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“The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it” (Psalm 68:11).

VBP Introduces the Doug Seely Family



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Bro. Doug Seely and his family have been in the ministry for nearly 25 years, initially as missionaries in Canada and more recently in evangelism. They first came to Victory Baptist Church in 2021, where their older children married and settled down as active members. The rest of the family continued in evangelism, volunteering at Victory Baptist Press as the Lord allowed. The Lord has placed a burden in their hearts for the ministry of printing and sending Scripture around the world, and they will be representing Victory Baptist Press in churches in the US and in Canada.

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Editor's Notes

**Pastor Tim Fellure**

The first quarter of 2025 has been a busy and productive time. Besides shipping bibles to Mexico, Peru, New Zealand, and South America we have been able to provide 154,000 EDDM cards to sixteen churches in thirteen states. The men in the printshop are busy now printing the next container of 25,000 Spanish bibles for South America, which will be shipped sometime in the next couple months. As soon as we finish that project we are

scheduled to print a truckload of English bibles and John/Romans. The work goes on as busy as it has ever been and we are constantly amazed at how God provides for us to be able to provide the scriptures to missionaries free of charge.

One of the blessings of Victory Baptist Press and Victory Baptist Church is the “young” help we have. The church has a good balance of older and younger families and so much of our ministry is operated by younger folks. Likewise, with the printing ministry: all our staff are in their twenties, except Bro. Berg. All of them could make a lot more money with a career in a secular field but they have come to work with us because they wanted to be involved in the ministry. I am in my mid-50s and I find myself thinking more and more about who runs this ministry when the old guys are gone, and it is one of my greatest encouragements to look around and see a younger generation caring for the work.

I also would like to express my gratefulness for other like-minded printing ministries around the country who are willing to partner with us in distributing scripture. Often, in my travels, I will be asked if I am familiar with another printing ministry and sometimes there is a slight hint of negativity in how the question is asked, almost as if to see if I have anything negative to say about them. I don't! None of them! Over the years we have partnered with Bearing Precious Seed, BEAMS, Beacon of Truth, Bible Literature and Missionary Foundation, Seedline International, and so many more. These ministries have been of great help to us, and it is a blessing to know there are other ministries of like faith and burden we can work with to send bibles around the world. I don't know how other denominations are but Baptists can be so petty and divisive and have the mentality that their ministry is the only one that matters, but we need each other.

When I consider the work we get to do for Christ the word that sums it all up for me is blessing. When I give to missions every month I could be tempted to think of what else I could use that money for. Giving money to missions is either a burden or a blessing. You can either resent that you are asked to give or be thankful you are able to give. If you are in the burdened camp then it is not

about the money; it's about your heart. Some people compute the blessing of giving in terms of expecting God to give it all back to them with interest, but the blessing of giving may not come back to you in terms of even greater finances. It may be that God blesses you in ways that are greater than money: seeing your children serve God, seeing God provide so you can give more, or hearing how a missionary was helped on the mission field by your giving. It is a blessing to give our money to missions.

Another way missions is either a burden or blessing is when God calls families out of your church to go to the mission field. We have a young family finishing deputation and will be going to Zambia in June for their first term. In Acts 13:1 five key men in the church at Antioch are named but two of them were being sent away to travel the world with the gospel. That means two less families to fill the pews and two less men to serve the church. And there are some churches that would not like that: they're more for building the home base with as many bodies as they can keep than sending good families to the mission field. We have sent many families out of Victory Baptist to the mission field and every time it was hard to see them go but a blessing to see them go.

A third way missions can be viewed as either a blessing or burden is in the marks left by bad men. The church at Antioch sent out three men and one, John Mark, promptly quit. It created a division between Paul and Barnabas, and that would not be the last time there would be trouble on the mission field between missionaries. Since that first split there have been 10,000 problems and bad missionaries but if all you see are the problems, you won't support missions. I could take a day and tell you about missionaries who were frauds and cheated churches, missionaries who came off the field and didn't tell anyone, missionaries who committed adultery on the field and on and on, but I could also tell you about some great missionaries who are doing a great work. You can't get sour on missions just because you heard about one that caused problems. John Mark was a burden, but he then later became a blessing. The devil just wants you to see the bad ones, but thank God for the thousands of worthy men and faithful wives. What a blessing they are!

