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# WHAT STORY ARE YOU TELLING?

• *By Michelle Ofori-Ansah*

The Apostle Paul had a unique way of describing the Corinthian church—as a letter. Their faith in God and love for others formed the words and paragraphs of this Divine epistle—not written by man, but by the Spirit of God in the hearts of His people (2 Corinthians 3:2, 3). For Paul, this was the best recommendation of his ministry—the lives of ordinary men and women transformed by the redemptive power of the Gospel. Your life is a letter too. But what story is it telling?

Our lives offer an up close view of God's providence. It reveals His love for us and how He deals with and through us, including how He cares for His creation. Unfortunately, we often don't have a clear understanding of God's redemptive activity in our own lives. Most of the time, it is clouded by our past, our regrets and our worries. Sometimes, we see ourselves as naked, scarred and tainted with sin, and yet God sees us as clothed with a robe of righteousness, adorned with jewels (Isaiah 61:10). We are oaks of righteousness, endowed with beauty and not ashes (Isaiah 61:3).

While we are fallen because of Adam, yet in Christ we are exalted as sons and daughters of God—seated in heavenly places with our Lord. And furthermore, amazingly, God chose us, in our imperfection, to share this precious message of His grace and goodness with the world. When we come to a clearer understanding of the beauty of God's redemption in our lives, we will be able to be a better witness of His love and salvation.

A famous quote, attributed to Saint Francis of Assisi, says, "Preach the Gospel, and if necessary use words." The intent of this quote is to emphasize the need for our lives and actions to reflect and communicate the message of the Gospel. I pray that my life will preach the message of the cross, sharing God's mercy, grace and power to redeem. What story do you want your life to tell? 📖

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# CFNI FOUNDATIONAL PILLARS

WHAT IS YOUR RULER FOR MEASURING A CHRISTIAN'S GREATNESS?

• By Dennis Lindsay and  
Missy Lindsay

## INTEGRITY



### MOM—HOW CRAZY CAN YOU BE?

I remember one weekend before Christmas, when I was about 12, I went shopping with Mom at a large department store, where she purchased a number of presents. The following week, Mom read in the Dallas newspaper that a robbery had taken place where we had been shopping. The manager made an appeal to customers, who had made purchases on the day of the robbery, to write another check to cover their purchases.

Mom looked at her checkbook and the receipts, realizing that her purchases were made on the

day of the robbery. She wrote another check and mailed it to the department store. I thought, “Why would Mom do such a foolish thing because there was no way she would ever be accused.” However, I eventually learned that integrity is the same in the dark as it is in the light.

Much later in life, the IRS personally audited Mom, questioning her annual tax return because she had virtually given away her entire year’s salary to charitable causes, living only on her Social Security. After several months of government scrutiny, Mom was exonerated from all suspicion of misrepresentation.

2013 – Freda Lindsay’s autobiography, *Freda: The Widow Who Took Up The Mantle*, was republished.

2013— Judy Radachy became the 2013 recipient of The Freda Lindsay Award.





## MY DAUGHTER MISSY'S MEMORY

“One of the great memories I have of Grandmother was when she called me over to her apartment to pray a blessing of impartation over me—she spoke of integrity. She said, ‘We pray, Lord, that you will set an example through her of her keeping her word. Let her word be her bond, so when she makes appointments, Lord, help her to steadfastly keep them.’ Since then I have always sought to keep my word, sometimes to a fault. I love what King David says about integrity. ‘He who swears to his own hurt and does not change it.’ Integrity never changes. Grandmother wrote, on a yellow piece of lined paper, the very last words my father would ever hear from her, “Son, leave a legacy that no man can contest.” In other words, live your life above reproach. ‘For a good name is to be more desired than great wealth. Favor is better than silver or gold’” (Proverbs 22:1).

## HOW DO YOU MEASURE A CHRISTIAN'S GREATNESS?

Is greatness based on a miracle ministry, with signs and wonders following, or is it dependent on those who lead large, prosperous Christian organizations, or those who have worldwide TV networks? When we witness one who is anointed with power, authority and the gifts of the supernatural in operation, we tend to think that is all it takes. Jesus reminds us, “Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will never believe” (John 4:48). The bottom line is greatness in God’s eyes is not just based on being one who performs miracles.

## JESUS PROVIDES THE RULER FOR GREATNESS

In Matthew 7:20, Christ winds up His Sermon on the Mount by warning individuals about being caught up in the “glory” of the miracle workers, calling them false prophets who come in sheep’s clothing.

2013 — *The Healing Workbook* was published for the Voice of Healing Conference.



2014 — The Mardi Gras student outreach was reinstated.





There must be a balance between integrity and the gifts—without integrity it's just a matter of time before you sink.

He then gives us the “RULER” for discerning who is great and who is phony—“...by their fruits you shall know them.” He didn’t say, “Look for great signs, wonders, miracles or the spectacular.” He simply said that men are to be judged by who they are, not what they do. “An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign...” (Matthew 12:39).

This does not diminish the miracles of God or the gifts of the Spirit. However, the Bible never says we are to gauge a man’s spirituality, his greatness or sincerity by these power gifts. Miracles can be mimicked; gifts can be imitated. History is filled with these cases. Integrity and the fruit of the Spirit can never be imitated. The fruit crowds out all selfish ambition. Gifts are external, but fruit is internal. The basic test for any ministry is not the gifts that are in operation, but the character of the individual and the fruit in their life.

