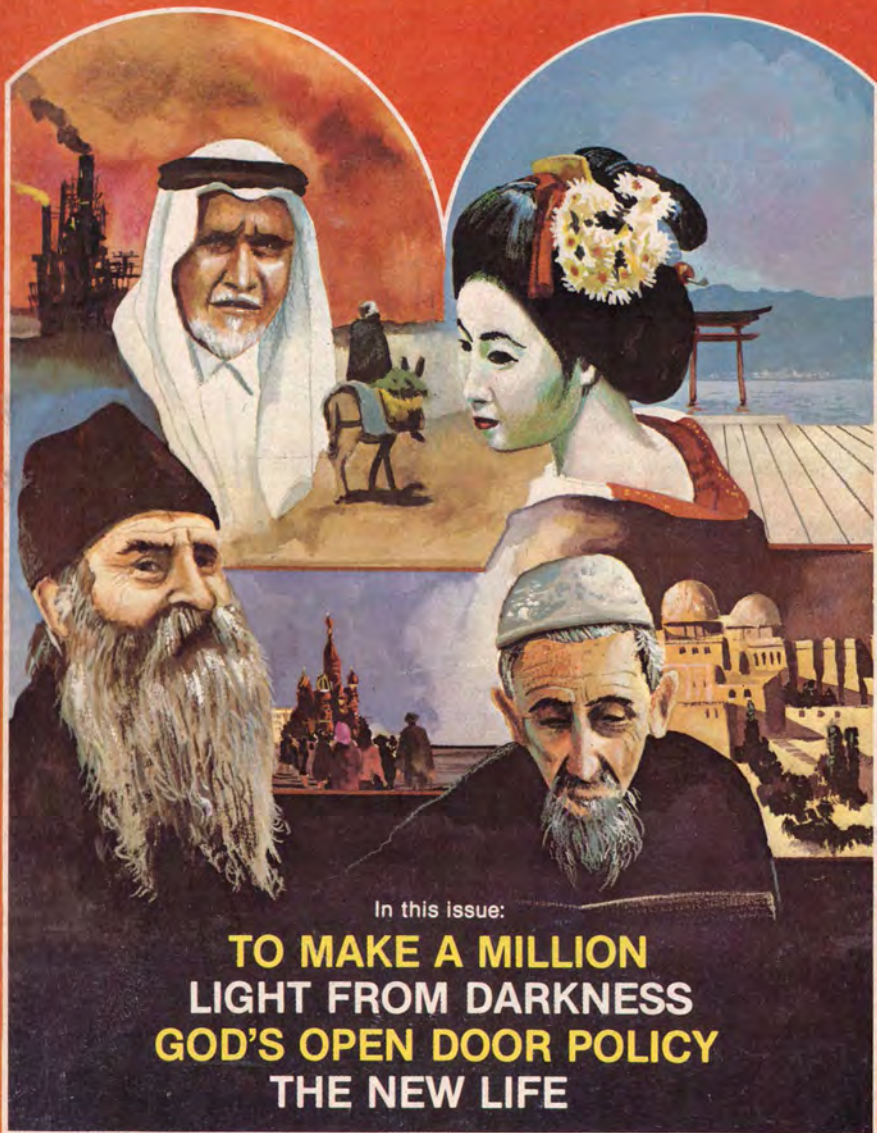


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\$\$ TO MAKE A MILLION \$\$



Buck and Bonnie Jacobs and daughters

HAPPINESS AND WEALTH were synonymous, as far as I was concerned, and in my early adulthood I sat down and mapped out a strategy to make my fortune. That included scheming to get rid of the president of my father's business and to take it over myself, which was accomplished at the age of 27.

My feelings after the board of directors left and I sat behind the president's desk, were agony. The elation I had expected was not there. In its place was absolute letdown and emptiness. No feeling of fulfillment was forthcoming.

Assuring myself that satisfaction would come if only I would work hard and make the business more pros-



**LESTER
"BUCK"
JACOBS**

Aurora,
Illinois



perous, I threw myself wholeheartedly once again into carrying out my plan. Over the next years I bought homes, cars, clothes and whatever of the world's goods caught my fancy. Still not satisfied, I sold the family business and started a new venture in order to accomplish my goal of becoming a millionaire before I was 35.

Without any religious training in my childhood to draw from, my ideas about God were very vague. My one definite concept was that He was to be feared. Along the way I tried to bargain with God and had made, and broken, many promises to Him. Certain that I could never be forgiven after so many failures, I elected to

forget about Him.

My new business venture was based on the concept that man is the captain of his own destiny, anyway, and that with hard work anything was possible. Having discarded my shallow understanding of God, I wholeheartedly embraced this new, do-it-yourself philosophy. Working 14 to 16 hours a day, seven days a week, I was soon one of the top men in the organization which was comprised of many small companies worldwide. My capital was invested in several of the companies, and in a short time my stock would be worth a million dollars.

The company sent me to Italy to start a subsidiary there. My

residence was a huge villa, I was driving a Maserati, wearing custom-made clothes, and never in need of cash. It seemed that I could satisfy almost any material or fleshly desire. Yet it was in Italy that I really came face-to-face with myself. It became apparent to me that the accomplishments of my life were meaningless. As a matter of fact, I knew deep inside that I had been happier at the time I sat down and wrote out my goals than I was now after having attained them.

In my striving for more and more, I hadn't really taken the time to look at those above me in the organization. Now I realized that they weren't happy either. As a matter of fact, they were as miserable as I. They had more wealth, but they didn't have what I really wanted, and I knew it. Suddenly my desire to be like them was gone, and it was crushing to me. My whole life had been spent reaching toward one goal, and all I found was emptiness when I was nearing it. Shortly afterwards I discovered that the head of the corporations was a fraud and had been stealing all my money. Not only was my dream shattered, but my supposedly huge fortune was gone.

