

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth" (III John 4).

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A word from Mike

2015 was a blessed year at No Greater Joy Ministries. The US subscription to our magazine continues to increase, presently reaching about 42,000 homes, not counting online readership. Canada and Mexico account for an additional 1,200 plus homes.

This year we signed several new rights agreements that will account for over 20,000 additional units of our material:

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Tens of thousands of *Good and Evil* in both English and Spanish have been placed in the hands of prisoners throughout the country. The Arabic and Indonesian *Good and Evil* downloads views are on fire. Since gospel of

Jesus Christ in a format that is captivating and clear—all while we sleep or go about our business.

It is an amazing time in which we live; it has never been so easy to reach so many.

- Our Biblical marriage post on Facebook was viewed by 15,552,512+ people
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- The *Good and Evil* Animation video has been completed in Lao and Hmong languages
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The gifts to NGJ are about equal to our sales. Sales cover the expenses of operation. It is your gifts that enable us to minister to the entire world in dynamic ways. As you have shared in the burden, you will share in the reward when we stand before our Savior. Thank you for being a coworker and enabling us to live our dream of getting the gospel to the whole world.

— Michael Pearl, President/CEO



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*This is a family magazine
written to bless and encourage,
therefore you can understand
that this article is printed with
great reluctance.*

*But if it will save your children,
then we must tell:*

TOMMY'S STORY

A Word from Mike:

Many of you will be offended. We considered this but decided that not printing it would be refusing to declare what we know is happening. God says in Isaiah 21:6 "For thus hath the Lord said unto me, Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he seeth." We are the watchman. Porn has changed the very fabric of our society, and it will touch your family. There is living among most of us a terrible enemy seeking to destroy our godly seed. He or she is a family member, a best friend, a teacher or preacher, or even a homeschool child in your church. While parents have had their heads in the sand worrying about making a living or finding a better place to worship, the world as we know it has become a different place. Satan is going to and fro,

jumping quickly from homeschool family to homeschool family, stealing the very thing we hold most precious.

We are the watchman crying out. Beware. Be wise. Be on guard. Nothing—not church, not family, not work—is as important as protecting your children. Don't get too busy. Don't be too trusting. Don't be deceived.

I personally believe you need to read this story with your children and discuss it. You don't have to be graphic to make a point. They need to feel Tommy's fear, pain, and lack of hope. They need to see how he was deceived. Your children need to be warned because those prepared are usually spared.

—Mike Pearl

My mama met me at the door, handing me the newspaper as she spoke. “Todd was arrested today for soliciting sex from a 13-year-old girl on the Internet.” Her voice droned on as I turned to walk out. I got in my truck and drove to the other side of the barn, and rolled down both windows so the cold, cleansing wind could blow through. Long-beaten-down memories of me and Todd as little boys, all the things done to us, things that changed our lives forever, flooded my mind. Poor old Todd. The river of evil just kept on going in his life.

I remember when I was five. We were poor but we were happy. I went to the park with mama and then later in the afternoon helped her in the garden. Sometimes I rode my bike or walked down to the store. It was during the '70s and life was fun with nothing to worry about. It was about that time my parents joined the small, local Baptist church. It was a kid's dream place. They had lots of great activities, and to top it all off, I met my first best friend, Todd Burks. Todd and I did everything together. I had the best life ever!

I was in a cocoon of a perfect life with wonderful friends, family, and church folks. But the end of perfect had come.

When we were in the second grade Todd and I got saved. It was

in this cocoon of a perfect life with wonderful parents, friends, and church folks that I entered the third grade. For two happy little boys, the end of perfect had come. Todd and I were about to meet the devil.

I was in the bathroom at school when Mr. Wood approached me. I was standing at the urinal working on my zipper. He put both hands around me to zip my pants. I pulled away embarrassed, muttering “I can zip my own pants.” I felt he was treating me like I was a little kid.

Todd's family lived next door to the church. I was there the next Saturday when we saw some big boys playing football behind the church, so we went over to watch. Mr. Wood was there playing with the big boys and asked us if we wanted to join in the game. Todd whispered, “He's our new preacher and he is also a teacher at school.” The preacher kept giving me and Todd the ball. It bothered me that he wanted to grab us up, but I thought, “He's the preacher so he must be good.”

After the game he invited us over to his truck and gave us sodas and candy. Then Mr. Wood told Pete, one of the older boys (about 10), that it was time he learned how to drive a truck. We all watched as Pete, sitting in Mr. Wood's lap, lurched away driving the truck. One of the guys said Pete stayed at Mr. Wood's house every weekend, and last week the preacher bought Pete a mini motorcycle.

It was our main conversation all week. We envied Pete getting to go camping and even drive a truck. The next morning we went

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to church, and I couldn't wait to see the new preacher. Guess who walked up behind me and picked me up with one hand between my legs and the other on my chest? He winked at me like we had a secret. "Hey, football man, let's play again today." Mr. Wood went to meet my parents where they sat in the church pew. He shook hands with my dad. He told my parents he was a teacher at school and liked to work with the boys. He asked my dad if he could come by and pick me up a few afternoons this week to play football and do other stuff at the church. Several of the boys would be participating. My dad was delighted for me to have the opportunity.

At school Mr. Wood sat down with me at lunch and we talked about him coming to pick me up to play football. When Mr. Wood arrived, he already had Todd in the truck. The big boys didn't show up for the game so we went for rides on the motorcycle with Mr. Wood, and then we went through all his sports equipment in his garage. He invited us in for soda and candy. Both our parents restricted our junk food, so he told us we needed to keep it a secret. He wanted to take our pictures and showed us pictures of Pete. Pete never seemed to wear his shirt, and Mr. Wood wanted us to take our shirts off for the pictures. Pictures were a secret too. Sure... no problem. Mr. Wood called our parents to see if we could stay for dinner and games. That evening Mr. Wood let me drive home, sitting in his lap of course. It bothered me that

he kept rubbing his hands between my legs, but it was fun driving for the first time.

The weeks rolled by and the invitations came more and more often. Several times a week Mr. Wood came to our home in the evenings to watch TV and talk with my parents. I heard my parents say he was lonely and just needed a good family and we fit the bill. Mr. Wood gave me and Todd jobs to do at the church, which made us both feel very important. It amused the adults to see us do our jobs with so much care and duty.

