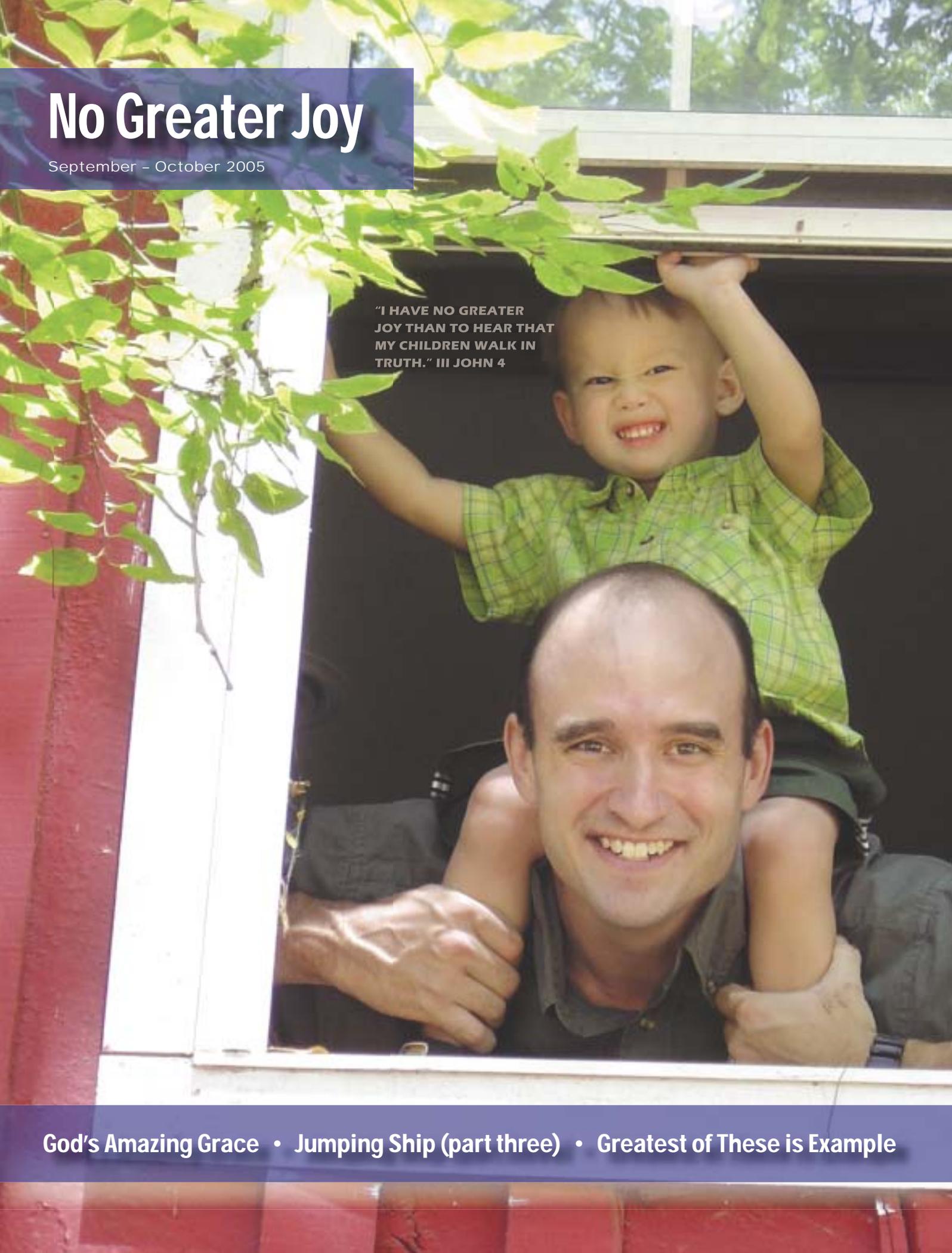


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A photograph of a man and a young child. The man is in the foreground, smiling broadly, with the child sitting on his shoulders. The child is also smiling and holding onto a window frame. The scene is framed by a window with white trim and green leaves hanging from the top left. The background is dark, suggesting an interior space.

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- On the Cover -

TJ Slayman, beloved brother in Christ (with son Jedidiah) home for a short furlough. Enjoying some clean air.

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Trainer of the Month. . . . 5

We receive so many highly instructive letters from our readers, that we decided to give special recognition to one who is most inventive in solving a child training problem. So each publication will feature one "Trainer of the Month."



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This is our third in a series of articles, discussing this serious issue of why children jump ship, throwing away the guidance of their parents and leaving home, sometimes for a life of sin.

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I can remember countless times when Kurt's dad or mom trained him how to play ball, ride a bike, swim, count change, sing harmony, lay down a hardwood floor, learn the vocabulary words in Reader's Digest, or to help his sister learn to read. Most of Kurt's training has been by example.

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God's Amazing Grace

TESTIMONY OF TJ SLAYMAN

By TJ Slayman

TJ and his family are home on a short furlough, enjoying the fresh country air and their great American freedoms. He has been successful in getting a good portion of the Bible translated, and is looking forward to finishing it. His “sticky rice gang” has caught a vision for their country and are planning some great things in the near future – with God’s help.

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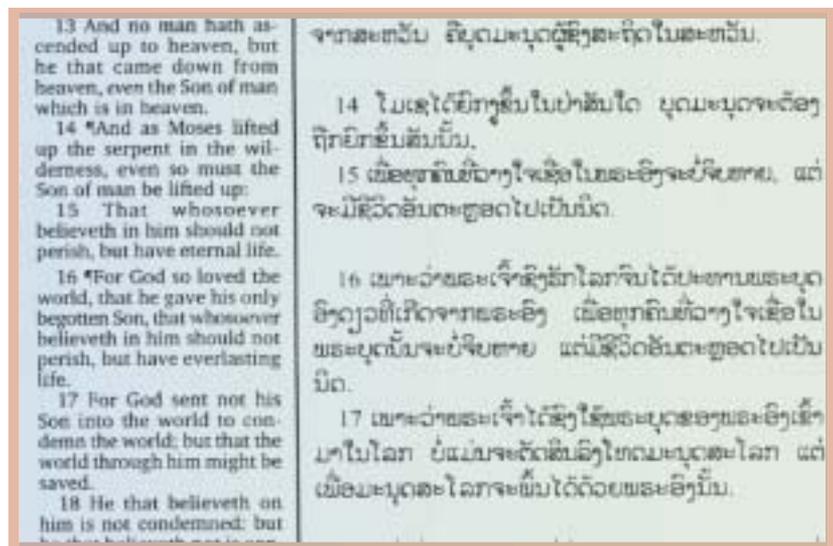
My family first met Michael Pearl about 16 years ago. I was then just an 18-year-old hillbilly freak with a long ponytail hanging down my back. My parents and I were dope heads living with my 3 younger siblings in an old broken-down school bus that we had jacked up on blocks. We grew a weedy garden which included marijuana. Two years earlier, my dad and mom started reading the Bible together on their long commute back and forth to work, and Dad figured he could get saved if he could just find a Jew that would tell him how to know God. I remember him calling Israel once looking for someone to talk to about God, but ended up talking to a nun who barely knew English and thought he was asking the price of eggs. We all laughed for days about that.

Later, my dad was visiting an Amish minister, trying to convince him to start a commune, when Michael Pearl came into the house and joined the conversation. He turned the conversation almost immediately to Christ. A few weeks later, my dad and I met Mike at a home Bible study. It was a mixed lot of people from different beliefs, all trying to convert

each other. They took turns preaching their points of view. When it came Mike’s turn, he just preached Jesus. It was that night back in the Spring of 1990 that I understood the Gospel for the first time and was joyfully born again. Dad was speechless, and had no idea what to say after hearing what GOD HIMSELF had done to save us. Later that week Mike, came down to our camp, and while sitting around

chewing him up pretty good, he still came to teach us the old, old story of Jesus. Before the year was out, my family had all come to understand what forgiveness of sin through the shed blood of Jesus meant to them personally.