Disillusioned and with no enthusiasm, I found it difficult to be successful in my next venture. It, too, was based on the same principle as the first. My desire to "make a



million" was gone, and the ambition was just not there. Nevertheless, I tried to maintain my same standard of living. Two years after returning from Italy, I found I was still playing the same game—driving a Cadillac I couldn't afford, living in an apartment I couldn't afford, deep in sin with no direction to my life.

Sitting beside the pool one day at my apartment, I began to talk to a man. He had his problems, too, and he was very hard in many ways. Yet he said to me, "Buck, you're sharp and you have a lot going for you, but

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there's one thing you're missing. You need God in your life."

I was stunned, because I knew that what he said was true. Even though I had made and broken deals with God for many years, I realized my need. Not really knowing how God could ever hear me or care for me again, I still knew I somehow had to find the way to Him. Back in my apartment, I picked up a book that some friends had given me three or four years earlier. They had become Christians and had tried to witness to me, but I would not listen to them. Somehow as I now looked at that book, I knew that they had something I wanted.

Two thoughts came to me very strongly at this time. First, I felt that I should call Bob and ask for a job in his organization. Secondly, I felt I probably didn't have the courage to let my best friend know that I was a failure and that I wasn't going to get better unless a drastic change came into my life.

The message of the book, as I began to read, was Jesus Christ and the forgiveness of sin. I could hardly put it down. Late that night I finally closed the book, but I was beginning to sense an inner excitement. According to the book, I really could be forgiven by Jesus!

The following morning I turned the television on to watch the football game but was an hour early. The *Hour of Power* program, with Dr. Robert Schuller, was on the screen. Ordinarily I would have changed the channel, but that day I listened. He

began to talk about problems, and how every person faces them. The difference, he said, was in how you handled them. Either they would weigh you down and break you if you tried to deal with them yourself, or they could become positive experiences if you would turn them over to Jesus Christ and let Him handle them for you. Then he said that I could give my life to Jesus right there. He would help me with my problems and make me a new person. Well, I certainly had my share of problems. I knew that I was sick of myself and certainly wished to be a new man.

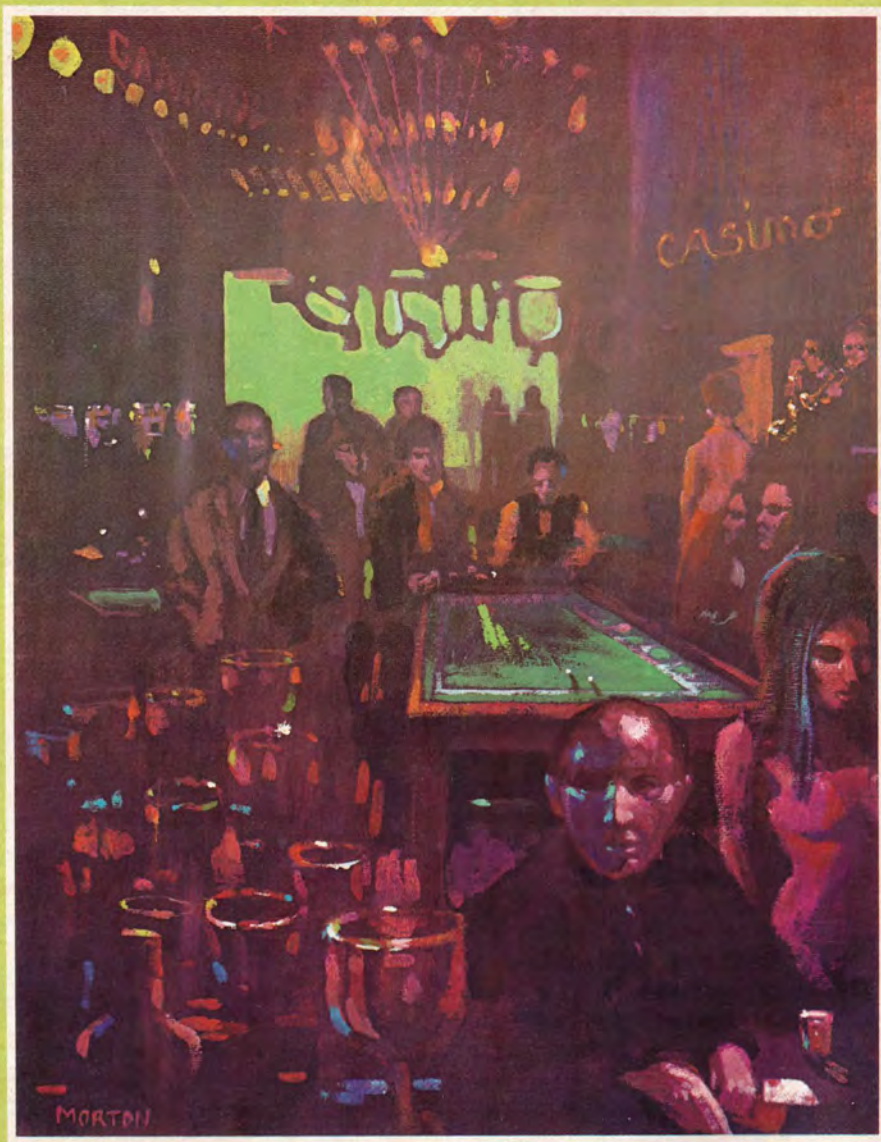
Kneeling there in my living room, I prayed for forgiveness and turned my life over to Jesus. He gave me the most beautiful vision, along with the thought, "Jesus is the best friend I have." When my tears stopped flowing, I knew that something had changed.

At work the next day, things did not go well. That night at dinner I shared my thoughts about my friend Bob with the girl who was to become my wife. Just as I was telling her I really didn't have the courage to call Bob, the telephone rang. Bob was on the line, asking me when I was coming back to Chicago. I had to be honest with him and tell him I just couldn't get there. I couldn't afford it.

