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“Thank you for such a POWERFUL evening of preaching in Nice, France!”

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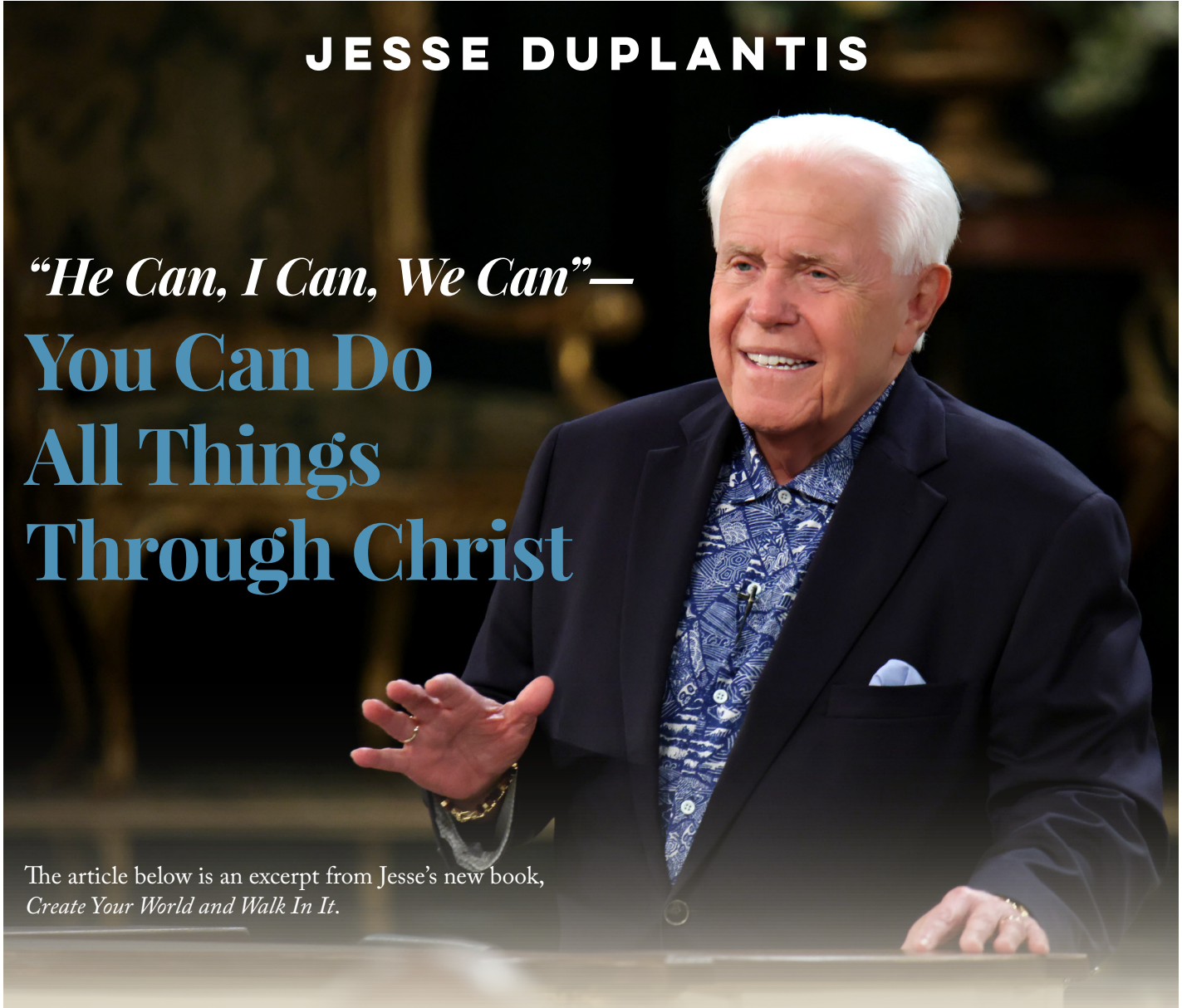
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A photograph of Jesse Duplantis, an older man with white hair, smiling and gesturing with his right hand while speaking at a podium. He is wearing a dark blue suit jacket over a blue patterned shirt. The background is dark and out of focus.

JESSE DUPLANTIS

“He Can, I Can, We Can”— You Can Do All Things Through Christ

The article below is an excerpt from Jesse’s new book,
Create Your World and Walk In It.

I’m going to say this verse throughout the book: *“I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me.”* (Philippians 4:13) It’s a verse I want you to know like the back of your hand. I’m going to keep reminding you of it because it’s one of those verses that can get you through all sorts of challenges in life. It can propel your faith in both God and in yourself. Read Philippians 4:13 to yourself aloud right now. Hear those words coming out of your mouth. Isn’t that a wonderful scripture?

Strength! It’s something we all need in life, but especially in the times we are living in today. You can do ALL things through Christ Who strengthens you doesn’t mean just some things—it means all the things God has put in front of you as you go through your life. All those things! No matter what you are facing, with

God you can move through it with grace and come out on the other side in triumph. No matter what you need to do or desire to do, you can do it when you walk it out with Christ, because He is going to give you the strength.

Like I said earlier, I create my world and I walk in it. This is the statement I sometimes use when people ask me about the state of the world, too. That’s because it’s not some catchphrase for me. It’s my way of explaining how I live my own life—how I use the Word of God and my faith in it to overcome in life, whether it’s spiritual, physical, or financial. Now, I never thought that God would tell me to use that statement so much, but He has, and so I hope that if you’re reading this book, you’ll adopt it for yourself, too.

“Create Your World and Walk in It” with Faith. You’re a Born-of-God Overcomer, Not a Becomer.

For me, “I create my world and I walk in it” illustrates how to live as an overcomer instead of a “becomer” so that I don’t just take whatever life hands me as if I’m powerless and have no God. I don’t have to let the world get in me or get to me, because though I might be in the world, as the scripture says, I’m not of the world (John 17:16).

You see, I’ve just decided to make God’s Word the foundation of my everyday life. I know that in Christ, I have authority. In Christ, I have been given the right to use the Word of God as a sword and cut down the works of the enemy. I’m an heir with the Father and a joint heir with Christ, and that makes me part of the Family. You see, I’ve learned to use the Word to transform my mind. I’ve convinced myself of the truth that God cannot lie.

“*I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me.*” You realize that the words “He Can,” “I Can,” and “We Can” aren’t just positive words but they are spiritual realities.

If the Word says something, I can believe it—and I’ve learned that even when bad things come up, I can rise above, overcome, and even change them with my faith.

I’ve learned over these many years that a faith-filled inner world is a great defense against a troublesome outer world. You see, Jesus said that in this world we’d have trouble. It’s part of living in a sin-sick world. He said, *“These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”* (John 16:33)

We don’t have to lose our joy just because the world is wicked. We don’t have to lose our peace when the world is slap crazy either. Overcoming like that is part of the believer’s salvation package—our ability to overcome is bought and paid for by the blood of Jesus. You see, once we have Christ living in us, we are “born of God” and 1 John 5:4 says, *“For whatever is born of God overcomes the*

world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.” Notice that faith is the key to victory, which is why faith is what you will use to create your world and walk in it.

