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# Heartbeat

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## Upcoming Events

### Marriage Seminar

September 20<sup>th</sup>

Saturday 9-4

Tulsa, Oklahoma

Contact: Wanda Gant

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### Marriage Seminar

October 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>

Friday evening & all day

Saturday

Antrim Mennonite Church

Freeport, OH

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## Ministry Update

A seminar was held in Des Moines, IA on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August. The following paragraph is a response from those who attended. Thank you for praying for that seminar.

Dr. Webb,

Thanks so much for coming to Des Moines, Iowa last weekend and leading us in our marriage seminar. The large turnout was a response to your book that some had read and also to the heartfelt need in the hearts of God's people to hear from God and his design for marriage.

Some feedback from attendees includes these comments. "For me it was an awakening to sin, we have been deceived on the remarriage issue." Another comment was, "Dr. Webb is the most knowledgeable Bible man I know". Another couple said, "Dr. Webb has been an eye opener as well as an inspiration to me and my husband" Another, "Thank You for unashamedly teaching truth." Another, "Your remarks were concise and right on." Another said, "This message really clarifies what God has to say about marriage and the fact that it's a life-long commitment." And finally a quote from one of our committee members, "I really appreciated the fact that Dr. Webb handled a very delicate topic with love, compassion and forgiveness."

We were very pleased with the results of the weekend and the committee is already discussing having you come back to Iowa. Gratefully,  
Your new friends in Iowa.

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Pastor Tony Evans of The Urban Alternative ministry, said, "it doesn't matter what the records down at city hall say, The records in Heaven still say that you are married."

## **Signs of the Times**

### **Why Revival Tarries: Porn Plagues Church members**

The viewing of pornography persists as a problem for members of U.S. churches, according to a recent article by John W. Kennedy, consulting editor for Christianity Today magazine. The author made some disturbing discoveries while collecting information for an article titled "Help for the Sexually Desperate." Through his studies, Kennedy encountered one evangelical leader who questioned the accuracy of the finding that "50% of Christian men have looked at porn recently." In response to this skepticism, the leader surveyed his church members and found that 60% of Christian men had viewed porn within the past year and 25% had viewed porn within the past 30 days. Other research found that women accounted for one in three visitors to adult Web sites.

Overall, Kennedy discovered that experts believe tens of millions of people are actually sex addicts.

This situation is a result of The Church failing to boldly declare the clear teaching of God's Word. Paul commanded us in Philippians 4:8 *Finally brethren, Whatsoever things are true...honest...just...PURE...lovely...of good (Godly) report; if there be any VIRTUE (strength*

*of mind and body) and if there be any praise, THINK ON THESE THINGS.* It would be wrong for any of us to blame the new technology for this. This same technology has allowed The Church to spread The Gospel around the world in an unprecedented way and missionaries are able to make instantaneous contact with their support base. The real problem is in man's heart. It's from the heart a man devises these appetites. We, as pastors and Christians must urge those looking to us for direction to cry out as David did, after his sin with Bathsheba; Ps. 51:10 says "*Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.*" We must reemphasize the law of sowing and reaping. We cannot sow wild oats and harvest wheat. When we plant bad seeds, they do not return in kind, but multiplied many times over. If we sow to the flesh, we reap corruption. Pray and ask The Lord to purify His bride in these tumultuous times.

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### **Points to Ponder:**

The Great Leonard Ravenhill, Bible Teacher and author states:

"The Bible is either absolute or obsolete."

"Is your main ambition in life to be on the Devil's most wanted list?"

"When there is something in the Bible churches don't like, they call it Legalism."

"You can have all your doctrines right—yet still not have the presence of God."

"A popular evangelist reaches your emotions. A true prophet reaches your conscience."

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### **Sponsor a Meeting:**

The summer is flying by very fast and another year has passed for me. As a father and grandfather, I don't mind the greater frequency of my birthdays, but why does my family and friends think they need to sing to me "Nearer My God To Thee" instead of happy birthday?

Now that we are coming to the end of remodeling our home, to include office space, my opportunities to travel and speak are beginning to increase again. How we covet your prayers for the next three months where I will be teaching groups I have never taught before concerning marriage and divorce.