My younger brother, Bob (10 years old), and I worked all winter with Mike and his two boys cutting hickory sticks. Bob and I continued



“...and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation...” Revelation 5:9

the evening fire together, he began to teach us the book of Romans. He came several times every week for months.

We still spent our days hunting, fishing, smoking dope, and talking about what we were learning from the Bible. My dad really wanted to know the Lord, but years of confusion and sin made it hard for him to understand. I was just a young man, so I sat back out of the way, but I listened and began to understand more fully God’s entire plan for mankind and His program of events from Beginning to End. Even when our pack of German shepherds attacked Mike one time,

to spend a lot of time with the Pearl family. Teaching, Michael was always teaching, mostly the Bible, but also just life-type stuff.

I remember us Slayman kids getting into an argument with the Pearl kids about their saying they had never once seen their parents fight. I figured they were just lying to protect their folks, as I had done so many times. The idea of parents not fighting was so weird, we just didn’t believe them. To the Pearl kids, the idea of grown-ups fighting was weird. We were learning about life, about God, and we were in training to become men of God.

The Pearls were intrigued with our family, because even in my parents' lost state and amid all their drugs and fighting, they had raised four kids who loved, respected, and appreciated them. Mike was just beginning to put together ideas and concepts that would later be in his book, *To Train Up a Child*. He would often question us, trying to put into perspective how some saved parents could have children who hated their parents, yet other lost, hell-bound parents could raise emotionally stable, thankful children. I think most of the answer is to be found in the extreme amount of time Dad spent with us kids. We were HIS kids, and he was bound and determined to get his money's worth of pleasure and enjoyment out of us, and, in fact, was a financial failure because of it. Dad gave us himself, his time, his mind, his life. It made the difference. To this day Dad still isn't wealthy, but he does have the hearts of his 4 kids, all of which have the Kingdom of God for our inheritance.

My dad has always loved Mike with a love much like David and Jonathan. When *To Train Up a Child* first hit the market, Debi Pearl didn't have a clue as to how to keep up with the thousands of orders, so for months, maybe even years, my parents volunteered to crowd into their tiny office, type the names and addresses into the computer, package the books, and get them ready for shipment. Dad wanted to be a part of Mike's ministry. He wanted to give back what had been given to him. When the house office could no longer hold the growing ministry, my dad argued Mike into letting him build a building beside the Pearl's house using 4 or 5 neighboring rebellious young teenage boys to do the labor. Those boys became good young men that winter. But soon even that building was too small for the growing ministry. Mike still worked as a carpenter, rock layer, and hickory-stick cutter in order to make ends meet. Mike would never take money from anyone he was ministering to.

When Christmas would come around, we would seize the opportunity to give him a big country ham. The

novelty of us Slaymans (of Arabic ancestry a couple generations back) giving Mike Pearl (of Jewish descent) a chunk of ham on Christmas was just too funny for words. Life is rich. The Pearls also fostered handicapped children all through these years. I almost felt like my brother and I were some of their extras, we were there so much.

God called me to missions **about the time Michael began teaching Ecclesiastes**, so off I went to Bible college and then on to linguistics training. The rest is history. The New Testament will soon be completed, and the translation of Genesis and Proverbs is finished. God willing, in just a short time, maybe 3 or 4 years, we will finish translating the whole Bible into the ***** language.

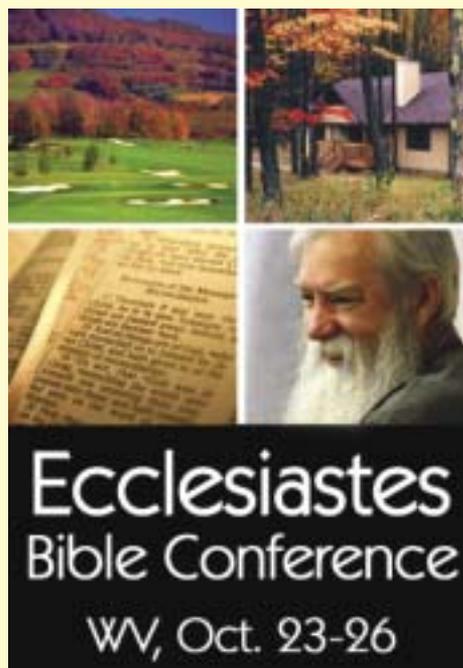
Isn't God great, that he would take 2 old hippies, give them a son who would come to know the Lord after spending all his young childhood smoking pot, then use that son

to translate the Scripture for a people half-way around the world? It seems it would have been so much easier just to pick out a nice homeschooled kid that had a good education to do the job, but then again, God gets so much glory using the weak and the foolish things to confound the world. I must testify, I cannot remember the last time I was ever tempted to take drugs. In fact, the first time in several months I've even been reminded of that old life was when I sat down to type this testimony. That old man has been dead, buried, and gone for almost 16 years now. If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. Jesus is a Great Big Wonderful God.

***** language: name of language and country withheld for safety of national workers involved. **** is a closed, Communist country currently engaged in severe persecution of Christians.

Ecclesiastes Bible Conference

The Ecclesiastes Bible Conference is soon to take place. There is still time to sign up. Michael taught Ecclesiastes several years ago in our community. Of all the books he has taught, this book most caused everyone here to see life in a whole different light—an eternal light. It changed us and our children as much as it did everyone else. If my children were budding adults or even pre-teens, I would make every effort to get them to this conference. If I were struggling to know God's will for my life—I would make sure I made it to this conference. Mike will also be teaching lessons from Hosea and Jonah, with some family life and other exotic topics thrown in. There will be great teaching for the kids as well.



Trainer of the Month Award

CONGRATULATIONS!

By Michael Pearl



I have five sons Tanner (14), Tyler (12), Taylor (11), Travis (8) and Trace (20 months). I came home from work one day, and my wife met me and told me that she could not handle going to the store anymore without me. I asked her what the problem was, and she told me that the boys were not actually bad; there were just a lot of them. It was hard to concentrate and watch the boys at the same time. I told her, "Let's get the boys into the car." We were going to Wal-Mart. On the way, I told the boys we were going to Wal-Mart, not to buy anything, but to train them on how to behave at the store. I told them what they needed to know. When we arrived at Wal-Mart, we got a buggy, and I put Tanner on the right side, Tyler on the left, Taylor standing on the front of the buggy, and Travis sitting in the seat. I told them not to turn loose of the buggy for any reason, unless mother told them to. We walked up and down the aisles. I told them not to put their hands on anything, like the little tags hanging off the shelves (they loved to touch everything they could reach). After walking around for awhile, we went to the front. I told them not to ask for anything, to not unload the buggy unless mother asked them to, and to not turn loose of the buggy until they got to the car. We went back to Wal-Mart every night for the rest of the week. After that training session, my wife told me she could take them anywhere. This worked so well, we used the same idea in other areas. Our children are far from perfect (along with their parents), but they know how to behave in public. We are still working on the 20-month-old.

Rickey Cartwright

Ricky is designated No Greater Joy's Trainer of the Month. He will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate and a formal document suitable for framing. If you have a successful story of training, send it to us and we will consider you for our monthly award.

This is our runner-up.

Shyness answered

Mike and Debi,

On shyness, one of our daughters, as an infant, hated to look into the eyes of anyone holding her (others were OK). As a toddler, she'd run with the other kids to greet Daddy coming home, but at the last minute, she'd turn her back and lean backwards against his knees for a hug. She'd look in our eyes when required to, but IF we were touching, it was very difficult for her. As she grew older, she was painfully shy with people she was not familiar with. When she was four or five, my husband started putting conditions on taking her some places. He told her positively, "I want to take you, Sweetie, but you'll have to be sure to..."

1) Promise to smile and tell your name if someone asks, but you're not required to answer any more questions.

