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# The Triumphant Church

by Pastor Gary Hooper

Sometimes we try to reach God with our intellect and it can't be done. God tells us that His ways are higher than our ways and that He'll use the foolish things of the world to confound the wise. If we think that we're wise today then we need to get foolish so that we'll understand the things of God! Zech. 4:6 says, "it's not by might, nor by power, but by the spirit of God;" this is about what God has already done.

Often we get up too fast after falling out under the anointing. God wants to minister to us yet we insist on being in control and operating under our time table; God doesn't have a time table! We wouldn't get up from the operating table when we're under anaesthetic because we wouldn't be able to, but in church we fear that people might be looking at us. Who cares?! "Shout to the Lord with the voice of triumph!" We really need to get to the place where we don't care about what anyone thinks; we need to be pleasing to God, not man.

God wants us, His Church body, free from all fear. Fear of what someone else will think of us is just as big as a fear of flying. God says that when we please Him, even our enemies will be made to be at peace with us. Hebrews 2:14 says, "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through Jesus' death, He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil." The devil is not our problem, though we may think he is. Hebrews 2:15 continues, "Deliver them who through fear of death were their entire lifetime subject to bondage." It is because of fear, if we are bound today – fear of finances, fear over our children, fear over the health of our bodies. The bible says that we are delivered from those things, so whatever it is we're dealing with we need to act like the Word is true in order to get the victory over it, after all, the root of all fear is death. Jesus came to give us life more abundantly!

Revelation 1:6 proclaims that we are a priest and a king unto God. We can decree a thing and it shall be established unto us. We are a royal priesthood and a chosen generation to show forth the praises of Him who has called us out of darkness and into marvellous light.

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God is love and He that dwells in love, dwells in God and God in him; we need to know and believe this truth. Christ in us gives us the hope of glory because as He is, so are we

in this world. We have the measure of faith, to believe God's word above our circumstances just as Jesus did. Faith comes



by hearing God's word spoken from *our* mouths and when we do this everything is subject to change. There is nothing too hard for God, so let's rest our faith in what He can do.

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# A New Type of Praise

By Pastor Carlo Simmons

Praise defeats the devil quicker than any other battle plan, but it must be genuine praise from the heart. In Genesis 1 God created man in His own image. If He created us to be in His image then He wanted us to be like Him and to act like Him. God yearns to have a spirit to spirit relationship with us. He's more interested today about our fellowship with Him than He is about anything else we do. I believe real hunger for God is to want His fellowship in our lives more than work, traditions, or any other thing. God wants that relationship back with each one of us and that's what it all comes down to. He wants us to be with Him,

to wake up in His presence, to work in His presence; even watch football in His presence!

In His presence there is fullness of joy and just as David said, 'let everything that has breath, praise the Lord'. Praise means celebrating God and His goodness. The word praise in Webster's dictionary includes commending, expressing approval and glorifying - especially by crediting with perfections. We offer praise to our God, for He is our salvation. When we lift our hands to praise Him it is a sign of complete submission. David was a man who loved God with his whole heart. He knew and felt God inside and all around him. When he came against Goliath, he had already created a place for God to be there beside him, in front of him and behind him. We know David was a shepherd and he carried a pouch with stones in it. The bible says on this day, David picked up five smooth stones. It wasn't a lion this time, or a bear, it was a new situation that required a different stone. That's like some of us today, we praise the same old way and expect different results! We need a different type of praise! Goliath was a new battle so David needed a new weapon and because he knew his God, David had no fear. He ran at his enemy and he hit that big bad boy in the head and knocked him down dead. David said he would sing to God, that HE is his strength and shield and that he would LEAP for joy and sing with an obedient heart. One of the Hebrew words for praise is *hallal*. *Hallal* is to be clamorously foolish or mad before the

Lord, as David did in II Samuel 6. *Mad* in this context is to be fervent with a passion for Jesus Christ while *clamorously foolish* is depicting jumping, spinning and dancing. So are we supposed to hold our praise in? No! We are to be joyful and unafraid to praise our Lord. When our hearts are sincere there are so many ways to praise Him. Praise can not be kept silent, for as faith in a heart without action is dead, so praise in a heart without expression is dead.

Praise is like building a house. We build an atmosphere for God and worship is God coming to live in that atmosphere. When everyone comes bringing their supply of the spirit and in one accord, the presence of the Lord comes quickly.