So many write to us and tell us of their struggle in their churches because of their deep conviction concerning the permanence of marriage. One brother was called on the carpet by the pastor and elders and was asked to "stop talking about this subject or they would have to take appropriate measures." He agreed to meet with the board on one condition: He could explain what he really believed to the board of elders; otherwise, he would not meet with them. They agreed, and he was able to succinctly explain the New

Testament teaching in such a way, the elders were amazed.

Most of you are aware of the general animosity present in the “seeker sensitive” churches to the marriage covenant message. We must pray the Lord will give us wisdom and favor with them so we can present this truth. Pray the Lord will remove the scales from their eyes and take the wax out of their ears. May we be wise in our sharing and nullify their charges of “legalism, insensitivity and judgmentalism.” The goal of these churches is to create a church, sinners will find comfortable.

Dr. David Jeremiah, on his program Turning Point, stated: “Everywhere I go, people ask me if my church is seeker friendly; seeker sensitive or seeker driven. I tell them, That depends on who the ‘seeker’ is. Paul tells us in Romans 3:11; *There is none that seeketh after God...no not one.* Jesus tells us in Luke 19:10; *For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.* If your question is being asked in the light of this perspective; then, yes, we are a seeker friendly church. We desire to be very friendly with the Lord Jesus Christ. Yes, we are a seeker sensitive church; We desire to keep our hearts sensitive to what the Lover of our soul; the Good Shepherd

desires to teach us. Yes we are a seeker driven church because we feel the urgency of preaching the Gospel to the whole world, starting at home and going around the world. Therefore, we are a seeker friendly; seeker sensitive and seeker driven church.”

It is so amazing to see churches more concerned about what the unsaved man wants in a church than they are what our Lord Jesus desires in His own Church. Jesus said it; *“If you love me keep my commandments.”* The real question should be; *Which part of Thou shalt not commit adultery and God hates divorce;* don’t we understand? God will forgive any sin; but He won’t change the covenant. *No man may separate what God has joined together.*

I pray you can honestly tell others you are very much Seeker friendly; Seeker sensitive and Seeker driven in the truly scriptural sense of these phrases.

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Many of you have been asking about a lady who wrote to us in 2001. We have been reviewing her story and updating you. This is part two of a three part series.

### **Living in Egypt**

By R.L.

What is so amazing about this entire situation is that I was very happy and contented the way I was living. I wasn’t

asking God to come and deliver me out of “EGYPT”. All I wanted to know was whether I should get married or not. Then the Holy Spirit shows up, reveals that Truth to me, sets me free, takes me out of “EGYPT” and leads me into the wilderness. Just like the Israelites. After they were delivered out of Egypt, they ended up in the wilderness, so the Lord could get Egypt out of them. Once again, I had no clue as to what was going on. All I knew was that I was miserable emotionally and mentally. I was experiencing intense grief. I had been with the love of my life for five years and now I was alone in the home I had bought for the two of us. We had lived there almost two years before we moved south. We were friendly with all our neighbors and had shared with them our plans to live six months up north and six months down south. Now he was gone and I was there alone. I cried for months. I couldn’t get him out of my mind. The enemy wasn’t going to let go of me without a fight. I didn’t realize that the enemy was talking to me in my grief. He would tell me that I should just pack up my things and go back south and several times I came very close to doing that. We would talk on the phone a couple times a week and tell each other how much we loved each other.

This was actually prolonging the healing process.

Although I was reading my Bible, praying, and listening to Christian radio, I was still so worldly. I still watched secular television and was drinking several alcoholic drinks each day. I thought like the world and acted like the world. I didn't know how to trust the Lord for my provisions because I had always had someone providing for me or I was working to support myself. Now here I was at 51 years old without a job. That was putting fear in me, so I started looking for a job. I had worked for 18 years, so I had a lot of experience in several different areas. I really thought that I would have no trouble getting a job, but every time I should have been offered a position, the door was closed. This happened so many times and I was getting very frustrated. After awhile I was applying for positions that were way below my qualifications just so I could get a job and start earning an income and even those companies wouldn't hire me. What I finally did to earn some money was have garage sales. I had an abundance of things stored at my home so I started to sell them. When people heard that I was making a living by having garage sales, they started giving me things so I wouldn't run out of things to sell. I'm sure this idea came from the Holy Spirit and He prospered my garage sales. I was really enjoying this and I

was making enough money to pay my bills so I didn't feel so desperate about getting a job.