2) Look them in the eyes, and answer when they ask your age. Next time, answer those, plus one or two questions about school, etc., adding something new each time."

That summer, our whole family spent every Friday evening at a picnic with games so that Oriental students in our church could introduce their friends to other believers, and students new to the USA could meet Christian families first thing. Anyway, after the picnic, there would usually be a gathering at the apartment of one of the students we knew. Our family alone would crowd a little apartment, so my husband would only pick a couple of our children to bring. Our shy one could stay for the "party" if she'd agree to the "conditions." By the end of the summer, she was much more comfortable with people, and is now, at age ten, maybe a bit reserved, but not at all shy.

Christine

Jumping Ship

PART THREE

By Michael Pearl

Dear Mr. Pearl,

I was one of those children who jumped ship, and I did so for all the reasons you listed. My parents were hypocrites and expected the same from my sister and me. Our family was the perfect Pharisee household, though we “prodigal daughters” tainted that appearance. We never missed a church service; we always helped in church ministry, always witnessed to our neighbors, and kept the Sabbath day holy (if you didn’t count the fighting or abuse that went on behind our closed doors). Believe me, we had everyone fooled. When my sister jumped ship, I went back and told one of my mother’s friends the truth of what our family was really like. She didn’t believe me—I’m telling you we hid the hypocrisy very well. We did not tell, mostly out of fear of more anger and abuse that would come if we let it be known. Pride kept us strong, not God.

I jumped ship for 2 reasons. The first was to escape home, and I figured I might as well give them something to condemn me for since they were going to condemn me regardless of what I did. Also, part of me longed to know the good Shepherd and to lie down in green pastures. I had to jump ship because I was DETERMINED NEVER to become a Pharisee like my parents—I had to flee. My sister had no choice but to do as I did. Our parents still say it was our choice and they had nothing to do with it!

They are so blinded by religion and are confident that they trained us right, but that, due to some fault in us, it did not work. Just this past week they were proclaiming that we will one day come around to their way of thinking.

I love living in the grace I have found in Christ! I love that my kids love me, that my husband and I love each other; I love that I am free to choose joy and hope every day.

I can attest to the fact that when children are not engaged as vital crew members on a glorious voyage, they do acquire a greater sin than “rebellion.” They become angry, bitter, resentful human beings who are beaten down, broken, and will lash out at all attempts to be loved. Like a runaway dog that was abused all the time, when you try to feed him, he will bite you because he was trained to expect evil.

Beka was right—it is all about love. You were right—it is all about joy. And where does that come from? It comes from knowing Jesus. I wish my parents could really know Him. God has used you to reach so many, for which I am grateful, and I look forward one day to know that my kids know Him also.

AB

There it is! Children jump ship because parents make the voyage miserable. Facing that fact is the first step to recovery. When they are trained right, they walk right. And, you should know by now that training is much more than words and warnings, more than principles and precepts. When the example is wrong, the words can never be right, for our own attitude screams louder to them than do our carefully crafted religious words.

Parenting is the most accurate test of one’s true character. It reveals all the secrets and uncovers all that is hidden. Children reflect the soul of their parents; they manifest the heart that may have been formally concealed behind sophisticated screens and carefully crafted public perceptions. We parents can manipulate the public perceptions, leading others to believe we are something quite different from reality. But, it is our children who become windows to our true selves, often opening the windows wider than we want them to go. They find and expose the real you and tap into and follow that reality as their guide. They bypass our words and emulate our vital centers. If the mother has a “bad” day, all the children will have a bad day, and Dad will have a bad evening. Bad days make bad weeks and bad years, which eventually turn into bad lives.

It is impossible to become a good parent without experiencing a revival within. There can be no duplicity. Parenting is not like a job where you meticulously follow the procedures and then clock out, knowing that you have played your part well. You can’t do the right thing as a parent without becoming the right person. Your children are just too perceptive to be fooled by

outward displays. When parents have a transformation within, good parenting comes naturally, without all the struggle and deliberation. Pure souls living pure lives don't need a great deal of knowledge about child training to raise good kids. Good children grow out of good soil.

America needs revival. The Christian church needs revival. The Home-school family needs revival. Most of all, parents need revival, because the children won't survive the Sodom in which we live without a revival that changes us from the inside out.

So, what can I do?

Many people have written, some of them just a little bit irritated, saying, "OK, there is a problem; my own children are near to jumping ship, so tell us what to do. Give us some practical examples." They are missing the point. It is not about *doing*; it is about *being*. Get real. Love God until the joy of the Lord fills your cup to overflowing. Fall back in love with your spouse (that's revival!), and enjoy each other—in front of the kids! Let the Holy Spirit create discipline in you so that you use your time wisely and have more time to be with your children. It is a matter of perspective—of where your heart is actually fixed.

Your children are your legacy, the only one that will endure in future generations.

Parenting is the most demanding job in the universe. The CEO of a mega company needs to excel in a limited number of areas only, but to be an effective parent requires expertise in many areas. And, more than any other job—more than being a pastor or missionary—it requires purity of soul.

Nearly everyone comes to parenting with a lot of counterproductive concepts. If God gave us a parenting test before allowing us to have babies, few homes would have a swing set or a box of toys. It seems that you have to be a parent to learn to be a parent, and by then it may be too late to improve your proficiency to do your children any good. Most obstacles

that limit children's potential are set in motion by the parents, and are rooted in their own fears, ego needs, inattentiveness, and unproductive habits. But parents are most often blinded by their ego and careless habits.

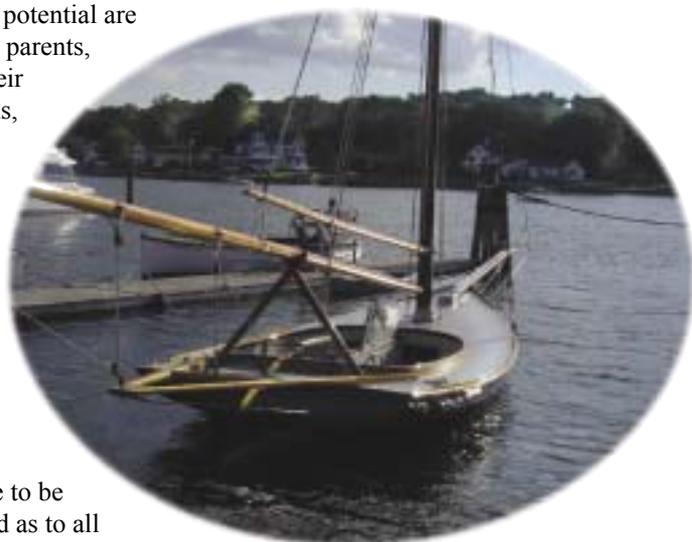
Thankfully, we don't have to be perfect people, or even especially wise. We don't have to be thoroughly informed as to all the ins and outs of parenting. We don't need schooling. We need to be real—consistently real—and caring. We need to be there. Everything else will somehow fall into place when our hearts are right. A right heart can make up for a lot of wrong headedness, but great knowledge and understanding can never make up for indifference.

Good will

You will get a much better response from your children when they perceive that you care more about them than you do about public perception. They are more perceptive than you give them credit for, and they always know your true heart—even when you don't want them to.

Your children must be conscious that you really want them to have great experiences. When they see you putting emotional energy into them, they will respond with cooperation and openness. They will be moved by your willingness to invest yourself in their lives. Think of yourself as raising up a manager for your own company—someone to take your place when you are absent, and to assume your position when you are gone and no longer part of the equation. Working together toward common goals eliminates that adversarial relationship that poisons most families and sabotages every effort.

Sudden changes of heart with big efforts will not impress them. A lot of small gestures add up to big trust. You



will create a climate of trust by never hurting—but always caring.

Respect and dignity

Teens will want to get out of a home that does not treat them with respect and dignity.

