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*no greater joy*



*I have no greater **JOY** than to hear  
that my children walk in **TRUTH**.  
3 John 4*



# THE OLD COAT

How do you like that junky old pinkish coat Mike is sporting on the cover of the magazine? It goes back well over forty years. We were at a flea market when Mike spied a huge pile of heavy wool material for just a few dollars. He rubbed his hands over it and said, "This would make me a great warm winter coat and I would love to have one long enough so my middle is not always cold." He is tall, was skinny, and is long-waisted, so regular tee shirts stop short of his waist, and shirts never stay tucked in his pants. Winter was coming soon and he was tired of having a cold tummy. The extra-large coats are designed for bulky men, plus back then who could afford clothes made for tall men?

Making that coat was a chore—a big chore for me and my sewing machine—but Mike wanted it so Mike got it. I made myself proud, doing a splendid job. I was young, and when you are young you can leap mountains. As you can see from the photo that old coat still keeps him cozy warm. Over the years it has been patched many times and I have threatened to throw it out, but he says if I do I will have to make another . . . and that isn't going to happen.

The old coat reminds me of the fruit of our life. You never know what things you accomplish that might last a lifetime, and it's even harder to see what ministry you do that will change eternity. Today we are reaping wonderful benefits from people we reached 40 years ago. I think of the old

saying, "Only one life, will soon be past; only what's done for Christ will last."

In your youth it is hard to see what is important. We are driven to succeed, be entertained, or have friends, and these natural desires in life can rob you of what is truly eternal. Thankfully God uses us anyway. For more years than most of you have lived we have sown a little seed here and there: one gospel tract given; a person told about Jesus; Bible class twice a week in season and out; one heart changed and then another. Man sows but God gives the increase, and the increase increases with the years. Here a little, with interest over the years, creates a bountiful harvest far beyond our meager input. The secret to storing up in heaven is to not wait until you have an overabundance of time, talent, opportunity, courage, skill, initiative, etc. Sow in season and out of season as your primary purpose in life. Our years are made up of our days. Who and what you are today is what you will have tomorrow, only more so. ~ Debi

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# 50 YEARS and we STILL do!

August 22, 2021, marked our 50th anniversary. It has been an interesting 50 years.

In 1971 Mike was an ordained Southern Baptist but was pastoring an Independent Baptist Church. The church's main focus was the military because it was in a military town during the Vietnam War. I was just one of the girls in the church. If you have read my book, *Created to Be His Help Meet*, then you know the crazy story of how we came together in just eight days. I will have the office put it on

sale so you can acquire a copy.

We were such an odd match that even the people we worked closest with didn't believe it when we said we were getting married. One of the women at our college reunion said, "Mike was the hottest, most-sought-after hunk in the entire college." God knew Mike needed a girl who had been raised by a mama who put up with everything. My dad was a fine man, but Mama surely did put up with a lot. Thankfully, she taught me well.

You would think that being a Baptist pastor would be a stabilizing influence, but it wasn't. Shortly after we married, Mike left structured Christianity to seek a revival of the local church. I was very skinny and not because I was dieting. Once on our way to a commune in California we went frog gigging on the Rio Grande River because we were hungry and penniless. Another time we picked greens on a hill with a tornado just down the road after the homeowners fled to shelter. It was all quite thrilling with our travel trailer rocking and turnip greens cooking.

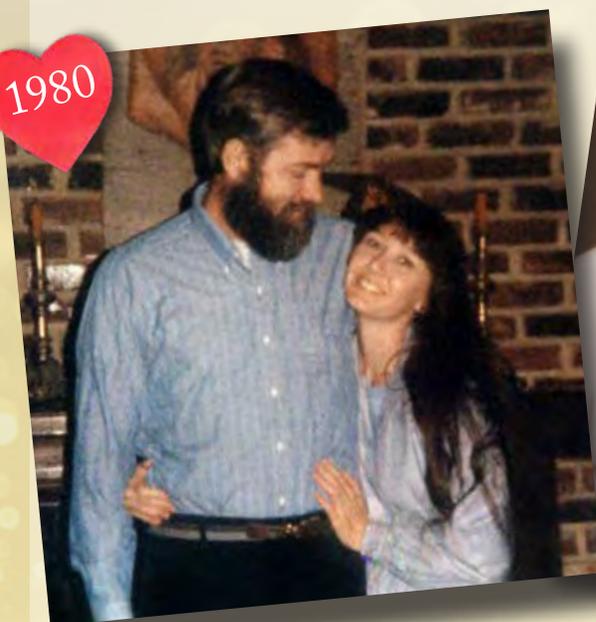
God knew I thrived on adventure and dreaded boredom, so HE blessed me with Mike—although I did pitch a few epic fits when things got to be too much. God was forging us together and discovering who we were and what we were made of. He was getting us ready. Hidden in every trying circumstance was an opportunity to build our faith and to see God move. Over the last 50 years God used all the stress, sickness, poverty, being forced to learn new trades, people trouble, family trouble, trouble

with the law over homeschooling, and much more to forge into us his desire.

We spent our first year wandering, then settled down back in Millington, Tennessee, and continued to minister to the military through a different ministry he and three other men established. Mike made an income any way he could and I helped any way he needed. Once we painted three big church buses. He painted signs for stores. He built kitchen cabinets for a few years. The longest work he ever did was painting pictures and selling his art. For 15 Christmas seasons we rented a kiosk at a local mall and basically made our year's living during those four weeks. The rest of the year we ministered daily. They were prosperous years and a good time raising the kids, ministering, and doing artwork, except Mike almost died a few times with various odd diseases. Thankfully I am an artist, too, so when he came down with his weird sicknesses, I could keep the business going.

During those years we loved the ministry because people were open to the gospel. It was exciting winning

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thousands of military men to Jesus—ten to twenty most weeks. Mike taught the new believers Bible classes several times a week. We still hear from some old, retired military guys every once in a while. Two of the men are still part of our lives and ministry. Mike did everything with the same intensity whether he was rabbit hunting or evangelizing. His biggest fault was lack of patience, and that is still his main hang-up. One of my office personnel was laughing about him just this week, saying, “I can’t imagine how he was when he was young because now that he is really old he still runs everywhere he goes and will not wait for anything or anybody.” I told her he hasn’t changed his gait at all. I am a lot slower.

