in my life. My testimony actually begins on a missionary trip in a small town in China in 2004, but it comes full-circle at the 2015 Empowered21 Global Congress in Jerusalem.

In 2004, as an 11-year-old, I had a riveting missionary experience smuggling Christian literature into China with my dad. It was intense and powerpacked. One incident I remember in particular was late at night. It was pitch black, and we were in the Chinese countryside, trying to get the tracts we had into the hands of the unreached people in a rural village. Because of the danger, my dad told me to wait in a field while he went into the town. I remember looking at the night sky, waiting for him, feeling anxious and excited. I didn't really understand what we were doing, but I was thrilled to be doing it with my dad. We were totally at the mercy of our circumstances—we couldn't control if we were caught or the response of the people God connected us with. This experience changed both of our lives and taught us how to trust God. He showed us His faithfulness as we carried His gospel into rural China.

As I got older, my dad and I grew a little distant, and yet these memories of China remained the centerpiece of our relationship. At times, we would relive our experience because it was the most important way we bonded as father and son. We always planned to go again, but our relationship continued to grow more and more distant.

In August 2014, as I began my studies at CFNI, my dad and I began to re-establish our father-son relationship. On Sept. 1, I called my dad, and we talked about missions, traveling the world and going back to China together. We had truly connected again!

What I didn't realize was that this was the last time I would speak to my dad. My world was about to come crashing down around me. Late in the evening of Sept. 18, I received a phone call. They had found my dad, dead. I was devastated. What about the recent reconnection?

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What about our plans to return to China? Where was God in this devastating situation? How could He help me make sense of this enormous hurt? I missed my dad so much, and I felt cheated—I had only just gotten him back.

At about this time, CFNI students were signing up for summer outreaches—at CFNI every student is urged to join a summer outreach to one of any number of nations. I really wanted go on the Asia Impact outreach, just to be close to China, and maybe relive the memories I had made with my dad. As I contemplated signing up for that trip, God made it clear that I was to go to Israel instead. I couldn't understand why He was compelling me to go on the Israel Tour, even though China was in my heart. Didn't He understand? Though it made no sense at all, I submitted to the Lord and began to raise the finances to travel to Israel.

Our team left for Israel on May 18, exactly eight months after my dad died. This became very significant because

God revealed to me that eight was the number of new beginnings and resurrection. He assured me that He would use my trials and heartaches for my benefit as well as to His glory. I didn't understand what He meant, but I committed to trust Him.

This Israel tour was unique because we spent the first few days attending the Empowered21 Congress, along with attendees from more than 70 nations. On the first day, I saw a Chinese delegation that was praying fervently, and without their being aware of it, I began praying for them as old memories of my time in China were reignited. I felt a special connection with them, even though I didn't get to meet them. It was just the beginning of what God was up to. He assured me that He would use my trials and heartaches for my benefit as well as to His glory. I didn't understand what He meant, but I committed to trust Him.





A few days later, through a set of supernatural circumstances, our tour leader was informed that this particular Chinese delegation was made up of persecuted Christians who desperately needed someone to minister to them. We were told that their government would not allow them to leave their hotel in Bethlehem to attend a Christian conference in Jerusalem. If they ignored their government's directive, the members of their group would lose their jobs upon returning to China, and so they were missing the bulk of the conference due to this order.

Feeling a Divine mandate to be a part of God's ministry to these precious brothers and sisters, our tour leader selected a group of only 10 people (out of the more than 40 on the trip) to minister to this Chinese group in their time of trial—I was one of those who was allowed to go. We were amazed as God poured out His presence in their hotel room. We ministered to them for four hours, and everyone in the room, including us, felt changed when we were done.

On Pentecost Sunday, the final day of Empowered21, to our shock the Chinese delegation arrived at the Congress despite their government's best efforts to keep them away. Not only did they attend, but they miraculously sat just a few rows in front of us, in a crowd of nearly 5,000 people! I couldn't believe my eyes!