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One weekend Mr. Wood finally let me steer the motorcycle by myself. He told me he had to keep his hands in my lap in case he needed to help me. I was so excited about steering that I hardly noticed his hands rubbing my crotch. It was weird. No one had ever touched me there, but I got used to it because he did it all the time.

When summer break came I was really excited because Mr. Wood said he would take us camping, fishing, swimming, and riding motorcycles. The very first day we were out of school, Mr. Wood arranged with our

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parents for us to spend the night over at his house. Right at the beginning of the evening he lit up a cigarette and let us try. It was gross. Then he lit up a pipe and had us try that. He was also drinking liquor. He gave us some of that too. He laughed and told us we better hope our parents didn't find out because they would whip our tails. Mr. Wood said he needed to wash our clothes to get the smoke smell out. He had us pull off our clothes and wrap up in a towel. We were barely 9 years old and were used to doing as we were told. In our perfect world, there would have been no reason to hesitate. We didn't that know our perfect world was gone.

He encouraged us to drink and then he started wrestling, jerking our towels off and laughing as we ran. The liquor and late hour made us drowsy. He sat in a big chair and told us to sit on his lap so we could look at the cool (porn) magazine he had. We were stunned into silence but still unable to turn our eyes away. His hands were moving over our privates. He went for more liquor and came back with his camera. It was late; we were two sleepy, half-drugged little boys and hardly noticed his picture taking. Sometime during the night

Mr. Wood climbed into our bed and sexually molested both of us.

The next morning I felt so bad. My stomach hurt, my head hurt, and my butt hurt. Todd looked really sick. We sat in silence waiting for Mr. Wood to wake up. When he came in it was like nothing had happened. He told us to get in the truck because we were going out to breakfast. He put me in his lap to drive, and now the rubbing was not subtle. I didn't want to drive anymore. Todd drove back to

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Mr. Wood's house and received the same. We played games but hated it and wished to go home but kept silent, waiting. He took us out to his shed where he had a darkroom. He showed us how he made pictures, but we didn't see his pictures. Finally the afternoon came and we got our stuff together to go home. He warned us again that we would get in a lot of trouble if our parents knew

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what we had been doing. He made us promise not to tell. On the way home, he talked about all the fun he had planned for us. Then as I was getting out of the truck, he sealed the deal. "Next time we will go to the motorcycle shop and get you your

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own bike. You DO want one, don't you?"

I dreaded each day. I cringed when the phone rang. I felt dead inside.

As I walked up the steps to my house, I felt dirty. My mom asked if I had a good time, and I muttered "yeah" but quickly ducked out of the room. She followed me to my room and said it was dinnertime, but I told her I was not hungry and was tired. I just wanted to take a bath. I avoided my parents. I felt so ashamed. I lay on my bed with my head covered, trying to blot out everything. I thought about other people finding out, especially my parents. I tried to sleep but I was too worried. That night, for the first time, I was scared in my own house. I decided that I would kill myself before I would let anyone know what Mr. Wood did to me.

The summer school vacation seemed like a death trap. Mr. Wood visited my family, laughed, preached, and then he sexually abused me and Todd. He took us to amusement parks and waterparks, and we went camping and swimming. What people saw was this really decent, fine gentleman who gave his life for boys. No matter where we were or what we were doing, he was busy abusing us in some form. He showed us pictures of other boys and none were wearing clothes, and then he started taking pictures of us while he abused us. I hated my life. I dreaded each day. I cringed when the phone rang, knowing it might be Mr. Wood calling to chat with my mom and then suggest he pick me up to go camping. I felt dead inside. I tried to think about other things. It seemed I had two lives: one was what people knew about and the other was the secret evil that no one would ever even guess was happening. Mr. Wood constantly grilled us on what to tell people, so I didn't even know what the truth was. My own mind became muddled; I felt evil.



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Now I was mad at God.

School was soon to start and I had a glimmer of hope. Maybe I could get away from Mr. Wood. The very first day of school, I ran to the bathroom and Mr. Wood followed. He smiled as he rubbed his hands on my private parts, "Are you ready? I called your parents and you are spending the whole weekend with me. I told them we were going camping." I remember thinking as I walked out of the bathroom, I need to die. I didn't know how to get away from him. I didn't know what to do. During that first week Mr. Wood would come to my classroom and get me, take me to the closet, and sexually abuse me. I would walk stiffly back to my room wondering what all those kids would think if they only knew. I got so paranoid that I thought everyone was talking about me. It was hard to think about learning. I watched the door with a sense of panic. I counted the days, getting more anxious as the weekend grew closer. He took me camping. The abuse was endless. I learned to daydream about being somewhere else while he was on me. My daydream escapes helped me not feel the pain, and sometimes I wasn't even there.

The year went on. I learned new tricks: how to be sick, how to make myself throw up, anything I could think of to avoid Mr. Wood. This worked for a while. Mr. Wood would come over and my parents would tell him I was sick. My grades fell and

my parents worried. They talked to the teacher who suggested they get a tutor. Well, guess who volunteered for the job? Mr. Wood now had access to me three times a week. The abuse got worse. I was physically hurting all the time. He got Todd the days he didn't get me. Mr. Wood knew how to make us avoid our other friends. I was isolated and had no one to talk with. Anger bottled up in me to the point where I hated all the other kids. I hated my parents. I hated my life. Nothing my parents could do pleased me.

My parents were at a loss as to what was happening to their happy son. Mr. Wood came over often to talk to them about how boys go through stages and how he had dealt with this many times. He offered to take me to church in the afternoons to do church duties and reminded them how much I once enjoyed my church work. They found comfort in his advice. I felt like a trapped animal with nowhere to go and no way to escape. Every evening at church and even in the baptismal I was his play thing. Now I was mad at God, really mad. How could God let this preacher do this to me? I stopped begging God for help. I stop thinking of God at all. I was scared of any grown-up I did not know before this started, because I assumed they were all like Mr. Wood. I was now 10 and felt old. I spent a lot of time thinking about how I could kill myself.