About 33 years ago the military ministry was winding down due to the base closing. We had five children and were fighting the establishment to keep homeschooling. Mike decided it was time to head to the hills. We sold everything and bought one hundred acres of unimproved timberland. We spent every dime we made off the sale of our home in Memphis for land in middle Tennessee. My parents helped us move. It was a major chore. In the first week Mike built a 20’ by 15’ cabin for us to winter in. It was quite crowded with all those kids. We laughed and called ourselves “white trash.” Since we didn’t have a bathtub, the name fit us well.

Right off Mike started sharing the gospel with the outcast young people of the Amish and the local pot-smoking hillbillies. It was interesting to us to find that some of the smartest people we had ever met were right up here in these hills. Within a few weeks there were enough folks saved to start meetings and Bible studies in our home.

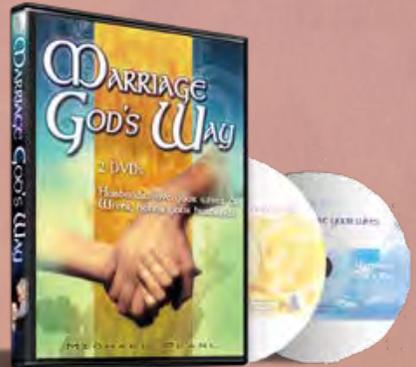
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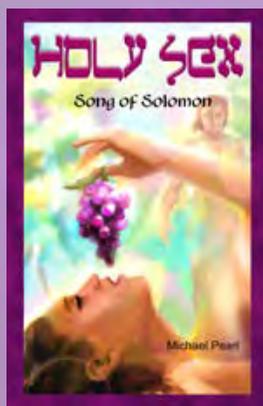


After three or four years of building a larger house and barns and ministering locally, a dear friend invited Mike to come to Texas to speak in a home church. While there, a lady asked how we had trained our children to be so dutiful and happy and how we had caused them to be interested in evangelism? Mike told her he would respond in a letter. One of the men of that church gave us an old 386 computer, the first computer we had ever seen. There was no such thing as Internet at that time—at least not where we lived. Mike tied into learning how to use a computer with the same intensity he does everything else. He learned to type in one week and started writing that letter about raising kids. He has always been long-winded so the

letter grew to be over 150 pages long . . . and boring. He didn't have any stories in it, and stories make the world go round, at least in the world of writing. I read it and gave him a story to include. I read some of it to the kids and they suggested other stories and told some of the things the Amish families did. He reworked his long letter, printed it, and I mailed it to a few people we had ministered to over the years. They returned it full of red ink, correcting all the misspellings and grammar. Mike worked long hours correcting everything and adding more and more stories. I read it and was amazed how interesting it was. I knew we had a book. I studied advertising from some stuff I had purchased at a yard sale and went to the library and read the magazines available there. I picked one out and sent off a very simple hand drawn advertisement. Uncle Bubba (brother-in-law) paid for the first printing. I sent a copy of our new book, *To Train Up a Child*, to 40 people we had ministered to over the years, people in a position to influence others. The advertisement came out about the same time. Within two months *No Greater Joy* was born and we were suddenly famous authors. We had a lot to learn as we eventually sold over a 700,000 of that first book in English, and many more copies in ten languages.

*No Greater Joy Ministries* has been like a runaway, steam-driven locomotive that we had no ability to slow down regardless of the mess we made. We were forced to clean up our writing style. We were pushed to write more and more books and keep the magazine going. There were times we both

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felt we were way out of our element. Mike's natural drive was to teach the Bible verse by verse and to evangelize, but our readers needed child and marriage training. It was a labor for us to develop this side of the ministry. God was building the foundation of the work that was to come. Book followed book, some becoming international best sellers. We never took royalties, but we did start taking a low salary once the ministry was able to sustain us.

When God calls a man to do his work, usually the call goes out to others to help make it happen. Moses had his brother Aaron, David had Jonathan, and so on. God was very generous with us when it comes to loyal, lifelong, faithful friends. Over the years we have had some amazing collaborators, people that God handpicked to help us do what needed doing. Most of what goes on in the office is above our pay grade. In the evenings after the office has closed and everyone has gone, we have walked from chair to empty chair in the office, laying hands on one and then the other, thanking God for bringing that laborer to *No Greater Joy*.

About 20 years ago Mike wrote and put together (along with the amazing professional artist, Danny Bulanadi) the story of the Bible in picture book format. From that point on it was crystal clear to us why God had raised us up. Our main focus since then has been to reach the entire world with the gospel using this book called *Good and Evil*. It is now in about 60 languages and reaches millions of people over the Internet. There is never a minute in the day that hundreds are not reading this Bible story. The *Good and Evil* book clearly tells God's story of redemption. Muslims are especially open to reading it. It is available as a free download and we advertise in many different ways so people in closed countries can easily find it. And as an added bonus straight from the throne of God in answer to my youthful prayers, prisoners all over America get the hardcopy book for free. Your gifts and the sales of our literature support these endeavors.

Our staff shares our vision to get the gospel to the whole world while there is yet time. Without them we could do little. Pray with us that God will continue to raise

Welcome # 27  
Pearl Grandbaby!!  
Daniel Simeon Pearl

(Son of Gabe & Elizabeth Pearl)

came into this world on  
June 11, 2021  
Weighing in at 9lbs and  
21 3/4 inches long.