## BE FRUITFUL

Five times God tells us to be fruitful in John 15:2, 4, 5, 8 and 16, with the last verse saying, “You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in My name.” Fruitfulness here means character; furthermore, the seed comes from the fruit—not the breadth of the ministry, but the depth of the ministry.

## HOW TO BE FRUITFUL

There are two basic principles for growing fruit in one’s life that are outlined in John 15. First, abiding in the vine—staying in the Word. There has to be a reciprocal relationship. The vine is dependent on the fruit, and the fruit is dependent upon the vine. Second, there must be pruning. This develops good fruit and is accomplished by obeying the Word of

2014 — The Legacy Den opened.



2014 — The 2014 Freda Lindsay Award was given to Gloria Copeland.





God. Discipline is better known as pruning. If we do not prune or discipline ourselves, then God will help us (Psalm 119:67, 71).

### WHAT KIND OF A LEADER IS GOD SEEKING?

God seeks leaders with godly character. There must not be compromise. I've learned that there are three essential elements for becoming a great spiritual leader: Intelligence, Energy and Integrity. If you don't have integrity, the other two will strangle you. Success is based solely on God's assignment for you.

Gifts of the supernatural are not given because of one's character, maturity or experience. Gifts are given because of one's faith. There must be a balance between integrity and the gifts—without integrity it's just a matter of time before you sink. "People with integrity walk safely, but those who follow crooked paths will slip and fall" (Proverbs 10:9).

### A CFNI PILLAR: INTEGRITY

Dad and Mom taught us many lessons about integrity from the Word of God. My dad founded the ministry of Christ For The Nations on the principles

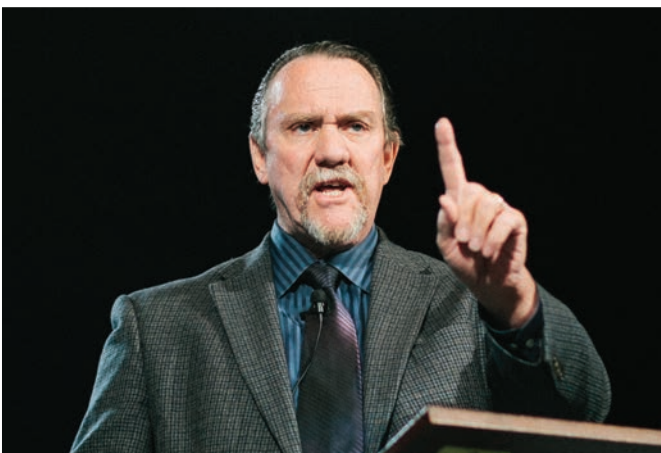
of integrity. Dad's integrity was that of promoting other ministries, rather than his own. He gave the platform to others, becoming the megaphone of their messages and miracles in the monthly magazine he published, *The Voice of Healing*, now *The Voice*.

As one secular author, David Edwin Harrell, Jr., in his book *All Things Are Possible*, describes,

"Lindsay was particularly 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."

Integrity was the key factor in Dad's influence on my life—not wealth, fame or power, but the Word of God and obedience to His will. He treated others with dignity and respect, no matter their gender, color or culture. His life was a life of integrity and fruit of the Spirit. This is the legacy he left to his family, to the Christ For The Nations ministry and to the world. 🏠

2014—Dr. John Hollar became the director of CFNI.



2015—Evangelism, Biblical Counseling and Creative Media Majors were launched.



# The Promises OF Psalm 91

"HE THAT DWELLS IN THE SECRET PLACE OF THE MOST HIGH SHALL ABIDE  
UNDER THE SHADOW OF THE ALMIGHTY." PSALM 91:1

• By Gordon Lindsay

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THE 91ST PSALM IS A FAVORITE OF BIBLE LOVERS, BUT ALTHOUGH MILLIONS HAVE READ ITS WORDS AND ARE AWARE OF ITS GLORIOUS PROMISES, MOST HAVE NOT SEEN THOSE PROMISES FULFILLED IN THEIR LIVES. WHAT IS THE REASON? THE PROMISES ARE ONLY AVAILABLE TO THOSE WHO DWELL IN THE SECRET PLACE. THE DOOR TO THE SECRET PLACE OF THE MOST HIGH IS FOUND IN ONLY ONE APPROACH—THE PATHWAY OF FAITH AND ABSOLUTE SURRENDER TO THE WILL OF GOD. NOT MANY CHOOSE TO WALK THIS PATHWAY, FOR IT APPEARS TO BE A LONELY ONE, BUT GREAT ARE THE PRIVILEGES OF THOSE WHO WITH BOLD FAITH UNDAUNTEDLY PRESS INTO THE SECRET PLACE OF THE MOST HIGH.





## *A* REFUGE *and a* FORTRESS

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First of all, this secret place is one of security. "I will say of the LORD, 'He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust.'" People today are seeking security in a world in which there seems to be none, but he who takes refuge

in the fortress of God will find that no enemy can penetrate its defenses. It is a true refuge, a shelter in the time of storm. "The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe" (Proverbs 18:10).