Bob said that three months before he had pledged his business to the Lord to be a witness in the community. He said that the Lord had given him a product, and he wanted me to

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**WHERE THERE IS DARKNESS,
THE LIGHT IS NEEDED**





BOB HARRISON

**FGBMFI International Director
and
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Santa Ana, California**

STANDING BEFORE THAT CROWD IN LAS VEGAS, I was facing a group of men who had come for a leasing convention. Their faces bore the marks of the drinking, gambling and carousing that had been going on the night before. They were looking at me with bloodshot eyes.

Before I stood up to speak, the devil had been trying to dissuade me from talking about the Lord. "You're not going to stand up there, hold up your Bible and tell them that you run your business by those principles. You know those guys will laugh you

out of this convention!" While these thoughts were going through my mind, my wife Cindy had slipped into the back of the room and was praying for me.

The Lord gave me courage, and after telling them how I depended on the Word, I read several Scriptures. Afterwards, the response was overwhelming. One man wanted the verses so he could have them put on a sign to hang in his dealership. Another said that he was a Christian but had been afraid to witness for the Lord. A third man introduced himself, announced that he was head of Chrysler Leasing Corporation in Canada, and asked me to be a keynote speaker at their upcoming national convention in Toronto!

The first time I was asked the question, "Can a person be a Christian and a car dealer?", I had to do some thinking. Now I say, "Absolutely!" Where there is darkness, the Light is needed. God has put me where I am so that I can witness for Him, and He has opened many, many doors for me. He has shown me my mission field.

My parents were dedicated Christians, and the first 13 years of my life were spent on a Bible school campus where my father was president. Dad then became secretary of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship. He was later with Oral Roberts University in their graduate school of theology, and then he came back to

California and founded the Melodyland School of the Bible.

From such a religious background, it seems unlikely that I would not be a committed Christian. Somehow, though, that seemed the case. When my college professor appealed to my pride and equated Jesus with Santa Claus, telling me that we had to outgrow both and “stand up and be men,” I fell for it. I learned the hard way that we do not automatically “absorb” Christianity by being with Christians every day.

My intellectual turning away came full circle during college, and I began to realize that serving God was very logical and reasonable. However, that mental assent was still not enough. Only when I came to the place where I was willing to give my life to the Lord was I saved. I made that decision at a men’s banquet, and from that point, God was not only the God of my mind but also of my heart.

The Lord blessed me with a wife and family, a home, a business and those things which men feel will make them happy. But something was still missing. Memories of being a teenager and involved in Full Gospel conventions with my father began to come to mind. I recalled other men who had been involved in doing the Lord’s work, traveling on their weekends and evenings to spread the Good News. Their commitment was vivid in my mind, and I knew that I wanted this deeper walk with the Lord. Attending the San Francisco International Convention

in 1972, I felt such a need to turn everything over to God—my life, my occupation, my marriage, my family, everything, and I went forward for prayer. At the meeting the following day, Kathryn Kuhlman laid hands on me, and I was slain in the Spirit.

Going to my room to pray before dinner that evening, I received a telephone call. My father, who was in Athens, Greece leading a tour group to the Holy Land, had just died of a heart attack. The Lord gave me peace and composure, and 30 minutes later I was standing in front of the audience at the convention to tell them about my father. Tommy Ashcraft and Sherwin McCurdy, both International Directors, laid hands on me and prayed, “Lord, may the mantle of the father fall on the son.”

Although it seemed an impossibility at the time, that prayer is being answered. While on a speaking engagement for the Fellowship in 1977, in prayer I felt very strongly that the Lord was impressing me to sell my Chrysler dealership, keeping only the leasing company. Further, I needed to sell my house. By the time I was on my way home, I was certain of the Lord’s direction but apprehensive about Cindy’s reaction. Before I could bring up the subject, Cindy said that she had been praying in the Spirit, and the Lord showed her that He would be leading me into a deeper involvement with the Fellowship, and that our dealership and house would be sold!

The miracle didn’t end there, how-



Bob's father, Irvine J. Harrison, seated far left, is shown at a FGBMFI Executive Board meeting in 1960 with Demos Shakarian, Jewel Rose, Art Wilson, Lee Braxton, Nick Timko, C.C. Ford, and Al Konsmo.

ever. We went to a restaurant to discuss the situation and agreed together according to Matthew 18:19 that our house was sold. We wrote the date and time down on a napkin and took it with us. At this time we had told no one of our plans. Yet when we arrived home five minutes later, a man was standing in our driveway waiting to make us an offer on our house! Ten days later we had moved.

Shortly afterwards the dealership was sold in another miraculous set of circumstances, and during the past three years I have traveled over 250,000 miles for the Fellowship. The Lord has been faithful to us financially, physically and spiritually.

His Word is a never-ending source of strength and instruction for us. As we serve with the men of the FGBMFI in these last days, we recognize and teach the importance

of regular, prayerful study of God's Holy Word. When I speak, I challenge the audience, as I was once challenged, to spend 30 minutes a day in Bible study. I know that in doing so their lives will be turned around as mine was. They will learn, as I have, that the power, strength and sustenance in the Word will supply all their needs if they will only make that Word part of them and rely on the promises God has made.

I believe that today God wants an army like Gideon's army, whose strength will not be in numbers, but in commitment. That army includes the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship—men who are willing to pay the price in time and dedication to take this world for Jesus. ***Will you be a part of that army? Will you reach out to the Lord and give yourself wholly to Him for whatever purpose He has for your life?*** ■

VOICE ECHOES

In Job 9:10, in praise to God we find that Job said, "Who does great things, unfathomable, and wondrous works without number" (NASB).

Letters and calls coming in remind us regularly that God is still performing those wondrous works. Copies of the VOICE magazine, segments of the Good News! television broadcasts, literature and letters all are used of the Lord to bring souls to Him. Here are some of the responses we have received:

"The July/August issue of VOICE featuring Guyana has blessed and encouraged the believers here."