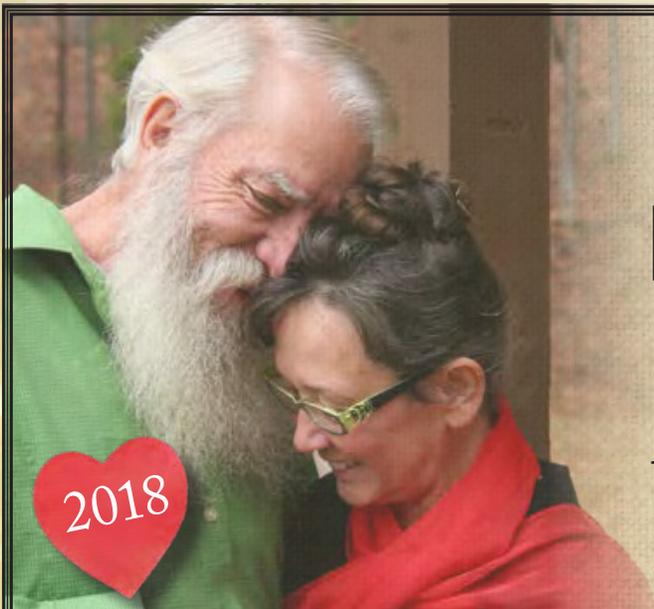
up faithful laborers to this end. I know most of you reading this know that over the years Mike has won fifteen **World Knife and Tomahawk Throwing Championships**. He was 72 the last time he won and that is quite amazing. He did the knife-throwing thing like he has done all of life—with all his might and then some. Winning the championship is like getting the gold medal in the **Olympics**. It is competing against folks from all walks of life and from all over the world. All the throwers have a handle or a nickname they use professionally. You don't decide on your moniker; it just sort of happens as they get to know you. Somebody who didn't know Mike's name and needed to tell him something must have looked at his old worn-out hat, his long, shaggy gray beard, and his six-foot-four-inch lanky frame and yelled, "Hey, Hillbilly." Some of the more sensitive knife throwers hesitated at first to call Mike by his new name, but that is all we are—just hillbillies from Tennessee that God breathed on to do a particular job.

When we were young I would fill out those sweepstakes things and

pray as I mailed them, "God please give us a million dollars so we can buy **Chick tracts** to put in all the prisons over the land." I believed with all my heart God would answer this call of my heart to get the gospel message out. God loves to bless abundantly. My vision was so small, so limited. God had a much greater, grander, and more glorious plan than I could have ever imagined. My advice for the young couple is to pray **BIG**. Dream **BIG**. Enjoy the ride. Have faith that God will deliver.

Mike will be 76 years old when you read this, so clearly our story is almost finished. We are tying up the last strings of life and thinking of glory more and more. I want to hear the Savior say to both of us, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant. You were given one talent but you have multiplied it to ten." And I will smile when he winks at me, "And Debi, you put up with that rascal, so you are receiving a special reward for being an overcomer." But I know he knows how tenderly I have been loved.

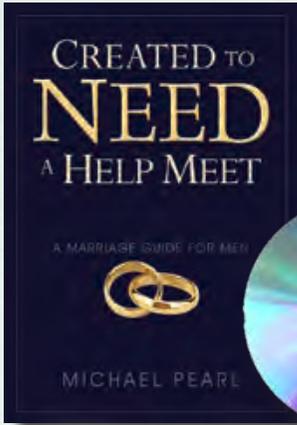
So, happy 50th anniversary to us. It has been a grand adventure and the best is yet to come. ■



Pray **BIG**  
Dream **BIG**  
& **ENJOY**  
the ride!

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by Shad Williams

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was saved! Helping a person become religious, or successful, or prosperous, may aid him in this life, but helping him get born again will help him for eternity! Any activity that fails to point a person to Jesus for real salvation is ultimately a waste of time—mine and his. ■

Shad Williams, missionary  
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## BLAST FROM THE PAST - LATE 1960's



Shad was a little red-headed dynamo of a guy, a true visionary/prophet. Mike was a large, intense leader, an unmistakable king/command man. Both men were full of energy and zeal for God. They put together a gospel preaching band and set out to reach the young Navy and Marines with the gospel before they shipped out to Vietnam. For several years every Friday evening several hundred young men filled the

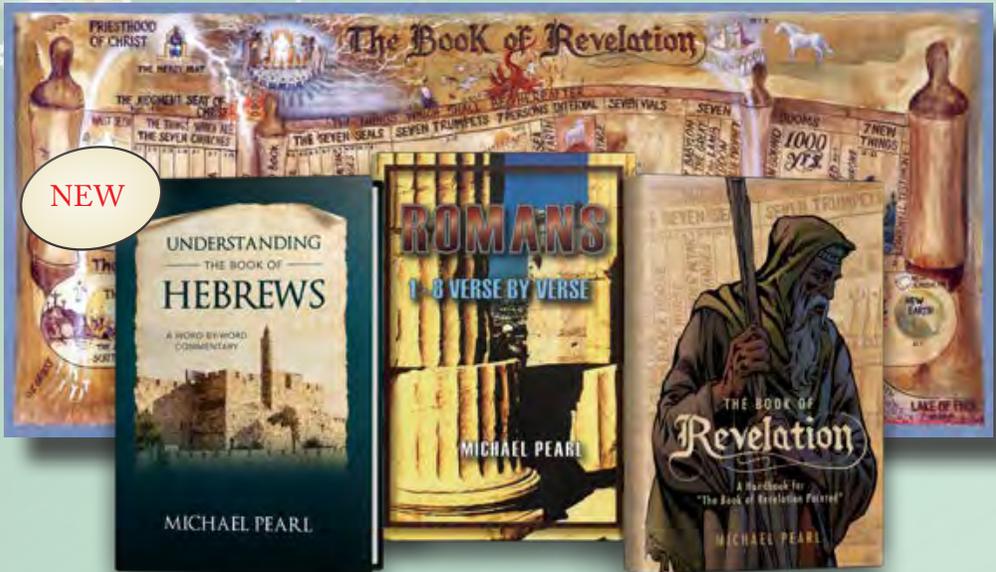
house. Shad and his band entertained and then Mike preached the gospel. Thousands got saved. As the war began to wind down, Shad went on to minister in an international street ministry, and Mike wrote the book *To Train Up a Child*. The two men were busy serving in different corners of the world, but they kept in touch. Now they are ministering together again using *Good & Evil* book!

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# A MULE has two BRAINS

by Michael Pearl

Just the other day, I heard an old mule trainer make one of the wisest statements about child training I have ever heard.

He was not talking about children; he was talking about one of the most notoriously stubborn animals that man ever made. You read it correctly—man makes mules. God wouldn't make anything that contrary. Horses and donkeys won't breed in the wild. They have to be coerced into breeding, and the result is an animal as strong-willed as any four-year-old that ever humiliated his mother in public.