After connecting with them again, we were leaving the auditorium and saying goodbye when I was compelled to ask them what village in China they were from. Their response brought me to tears. Of all the vast land and villages in China, a nation of 1 billion people, this delegation had arrived from one of the villages my father and I had ministered to in 2004. Overcome by the Divine hand of God at work in this miraculous meeting, I wondered if any of these Christians had found Christ through the work my dad and I had done nearly 11 years prior. It was as though God was showing me the fruit, the harvest, of all those seeds we had sown. He was telling me that our trip to China was still bearing fruit, even though we were never able to return together.

Healing from the loss of my dad began in Israel. To know that God can orchestrate so many good things in spite of devastating circumstances is astounding. He had healing and ministry waiting for me as I submitted to His direction. I know that God brought China to me in Israel, and He has proven to me that He is truly involved in the affairs of men—myself included!

Zechariah is curently a second year student at CFNI. He is in preparation for the next season and whatever God has for him. •



And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28



HOW DO I PRAY FOR ISRAEL?

• By Missy Lindsay

love for Israel has always been a part of the DNA of Christ For The Nations Institute (CFNI). My grandmother and co-founder of CFNI, Freda Lindsay, would often share her love for Israel with the students of CFNI. She would start by asking, "How many of you want to be blessed?" All of the students would raise their hands. Then she would ask, "How many want to be cursed?" Everybody would laugh—of course they didn't! Then she would quote Genesis 12:2-3, "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

This was such an integral part of CFNI that I have always assumed everyone understood what it means to bless Israel. But recently I was asked *how* to pray for Israel by a CFNI alumnus, who understood that it is important to bless Israel and fervently wanted to, but found herself unclear as to what that actually meant. She knew why, but didn't know how. As I thought about this encounter, I felt led to share some practical ways to pray for Israel.

1. Watch the News

Pay attention to world events and you will see the impact on Israel. Things like Iran's desire to destroy Israel, yet the world participating in a nuclear deal with that country is a very serious issue for Israel, and it needs your prayers. Current events will help direct your prayers to the most timely and urgent needs for Israel.

CURRENT PRAYER POINTS FOR ISRAEL

2. Stay Informed

My aunt, Shira Sorko-Ram, and her daughter, Shani Ferguson, both have ministries based in Israel. They publish newsletters that will keep you informed on current events and their impact on Israel from a biblical, cultural and political perspective. These helpful reports are available at *maozisrael.org* (Shira's ministry) or *yeshuaisrael.com* (Shani's ministry).

3. Dig Deeper

It is important to find other resources to give you more detailed information and to help you to understand Israel's role in end time events. Books about Israel are well worth your time and effort. Examples of good resources to start with include: *A Nation Born In A Day* by Paul Toberty, *The Mountains of Israel* by Norma Parrish Archbold and *The Islamic Anti-Christ* by Joel Richardson. These books will help you to understand some of the motivations behind actions and will give you a clearer perspective on what God wants to do in His land of Israel.

These are just a few options for you to start incorporating blessing Israel into your prayer life. It isn't enough to say, "Father, bless Israel." Just like when you pray for people, your prayers are so much more effective if you know what is going on in their lives. I encourage you to make a commitment to learn more about how you can pray for Israel. As you start to make praying for Israel part of your daily prayer time, you will see the Lord begin to bless you as you take a stand to bless Israel.

1. THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM

God, the Father, chose Jerusalem (2 Chronicles 6:6). God, the Son, cried over Jerusalem (Luke 19:41). God, the Holy Spirit, confirmed His Word in Jerusalem (Acts 1:4 & Acts 2:1-5). This is why we find in Psalm 122:6, "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem."

2. PRIME MINISTER NETANYAHU

Pray for the Lord to lead and guide Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Pray for wisdom for him to hear God's voice, that he will be swiftly alerted to any imminent plots, subversions or attacks before they take place, and for the courage to act.



3. AWAKEN TO THE GOSPEL

The entire nation of Israel, both Jew and Arab, needs the Messiah. Pray that Jews see the truth of Jesus as Messiah, and that Arabs see the truth of Jesus as Savior.

4. HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERMENT

Pray that those in the Messianic movement in Israel will lead anointed evangelistic outreaches among Arabs and Jews. Also, pray that they will be prepared by the Holy Spirit to disciple those who not only will come to know Christ Jesus as Lord, but will be willing to be filled with the Spirit.



Whose voice do you obey and whose authority do you submit to—God's, or the government's?

Gianna Jessen, against all odds, survived a late-term, saline abortion. This procedure is designed to suffocate and burn a fully developed baby while it is still inside her mother's womb. Yes, it is legal in America. Unlike most babies, Gianna escaped this grisly death. She was born alive! Her chances of survival were still very slim. However, because a nurse, not an abortionist, was attending her birth mother, an ambulance was called, instead of them administering death. Each year, in the U.S. alone, over 1 million babies are legally killed in abortion clinics in a silent holocaust. Not sentenced by a bloodthirsty tyrant, but by the Supreme Court of "We The People of the United States." In this holocaust their guilt is not their race or ethnicity, but simply their fragility and innocence. They are the pre-born.





Main gate and railroad to Nazi concentration camp of Auschwitz Birkenau

IT'S NOT THE FIRST TIME

Throughout history and up to the present day, the human race has gone through periods of extreme social injustice. In Adolf Hitler's Nazi Germany, Jews were considered less than human, and over 6 million were killed in concentration camps. The apartheid regime of South Africa legislated a system of racial segregation that kept blacks from mixing with whites, suppressing the majority black population. This prevented blacks from determining their own destinies in their native land. Long after the abolition of slavery in America, the Jim Crow laws in the American South kept African-Americans from voting or riding at the front of a bus—and seemed to give implicit support for the beatings and lynchings of blacks. Wherever there has been change or improvement, it is because men and women of conscience and courage refused to be silent, and therefore, participate in the injustice. Wherever there has been no voice of advocacy, the darkness lingers.



• The LGBT community holds parades and protests in support of homosexuality.

HOMOSEXUAL MARRIAGE, ABORTION AND ERODING FREEDOM

Our culture seems to be changing right before our eyes. Or maybe it is just the hidden things coming to light (Job 28:11, Daniel 2:22). The moral pendulum of America appears to be swinging further away from anything remotely Christian or even civilized. On June 26, 2015, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of homosexual marriage, affirming and legalizing a practice that the Bible clearly states is a sin and an abomination to God (Romans 1:18-32; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; 1 Timothy 1:9-10). By legalizing it, the Supreme Court in effect makes it illegal not to recognize it. Thus, more than recognizing the freedom of people to engage in a homosexual marriage, it denies others the right to follow their consciences and practice their faith without the fear of persecution. In fact, Christian bakers and florists have already been fined and told that they have to provide wedding cakes or flowers for homosexual

marriage ceremonies, despite their religious convictions. This is just the beginning.

As the Christian church was still recovering from the shock of the Supreme Court's ruling, an even more outrageous and gut-wrenching evil came to light. A horrifying video (the first of many) emerged showing Planned Parenthood's doctors callously discussing how they dismembered pre-born babies' body parts, while they are still alive, for them to sell. They even described live births and "harvesting" the baby's organs, which led to the baby's death. Yes, this is happening in America! And yet, in a recent national poll, 65 percent of Americans still do not favor defunding this infamous organization. How would you respond if we said that America is a state sponsor of terror; condoning and funding a different type of terror of its own citizens-the most vulnerable little ones? We would never consider ourselves a rogue nation or compare ourselves to Nazi Germany, and yet, we watch as these innocent lives are destroyed-and we have been watching for over 40 years since Roe v. Wade was passed.

GOD HAS THE FINAL AUTHORITY

So what do you do in a time of apostasy, when a nation is in gross moral decline? What do you do when society says something is right that is so obviously wrong? Whose voice do you obey—God's authority or the government's authority? As Christians, we must recognize that God's authority is the highest authority for our lives. An example of this is found in Acts 4:19: "But Peter and John replied, 'Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges!'" The apostles recognized that God was the One Who they had to obey.