Everyone has a part in ushering in the presence of God and praise is the key! Psalms 34:1 says, "I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall continually be in my mouth". That means we praise Him in the good times and we praise Him in the bad times. When our hearts are totally in love with the Father, we will praise Him no matter what is going on in our lives. When sickness tries to come on our body, we just enter into praise and cast it off because if we are filled with praise there is no room for sickness; God lives in us and there is no sickness in God. That means we praise Him at all times, every day, not just on Sundays. When we live that way we defeat the devil and his plans. There are lots of stories about people praising God when the good times

came, but what about in the bad times? In Acts 16 Paul and Silas were in an ungodly situation where they were stripped, beaten and put in chains and in jail. Despite everything that happened to them, at the midnight hour, Paul and Silas began to pray and worship God singing praises to His name. This had to have been a powerful worship because everyone in the jail heard them; all of heaven heard them and all of hell! They had prepared a place for God to come, for there was an earthquake so strong that the foundations of the prison were



actually shaken! Immediately all the gates were opened and all the prisoners were set free. The jailer and all of his family were born again and baptized that night. Psalms 66:8 says, "Make the voice of His praise be heard". When we come together to praise and worship our God with all of our heart and all of our being, things change quickly in the spirit and it affects the lives and circumstances around us!

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise," instructs Psalms 100:4. How long has it been since you've entered in? I urge you to enter in to praise today. God is a today God, but we have to do our part. Today He wants to bless you and make His presence known to you personally.

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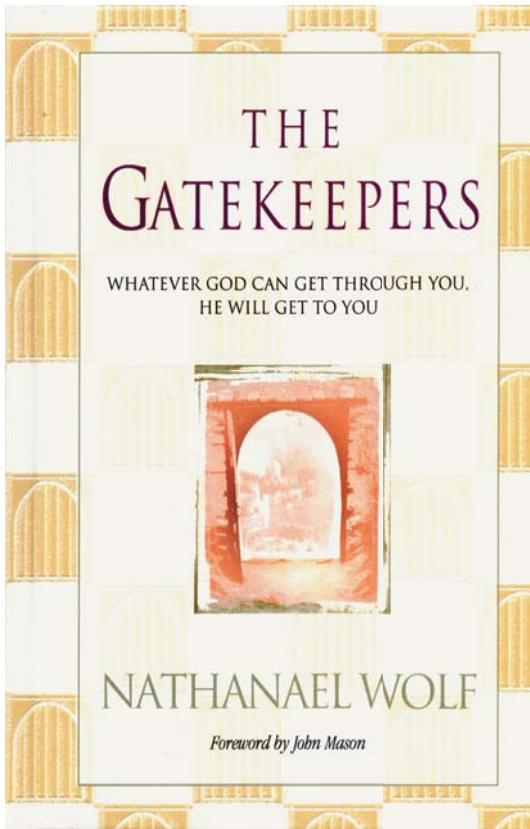
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- Pastor Gary Hooper

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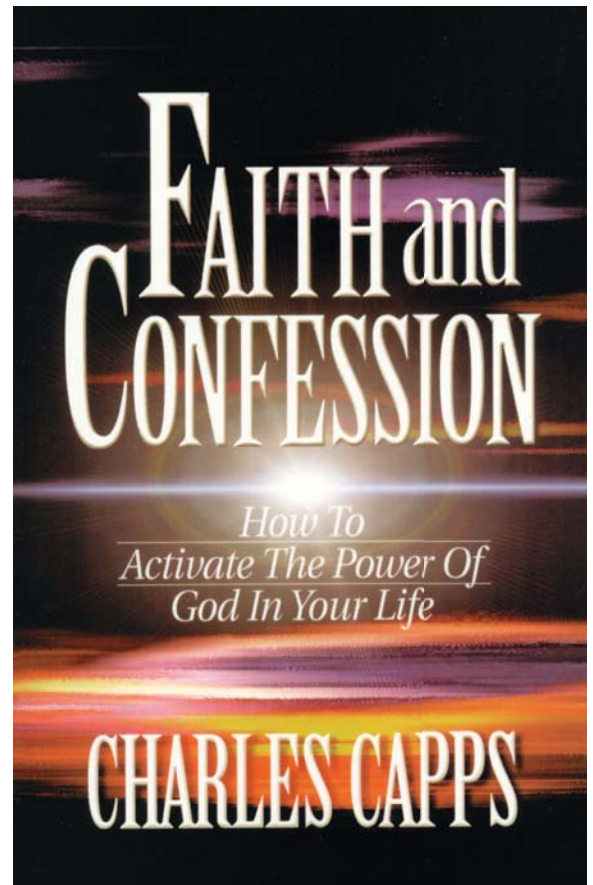
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# A Place Called in the Spirit

By Pastor Nancy Hooper

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# A Place Called in the Flesh

**T**he holy Ghost is here to help us learn to access and receive every blessing that God has for us! We need to walk in the spirit to attain these blessings because all blessings are in the spirit realm.