## DELIVERANCE *from* SNARES

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"Surely," says the psalmist, "He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler." We received an upclose look at these snares when we were invited by a trapper to accompany him while he set his traps. During the time we were with him, we saw no wild animals except for the omnipresent jackrabbit. The keen-scented beasts of the wild would catch our scent and be gone long before we were near enough to see them. But the trapper was not worried; he took a freshly killed rabbit and

dragged it down the creek bed to leave its scent for predators. At intervals he would pause and lay down a trap. The next morning, some of the traps held prey that had been ensnared during the night. The wary animals could not be captured by direct means, but were easily ensnared when the proper methods were used. Satan also knows just what traps to set for the wary as well as the unwary, but he who lives in the promises of the 91st Psalm need not fear.

## *He shall* COVER *you with His* FEATHERS

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Another promise of Psalm 91 is, "He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge." Some years ago, on the great prairies of the West, a fire got out of control, and the homeowners had to flee. One of these homeowners returned to view the ruins and happened to kick aside a charred hulk. To his utter amazement, several little chicks ran out unharmed, having been protected from the passing fire by the mother hen, who herself had perished in the flames. The little creature had seen the fire and fully realized the danger. But a stronger instinct than fear caused the hen to throw her wings over her charges in a desperate

effort to save them. The lives of her brood were worth more to her than her own.

One of the most touching illustrations that the Lord used when revealing His love for a people who had rejected Him is found in Luke 13:34: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you were not willing!" That tender love, which was thoughtlessly spurned by the inhabitants of Jerusalem, is for all those who dwell in the secret place of the Most High.





## *His TRUTH shall be your SHIELD and BUCKLER*

The secret of the 91st Psalm lies in the believer's loving obedience to the laws given by the Lord. But how many Christians are committed to obeying the entire Word of God? The truth is that too many obey the commands of the Master only when it appears not to cost them too much, and so, they stop short of entering into that place of safety and security.

However, as one prayerfully commits his way to the Word and will of God, he will begin to see things change, and the law of the Kingdom will begin to operate in his favor. "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28).

## *You shall NOT be AFRAID*

The world is full of fears. Even Christians are afflicted with fear; some are even fearful of the devil. Sadly, they live marginal Christian lives. It is only when trouble comes that they

frantically look to the Lord to rescue them. And often He does, on an emergency basis, but there is a better way. Fear should not be a part of the Christian's life.

## *No PLAGUE shall come near your DWELLING*

Is it necessary for men to be plagued by accident, misfortune, disaster and pestilence? Not if he dwells within the secret place of the Most High, as implied in the words of this amazing psalm: "No evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling." The enemy who challenged Christ will surely challenge His followers, but the believer will overcome him. "He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I

will be with him in trouble." Glorious promise! God will not only send help, but also will come Himself. The psalm lets us in on another great secret—the fact that God charges His angels to guard those who dwell in the secret place. "For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone."

## *You shall TREAD upon the LION and the COBRA*

So far, we have considered the protection offered by God to His children. Now we learn of something even greater. We are granted power to triumph over our foe. "You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot." God's purpose for mankind is that he should become victorious and triumphant in Christ forever. For those who dwell in the secret place, this great promise is realized.

The Psalm concludes with a final note. "With long life I will satisfy him, and show him My salvation." It is a long life, a godly life, for it is nothing else but life eternal. True, this vessel of clay may crumble to dust, but the spirit will receive a glorified body at the Lord's Coming. Happy is the man who has chosen to dwell in the secret place of the Most High. He shall taste of the joys of life eternal to the fullest and shall share in its everlasting delights. 🕊

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# A DAUGHTER OF THE KING

• By Maria Erokhina (with Lydia Bryce)



who knew her. Anna Jeanne was a beloved friend of the Lindsay family and an integral part of CFNI's history.

After her passing, Anna Jeanne's daughter, Lydia, shared a story. As the wedding party of her parents was entering St Margaret's, Westminster Abbey, on June 28, 1952, someone in the crowd asked about the identity of the bride, convinced she must be a very important person to be married in such a prestigious chapel. In response, Gordon Lindsay said: "She's a daughter of the King." That statement caused a stir, since people weren't aware what "king" he was referring to, but Anna Jeanne always knew Who her King was.

Anna Jeanne was born in Shreveport, Louisiana to Jack and Mildred Moore, pastors of Life Tabernacle church. From an early age, Anna Jeanne was much more than "just another preacher's kid," but an anointed vessel of the Most High God. As a child, Anna Jeanne longed to play the piano, and she was blessed to receive piano lessons from the mother of the legendary pianist Van Cliburn, fostering her talent and love for music.

While visiting and ministering at Life Tabernacle church in 1947, Gordon Lindsay shared with Jack Moore his vision to document the healing miracles that were taking place across the nation. Jack told Gordon that he not only had the equipment needed to support this vision, but a gifted daughter, Anna Jeanne, who, among her other talents, was an accomplished writer. Anna Jeanne became the first paid employee and editor of *The Voice of Healing* magazine, traveling with Gordon Lindsay, William Branham, Oral Roberts, her father and others on the "healing campaigns." As part of her job, she interviewed those healed in the meetings, contacted doctors for "proof" and wrote their stories for the magazine.