Asher Intrater in his book, Authority: Biblical Principles of Spiritual and Delegated Authority, states, "Governments have authority in issues dealing with political and civil affairs. They do not have authority within the family." What this statement means is that the government cannot and should not be allowed to tell us that we have to accept and condone homosexual marriage or any other type of immoral behavior. Government has no right to tell us how to live in our families, and it does not have the right to decide the value of life and which babies can live or even at what stage of development they can be killed. The Apostle Paul in Galatians 1:14 declares, "But when God, who set me apart from my mother's womb . . . " He was echoing a central, biblical teaching that life begins at conception, in the womb. Abortion then cannot be justified, legally or in any other way.



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COMPASSIONATE RESISTANCE

In spite of the overwhelming biblical evidence that homosexuality is a sin, people who do not condone the homosexual lifestyle are generally accused of being haters and homophobes. Dr. Michael Brown, a Messianic Jew and professor of Bible and Hebrew studies (formerly an adjunct professor at a CFNI affiliated Bible school), wrote a book called Can You Be Gay And Christian? He states, "You are created to be a child of God, a servant of the Lord Jesus, a world-changer and a history-maker in Him ... The ultimate issue is not homosexuality or heterosexuality. All human beings fall short of God's standards in many ways, and all of us-heterosexual and homosexual alike-need God's mercy . . . and need to turn from our sins and ask God for grace to lead a holy and virtuous life." So the issue is not a stance against homosexuality. It is against all manner of sin and iniquity. This is a call to take a stand for God—a stand of righteousness that is not born in legalism and condemnation, but in grace and truth.

Dr. Brown advocates a compassionate approach to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) community. He says further that Jesus "practiced transformational inclusion, which I wholeheartedly advocate, not affirmational inclusion, which the LGBT community advocates ... We are to reach out and resist, meaning, reach out to LGBT people with compassion and resist gay activism with courage." He is describing the importance of building relationships with homosexuals, but not to the point of compromising the biblical standards by which we live our lives. The believer must submit to the authority and truth of God's Word, while saying "no" to moral relativism and degeneration in our society.

SILENCE IS NOT AN OPTION

Abortion survivor Gianna Jessen describes the impact of compromising in the face of pressure. "We will have to give an account as a nation, before God, for our apathy and for the murder of over 50 million children in the womb. Every time we falter in courage as individuals and fail to confront this evil, I wonder how many lives have been lost in our silence, while we make sure we are lauded among men and do not offend anyone? How many children have died, been dismembered and their parts sold for our ego, our convenience and our promiscuity? ... The blood cries out to the Lord from the ground, like that of the blood of Abel. Not one of them is forgotten by Him."

Where do you stand as the silent holocaust goes on? Acclaimed author and church historian, Dr. Eddie Hyatt, writes, "There were Christians in Germany who opposed Hitler and the Nazi regime, but they were a minority. Too many yielded to Hitler's intimidation and took the path of least resistance the path of silence." One of those who did not stand silently by and who opposed the Nazi regime was Dietrich Bonhoeffer. He was eventually hanged for his resistance. He declared, "Silence in the face of evil is itself evil; God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act."



Each year, CFNI students take a stand against abortion as part of the Life Chain event.

CFNI'S RESPONSE TO LEGALIZING HOMOSEXUAL MARRIAGE

By Dennis Lindsay



STATEMENT ON MARRIAGE, GENDER AND SEXUALITY

Christ For The Nations (CFN) fully embraces the teachings of the traditional biblical view with regard to the goodness of our sexuality, the importance of chastity and the place of heterosexual marriage as God's intended context for complete sexual expression to occur (Genesis 2:21-24). CFN believes that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God (Genesis 1:26-27). Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

We also believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union as delineated in Scripture (Genesis 2:18-25). We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between one man and one woman, who are married to each other (1 Corinthians 6:18; 7:2-5; Hebrews 13:4).

We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between one man and one woman. Therefore, any form of sexual immorality, including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest and the use of pornography is sinful.

