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HOW WILL YOU RESPOND?

In the first half of Isaiah 60:2, the prophet declares: “See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples . . .”

The message of Isaiah resonates with our reality today. We seem to live in very dark times. People are worried, anxious and afraid. Natural disasters appear to be escalating with Ecuador and Japan being two recent examples of devastating earthquakes. The threat of Islamic terror is growing, but beyond these seemingly uncontrollable dangers, we also feel under attack from our own government. Age-old traditions have been defied, and rules have been upended (men in women's restrooms? No problem!). So what do we do?

At this time of upheaval and uncertainty, we have two possible responses: Fear or faith. However, there is one thing that needs to be very clear: we may be under attack from everywhere, but not from above. Isaiah continues, “But the LORD rises upon you, and His glory appears over you” (Isaiah 60:2b). God is not attacking us. He is on our side, so we can absolutely respond in faith.

Lou Engle, founder of The Call and organizer of the recent gathering in Los Angeles Azusa Now, said in his blog, “There are times which Scripture describes as ‘full’—periods of unusual ripeness in which God unleashes His prophetic purpose across the earth. Such days of faith and expectation often come during periods of crisis or widespread

uncertainty.” We are in just such a period right now. In the midst of the chaos, God is still actively working.

The Word of God is very clear. “Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you” (Isaiah 60:1). Even in dark times, we are to choose faith and not fear. The glory of God that is in us and upon us must shine through us, and challenge the darkness that is outside. This is why the massive gathering in Los Angeles for Azusa Now was so important. According to Will Ford, intercessor, minister and Director of CFNI's Marketplace Major, there are more national prayer gatherings this year than in any other year. It always comes down to choice, doesn't it? If there was ever a time we should pray, it is now. Whether in small gatherings or large ones, the effectual, fervent prayers of the saints have power to make a real difference.

I want to challenge you—how are you responding to the fear and confusion all around us? We can't close our eyes and ignore the reality of what is happening, but we can choose to respond in faith, and take it to God in prayer. I choose to stand on Psalm 62:5-6. “Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from Him. Truly He is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress, I will not be shaken.” 🙏

Michelle Ofori-Ansah





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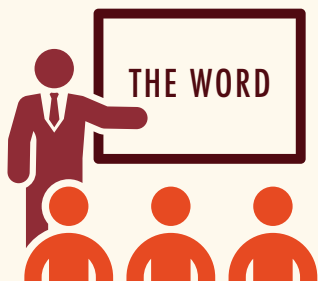
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CFN FOUNDATIONAL PILLARS

— WHAT MAKES CHRIST FOR THE NATIONS INSTITUTE DIFFERENT? —

• By Dennis Lindsay

TRAINING



ORIGINS OF CHRIST FOR THE NATIONS

Since its inception in 1948, Christ For The Nations has made a spiritual impact upon the worldwide Christian community with instruction from the Word of God on the gifts of the Spirit, faith, healing and the supernatural for today. In the late 1940s to the late 1960s, a healing movement spread across the United States where healing services were conducted in evangelistic tent meetings and large auditoriums. My dad was part of this movement, and he documented and reported these powerful events through a monthly publication called *The Voice of Healing*.

During the 1960s, the Charismatic movement spread rapidly across

America, and many denominational churches were experiencing the move of the Holy Spirit with signs and wonders. As a result, there were many people seeking more instruction on faith and the gifts of the Spirit. Dad began holding weeklong seminars with various full gospel ministers. It wasn't long before the Holy Spirit led my dad to open a Bible Institute. CFNI provided training while emphasizing the Word of God and the gifts of the Spirit.

ORIGINS OF CFNI

With a mandate to teach and promote the gospel of God's Kingdom, Dad opened classes in September 1970, in Dallas, Texas. As of this writing, this humble beginning has led to more

2001—The Advanced School of Children's Ministry (now Children and Family Major) began with 12 students.



2001—Spanish Youth For the Nations camp was launched.





than 40,000 students being trained at Christ For The Nations Institute on the enlarged 82.5-acre Dallas campus with many thousands more graduates in the dozens of associated Christ For The Nations Bible school campuses that are spread around the world.

TRAINING—A FOUNDATIONAL PILLAR OF CFN

Training believers is one of the 12 foundational pillars of Christ For The Nations. The following memo was written by Mom, who sent it to the director of CFNI over 30 years ago when we were only two years old. Notice that Mom points out the need to be a resident student. Although online classes are important, this memo speaks to the significance of residency and what is gained from a live-in environment. Christ For The Nations Institute is unique because it is not just about increasing the students' knowledge about God. Rather, it is about developing that intimate relationship with God.

MEMO FROM MOM—MARCH OF 1983:

"The school began in order to offer a dimension of training that was not available elsewhere. It is a place of learning, but it is one where the emphasis is more upon the ways of the Spirit than upon techniques. The vision of Gordon Lindsay was to 'study at a school where the most important subject is the student's own spiritual life.' CFNI is 'practical' rather than theoretical. Gordon Lindsay envisioned 'a great center preparing young men and women to go forth with the message of the resurrection—that Christ is alive . . . life, power, victory, deliverance, ministry of the supernatural—that's what we're going to teach.'"

This memo shows the vision of both my mom and dad, and emphasizes the role of practical training. As CFNI continues to grow and expand, we will remain true to the foundational principles of our founders, and CFNI will continue as a bastion of practical and spiritual training for world-changers.

2003—The New Christian Conference Center was open.



2003—Evening and Weekend Program was initiated.