The expert mule trainer said, "A mule has two brains: one Acting Brain and one Reacting Brain." He was not talking about the physiology

of the mule; he was talking about its psychology. He went on to explain that as long as the mule is calm, he is thinking and trying to relate to you. In that mental state, you are able to communicate with him and he is able to discern what you want and how to please you.

But if you push the mule too far and respond to him in anger or frustration, he decides that he cannot please you and he starts reacting to your aggression with his own aggression or with flight. Your goal is to get the mule to voluntarily cooperate with you—to think and to act. If you get upset and the mule gets confused, he starts reacting instead of acting. In that disturbed state, the mule is not capable of learning

anything other than to fear you and resist you. When he stops trusting you and thinking in terms of pleasing you, you may intimidate or beat him into submission, but you have not trained him. If you swing at someone and they duck, you have not trained them to bow in respect. You have clearly gotten a reaction, but not an action that you can expect them to voluntarily repeat in response to a verbal command.

Isn't it interesting that animal trainers know the importance of understanding and of patience in training? Most parents treat their children like wayward rebels to be managed, not trained, acting more like correctional officers just trying to survive until their shift changes. They ignore their children until their behavior becomes so irritating that the parents are provoked into reacting. When they finally confront them and trade verbal punches, inevitably one of them gives up in exasperation. Everybody is reacting and bouncing off of the others' displeasure. Then parents wonder why their kids are never trained.

Remember what the mule trainer said, and apply it here. When the kids stop functioning in their Acting Brain and start functioning

in their Reacting Brain, you may eventually intimidate them into compliance with sufficient threats and manipulations, but you have not trained them in the least. They will learn to avoid doing certain things because of the consequences, but they will never under those circumstances develop any character. They will not respect you, honor you, or want to emulate you in any way. They will react to you until they get to be a full-grown mule, and then they will kick you into reality.

The mule trainer went on to say that you must win the confidence of the stubborn mule. You must lead him to trust you when you are in the training pen with him. He must be relaxed. If you sense that the mule is tense, don't try to get him to obey a difficult command. Win his confidence and get his attention before you proceed any further.

What wisdom! Many of you say with feigned indignity, "But my child is not a mule!" No, he is not. So why do you give less attention to training him than does a man training a mule? Why do you think your child should be able to function well under tension and pressure when a thousand-pound mule cannot? Why not be at least as patient and thoughtful as a mule trainer?



You must  
**WIN HIS**  
CONFIDENCE

Quoting Bible verses to a distraught four-year-old is about as effective as quoting them to a mule.

So, now that I have described your situation exactly, what can you do to reverse this trend? Start by convincing your child that you have goodwill toward him, that you are delighted with him, that he makes your life full and rich. You can't do this in times of confrontation. You would look and feel like an imbecile if you started warm, fuzzy talk with him when the kid simply needs re-buking. In the good times, take your child by the hand and do something fun together. Enjoy his projects. Laugh at his antics. Call someone else, and let your son hear you tell them how smart or strong or tough he is. Be creative in devising ways to be pleased with your child.



Remember this well: As a parent, it is your responsibility to cultivate a mutual feeling of goodwill between you and your children. When your child can relax in your presence, then—and only then—you can train him in obedience that leads to character. When your relationship gets confrontational, the only thing you can communicate is that you are tougher than he is. He needs to be assured of your toughness, but it is pitiful indeed if that is the sole basis

of his obedience.

So let's finish where we started. A child (like a mule) has two brains: an Acting (thinking) Brain and a Reacting Brain. The reacting mental state is not a trainable condition; the thinking brain is. So learn to think and act; don't wait until both of you are reacting. Don't let your son grow up to be a mule, for you already know what that is like. ■

*Dear Mr. Pearl*

*Thank you for this article. While I understand you are not referring to special needs children here specifically, I can't help but think how very relevant this is in parenting children with special needs like autism. My 14-year-old son has high functioning autism and part of parenting him has been learning to decipher if his panicky behavior or meltdown, etc. was in response to his sensory processing disorder (in other words, being overwhelmed by sights, smells, touch, etc.) or if he was willfully disobeying. Being able to differentiate the two makes a world of difference. We also homeschool, and I can tell you that when his senses are overwhelmed, very little learning takes place and I have to work around this or change our strategy for that day. When my son's nervous system is calm he is in a much better position to rationalize, understand and follow instructions, learn his schoolwork and get along with his brother. After years of therapies, diet, vitamins, herbs, etc. under the care of physicians, I'm pleased to say he's come a long way and this article reiterates, in a round-about way, what many special-needs parents find helpful. Thank you.*