In the Greek the word blessing means 'empowered to prosper.' Consequently the word 'cursing' would empower you to fail. All curses are in the place of the flesh, the natural realm. Adam had no resistance when he was created on the earth because he lived in a perfect environment with no sin. Since mankind fell, the curse came on the earth and the effects are still rampant today.

The devil is not our problem! Jesus defeated him at Calvary. We allow curses to come in on our flesh in the areas that we are weak, such as; wrong attitudes, bitterness, fear, pressure, or condemnation. We all know where our weaknesses are and this is where we need to strengthen ourselves. The devil is an illegal alien who has no authority in our lives, but he does have power. We need to learn to protect ourselves from the curse.

God has provided everything that we need to live a victorious life and we can find it all in His word. The word of

that God's Word is coming to pass as you are speaking it out, even when you do not see change happening. God's Word is anointed and affects the atmosphere! We were born with the Adamic nature and need to change our old nature with God's nature by learning His Word and His way of thinking.

Whatever changes you are believing God for, focus on loving God first and then loving your neighbour as yourself. Start sowing love seeds at home with family members. Jesus said, "I am the vine and you are the branches." Where does fruit grow? The fruit grows on the branches. Let the vine (Jesus) produce fruit off the branches (us). There is always competition between the fruit of the spirit and the fruit of the flesh. We need to change our minds with God's Word in order to produce the fruit of the Spirit, which is; love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance or self-control. We need to change our minds with God's Word, because if we don't, then we'll naturally produce the fruit of the flesh. The fruit of the flesh is the default! You must quench the fruit of the flesh in order for the fruit of the spirit to manifest. Romans 12:2 says, "Don't be conformed to the world, but be transformed, by the

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God is what connects us to the spirit realm. We can't walk in the Spirit without walking in God's Word and we can't live victorious lives, in Christ, if we're not in the Spirit. Doing the Word and practicing the Word will benefit your life as it connects you to the Spirit! When we walk in the Spirit then we are walking aligned with God's Word. The flesh and natural realm profits us nothing and we don't want to be caught in a life of ritual or religious activity.

We tend to see things in the sense realm. When you have sickness on your body, you can't 'believe' God for your healing or you have violated the law of faith. "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that *he was* righteous." Believe

renewing of your mind." To live in the Spirit, we must practice walking in the Spirit. We should set our mind on the Spirit like we would set our television to tune in on a station. A good place to start is to look for access points in our lives where the enemy can get in. Ask God to reveal these areas to you and then seal them up by cursing them out of your life in the name of Jesus. Areas of access could be a failure of tithing and giving offerings, being overweight, poor lifestyle choices and unforgiveness. Prepare for promotion, not failure; increase not lack; health and not sickness. Proverbs 16:22 tells us that we can conquer our flesh by ruling our flesh. Conquer the flesh by walking in the spirit because as we walk in the spirit, our act gets cleaned up. The Holy

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FAR AWAY AS IT MAY BE,  
GREAT EVENTS SNEAK UP  
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Ghost is here to help us crucify the flesh.

We need to fill ourselves with God's fullness for overflow to happen in our lives. Walking in the spirit is walking aligned with the Word of God, the righteousness of God, the faith of God and the love of God! Step into the spirit today!



The little girl asked:

Am I worthy to eat crumbs from  
the Master's table?

Jesus smiled and said:

Dear Child  
Come sit with me  
I've prepared this feast for  
You and me.  
There's more than you can ever eat.  
Delight in every bite.

After when our bellies are full,  
You will know of your greatness.