THE FOUR BASIC AREAS OF TRAINING AT CFNI

1. An environment where disciples of the Lord Jesus can live, learn and grow through the encouragement of prayer, worship and being yielded.
2. Brief, concentrated courses of study in the Bible.
3. Firsthand instruction from guest teachers who are currently being used mightily in Spirit-filled ministry around the world.
4. Practical experience from evangelistic outreaches.

It is the combination of these four areas that makes CFNI unique. The structure of the program has always stressed student residency to receive the most from the program. This was further reinforced with the first year focusing on “discipleship” and the

second year “leadership.” Each year we require students to take courses that we feel are necessary in providing their foundation. That has not changed.

Today, these basic concepts are still in practice, along with a third-year program that was added in areas where students have a particular call on their lives and a desire to study one of the following: Biblical Counseling, Children and Family, Creative Media, Evangelism, Global Missions, Marketplace Leadership, Pastoral, Worship and Youth.

TRANSFORMATION VS. INFORMATION

CFNI provides a balance between academia (knowledge) and experience. Knowledge is not enough. In order for there to be a transformation in an individual’s mind and soul there must be a transferring of information from the head to the heart. **Transformation should be the basis of every Bible**

2007—Freda Lindsay World Missions Center was established.



2007—430 children attended the first Kids For the Nations Day Camp.



school's curriculum. One of the keys of a transformed student is servanthood. The language of servanthood dominates the Apostle Paul's descriptions of the role of a leader. Servanthood permeates the curriculum of CFNI.

Our chapels and services have contributed to another area of uniqueness. CFNI is one of the very few schools to emphasize worship, the anointing and the leading of the Spirit of God. Gordon Lindsay's vision wasn't just for another 'four-year' Christian school (there are plenty of those). He built a unique short-term charismatic center of learning, with the emphasis placed upon world evangelism and fulfilling Christ's Great Commission, with an emphasis on "Go." Matthew 28:19, 20 says, "Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Based upon this philosophy—that we are unique in worship, in our emphasis on the practical, in the ministry of the supernatural, in the intimate

community environment that includes both singles and families—we must stress and encourage the completion of a three-year residency at CFNI. Our program is a total package.

IS CFNI ACCREDITED?

After pursuing full accreditation over a five year process, we completed the academic portion only to be led by the Holy Spirit to decline the official national recognition and remain "accredited" solely by the Holy Spirit. The word of the Lord came through our former Missions Director who explained that when he came to CFNI he was not seeking a transcript; rather he was seeking to be transformed. The CFN Board of Directors along with CFN's in-house leaders unanimously voted to decline accreditation and remain as a Bible Institute, fully "accredited" by the Holy Spirit. CFNI is not an institute where one can earn a master's degree, rather it is a place where one seeks to fulfill the Master's decree, "Go, and make disciples..."

What truly makes CFNI different from other Bible colleges? Transformation of the heart. 🏹

2008—Preteen Impact Overnight Camp was launched.



2008—The Healing Place opened.





TEN RULES FOR WORLD-SHAKING REVIVAL

• By Gordon Lindsay

Gordon Lindsay wrote this article almost 70 years ago, in November 1949, and it rings just as true today as it did then. Let's connect with the legacy of our fathers in the faith, like Gordon Lindsay, and mix our prayers for revival with theirs. Then, stand back and see what God will do.

Thousands will agree that we are now witnessing the beginning of the Heaven-sent revival, for which we have been praying a long time, and which, we have reasons to believe, may exceed that of the Early Church. We rejoice in this Divine visitation of the miraculous, but we are constrained to say that there are certain important circumstances which we must observe, if the Church is to receive the maximum benefit that God intends for it.

1 WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT THIS IS THE TIME OF GOD'S VISITATION

The greatest error of the Jewish people was that they did not recognize the time of their visitation. All throughout the Church Age this error has been repeated. With the foundations of civilization about to be laid bare, let us cease to talk about long range programs for winning souls. The Divine tide is moving—let us move with it. This tide may give us results one hundredfold as great as before. We think of Peter who toiled all night and caught nothing; yet, at the direction of the Master, he put down his net and caught a full net of fish

2 THE GREAT NEED FOR HUMILITY

For this revival to reach its full tide there is the most urgent need for leaders of humility. The eternal temptation is to build around one's self. Even the apostles were not free from this delusion. We have record that they even commanded one to either join the apostolic company or to quit healing the sick, for which they got a rebuke from the Lord (Luke 9:49-50). Some have thought to secure a monopoly on the gifts of God and resented others praying for the sick. This is wrong. The ministry of deliverance has not been given for the purpose of building up human reputation, but to bring God's healing grace to the sick and the suffering

3 THE MINISTRY OF DELIVERANCE MUST BE RESTORED TO THE CHURCH

Not all of God's ministers are called to hold great healing campaigns. God is choosing a few to establish the Divine pattern, but all of us should carry it on. It is a weakness if the eyes of the people are allowed to center too much upon this or that leader. To go forward, the Church must carry on the Bible ministry of deliverance. This is an open door by which they can reach their community.

4 EVANGELISTS SHOULD SEEK TO WORK WITH LOCAL PASTORS

Revivals should be held in cooperation with local pastors. Pastors should by all means put forth an organized effort to follow up with the hundreds of converts who have come to Christ during revival campaigns.



Originally printed in *The Voice of Healing* magazine November 1949.

5 WE MUST AVOID DOCTRINAL
HAIRSPLITTING

It is doubtful that all godly people shall see eye to eye in all things until the Lord comes. Contentions over minor matters of water baptism, predestination, eating of meats, holy days, novel prophetic views or subordinate doctrinal points are usually not edifying. Rather, they lend to dividing the Body of Christ, and obscuring the fundamental truths—salvation through the new birth, the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, deliverance from sin, sickness, fear and the oppression of Satan, and the soon return of Jesus Christ.