MAKING IT PERSONAL

Mankind does not have an inborn tendency toward either heterosexuality or homosexuality. Instead, they have a capacity for heterosexual response as well as a capacity for homosexual response at birth. The practice of each is a learned and acquired behavior. A person may have a sex change, but every cell in the person's body declares the gender of that person. As Dr. James Dobson of Focus on the Family points out, "We differ in literally every cell of our bodies, for each sex carries a unique chromosomal pattern."

Much is written today about so-called sex-change operations, whereby males are transformed into females or vice versa. Admittedly, it is possible to alter the external genitalia by surgery, and silicone can be used to pad the breasts or round out a bony frame. Hormones can then be injected to feminize or make masculine the convert. However, nothing can be done to change the assignment of sex that is made by God at the instant of conception. That determination is carried in each cell, and it will read "male" or "female" from the earliest moment of life to the point of death. The Bible says emphatically, "Male and female created He them" (Genesis 1:27). Not one sex, but two!

FREEDOM FROM HOMOSEXUALITY

A homosexual can break free. First Corinthians 6:9-11 is written in the past tense. "Some of you were homosexuals." Stand on 1 Corinthians 10:13: "No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it."

The path to freedom is through Jesus, Who is our Kinsman-Redeemer. What is a Kinsman-Redeemer? The term "Kinsman" literally means to "come to the help or rescue of one." Our Kinsman-Redeemer, Christ Jesus, has the power, ability and willingness to "purchase or buy back, to pay the ransom," or redeem the person from the slavery and penalties of all sin, including the sin of homosexuality. This is the loving God Who wants to redeem every human being from the slavery of sin. You can be free. Trust in Him.

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he purpose of Christ For The Nations Institute is to raise up a new breed of passionate voices in the Earth—voices awakened by purpose, empowered by love and fueled by hope. CFNI is a place where dreams

find direction and the core of that, our heartbeat, is that our teaching and training is biblical, yet practical; relevant, yet anointed. The truth you learn and the wisdom imparted will help you move into the fullness of your purpose. Here are the nine different majors that are available for our 3rd-year students (or those whose educational or ministry background allows them into these programs) that will give you specific and strategic tools to equip you.



CREATIVE MEDIA

The Creative Media Major will cultivate creativity and equip you to minister in innovative ways. Students will grow and develop artistry with hands-on, practical experience, using tools such as digital cameras, video cameras and various design software. The Creative Media Major is designed to foster better problem solvers, designers, leaders and thinkers.

GLOBAL MISSIONS

Why Global Missions? Jesus commanded (not suggested) that we must GO, teach, train and make disciples of ALL the nations. This command has not expired; it is still of the utmost importance. The Global Missions Major is focused on imparting to and equipping this next generation to "GO" and share the Gospel with every nation.



The Evangelism Major will motivate and equip you with an evangelistic passion. The emphasis is "boots on the ground." The purposes, principles and practicalities of evangelism will prepare you to effectively minister in the marketplace, on the mission field, in your community or the local church.



MARKETPLACE

The Marketplace Leadership Major is designed for the person who has a calling in the workplace. Whether you're called to be an educator, entrepreneur, politician, businessperson, entertainer or artist, you will benefit from the instructors' wisdom. They have a passion for Jesus and a proven track record of success in the marketplace.





WORSHIP

The Worship Major is a place of presence-driven instruction, where students are taught practical and spiritual classes by seasoned faculty, who are passionate about raising up world-changing worshippers. If you have a calling to be a worship leader, songwriter, musician, artist or someone who desires to be a carrier of God's Presence, the Worship Major is for you.



YOUTH

The Youth Major is focused on developing influencers who want to transform society. From youth pastors to teachers to business owners, experienced instructors train every student to walk in their destiny, imparting into those who will impact youth, ages 13-30. Honor, power and transparency are center stage as we generate a lifestyle of boldness, passion and risk-taking.

BIBLICAL COUNSELING

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The Biblical Counseling Major will help you develop a set of skills that will enable you to lead others to wellness. Whether you are called to the marketplace, full-time ministry or both, the Counseling Major will equip you to follow sound methods that will promote wholeness in the individual—soul and body.