So, remember that it’s with Jesus that we gain strength to do all things (Philippians 4:13). And though we live in a troublesome world, joy can be ours because of the overcoming power of the blood of Jesus (John 16:33). Remind yourself that everyone who is born of God can overcome the situations of this world, including you! All it takes is faith knowing that our victory is tied to Jesus’ victory over it all (1 John 5:4). Glory!

Faith in Christ’s Power to Strengthen You Is Critical to Your Success. Let the Weak SAY I Am Strong. Keep Your Faith Strong and in the Now.

When you choose to start creating your future and determine to start walking in what you believe every day, you are embodying a frame of mind that lines right up with, *“I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me.”* You realize that the words “He Can,” “I Can,” and “We Can” aren’t just positive words but they are spiritual realities.

Christ can do all things. So, because you are in Christ, you can do all things too, because He is the One Who gives you strength. No matter what situation you walk through or what God has put on your heart to do in life, if Christ is Who you believe and rely upon in faith, then you can do what you need to do. His power is in you by the work of salvation. The more you believe it, the more you live differently in this world. Boldness and confidence come when you have faith in the One Who can give you strength.

Christ is going to help you be strong in any area that you feel weak if you put your faith in Him—remember that the Word encourages the weak to say they are strong. Start speaking strength. Flip the script on yourself. Any weak area, start talking about yourself as strong in that area because of what Christ has done. Say, “You’re giving me strength in this, Jesus! I’m strong because of You!”

Too many people rehearse the cant’s in life, but as believers, we need to be rehearsing the cans! I want you to remember “He can, I can, and We can!” Glory! Remember the ALL in *“I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me”* too. Let your faith rise up and remind yourself of just Who has your back! Faith in Christ’s power to strengthen you is critical to your success. An important point I want to share with you is this: “When faith is weak, it is unable to meet the demands that are made upon it.”

Think about that for a minute: Creating your own world and walking in it can only be done through strong faith. To live that way, faith needs to be a present thing, not a past thing or a future thing. Again, Hebrews 11:1 says, “*Now faith is...*” Now. “Now” faith doesn’t hesitate, postpone, or allow for wishy-washiness. So, keep your faith strong and in the now to create your world and walk in it.

To create your vision or anything you are believing God for, spiritually, physically, financially, or in any other area, your faith must never be caught unaware. Faith is built daily, so don’t relegate yourself to using it sometimes. Keep your faith strong and in the now. When you wake up in the morning, don’t immediately let your mind run wild—pause, capture your thoughts, and focus them on the Lord. Talk to Him. Be still. Speak with gratitude to Him and with love, and remind yourself that you serve a Creator, a creative God, and He’s made you a creator in your own life, too. Speak your vision, the promise you’re standing on in the Word, or the thing that God has put on your heart to stretch your faith to believe. Call it done “now.” Then, go about your day.

Any time throughout your day, the moment you think of what God has put on your heart, draw on your “now” faith. Let this be a joyful thing for you, a peaceful process—zero doubt and zero desperation. Faith is bold but calm, and it should settle your heart like it’s a done deal in the spirit already.

Never Let the Cross of Jesus Lose Its Dynamic Activity in Your Life. Souls Are on the Line and Your Faith Is a Great Witness for Christ.

Remember that your faith affects others—the ripple effects of a believer who walks by faith, talks by faith, and demonstrates what faith can do, is a witness to the power of Christ Jesus. We are in a fight for the eternity of souls! Matthew 24:14 says, “*And this Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.*” That is a prophecy about the end times, and it shows us that, as believers, we have a powerful responsibility to bring this Word to pass.

We become a part of ushering in the return of Jesus when we support churches and ministries who preach the Gospel to others and when we witness directly to others as we go about our day. We also help when we create our world and walk in it because our example of a faith-filled, Christ-led life shines a light in this dark world, and it can open the door for us to point others to Jesus.

Souls are on the line. When I preach this glorious Gospel, my mind is focused on, “Take these people out of this natural, fallen world and help them realize Christ’s power so they can begin to create their world and walk in it.” This principle is life-changing if you do what it says.

Another point I want to share with you is this: “Never let the cross of Jesus lose its dynamic activity in your life. Determine that you are going to know and live with the strong faith that you can do ALL things through Christ Who gives you strength.” All things! Remember to say, “He can, I can, we can!” Remind yourself of what He can do for you and through you when you have great faith.

You Have God’s DNA in You—You Are a Creator, Too. Train Your Mind So You’re Ready When the Strains of Life Come.

You cannot know who Christ is until you put yourself in His hands. I like to say it like this: “To understand the Kingdom of God, you must be in the Kingdom. Everyone has to be somewhere, so why not be in God’s Kingdom?” Glory! You see, as a child of God, you are in God’s Kingdom, and His Word will always point you to think higher than this world’s way of thinking.

Using the Word of God as your foundation helps you to train your mind to be in the Kingdom of God while living right here in this messy world. Another point is this: “Constant and careful training of your mind will keep you ready when the strains of life come and try to penetrate the world you’ve created. Remember that you have God’s DNA in you, and you’re a creator, too!”

The apostle Paul assured us that all things are possible to us—but we must assure ourselves of that truth, too. It’s not enough that God believes in you. *You* need to believe in you! The DNA of God—Who is a Spirit—is flowing through your spirit. Feed your spirit the Word and create your world with the faith that comes from doing it. You aren’t natural, so don’t lean on natural understanding all the time. If you do, you won’t tap into your faith.

Remember that having faith is collaborating with God. We are His children, not His puppets! God will not force Himself on anyone. As His children, we need to recognize our spirit as vitally important and our faith as a creative force we share with Him. Training your mind with His Word to think higher and better will keep you ready when the strains of life come—it will give you a mindset that snaps right back to what God says instead of what is happening.

Inside your “world,” the scriptures aren’t just for absorbing spiritual information; they are for use! Faith is an action—“...*faith without works is dead*” as James 2:20 says. It’s not just what you know; it’s what you do. Faith does. Faith speaks the future into existence. When you train your mind, you’ll speak by faith, and your emotions will line up with your faith—the power present in the Word will work in whatever area you need it to. That’s your creative power collaborating with God’s Word. That’s faith at work!

You must feel equal to all the labor and duty to achieve what God has given you to do. How do you feel that way? By training your mind to know the truth, which is that you can do ALL things through Christ Who gives you strength. Again, all things!

Don’t Let “Create Your World and Walk in It” Be Something You Just “Use.”
Faith Is About a Personal Relationship with Jesus. It Is Obedience and It Is Life!

You know, years ago, my daughter, Jodi, said, “Daddy, everything you touch turns into success.” I told her, “Jodi, I create my world and I walk in it.” Now, that statement has become a part of her life and, again, I hope it’ll become part of yours, too. So, what world will you create? What has God put on your heart? Will you have faith for it? Will you trust the God Who trusts in you and allow yourself the joy of living by faith in what can happen?

My last point in this chapter is this: “Your destiny in faith is worth exploring. What a pity it would be to go through life ignorant of what is yours!” In Christ, so much belongs to you. Faith is believing that what God said is what God said, and it’s true no matter what. And if you’re ready to start walking through life with that kind of faith, then you are going to create your world and walk in it! You’re going to rise above and overcome. You’re going to see the goodness of God at work in your life.

I know what is mine because I created my world and I’m walking in it—but this world that I created by using God’s DNA within me is not a theory to me. It’s not just a body of truth I just “use.” This faith is a way of life that centers on my personal relationship with Jesus. It is obedience and it is life. To know God, to be in His Kingdom, to take Him at His Word and see His hand on my life is just wonderful. It’s beautiful.