6 AVOIDING A COVETOUS SPIRIT

Great Gospel campaigns can be carried on only through liberal giving by the people. There may be times when this need must be made very plain. However, this can be greatly hindered if there is a continual auctioneering for money in the revival campaigns. There are some who are shortsighted enough to have destroyed their usefulness in the Kingdom of God by an offensive handling of finances.

7 THIS REVIVAL MINISTRY INVOLVES A
MISSIONARY VISION

Many missionaries return from the mission field broken in health and discouraged. Let us state that the ministry of deliverance is part of God's answer to the need on the mission fields. We have been sending physical tools to help missionaries reach the remote areas. Now we must encourage them to receive the spiritual tools necessary to cast out devils and heal the sick. The Gospel must be backed up by more than words. Blind eyes must be opened, the deaf must hear and the lame must walk. Then the heathen will listen.

8 THERE MUST BE CLEAR THINKING AND
AVOIDING OF FANATICISM

Whenever God's power is manifested, Satan will attempt to introduce excesses and fanaticism. There is a fanaticism of a faith not built upon the Word of God, and there is a fanaticism of unbelief. For example, some have laid hands on missionary recruits, promising that they should receive the ability to speak the language of the country where they would preach the Gospel. Although it is possible for God to do this, we find no scriptural basis for making missionaries in this way. There is a scriptural basis for the glorious truth that missionaries should fulfill the Great Commission in healing the sick and casting out devils.

9 GOD IS A GOD OF VARIETY

Mankind has always hindered revivals by attempting to put everybody through the same "cookie-cutter." God is a God of variety. Many are now receiving the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands, but many have received the Holy Spirit without the laying on of hands. People may be healed listening to the Word. Some are healed through the use of anointing oil, some without oil. Some are healed through an instantaneous miracle, others gradually become well. Let us not attempt to "fence" God in, but work for the unity of the Body of Christ to knit together its members, rather than to divide.

10 PRAYER AND FASTING FOR
WORLDWIDE REVIVAL

Finally, let us not think that with this manifestation of the power of God there is less reason to pray than before. May the Church get on her knees and call upon God to accelerate the revival in our midst until the kingdom of darkness is shaken as never before. Prayer, fasting and humiliation saved the wicked city of Nineveh. It can send us the revival for which we have hoped and prayed. 🕊

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An Orphan No Longer



• By Maria Erokhina

"My mother was only 13 years old when I was born," Jordan shared. She was adopted on the eighth day of her life, a gift and a promise to her new parents. They named her Jordan, after the river that the Israelites had to cross to enter the Promise Land. Her name became a reminder of God's faithfulness to His promises.

Jordan, an African-American girl, grew up in a good Christian home in a Caucasian family in a small town in Louisiana. She was the only child, and her parents poured out all their affection on her. Despite their unconditional love, she struggled with feelings of emptiness and rejection. She often asked herself, "Why did my mother give me up? Am I worthy to be loved? Do I belong here? After all, who am I?" She felt out of place, like a tiny piece of a giant puzzle that she couldn't figure out.

This was just the beginning. There was another Divine encounter waiting for Jordan at CFNI. Adam McCain, another CFNI teacher, spent time getting to know her. As he did, he realized that he had been the youth pastor in the church where her biological mother grew up. He remembered praying and speaking destiny over Jordan when she was still in her mother's womb. The two were so amazed at how God had Divinely orchestrated their meeting, almost 20 years later, that they couldn't hold back their tears. That moment God whispered to Jordan's heart, "You are a promise from Me. And you will see all of My promises come to pass." Suddenly, Jordan had a moment of clarity. Her life wasn't an accident. Her conception, adoption and the family she grew up with were sovereignly ordained by God.

*You are a promise from Me. And you will see
all of My promises come to pass.*

For years, these thoughts were brewing inside of her, leading to rebellion in her teenage years. Jordan couldn't wait to gain independence from her parents, and when she turned 17, she seized the opportunity to leave home and go to college. The worship band in her home church used to play songs from Christ For The Nations, and she had also heard many good things about their summer camp, Youth For The Nations. She ended up choosing to attend CFNI, and looking back she sees this was God's direction, although she didn't realize it at the time. As a confirmation of God's involvement, Jordan was given the rare chance to receive an Urban Leader Scholarship that helped her to pay for CFNI.

In the fall of 2014, Jordan moved to CFNI, and a new chapter began in her life. God set her free from the orphan mentality and revealed to her who she was in Christ. She traces this revelation to the moment one of her teachers, Michael Massa, described the power of the blood of Christ. To illustrate how His blood covers us, he asked four students to hold the corners of a large red piece of fabric and to walk down the aisles of the classroom, so that the cloth hovered over the students sitting at desks between the aisles. That picture was etched in Jordan's heart. "It became clear to me that it's Jesus' blood that makes me a child of God. I was astounded by that. I couldn't get over it. I became fully aware that I am not an orphan anymore. I am a daughter of God!"

Then, last summer, her life came full circle. Jordan was able to meet her biological mother for the first time. "I'd been waiting for that moment my whole life, and it felt surreal, but it was like nothing I expected," she said. Jordan was surprised to discover how much she had in common with her mother, and yet how different their lives were. She says, "I love my biological mom, but our meeting opened my eyes to appreciate the life God has given me and the family that raised me."