CHILDREN'S AND FAMILY

Through the Children's and Family Major you will be trained for life-changing ministry. You will be thoroughly prepared and equipped to develop effective and needed ministry to children and families in any setting, from small to large churches, and in any location, from first to third world countries.

NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH LEADERSHIP

The New Testament Church Leadership Major will prepare those who are called to the five leadership ministry roles that are listed in Ephesians 4:11: apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. You'll gain a deeper understanding of what the Church is designed to be and how a new generation of leaders is being raised up to lead the way and truly disciple the nations.





UPDATES FROM CFNI PARTNER SCHOOLS

• By Celeste Groomer

40 YEARS OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

June 12-14, 2015, the 40th anniversary of Glaubenszentrum was held under the theme "Meeting— Remembering—Networking." More than 600 alumni, staff members and guests from other nations celebrated, describing the various ways that God's kindness and faithfulness have been seen on its campus.

God's Heart For Germany

More than 43 years ago, God delivered Bob Humburg from alcohol and gambling, and set him and his wife, Emma, on a new course. They left New York City to attend Christ For The Nations Institute in Dallas, Texas, and while at CFNI they received a call from God to begin ministry. Their daughters, Kay and Lynn, and a friend had also attended CFNI, and upon graduation they traveled to Germany. God had stirred these girls' hearts for Germany, and they prayed for revival to come to that land.

After much prayer and intercession, Kay and Lynn called Bob and encouraged him and Emma to travel to Germany and begin a Bible school. They felt the girls' request resonate within their spirits, and they answered the call to impact and influence the next generation of Germans. It was from this humble beginning that Glaubenszentrum became one of CFNI's associated Bible schools.

Glaubenszentrum (CFNI Germany)

Glaubenszentrum has been located in a couple of different places. The current location has had the greatest impact on the school's worship and prayer ministries. The buildings and property that house Glaubenszentrum were built by Adolph Hitler and were formerly used to train Nazi officers. Because Hitler chose a high hill in the city of Bad Gandersheim, Germany, to build his army barracks, there was a dark spiritual oppression over the region.

Glaubenszentrum took over the former Nazi training camp and began to lift extraordinary praises to God, as well as do battle in intercession for the region. This led to a shift in the atmosphere for righteousness. Now, Glaubenszentrum brings hundreds of people in for Bible conferences and exceptional nights of worship to the Lord. What the enemy meant for evil, God has arrested and turned for His glory!

In Only 40 Years

As the school celebrates an amazing 40 years since its formation, Glaubenszentrum is becoming stronger. It has schools in discipleship training, church ministry, worship and missions. The graduates have gone on to impact many nations with the Gospel. Glaubenszentrum continues to influence their region, the nation and the world. They train and equip the youth of Germany, as the school stands as a city on a hill, letting its light shine.

Glaubenszentrum Campus





Dr. Dennis Lindsay, President of Christ For The Nations, Dallas, Texas, spoke at the 40th anniversary celebration, bringing congratulations and support from CFNI in Dallas. The event was filled with thankfulness towards God and awareness that Jesus Christ is the cornerstone and foundation of Glaubenszentrum.



In the cornerstone of the main office building, Hitler buried a copy of his famous book and manifesto *Mein Kampf*. Because it was buried in the foundation of the building, they were unable to remove it. So, each day when the leaders and students pass by that corner of the stairwell, witnessing the date the building was completed, they rejoice as they declare that in Christ there is victory over even the most heinous enemy.

A LIFE WELL-LIVED

Christ For The Nations lost a friend, missionary and pioneer on May 6, 2015. Dave Brunk passed away after a 10-year battle with cancer, leaving behind his wife and partner in ministry, Janis Brunk, and his four children—daughters Jennifer and Angeline and sons Joel and Joshua.

Dave and Janis attended CFNI together, graduating in 1991. They then moved to Belarus to find out how to meet the needs they saw there. In 1994, they opened Christ For The Nations Belarus (CFNB), which is now the largest Bible school in the country. They launched annual praise and worship symposiums that gathered thousands of worshippers from Russian-speaking countries and set up a professional recording studio so they could produce contemporary worship music. They also committed to help meet physical needs by partnering with overseas humanitarian organizations and local governments.