I decided long ago that every step I take in creating my world with faith is doable because of the strengthening power of Christ at work in my life—I know that I can do

all things because of the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. You can, too! To me, Jesus is the only unchanging Source of the believer’s comfort.

Do you know what? I like my world! I like being saved, I like living by faith, and I like defeating the devil in life. To me, it’s always “a beautiful day in the neighborhood” like Mister Rogers used to say on that old children’s program, and it’s all because I create my world and I walk in it. Glory!

I’m convinced that the Word of God that you choose to sow into your heart and speak can change your life, because it’s changed mine—and it can influence others around you, too. Again, faith is an action—without works or doing something, it’s not good for much. But if you use it, it can revolutionize how you perceive life. It’ll change how you receive the Word you read and study. It’ll upgrade how you think about life in general. It’ll change how you speak and spark change where you need it most first—and that’s inside of you.

Never fear what God wants for your life. Faith is just working with God toward what He wants, and He told all of us right there in Jeremiah 29:11 that, “*I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.*” A future. A hope. No matter what’s going on in this world. No matter how distracted and deluded the evil of this world tries to warp truth or change God’s reality, if you stick close to God and have faith, you’re going to be way more than just alright! 🌐

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Jesse’s new book, *Create Your World and Walk In It*.

You CAN Live an Empowered Life Through Jesus Christ

No matter what challenge you may be facing today, and no matter where you are now or where you've been, you *can* live a life empowered by the living, breathing, creating, omniscient, omnipresent God of the universe. He loves you, and not only does He promise you eternal life in Heaven, but also an overcoming and abundant life here on Earth (John 10:10). All it takes is a quality decision to believe and receive the truth of His divine plan of salvation through Jesus Christ.

If you don't know Jesus, or if you already know Him but you've fallen back for some reason or another, He wants you to come back home to Him and be restored. All you have to do is turn to Him, open up your heart, and say this simple prayer. When you say these words and believe them with your heart, you will be born again and made right in your relationship with the Father (Romans 10:9-10). Pray with me now:

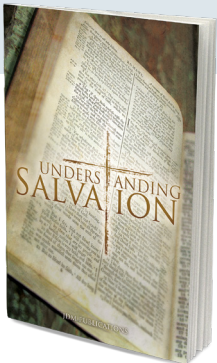
Jesus, come into my life. Forgive me of my sins. I ask You to cleanse my heart and make me a new person in You right now. I believe that You are the Son of God and that You were sent by the Father to die on the cross for me.

Jesus, I want to thank You for loving me enough to die for me. I accept all that Your shed blood bought for me on the cross, and I receive You as my Savior and Lord. In Your name I pray. Amen.

If you just prayed this prayer, you've just been born again. Congratulations! Your name is now written in the Lamb's Book of life and all of Heaven is celebrating! You have a brand-new, empowered life of faith in Jesus Christ to look forward to from this day on. Would you please let me know that you prayed this prayer? I want to send you a free copy of our *Understanding Salvation* booklet to help you begin your new journey with Christ. You can contact me online at JDM.org and click on the "Do You Know Jesus?" link, scan the QR code below, or use the top portion of the envelope/order form in the center of this magazine.

Always remember that you have the strengthening power of Christ within you to overcome the challenges of life and live in victory. Study the Bible daily and make God's Word the foundation of your everyday life. Use it with tenacious faith, and determine that you are going to know and live with the strong faith that you can do ALL things through Christ Who gives you strength (Philippians 4:13). I love you, and I'm praying for you to grow in the power of the Lord!

– Jesse



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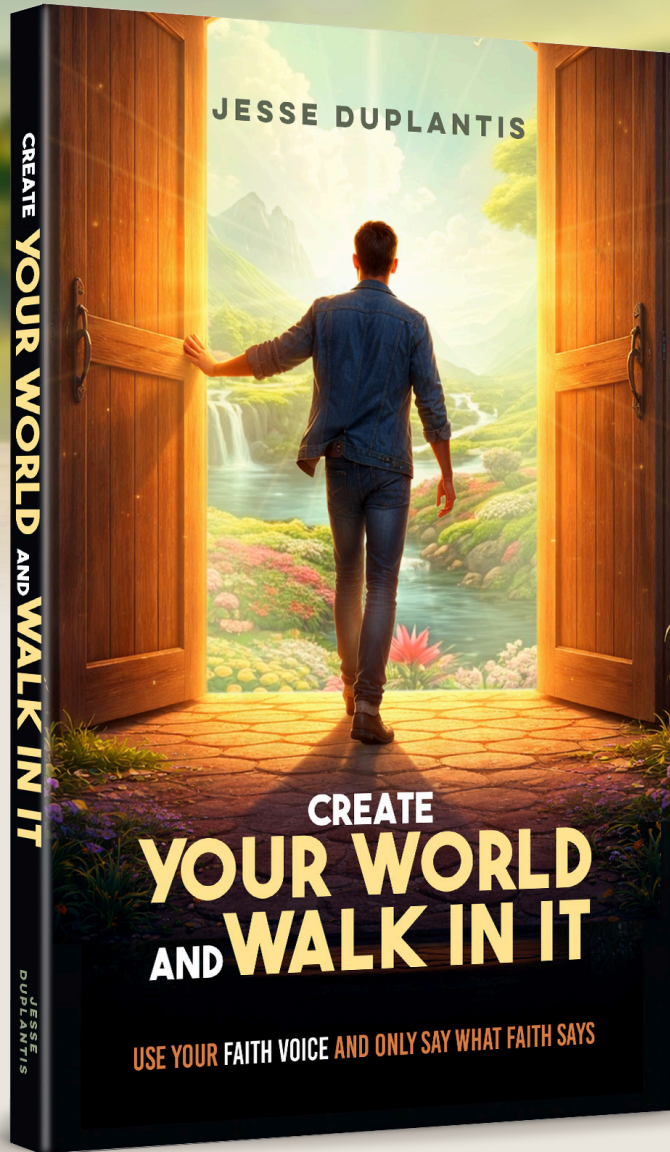


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BE A CATALYST FOR MIRACLES— USE YOUR FAITH VOICE!

**Below is an excerpt from Jesse Duplantis' August letter to JDM Covenant Partners. Partners are those who support the ministry's vision of world evangelism with donations and/or product orders, and they receive a letter each month from Brother Jesse sharing what God has put on his heart. We hope you enjoy reading a portion of this month's letter and will consider becoming a Partner in JDM's vision of world evangelism.*

Dear Partner,

I've said it before, and I'll say it again—I hope you enjoy reading these partner letters as much as I enjoy writing them to you! Every month, God gives me words to share with you, and they're for me too. As you may remember, our theme for this year is **"I Only Say What Faith Says. I Only Use My Faith Voice,"** and I really do pray that you are gaining revelation knowledge in what is really such a simple theme. Faith is simple, Partner. We sometimes like to complicate it, but God wants us to know that He uses the simple things to confound the wise—and with faith, all we need is a little to get a whole lot of results!