On Sunday March 11, 2001, I went back to my home church for the first time since June of 1982. It was a wonderful service and I met many nice people. After several weeks of just attending a morning service, a lady from the church asked me if I would like to go to an evening service at another church she occasionally attended. I was very please about this so she told me where the church was and we agreed to meet there. This church was so full of love that I was drawn to it and after a few more weeks of going there on Sunday evenings, I decided to leave my former home church and make this my new home church. Once again I wasn't aware of it but the Holy Spirit had directed me to this church. I met a wonderful couple who had been living a walk of faith for several years. The Lord used this couple to influence my life in a tremendous way. It was through my association with them that I began to really start growing as a Christian. When I met them, I was still very heartbroken. Many times I would go to where they were living and just sit and cry. They would always encourage me to keep on moving forward and then they would pray over me. This happened over and over but they didn't get upset with me. I think they could see that I really was trying to trust

the Lord to heal my broken heart but it was taking longer than I thought it should take.

During the middle of the summer, I started to volunteer at the cancer hospital in my home town. I never liked being around people who had cancer or any other terminal disease. The Lord helped me to feel comfortable and taught me how to communicate with these patients and offer them encouragement. I still didn't have a job so I enjoyed my volunteer work very much.

On August 7<sup>th</sup>, the Holy Spirit revealed to me that the love of my life was already seeing someone else. I called him to confront him about this but he wasn't home so I left him a message. The enemy started to just torment me about this news and I broke down and cried for hours until I was so exhausted that I had to just go to bed. The next day he called me back and we talked about this news and I told him how the Lord had revealed it to me. I told him that this was good-bye and that I didn't want to stay in touch with him any longer. This was very hard for me to say because I still loved him so much but I knew that we were going in opposite directions. I really wanted to live for the Lord and he didn't. The Lord knew that I was holding on to Him and I had to be willing to let go of him if I was ever going to become the person that the Lord planned for me to

be. My heart had begun to heal, but this incident brought me right back to where I was when we first separated back in March. I went back to my grieving again. My wonderful Christian couple stood by me and helped me get back up again so I could continue marching forward instead of just giving up.

In late September 2001 there was a very large healing revival in our church. I kept myself busy by getting involved in the plans for this revival and then helping out during the revival. The Lord crossed my path with a wonderful lady who had come to the revival. Her name was Audrey. She actually ended up staying overnight at my home. Her husband had gone to be with the Lord only six weeks prior to this revival. She was a strong woman of faith and the Lord used her to also influence the course of my life.

The garage sale season was ending so my mind went back to getting a job. I started sending out resumes again but I wasn't getting any offers. Around the middle of October Audrey called me. She had just come back from Florida and she was planning a trip back there in February 2002 and wanted me to go with her. She said that her son was a pastor of a church in Florida that was experiencing revival. She was

very excited about this. My only concern at that moment was getting a job so I told her that I couldn't make a commitment to go to Florida but I would pray about it.

On October 28<sup>th</sup>, I was reading Lamentations and scripture verse 4:22 really spoke to me. It said, "O Daughter of Zion, your punishment will end, He will not prolong your exile." In many ways I had felt like the Lord had me in prison because He wouldn't allow me to get a job. I felt like He was telling me that He was going to finally open a door for me to get a good job with good benefits. I was so relieved and so optimistic. I was consumed with searching the help wanted ads in the local papers, sending out resumes, and interviewing for various positions. I still had not understood after all these months that the Lord could provide for me without having a job. I was still looking to the world for my provision.

Audrey called me again around the middle of November and talked to me about going to Florida. I told her that I was hoping to get a job so I didn't think that I could go. She said she was so sure that the Lord wanted me to go there so I said that I would continue to pray about it. To be honest, I didn't pray about this very much because

getting a job was my priority, not going to Florida.