-Sherry Guye

# Praise Reports!

In March, after Wednesday morning prayer some of us were heading to Chapters for a coffee. The plows and salt trucks were out as it had been snowing and blowing for awhile. I had my daughter's car that morning and as I was going down a ramp off the circumferential the car started to slide; I had no control. I could feel the weight of the car causing more momentum and finally it slid to the left and up a 2-3

walking up the road to meet the gentleman I remembered that I didn't have my phone with me, but as I looked up the man was pulling his cell phone out of his pocket. The man's name was Richard and he asked if I wanted to call anyone. Thank you Jesus! I called my husband who was on his way to work and had to pass where I was.

The car was towed and there was no damage other than a flat tire on the front

When I was about six years old I said that I wanted to be a teacher when I grew up. I put that dream aside as life went on, but recently God has provided me the opportunity to serve Him in that area as a teacher at New Covenant Ministries' Knight School. At first, like Gloria Copeland, I thought that I could never teach, nor did I want to; I would definitely be stepping out of my comfort zone to serve God. My reasoning

## What are Problems?

**Predictors - They help mould our future.**

**Reminders - We are not self-sufficient. We need God and others to help.**

**Opportunities - They pull us out of our rut and cause us to think creatively.**

**Blessings - They open up doors that we usually do not go through.**

**Lessons - Each new challenge will be our teacher.**

**Everywhere - No place or person is excluded from them.**

**Messages - They warn us about potential disaster.**

**Solvable - No problem is without a solution.**

foot snow bank on the side of the road. I could hear and feel the bottom of the car sliding over the hard ice and snow and I was thinking, 'Lord please let it stop.'

The car came to a stop a few seconds later on top of the snow bank. I looked out my window thinking that I would get out and see how the car was when a gentleman going by started pulling off the road up ahead. I knew he was stopping to see if I needed assistance so I got out of the car. I looked and saw that the front left wheel was not touching anything and knew that I'd have to call a tow truck. As I started

left side. When I had a chance to look at what had happened I realized that if the car had gone over the bank only a few feet more I would have been sideways on an 80 km, one way main road. I believe ministering angels stopped the car and kept me safe and that God had that gentleman go by right at that time with a phone. Thank you Richard, I speak blessings into your life. Thank you Lord for your faithfulness, your goodness and mercy! Psalm 91 is true!

-Dawn, Dartmouth NS

said that 'there are other people, who could do it much better than I probably could,' but God reminded me that "I can do all things through Christ, which strengthens me." God truly is the God of the exceedingly, abundantly above all that I could ever ask or think! I shall be found faithful to be a voice to teach about the kingdom of God inside us because my God is faithful to fulfill every dream and every hearts desire to those who want to serve Him! Praise God!

-Shirley, Dartmouth NS

About the second week of February, a friend of mine booked a trip for two to Cancun Mexico. Two days after booking her friend, that would be accompanying her, was in a car accident and would be unable to go. My friend did not want to travel to Cancun alone and did not want her friend's booking to go to waste, since they didn't have cancellation insurance, so she invited me to take her place.

The travel agency had a firm policy stating 'no refunds and no transfers.' The flight was scheduled to leave Halifax on Friday April 1st and on March 24th we were informed that the travel agency would not change the booking. I went online that evening and contacted the resort requesting an immediate response regarding a change

to the original booking. On March 28th I received my response; they had no problem with the name change! The travel agency lied to us but we still had to get their permission, so my friend's mother took on the challenge, but again they stated their policy and we were denied our request.

I asked several people at New Covenant to stand in agreement with us that we would have favour and that the travel agency would have no other choice but to change the name. Finally on March 30th at 5 pm, I received a call at work from a very happy and relieved friend telling me to pack my bags.

For almost two weeks I did not know if I was going to Cancun or not. I was standing in faith that if God didn't do it, it wasn't going to happen. By the

morning of Wednesday March 30th, I was at the end of fighting the good fight and had to cast the care over to God; I stopped striving. I knew that I needed to let Him do it. What seemed in the natural to be impossible, God quickly turned around and He alone gets the Glory. No one should have to travel to Mexico alone! We had the most amazing time and the most beautiful weather anyone could ask for.

-Nancy, Dartmouth NS

God places very special people in our lives and one of these people for me is my best friend who lives in Winnipeg. She and her husband are both in fulltime ministry. About a month and a half ago they both needed some strong friendship and support and I knew that I was supposed to go out there to be a spiritual support, strength and encouragement to them. I was right down to the wire of not being able to go due to no plane ticket but through fervent prayer and faith the Lord met my need, on the last possible day, and I was able to go out to be with them.