Our foundational scripture for this year is Romans 4:17, where it says, "...even God, Who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were." Partner, it doesn't get any better than that. Our God can do the impossible and He uses words. Glory! When we imitate Him as dear children (as the father of faith, Abraham, did, and as so many in the faith have done since him), we are doing things God's way. We're using words of faith to create change in our world. It's God's will for us to "only believe" and to take Him at His wonderful word. We do best when we not only put our inner faith in God to do great things, but when we also get our words directly in line with our faith, too. What we believe we must say.

Now, I want to share an example of this with you in 2 Kings chapter five. In this chapter, a young girl has been taken captive from her homeland of Israel. She finds herself serving the wife of Naaman, a commander of the army of Syria, who the Word tells us was an honorable man in the eyes of the Lord. This was a very powerful man in Syria too, but there was a problem: Naaman had contracted leprosy. But what I want you to notice in this story is that when a faith voice speaks, it sets things into motion—when faith talks and people listen, miracles can happen.

The young maid had compassion on this great man because he was a leper. She could have said nothing and just watched him rot away, but no. I want you to watch how faith works. In 2 Kings 5:3, the girl speaks up: *"Then she said to her mistress, 'If only my master were with the prophet who is in Samaria! For he would heal him of his leprosy.'"* This girl was a slave with no ties to Naaman or his wife, and yet she used her faith voice for the

glory of God. She looked at that leprosy and felt for Naaman. She was a believer in the healing power of God. She knew Elisha was a prophet of God and, even as a slave, she had the compassion and character to speak up and give Naaman the information he needed to seek out healing from God. Never underestimate the power of "word of mouth," especially when the mouth is speaking faith in God! That girl believed Elisha was a prophet because she knew his faith voice brought results.

Point one today is this: **Faith is always a testimony to God's virtue and character.** You see, Partner, faith is designed by God to make progress of spiritual *and* physical things—we don't speak for nothing! They aren't empty words if they come from a place of sincerity, compassion, kindness, and bold, unflinching faith. That girl's faith voice changed the destiny of the commander of the host of Syria—you likely know the story, but if not, go and read it in 2 Kings 5:1-19. You'll see that a chain of events happened that led Naaman to reach out to the king of Israel, who reached out to Elisha, who gave instructions that ticked Naaman off...but that ultimately led to his complete and total restoration. That man was not only healed but made whole.

Notice that Naaman's healing started with the compassion of one girl using her faith voice. It was bridged by the verbal instructions (the faith voice) of one prophet of God. We are in this together, Partner! We've got to pass on what we know to others. As you read about Naaman's miracle, just notice that Elisha's instruction pushed Naaman's ideas about how God worked out the window! They required not only faith, but also the putting down of pride—he had to put aside his own ideas and simply obey. Naaman was healed as a result of his *obedience*. Even though the method started out as an insulting thing to him, when he let go of that mess and just obeyed, he ended up going home with skin like a baby! He was free of leprosy and pride in one shot. Naaman had a newfound belief that there was only one God and he had experienced His power for himself. Glory!

Never forget that girl from 2 Kings. She was recorded in the Bible for a reason—her voice was a catalyst for a miracle, and God made sure her voice was recorded so that we could read and apply that simple principle in our own lives. Speak up and speak by faith. Pass on what you know. Use your faith voice! Remember that as believers, if our faith in God is real, it will show up in every detail of our lives. It will overflow in acts of usefulness and love. Faith is powerful! It does battle in the spirit. It paves the way for miracles. God made you in His image and gave you a voice—when you use it right, you'll see that it's a creative force in this life.

It makes no difference if you're a man or a woman, you have the same power of faith. That young girl was someone whose faith voice was more powerful than a general's voice. Why was it more powerful? Because it was bathed in the light of faith in God. Glory! I could go on and write pages and pages about this theme; this is powerful stuff to me! But I've got to go, and I'm sure you do, too.

So, in closing, I just want to thank you, once again, for your prayers and seeds sown into this ministry. It does so much for the kingdom of God. God sees everything—He sees your heart and sees you sow, and I know He is pleased with you, Partner. You care about what He cares about—souls—and Cathy and I do, too. One hundred percent of what you sow goes to reach people and change lives, one soul at a time. Thanks for helping us preach this Gospel. Remember that your voice counts, and with God nothing is ever impossible. Until next time, like I always say, keep the faith!

—Jesse

AUGUST CONFESSIONS OF FAITH

- My faith in God is pure and it's simple—I refuse to complicate belief. I choose to believe God and His Word. I only say what faith says. I use my faith voice!
- My Father is the Creator Who “...*calleth those things which be not as though they were*”—God did this, Abraham did this, and I do it, too!
- Like the young girl in 2 Kings chapter five, I use my faith voice with compassion—I pass on what I know to anyone I see can benefit from God's help.
- Faith is always a testimony to God's virtue and character—it makes progress of spiritual and physical things. Faith works in every area of life.
- So, I believe, I speak, and I obey in faith—God's answers are my solutions, and my faith in His Word brings spiritual, physical, and financial results.
- My words aren't empty—they come from a place of sincerity, compassion, kindness, and bold, unflinching faith in what God can do.
- My faith voice is bathed in Christian light—there is a quality, an outlook, and a distinctiveness about me that brings attention to God.
- The voice of faith paves the way for miracles. So, I speak up and pass on what I *know* God can do—because there's a miracle in my mouth when I use my faith voice!

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AUGUST PARTNER OFFER

Fellowship Is a NECESSARY INGREDIENT

God never designed His children to be alone in the world. He created us to be His family—to come *together* in fellowship with Him and with one another in the unity of the faith.

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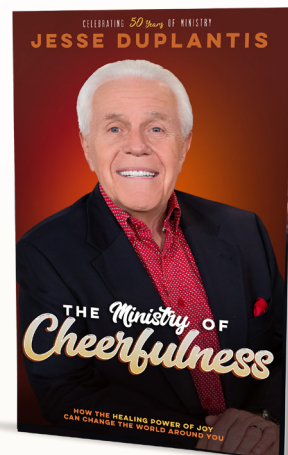
THE MINISTRY OF CHEERFULNESS

It is amazing how many Christians are shocked when trouble surfaces in their lives. They have this idea that salvation through Christ brings a candy-coated life. Jesus plainly said that while we are in the world we will have tribulation or trouble. But He *commanded* us to be of good cheer, because He has overcome this world.



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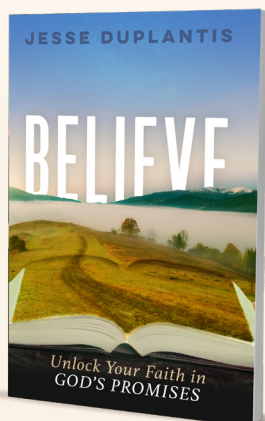
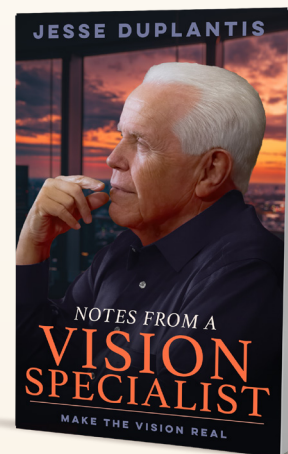
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In *Notes from a Vision Specialist*, Jesse Duplantis teaches on a few of his most vision-impacting notes and experiences so that you can make your vision real, too—God’s way! In this book, Jesse shares key revelations on vision, while encouraging you to expand your thinking and prepare for success.