G.S., Guyana, South Africa

"I found VOICE magazine in the lobby of the hospital where I work, followed the Six Scriptural Steps to Salvation, and am telling everyone that I have received the Lord as my personal Saviour."

L.N., Columbus, Mississippi

"I watched your Good News! program last night and was impressed with the woman who prayed 21 years for her alcoholic husband. My faith is renewed to pray for my brother."

N.J., North Platte, Nebraska

"On our first camping trip West I was overjoyed to see a stack of VOICE magazines on the registration desk at the place where we camped. Thank God for the FGBMF of Moose Jaw."

M.H., White Lake, Ontario, Canada

"Your magazine was used of God to bring me into the baptism in the Holy Spirit. I just wanted to say 'Thank you' for VOICE."

C.Q., Red Wing, Minnesota

"I was born again about 18 months ago in a jail cell and was filled with the Holy Spirit two days later. What a joy it is to be a part of the family of God. We have a wonderful Christian fellowship here at McNeil Island Federal penitentiary, and we make sure that VOICE gets spread around here at the 'island'. God bless you all."

C.H., McNeil Island, Washington

"Having recently received Christ as my personal Saviour and having a burden to witness, I didn't know how or where to begin. Then I found your magazine in a hotel room. The Six Scriptural Steps to Salvation solved my problem, and the magazine is a real inspiration to witness."

E.L., Vancouver, B.C.

"Thank you so much for the most wonderful thing that ever happened to me—the day my best friend sent me a copy of VOICE. I never knew God as I do now, for the VOICE taught me about the Holy Spirit."

W.H., McDowell, Kentucky

CONVENTIONS

WESTERN REGION

OKANAGAN MEN'S ADVANCES

February 29-March 2, 1980

March 9-11, 1980

Naramata Center for
Continuing Education, Naramata, B.C.

Write: J. Keith Davis

454 Barkley Road, Kelowna, B.C.
Canada, V1W 1E3

5TH AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL

March 3-8, 1980

Park Royal Motor Inn
Brisbane, Qld., Australia

Write: Bernie Gray

P.O. Box 87, Stones Corner
Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, 4120

GREATER BAY AREA REGIONAL

March 6-8, 1980

Oakland Airport Hilton Inn

Write: Ronny Svenhard

335 Adeline Street, Oakland, CA 94607

WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL REGIONAL

March 12-15, 1980

Shoreham Americana

Washington D.C.

Write: A.F. Malachuk

P.O. Box 4270, Washington D.C. 20012

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS REGIONAL

March 12-15, 1980

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

Write: Don W. Reis, Sr.

101 North 19th Street, Herrin, IL 62948

COLUMBIA RIVER REGIONAL

March 20-22, 1980

Holiday Inn, Richland

Write: Gerald H. Labrecque

2112 Trippe, Richland, WA 99352

LETHBRIDGE & SOUTHERN

ALBERTA REGIONAL

March 21-22, 1980

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South Lethbridge, Alta, Canada T1J 0J8

MISSOURI STATE MEN'S ADVANCE

April 4-6, 1980

Assembly of God Lake Campground
Lake Ozark, Missouri

Write: Larry Agne

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PRAIRIE REGIONAL

April 10-12, 1980

Centennial Auditorium, Saskatoon,
Saskatchewan, Canada

Write: Dennis Wilson, Chairman

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Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T5A 2N4

ABILENE-ANGELO REGIONAL

April 23-26, 1980

Abilene Civic Center

Write: Jack Yates

318 Bank of Commerce Bldg.

Abilene, TX 79605

IOWA STATE MEN'S ADVANCE

April 25-26, 1980

Camp Wyoming

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Cedar Rapids, IA 52405

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Red Lion Motor Hotel

Portland, Oregon

Write: Art Evanson

800 Harney, Vancouver, WA 98660

GUYANA ANNUAL CONVENTION

May 22-25, 1980

Write: Sir Lionel Luckhoo

P.O. Box 163

Georgetown, Guyana, S.A.