Every ministry has challenges and burdens that come with it, but in the end what a blessing to have a place of service. What a blessing to have good people around you that make the load lighter. What a blessing to see God provide in ways you can't imagine and know that the ministry you are involved in is his work.

Thank you for all your prayers and support for Victory Baptist Press. Without your faithful support we would have to shut down the presses and close the doors but together we are able to help so many missionaries with the much-needed scriptures. You are a blessing to us!

Pastor Tim Fellure

PRINT SHOP NEWS

**Al & Heidi Berg**

Dear Friends and Supporters,
Thank you so much for praying for and giving to Victory Baptist Press. Recently we were able to help a brother of ours pack some boxes with scripture and tracts to go the Philippines. Each box weighs about 200 lbs. When we finished he had me pray for the shipment, and as I prayed I realized once again how amazing it is that God lets us be part of his plan of salvation. Jesus is the

one that died on the cross and rose again from the dead, he is the one that created all of us, he gives us the strength and talent to do the things He wants us to do, and yet somehow we get to earn some reward for our obedience to Him. I do not know exactly how all that works, but since I know it is true, I want some crowns to be able to cast at his feet when the time comes. It is almost like a parent taking a little child shopping for a birthday present for yourself. You direct the child to what you might want, provide the money, help him wrap it, and let him give it to you, and both parties get blessed from it.

Just recently we were able to ship nine boxes like the ones we helped our brother with mentioned above to Gerald Sutek in the Philippines. We were able to fit 1,000 English Bibles and a few hundred John/Romans. We also sent 17,248 Spanish Bibles to missionary Gary Schwer in Mexico for distribution. He is working in western Mexico where a lot of the drug trafficking goes on. He has had some pretty interesting stories of God's protection and provision serving in that part of the world. After much delay, the shipment of Bibles and tracts finally made it to Don Rich in Peru. Our shipping agent told us that shipping still has not fully recovered from the covid mess, and that is the reason for the delays. There is little we can do about these things, so we just leave it in the hand of our good God.

Currently we are working on another load of Bibles for South America. Please pray that God will help us get through this load as we have had problems with several of the rolls. Some of them have been very lopsided which makes it difficult to maintain consistent tension, which in turn makes it hard to maintain proper registration. Also, the price of the cover stock we use has risen significantly. Please pray that we can find either an alternative source, or a different but suitable product. The cover stock we use has always been more expensive than some other options, but we are told it helps the books hold up better in the damp climate of many of the places in South America, plus it just looks better in my opinion. Bro. Rich has told us that there are people still using Bibles that we sent in our first shipment back in 2015. That makes the extra cost worth it, but either our faith needs to increase with the price of the stock, or we need to find some kind of alternative.

My friend Tim Judge is the one that sends the boxes to the Philippines. He often tells people that I am a scribe, but a godly one. I try to be, but the reason I mention it is because I have been meditating on the Sermon on the Mount lately, and at the end it says "he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes". It seems to me that if any one could teach the word of God with authority other than Jesus, it would be the scribes. They were the ones responsible for preserving the word of God so we could have it today. I guarantee that if you copy by hand portions of the word of God you will know it better. If anyone knew the word of God in Jesus' day, it would have had to be the scribes. The only reason I can think of that they could not teach it with authority is that they did not believe it. I pray that we not only read the word of God, but that we believe it and practice it. Jesus is the only one who ever fully did that, and it landed Him on a cross, but He also told us to take up our cross and follow Him. I think if we do, we can have some crowns to cast at His feet some day.