It has been quite a journey of healing that God has taken Jordan on. He put the pieces of her life-puzzle together, giving Jordan assurance that He'd been there in every moment of her life. Jordan is graduating from CFNI in the spring of 2017. She dreams of going to the mission field with her parents and plans to pursue further education. She also wants to reach youth, especially young girls, with the message of sexual purity and how valuable each person is to God. Jordan knows what it feels like to be an orphan, and through God's Divine connections and healing truth, she is prepared to take the message of adoption to others throughout the world.

"If you are struggling with your identity as a child of God, I pray that you understand that you have been adopted into God's family through the blood of Jesus Christ. No matter what you have done, nothing can hinder the Father's love for you, no matter what you've gone through—His love remains constant." 🌿

IMPACT THE WORLD WITH CFNI SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS



Daniel Garcia, Mexico

It was my dream to study here, and because of my scholarship, it became a reality. Through CFNI God has planted love in my heart for the nations and a desire to be a blessing to others.



Fabricio Montelo Lima, Brazil

At CFNI, I learned that I can build the Kingdom of God by being a godly influence in the marketplace. I want to use video production and graphic design to show people what the Lord is doing across the world and to bring them hope.



CFNI INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Current CFNI scholarship students share their view of the importance of giving to the CFNI International Scholarship Fund.

"Investing in CFNI international students is investing in the Kingdom of God. I am grateful to the people who enabled me to receive the training I longed for and to

be a world-changer. The CFNI International Scholarship Fund is fulfilling God's dream to reach every tribe, every nation and every tongue. **Daniel Garcia, Mexico**

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Maria Erokhina, Russia

I still remember my very first chapel at CFNI. I couldn't hold back the tears. God used my time at CFNI to plant His Word in my heart and set me free from fear, giving me a passion to share Jesus with the world.



Sarah George, India

My father graduated from CFNI in 1973 through correspondence. He visited Freda Lindsay in 2001, and she offered scholarships to all of his children. I am in the Biblical Counseling Major, being trained and equipped to bring restoration to people's lives.

"Many international students arrive with dreams and goals from God. We come here leaving everything familiar behind—our homes, countries, jobs—with one purpose: to learn from God. Many of us live by faith. Those who sow into our lives by giving to the scholarship fund support us in carrying the Gosepl to our nations.

Fabricio Montelo Lima, Brazil

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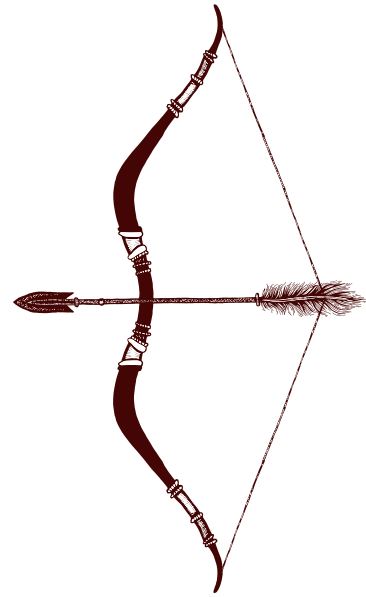
• By Michelle Ofori-Ansah

"And from the days of John the Baptist until now the Kingdom of Heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force," (Matthew 11:12). Referencing this scripture at the annual Alignment Conference, hosted by Christ For The Nations Fellowship of Ministers and Churches, Jane Hamon, writer, pastor, prophet and a mighty intercessor, declared to the leaders gathered that "the days of casual, comfortable Christianity are done." She challenged the audience to dare to be warriors and to engage in the battle over evil. All believers have at their disposal great and mighty spiritual weapons to forcefully and radically advance the Kingdom of God in order to dispel the growing darkness.

Citing Psalm 149:6-9, Hamon says that as saints of the Lord, we are called upon to execute the written sentence of the Lord against Satan and his hosts, and enforce the victories of the Cross, in much the same way that a bailiff enforces the decree of "Guilty" from a judge. "Don't be afraid to engage" she admonished. "If you are afraid, get training! Equip yourself in the Word, but also equip yourself in the Spirit." For the Christian seeking to push back darkness, Hamon described six weapons of spiritual warfare: prayer, praise, proclamations and decrees, prophecy, peace, and prosperity.

WEAPON OF PRAYER

In emphasizing the need for prayer, Hamon quoted World War II General George Patton who said, “Those who pray do more for this world than those who fight. If the world goes from bad to worse it is because there are more battles than there are prayers.” Prayer brings the capacity to turn things around, to bring radical transformation into a territory and a community, and the more the Church prays, the brighter the light that shines over the world. Hamon declared that one of the most powerful things a Christian can do is to pray in tongues. It is one way in which a believer can pray effectual, fervent prayers as admonished in James 5:8.



WEAPON OF PRAISE

Praise may seem to some to be an empty spiritual exercise, but according to Hamon, it is a mighty spiritual weapon. Isaiah 30:31-32 captures the power of praise succinctly “...Every stroke the LORD lays on them with His punishing club will be to the music of timbrels and harps, as He fights them in battle with the blows of His arm.” Hamon excitedly declared, “God is a mighty man of war, fighting with the weapon of praise!” As children of God, we have this weapon at our disposal, and we have to learn to use it as well. If you have ever been depressed, down, tired or just discouraged, and felt a great release in an atmosphere of praise and worship that is the weapon of praise in action and not just the psychological effect of the music.

WEAPON OF PROCLAMATIONS AND DECREES

The next weapon Hamon introduced was the weapon of proclamations and decrees. She shared a story of a lunch she and her husband had with Freda Lindsay, co-founder of CFNI. The Hamons asked her about the healing revivals in the 1950s and what she saw happening then that isn’t happening now. Mom Lindsay answered, “I think what’s different is that today we pray for the sick, but back then, they made declarations of dominion over the sick.”