*Melanie*

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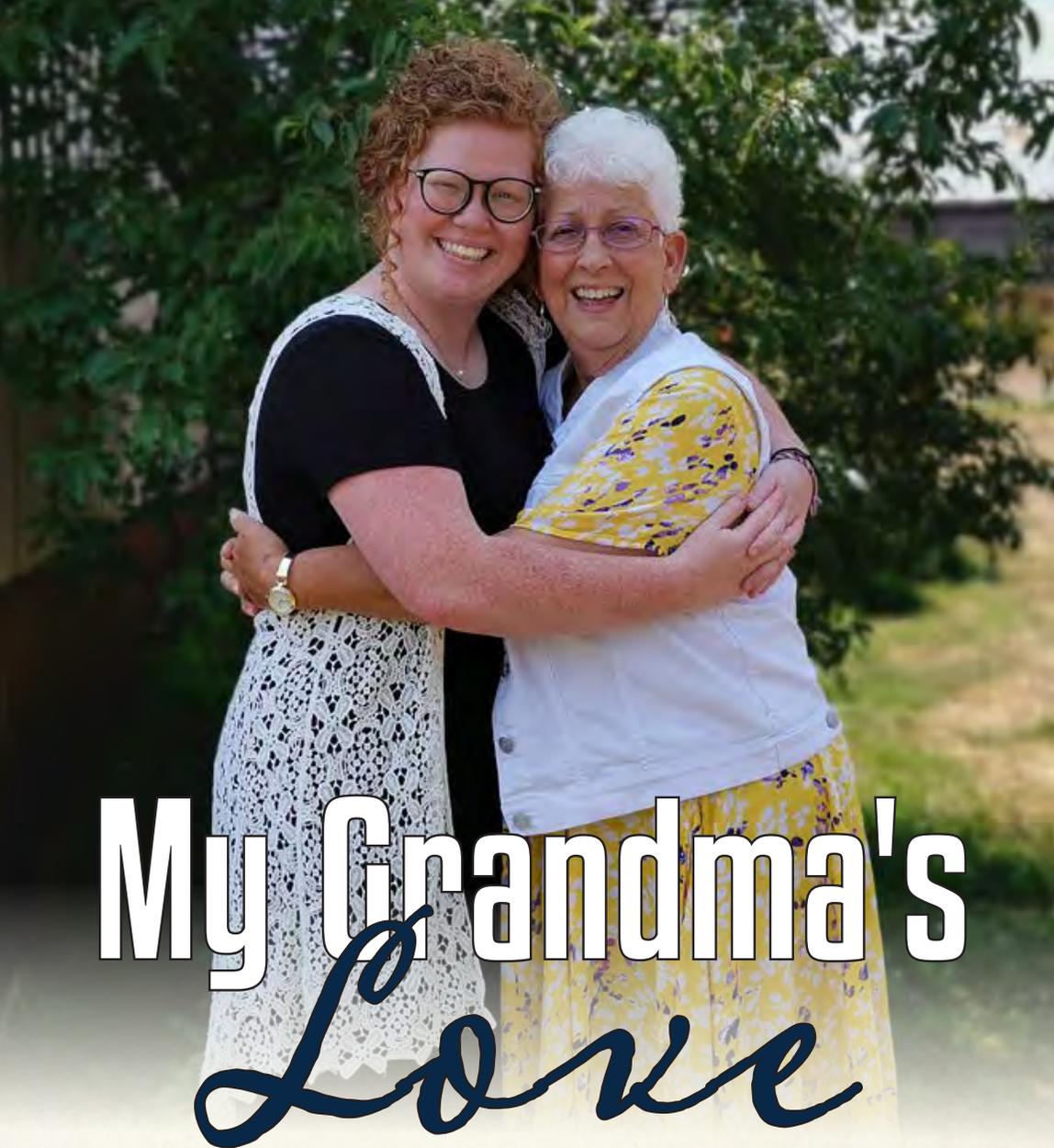
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# My Grandma's Love

by Amber Gullickson

I have a chain-smokin' grandma and I want to tell you all about her!

Generally when I talk about my grandma, I mention her laugh or the fact that as we walk outside admiring her flowers along her front walk, she makes me feel like a small child again taking a walk with grandma. Or my favorite—and where I get my sweet tooth from—she always has some kind of chocolate in her fridge just waiting for us to get there! When

we were little kids at Ninaw's (that is what we call our mama's mom), our mama tended to let Ninaw spoil us a bit and not have to ask her permission every time we wanted to splurge on her chocolate. Now as an adult with younger and grown siblings and nephews, if you come to my house, you will find I have carried on the “chocolate drawer” just as Ninaw always has.

All of that to say this: I love my

grandmother. I think about her, pray for her, and count the days until I can see her again in person. She is a chain smoker but I never thought of her as that, and I will tell you why.

When I was about 17 years old, some people we were close to were making choices we did not agree with, and I have to say my attitude toward them was a little rotten. Thoughts of “how could they do this?” swirled around in my head. I can clearly remember sitting at our family’s supper table, my favorite time of day. As the conversation turned to this topic, something was said that, although it was not untrue, should not have been spoken. I can still hear the words my parents shared with us. “Beware of judging and condemning someone. You are ONE choice away from being right in their spot.”

I remember feeling like the air in my lungs was sucked out all at once. Why did I ever think I was in a place to know what brought that person to where they are now? Here I was, still sitting in the safety of my parents’ home, surrounded by a loving family who, through it all, was always going to be there. I never had to make choices that might put me RIGHT in that same spot.

I have never forgotten that bit of wisdom my

parents shared with us that day. I do not see the cigarette hanging from my grandma's mouth; I see the love in her eyes and her smile when she sees me. I don't see the smoke billowing around her; I hear her laughing to the point she has tears in her eyes as one of my siblings or I do something outrageous! I don't smell the smoke; I smell a pot roast she lovingly cooked so we would have a hot meal after traveling all day to see her. I don't hear the raspy laugh of a smoker; I hear the laugh of a woman I love so dearly.

On the flip side, I know that everyone is ONE decision from choosing Jesus Christ just as I have, and only through Jesus can their life be changed! How exciting is that? You, as a child of God, are a walking, talking testament of Jesus Christ! Every day you influence how people see God. Are they going to see someone with a prideful look or someone who has the confidence of the Holy Spirit in them? Will they find love or someone who condemns? Will they see an unhappy, sorry excuse for a human or someone who shines with the joy of Jesus? Take time to love others instead of being their judge. One day they will stand before God Almighty, and I don't want them to point at me and say,



“Well, God, that is the example I had of you, and she is a judgmental, miserable hypocrite.” Look at people through the eyes of a God who loves them just as much as he does you.

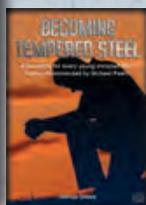
I will be the first to say I still struggle with a thought of condemnation and judgment toward people both lost and saved, but I am aware of it now and am able to put it aside and look into my own life and remember I am one step from being in their shoes.

Matthew 7:5 says, *"Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye."* God gives us this reminder because we need reminding.

Let's keep reminding ourselves we have our own problems to work on and stop looking at others as if we are better than they are. ■  
(Amber is my right hand lady! ~Debi)

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# Wow!

## Did you know?

by Michael Pearl

I was assisting my 44-year-old son Gabe who was doing some up-grade work on NGJ property. As I was dumping a bucket load of creek gravel inside some concrete forms he held up his hand in an emergency signal that said, “STOP,” motioning for me to come take a look. There cascading down the pile was about 25 turtle eggs. When I had removed the gravel from the gravel bar I had inadvertently scoped up the eggs. So we carefully collected them to be returned and reburied, but first I would show them to the grandkids.