They will want to flee a home where they are not allowed to make a positive impact on the home and their younger siblings. You are not respecting your teenagers when you don't confide in them, don't listen to their ideas and treat them with the same seriousness you treat this article you are now reading. The last thing many parents hear as their kids are going over the railing is, "You didn't listen to me." Don't get haughty and tell me how hard you tried and how much you care. Look at your family through the eyes of your children. That's reality.

Rule by belittling

Never belittle their efforts or debase their person. Some parents' leadership style is to demean, to cast their children in a role of unworthiness with the mistaken belief that it was their responsibility to prove by their works that they are indeed worthy. Your role must change from warden to friend. Remember Jesus' words to His disciples: "Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things

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Bulletin

Mission Opportunities



Joshua Steele, who was director of Missions in Bangkok, Thailand, is now conducting training in Ukraine. Carpathian Mountain Outreach 2006 will be a rigorous, physically demanding project. He is looking for young men 18 years of age or older, with a clear salvation testimony, strong physical constitution, financially supported, in general agreement with their statement of faith (see Joshua's website or write him), and willing to make a commitment of at least 2 months.

Contact Joshua Steele at:
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Dear Pearls and Staff,
Thank you for the recent addition of the Fellowship Directory on your website. We live in a remote area, and had hopes of finding another family within our zip code. We registered, and there is a family, not just in our own zip code, but just minutes from our house. Wow!!! We were just the 33rd family to register. What are the odds of this happening? We contacted them right away...had instant feedback...and had a wonderful afternoon of fellowship. Thanks again, and Wow!

The Smiths

Proverbs 21:9

Dear Debi Pearl,
YOU ARE NOT GOING TO BELIEVE THIS! Okay, well, maybe you will. I have a story to tell you about how the book, "Created to be His Help Meet" has **CHANGED OUR LIVES**. Now, despite my general pleasantness and love for Christ, I still grew up believing that marriage should be mostly run by the mother, and that the husband should do his duties...sort of like a hired hand, but with sex as a special part of it.

I married a **WONDERFUL MAN**. It has not been a miserable marriage. But, for the last five years, we have been in a power struggle, and things had been coming to a head. I pretty much combated him on every issue, because I "felt strongly" one way or another.

I started searching, reading everything I could get my hands on about being the wife that God wants me to be, but (here comes another but!), nothing seemed to help. I was becoming an angry woman.

Now this is the part where it gets good!!! One day, I was walking my girls in the stroller. I was angry! I suspect my husband was sitting on the corner of the roof on this particular afternoon (metaphorically speaking) as I walked to the mailbox, and there was your book. I immediately recognized what it was, and I was so **ANGRY!** **WHY DID I SPEND MONEY ON MORE NONSENSE THAT WASN'T GOING TO HELP ME AT ALL! ALL THESE WOMEN WHO SAY, SUBMIT...BLAH, BLAH, BLAH. I'M TIRED OF IT, AND I'M MAD AT MYSELF THAT I SPENT A DIME ON THIS THING!** I had had it, and was putting my foot down. I wasn't going to read your book. I had decided that I was just going to do exactly what I wanted to do any time I wanted to and that was that. I thought to myself, "Well, I guess you can't fight genetics!" What I am telling you is an **ACTUAL ACCOUNT** of what was going on in my head at that very moment!

Well, I opened all of the other mail, and then there was your book, still sitting there looking at me. It was 2 p.m. My girls were asleep. What else did I have to do? I don't know why I picked it up, but I did. I did not put your book down for two hours. When the two hours came to a close and the kids started to stir...I was a new woman. **I AM A NEW WOMAN!**

My husband has gone from a cantankerous grump who was scared of his wife, to an overfed, over-sexed, over-loved, over-appreciated daddy-husband-King. He wakes me with a kiss now and tells me he loves me a million times a day. He asks about how I feel constantly. He calls me "hero wife," because I mowed the grass for him. **I HAVE NEVER MOWED GRASS IN MY LIFE!** This has all happened in about a week and a half. Everything has changed. Everything is better. In 10 days!!!! **IN TEN DAYS MY LIFE HAS CHANGED!** **CAN YOU BELIEVE IT????** Thank you, Debi.

One happy wife!



Bulletin

Banner of God



Last July (04) we asked you to help us in our ministry by praying for us by name every day and passing out The Sample No Greater Joy Magazine. We reminded you of the grand old story found in Exodus 17 about the Amalekite army coming up against Israel. Young Joshua went out to battle while old Moses sat on the hill with his hands in the air. As long as his hands were held high Israel prevailed, but when his arms grew heavy and fell, the enemy grew strong. So, Aaron and Hur stood beside old Moses and held up his weary arms. In recognition of that victory, Moses made an altar to God called Jehovanissi, which means “banner of God.”

This month when we sat down to review our stats, trying to determine just WHY the ministry was growing so rapidly, we traced the upward curve to your response to our request that you be our AARONS & HURS, holding up our arms. Thank you for answering the call. All this year we have felt strong arms of support. Starting in July, our strength, our vision, and the No Greater Joy ministry began to flourish as never before. This entire year has been a VICTORY greater than we could imagine. Every month we receive thousands of letters from folks testifying of God’s amazing grace in their families. Yet, the homeschool movement is growing even faster, gathering in thousands of young couples just beginning to embark on their journey in marriage, parenting, and schooling. These young couples need the same opportunities to hear God’s Word as you have had. Where once we could effectively distribute our sample magazines at homeschool conventions, sheer volume and big business has squeezed out the effectiveness of that approach to reaching new families. If these young new families are going to be reached, it will have to come from you—personally taking time to help them find good resources in which to grow in their marriages and their parenting.

Will you help us, help them? We are asking that every person who receives this magazine write to us and give us the name and address of at least one young family that might be helped with our FREE magazine. You might think it will not make that much difference, but eternity will tell the difference! So many marriages are faltering—so many children will be cast adrift—and only one minute of jotting down a name and address on a card (or on the web) could correct the course of that family forever.

We also have 300,000 of the Special Sample Magazine which we will send out to you, in any amount, to pass out at Church, to friends, home school groups, or to leave in convenient places.

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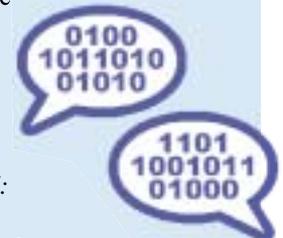
A Blogging we must go

My friends and I been reading “Created To Be His Help Meet”. We have been greatly blessed by this book.

In response to our “mini-reviews” of the book, there has been a rash of ladies who have quite vehemently suggested that it promotes a husband’s abusing of his wife, even suggesting that Mr. Pearl has been abusing you, Mrs. Pearl. We are outraged.

My question to you, Mr. and Mrs. Pearl, is this: What would be the best manner of handling the misinformation being spread about “Created To Be His Help Meet” and the mischaracterization of your personal lives? It is difficult to sit back and watch hundreds of women buy into these malicious messages.

A friend



Dear Friends,

Please be advised:

I am not abused or mistreated, nor do I advocate that any woman should be abused or mistreated. I am treated like a queen, and my book is a study on how to cause your husband to want to treat you like a queen. Judging from the thousands of letters we have received, the book has been VERY successful in causing women everywhere to be revered by their husbands. But since we have heard from several people who are truly concerned about the nonsense being spread in “blogville”, we have asked, Kathy Slayman, (her call name on blogsville is NGJorderslady) a long-time friend (she watched our children grow up and also sees Mike and me on a daily basis) to blog for us each day. So, if you want to know any piece of personal stuff about the lady who wrote Created to be His Help Meet or the man who inspired the book, go to: www.homeschoolblogger.com. Then blog back to the bloggers in blogsville, and prayerfully explain to them that what they say is NON-SENSE and that you know because you have the scoop from someone in the know.

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that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you” (John 15:15).