27TH ANNUAL WORLD CONVENTION

June 30-July 5, 1980

Anaheim, California

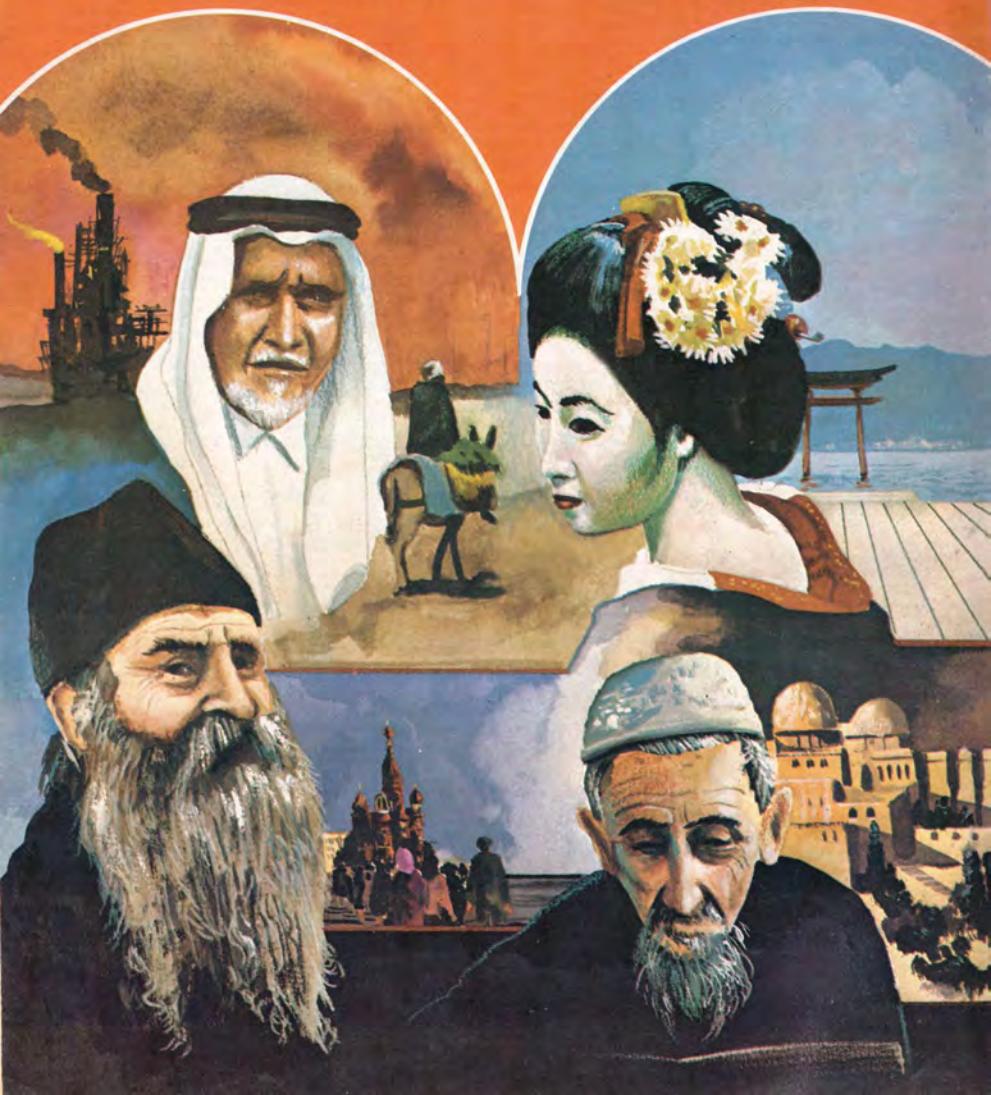
Write: David Byram

World Convention Coordinator

P.O. Box 5050, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Because of the increasing number of conventions, rallies and advances, it has become necessary to publish them in two parts—one for the Eastern Region and one for the Western Region. If you would like a listing of the other region's conventions, please write to Conventions, P.O. Box 5050, Costa Mesa, CA 92626.

"God's open



door policy”



by WAYNE SHABAZ

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MY WIFE THOUGHT I WAS CRAZY. I called her from Detroit while she was visiting her parents in Ohio and told her the news.

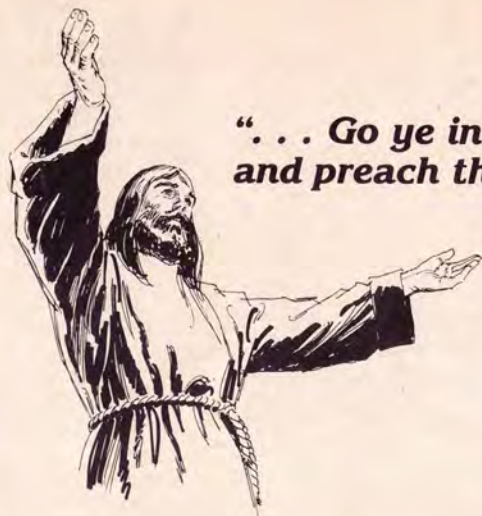
“Cindy, God has called me into the ministry.” There was silence on the other end of the line. She was a pastor’s daughter and had gone the whole pastor’s-daughter route, gearing up throughout her whole teens for marriage to a preacher and life as a pastor’s wife.

But she had married me instead—an electronics engineer—and happily. She had grown accustomed to being out of the spotlight of the pulpit, and comfortable in the layperson’s life. And now I was handing her this. “God has called me into the ministry.” She said nothing. She was not delighted with my abrupt announcement. But neither did Cindy fully understand exactly what I was

talking about, for the ministry into which God was thrusting me was not the pulpit ministry Cindy recalled so vividly from her childhood.

It was neither pastoral nor evangelistic. In fact, it fit into no mold at all. No label could quite fit this vision. It was a vision for the world—a vision for reaching into nations, through the back door where the Gospel is off-limits, where preaching Jesus’ name is prohibited by law. It was a vision for planting Christian families in places where no missionary could ever penetrate—a ministry for lay people, like Cindy and me, where preachers and evangelists could not do the job.

It was a vision for an employment agency that would specialize in placing families in foreign lands. The agency would respond to a need in the American corporate world by pro-



***“ . . . Go ye into all the world,
and preach the gospel . . . ”***

(Mk. 16:15)

viding cross-cultural orientation and foreign job-placement services. But at the same time the agency would focus on Christian lay people as its primary resource for filling those waiting positions. The result: Christian families placed in secular positions all over the world—strategic missiles of evangelism!

The idea was not conceived in a supernatural flash of inspiration. Instead, God walked me down a long, winding road of preparation, shaping my thinking, my behavior and my mode of operation, readying me step by step for this unique work.

I had plenty to learn. Two years out of Purdue University with a degree in engineering, I impulsively packed up my young bride and set sail for Lebanon, inspired by the visionary preaching of a missionary. I had sent ahead 100 personal letters and

resumes to prospective employers in Lebanon, but I did not have a single job offer. Money ran shorter by the day. Finally Cindy and I faced the prospect of returning to the States:

To redeem the time and money, at least in part, we booked our return flight by way of the Far East, continuing our circle of the globe instead of going back the way we came. At least we could see the sights that way.

Our first stop was Teheran, the capital of Iran—a city still thriving and peaceful, long before the bloodshed that was to come. My father was born in Iran, so this place had special significance for me.

It was here that our miracle caught up with us. On our first day in the city, I had five job offers! I joined an American engineering firm, and Cindy took a third grade class in a

school for American children. Soon we were ministering among some 50 high school young people in a community church, working closely with the pastor, and learning more than we were teaching.