The Brunk's investment in Belarus continues as CFNB still trains worldchangers despite their being driven out of the country in 2008 by threats of arrest from the KGB. Many consider CFNB the first step toward having a Christian University in the former Soviet Union. The impact Dave has had there is incalculable.



For more information about Dave Brunk, go to cfnthevoice. com/brunk.

ANUNIKELY CANDIDATE Giving God a Voice in Government

By Maddy Hunt

ow important is our "yes" to God? Can it change lives and impact nations? Carolanne Bassett didn't know the impact of her "yes." She viewed herself as an unlikely candidate, both for political office and to be used for God's glory to affect her nation. But when the 2014 CFNI graduate said "yes" to God's call, it led to her becoming Senator and the President of the Senate for her country, Bermuda.

Carolanne's first "yes" to God occurred when she was only 8 years old at the altar during a Billy Graham crusade. Her relationship with God faded through her teen years, and as an adult she was in and out of church. While going through difficult times, she still achieved success in her professional career, including her promotion as a senior executive in her company. Yet, she could feel that something was missing.

It took some time for her to come back to the church, but in the midst of that gray area she still felt Jesus' peace. One Sunday morning, she woke up at 7 a.m. and heard a voice telling her, "Go to church." Carolanne shares, "I found something when I walked in that building. I found that the Holy Spirit was waiting for me, and He started to minister to me. That's been 12 years ago, and I've kept the course ever since."



WRONG NUMBER?

In 2003, 49-year-old Carolanne had plans to travel and settle down with her already-retired husband, Roddy, when she got an unexpected call from the Governor of Bermuda's secretary saying, "The Governor would like to invite you to serve as an independent senator." Carolanne's immediate reply was, "I think you have the wrong person."

At that time there was another woman named Carol Bassett, and they had occasionally received each other's phone calls; Carolanne was sure this had happened again. Much to her surprise, the secretary assured her that this was no identity crisis. Arriving for her appointment at the Government House, Carolanne said that it took her 30 minutes to work up the courage to go inside. "During that half-hour I thought about every reason why I shouldn't do it, because I really had not been interested in politics." When she finally made it to her appointment, Carolanne politely but firmly turned the opportunity down. Her stated reason was simple. "I'm in the midst of some family issues, and

I don't want to open up the newspaper one day and see my family issues spread out in the newspaper." The governor replied, "Senator Bassett, that's exactly why I'm asking you—because you've been where a lot of families are."

In the middle of telling the Governor "no," Carolanne heard the Holy Spirit speak to her heart. He reminded her that she had just promised Him that she would do whatever He wanted her to do. Convicted, she agreed as an act of obedience. She has now been a senator for over 10 years.

In 2008, the President of the Senate retired and to Carolanne's shock and surprise, she was nominated for the position. She agreed and was voted in. "I knew in an instant that like no other time in my life, I was exactly in the will of God, and His hand was on my life." She has been President of the Senate since 2008, the first female Senate President in Bermuda and is in her second term as the Senate President.

POLITICS AS MINISTRY

Though walking in God's will is rewarding, saying "yes" doesn't come without its challenges. Even as the plan of God protects us, and we delight in walking out our purpose, we are often stretched by the circumstances that our "yes" puts us in.

Carolanne had not pursued a career in politics. As the President of the Senate, she found herself in a position of power and authority without knowing quite how to fulfill all that was required. The temptation to let arguments and disrespect slide into the senate meetings came as a challenge to her leadership. She found that when she didn't address these issues, they escalated and changed the entire atmosphere of the Senate. However, taking her place of authority also changed the atmosphere, positively. Carolanne has learned to listen to the Holy Spirit's voice and not allow the fear of men to influence her actions. Instead of an atmosphere of self-promotion and contention, Carolanne uses her authority to set an atmosphere of respect and honor in the Senate, making a lasting contribution to the leadership of her nation. She believes that to be the most effective leader, you have to spend time in the presence of God. "We can get so busy doing that we lose the connection to the Holy Spirit. Those are the times I would go home or go to my church, lay on the altar and just weep because I felt like I had let Him down, and that I had not stood for righteousness." This desire to do what God wants her to do has allowed God's influence to pervade the Bermuda Senate and broaden her influence in her country. Her obedience has given God a powerful voice in her country's government.