Command and Control

Successful parenting is not found in “ordering” your children to be good and do the right thing; it is achieved in example and attentive organization of their lives. Children cannot be brought to a healthy maturity raised in an atmosphere of fear and punishment. Helping children develop their own persons will produce a family atmosphere and spirit of cooperation that is not possible under command-and-control alone. Children will not mature and develop independent decision-making when raised in an atmosphere where they know nothing more than being ordered to perform, even if doing so produces discipline and order when they are young.

Work

The secret to teaching children to work is to give them jobs that they will enjoy carrying out. If there is no such job for a particular child, then structure a job with other incentives—like fellowship, or shorter duration—that will make the work pleasant. In the military or a sports team, the first concern of the leaders is the morale of the men and women. When optimism and hope runs high, you have potential winners. Think about the difference it would make if you had eight initiative-takers instead of eight foot-draggers. Give attention to their morale. Never keep pushing if the family has lost its morale.

Purpose

The family’s morale will skyrocket when they clearly understand the purpose for their existence. Only then will they cooperate and accept the sacrifices of labor without bickering.

Don’t allow the family to stagnate in boredom and fear of failure.

The family should be constantly full of energy. Lack of energy is a ship-jumping waiting to happen. They need to share a compelling vision for their work, a good reason to believe it is important. An enthusiastic parent makes an enthusiastic work force.

Responsibility

Children are not happy if they are not given increasing responsibility. We humans are by nature always in need of reaching higher, stretching just beyond our reach. And we are not happy unless we’re regularly doing so. Give your teens all the responsibility they can handle, and then step back and let them try. Define the parameters in which they are allowed to operate, and then set them free to experiment, including failing (without fear of punishment).

Trust is a powerful incentive. Create an atmosphere that allows a child who makes a mistake to admit to it and take responsibility without recrimination. He can then use his energies to improve his performance rather than falling into the self-defeating trap of excuse-making. Kids make excuses when the consequences don’t allow any way out. They can start fresh with experiences that will enable them not to make the same mistake again.

Respecting authority

Achieving goals is important, but how you arrive at them is more important. It is imperative that you do not undermine others whom your children should be respecting as authorities. And if your children see you acting contrary to the authority you are under, they will feel more free to not support you when they disagree with your policies.

Elevating your children

You know when you are in the presence of someone dedicated to elevating you. And, you also know when someone with a hidden agenda proceeds to tear you down, to humble you, to see you admit that you are wrong, and to make you try harder to win their approval. You don’t want to be around them. No doubt they think they are on a mission of righteousness, that they have a calling from God to hold up a higher standard, and you are their mission field. It stinks, doesn’t it?

Instead of tearing your children down to make them submissive to

your commands, build them up so you don’t have to give them commands. Your job as a parent and the principal educator is to create a climate that enables them to unleash their potential. Given the right environment, you will be surprised at what they are capable of achieving.

Our constant drive should be to make them grow taller, to elevate them, not with flattering words but with space to grow, the opportunity to fail and to try again without shame or embarrassment. When your children see you taking pleasure in helping them develop and grow, they will take pleasure in doing the same with their siblings and with others. When they feel you have been patient with their failures, they will be patient with yours. When your children are hard on you, know for a certainty that you have been hard on them.

Starting over

Raise your kids as if your getting to heaven was based on their good works and good attitudes. You want to get down to the bitter root? Ask them, “What do you like most...least about the home; what would you change if you could?” The answer will give you a chance to reexamine your own policies and attitudes as well as to provide an opportunity to instruct your children in ways that will give them fresh perspectives on your goals and your reasons. When you listen to your children, you will come to respect them as people, and they will go along with your policies without grumbling, knowing that they have been heard and their views considered. They will greatly appreciate it when you find out what their goals are and then help them to get there. There is creativity and growth in providing and clarifying information. Those who have it, prosper. Those who don’t, stagnate. They have hopes and dreams and need to understand why what they are doing is important—how it relates to the big picture. Optimism and pessimism are twins, and are equally infectious in the home. Parents set the tone and spirit of the family according to one twin or the other.

Repent, or watch your children perish

This writer understands that there is more preacher and prophet in him than therapist. I do not seek to make you feel good about yourself. My goal is not to encourage you, but to inform you of your failures and to call you to repentance before God. It would be nice if, in reading my remarks, you would learn one more helpful principle or technique and successfully apply it to your children's training. But, if you would simply repent and become a disciple of the man from Nazareth, if you were filled with the Holy Spirit of God, you would always have One to teach you, and there would be a sudden and radical shift in your entire life—including your relationship to your children. There it is, nothing held back. I cannot do otherwise.****

CONSISTENT WALK

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Pearl,

This a letter in response to Mr. Pearl's recent article on what makes some children raised in Christian homes follow the Lord and some not.

While in Bible school, a Christian friend asked me: "What in your home influenced you to do right?" I'd never thought about this before, but an answer quickly came to mind. "My parents loved the Lord and were consistent in their walk with him. They were the same people at home that they were in front of other Christians." He smiled a knowing smile, "I thought so; that is the same answer I have gotten from others as well."

Later I thought more about my answer and concluded that, along with the Holy Spirit's guidance, they were the single biggest influence in my life for the Lord. There have been some other people, teachers, friends, and preachers who influenced me for good, but my parents were the ones who showed a consistent, godly life in front of me each day.

Joy H.

RISE UP AND CALL THEM BLESSED - PROVERBS 31:28

Dear Mr. Pearl,

I read your article, "Jumping Ship," with great interest. I am nineteen years old, the second born (oldest girl) of ten children, and I have been home schooled all my life. I am grown now, and I share a relationship of mutual trust and respect with my mom and dad. I respect and understand their convictions because – well, they are mine, too.

My parents have guided me through some of the most critical years of a young girl's life, and I have spent much time considering how. When I was a young adolescent, (an age when many of my peers were turning towards their friends and rebelling against their parents), my ultimate desire was to listen to and please my mom and dad.

I was a weirdly-complicated twelve-year-old. I had odd questions, unrealistic fears, and unbalanced emotions. But my parents successfully met my needs. One day, though, I remember thinking, "If my dad were angry and proud, I would not respect him or listen to him." I realized that the reason he and mom had maintained my respect and love was because of their humility and wise understanding.

Looking back, I know that a lesser dad would have reacted to my emotionalism, unrealistic fears, and odd questions, but Dad didn't. I could hardly understand myself, so it was very important to me that someone else understood me. And Daddy did. He gave my hormonally-disoriented perspective balance by listening patiently and giving me compassion and firm instruction and guidance. I am sure he had to pray for lots of wisdom.

Because my adolescent development was being maintained, and because of the way they trained me in my childhood, I grew up seeing eye to eye with them. They kept me and my siblings in tune with their thinking and their reasoning, and, as a result, they did not need to lay down hard, fast rules of "You can't do this!" or "You can't do that!" For example: When I was sixteen years old, I was thoroughly convinced that dating was not to my advantage. My mom and dad believed the same thing, and, since before I was a teenager, they had prayerfully and lovingly infused me with wisdom. As a sixteen-year-old, I was an emotionally inclined individual, but despite my emotions, I was absolutely against allowing myself temporary romantic relationships. My parents' convictions had become my own.

After much pondering about it, I have come to the conclusion that among other qualities, humility and transparency have been my parents' strongest points. They have not pretended to be what they were not. They have not been perfect, but they been real, a quality which I think is important when parenting young adults.

*As I have grown out of my pre-teens, **our relationship has transitioned from that of a child's relationship to that of an adult.** I have observed that some families lose the hearts of their children because, without realizing it, they parent an eighteen-year-old in the same manner as a two-year-old.*



Thank you very much for your ministry! I am grateful for the ways you and Mrs. Pearl have helped to shape my parents' lives, and now my life and all of my siblings' lives. I know your books and writings have been prominent sources of wisdom to my parents as they have raised me.

Kind Regards,
Brice Marie

FROM A 17-YEAR-OLD YOUNG MAN

Mr. Pearl,

I do not typically read your newsletters—at least not in full, and do not often agree with much of what I read, but I just finished reading "Jumping Ship— Part II" and I literally cried with agreement as I did so.