In the meantime, I still wasn't getting a job offer. I was getting very frustrated because I couldn't understand why the Lord wasn't opening a door for me to get a job when He had spoken to me through that scripture in Lamentations. Here it was early December and I still felt like I was being punished and in exile. On December 8<sup>th</sup> I was reading Psalm 119 in the Living Bible and the Lord spoke to me again in the 36<sup>th</sup> verse. It said, "Help me to prefer obedience to making money!" I finally gave up and told the Lord that I wasn't going to look for another job. If He wanted me to have one, He would have to bring it to me. Within a week, the Lord brought a job to me. I was going to be a part time caregiver for a lady who had cancer. Now I understood why the Lord had me doing volunteer work at the cancer hospital so I would feel comfortable in this position. I would work six hours a day for \$50.00. This definitely wasn't the type of job that I had wanted but after reading Psalm 119:36, I felt that I needed to be obedient and not concern myself with the fact that this position didn't pay much money or have benefits.

Around the middle of December Audrey called me

again about going to Florida. I told her that I had a care giving position so I didn't think I would be able to go. Once again, Audrey insisted that the Lord wanted me to go there. The Lord hadn't said a word to me about going to Florida and I wasn't about to go there without His telling me that it was okay to go. After all, He had kept me on a very short leash since I had come back home over nine months ago. He wouldn't even let me have a full time job so it was hard for me to believe He was going to let me go to Florida. On Christmas Day 2001, I was praying about this trip to Florida and He spoke to me very clearly and gave me permission to go to Florida in February 2002. I called Audrey and told her that I could go and she was very excited. I didn't realize it at the time, but I think when the Lord had given me the scripture in Lamentations back on October 28<sup>th</sup>, He was giving me permission to go to Florida. However, I wanted to believe He was finally going to let me get a full time job, so I didn't even relate it to going to Florida. Within a few days, I made my reservation to fly down to Florida on Sunday February 3<sup>rd</sup>. This was odd because I usually fly on Saturdays but for some reason I felt prompted to fly on Sunday. The lady I was care giving for went to be with the Lord and her memorial service was on Saturday February 2<sup>nd</sup> so I was able to go to the

service. Now I knew why I had felt prompted to fly on Sunday rather than on Saturday.

My trip to Florida was quite an adventure. I was there for six and a half weeks and lived in six different places in West Palm Beach area. I even had two care giving assignments. During my second assignment the Lord spoke to me and told me when I went home I was to sort through my things, sell whatever I could and prepare for a spiritual encouragement, care giving, and companionship ministry. He didn't give me any time frame as to when this ministry was going to begin so I thought that it would be six months or a year from then or maybe even longer. I flew home on March 21<sup>st</sup> and immediately started to sort through all my things. On March 31<sup>st</sup>, I had a couple tell me that they wanted to buy my house if I was going to sell it and they wanted it by August 1<sup>st</sup> or sooner. I was stunned when this happened because I wasn't expecting this at all. The Lord had just given me a buyer for my home before I was even ready to sell it. What a confirmation this was for me that I had heard the Lord correctly and He was really leading me into this ministry.

I had thought the Lord was going to have me stay in my home town or in the surrounding area once I sold my home; but a door never opened for me to stay there. As the weeks passed by I was

getting the impression that I was to go to Massachusetts and stay with my mother. I felt prompted to buy a van to travel in. Since I was going to have a traveling ministry, I needed a vehicle large enough for me to transport my personal things. I had never driven alone and didn't even like to drive 50 miles by myself. Here I was facing a trip that was over a thousand miles. I was thinking it might take me three days to drive there. When it was time for me to leave my home town, I loaded the passenger seat of my van with all kinds of snack foods, a thermos full of coffee, and plenty of worship and teaching tapes to listen to along the journey. The back of my van was loaded with everything I thought I would need for my traveling ministry. The first day I drove 654 miles and I wasn't even tired. That was truly a miracle. The Holy Spirit had empowered me to do this. There is no way I could have done this by myself. I arrived at my mother's house at 11:39am the next day. I stayed in Massachusetts until the end of September. While I was there I had two care giving assignments and several spiritual encouragement assignments. As the weeks passed by, I began to feel prompted to go back to my home town for the month of October and to go to Florida for the winter. I contacted Audrey and shared this with her. She had decided to rent a place in Florida so I asked her

if I could come to her place until the Lord opened up a care giving assignment for me. She said I could do that. I thought my visit to my home town was going to be a vacation for me but the Lord got me involved in a spiritual encouragement assignment that lasted three weeks. I was planning to leave and head to Boynton Beach, Florida where Audrey lived on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Two weeks before I was scheduled to leave, I met an old friend and her husband for lunch. I was telling them about my plans to go to Florida and they began to tell me that they had a winter home in central Florida and I was welcome to go there and have a vacation until December 15<sup>th</sup>. I was so excited because I had been living with people for months. Living by myself for six weeks sounded really good to me so I accepted their invitation. ■

(To be continued.)