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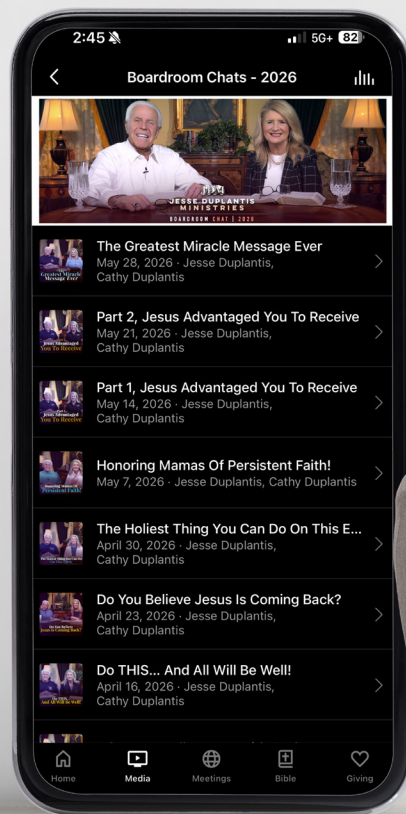


Mac & Lynne Hammond
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Margaret Court
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2026 East Coast Campmeeting

Victory Life Church

1741 W Queen St • 757.838.1304

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ODESSA, TX

AUG 5 • 7pm — Jesse

Odessa Christian Faith Center

9000 Andrews Hwy • 432.368.7714

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Pastors Don & Mary Caywood

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AUG 7 • 11am & 7pm — Jesse

Special Friday Event

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AUG 9 • 7pm — Jesse

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Dr. Mark & Pastor Dena Trice

MUNCIE, IN

AUG 13 • 7pm — Jesse

Legacy Church—Full Gospel Temple

212 West 7th St • 765.282.3312

fullgospeltemple.com

Pastor John Helton

BROOKLYN PARK, MN

AUG 14 • 7pm — Jesse

Jesse Duplantis' Heaven Tour

Living Word Christian Center

9201 75th Ave N • 763.315.7000

lwcc.org

Pastors Mac & Lynne Hammond

BROOKLYN PARK, MN

AUG 15 • 5pm — Jesse

AUG 16 • 9am & 11am — Jesse

Focus on Faith Weekend

with Dr. Jesse Duplantis

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NEW IBERIA, LA

AUG 20 • 7pm — Jesse

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AUGUST 26-30

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RIVERTON, WY

SEP 10 • 7pm — Jesse

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Covenant of Faith

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928.686.7626 • cofaz.org

Pastors Ellison & Debra Bennett

AUSTIN, TX

SEP 13 • 10am — Jesse

Impact Family Church

2909 W William Cannon Dr • 512.444.5550

impactatx.org

Pastors John & Alison Larkam

FOREST PARK, IL

SEP 15 • 7pm — Jesse

2026 International Faith Conference

Living Word Christian Center

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ROWLETT, TX

SEP 17 • 7pm — Jesse

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NEWARK, TX

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14355 Morris Dido-Newark Rd

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Pastors George & Terri Pearsons

BRAMPTON, ON, CANADA

SEP 23 • 7pm — Jesse

Hope City Church Brampton

11613 Bramalea Rd • 905.799.1188

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Pastor Susan Kiteley

HAMILTON, ON, CANADA

SEP 24 • 7pm — Jesse

Victory International Church

2799 Barton St E • 905.549.0981

victoryinternational.church

Pastors Kingsley & Rita Osei

DESTREHAN, LA

SEP 27 • 10am — Jesse

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1973 Ormond Blvd • 985.764.2000

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OKEECHOBEE, FL

OCT 2 • 7pm — Jesse

Faith Alive Family Church

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Pastors John & Judy Wilcox

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A photograph of an older couple, Jesse and Cathy, standing behind a wooden podium. They are both smiling. The background is a panoramic view of the Nashville, Tennessee skyline at dusk, with the AT&T Building prominently featured.

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A promotional poster for the 'GLORIOUS' conference. It features a purple and pink starry background. On the left is a photo of Cathy, and on the right is a photo of a group of women cheering. The word 'GLORIOUS' is in large, sparkling pink letters with a yellow outline. Below it is the subtitle 'A Conference for Women'. The dates 'MARCH 5 & 6, 2027' are in large white letters, followed by the times 'FRIDAY 7PM & SATURDAY 9AM & 10AM'. The phrase 'Everyone Welcome!' is in a cursive font. At the bottom, there is a QR code, the address '1973 Ormond Boulevard, Destrehan, Louisiana 70047', and the text 'EVERYONE WELCOME REGISTER FOR FREE AT JDM.ORG' in white capital letters.

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GLORIOUS MOMENTS *with Cathy*

I hope that you are encouraged as much as I am by the precious testimonies that I share in our ministry magazine each month. Jesse and I are so thankful to God for each person that has been reached and every life that has been changed since we obeyed the call to preach the Gospel. For 50 years now, we have been passionately obeying the great commission of our Lord Jesus Christ to go *"...into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature"* (Mark 16:15).

This month, we will be traveling to The Netherlands, Switzerland, Bulgaria, and France to preach the Gospel, and we are expecting many glorious moments in every service. However, we are not alone as we go into all the world—God sees all of our faithful partners that send us with His message of hope. Romans 10:13-15, says, *"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in Whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of Whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"*

Every meeting, television broadcast, social media post, ministry product, and monthly magazine is made possible by the generosity of our partners—together we are reaching people and changing lives, one soul at a time!

Greetings from Iowa! About 3 years ago I watched you preach for the first time at Church International in Warrior, Alabama. Although I wasn't there in person, I was deeply impacted by your message and have been faithfully following your ministry ever since. My wife and I had the opportunity to see you and Cathy in person for the first time last November in Colorado Springs, and it was truly a blessing. We began partnering with your ministry last year, and plan to continue as long as we live. Over the past few years, my business has been growing at approximately 50% annually, and now I am believing for exponential growth for the next five years. After that, I desire to dedicate the rest of my life fully to the work of the Lord.

Thank you for your anointed ministry. I have been blessed to be a partner with you for several years. In February 2026, I had the opportunity to attend your meeting in Hilo, Hawaii. My ears had been plugged for years, but that night, as I walked in the building, my right ear suddenly popped open. I was able to fully enjoy the praise and worship and to receive the message, hearing every word clearly.

Your ministry blesses me, even when I listen to the old messages and rewatch "A Merry Heart Doeth Good Like A Medicine" series on YouTube. Thank you!

Thank you for all that you do for everyone. You are such a blessing. I enjoy your ministry so much. I hope this offering from this nine-year-old boy helps you. I very much enjoy the services on Sundays.

In the time I've been sowing, I've gone from being busted, broke, sick, sad, and lonely to prospering financially in ways I always believed I would. My very first seed of \$1.28, way back in 2000, led to a ten-year position with a manufacturing company as the Director of First Impressions. A few years ago, I couldn't even afford to eat despite working. I was financially irresponsible. Now, I'm making double what I made back then—though I work very hard for it. Some people like to speak negatively about Jesse, but they truly don't understand. Anyway, thank you. The mindset you all operate in has impacted my life.

We are blessed to be partners with you. God bless you for bringing the unchanging word of God to the world. We are always blessed to hear your messages.