On January 3, 2017, heaven gained Anna Jeanne Price, a woman whose dedication to God, love for people and incredible talent will long be remembered by all

In 1952, Anna Jeanne married Donald (Don) Blair Price, a handsome, talented and anointed man of God. Together, Don and Anna Jeanne faithfully served the Lord, ministering in many countries, primarily Thailand, where Don later became ill with cancer in 1966. Their family of seven came back to Dallas, where Don went to be with Jesus. After Don's passing, Anna Jeanne returned to Shreveport to raise her children and assist her father as music minister in his church.

In 1980, as Freda Lindsay and Anna Jeanne were traveling together in Israel, Freda invited her to help further the music and arts program at CFNI. The Lord confirmed that this was her next assignment, and Anna Jeanne served CFNI tirelessly for 35 years, quickly becoming a favorite among students as a teacher in the classroom and on stage, ministering from the piano.

Though Anna Jeanne was a virtuoso with the ability to WOW the masses from the piano, this elegant and beautiful lady found her greatest joy in serving others. She loved people and was a fantastic networker. She used to say, "Find a need and fill it," and her friendship with Freda Lindsay allowed her to use her talents to support and help Christ For The Nations for many years, including serving on the Advisory Council and then the Board of Directors. Her last project was preparing the foundation for what is now the Heritage Museum. She once commented about that work, "I find that looking backward here turns out to be a faith builder, instead of a sentimental journey. By reviewing all that has been done—it encourages us that by faith, we will also continue to move forward with purpose."

The life celebration service for Anna Jeanne was held on January 8, 2017, at her father's church in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Today, she is not only with Don, but also with Jesus, the Lover of her soul. 🕊







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# IMPACTING HUMANITY



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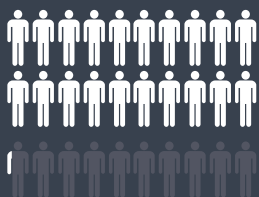
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## 203

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### ISRAEL SUPPORT

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# WITH THE GOSPEL 2016

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

644 international students came to CFNI from 75 countries, including Belarus, Mongolia and Swaziland, and 223 of them were granted a CFNI scholarship.

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**75** countries

**34** churches

## NATIVE CHURCH

With God's help and your support, over \$105,000 was sent out to roof 34 churches in 18 countries, such as India, Mali, Sierra Leone and others.

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## MISSIONARY ASSISTANCE

CFNI provided backend support for 33 missionaries who preach the Gospel around the world, in such countries as Sri Lanka, Peru and Mozambique.

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## ONLINE SCHOOL



In the Winter 2016 term, 79 students received training and impartation in the CFNI Online School.

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## BIBLE SCHOOLS

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# BIBLE SMUGGLER + RADICAL FOLLOWER OF JESUS