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## Letters From You

Due to limited space some of your letters had to be edited, but we thank God for your support and prayers.

*Joe & Pat Webb*

Dear Sir: Glory to Jesus! I have used The Trojan Horse book 5 times to help people see the permanence of the marriage covenant. Thank you for proclaiming the truth.

Please send me five more copies. R.D., Pastor

Dear Dr. Webb: Thank you for sending my book order. I am distributing them to my family and friends and as many as the Lord may lead.

I thought the book was wonderful! As a mental health professional, I found that Chapter 4, "The Devastation of Divorce and Remarriage", was very powerful! Even professional statistical research proves that God would not be sanctioning divorce and remarriage. I thank you and Pat for a book that is well-documented and researched in every way.

In the past week, either on your website or in a newsletter, I thought that I read an offer for the Marriage for Life Conference on DVD for \$99. Please write to me and tell me if this is a valid offer, as I wish to finally order it. Sincerely yours, R.P.

Hello Mr. Webb:...You and your wife must be thrilled to finally have your new book completed. I look forward to reading and re-reading it. It's a subject I grew up hearing from my father on a regular basis. Hardly a week would go by without some mention of marriage, divorce and remarriage. To me it was a hard subject to understand because of the unique situations people got

themselves into. After reading your book "Till Death Do Us Part?", it was easier to put it all together in my mind and to more effectively be able to communicate this message to others.

I can see, even in my own experience, why people don't readily receive this from a biblical view point, whether they are believers or non-believers. Most people get offended; and even the extended family can be offended; no matter how diplomatic I may come across. I often have to remind myself of Psalms 119:165, which talks about those who *'love the law of the Lord and nothing shall offend them.'* Even though I have never seen you speak before except at our house via Internet, my opinion is, the message Peacekeeper or Peacemaker, Which Are You? can be a huge stepping stone or beginning to the whole marriage seminar. I don't know if you said it or someone else about someone building a third story structure, that it can only be done with the foundation first, then the first and second floors. I know you do a good job, excuse me, a fantastic job, of laying out the foundation of the marriage. But if people aren't willing to be peacemakers with their wives and husbands and ultimately with the Lord, then for them to be willing to break off a

relationship they term as a marriage and we know is really adultery; would, for them, be impossible. How then can they, as believers, initiate a ministry of reconciliation, as described in 2 Corinthians 5? Maybe I'm a little over excited about your message on being a peacemaker, but maybe it's something to consider. I think the Lord will have me one day speak in front of people, whether as a pastor or some other role. By then I'm sure I'll have more appreciation for what you have done and are doing. I really look forward to meeting you Webb's sometime in the near future. I placed a big order and I hope I got my checking information right. If not, let me know and I'll make

the changes. Walking with the Lord, B. M.,FL

Dear Joe, Author and Pastor Terry Crist wrote: "Evolution lays the groundwork for social savagery." Karl Marx, Adolph Hitler and Joseph Stalin hailed Darwin as a hero. They championed Darwinism. In Fact, Marxism is only Darwinism applied to society. This should concern all of us enough to reconsider the implications of evolutionist thinking in our schools and throughout our culture. Crist continued: "When the belief that God created the heavens and the earth is rejected, basic human rights are reinterpreted and in some cases exterminated." Evolution,

with its view of man as mere matter, made it easier for Hitler, Stalin and Pol Pot to systematically destroy humanity. These tyrants were the by-products of Darwinism. They were the legacies of 20<sup>th</sup> century humanism.

We must tell our children and grandchildren that the seeds of humanism are destructive. Evolution accepted as dogma and then put into practice, always leading to human misery. Creationism, with its belief in God, inevitably leads to the alleviation of human misery. Thank you for helping to spread the Word. G S.M.,F

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*"And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. Col. 3:14-17*

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