Hamon shared, “Prayer for the sick is scriptural, but Jesus didn’t do it. He made declarations, like when He said, ‘Lazarus come forth,’ or ‘stretch out your hand and be made whole.’ I have watched God bring phenomenal healing by just making decrees to people.”

One testimony Hamon shared was of a man named Carl, who had been in a major car accident that crushed his vertebrae, resulting in 12 back surgeries. When he came forward for prayer, she simply looked straight into his eyes and spoke life to him for the space of about one minute. In an instant, his back was healed and he could move! It wasn’t a prayer of faith that was needed. In this case, he needed an authoritative command to the situation.

WEAPON OF PROPHECY

A companion to the weapon of proclamations and declarations is the weapon of prophecy. Hamon described the prophetic word as “a force that begins to dispel darkness and break strongholds off of individuals’ lives, circumstances and situations.”

One story she shared was of a trip their ministry had scheduled to visit their Bible school in South Korea. At that time, North Korea’s leader was threatening to invade and causing a great deal of destabilization in the area. They didn’t want the trip to be postponed, so they prayed for direction. “God gave us key direction about how to prophesy,” she said. After that, North Korea’s leader wasn’t heard from for about four months. “When we use the weapon of prophecy, we are using our greater authority of having Christ in us.”

“I THINK WHAT’S DIFFERENT IS THAT TODAY WE PRAY FOR THE SICK, BUT BACK THEN, THEY MADE DECLARATIONS OF DOMINION OVER THE SICK.”



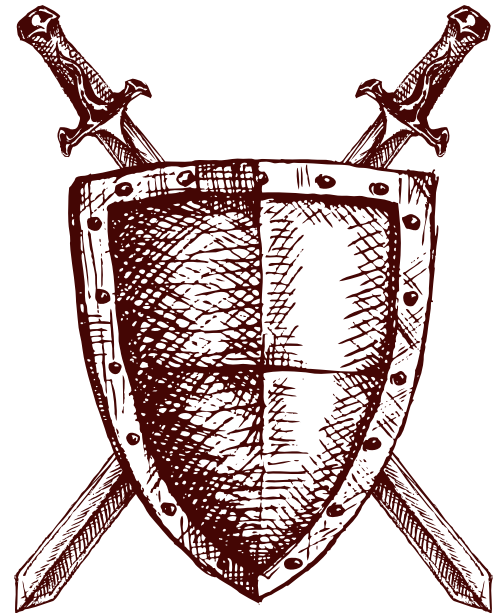
WEAPON OF PEACE

Most people would be surprised to hear peace described as a weapon, but Hamon used specific scriptures to support this idea. Romans 16:20 says, “The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.” Hamon declared, “We can speak peace to the storm and see things calm,” just like Jesus did. Peace can stand against the plans of the enemy and stop his advances.

Hamon continued by expanding the accepted definition of peace, using Psalm 85:8, which describes God speaking peace or *shalom*. “*Shalom* means wholeness, prosperity, favor, friends with man and friends with God. It means nothing missing, nothing broken and nothing damaged.” It is this definition that has special significance for her, as her grandson, Lucas, has a genetic disorder that is caused by missing genes. When he was 5 months old, he didn’t make eye contact, didn’t roll over and didn’t smile. He didn’t do anything a 5-month-old should be doing. “We didn’t have a diagnosis yet, but we knew that developmentally something was very wrong,” she shared. God gave her this scripture and said, “I want you to decree *shalom* over him. Decree wholeness; nothing missing, nothing broken, nothing damaged.” Within two hours, he was rolling over, making eye contact and smiling. He was acting like a normal 5-month-old! “We used the Word of God, declared the peace of God, and God broke darkness off that situation,” she said.

WEAPON OF PROSPERITY

The enemy loves to lockup wealth. Hamon shared Ecclesiastes 9:14-16 as the reason prosperity is a weapon. In this passage, the wisdom of the poor man is despised, even though it resulted in breakthrough for an entire community. Hamon declared, "God wants you to use wealth as an influencer to help shift some things. The spirit of poverty loves to get a hold of territories and partner with a spirit of witchcraft." She shared a powerful story to illustrate this. One of their ministers was at a traffic light in front of a palm reader's shop, praying for the business to be closed, and God gave her specific instructions on how to pray. "Pray that the money that is keeping her in business dries up." So Sharon did, and instantly (this was all within the span of a traffic light) the front door flew open, and a woman with a long robe and turban on her head, the palm reader, came running out onto the front porch and screamed, "NOOOOO." Hamon said, "Within three months, her business was shut down, and it had been there decades!" This is the power of prosperity when it is in the right or wrong hands.



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CONCLUSION

Hamon ended by describing the necessity for the Church to use spiritual weapons to do what Jesus prayed in Luke 11:1-4. "What did Jesus mean when He prayed, 'Thy kingdom come and Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven?' He was saying for us to superimpose Heaven on Earth so that Earth would begin to look like Heaven. It's time to get out of survival mode and start advancing the Kingdom of God. First John 3:8 says, 'For this purpose the Son of God was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil!'" If destroying the work of the enemy was Jesus' main purpose, shouldn't that also be the aim of the Church? It's time to dare to be a warrior. 🗡️

Jane Hamon and her husband, Tom, are senior pastors of Vision Church. They met and fell in love while attending CFNI. In their more than 30 years of ministry together, they have built a thriving local church, traveled to more than 50 nations, and helped to lead Christian International Ministries, founded by Pastor Tom's father, Dr. Bill Hamon.