When my children were young, I constantly shared “amazing” facts with them—most of it true. Kids are easily impressed with the great wisdom we adults spout off with the greatest of ease. I love the look of WOW! on their little faces. I didn’t

realize at the time that I was instilling a competitive spirit in the kids, a lust to possess and share such rare bits of knowledge denied ordinary dumb mortals. When they got to the age where they could read a significant amount of material, they searched for that rare fact that would impress. I saw the triumph on their faces the first time they bested me with knowledge. My reign slowly eroded until today my most repeated phrase when I am around the boys is, “No, tell me.” I quietly listen to their superior knowledge and try not to have that “Wow” look on my face. You would think they would have mercy on their 75-year-old father and stop trying to be smarter. With the web it is so easy to gather impressive facts and be the wisest guy in the room.

So, just as expected, Gabe said,

“Did you know, the sex of the turtle is determined by the heat of the soil in which the eggs are laid?” I responded with my now usual, “No, I didn’t know that.” Although, I probably did know it, but just forgot with them not around to keep me sharp. I could see Gabe was once again deeply gratified to have told his old Pop something he didn’t know.

About thirty minutes later, my four-year-old grandson Lincoln came up to where we were working. Here was another chance to impress and create the “Wow” look.

As Gabe and I showed the eggs to Lincoln, he turned to Gabe and said, “Did you know that the sex of the turtles is determined by the heat in the soil?” Gabe and I shared a “Wow” look and both felt a little dumber. Gabe asked, almost accusingly, “How do you know that?” “I’m home-schooled. We learn things like that.” I have to admit I was thrilled that Gabe was humbled. I think he has been spending more time on YouTube trying to come up with something to “Wow” his four-year-old nephew. ■

*P.s. The turtles hatched two days later*

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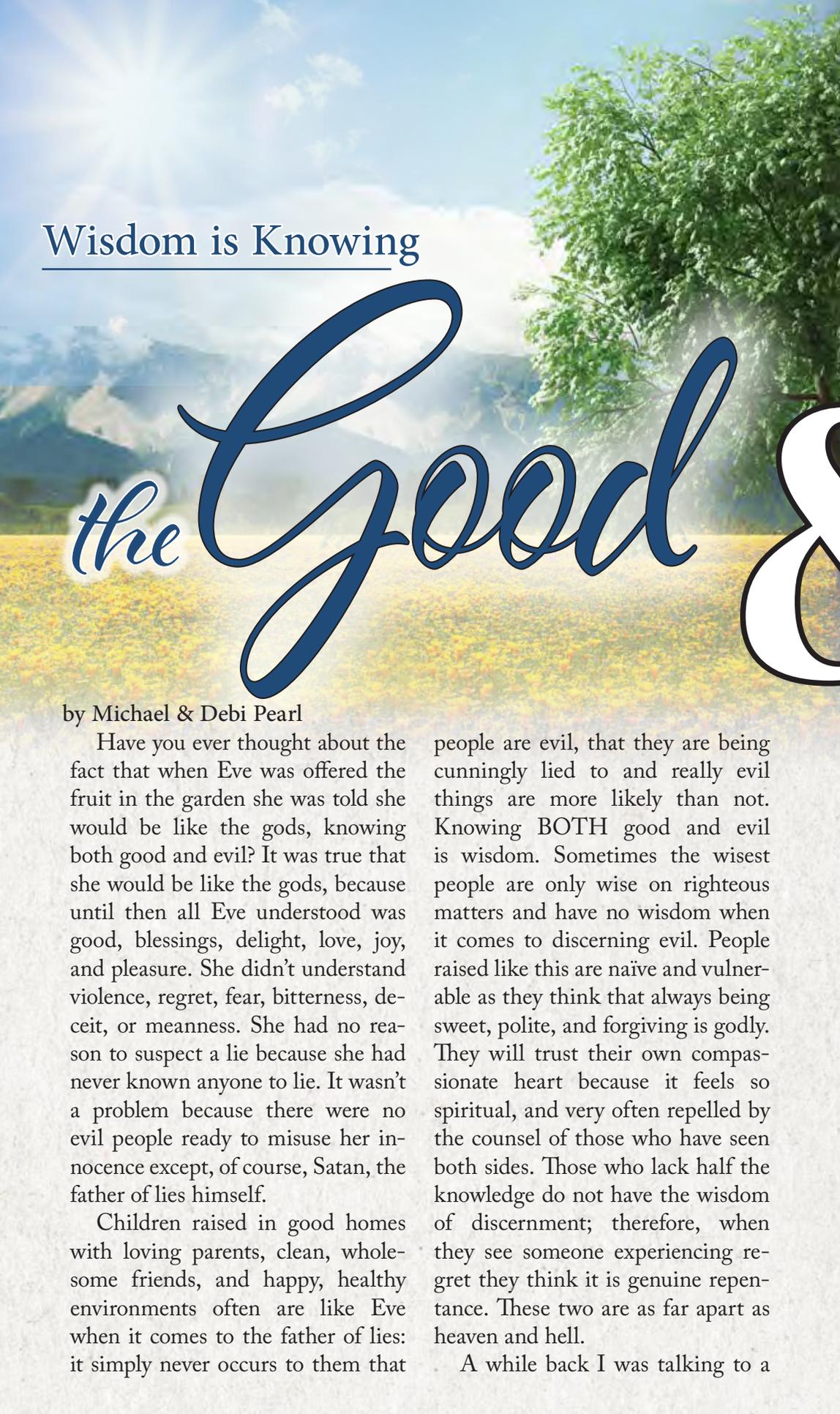
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## Wisdom is Knowing

# the Good &

by Michael & Debi Pearl

Have you ever thought about the fact that when Eve was offered the fruit in the garden she was told she would be like the gods, knowing both good and evil? It was true that she would be like the gods, because until then all Eve understood was good, blessings, delight, love, joy, and pleasure. She didn't understand violence, regret, fear, bitterness, deceit, or meanness. She had no reason to suspect a lie because she had never known anyone to lie. It wasn't a problem because there were no evil people ready to misuse her innocence except, of course, Satan, the father of lies himself.