One day Mr. Wood came to the school room door again and asked

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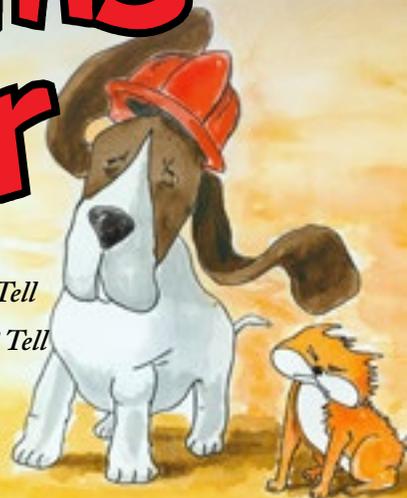
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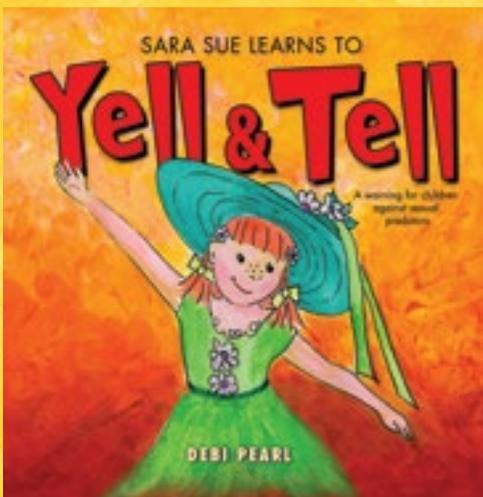
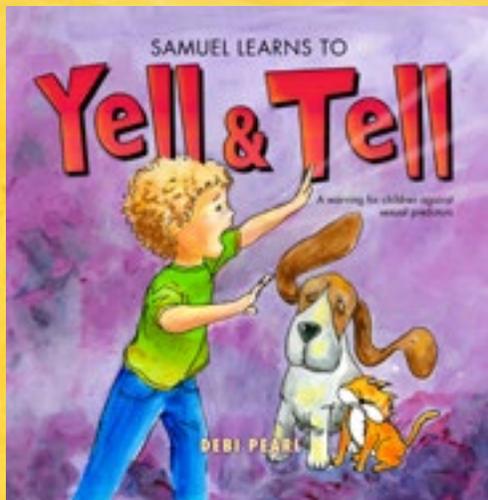


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the teacher if I could go with him. Like a robot I got up and followed. This time he spoke softly to me. “The principal wants to see you. He is going to ask you if I ever touch you in any way. You tell him no or he will call your parents and everyone will know exactly what you do and will see your pictures.” I felt like puking; my legs trembled. When I entered the office, Todd was already sitting in front of the principal. He was as pale as a ghost. I felt sorry for my friend. I felt sorry for what was happening to both of us.

The principal explained, “Mr. Wood is going to talk to you boys first. He will come and get me when he is ready.”

When the principal left the room Mr. Wood again told us what the principal would ask and told us what to say. I will never forget what Todd said to him: “Mr. Wood, when can we quit lying to people?”

**“I don’t want my
mama to know;
my dad either.”**

Mr. Wood answered without a skip, “Remember, it is not a lie if you are trying not to hurt people.” I told Mr. Wood if we kept lying, we were going to hell and that was for sure. But our preacher and teacher, Mr. Wood, had an answer for that as well. “If you tell stuff and get the preacher in trouble, you will really go to hell. So what are you going to tell the principal?”

Todd and I looked at each other knowing we had no choice, “We will

say you never touched us.” Then Mr. Wood made us pray with him.

The principal heard what he wanted to hear. Then he added to our burden, “Boys, I don’t want you telling anyone about this meeting. If you tell anyone, I will bust your butts. Do you understand?”

Mr. Wood walked us back to our rooms, “I hope he doesn’t tell your parents about this because you boys would really be in trouble.”

Todd’s trembling voice almost made me cry, “I don’t want my mama to know; my dad either.”

Mr. Wood put his hand on Todd’s shoulder, “Don’t worry, I’ll talk to the principal and tell him not to tell.”

As I walked back in class, I felt every eye on me and I knew they suspected. They were talking—I could tell. I hated them.

After school I went to the woods and sat down behind a tree, pulling my knees up tight against my chest. I felt like I was having a heart attack. I wanted to talk to someone but didn’t know who. There, sitting by that tree, I decided I would never tell. I sat there until dark wishing I would die but I never did, so I went home.

I could often see concern in my mama’s face. She would kiss my head and ask me how I was feeling. I sloughed her off and told her I was fine. I took a lot of showers. I would lie on my bed in the darkness, hating life.

The stress just got to be more than I could bear. One night I threw up all night. My mom thought I had a virus so she let me stay home from

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school. I was not ill; I was scared sick. My mind would not let me rest. I was scared of everything—of people finding out, of Mr. Wood coming to

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get me, of never getting free of him, of people laughing, of mama crying, and my dad being sad and thinking what an evil person I was. I thought other people would want to do to me what Mr. Wood was doing. On and on . . . my mind was tormented. Everyone was out to hurt me in some way or another. I hated everybody.

I had to go back to school, and Mr. Wood was there every day, calling me out of class and into the closet or following me to the bathroom. He called to set up after-school tutoring, and then spent the time abusing me. I begged Mr. Wood to stop but his lust had grown. Now, he wanted me to look at all his pictures with him, big boxes full of naked boys. I actually started to believe that everyone did what we did: all the kids in school, the people at church—everybody. My perfect world was now altogether evil. I

could not trust anyone. I quit talking to people—kids, adults, parents. I kept my eyes on the ground so I could disconnect.

Then one day Mr. Wood didn't come to call me out of class. Hours went by, lunch came, and no Mr. Wood. In the afternoon I watched the door with dread, but he didn't come. I spent the whole day with my stomach churning, wondering if everyone found out. What was going on? I was more scared than when he came to get me. I was in my room at home lying on my bed with my head covered when I heard my mom come home. She called to me but I didn't answer. I couldn't stand to think of her knowing. I remembered where my dad kept his gun, and I decided that after she came in and told me that she knew, I would take the gun and go to the woods and shoot myself.

This long, hellish nightmare was over.