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WHY SHOULD I TOUR ISRAEL?

• By Pastor Billy Allen

When it comes to the subject of Israel, this is possibly the most asked question among Christians: "Why should I go to Israel?" There are so many reasons that could be listed, but here are just a few.

01

Without the Jewish people and Judaism we would have no Savior in Jesus Christ and no Christian faith. It's a bit overwhelming how many Gentile Christians have no real sense of the history of their Christian Faith. A trip to Israel can immediately rid any Christian of this unfortunate ignorance.

02

The Apostle Paul refers to Abraham as the spiritual father of all Christians. What more inspirational thing can you do but visit the land of our spiritual foundation and our spiritual father?

03

Contrary to popular secular mentality, the most important place on earth is not New York, Los Angeles, London or Paris; it is Jerusalem and the Jewish nation of Israel. The scriptures are very clear as to God's position to and priority for Israel.

04

The Jewish people are God's chosen people.

05

Anything God has ever done in covenant history with His people, in both the Old and New Testament, has taken place in and around the nation of Israel.

06

The land of Israel is God's chosen property and nation.

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God will bless those who bless Israel.

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The city of Jerusalem is "the city of God" and "where God has put His name."

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It is the birthplace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

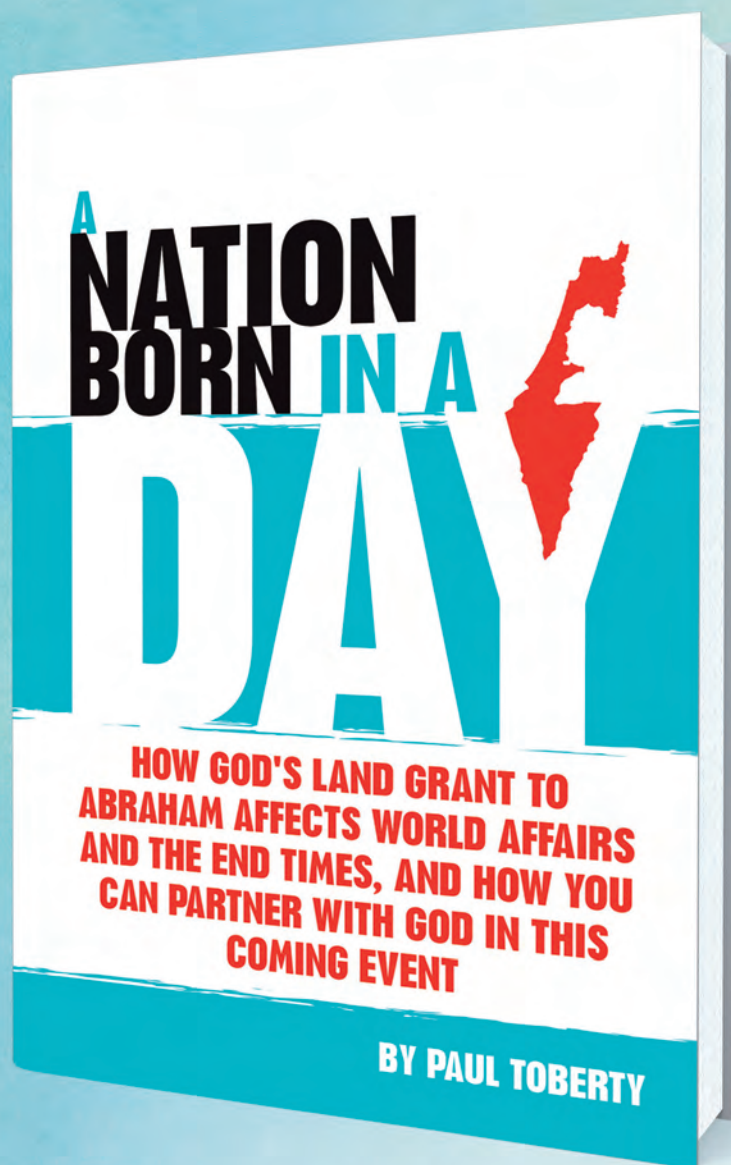
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It is the place where Jesus lived and did all His ministry.

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It is the place Jesus promises to return.

For these reasons and even more, why wouldn't any Christian that loves God and understands what God has done for them visit the place of their own spiritual heritage? 🇮🇱



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DON'T MISS THE CREATIVE MUSICAL DRAMA 10-YEAR REUNION

• *By* **Michelle Ofori-Ansah**

Do you remember watching a variety show or musical drama on CFNI's campus? The very first drama was called *Testimony Time in Heaven* and the idea actually came from Mom Lindsay. Rayanna Fields, former director of Creative Musical Drama and current Outreach and Arts Pastor at CFN Church, described this as "a musical drama that shared the testimonies of CFNI students and partners. We even brought a motorcycle down the center aisle of the IB to tell the story of stuntmen from the 1980s TV show *CHiPs* (about policemen on motorcycles) being saved when they heard CFNI worship music!"

If you attended CFNI from 1990 through 2006, you remember, and possibly were part of, Creative Musical Drama (CMD). The vibrant and gifted members of CMD participated in the worship and ministry classes or the student ministry and outreaches. They were involved in a variety of creative endeavors including human video, mime, musical drama, worship, worship dance, hip-hop dance and improv comedy.

Variety shows and musical dramas were held during Campus Days as current and prospective students enjoyed the display of talent and fun. CMD held Improv

Coffee Nights on CNFI's campus, and college students from surrounding colleges would drive in for their clean comedy routines. In 1995, CMD started emphasizing an evangelistic focus, as they began yearly outreaches. Their first trip was to Jamaica, and they saw over 300 people come to the Lord! CMD members ended up sharing the Gospel, using their creative approaches, in more than 22 nations over the next 11 years.