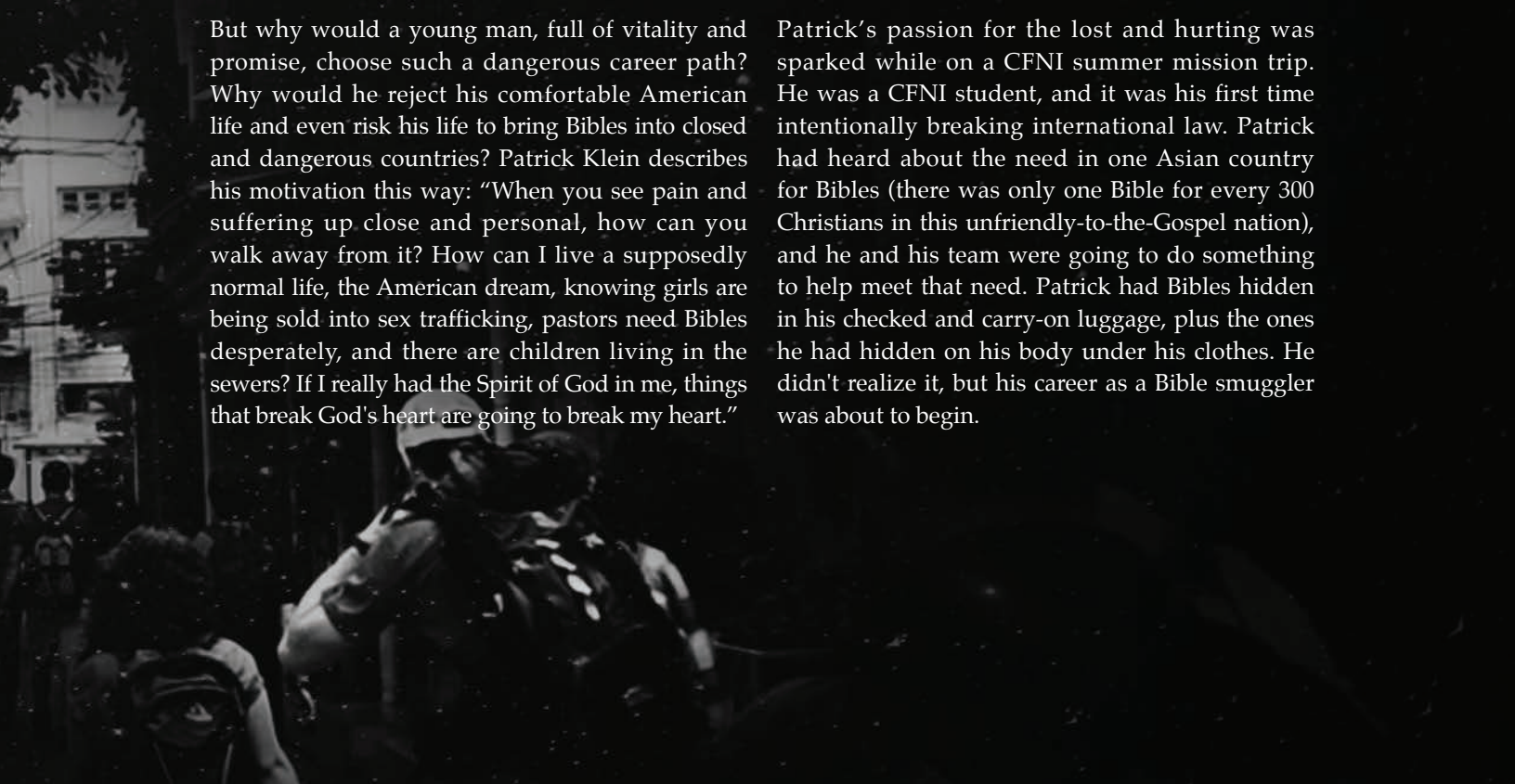
• By Michelle Ofori-Ansah

When we think of a “minister of the Gospel,” we typically think of an apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor or teacher. It’s unlikely we would think of the word *smuggler*, let alone a *Bible smuggler*. However, for CFNI alumnus Patrick Klein that is a large part of his calling, and he is anointed for it. For over 20 years, Patrick Klein has helped deliver over 1 million Bibles around the world through some of the tightest security on earth.

But why would a young man, full of vitality and promise, choose such a dangerous career path? Why would he reject his comfortable American life and even risk his life to bring Bibles into closed and dangerous countries? Patrick Klein describes his motivation this way: “When you see pain and suffering up close and personal, how can you walk away from it? How can I live a supposedly normal life, the American dream, knowing girls are being sold into sex trafficking, pastors need Bibles desperately, and there are children living in the sewers? If I really had the Spirit of God in me, things that break God’s heart are going to break my heart.”

By following his heart, Patrick Klein’s clandestine ministry activities have led him to rescue sex trafficking victims over the years in countries most people are afraid to even visit (the names of the specific countries are withheld because of the danger to Patrick and his contacts). For Patrick, darkness is a quest for light, and need is a call to action. He does not shy away from danger when the souls of people are at stake.

Patrick’s passion for the lost and hurting was sparked while on a CFNI summer mission trip. He was a CFNI student, and it was his first time intentionally breaking international law. Patrick had heard about the need in one Asian country for Bibles (there was only one Bible for every 300 Christians in this unfriendly-to-the-Gospel nation), and he and his team were going to do something to help meet that need. Patrick had Bibles hidden in his checked and carry-on luggage, plus the ones he had hidden on his body under his clothes. He didn’t realize it, but his career as a Bible smuggler was about to begin.







► Tribal girls receiving a personal Bible for the first time.

Walking through customs, trying not to appear nervous, Patrick experienced almost immediate failure. Customs officials found the Bibles in his carry-on and checked bags, but they didn't find the ones hidden on his body. They confiscated the discovered Bibles, but cleared Patrick to enter the country. Officially a Bible smuggler, Patrick now had to repack and hide these precious Bibles again. In a rough bathroom with a "squatty potty" (just a hole in the floor), Patrick struggled to keep his bag off the wet floor and his passport from falling into the hole as he transferred the Bibles from his body to the bag. It was an extremely humid 90 degrees, and sweat dripped

They weren't even stopped and questioned. Patrick's team was invisible! He has seen God's protection and intervention in similar ways for over two decades. "You know, I hear some people say, 'I just want to win one person to Jesus in my life.' Not me, **I want to win millions, tens of millions. I want to do all I can to bring Him much glory in this earth.**"

Patrick doesn't think this is all that spectacular. He just hears a call for help and moves to answer it. "We do some dangerous stuff in our ministry, but people put their lives on the line for the Gospel all the time. Why are we, as American Christians, exempt from that?"

## *WHEN YOU SEE PAIN AND SUFFERING UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL, HOW CAN YOU WALK AWAY FROM IT?*

off his body. His only thought was, "Lord, this is what I am created to do! I love this!"

Years later, Patrick regularly smuggles Bibles into that same country and others, trusting God to bring more and more Bibles through hostile borders. On one occasion, he and his team successfully stayed below the radar of customs inspection while carrying 2 duffle bags, each with 70 pounds of Bibles, through the airport. Ten people with 140 pounds of Bibles each somehow walked right past the customs inspectors.