God bless,

Bro. Albert Berg

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Benefits & Blessings

**Mrs. Pam Leake****A Bucket of Joy Overflowing!**

J-O-Y --- Jesus, Others, You. Most everyone has learned that acrostic at sometime or other in church. I have shared it throughout my years of teaching children of all ages. We teach that for us to have joy in our lives, we are to give Jesus first place, then others, and, finally, ourselves last. Truly, when we have those priorities in the right order we will experi-

ence the joy that the Lord gives as He blesses our expression of His work in our lives.

But you know, sometimes we just get those priorities out of order and, in the midst of life's storms, we spell that acrostic this way: M-M-I ---- me, myself, and I. It's not that we intend to move Jesus out of His place of eminence as our Lord and Savior, nor that we purposely ignore others around us. It's that our lives seem to jump from one urgent situation to another and our focus is temporarily misadjusted so that we can only "see" ourselves. The circumstantial blinders keep our outlook turned inward. The consequence of that condition is a loss of JOY!

The Lord has many remedies for this problem. We know He desires that, as His children, we live an abundant life – a life that certainly experiences joy. What a loving Father He is to care for us so much that He will apply His tender mercies, speaking to our hearts from His Word, or perhaps through a worship song, or bringing about a circumstance that forces our outlook to see afresh and anew His faithfulness and unending love. Such was the case for me personally, after a particularly difficult week. Just yesterday, as I was pondering my own life and the seemingly diminished joy I sensed, I received a message from a sister in Christ in our church

family telling me of how she had just led her five year-old daughter to the Lord! She related how her little girl had demonstrated understanding of her sinful condition and that the Lord had died on the cross to pay for those sins. After she prayed to ask forgiveness and to receive Christ as her Savior, the first thing she did was run outside, loudly expressing her excitement to her siblings, "Guys, something exciting just happened!" Wow, talk about joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart when I heard this news! As I read the account of her coming to Christ, my soul rejoiced and the joy of the Lord came pouring back into my heart! Not only that this little one had been born again, but that the Lord had given me the privilege of teaching her in Sunday School each Sunday morning! I have been able to "plant" the seed of the Word of God in her heart, and as the Holy Spirit began to do His work, He brought forth fruit! My JOY was that Jesus had been magnified through teaching His Word, that I had been given the opportunity to teach and to pray for another person, and He blessed me in spite of myself.

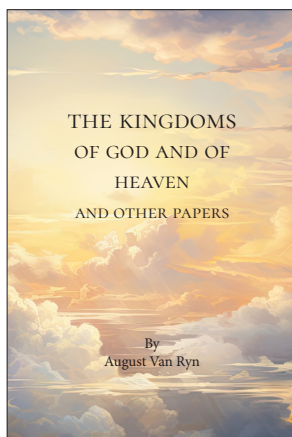
The Lord is so good and He does all things well! He is unwilling to leave us in a state of downheartedness and lack of joy. Instead He works through the Holy Spirit to deal with a little girl's heart, bringing her to Himself in salvation, and allows the bucket of joy to overflow from her onto me! What a blessing!

"Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation."
Is. 12:3

"For he shall not much remember the days of his life; because God answereth him in the joy of his heart." Eccl. 5:20

Note: Pam Leake served alongside her husband, Ed Leake, in the pastoral ministry for over thirty-four years. They make their home in Charlottesville, Virginia, and continue to serve the Lord as He opens doors of opportunity.