Children raised in good homes with loving parents, clean, wholesome friends, and happy, healthy environments often are like Eve when it comes to the father of lies: it simply never occurs to them that

people are evil, that they are being cunningly lied to and really evil things are more likely than not. Knowing BOTH good and evil is wisdom. Sometimes the wisest people are only wise on righteous matters and have no wisdom when it comes to discerning evil. People raised like this are naïve and vulnerable as they think that always being sweet, polite, and forgiving is godly. They will trust their own compassionate heart because it feels so spiritual, and very often repelled by the counsel of those who have seen both sides. Those who lack half the knowledge do not have the wisdom of discernment; therefore, when they see someone experiencing regret they think it is genuine repentance. These two are as far apart as heaven and hell.

A while back I was talking to a



# THE EVIL

man about the ministry of rescuing sexually abused children. He stopped me, saying that only happened in Thailand or places like that. It was not happening with American children. When I gave facts contrary to his ideas he simply could not believe that anyone would sexually use a little kid. Many homeschoolers are like Eve: they grow up in a perfect garden and have no idea and wouldn't believe it if someone told them, that the devil, the most clever deceiver of all, lurks behind their very door.

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Evil is moving with amazing speed, taking over everything. We must lay aside our naivety, our innocence, and our belief in the goodness of humanity. Prepare yourself and your children for warfare. Satan is the god of this world and he will use his cleverest tricks to deceive you into believing that the good person is evil and the evil person is good. Satan is preparing the whole world, one person at a time, one occasion at a time, to be deceived. God says there is coming a time when if it were possible the very elect would be deceived because the lies are so convincing. It is time to ask God for wisdom to recognize the evil one when he or she comes sweetly inviting you to be a part of their life.

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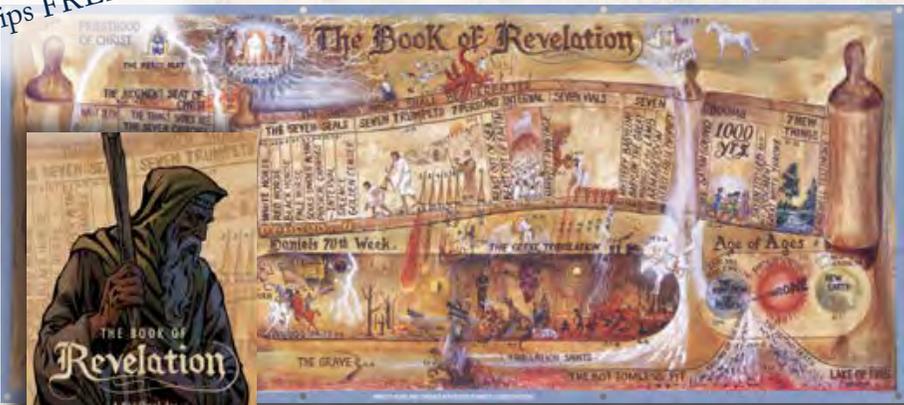


God, as salesman of the truth, takes the responsibility to present himself in a way that causes you to know your need of him, believe his promises, and forsaking all others take him only. If you look at your faith you will look in vain. If you look to him, knowing you have insufficient faith, and you do not consider your faith or the lack thereof, he will receive you as you are, having less faith than a grain of finely ground pepper. He will then call you his own. Then your faith is not in your faith; it is in his faithfulness. Then you have entered the world of biblical faith—all praise to him and no brag on our part.

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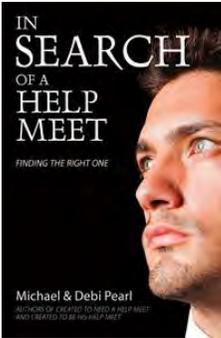


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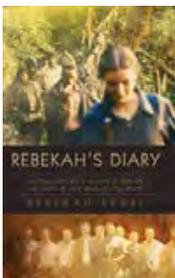
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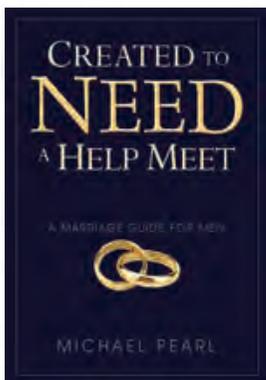


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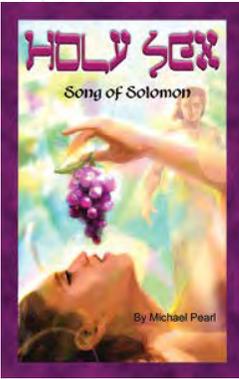
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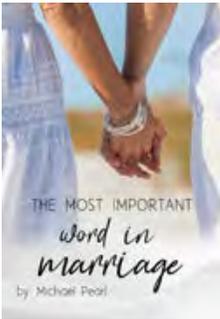
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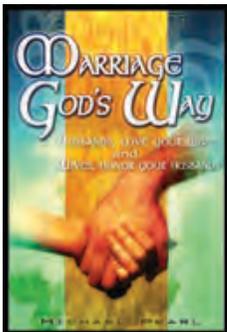
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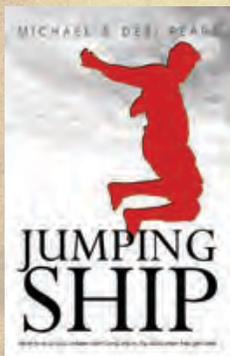