When mama came to my door she asked me, "Did you see Mr. Wood today? The teachers had a going-away party for him. He is stepping down as a teacher and moving to a new church in Centerville. He will not be our preacher anymore. Are you okay with that?" I could hear the concern in her voice. Mr. Wood had convinced them that he was the only stabilizing person in my life, and she was worried I would be upset.

I called Todd and told him Mr. Wood was moving away. He wouldn't be at school anymore. He wouldn't call to talk to my parents. I wouldn't have to spend the night at his house again. This long, hellish nightmare was over.

I was again thinking about suicide.

The rest of the week Todd and I talked about sports. It was the first time in a long time. We were both still scared. We would always be scared, but now we could think about other stuff. We were walking out of the lunch room at school when the principal called to us, "Hey, there's Mr. Wood's boys. I hope you boys remember your promise to keep your mouths shut, because I would hate to beat your butts, but I will." Then he handed me a note that read, "Mr. Wood will be at your house to pick you boys up after school. He cleared it with your parents." Dread, fear, and anxiety hit me. I stumbled and almost fell as we walked to our class. We were not safe. He was coming to get us. When I walked back into my classroom, I looked around to see who was staring at me. I knew that they knew.

I met Todd in the parking lot. Mr. Wood honked his horn and waved us over. He talked with excitement about taking us to his new house and church, but first he had a big surprise for us. He had dangled the hope of our own motorcycles over us all these months. Now, he pulled into the shop and while we sat on the bikes making

believe we were driving, he talked to the salesperson. When we left he told us that if our parents said we could have one, he would buy it. When we got to his new house there were two older boys there who I remembered from Mr. Wood's photo boxes. They were driving their motorcycles over jumping ramps. Mr. Wood laughed and told us, "I know how to take care of my friends." When the big boys left, Mr. Wood took us to his new house to abuse us.

Now I had lost hope. I was mad. I was scared all the time. During class, I worried about Mr. Wood coming to pick me up, so that I never knew what was taught at school. My stomach hurt so bad I could hardly stand up. When I went to lunch, the principal would stand and stare at me. I couldn't eat.

The next Friday Mr. Wood picked me up as usual except Todd wasn't there. He provided the usual distractions—bikes, pool, his private collection of boy porn, smoking,

The devil moved on to destroy another life or lives and no one was the wiser.

and drinking. He was abusing me when the phone rang. It was the hospital saying one of his new church members had been involved in an accident. He took me to the hospital, and I watched as he sat with the family members, holding their hands and praying for the victims. He

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seemed so sincere, but I knew he was nothing but a wolf in sheep's clothes.

Weeks passed and Mr. Wood always made arrangements for me to be with him on weekends. I was again thinking about suicide. I had stopped talking to people or even looking anyone in the eye. My grades were terrible because I couldn't think, my stomach hurt, I was filled with rage, and I didn't trust anyone. But the one dread greatest of all was that someone would see the awful pictures of me. One Friday afternoon I stumbled out of school wishing I was dead so I didn't have to go with Mr. Wood.

In the parking lot I was surprised to see my dad instead of Mr. Wood. Fear grabbed hold because I just knew my dad had found out the truth but he put his hand on my shoulder and said gently, "Hey, son, how was your day?" Dad talked about the family and what was happening, and I just sat silently listening. When we got home Dad said he had some good news. Mr. Wood had married another teacher.

Surely Mr. Wood would not come to get me and Todd since he was married. One week, then two and even on into the summer; Mr. Wood was out of our lives. I almost thought maybe this time we would be free. But our freedom didn't last. One weekend Mr. Wood came to visit my parents, but I knew what he was after. This time Mr. Wood was violent. He used me like his sex slave. He slapped me when I didn't

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do as he wanted, even choking me until I passed out. He tied me down. I thought he was going to kill me. The phone rang and he answered. He quickly untied me and said get cleaned up and dressed fast because my dad and granddad were on their way over. Before they got there Mr. Wood noticed I was covered with bruises. He told me to tell them I had a motorcycle wreck. I was saved—my granddad was taking me to his farm down south for a few days! It was like being taken to heaven, the relief was so great.

For people who are carrying the pain of sexual abuse, or any pain, the only relief is through God.

When I got home from the farm, I learned Mr. Wood's new wife had divorced him, so he was leaving the area. I didn't have any hope left. I knew he might show up any time and next time he might kill me. I lived in dread, but time passed and he didn't show up. Slowly, I stopped living in constant fear.

The devil had moved on to destroy another life or lives and no one was the wiser.

The years passed, I grew into a man, joined the Marine Corps, finished my stint, married, had children, and then became a detective specializing in bringing child molesters to justice. But through it all I never told a soul what had happen to me. I was so sickened, ashamed, and embarrassed. It was not until Todd was caught that the truth was made known.

**Forgiveness is
greater than
vengeance,
compassion more
powerful than anger.**

I wish I could tell you that what you just read is fiction, but it is true. Only the names of people and places were altered. The sad thing is that, as a detective, I have seen this happen to so many children, and usually parents don't have a clue. No parent, including my own, can stand to admit it happened on their watch. But predators (male and female) are smart, wily, and kin to Satan himself; so they have an advantage on simple, trusting souls. Mamas look at strange people and have a natural instinct to protect their children, but the average predator is your friend or even more likely, a close relative. He loves kids. He is fun. He will fool the best of you.

Through the years the struggle has been difficult. I've had to work

on retraining my brain to understand the beauty and goodness that God created in expressing love. I'm a new man in Christ, but the pain of the past has stained many things. I know many challenges will continually crop up in my path as I walk through life, but I have been blessed by God and have grown strong through his strength.

For people who are carrying the pain of sexual abuse, or any pain, the only relief is through God. I would share this advice with everyone: Forgiveness is greater than vengeance; compassion more powerful than anger.

Don't allow your mind to play with things of the past. Let those thoughts fade by non-use. Overwrite the old files with new, good memories. Fill your mind with Scripture by memorizing key verses. Sing old gospel hymns when evil thoughts pop into your head. The pure words of worship will run the devil out. The more I study and understand the Word of God, the more I grow in strength, hope, blessing, and peace that passes all understanding.