I am a 17-year-old young man, living on a becalmed ship in stagnant waters. I've been through all of it, and I see little hope of change. I pray for it, yes, but I have been praying for six years now, and I have only one more year to go.

Thank you for your article...it encouraged me, and I only hope that I remember it, along with my experiences, when I am the captain of my own ship.

Thomas

Marriage Resources

MARRIAGE GOD'S WAY

Husbands, learn how to sanctify your wife and cleanse her of spots, wrinkles, and blemishes. You have the power to bring your wife into the fullness of all that God intended her to be. Wives, learn the freedom of honoring and ministering to your man. You can help him become all that God intended him to be.

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What God is doing through this new book is amazing! We are receiving thousands of letters from people giving testimony to marriages restored and made new. Pastors, bookstores, and teachers are ordering and reordering cases.

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You Can't Believe The Change In Me!

Dear Debi,

God has used your book to change everything about me, everything I thought about marriage that so tragically missed the mark of God's design. I could write a book myself on how miserable I have made life for the past 12 years (that's ever since we got married) I walked in odious self-righteousness. I was sure God felt sorry for me! At 37 years old, I was right on the brink of being unable to receive your teaching. At first, it was repulsive to me. "I don't want to be his dream-come-true. He doesn't deserve it!" But, somehow God's grace proved to be far greater than all my sin, and within days, I was looking into my husband's face and smiling. As evidence of his opinion of his new wife, he didn't bat an eyelash when I proposed buying a whole box of your books—and we're on a budget!

Elizabeth

Dear Debi,

I have been amused at the reaction that your new Created to be His Help Meet has caused. About half of the women I know cannot stop talking about how God has changed their lives and given them joy unspeakable and full of glory. Then, there is the other half of the ladies I know. Just the mention of the book makes them mad as fire and ready to talk about how terrible Mike Pearl is.

"He is arrogant," they say. I explain to them that Debi says women who do not like real men often confuse masculinity with arrogance. "He is not humble!" they scream, and I tell them Debi says that being a wimp is not humility—being willing to believe that God says what he means is being humble. "Debi is a wimp," they say, and I tell them they have never met you, and if they did, they would stand behind a big tree before saying that! At any rate, I tell them regardless of what they think about the Pearls—God's Word clearly states that we are responsible for obeying and reverencing our husbands, and we will stand before God for obeying or not obeying every Word he gave us regardless of today's corrupt culture. In the end, it is not the Pearls they have trouble with—it is God's Word that was so clearly spelled out in the "Help Meet" book that makes them so mad. I have not met one woman who has a wonderful marriage who did not like the book, but I know of several unhappy women who "rule" their households and who hate the book. I want a glorious marriage, so I know which side I am staying on.

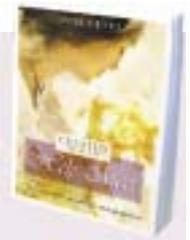
Julie

Lots of men are writing to us about Created!

Michael and Debbie,

I just ordered my second case of Created. The case was gone in a week. There are reports of our women throwing the book across the room, stomping on it, only to pick it up again and continue reading what they knew all along was true. Some mothers are giving it to about-to-be-married daughters. They say they wished they would have had this before they were married. I thank God for you and your ministry.

Ray



Dear Mr. and Mrs. Pearl,
I'm currently going through "Created to be His Help Meet," the second time. Recently, we received a product survey call. The lady asked if I was "a head of household." I smiled and told her, "No, my husband is." She insisted, "Well, you are one of the heads of household, right?" I laughed out loud.

A month ago, I might have agreed with her, but tonight her comment brought to mind the picture of a two-headed dragon. Both heads were trying to go in different directions. And so, getting frustrated, they began blowing flames and scorching each other's head. I thought about how odd it is that we can even consider a two-headed household as normal. I mean, if we saw a two-headed sheep standing out in the field, we'd rightly think, "There is something terribly wrong with that!" Our society is full of two-headed monsters. It's good to be on the outside of that frightful society.

Lois M.

I Pray an Hour every morning...

Dear Debi and Mike,

I thought the book *Created* was wonderful! Two other ladies and I have a question, though. Spiritually, it seems that you are saying that everything is to come from God to the husband, and come from him, according to your book. I (we) feel it is still VERY important to spend one-on-one time with our Lord and Master. I know I get up early and many times pray about an hour...not everyone can do that...or I should say, they could, but don't. It's something you plan and choose to make time for. Please comment, because all of these ladies who have read the book are wanting to meet together several nights to discuss what we've read. I know the above will be asked.

God bless,
Sally

Dear Sally,
Knowing the Lord and fellowshiping with Him both in spirit and in the truth of his Word is absolutely crucial. But my book was written to bring all women, not just believers, back to what they were created to be. Almost every Christian book on the market written to women is trying to get them to go deeper into their own Christian experience, so it would not have been productive for me to add to the drift. Most of the letters (many thousands) I have received from wives, where the marriages were foundering, testify of their daily seeking a higher spiritual walk. If you read enough of the letters, it is easy to see that many women have forgotten that the best way to truly honor and worship God is to obey Him. God's first and foremost WILL for wives is to be good Help Meets. True worship starts in obedience. 1 Samuel 15:22 says concerning king Saul's disobedience, "And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice...."

Maayan adlaw! (Good day!) from The Philippines. Since reading your book, I realized that the essence of submitting to my husband is really adapting, adjusting, and molding myself to him, assuming my role of being "fluid," and my husband's role of being a "solid rock" to whom I must "flow."

Michelle

Ladies Retreat

Dear Bro. and Sister Pearl,
Our Ladies Retreat last month used "Created" as the study and was it ever a blessing! Testimony after testimony from changed daughters of the Lord, finally realizing their God-given roles as help meets to their husbands! I'm one of those women! Being widowed after 26 years of marriage, then remarrying after a

few years, I've now been married to my wonderful husband for almost 16 years. So, after a total of almost 42 years of marriage, I've finally discovered what a true, Biblical help meet is! I've experienced a freedom I didn't have before. By freedom, I mean: before reading your book, I would always try to "advise" my husband in how he did things, and if he didn't take my advice, I'd fret over it and get upset with him about it (silently!). But now I just need to let him be the man of God I know him to be, and trust that God will lead him. What a freedom all this knowledge has brought me! Thank you! Thank you!

A Happy, Older Wife.

Dear Mrs. Pearl,

I waited to order the book because I felt sure that I was going to be accountable after I read it – to change my pathetic wife ways. My husband knows nothing of my reading this book, yet has made comments, such as, "I noticed you didn't buck my decision on _____" and "You didn't badger me about doing _____." My greatest sadness is that I didn't know how to be this kind of wife over the years I have been married. I hope all the years ahead will make up for my lack in the past. The area of intimacy has been a total wreck, until now. When a person comes to Christ, and marries, and then Satan makes the person feel guilty, filthy, dirty, prudish, and totally turned off by sex, we have to expose the lie. I have been so totally set free, I feel like a new woman!

A Grateful and Joyful Wife

Mrs. Pearl, ...my whole family still laughs over the story about the hill-billy woman.

Sheree

(page 16, *Created to Be His Helpmeet*)



Greatest of These is Example

WHEN YOU TRAIN A BOY TO USE A HAMMER, WHEN HE IS OLD HE WILL KNOW HOW TO USE A HAMMER.

By Debi Pearl

After 31 years of child training and 11 years of teaching others, I can testify to the absolute truth of God's promise: "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."

This is a certainty, "...he will not depart from it". Will not—not ever—not even for a short time—will not depart. "When you do God's work God's way, you never lack God's supply," said a great man of God. So, young parents, do not fret or worry when older, seemingly spiritual parents tell you they did all they could to train up their children, yet one or two of them spent time in rebellion. They may explain how outside influences or some other factor beyond their control caused God's promise to fail. But, typically, if you ask their older rebellious kids why they do not walk in truth, they will point their long judgmental finger at their mama or their daddy and give you the real answer. God keeps his promises. If you train up your child in the way he should go, then he will always go that way. I promise, but much more importantly—God promised.