In Iran, where Americans weren't very highly regarded, God showed me a mission field, a natural opportunity for a Christian layman to minister by his very character in a setting where no cleric would be welcome. My work took me to other nations as well—Israel, Russia, the Far East. And time and time again, I saw the same possibilities before me: Christians would go as working lay people into places otherwise untouchable. God was opening doors to many nations that had previously been closed, but it seemed I could get no support for my ideas.

After two years in Iran, Cindy and I returned to the States and located in the Detroit area. I joined another firm as an engineering department manager. Day by day the vision expanded and refined itself but found no expression. My frustration grew. Soon a new assignment brought me in contact with a variety of employment agencies as I searched for personnel. As I began to ask questions, the dream began to tune in, more clearly defined than ever before. Why not open my own agency?

God would use me to put together this visionary employment agency, and I was feeling a surge of excitement in my life unlike anything I had ever experienced before.

Soon I was bonded and licensed, according to the laws of the State of Michigan, by the Private Employment Bureau of the Department of Licensing and Regulation, as an official employment agency.

In the months following as Christian education director for my church, God taught me three vital things that would be required in the near future as the agency grew into reality: compassion for people, the power of a personal prayer life, and the value of doctrinal balance.

Since those early days, God has mightily blessed the work. Cindy and I grow more thrilled each day as we see the Lord moving in ways that may not have been possible had we forced our own timetable on the vision.

In addition to the work through the agency, it has been my privilege to serve the Lord in helping establish the Macomb County Chapter of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship in Roseville. Cindy and I have been blessed through our association with that chapter, and particularly with its president, Dominic Russo. He and I have served together on the Board of Deacons at the St. Clair Shores Assembly of God church.

We praise God for His endless love—a love for all people and all nations—a love that allows us to have this unusual part in fulfilling His great commission:

"... Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel . . ." (Mark 16:15). ■

THE HAPPIEST



Pope John Paul II receives gift from Fred Ladenius, editor of European editions of VOICE. Left: Demos Shakarian



Incredible! That Demos Shakarian's book, *The Happiest People on Earth*, should be presented to Pope John Paul, or that the teacher of President Carter's Sunday school class should request a copy for him is beyond the wildest dreams of the dairy farmer whom God chose to spearhead a great laymen's harvest before the Lord's return.

It is questionable whether John and Elizabeth Sherrill, long recog-

PEOPLE ON EARTH

nized as outstanding authors, could have envisioned that their book would be translated into nine languages.

Not only have sales passed all expectations, but, more importantly, the book is proving to be a powerful instrument for God. Letters are received frequently testifying that readers have received Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour through the message of the biography. Others have had their faith rekindled, and still others have had their hearts and minds opened to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Scores of people have echoed the words expressed by one introduced only recently to the book: "There's an anointing on those pages!" he concluded. "Rarely does a person sense the power of God as I did while reading this work."

The Happiest People on Earth is the personal story of a California dairy farmer, born of immigrant parents, whose herd increased to 3,000 milk cows, the largest in the world. Also, it is the record of the fulfilling of a vision God revealed to Demos more than a quarter century ago.

The deeply moving story begins with the years prior to the invasion by the Turks in 1914, when more than a million and a half Armenians lost their lives and describes the merciful warning that God gave through an illiterate boy. Among those who heeded it and fled to America was Demos'

grandfather.

As the narrative unfolds you share the family's struggles in a strange land, suffer with them their disappointments, the death of a daughter and the final parting of a man and his father. You sense the determination and drive that catapults the horse and cart door-to-door produce business into an astounding agricultural achievement, which included, along with the world's largest dairy herd, feed mills, fertilizer plants and drive-in milk stores.

But this is much more than a Horatio Alger success story, it is a spiritual odyssey. It is the story of a movement inseparably entwined with the man. It is the story of a man with a message and a mission—the story of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship.

Beginning with a single weekly breakfast at Clifton's Cafeteria, Los Angeles, that nearly aborted a year after its inception in 1953, the book chronicles God's multiplying this ministry until today hundreds of thousands participate in the more than 2,000 chapters that meet monthly in 71 countries.

This rapid growth of the chapters, the more than 150 conventions, advances and workshops held annually, together with VOICE magazine, GOOD NEWS! telecasts and radio programs, airlifts and the satellite ministry are some of the means God

is employing to fulfill the vision He gave Demos nearly three decades ago.

Disappointed and discouraged by the apparent failure of the breakfast meetings after a year-long effort, the Armenian farmer prostrated himself on the farmhouse floor through the dark hours of the night. In a vision, Demos was lifted up and enabled to see the whole world. The faces he saw were lifeless and miserable, and the people were isolated. The sad scene changed, and as the vision continued he then saw millions of men with faces uplifted, eyes shining with joy and hands raised in praise. Men from every continent were linked in a loving community.

That God-given vision is becoming a reality as thousands upon thousands are being transformed by the

blood of Christ and baptized in the Holy Spirit. The book, *The Happiest People on Earth*, is being used to add to that great number. It has been translated into Spanish, French, German, Swedish, Polish, Ukranian, Russian, Hungarian and Dutch. Soon, it will be translated into the languages of the Chinese and the Yugoslavians.

"I couldn't put the book down," an enthusiastic reader confessed. "It is just so interesting." *The Happiest People on Earth* is more than an interesting story—it's inspiring. To read about what God has done with one humble farmer who put God first in his life stimulates a sense of wonder. It dares one to believe that if God is using this man and others who serve with him in the Fellowship to bring happiness to hundreds of thousands, He can and will use me.

Yes! Please send the following number of copies of THE HAPPIEST PEOPLE ON EARTH:

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come to Chicago to discuss making me an offer. He felt that I was the one to help him put together a sales organization, and that he would send me a plane ticket!