Keeping secrets like this is not wise. Everyone dreads opening up an ugly can of worms, especially if it is a family member (it usually is). You must understand that the real DREAD is allowing the abuse to continue by pretending it never happened. STOP the molester. Your voice might be the only thing that can save a thousand little children. You must also understand that an evil man never outgrows this addiction, no matter how old he gets. Don't believe the lie that he must be too

Science of Addiction *and The* Brain

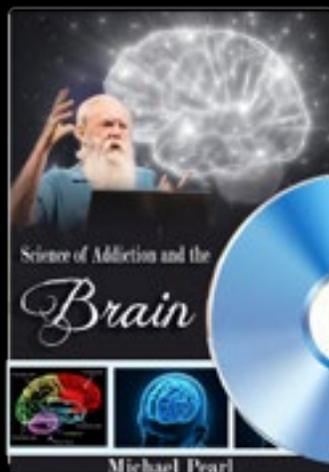


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old to be lusting, so now children are safe around him. It is not true. If a man (or woman) ever abuses children, then he is most likely still abusing children.

Train your children to yell and tell. Let them know at least once a week that you will believe them and that you are there to protect them. Your children's best defense is knowledge. As the *Yell and Tell* books say, those prepared are usually

spared. If I had known to beware, known that the bad person will try to threaten me to silence, and if I had had an understanding that no matter who hurts me, I must tell, then I would not have stood alone. There would have been hope—hope for me and Todd, and hope for all the other children Mr. Wood continued to abuse over the years. Let there be hope for our children. It is time to yell and tell. ❖



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Should the Relationship **MOVE FORWARD?**



Question:

Dear Mr. Pearl,

I've had my eye on this girl for a year. Since I live in a different state, we keep in touch daily with Skype. Her parents are youth directors. Their home is always open to the youth, and a bunch of the young people hang out all weekend and have done so for years.

Since this girl was a teenager, several of the same guys who don't seek the Lord have spent the weekend evenings there watching movies or playing games. It looks bad.

She refers to these guys as her "really good friends." A few weeks ago, I asked her point blank if she thought any of these guys were truly seeking God. Her answer was, "A little. I think they might be thinking about it. You need to get to know them because they're really sweet." Her choice of best friends gives me pause. I wonder, am I jealous?

I tell you, I've gone back and forth as I consider her for my future wife. I know she wonders why I hesitate in popping the big question. In light of Psalm 1, I wonder why her best hangout buddies are lost guys.

I am God's servant, seeking first his kingdom. Should I go forward?

Answer:

Who you are is where your heart is, and it sounds as if her heart is with lost guys. If a person really believed that there's a heaven and a hell, and if they really believed that there's eternity and a consequence for the way you lived, then how could they have an unsaved friend with whom they didn't share Christ? They would want to share Christ every time they saw them. And if they did share Christ with them every time they saw them, the unsaved person(s) would either become a Christian or they wouldn't come around anymore.

This young lady is allowing these visitors to set the tone of who and what she is, and this young man sees it. I would flee from such a girl, myself. I wouldn't have anything to do with her, nor would I trust her. If you feel that God has led you to her and your heart is really there, then you need to sit down and have a heart-to-heart with her and say, "Why do you have unsaved friends? Why aren't you sharing Christ with them?" Get to the bottom of it. Maybe she needs some guidance.

But I agree with you. I would have more than pause; I would just say goodbye, and I'd let her marry one of those guys she likes so well.

If you are a parent who has teenage children, you need to remember that your home is a refuge, a place of safety. Positioning your home as a place of entertainment is not

what Christians are called to do. It reminds me of Lot.

You might say you're ministering, but when children or teenagers come over three times in a row and they're still lost, yet still like to come to your house to hang out, then you don't have a house that is ministering, you have a house that is an entertainment center for lost people. Unbelievers ought to feel uncomfortable at your place after two or three times of coming. They should feel either terribly convicted or just want to leave, because your home should be a sanctuary unto the Lord. Your children should be safe in an environment conducive to growing up to know the Lord.

Sometimes we had unsaved kids at our house, but our children always knew they were there for us to minister to them. As a result, our kids were always kind of on edge. In other words, they were always being careful and cautious, and always looking for opportunities to share Christ. Sometimes there were lost guys who would come around to "hang out," but if they didn't want to know the Lord, they soon quit coming. And our daughters never hung out with unsaved guys. They didn't even hang out with guys who were saved and not following the Lord. The people they hung out with were people who knew Christ and had the same heart as they did toward the things of God. ❖

SCENTED PLAY DOUGH

WHAT YOU NEED:

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- 3 TBS oil
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DIRECTIONS:

Combine flour, salt, and Kool-Aid powder. Add boiling water and oil. Stir together. Knead until it forms a soft dough. If dough is too sticky, add a little bit more flour. Store in a sealed bag or container.



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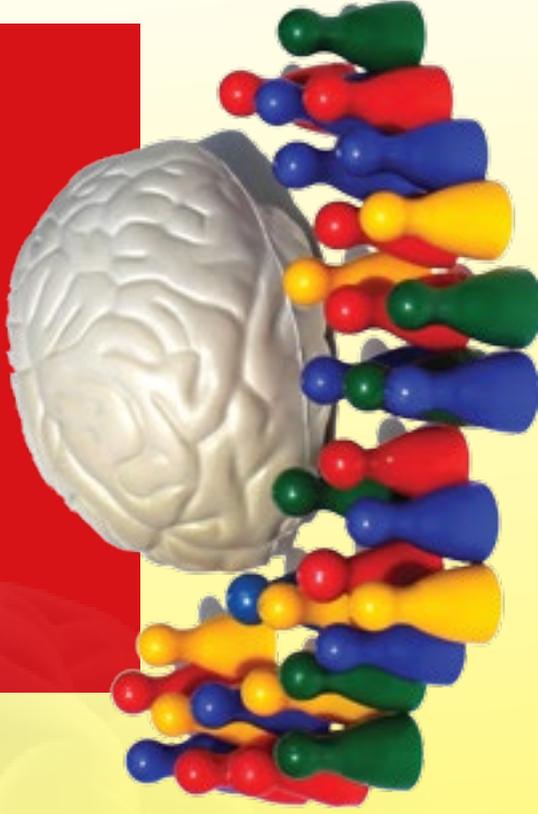
(Answers at the bottom of the next page.)