YES TO CFNI

Saying "yes" to an unexpected career in politics didn't keep Carolanne from growing in her ministry and more fully understanding her calling. After learning about CFNI through a missions team that ministered in her church, Carolanne visited the Dallas school for herself. She was "blown away by feeling the Holy Spirit in the classes" and knew she wanted to be a part of what God was doing at CFNI.

As a young woman, Carolanne had laid aside her desire for higher education to shoulder the responsibility for her family. So, studying at CFNI was the culmination of a longtime dream. Though it wasn't easy to balance being a Senator and a student in two different nations, Carolanne says she felt God's grace and saw His hand in her situation. Amazingly, unusually long breaks between Senate sessions allowed her time to fly between home and her classes at CFNI in Dallas for the three years she attended.

Now an alumnus of CFNI, Carolanne has solidified her understanding of her calling. Instead of waiting for God to give her a ministry, she understands that God has created a place for her to be an influence for His glory. As long as the opportunity to represent God's voice in Bermuda still stands, Carolanne will serve in the Senate and be a shining light of how obedience—an unconditional "yes"—can change your world.

To learn more about how CFNI can help you fulfill God's purposes in your life, go to cfni.org.





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It is a secret place, and therefore, few know about it, but the promises are glorious to those who enter in. No wavering there must be complete consecration to God and His Will forever. Let us notice the rewards to those who count the promise true:



What a legacy! Yet, it is available to the humblest believer who chooses to dwell in the secret place of the Most High.

• By Gordon Lindsay

No one has suggested that the New Testament Christian discard Psalm 91. Its glorious promises are for all who claim them. New Testament Christianity lives in the spirit and power of the promises. Jesus Christ was the perfect example of a man who was never sick. Foul disease has no place in the holy Body of Christ, and each believer is a member of that Body! Disease, then, should have no part in its members.

When God created mankind, He commissioned them to have authority over the Earth and the living things that dwelt therein. The boundaries of that dominion must also include the diabolical forms of life that Satan has thrust upon the human body to destroy it. Let us rise in the Name of Jesus and claim our inheritance. It is for us.

By being well and strong, we glorify God and fulfill His will. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Just as you reject the suggestion of evil, which comes from Satan, so reject the symptoms of sickness, which are also Satan's evil suggestions. Cast evil from you, and by faith take His Life and identify your life with His. It will no longer be your life, but Christ Who dwells within you.

As you have consecrated your soul to the Lord, now consecrate your body. Shall we not claim the promise that John the Apostle gave us when he wrote: "Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers" (3 John 1:2).

Excerpt from *The Voice of Healing* October 1948.



VOICE OF HEALING CONFERENCE 2015

Christ For The Nations was birthed out of one of the greatest healing movements. CFN continues the healing legacy of our founders, Gordon and Freda Lindsay. This past September, we truly experienced Deuteronomy 30:19, as we pursued life and blessings at the Voice of Healing Conference 2015. We are still overwhelmed by the testimonies of healing and miracles that happened. The full broadcast will be on Daystar soon (check our social media for updates) and on GodTV in January 2016. Prayer and ministry are available on campus at The Healing Place. For more information, visit our website *healing.cfn.org*.

GOD STILL HEALS TODAY



Annessa Myricks had a chronic case of fibromyalgia. For almost one year, she could barely walk and couldn't open her hands without severe pain. She was in and out of the hospital five times in just the last four months. After prayer and ministry at the VOHC, she is completely healed and has no pain at all!



Samuel Then, CFNI student, had severe asthma since he was 2 months old. He couldn't do anything physical, and at least twice a year he was hospitalized due to breathing problems. When he moved to Dallas, he had to use a nebulizer four times per day. After a word of knowledge was given by Heidi Baker at the VOHC, he was completely healed and can breathe without trouble, even during three hours of sports activities.



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