My mind whirled. Jesus sealed me at that moment, for I knew that only He could have known my thoughts. It had to be of the Lord that Bob called. From that time on I have not doubted the reality of Jesus. I can always go back to that moment as proof of what had happened to me.

The next few years were a constant learning process for me. Christian principles such as tithing and

keeping the Lord first in my life had to be learned. The business went through trials and many problems, but we have seen the Lord's hand throughout. Through much prayer and fasting, the Lord has increased the business five-fold in as many years.

Becoming involved with the Aurora chapter of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship, I received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Over the years God has shown Himself very real to me. I have learned to rely on His Word, and He has blessed me abundantly. *I give Him praise that He did not give up on me but reached down to me in my need and saved me.* ■

FULL GOSPEL BUSINESS MEN'S CHAPTER OUTREACH

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A TESTIMONY TO ALL NATIONS

"Behold, I will do a new thing . . ." prophesied Isaiah (Isa. 43:19).

Evidence of the fulfillment of this prophecy can be especially seen today in the presentation of the Gospel throughout all the world, and particularly to the leaders of nations. God has opened doors to allow the effectual presentation of the Gospel. He is melting the hearts of men in the inner circles of government throughout the world.

IRELAND

In the country of Ireland, where a religious war has been raging for several years, God is moving to heal wounds and mend relationships where man has been able to effect any kind of peace.

Three weeks prior to a FGBMFI airlift in late 1979, Pope John Paul II visited Ireland, telling the people, "Man can no longer kill in the name of the church, whether Protestant or Catholic. A new evangelism is needed."

In meetings held in various cities throughout the country, approximately 11,000 people heard testimonies of how God can change lives. More than 2,000 persons were born again and filled with the Holy Spirit.

Because of the popularity of former Astronaut Charles Duke, who

shared his testimony throughout the two-week airlift, newspapers gave front-page coverage to meetings, publishing the testimonies of several of the speakers. Estimates are that over 70 percent of Ireland was reached through this coverage.

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all of the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (Matt. 24:14). ■

Alderman Mayor Alexander Spence of Ballymena, Ireland, and FGBMFI International Director Walter Moore of Missouri



COSTA RICA

History was made tonight," stated Israel's ambassador. Costa Rica's President Lic. Rodrigo Carazo Odio, a Christian, had issued invitations to a banquet hosted by the Full Gospel Business Men in his country.

Attending were members of the Sandinista Junta now ruling in the recently war-torn country of Nicaragua, as well as leaders from Honduras. At the time of the meeting, Honduras and Nicaragua



Costa Rican President Rodrigo Carazo, former astronaut Charles Duke, and FGBMFI International Director Newman Peyton

were involved in fighting near their borders.

Listening to testimonies of how Jesus Christ had changed the lives of men such as Demos Shakarian and former astronaut Charles Duke, these men were obviously touched. As a result of the leaders of nations being brought together by the moving of the Holy Spirit, an impromptu meeting followed the banquet. Discussions were begun there which resulted in Honduras and Nicaragua exchanging ambassadors.

Junta Commander Tomas Borges, after returning to Nicaragua, was quoted in South and Central American newspapers as having reminded his people that, although their country had been through a revolution, the time had come to

recognize that the love of Jesus was the basis on which their country should operate. He encouraged his people to forgive those who had inflicted hurts and go on to rebuild that nation on Christian principles.

The complete story of the results of those meetings may never be told, but immediate results included a great number who responded to the invitation for salvation, including waiters who had served the food. Prayers for the nations and their leaders had gone up continually from the international directors at the meetings, Newman Peyton, Glenn Norwood, Garland Solomon, and Norman Norwood, as well as from the many others in attendance. God has begun a great work, and we know that He will complete it. ■

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THE NEW LIFE

by DAVID MOLYNEUX,

We were married September 30, 1978 in Germany. Right up to the last minute I argued for a simple Register Office ceremony. I didn't see why a church wedding was necessary, as neither my wife-to-be nor I had been to church for 20 years.

However, in the end I agreed to a church ceremony to please Gisela's father.

At 34, I had lived in many different countries in different situations, and had been with my wife-to-be for three years. During the last nine years I



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had traveled, lived, and done business throughout Scandinavia, the Middle East, Far East, India, and East Africa. The last year-and-a-half had been spent in Belgium.

My business career has covered 17 years: going from apprentice engineer, sales representative, sales director, shareholder director with security dealers, to part-owner of a telecommunications company. Money and ambition were my main driving forces, and business my main interest.

Coming from a working class background in Yorkshire, England, it was important for me to break out of the environment that traps many people of that region from birth to death.

My wife comes from Dusseldorf, Germany. We met while we were both living in London. She is a secretary, and at present works for the Common Market in Brussels.

During the last few years I have had a growing feeling of dissatisfac-

tion with business. The making of money seemed to be my whole preoccupation, other interests just filling time left from making money. The businesses went well, and I made some capital and enjoyed a high standard of living. However, the better things became financially, the more I felt that this was not the way to happiness, contentment, peace of mind, and real life.

All my friends were in business, so we were all in the same boat, to a lesser or greater degree. Sometimes we tried to evaluate life after a few drinks, never really getting far because no matter what profound things we said or thought, there was always this important fact that we must be practical and work. One must eat, pay one's rent, and generally progress positively along the material path, so what was the point of having philosophical thoughts? They were for the academics anyway, not for businessmen.

Our philosophy was this: make as much money as we could, be as honest as we could, and hurt as few people as necessary to this end. However, casualties were inevitable in the dog-eat-dog world of business.

About three years ago I met a philosophy professor from Canada, and his wife. They were on a year's sabbatical leave, to search out new experiences and to "freshen up". I thought this was a good idea and

wished it could happen in my business, although I believed it was not possible for the business to manage without me for a whole year. This was at the start of my last business venture.