- 1 I'm tall when I'm young and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?
- 2 A girl is sitting in a house at night that has no lights on at all. There is no lamp, no candle, nothing. Yet she is reading. How?
- 3 A house has four walls. All of the walls are facing south, and a bear is circling the house. What color is the bear?
- 4 What has hands but can not clap?

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1: A candle. 2: The girl is blind and is reading braille. 3: The house is on the north pole, so the bear is white. 4: A clock.

MANAGING vs. LEADERSHIP

by Alexis Rowe

What is the difference between **managing** and **leadership**?

Salom and I were sitting at the creek enjoying the last bit of summer's rays when she asked me that question. Of course she already knew the answer, but we had been discussing my control-freak,

OCD personality :) I recognized my faults but didn't know how or if I should change my behavior.

Wasn't it a good thing that my husband came home to an immaculate house? Isn't it more excellent to have your daily agenda planned out weeks in advance?



During our conversation, I recalled a chat I'd recently had with my husband. He had mentioned that our house wasn't "homey." I asked what he meant, but he couldn't put his finger on it. It dawned on me later that I was making him miserable!

My spotless, "you could eat off the floors" home was no longer inviting or relaxing to him. Not only did I get stressed out about cleaning up all his "messes," but I stressed him out by griping and complaining. The to-do list that was supposed to help life run smoothly and organized was a source of bondage. I was dealing with depression and getting worse every day! When I couldn't manage my life, I would break down with anxiety attacks and anger. What a crazy cycle!

The more we talked, the more I saw these negative consequences unfolding before me. If I stayed my course, I could lose my daughter—because who wants to be around "mad mama"—and I could lose my husband. To top it off, I could lose my sanity and health! All by managing, or making everything look right on the outside without investing on the inside.

I realized that afternoon with my feet in the water, watching my baby girl, I had a choice. I could continue my poor management, or I could choose to become a leader, a Proverbs 31 woman. "She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her" (vv. 27–28).

I chose to be a leader. I still get up at 5:00 every morning so that I can clean my home before my baby wakes up. I still make to-do lists, but guess what? All weekend long I let the dishes pile up in the sink. I let the clothes sit on the floor. Now I take impromptu trips with my amazing man! For a long time it was painful. I would purposefully leave my house messy and deal with my anxiety head-on. But God is good and he is faithful! Now I lead my daughter to practice cleanliness and self-control so that one day she can lead herself instead of being tossed to and fro by emotion. I lead my own heart to practice joy, organization, freedom, and thankfulness. There are days when I still struggle, but to see the joy in my husband's eyes as he walks in the door from work because he no longer dreads coming home to the "mad mama" is worth it all. I have become a leader.

I CHOSE TO BE A LEADER.

It might be a different struggle for you. You might be trying to manage your child's schooling or your husband's lack of initiative. Whatever it might be, I would encourage you to lay it down. We make ourselves weak and heavy laden, troubled with a load of care, when we need to take it to the Lord in prayer. Don't be a manager in your home; be a leader. ❖



Marriage GOOD WILL

by Michael and Debi Pearl

Researchers have pondered the great social dilemma of failed marriages and broken homes. What are the root causes? Many theories have been advanced, but after much research the consensus is profoundly simple. By observing couples as they react to one another, researchers have been able to identify problems in marriages and even predict with a great deal of accuracy the future of a relationship.

Many marriages fail due to the lack of good will. A relationship is only as stable and productive as the good will of both the husband and wife.

Functional magnetic resonance imaging brain scans reveal the differences in male and female responses to the words and actions of their spouses. Even subtle differences are manifested as researchers observe the area of the brain that lights up on their monitors, identifying cerebral responses. Anger, fear, irritation, anxiety, confusion, jealousy, resentment, etc. are processed in given regions of the brain. An FMRI (Functional MRI) reveals more to

researchers than the individual knows about himself.

One study involving a test group of sixty couples documented the differences in the way men and women respond to the same situation in a marriage relationship and how those different responses affect their marriages. In this study it was interesting to note how most women were irritated by habits that are common to most men. All the women judged their husband in some degree guilty when he drove aggressively, swiveled his head to look at a woman walking down the street, hogged the bathroom sink when both were brushing their teeth, forgot to wipe his boots off when coming into the house, neglected to put the toilet seat down, and many other dumb-man habits. It would appear that wives everywhere evaluate husbands with words such as: self-centered, selfish, rude, clueless, a clod, focused on one thing, etc.

When the women of the test group read the results, discovering that all the men by nature are basically the same, they were challenged to reconsider their reactions. Why be angry at a man for being a man? A man's brain is wired differently from a woman's. I know from 45 years of counseling people that a woman knowing these facts about her man will make a difference in fewer than 50% of marriages. The other 50% are convinced that their spouse's actions are a personal affront that must be met head-on.

Why do some wives take personal offense and others dismiss the behaviors as just dumb-man

habits? Are some women just roll-over-and-take-it types? Are some women more patient and sacrificing? Are some men capable of cultivating thinking habits more sensitive to a woman's needs? What is the difference in those that make it in marriage and those that don't?

Dr. John Gottman, one of the ten most influential relationship therapists of the past quarter century, thinks he has found the answer. He studied a group of couples and documented their responses when "bidden" by their spouses. He uses the term bidden to define any appeal by the spouse that elicits a response. He then followed up six years later to see how the different habits affected the relationships. He discovered one amazing truth that enables him, to a great degree, to successfully predict which couples will remain together and which will divorce. The term he used to define the redeeming trait in a relationship was "positive bid." He has created his own terminology, but his findings are amazingly consistent with biblical truth. We have known, and you have heard us say, that a good marriage is one that is filled with good will.



Example 1

First couple:

Charley says to Joan, his wife, "Hey, Honey, guess who won the game last night?" Joan responds, "Who cares?" (This shows contempt.)

Second couple:

Nick says to his wife, Sue, "Hey, Honey, guess who won the game last night?" Sue responds, "Now, don't tell me, because I want to guess. From

your tone I would guess . . . YOUR team.” Upon questioning the two women at a later date, it was learned that neither wife had any interest or knowledge in the game, yet one wife had what we would call good will toward her husband and therefore took pleasure in HIS pleasure.