Example

The bedrock of child training is example. Just today an old gentleman, whose children are long since grown, told me with a voice full of regret, acting out his words with a raised voice and pointed finger, "I always told my kids, 'Don't do what I do, you do what I say'." He spent a great deal of his life training his children to work hard. He also had them memorize lots of Scriptures, but all his children turned down a dark path in their late teens. His example of anger, and his wife's example of not honoring her husband, taught the children to be rebels. No amount of instruction or correctional training could counteract the example.

"Oh, this is terrible," you might say, "because my spouse is a big sinner and will cause our children to go astray." Not necessarily so. The Bible teaches us that if only one parent walks in truth, there is hope for the children. "...If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away. And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him. For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy" (1Cor. 7:12-14). This is another promise from a Holy God. It, too, is conditional. In our own experience, we have personally seen God bless time and time again when only one parent honored God by living in truth.

Instructional Training

Gracie, our granddaughter, is 8 months old. Every day she receives a great deal of instructional training. "Come here, Gracie. Come to Mama." "Give it to Mama, Gracie. Good girl." "Spit it out, Gracie. You are so smart." Occasionally, Gracie will reach for the eye glasses on the end of Mama Pearl's nose, and she will receive a thump to the offending hand, and a gentle rebuke of, "No." Gracie has learned what "No" means in any situation, and she reacts appropriately.

Thessa is 16 months old. Upon occasion she has the opportunity to come to the office to visit Daddy as he works. If she gets sleepy, she likes to take a nap in a softly padded cardboard box. Her daddy will always try to hear her stirring, and he will stop everything to catch that first look as she opens her sleepy little eyes. His face will shine with the brightness of love. That love is so powerful that it reaches out to her little soul and

bathes her in joy. She is being trained that she is priceless to her mama and daddy. Her soul is being conditioned to obey them, because more than anything else in this world, she wants to please her daddy. His example of joy



Trajan packing with a smile, enjoying being Dad's helper.

and appreciation is molding (training) her into a joyful little lady.

Trajan, Thessa's "big" brother, also comes to work with his daddy every chance he gets. Trajan is 6 years old, and is learning to read. His daddy has poured his life into Trajan, with instructional training. As Daddy packs boxes of books, tapes, CDs, and DVDs, he explains every step to his wonder-eyed son. "Hand me this"

and “Run and get that” keeps the little lad occupied and alert. If I ever need anything from the packing room, I don’t bother any of the packers. Trajan will know exactly where to locate the item I need. He is a well-trained packer. To my knowledge he has never actually packed a box of books, but I know that he could, because he has not been a useless kid hanging out in the packing room for the last 6 years. Trajan has been a helpful, responsive little fellow who refurbishes the shelves, carries the sacks of mail into the mail pick-up room,



Thessa helps her Dad and Mom in the shipping department. She started working as soon as she could walk.

runs countless errands, and is sure to instruct everyone to clean up their messes. Trajan, like his daddy, favors neatness and order.

Because of the enormous amount of instructional training, along with his parent’s example, Trajan needs very little correctional training. I do

remember when Trajan was about 2 years old, that he went through a time when he would whine for a “sippie cup” or complain for a toy. One or two stinging swats with a little switch would help him remember the rules, and he would be back to being his sweet self.

Responsibility training

We have a 15-year-old friend, whom I will call Kurt, to save him from the embarrassment of fame. He has taken his high school placement test, and his scores reflected college equivalence. Yet, Kurt has spent most of his days working with his dad in construction. He can do a man’s job in every area of construction, including electrical wiring. His dad is always training his son to be not only a good boy, but a smart man. I feel sorry for boys who are being trained to be school boys, because they will soon be expected to be men, but will not possess any of the skills. Kurt’s way is as clear as light. He loves the Lord, walks in truth, and enjoys working hard. He has been trained.

Correctional Training

There must have been times when his dad had to take a rod to Kurt for irritating his sisters or not coming in when he was told to do so. Yet, even though I have watched Kurt grow up, seeing him at least 4 times a week, I never saw him getting spanked. Correctional training was there, but it was such a small part of his life that I was never aware of it. Children between the ages of 2 and about 5 need to be trained to respect authority. An occasional spanking is essential to maintaining their respect for your commands. “Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him” (Proverbs 22:15). Some people think they can train a child without the rod, but the text is clear, “A servant will not be corrected by words: for though he understand he will not answer” (Proverbs 29:19). Children must be taught to answer to authority. The rod gets their attention when all else fails. “Correct thy son, and he shall give

thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul” (Proverbs 29:17). Correctional training is necessary, but...

The Greatest of These is, Example

I can remember countless times when Kurt’s dad or mom trained him how to play ball, ride a bike, swim, count change, sing harmony, lay down a hardwood floor, learn the vocabulary words in Reader’s Digest, or to help his sister learn to read. Most of Kurt’s training has been by example. Working side by side with his dad, he has come to be a conscientious and highly disciplined worker. Through Dad’s example, he learned to be courteous to his sisters and other females. Through observing his mother’s honor for his father, he learned to honor those to whom honor is due. He learned to be a strong confident man, a gentleman, a hard worker, a kind helper, a skilled craftsman, and an energetic ball player, all by example and relaxed instruction. His parents said with their lives, “Follow me and do as I do.”

Kurt was trained to love the Lord and walk in truth by the example he saw at home. His parents were the same in public as they were at home—not perfect, but the same. They would be the first to tell you that they are not perfect, but it is clear that there is no pretense of spirituality, no false humility, acting one way in public and another way at home. They do not have any secret sins of the flesh that they must hide from their church friends.

Bad Example

Just today, we received a call concerning a pastor’s family. For many years, this family has been a public example of discipline, higher education, principled spirituality, and submission. Yet, one son is suicidal, one daughter physically abuses herself to the point of possible death, and some of the other children are emotionally disturbed from the excessive anger and physical abuse they receive at home. These grown children are not just jumping ship for a better one; they are simply jumping overboard

into the raging sea. After listening to a list of terrible woes, I asked, “He is not still a pastor, is he?” The reply was surprising, “Yes, no one knows, of course, about the anger or abuse, and everyone wants to show love toward the pastor, and are therefore sympathetic concerning problems with their older children. And, of course, some of his children are fine.” This pastor and his wife are a walking lie. A great big lie. Young families in the church look on and lose their courage to believe God’s promises, because what seems to be so right is

ending up so wrong. God speaks of this in his word.

16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

20 Wherefore by their fruits ye

shall know them” (Matthew 7:16-20).

Gracie, Thessa, Trajan, and Kurt are all being trained. If you train up a boy to use a hammer correctly, when he becomes a man he will know how to use a hammer. If you train down (by neglect) a boy to lazily sit around and eat too much, when he is a man he will be lazy and fat and given to other fleshly weaknesses. On the other hand, if you train a toddler to respond to commands, when she gets to be a teenager and you say “no,” she will receive your “no” as final and not slip around behind your back. But if your teenager sees your look of disgust or irritation toward your husband when your husband displeases you, then know this, you are doing some heavy-duty training in that teenager’s life. By your example, you are training that teen to sneer and rebel against you anytime you do not give in to her youthful whims. But if you love and honor your husband, and if your husband is kind to the old lady down the street, then when your teen is offered a seat behind a computer that is displaying porn, he will remember that unhappy family you have been trying to help, and he will want no part in sin. Because, when you train a child in the way he should go, he will not depart from it. **



No Greater Joy is growing. Missionary TJ lends a hand while home. Paul learns by his example.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Pearl,

I am Hannah Miller. I am writing to thank you for your article on the Cookie Mama. I have been studying Proverbs 31 with my Mom, and am learning about being a Godly woman. I sell cookies to many customers. I make them on Wednesday and sell them on Thursday and Friday. The local store buys me out every week. I have a bank account to save money for my future life.