I know that debt cancellation and having things paid in full is even better, but I wanted to share this as a testimony of my thankfulness to the Father for His help. On March 17, I sowed a seed, believing for my brother's refinancing to be approved so he could pay off debt, as it had been delayed for various reasons. Around March 23, I received the news that it went through for them. Thank you, Dr. Jesse and Pastor Cathy, for this ministry and for Covenant Church—for allowing yourselves to be used by God and for continuing to do the Father's business. Praise the Lord, and to God be the glory.

You probably don't remember, but over the past couple of years I've submitted several prayer requests to become debt free, find a new home, and purchase a new car. Well, I am here to report that I've just about paid off all of my debt, paid off my car, and last year moved into the most beautiful lease home that I never thought we would be approved for! Thank you so much for all that you do and for your prayers.

Blessings to JDM! I love you both—such a beautiful couple. I highly admire you and have learned so much from you. Thank you. Greetings from Beverly Hills, California.

Thank you for the many helpful sermons and *Faith the Facts*. They have led me to victories and motivated me to persevere more times than you would ever know. Love you both.

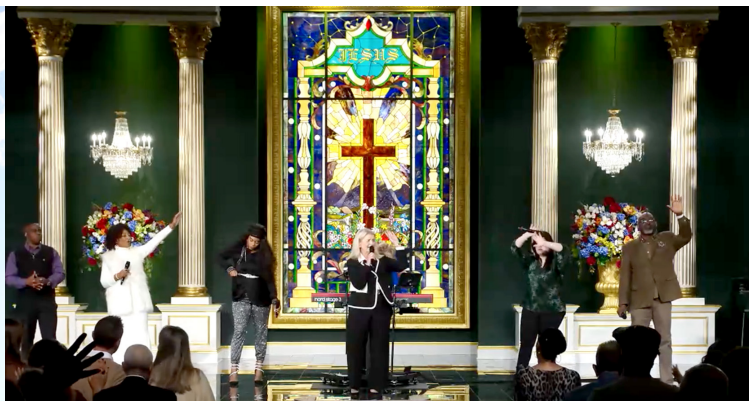
I have thoroughly enjoyed and been blessed by your ministry. My children are all grown now, but when we were raising them, we traveled a lot. You were the only ministers they would sit and listen to while we were traveling across these United States! My husband and I still listen to you regularly, and all four of our children and their children are serving the Lord today. Thank you for your consistent and faithful ministry. Love and prayers from Texas.

Praise the Lord—He is so good, and His love is everlasting! Our friends were healed from stage 3 cancer, another friend from stage 4 cancer, and a relative of ours from stage 3 cancer as well. One of them was facing severe financial hardship because of hospital bills, but Jesus made a way. Miracles happened, the bills were paid off, and they are now doing very well. Thank you to all our JDM friends for praying with us and believing for these miracles through Jesus Christ. Please continue to pray for me and my family. Thank you so much, and God bless you all!

I am so thankful for Jesse and Cathy Duplantis and their ministry! The things that I have gone through as I got closer and closer to Father God and my Lord Jesus Christ caused the enemy to try to make me think differently about some things. I started following JDM and giving to their ministry. I mean, watching every service multiple times a day—I became so encouraged that I am indeed going in the right direction! I cannot express the thankfulness and gratitude I have for this power couple who has dedicated their whole existence to serving Christ Jesus! Thank you, Jesse and Cathy Duplantis, for all you have done to get to where you are today, and for being such a great help to a nobody like me who wants to tell everyone about our Jesus! Thank you, and much love and respect to you and your family.

I am writing to share a wonderful update following my recent prayer request to the ministry. The very day after I sent it, we received our answer. It is clear now that the resolution was already on its way—Jehovah Jireh had already provided for us. He has truly gone above and beyond, and we could not be happier. This experience has been God's way of bringing us completely out of debt and giving us a fresh start. The mountain was dissolved. I praised the Lord the entire way home, celebrating this blessing openly. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Thank you for teaching us that we can be debt free. I have been a Partner for more than a year. In the October 2024 *Voice of the Covenant* magazine, I read the testimony of a woman who had borrowed \$25,000, and she decided to give God a job. That debt was miraculously paid off within a year. At that time, I had about \$130,000 in debt. I was believing God to become completely debt free, including my mortgage, but I could not see how it was going to happen before I retired. However, that testimony inspired me and gave me hope. Before the year ended, the organization I was working for began going through financial difficulties, and they offered a retirement incentive to those who qualified. I was fortunate enough to receive the offer and retired in November of last year. The money I received as an incentive covered most of the debt, but I was still left with about \$22,000. In February of this year, I received an email from my former employer saying that I had overcontributed toward my pension and that they owed me \$32,000. However, they withheld 30% for taxes, so I was still short about \$3,000. When I filed my tax return this April, I received more than enough in my refund to completely clear that debt. I am so grateful to God. Only He could have done this in such a short time. Now I do not owe anyone anything except to love them. Praise God!



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These classes will take place the 1st Sunday of every month. If you are new to Covenant Church, we encourage you to come and learn about our church history, beliefs, and vision.

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Guarding *Your* Heart

CATHY DUPLANTIS

King David was a man that made serious mistakes in his life, but he discovered how to turn away from sin and get his heart right with God. In Psalm 51:10, he wrote, “*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right, persevering, and steadfast spirit within me.*” The word “create” in this verse is used to describe a work of God—not something you do yourself, but something He does!

The precious blood of Jesus that was shed on the cross has the power to wash away your sin and present you blameless before the Father, God. His death and resurrection has creative power to transform every person that calls upon Him in faith.

Romans 10:9-10 & 13 declares:

Because if you acknowledge and confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and in your heart believe (adhere to, trust in, and rely on the truth) that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

For with the heart a person believes (adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Christ) and so is justified (declared righteous, acceptable to God), and with the mouth he confesses (declares openly and speaks out freely his faith) and confirms [his] salvation...

For everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord [invoking Him as Lord] will be saved.

You may be the worst sinner on the planet, but the moment you call on the name of Jesus, you are born again into the family of God. The instant you repent and ask Jesus to forgive your sins, you are saved. Old things are passed away and all things become new (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Although this new life was totally created by God, *you* have a part in this process. As you believe in your heart and confess with your mouth, God supernaturally birthed you into His kingdom. In the same way, you will have a part in maintaining this new life. Each day you will have the opportunity to either strengthen your new relationship with God or neglect it. You determine your rate of growth by what you feed your newly created spirit. Daily prayer, study of God’s Word, and regular attendance at a Bible-believing church are essential to your spiritual development.

Neglect in any one of these three vital areas will generally produce dysfunctional Christians. You may have met people that could only be described this way. They may have been born again at one time in their life and started out with a clean heart, but somewhere along the way they allowed things like offense, opposition, or disappointment to stunt their growth. They either stopped reading the Word, praying regularly, or going to church. Before long, their newly created heart was overtaken with the “weeds” of life that eventually choked out God’s Word (Mark 4:18-19).

This reminds me of a home in my neighborhood that was beautifully landscaped until the owner put the house up for sale and moved out. It didn’t sell for a long time

and although someone was hired to cut the grass, the plants and flowers were totally ignored. When new owners finally moved in, they had to start over. They hired a landscape company to create entirely new flower beds, which must have cost them a bundle of cash. That is what neglect will do. It will cost you...big time!