Patrick tells a story of one of his regular visits to an orphanage in an Asian country that houses children of sex trafficking victims. One little boy contracted HIV from his mother, who has died of AIDS. "When he came up to me, my first thought was, 'Oh, be careful, he's got HIV.' And I thought, 'Wait a minute, Jesus wasn't afraid of the lepers, so I don't need to be afraid of HIV.' So I scooped him up and spent time with him. I visit as often as I can; I'm like a father figure to him. **My faith has got to be bigger than any disease.**"



Whether he is smuggling Bibles or rescuing women from sex trafficking, Patrick isn't afraid to wrestle with the moral implications of this radical Christianity. One American pastor refused to have Patrick in his church because Bible smuggling breaks the law. This pastor said, "If God wants the people in closed countries to have a Bible, He will change their governments." Patrick shares, "I thought, that's easy for you to say when your office is full of Bibles and study materials. What about the Hebrew midwives who kept the Hebrew baby boys alive when Pharaoh decreed they be killed in Egypt? Or Corrie ten Boom who hid Jews in her house against the laws enacted by the Nazi government during World War II? We're called to stand up for those who can't stand up for themselves, the weak and defenseless. I believe if Jesus were walking the Earth today, He'd be rescuing girls out of sex trafficking. If He had to turn over a few tables and brothels, then He might just do it."

For Patrick Klein, Bible smuggling is an act of worship, obedience to his calling. Patrick lives by a simple creed: "My life is not mine; I was bought with a price, the cross. **I can't just do whatever I want to do. I belong to Jesus now, and my question is, 'What do You want me to do Jesus?'**" Not everyone can or should smuggle Bibles or rescue sex trafficking victims, and Patrick is not advocating breaking international law. But everyone has a role to play in the Kingdom. It may be traditional, unconventional or perhaps even radical, but whatever it is, it's time to answer that call. 📖



► **ABOVE:** Tribal believer holding a Bible in her own language.  
**BELOW:** Patrick Klein ministering to children in Southeast Asia.





# GOD STILL CHANGES LIVES



• By Stephen Samuel

**I**s there a place on Earth that fosters the presence of God? Is there a place where Jesus still appears? Is there a summer camp that can change the heart of a troubled youth? At Christ For The Nations, the answer to all of these questions is a resounding “YES!” In this article, Stephen Samuel shares his testimony of an encounter with Jesus at Youth For The Nations summer camp (YFN), showing the impact of providing a place for God to move and transform lives.

## A FAMILY CRISIS }


My family moved to the USA from South India in the 1980s. My brother and I learned English quickly, but it took us years to adapt to a drastically different culture. That reality hit me sharply while attending public school. I was the poorest, shortest and shyest kid in my class, so I quickly became an object of ridicule, and most of my classmates avoided me as if I had a communicable disease.

At that time, my little sister Peace was born. She suffered from many health problems and fought hard for her life. We enjoyed her laughs, her cute smile and celebrated her victories in many medical battles. However, the doctors' predictions were not promising, and our only hope was God healing her.

One day, when I was eight years old, my mother's piercing scream woke me up early in the morning. I jolted out of my bunk bed, and my brother and I rushed into her room. We found her wailing with grief as Dad hung up the phone. Trembling, we heard the devastating news that our 3-year-old little sister had died a few moments earlier. The four of us knelt around my parents' bed and did the only thing we knew to do. We prayed. We pleaded. We cried. Then we hurriedly dressed and rushed to the hospital.

When I walked into the hospital room, I saw Peace. I tried to convince myself that she was only asleep. I placed my little fingers on her cold forehead and was struck with the realization that she was gone. I cried all the tears that I had on the two-hour drive back home; the wells of sorrow erupted deep within me. I prayed to the only One Who could save my sister's life, but He did not answer.

A week later, I was back in school. I walked up the long stairway toward my class. I didn't dare lift up my head; it seemed like everybody was staring at me. The teacher met me at the door. She put her hand on my shoulder and said, "I'm so sorry, Stephen." That simple act of kindness was too much for me. I turned and rushed down the hallway into the boy's bathroom. Crouched in the corner, I cried bitterly, asking the questions that come with every tragedy: "What kind of God would allow this to happen to me? Wasn't He supposed to keep us from evil?"



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Slowly, time muted the anguish, but my wound grew deeper and evolved from grief to anger. There was a deep rage seething inside of me toward one person—God. I was broken and feared relationships. I was afraid to be hurt again and resolved never to open my heart. My solitude consumed me for years. I dressed in dark colors and spoke very little. I struggled at school; I felt like I didn't measure up to my classmates.

The harshness of racism in our community only affirmed the pain in my heart. We would often find our front yard littered with trash—beer bottles, fast food remnants, dirty diapers and other filthy things. I had no idea why people would do that to us. Then a neighbor told me, "It's because ya'll ain't white." I also saw church people do malicious things to my parents, who were pastors. Church splits, betrayals, blatant manipulation . . . time after time these incidents were killing the little hope I had of happiness.

My dad was a hard worker, and from an early age my brother and I were buried in work. From studying to cutting grass, to menial chores around the house or church, I worked hard to keep my mind busy. In my free time, I would find a dark corner in my room and simply sit there pondering the great sorrow within me. Suicide became a common thought. My parents, themselves burdened with the loss of a child and feeling the weight of poverty and the responsibility of running a church, noticed that something was wrong and tried to help me as much as they could. But it wasn't enough. None of us knew what to do.