Love, Hannah

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Pearl,

Many times, we’ve wanted to write and thank you for your straightforward words regarding child training. An event recently happened in our lives that has finally

made us write to you. We know that many people scoff at the idea of early potty training, But five days ago, our five-month-old son had a high fever which led to a seizure.

Of course, the physician wanted to run some tests to rule out serious illness, so he was placed in the hospital overnight. We hated seeing him “poked” for blood tests. When we heard the doctor say they’d take a urine sample by catheterization, we didn’t really like the sound of, in this case, a very “unnecessary” poke. My husband asked the nurses for a cup so that our son could give his urine sample. Of course, they doubted his request. So he explained briefly that we’ve begun early potty training, and that he’ll often go in the potty. He did! Our son woke up

right after my husband came back, and gave his sample in the cup! We were so excited that he didn’t have to get poked yet one more time! We would have never thought that this could be one “good” reason for early training, and we hope no one else will ever have to be in this situation, but since we were, it was certainly a blessing! Thanks!

Steve and Denise

Dear Pearls,

We’ve been getting your newsletter for 4 years now, and I confess to being appalled by your bluntness at first. Now I appreciate your no-frills direct approach.

D

Restful Sleep

AN EASY HERBAL RECIPE FOR YOUR FAMILY

By Faith Byers

I was introduced to this wonderful herb tincture soon after my first child was born. He was a very fussy baby. It seemed he had some colic besides other problems. The tincture didn't cure his colic but it sure helped us through a difficult time.

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Beka (Pearl) Anast demonstrates using the jar method of the tincture recipe.

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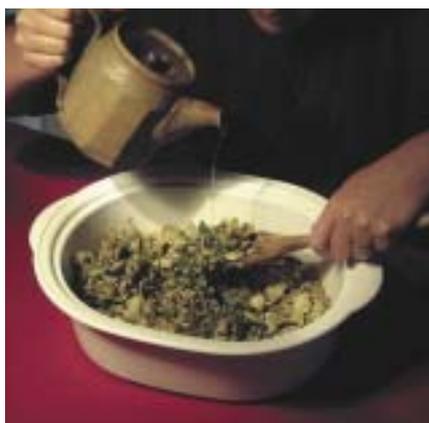
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- ¼ cup each of:
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 - Peppermint
 - Passion flower
 - Catnip
 - Oatstraw
- 1 Tablespoon of Hops
- 1 Tablespoon of Valerian
(omit this herb for babies)

Pour 1-cup of boiling water over herbs and let set for a few minutes. Fill jar to within ½ inch of the top with food grade glycerin, and put lid on jar. Use a crockpot that has a “low” or “warm” setting. Set the jar(s) on a cloth in warm water in the crock pot *or* on the backside of wood burning stove to stay very warm for 3 days. Stir at least once each day. Strain, discard used herbs, and bottle the dark, aromatic liquid herbal glycerin. Label, and keep in a dark cool place until needed.

*To make a larger batch of this tincture, skip the jars, fill the crockpot directly (shown below) with the herbal mixture and proceed with the rest of the recipe.



Beka (Pearl) Anast demonstrates the direct crockpot method of the recipe. Pottery from applepottery.com

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Steve

P.S. Thank you so much for making this teaching available. Understanding Romans is setting me free from a lifetime of bondage!

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Dear Michael and Debi,

I just wanted to write a note to thank you for your ministry to military personnel. A month or two ago, I submitted the names of a man at my church and his wife, along with a check to cover expenses. They were both delighted to get the boxes of materials. Today, that man was killed in a plane crash in Iraq. He leaves behind a wife and 3 children under the age of 12. I hope you will pray for them.

Sincerely,

Shannon



Dear Pearls,

I am a deployed soldier who received one of your free packages, and I want to so sincerely thank you for your Godly teachings with much wisdom. It has taught my wife and me much. I have only been home for 5 months of our year-and-a-half marriage and got to meet our son for a short period of time. Your books on training up a child are exciting to read, and I can't wait to apply those principles. My wife loved Created To Be His Help Meet. Thanks for the encouragement and teachings that help inspire my personal relationship with the Living God.

God Bless, Chad



From a soldier's wife:

I just wanted to drop a short note and let you know the packet arrived today. The kids were so excited. Thank you so much for providing a little extra joy in our lives in our time of need.

M.



IT'S A BOY!

Jeremiah James Easling (7th grandchild) honored his Big Papa and Momma Pearl by being born (Aug 22) on their 35th wedding anniversary! Congratulations James and Shoshanna and Good Job Jeremiah!

AND... IT'S A GIRL!

Little Miss Pearl was born to Gabe and Lori Pearl, on August 28, 2005 as this newsletter went to press.

ISRAELI HEALTH MINISTER ISSUES SOY WARNING

Israel Speaks Out Stronger Than Any Other Nation

The Israeli Health Minister strongly recommends that consumption of soy foods be limited for young children and adults and that soy formula be avoided altogether for infants. Dr. Daniel noted that there are hundreds of studies linking soy foods and soy infant formula to digestive problems, thyroid dysfunction, ADD/ADHD, dementia, reproductive disorders and even cancer. "The Israeli Ministry took this matter very seriously and based its advice upon the conclusions reached by a 13-member committee of nutritionists, oncologists, pediatricians and other specialists who spent more than a year examining the evidence. The committee concluded that the estrogen-like plant hormones in soy can cause adverse effects on the human body, including cancer promotion and reproductive problems. They strongly urged that consumption of soy foods be minimized until absolute safety has been proven." See the article under the above title at:

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The Magic Cape

By Rebekah Joy (Pearl) Anast

Ryshoni Joy is almost 2 years old now. Thanks to her big brother, Rysha is one tough little girl. One day when Rysha was only 8 months old (and before I could intervene), Joe roared like a lion right in her face. He intended to frighten her, but to his great surprise, his baby sister opened her mouth and roared right back at him. So fierce was her response, Joe fell backward in alarm.

I used to wonder how I was going to teach her to be a lady. How could I make ladyhood appealing to a toddler who simply thrived on getting muddy, jumping on the trampoline, pretending to be a dinosaur or alligator, and playing with Daddy's tools? She is so beautiful and feminine in looks, that is, if you deduct the scratches, bruises, and dirt acquired in a ten-minute excursion outdoors. Then, one day, revelation fell on me quite unexpectedly.

I was going through my box of sewing material and dug out a one-yard

scrap of blue satin. I tossed it aside to throw away later and heard a gasp of delight. My green-eyed, tomboy tyke was holding it reverently in her dirty, scratched-up hands. She managed to throw it over her head and wrap it around her shoulders like a cape, while murmuring "nice, nice..." under her breath. Her expression and demeanor were completely different for a fleeting moment before she lost her grip on the slippery satin and it slid to the floor. I told her I would "fix it", and immediately sat down to cut out and sew a floor-length cape with hood and button to fasten it. She stood nearby patiently for half an hour, reverently stroking the shiny satin cloth. At last the royal cape was finished. I wrapped it around my little tomboy and buttoned it closed. Silence fell in the room. A low chuckle emerged from the satin



hood, then another and another as Rysha began to twirl and swish and dance.

"Wow. Rysha is beautiful!" Joe announced with amazement. It wasn't the 30-minute cloak that was beautiful. It was our Ryshoni. Her very posture and facial poise had changed as she glided around the house like a little princess. That evening she wanted some of my facial cream and to have her hair brushed. She began to request "pretty dresses" in the morning and laugh with delight when she was "clean and pretty like a lady."

Most days Ryshoni Joy still likes to run around like the second boy of the family. She is still rambunctious and mischievous. When I need my little "girl" to appear, I get out the magic cape. I don't mind having a tomboy when the days are sunny, for I rejoice in my spirit, knowing that she most assuredly is a lady in waiting.



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