In the years since CMD was an active ministry, CFNI continued to use drama in various forms, with current outreaches using it to minister around the world. CMD's former members have gone on to pursue God's calling and purpose, here in the U.S. and in other countries around the world. But this year, CFNI is calling all CMD alumni to return to campus for a reunion. It's been 10 years since the last CMD class and student ministry, and we want you to come back to celebrate this unique and influential ministry.

The CMD reunion will be held on the CFNI campus, July 29-31, 2016, emphasizing fun and fellowship. If you took any CMD classes or participated in its student ministry or summer outreaches, you don't want to miss this opportunity to reconnect with friends, share your memories and get filled up with fresh vision for taking the Gospel to the world in creative ways. Bring your family as there will be special breakout sessions for parents and children. Come and celebrate with us! 🍷

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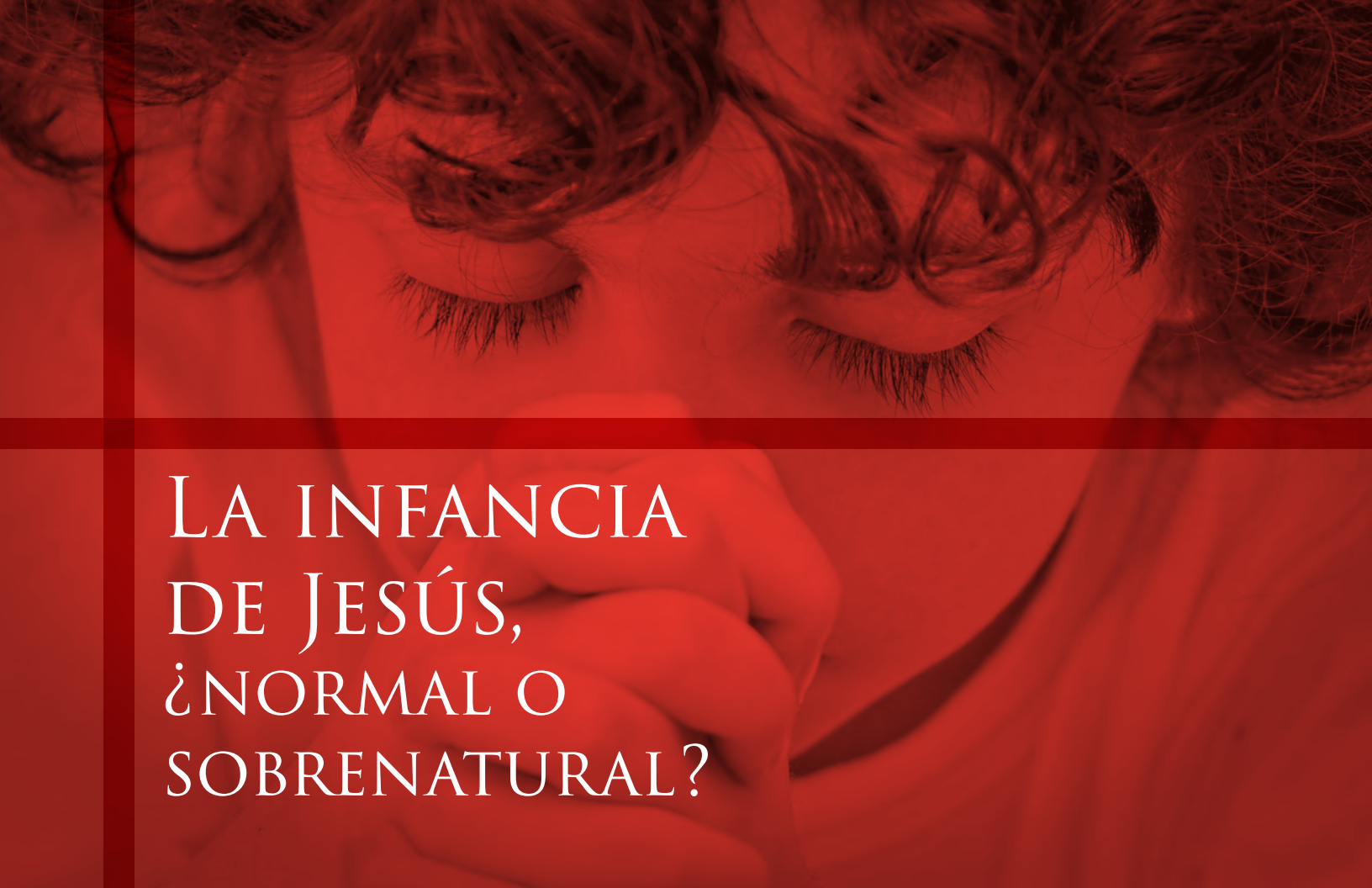
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LA INFANCIA DE JESÚS, ¿NORMAL O SOBRENATURAL?

• *By* Hugo Martínez

No existe personaje en la historia de la humanidad sobre el que se hayan escrito más libros que Jesucristo. Y es que la persona de Jesús, sus extraordinarias obras, sus enseñanzas y doctrinas han cautivado la atención, la curiosidad y la investigación de miles y miles de escritores en todo el mundo durante los últimos 20 siglos. Ciertamente, los evangelios guardan silencio en cuanto a la niñez del Mesías, hasta que aparece en el Templo de Jerusalén a los 12 años. Este desconocimiento ha dado lugar a una serie de historias apócrifas acerca de la infancia de Jesús, pero la Biblia nos menciona lo siguiente.