Praise our Lord!

-Jessica, Dartmouth NS

After living in Halifax for two years my husband and I decided it was time to move to Dartmouth. After getting married Halifax seemed to be the logical place to live, as I was attending Dalhousie University, but after traveling to Dartmouth for church, work and to visit family the novelty quickly wore off! We started looking for apartments in January of this year and in February we found exactly what we were looking for, but there was one problem; the apartment became available in May and our current lease didn't finish until July. We knew this was where we were supposed to live, so we put our deposit down and left the rest up to God.

The following week I made a bunch of posters and started posting them around campus. I only had half of

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what I intended to post when, within the same day, we had already received several calls. A couple of days passed and we had arranged various times for viewings, but then for one reason or another everyone started canceling and wanted to reschedule!

Garth called me one morning and said there was a couple that would be coming to view the apartment and gave me the guy's name that called. I had a feeling I knew who it was and when they showed up my notion was confirmed! They were both in one of my classes at school; a Christian couple, getting married in the summer who were looking for their first place. They were very pleased with the apartment after the viewing and said they'd take it! Not only did God have our apartment on hold specifically for them, but we didn't even have to deal with any of the other people who previously called or wanted to view the apartment; they just never called back!

In addition to our new apartment being everything we were looking for in terms of location and size, they also replaced all the flooring and even let us have a piano! We didn't have to pay any fees for getting out of our lease early and we were able to move into our new place a week earlier than anticipated! God works everything out when we put our trust in Him and actively do our part.

-Lee, Dartmouth NS

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# Happy, Happy!

by Pastor Cory O'Connor

God wants to use young people in these last days to be a voice in this nation. Teenagers are so valuable and God has a plan and a purpose for each one of their lives. As I look around, I see many teens that are sad and depressed. They are looking to the world around them to fill a void inside that only God can fill. They look to drugs, alcohol, money, relationships and material things to make them happy; things that will never fill their void. True happiness can only come from having a relationship with God.

God wants so many good things for us. He wants us to be prosperous, to be healthy and He wants us to be happy; God gives us a happiness that the world will never match. Let's look at what the Bible says about true happiness:

True happiness comes from following God. Psalm 144:15 says, "Happy are the people whose God is the Lord!" Many of us have asked Jesus to come into our lives, but have we truly made Him Lord? If you are lacking joy, put God in charge and make Jesus Lord of your life.

True Happiness comes from knowing God. God wants us to know Him, not just know about Him. He wants us to have an intimate relationship with Him, to spend time with Him and find out what He is like. The more you hang out with God, the more you become like Him. Knowing God will also produce strength in us. Daniel 11:32 says, "The people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits." Don't get all bummed out about your circumstances or any problems you may be facing, "My Brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials." We can cast all our care on Him, for He cares for us and Nehemiah 1:8 tells us that the joy of the Lord is our strength; if you have no joy, you have no strength.

"You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence" (Acts 2:28). Joy will grow as you spend time with God and worship is a way of spending time with Him. As we praise God, God is working on our behalf and as we spend time in His presence we begin to get excited and joy wells up inside of us.

Reading your Bible produces happiness. Proverbs 3:13 says, "Happy is the man who finds wisdom, and the man who gains understanding;" the more you read your bible, the happier you will be.

True happiness can only come from God and God alone. God wants us to be so full of joy that it overflows into the lives of the people around us. True Happiness and joy will radiate to the world that Jesus is Lord!

# God is Working in My Life!

by Candace Wilson

God has most definitely been good to me and nothing will ever be able to tell me different! First I'll tell you all what God has been doing for me and then we'll get back to praising Him.

My name is Candace Wilson and I am fourteen years of age. I came to know Jesus as my personal Lord and Saviour at about the age of eight, although I didn't really start living for Him until around age thirteen: I have no excuse for that, I just figured God was more concerned about our family as a whole than He was about each person individually. Thank God He delivered me from that mentality!