Example 2

First couple:

June says to her husband, “Wow, Ray, look at this! Dillard’s has a half-price sale today.” Ray ignores her. (Ignoring a spouse lowers their value, which is very destructive.)

Second couple:

Evelyn sees the same sale. “Wow, Al, Dillard’s has a half-price sale today.” Al responds with a wink, “Too bad we don’t need anything.” Later upon questioning, both men agreed that they preferred that their wife not go to the Dillard’s sale.



Example 3

First couple:

Bill says to his wife, Beth, “My back is killing me. I need a long, hot bath.” Beth ignores him.

Second couple:

John says to his wife, Cari, “My back is hurting so bad. I need a long, hot bath.” Cari responds, “I’m sorry, honey. I’ll go run the water for you and add Epsom salts to help relieve the pain.”



Example 4

First couple:

Joe says to his wife, Tee, “I can’t find

any clean socks. Where are they?” Tee takes offense, assuming he is blaming her for not having the socks available, and responds, “It’s not my problem.”

Second couple:

Sam says to his wife, Rachel, “Where are the clean socks?” She calls back, “Look in the bottom drawer.” Both men forgot the socks were kept in the bottom drawer (a normal man habit).

Dr. Gottman kept score of both good and bad responses. All spouses had some mixture of negative and positive responses, but the presence of a greater percentage of negative responses was the predictor of a coming divorce. Their research noted that if 87% of bids were met with negative responses, then the marriage would likely result in divorce.

As I read Gottman’s report, I remembered being at a wedding dinner years ago where I saw the new bride respond to her husband with contempt when he bid her. I clearly remember thinking, “Oh, no.” Sadly, my “Oh, no” proved correct.

Contempt, Gottman found, was the number-one factor that tears couples apart. People who are focused on criticizing their partners miss up to 50% of the positive things their spouses do. Ignoring a spouse is also damaging, as it has the effect of making the partner feel worthless. Simple good will toward one’s spouse glued couples together. Gottman’s research showed that kindness was critically important for the stability of a marriage. Profound, isn’t it? Those of us who are immersed in

Scripture have known this truth all along, but it is refreshing to see the secular world discover it through scientific research.

Good will is a reflection of the soul. Some people from their childhood assume most everyone has good will toward them, so they have good will toward most everyone, including their spouse. But there are people who assume the opposite. Some live in a state of defensiveness—always feeling that people are talking bad about them, sure that someone will steal their stuff or that others are scheming against them. When psychologists interview these people, they can “spot” someone who will have a lifetime of negative relationships and usually fail at marriage. These negative people only have a few people they trust, and another small group of people they can control to their own end, but they hold most people with contempt. Their small world consists of “them (most everyone) vs. us.” They think of themselves as warriors just trying to survive in a hostile sphere.

It seems that most adults who fail to see good will in people are ignorant of the harm they are doing to themselves and others and are not likely to change after becoming adults. Thankfully, if you have young children, it is not too late to immerse them in a world of good will.

If you as a parent suspect that you lack the necessary inner life to convey to your children a happy world of good will, know that most people are a mixture of good will and mistrust. How much you either

give in to mistrust or pause to see the light of love in life’s events will determine your future and your children’s. Good child training, happy marriages, and having a successful, joyful life are the products of having good will.

When the shepherds fell back in fear from the heavenly host announcing the birth of Christ, the angels assured them of God’s intentions, saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men” (Luke 2:14).

In Ephesians, Paul discusses husbands loving their wives, wives reverencing their husbands, children obeying their parents, fathers not provoking their children to wrath, and servants obeying their masters, and he concludes by saying that everyone should do “the will of God from the heart; with good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men” (Ephesians 5:33–6:7).

Paul tells us that charity “is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things” (1 Corinthians 13:5–7). When we have good will toward others, love motivates us to expect good will in return. See Matthew 6:22–23. Light within sees light without. Good will within produces good will in all. Don’t be part of the 50% who cannot see. Flood your marriage and home with the light of good will. If Jesus came to us sinners with good will, we should maintain good will in all things to all people. ❖

Letters

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Love always, Heather C.



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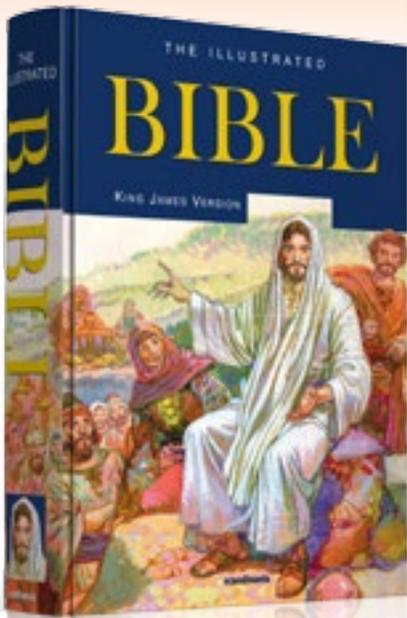


Thank you for explaining and preaching about the book of John. I listen to it with my papa and siblings. It is very interesting!

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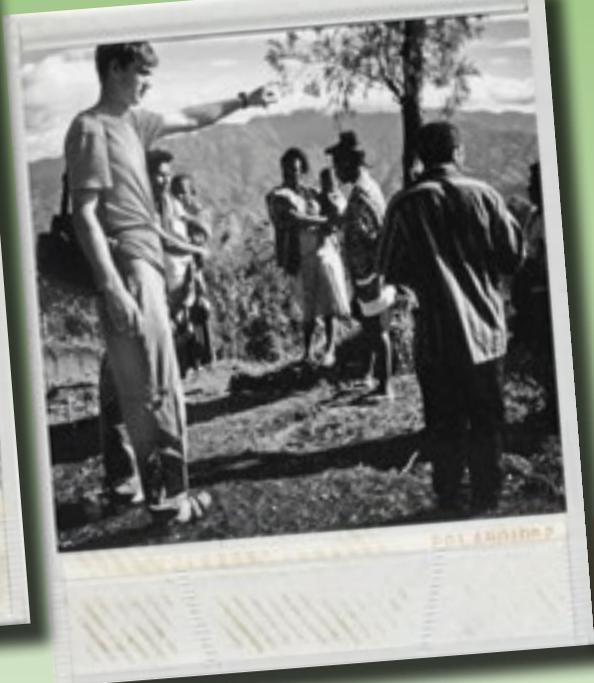
20 Years