En Lucas 2:39-40, el evangelista nos revela que luego de que Jesús fue circuncidado, sus padres cumplieron con todos los requisitos establecidos en la Ley, y—más tarde, terminado todo—viajaron a la región de Galilea. La pregunta es: ¿Qué sucedió en la vida de Jesús durante este espacio de tiempo? Quizás es difícil conocer los detalles íntimos al respecto, pero sí podemos tener una idea general, puesto que José y María, sus padres, como judíos devotos, fueron obedientes

a lo que establecía la Ley sobre la educación familiar de los hijos. Así que podemos deducir que Jesús fue educado conforme a la tradición.

Examinemos dos etapas en la niñez de Jesús. La primera de éstas es la formación pre-rabínica. Cubre los primeros años del niño durante los cuales los padres lo introducen a la palabra de Dios en el hogar, y de esta manera se prepara para integrarse a la escuela local, donde obtiene su preparación rabínica. Cabe destacar que la formación rabínica era la educación de todo judío, la cual empezaba en el hogar a una edad temprana. Existía un acuerdo entre todas las autoridades judías de que esta preparación era necesaria e importante si se deseaba un conocimiento duradero sobre la Ley en cada generación.

A través de los siglos han surgido una serie de textos apócrifos acerca de la niñez de Jesús. Pareciera que los autores de dichas fábulas jamás tomaron en cuenta las palabras del apóstol Pablo, quien les recordó a los Filipenses

que el Señor se había despojado a sí mismo y adoptado forma de siervo, hecho semejante a los hombres (Filipenses 2:8). No obstante, la Biblia indica que Jesús creció en sabiduría y gracia para con Dios y los hombres.

Esta idea, expuesta en este artículo, tiene respaldo en el conocido currículum que servía para la vida de todo judío, revelado en el pasaje del Mishna. Este documento afirma lo siguiente:



o A los cinco años, todo judío conocería el alfabeto hebreo, a través del aprendizaje del Salmo 119.	5	5	o Desde los cinco años, el niño conocería la lectura del Tenaj (la Ley, los Salmos y los Profetas).
o A los 10 años, aprendería el Mishna (la ley oral).	10	13	o A los 13 años, se consagraría como adulto en el bar Mitzva.
o A los 15, estudiaría el Talmud.	15	18	o A los 18 años, aprendería una profesión.
o A los 20 años, se casaría.	20	30	o A los 30 años, tendría completo vigor (la edad en que Jesús empezó su ministerio).
o A los 40 años, tendría madurez de razonamiento.	40	50	o A los 50 años, sería consejero.
o A los 60 años, iniciaría la vejez.	60	70	o A los 70 años, edad canosa.
o A los 80 años, edad avanzada.	80	90	o A los 90 años, inclinado.

El historiador judío Flavio Josefo hace referencia a los principios pedagógicos que eran enseñados en Israel: “Los judíos aprendieron las leyes de tal manera como para que se hallasen grabadas sólo en el alma.” De su lado, el autor Rabí Natán hizo otra declaración al respecto: “Si uno estudia la Torah durante su juventud, las palabras de la Torah son retenidas en su sangre y proceden con claridad de su boca.” El apóstol Pablo nos confirma la veracidad de este principio cuando le recuerda a Timoteo: “... Desde la niñez has sabido Las Sagradas Escrituras.” Por esta razón, deducimos que los padres de Jesús tenían bien en claro su responsabilidad de instruirlo, como expresa Proverbios 22:6: “Instruye al niño en su camino y aún cuando fuere viejo no se apartará de él.”

Algunas fuentes cuentan que los niños empezaban a estudiar la palabra de Dios desde la cuna, pues al parecer los padres tomaban al pie de la letra la porción de la Torah que ordena: “Y las enseñarás a vuestros hijos, hablando de ellas cuando te sientes en tu casa, cuando andes por el camino, cuando te acuestes y cuando te levantes” (Deuteronomio 11:19).

Todo esto nos puede ayudar a concluir que Jesús, así como tú y yo, fue enseñado y educado; tenía que asistir a la escuela, obedecer a sus padres y cumplir con responsabilidades, pues las Escrituras resaltan que en todo momento estuvo sujeto a sus padres (Lucas 2:51).

Así que Padres, tenemos un gran compromiso para que nuestros hijos crezcan en sabiduría divina. Es necesario enseñarles los principios de Dios en todo momento, tal como instruye la Biblia. ¡Hagamos crecer a nuestros hijos con la sabiduría de la Palabra! Y ustedes, hijos, no desprecien las enseñanzas de sus padres ni la dirección de sus madres, porque adorno de gracia serán a sus cabezas, y collares a sus cuellos (Proverbios 1:8-9). 🙏

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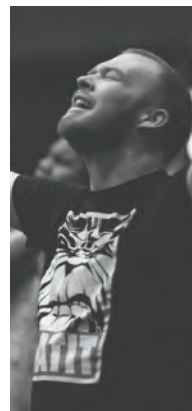
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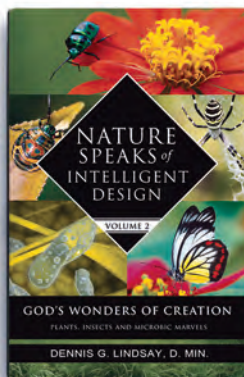
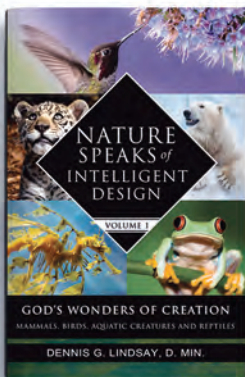
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