Because we had a flat next to them in London, we met often, and I saw for the first time in this couple people who saw life as it was, without money or success influencing them.

I began reading Indian philosophy books, as I had been in India several times on business, and I thought that meditation and yoga must be the way to control the mounting dissatisfaction I was feeling with my success.

Things got better and better businesswise, but worse emotionally. Each meeting became a mental effort, and small matters became difficult.

Eventually I could not carry on, so the week before our marriage my wife and I talked the matter through. She had seen this dramatic slide into depression that had taken place in me during the last three years. We decided that life was much more important than business, so after much consideration, doubt, and worry, I called my partners and said I wanted to pull out. They couldn't believe it, not having known of my dissatisfaction. It was decided, at Christmas, 1978, to square up the money, sell the shares, and for me to resign. We had no plans for the future except to perhaps spend some time traveling and to try to put back some hap-

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piness into my life.

After our marriage we were invited to stay a month with a friend's mother in Barbados, West Indies. After much discussion relating to cost, etc., balancing this against future uncertainty, we decided to go.

Upon arriving, we were welcomed by a lady whom we'd met once before in London, whom we thought a bit fanatical because she insisted on saying grace before eating.

Above the door to our bedroom she had hung a sign saying, "Welcome Honeymooners, God bless your marriage". We thought this was a bit old-fashioned, but we didn't say anything. The day after we arrived she asked us if we would help arrange the chairs as she was holding a Bible study group; we thought this was nothing for "our sort" of young people but decided to attend, just to be polite. It turned out to be fairly interesting, with 25 women of all ages praying for healings and reading and discussing the Bible. After this we went swimming and enjoyed the many benefits of the beautiful island.

Sunday came round, and the lady informed us that she went to church, and if we felt like it we could go too. Feeling very relaxed and without the pressures of our normal life, we decided it would be a change, so we went.

The church was a huge building, rather like an aircraft hanger, simple and modern. It had to be large, because I found that both Sunday morning and Sunday evening services attracted over 2,000 people,

besides Wednesday and Friday evenings, which drew between 1000 and 2000. Thursday mornings people again crowded in for a regular healing service. When I heard the singing and the praise being offered, and the pastor's sermon, I knew why these people were left standing if they weren't in church 15 minutes early.

The whole thing took my breath away. I couldn't believe this was the sort of thing, in principle, that happened in our dull, old-fashioned churches in Europe. The church was Full Gospel, and nobody inquired from which denomination one came. They simply joined their hearts together and sang joyous praise.

Two hours later and mightily shocked, we emerged into the sunshine. We were eager to go back in the evening for another two hours of enjoyment. Again, another strong topical message about sensible things relating to our time greatly impressed me, followed by a question I'd never heard before: "If anyone here has not the assurance of salvation and has not asked Jesus Christ into your life, put your hand up". Some people did so, and were called forward to pray. This was too much for us at this stage, so we kept quiet.

During the following week my wife and I read *The Happiest People on Earth*, about how Demos Shakarian started the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International. We found it a wonderful story, and full of things I knew nothing about. Speaking in tongues amazed me. I couldn't believe it. During the week I read

another book, *They Speak With Other Tongues*, by John Sherrill. This again banged against my belief barrier. I also read *Tell It Again*, a small book full of testimonies like ours, taken from the VOICE magazine over a 10-year-period.

By now I knew I was into something real. Either that or these books and the people were lying, and I thought, "Why should they?" We also read various books and magazines, and listened to records about healings happening today.

Sunday dawned again, and we went to church, again bursting its sides with people singing their hearts out. After a beautiful message from the pastor, he asked if any wanted prayer to receive Jesus into their hearts. Both my wife and I went forward. The pastor explained that we were sinners, because the Bible said so, (I agreed to this, having done many wrong things in my life) and that we must ask Jesus to forgive our sins, enter our hearts and fill us with His Holy Spirit.

Even though I wasn't sure whether I believed or understood all the theological implications, I really prayed that Jesus would come into my life and show me the truth. After the prayer nothing really noticeable happened immediately, but during the next days both my wife and I developed a thirst to read about God. Fortunately the house was full of good books. We attended church four times a week while in Barbados, and we attended the ladies' Bible

study each week. When it was time to return to Belgium we were really feeling different and knew that Jesus was with us. We talked constantly about the Lord and prayed very often. We were worried that in Belgium, where we had never talked about religion to any of our friends, we might not be able to find people who understood what had happened.

We had a VOICE magazine with us, and noticed that the International office for Europe was in Brussels. Looking the number up in the telephone directory, my heart missed a beat when I found it. This was a Monday, and they had a prayer meeting the following evening. We went along, and met many people who fully understood our situation, and had all experienced it in one way or another.

After a couple of weeks a brother in Christ prayed with me to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and then, standing quite alone, I became hot all over for 10 to 15 seconds and began singing praises to Jesus.

Over the months that followed, God led us in directions we never dreamed possible. He opened the door for me to become Assistant Editor of the European editions of VOICE, and recently I have been appointed Acting Director of the Brussels office.

He continues to teach us through his Word and through fellowship with other Christians. **We give Him glory that He is Lord of our lives and leads us by His Holy Spirit!** ■

SIX SCRIPTURAL STEPS TO SALVATION

Men still cry, "What must I do to be saved?" The Bible provides a clear answer.

1. ACKNOWLEDGE: "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). "God be merciful to me a sinner" (Luke 18:13).

2. REPENT: "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3). "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19).

3. CONFESS: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Romans 10:9).

4. FORSAKE: "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord . . . for he will abundantly pardon" (Isaiah 55:7).

5. BELIEVE: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:16).

6. RECEIVE: "He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:11, 12).

Why not make your eternal decision right now: "I am convinced by God's Word that I am a lost sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died for sinners and shed His blood to put away my sins. I NOW receive Him as my personal Lord and Saviour and will by His help, confess Him before men."

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