in the Making

by Debi Pearl

Last month, Nathan returned to the mountain of Papua New Guinea and walked among the Kumboi people. He was a teenager when he was last there. At the time his older sister, Beka was a linguist working among the extremely remote people group. We sent her brothers in turn to stay on the mountain top with her so that she would not be alone. The tiny Kumboi people were

kindly and welcomed the strange, very tall white young people. We have a picture of Gabe at nineteen standing up against a tree while one of the men climbed the tree to hack a mark proving to others how tall the white boy was. After a few months of working among the Kumboi people Beka called her daddy (by radio) and said, "These people need a picture book of the Bible. They don't know



the world is round so they certainly have no idea of who God is. They need to see there is a lot of world that they never dreamed was there. They need the whole story of God working among people. And even more important, the whole island of Papua New Guinea needs a Bible in their language.”

Her call sent us into a frenzy of work. We contacted many missionaries who had been translating the Bible for years (one old man had worked 30 years translating but could not find anyone willing to pay for the printing) and pulled together a Bible in the trade language. It was the donations of the No Greater Joy

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Before leaving for Papua New Guinea, Nathan preached a sermon called **Missions: The Reason We Go**. You can listen to the powerful message here: <http://ngj.me/pngstory>



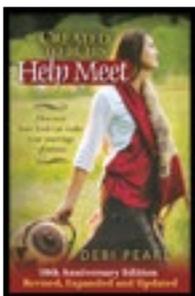
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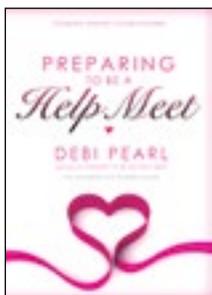


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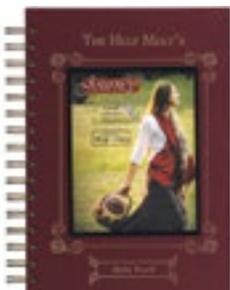
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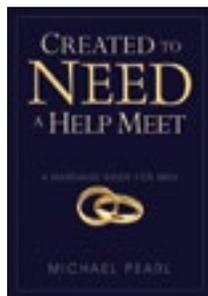


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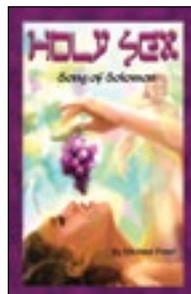


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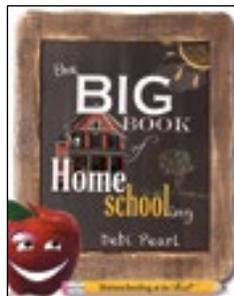
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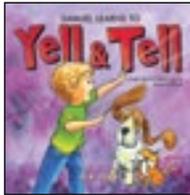
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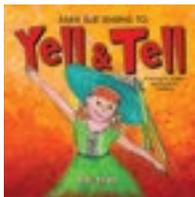


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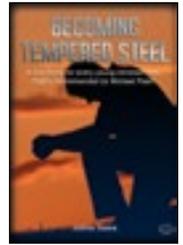
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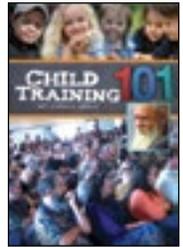
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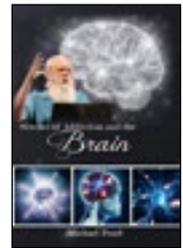
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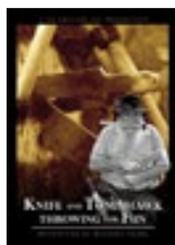
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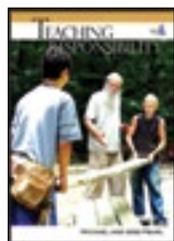
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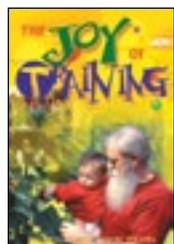
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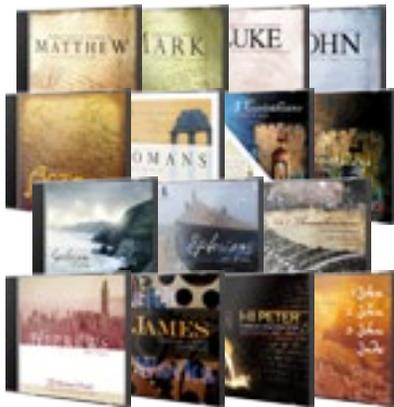
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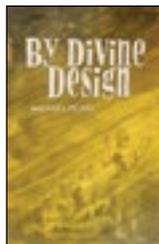
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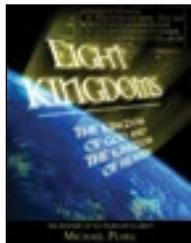
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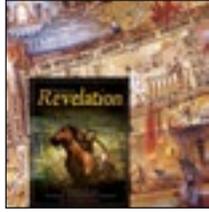
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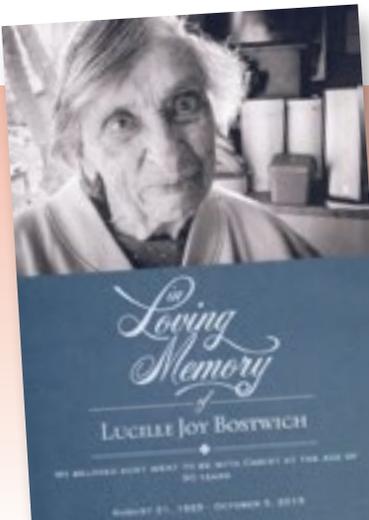
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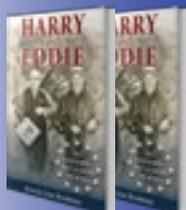
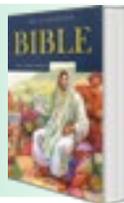
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