## { THE WEEK THAT CHANGED EVERYTHING

In 1994, I turned 16. That summer, a small youth group invited me to a camp called Youth For The Nations. There were cute girls in that youth group, and that was the only reason I agreed to join them, never realizing that this one week would transform my life.

After arriving on the campus of Christ For The Nations Institute in Dallas, Texas, the first activity was the evening worship service. The speaker that night was Greg Johnson, a man I had never heard of before, but I was pretty sure he was going to preach one of a thousand sermons that I had already heard. So I proceeded to do what I normally did during church—daydream, count the squares on the tiled ceiling, and ask myself, “Why am I here?”

Then Greg said something that captured my attention: “Listen to me, some of you have been fighting suicide, you have fought God, and you are angry with Him.” He went on to fully describe the depression and anger in my soul. I gazed at him critically, resisting his words. I thought, “He doesn’t know what I have gone through!”

“But God sees you,” Greg replied as if reading my mind. Then he called everyone who wanted to “surrender to Jesus” to come forward. I had heard that call a hundred times before. I didn’t move. Greg

extended the call again. Not really understanding what I was doing or why, I slowly made my way to the front. When I reached the platform, I called out for the first time in years, “Jesus, if You really want me, I have nothing to give to You.”

With that confession, I knelt down under a heavy weight of dark oppression. That moment, I felt my heart’s pain intensifying. The loss, the betrayal, the wounds . . . all those negative feelings were overpowering. Then, suddenly, a powerful sensation of heat, like a blanket, fell on my back. The weight of the darkness dissipated under an unfamiliar healing touch, and I slowly lifted my head to find that I was bowing at the feet of Jesus.

“Stephen,” He said, “Before you were formed in your mother’s womb, I called you and ordained you a prophet to the nation. Follow Me.” In that moment, He dispelled every shadow of fear. My body began to tremble, and tears poured down my face for what seemed like hours. I realized that the Jesus standing in front of me was not the distant, indifferent god that I had so bitterly accused in my thoughts. When I saw Him, I knew that He was everything I’d ever needed. When I rose up from that place of prayer, I felt alive again, as if I had awakened from years of hopelessness. The horrible season of pain and fear ended, and a new journey began as I stepped out of the darkness and into His light.

## WHERE IS HE NOW? }

Stephen has a heart for missions that was planted in him at YFN. In addition to leading numerous mission trips overseas, he serves as a Campus Pastor with Chi Alpha Ministries at Lamar University and is the Missions Director at Cathedral Church in Beaumont, Texas. Over the years, he has brought many teens to YFN to experience the same life-changing presence of God that transformed him. 🙏

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# Abstinencia

## ¿ES LA ABSTINENCIA SEXUAL LA VOLUNTAD DE DIOS PARA MI VIDA?

• Por **Hugo Martínez**

**E**n el programa en Español de Cristo para las Naciones, cada año mi esposa y yo impartimos una clase en la cual hablamos del noviazgo, matrimonio, familia, y ministerio. Dentro de esta clase, tocamos un tema muy difícil para los jóvenes que es sin duda el de la abstinencia sexual. Ellos como creyentes quieren saber cuál es la voluntad de Dios en este tema para sus vidas, ya que hoy en día los jóvenes piensan y dicen << yo no quiero seguir ninguna religión, ni ir a ninguna iglesia en donde se piense que el sexo es sucio>>.

Desafortunadamente, la industria del entretenimiento nos ha mostrado e influido en cómo debemos pensar y sentir en cuanto a este tema. Nos bombardean en nuestras casas semana a semana, con escenas de jóvenes y adultos que se meten en las camas de otros como si fueran robots sexuales. Sólo son los raros a los que se les muestra siendo castos y se les presenta todo el tiempo como demasiado tontos y feos para encontrar a una compañera o compañero.

El mensaje que están recibiendo los jóvenes y señoritas es sin duda el siguiente: ya que todos lo hacen yo debo hacerlo; si lo hago, soy parte del grupo. Lo que debemos notar aquí, es que por supuesto los hermosos jóvenes actores en esos dramas calientes nunca enfrentan las consecuencias de sus desórdenes sexuales. Nadie jamás resulta contagiado de herpes, sífilis, clamidia, o sida. A ninguno de ellos jamás le dice un médico que no hay cura para la enfermedad que tiene, o que tendrá que soportar el dolor de la enfermedad por el resto de sus vidas. La realidad es

que nos han condicionado a pensar que así deben de ser las cosas. Es normal; todos lo hacen.

Desde luego, lo primero que les tenemos que recordar es que el sexo lo hizo Dios, lo creo Dios, fue idea de Dios. Les afirmamos categóricamente que las relaciones sexuales en el contexto de un matrimonio lleno de amor y compromiso es lo más excitante y maravilloso que jamás uno pueda conocer. ¡Es lo más grandioso del mundo! Pero fuera del matrimonio, puede ser lo más devastador que ustedes pueden hacer en su vida. Puede destruir todo lo que ustedes han esperado.