My testimony really spans over this past year. Going into grade nine I had high expectations for this year, but little did I know, so did God. My first blessing came in June of 2004 when the principal of my school had just finished giving another school wide lecture on how horrible our school's behaviour was; bringing special attention to certain ugly deeds done. After

his speech was finished and we were dismissed, I started overhearing what the other students were talking about and the more I heard, the more the principal's lecture bothered me. I thought, 'Why is it that they parade how terrible the bad students are, but never acknowledge the students that are doing what they're supposed to? And they wonder why everybody's frequently acting up.' Finally it got to the point where I knew I had to tell him, the thought simply grew stronger and then God's spirit spoke up and said, "Why not write this down and give it to your principal?" Knowing I had to do something, I obeyed. After school that day, I received a call from none other than my principal, thanking me for the wonderful ideas and wondering if I would like to create

a committee that rewards the students that do deserve to be recognized. I nearly jumped out of my skin as I accepted. I had no idea that this one momentary opportunity would affect almost every area of my grade nine year.

At the beginning of this year, myself and two friends of mine, who were also on the committee, were asked to help take care of a little boy with Autism during elementary lunch hour. Apparently, through our willingness to help on the awards committee, they felt we would be responsible enough to handle monitoring this little boy along with the rest of the lower elementary children. We were later informed

that not only would this position be applicable for our resumes, but we would also receive little perks throughout the year, like free lunches (actually going out to restaurants at times) along with having our lunch hour extended by thirty minutes. Talk about a gift from God, this was a miracle in itself!

Things seemed to calm down after that, but I noticed I was really starting

to enjoy school, which was a little scary at first. Then on February 5th, a Saturday night, after much anticipation I went to prayer like I usually do. But instead of getting to pray someone asked me to watch their children for them, until the other parent showed up! The other parent was never able to make it, so I ended up watching the kids for the whole night. Honestly, I was a bit upset at first, especially after hearing people talking about how powerful prayer was that night, but mom and dad fixed that by reminding me, "Hey, there could be a blessing in this for you, but you'll never get it if you've got the wrong attitude." That really set me straight and I made my quality decision to be happy. The next morning we had a Sunday service and I really received

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from God in a way I probably would have missed had I not made the decision to be happy the night prior.

On Monday morning I went through my whole 'Monday-morning-with-school' routine, complete with devotions. School started off as normal, I had just finished English and was on my way to math when my teacher told me to go see the French Immersion teacher. That was a little strange because I've been out of French Immersion for two years, but I considered the meeting a supernatural deliverance and headed over. This teacher started asking me what I knew about the nines' immersion trip and asked why I hadn't signed up. To be honest, I'm not a big fundraising person and have no real problem with staying home instead of working. I told her that and she proceeded to tell me that she had been talking with my homeroom teacher and my English teacher from the year before. One student had already raised almost one third of the money needed for their trip but then decided not to go, leaving one space and \$206.00 available. She asked the student who would benefit the most from this trip and overall deserves the opportunity; both the student and her friend suggested me! I was offered, and later accepted a trip to Montreal, Quebec! Talk about a God incident! I felt as though I was walking on air throughout the rest of the day. The same day I also made one hundred on a pop test that I had missed most of the material for. Like that wasn't from God! He always watches over us and knows exactly what's happening!

Wednesday, three friends and I were contestants in an African Heritage Quiz Competition against another local school. We had studied hard, but felt as though we knew next to nothing and one of my friends was speaking really negatively. Their negativity was really starting to irritate me, so about two minutes before we had to leave I went outside alone and asked God to override what my friend was saying with what I'd been praying for the past two days. God obviously heard my prayer because we won 230-215 and made it to the finals the following Thursday in Halifax.

That night at church I was very excited about all that was happening. After the service ended, I was asked to give my testimony at youth group the next night. I did and immediately afterwards someone came up to me and gave me \$50.00 towards my trip. A little later when I was preparing to leave, another person came and gave me \$100.00 towards my Montreal trip! At that time we were planning on having a trip for the youth group and I was so blessed to find out that someone had already paid for it!

At the finals for the African Heritage Quiz, although our team didn't win, we were each given two tickets to see the Harlem Globetrotters on April 2nd. We definitely had favour and God not only supplied us with enough money to buy the best basketball there, but enabled us to get six out of the nine team member's signatures!

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His hunger for the Word of God and his compassion for people inspired him to start a church. In 1992, in the living room of their home, Gary along with his wife Nancy founded New Covenant Ministries with a call to bring people out of religion and into reality, out of tradition and into the truth. Gary is an anointed preacher and teacher of the integrity of God's Word and justification by faith. Today the congregation numbers over 250 people - to the glory of God. In August 2003 Gary became the president of the Canadian chapter of the Tribe of Judah Motorcycle Ministry.



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