Although it has been a long time since I took care of the flowerbeds around our home, I know that if I neglect my responsibilities, weeds will rise up, bugs can invade, and fungus may sabotage my dream of a perfectly landscaped home. However, if I daily **examine** every plant, **eliminate** wrong things and **enforce** right things, I will consistently produce results. Every hour spent on my knees *will* pay off.

This same principle will help anyone that desires to keep a clean heart. Now I am not talking about the physical heart that pumps blood to your brain and legs. I am referring to your inner self—the part of your character that thinks, feels, and decides what your body will do.

If your heart is allowed to become overgrown with the cares of life, it can cost you. However, if you turn to God in prayer instead of yielding to fear and worry, the peace of God will be a guard over your heart and mind.

Philippians 4:6-7 says, *“Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything, but in every circumstance and in everything, by prayer and petition (definite requests), with thanksgiving, continue to make your wants known to God. And God’s peace [shall be yours, that tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and being content with its earthly lot of whatever sort that is, that peace] which transcends all understanding shall garrison and mount guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”*

Adam and Eve were warned by God to “guard” their garden. They didn’t. Genesis 2:15 says, *“And the Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to tend and guard and keep it.”* The devil came in one day when their guard was down and seeds of doubt were sown in their heart. They listened to his lie, instead of God’s Word, and lost their home.

The only way that you will be able to guard and keep your heart clean is through daily study of God’s Word. It is the most powerful force in the world. This same power that created *the* world is able to transform *your* world and keep everything in order.

Hebrews 4:12 says, *“For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating to the dividing line of the breath of life (soul) and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature], exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart.”*

As you study, expect God to speak to you though His

Word. Allow Him to penetrate the deepest part of your nature and expose the thoughts and purposes of your heart. You don’t have to live a life that is tormented by fear, guilt, and hate. God’s peace, virtue, and love can consistently flow out of your heart.

First Peter 1:22 says, *“Since by your obedience to the Truth through the [Holy] Spirit you have purified your hearts for the sincere affection of the brethren, [see that you] love one another fervently from a pure heart.”*

No matter what you have gone through in the past, you can purify your heart through the Holy Spirit. You can love others from a pure heart.

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Examine Your Heart in Light of God’s Word

Mirrors are wonderful things. If you take the time to use them, they will reveal what needs to be fixed and save you from embarrassing situations. You will be able to see the lettuce in your teeth, the ketchup on your cheek, or the stain on your tie. Most important of all, the mirror will reveal the hem of your dress tucked inside your pantyhose. But you will have to *examine* the mirror or you will be exposed.

Years ago, I attended a meeting with my husband, Jesse. The bathroom of the church we were visiting did not have a full-length mirror for me to inspect my backside before heading out the door. So, I just moved my hand down the back of my skirt to make sure everything was in place. The skirt that I was wearing had a lining and two layers of peach chiffon and I assumed that everything was in order. What I did not realize is that everything *except* one sheer chiffon layer of my skirt was tucked neatly in the inside my control top pantyhose. I walked all the way up the aisle of the church to the front pew before someone told me what had happened. Since that time, I have come to understand how important it is to take one last look in the mirror before heading out the door. I don’t take things for granted anymore!

You may have examined yourself in a mirror or photograph and said, “This doesn’t look like me!” If you have heard that coming out of your mouth, it may be time for a quick reality check. You may not recognize that side of yourself, but it is definitely you.

One day after taking a good long look in the mirror, I had to confront my back fat and big arms. I had gained more weight than I had dared to admit and suddenly I could see where all the donuts and ice cream splurges had gone. Although I had managed to steer clear of the bathroom scale, I knew my mirror did not lie. Suddenly I had a decision to make. I couldn’t ignore the obvious. If I really wanted to conquer that newly acquired fat, I knew I would have to eat right and exercise. Every hour on the treadmill would pay off.

Most of us know that a mirror is necessary for a thorough self-examination of our natural body. However, few of us truly realize that the only thing that can effectively examine the depths of our heart is God’s Word. It’s like a mirror, reflecting and revealing our innermost thoughts and purposes.

As close as you may be to your mother, sister, or brother, they do not know what is in your heart. In fact, you probably don’t fully understand your own heart. The only way to comprehend the deepest part of your heart is through diligent study of God’s Word. Nothing is more revealing or more penetrating than the living Word of God.

The following verses clearly reveal that we must examine *ourselves* in the light of God’s Word:

For if anyone only listens to the Word without obeying it and being a doer of it, he is like a man who looks carefully at his [own] natural face in a mirror;

For he thoughtfully observes himself, and then goes off and promptly forgets what he was like.

But he who looks carefully into the faultless law, the [law] of liberty, and is faithful to it and perseveres in looking into it, being not a heedless listener who forgets but an active doer [who obeys], he shall be blessed in his doing (his life of obedience).

James 1:23-25

Examine and test and evaluate your own selves to see whether you are holding to your faith and showing the proper fruits of it. Test and prove yourselves [not Christ]. Do you not yourselves realize and know [thoroughly by an ever-increasing experience] that Jesus Christ is in you—unless you are [counterfeits] disapproved on trial and rejected?

2 Corinthians 13:5

Let a man [thoroughly] examine himself, and [only when he has done] so should he eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

For anyone who eats and drinks without discriminating and recognizing with due appreciation that [it is Christ’s] body, eats and drinks a sentence (a verdict of judgment) upon himself.

That [careless and unworthy participation] is the reason many of you are weak and sickly, and quite enough of you have fallen into the sleep of death.

For if we searchingly examined ourselves [detecting our shortcomings and recognizing our own condition], we should not be judged and penalty decreed [by the divine judgment].

1 Corinthians 11:28-31

Eliminate Anything Not Like Christ

After close examination, it is vitally important to eliminate anything that is not like Christ. Once the Holy Spirit has revealed an area in your life that must be crucified, it is your responsibility to eliminate it from your life.

Hosea 10:12 tells us, “*Sow with a view to righteousness, reap in accordance with kindness; break up your fallow ground. For it is time to seek the Lord until He comes to rain righteousness on you*” (NASB1995).

Fallow ground is that which has been plowed but not sown; not in use. It represents idle ground that is crusted over and hardened. Nothing will grow in that type of ground. No matter how much is sown, it will not produce a harvest. That fallow ground has to be broken up again in order to receive the seed.

Has your heart become crusted over and hardened in life? Is it difficult for you to get beyond that last disappointment? Perhaps the Word of God was real to you in the past, but you have allowed the distractions of life to pull you in the wrong direction. Maybe you are starting to notice the effects of moving away from God’s plan for your life. If this is true, it can easily be corrected by seeking God. He can soften the hardest heart and create an atmosphere that promotes strong, healthy growth in every area of life.

The above verse says, “*...it is time to seek the Lord until He comes to rain righteousness on you.*” God promises to reward those who diligently seek Him in faith (Hebrews 11:6). He is not looking to hold anything back from you! In fact, the total opposite is true. God is looking for you. Psalm 14:2 says, “*The Lord looked down from Heaven upon the children of men to see if there were any who understood, dealt wisely, and sought after God, inquiring for and of Him and requiring Him [of vital necessity].*”

Isn't it wonderful to know that the Creator is looking for you? Even though you may have lost your way, God knows where you are and is always ready to direct your path. He wants to shine a light on your path so that you will not fall again and again into the trap of the enemy. Seeking Him will keep your heart pure and uncluttered and enable you to hear His directions.