### VEAMOS LO QUE LAS ESCRITURAS EN 1ª DE TESALONICENSES 4:3 NOS DICE:

<<Porque esta es la voluntad de Dios: su santificación; es decir, que se abstengan de tener relaciones sexuales prohibidas; que cada uno aprenda a controlar su propio cuerpo de una manera santa y honrosa, sin dejarse llevar por los malos deseos como hacen los paganos, que no conocen a Dios; y que nadie perjudique a su hermano ni se aproveche de él en este asunto. El Señor castiga todo esto, como ya les hemos dicho y advertido. Dios no nos llamó a la impureza sino a la santidad; por tanto, el que rechaza estas instrucciones no rechaza a un hombre sino a Dios.>>

La respuesta de Dios en su palabra es de una manera clara y sencilla. No pueden existir malos entendidos. Ni siquiera es necesario tener que orar para recibir



alguna revelación, aquí Dios ya ha dicho cuál es su voluntad. Para saber cuál es la voluntad de Dios en relación a la abstinencia, sólo hay que leer el pasaje, no hay manera de esquivarlo. La abstinencia sexual hasta el matrimonio es el plan perfecto de Dios.

Una pareja de jóvenes creyentes me comentaron <<nosotros ya nos hemos entregado sexualmente uno al otro. No fue nuestra intención, pero ahora nos cuesta dejarlo y no sabemos si está mal o no porque nos amamos el uno al otro.>> Mi inmediata respuesta es simple y sencilla: busquen este pasaje, léanlo, y dense cuenta de cuál es la voluntad de Dios para sus vidas. Esto lo deja claro para aquellos jóvenes creyentes que ya han tenido relaciones sexuales y que no saben si es la voluntad de Dios dejar de tenerlas.

Hebreos 13:4 lo dice de una manera que resuelve mucha confusión respecto de este asunto tan controversial <<Honroso sea en todos el matrimonio, y el lecho sin mancilla; pero a los fornicarios y a los adúlteros los juzgará Dios.>>

Con esta afirmación, tener relaciones sexuales está fuera de la voluntad de Dios. No se pongan a preguntarle a Dios si deberían vivir juntos o estar casados, Dios ya les ha dicho cual es su voluntad. Si ya están viviendo juntos y realmente quieren hacer la voluntad de Dios, será mejor que de inmediato dejen de vivir juntos porque haciéndolo están fuera de la voluntad de Dios. Esto no es invención mía, esto brota directamente del libro en el cual creemos.

Lo segundo que tenemos que enseñarles a los jóvenes es que: La abstinencia sexual hasta el matrimonio es el plan divino para la prevención de su vida. 📖

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## IF WE REMEMBER ZION

Psalm 137: "By the rivers of Babylon, we wept as we remembered Zion. If I forget thee, Oh, Jerusalem, may my right hand forget its skill."

• By Maria Erokhina

**O**NE OF THE MOST REMARKABLE THINGS about the recent inauguration of the 45th American President, Donald Trump, was the prayer of Rabbi Marvin Hier. It was the first time since 1985 that a rabbi invoked a blessing at such an important historic event. "Eternal God, bless President Donald J. Trump and America, our great nation," Rabbi Hier started his benediction. Among other declarations, he also cited Psalm 137: "By the rivers of Babylon, we wept as we remembered Zion. If I forget thee, Oh, Jerusalem, may my right hand forget its skill." What a powerful statement that was!

Throughout the Bible we find God lovingly call the nation of Israel "Zion." The name Zion refers to a hill in Jerusalem. When God speaks about Zion, He is describing the very heart of His nation.

**GOD HAS NEVER REMOVED  
THE NATION OF ISRAEL  
FROM HIS FRONT BURNER.**

"Zion!" I can only imagine the tone of God's voice when He pronounces this name. Waves of love, passion, mercy and jealousy are mingled in it. The truth is, God has never removed the nation of Israel from His front burner, as shown in Isaiah 49:14-16. "But Zion said, '... My Lord has forgotten me.' Can a woman forget her nursing child, and not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, yet I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands; your walls are continually before Me."

Unfortunately, the nation of Israel has been forgotten by many countries, including America. Even the Body of Christ is guilty! It's scary to ponder the years that Israel has been neglected, despised, persecuted, suffered pogroms and the Holocaust. Its very existence has been questioned since its inception. The world has overlooked the fact that the land that lawfully belongs to Israel (historically and according to God's ordinance) has been inhabited by hostile strangers. We condemned Israel for claiming her rights. We introduced sanctions; we gathered troops; we threatened and manipulated; we ignored her interests. **Under the mask of guarding peace, we took upon ourselves the right to decide what is right or wrong for Israel**, while God had already spoken about it in His Word.

Zechariah 2:8 makes a strong statement: "For thus says the Lord of hosts: 'He sent Me after glory, to the nations which plunder you; for he who touches you touches the apple of His eye.'" We can see that God is not passive when it pertains to His people. His wrath rages against those who rob and devastate Israel; everyone who harms it, pokes God in the eye!

With America's new President, there's hope that Israel will be remembered again. Let us pray that the hearts of our government officials will be aligned with God's heart toward His nation. Let us pray that after so many years of neglect, America will finally remember Zion, not only in words, but in action. Let us pray that America will be a nation that stands with Israel, defends her interests and protects her! Because if we bless Israel, we will truly be blessed. 🕊

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