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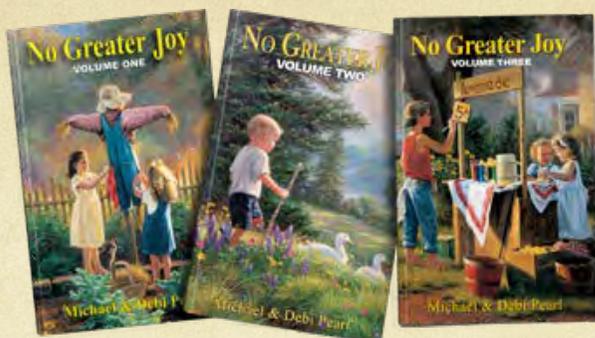
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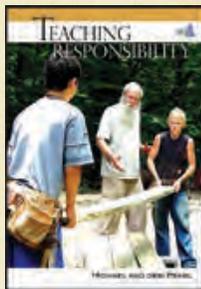
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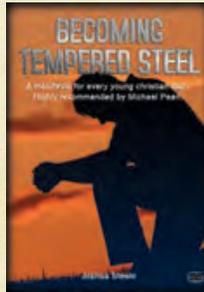
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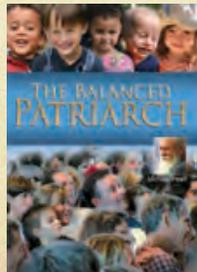
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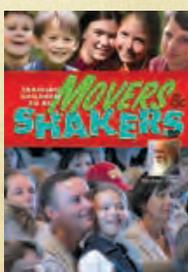
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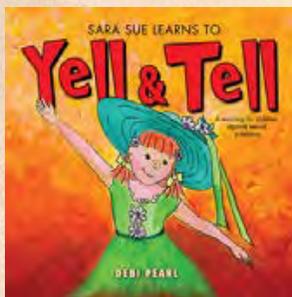
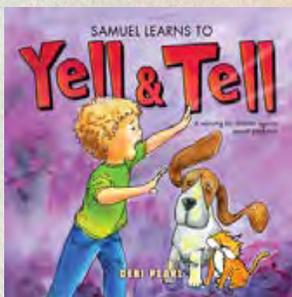


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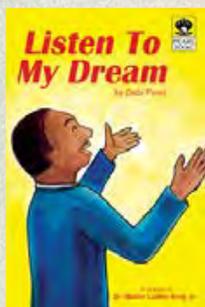
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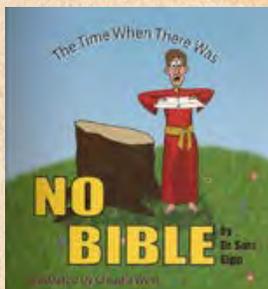


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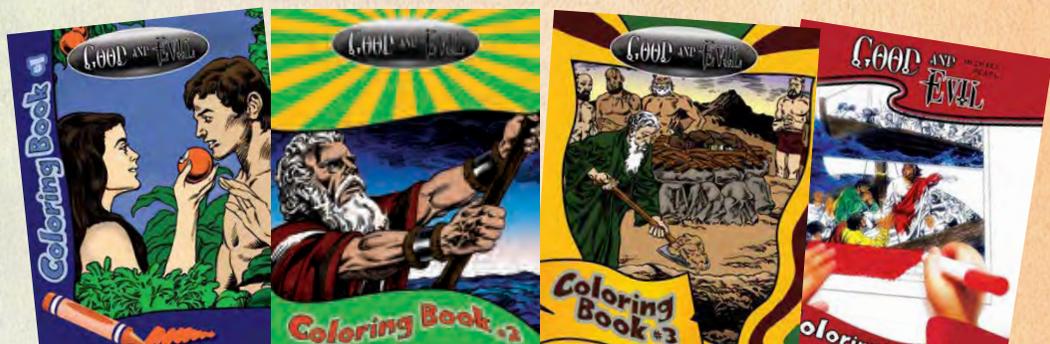


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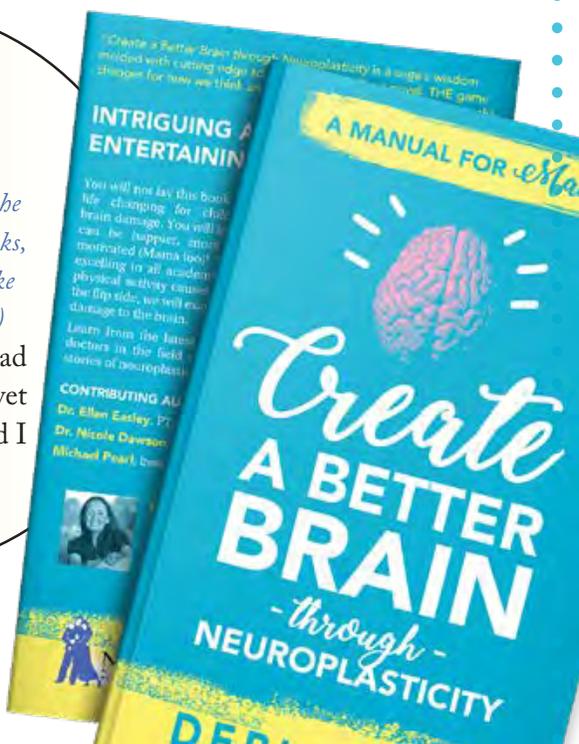
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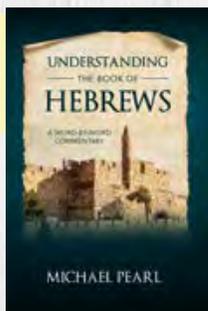
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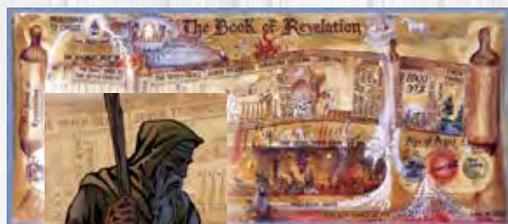
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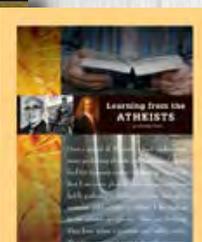
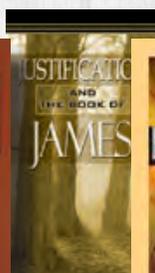
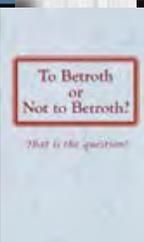
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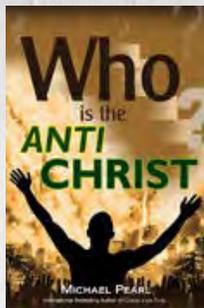
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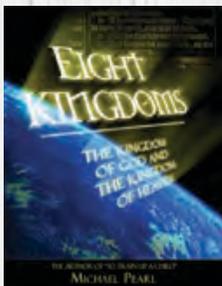


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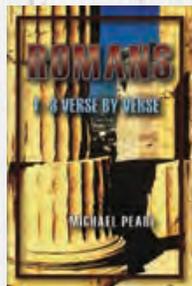


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