The highway near my home is riddled with potholes. Two of our tires have been demolished by them, so I am especially watchful when driving to the store. Since I know just where the really bad potholes are hiding, it would be crazy to roll my tires into them. I wouldn't get very far if I did that.

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God knows exactly where all the traps of the enemy are placed. When we pay attention to God's Word, we will know just when we need to move to the right or left to avoid the ugly potholes of life.

Proverbs 4:20-24 says:

My son, attend to My words; consent and submit to My sayings.

Let them not depart from your sight; keep them in the center of your heart.

For they are life to those who find them, healing and health to all their flesh.

Keep and guard your heart with all vigilance and above all that you guard, for out of it flow the springs of life.

*Put away from you false and dishonest speech, and willful and contrary talk **put far from you.***

Notice that when you pay attention to God's Word and keep it in the center of your heart, it will affect your health and bring healing to all your flesh. That is why your heart should be guarded with all vigilance. You are the watchman over your own heart.

Don't allow the wrong things to enter in and steal God's promise from you. Recognize those situations that are designed by the devil to sabotage your spiritual growth. Refuse to listen to talk that is contrary to the Word of God and put it far from you. If you are determined to eliminate the wrong things, they will not be able to take root in your heart.

Daily Enforce the Right Things

Although it is important to daily examine your heart and eliminate the *wrong* things, it is equally important to daily enforce the *right* things. Keeping a clean heart is a lot like keeping a clean house. It will not just happen. Someone will have to work very hard to make sure things get cleaned up and put in the proper place.

If your idea of housework is to sweep the room with a glance, the dishes will never get washed and the floor will never be mopped. The same thing is true about keeping a clean heart. It will not just happen.

Song of Solomon 1:6 says, “[*Please*] do not look at me, [*she said, for*] I am swarthy. [*I have worked out*] in the sun and it has left its mark upon me. My stepbrothers were angry with me, and they made me keeper of the vineyards; but my own vineyard [*my complexion*] I have not kept.”

How often have you allowed the demands and cares of this life to keep you from taking proper care of your “vineyard”? Have you become so busy doing godly things that you have neglected to cultivate your own relationship with the Lord? Have you had to say, “...*But my own vineyard...I have not kept*”?

After you examine your heart with God's Word and eliminate the “weeds” of life so that they cannot take root in your heart, it may be time to start *enforcing* God's Word. You *can* keep your heart clean and pure. You don't have to be dominated by bitterness or despair.

During the Last Supper, Jesus told His disciples a parable that compared our relationship with Him to a vineyard that had to be kept clean, pruned, and watered in order to bear fruit.

I Am the True Vine, and My Father is the Vinedresser.

Any branch in Me that does not bear fruit [that stops bearing] He cuts away (trims off, takes away); and He cleanses and repeatedly prunes every branch that continues to bear fruit, to make it bear more and richer and more excellent fruit.

You are cleansed and pruned already, because of the Word which I have given you [the teachings I have discussed with you].

Dwell in Me, and I will dwell in you.

[Live in Me, and I will live in you.] Just as no branch can bear fruit of itself without abiding in (being vitally united to) the vine, neither can you bear fruit unless you abide in Me.

I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in Me and I in him bears much (abundant) fruit. However, apart from Me [cut off from vital union with Me] you can do nothing.

If a person does not dwell in Me, he is thrown out like a [broken-off] branch, and withers; such branches are gathered up and thrown into the fire, and they are burned.

If you live in Me [abide vitally united to Me] and My Words remain in you and continue to live in your hearts, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you.

When you bear (produce) much fruit, My Father is honored and glorified, and you show and prove yourselves to be true followers of Mine.

John 15:1-8

The above verses reveal Jesus' formula for a fruitful life that honors and glorifies God. When you abide in Jesus and His Words remain in your heart, you can ask whatever you will, and it shall be done. Now that is an awesome promise from God! Answered prayer is the right of every believer that stays vitally united to the Vine, Jesus Christ. When you pray according to the Word, you are enforcing God's will in the earth.

God is concerned about every detail of your life, large and small. Through diligent study of the Word, you can *know* that it is God's will for you to continually walk in divine health, favor, protection, prosperity, wisdom, peace, love, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

I have discovered that it is not enough for us to *know* the will of God. As born-again Christians, our daily lives must also enforce or *prove* the will of God. Romans 12:1-2 challenges us with this bold statement: "*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may **prove** what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God*" (KJV).

The American Heritage Dictionary says that the word *prove* means "To establish the truth or validity of (something) by presentation of argument or evidence." As a believer, you have the opportunity and responsibility to establish the truth of God's Word and enforce it in your

everyday life. You can be *living* proof (evidence in the earth) that it is God's will to heal the sick, deliver the oppressed, and abundantly bless all His people.

However, if you are serious about proving the will of God, it is vital that you get busy changing your old ways of thinking. You can entirely renew your mind according to the Word of God: "...*but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may prove [for your selves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you]*" (Romans 12:2). God has a good, acceptable, and perfect will for you just waiting to be enforced or proved in your life.

Jesus shares the following parable in Luke chapter 13:

A certain man had a fig tree which had been planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it, and did not find any.

And he said to the vineyard-keeper, 'Behold, for three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree without finding any. Cut it down! Why does it even use up the ground?'

And he answered and said to him, 'Let it alone sir for this year too, until I dig around it and put in fertilizer;

And if it bears fruit next year, fine; but if not, cut it down.'

Luke 13:6-9 NASB1995

Maybe the enemy has told you, "You are useless to the kingdom of God. Why do you even use up the ground?" Don't listen to that lie and walk into the devil's trap to keep you in a constant state of despair and fear of failure. He is the useless one. He is the one that has been banished from God forever.

Jesus has not given up on you! You are important to God and useful in His Kingdom. Although your heart may have been damaged by the pressures of life and you've stopped bearing fruit, the great vineyard-keeper has an awesome plan that will restore you to full production.

Fruit can grow, but you must first begin with an honest examination of the current condition of your heart in light of God's Word. Don't be shocked when He reveals some wrong things that need to be eliminated and some right things that must be enforced. Jesus is ready, willing, and able to help you break up your fallow ground, put in fertilizer and create a clean heart within you. There is no better time to begin than today! 

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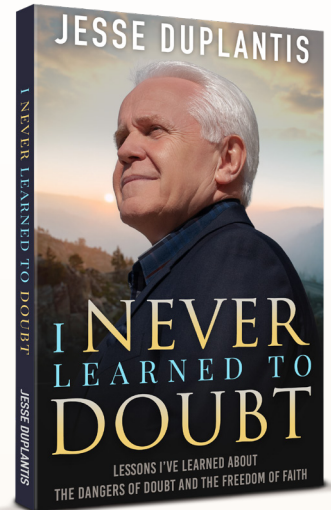
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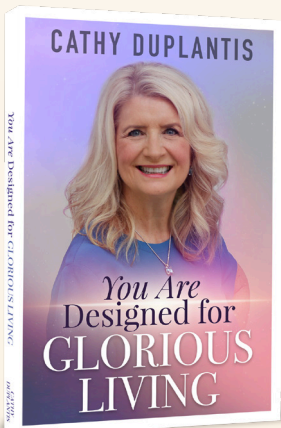
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