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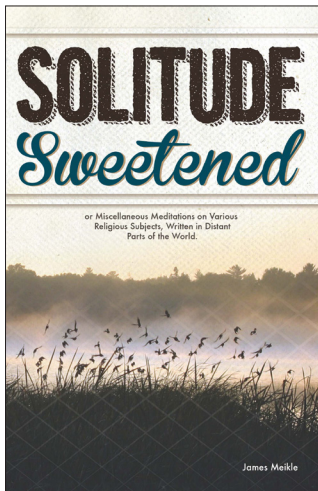
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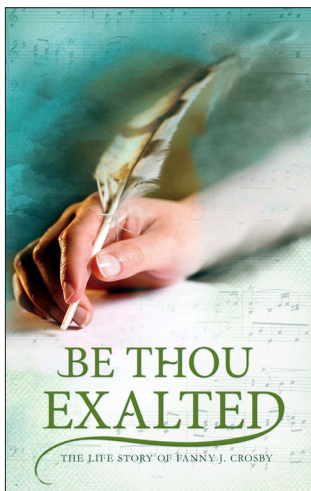
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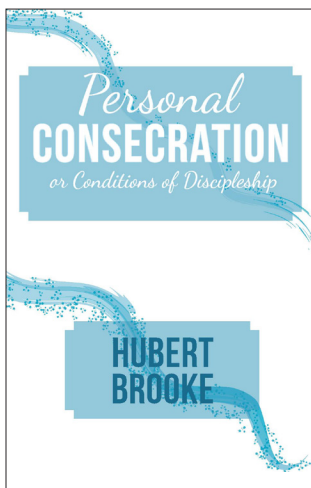


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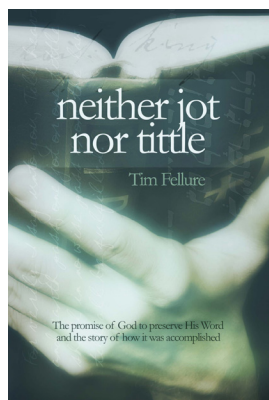
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There is a large portion of God's promised blessings as yet unclaimed by the Church of Christ; and the door that leads in to them is labeled personal consecration. Some things have to be left behind by each soul who means to enter; but far grander things lie waiting to be possessed on the other side. We may well say of this good land, what Pharaoh said of rich Egypt in comparison with famine-stricken Canaan: "Also regard not your stuff; for the good of all the land of Egypt is yours" (Gen 45:20).

As the pages are read, may the reader's heart be led to a growing conviction of what personal consecration means, and a final decision to respond to the call, which was given in the words of David to Israel: "And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the LORD?" (1 Chron. 29:5).



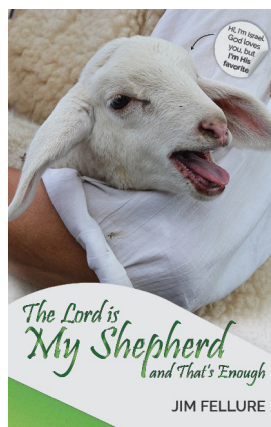
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by Tim Fellure

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for the Bible rages on. *Neither Jot Nor Tittle* is the promise of God to preserve His Word and how it was accomplished.



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by Jim Fellure

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The Pastor's Page



**Guest notes from
Bro. Joseph Bertram**

What It Is To Walk With God

Genesis 5:21-24; 6:9

Genesis 5 is often referred to as the “death chapter” of the Bible. The repetitious phrase “and he died” appears 8 times in this chapter alone. We notice that in the seventh generation, a man was born from Adam’s lineage whose name was Enoch. In his little excerpt, we come across a phrase twice: “And Enoch walked with God.” This statement

reminds us of an apparent necessity in the Christian life -- having a walk with the Lord. We hear the phrase often, but what does it truly mean to walk with God? From the life of Enoch, we can examine three characteristics as an example for us to emulate a more personal walk with Him.

I. Our Walk with God Is a Developing Walk (5:21-22)

There is very little recorded concerning Enoch, but the little is enough to make his name great. When discussing this man, one may recall his appearance in the book of Jude. There we read how he boldly announced in his day that God would judge the sinful wickedness of the world. In verse 22, we read that “Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah.” Enoch was sixty-five years old when his wife gave birth to their son Methuselah. It is indicated through Scripture that Enoch did not enjoy the presence of the Lord until then. Only after the birth of his son did Enoch experience such communion with God. For the next three hundred years of his life on earth, he went on to live for the Lord.

I wonder if we, like Enoch, can look back on the trajectory of our spiritual life and note a similar turning-point experience. We will never get to the place where we finally reach the plateau of Christianity or fully achieve the obligations of our service to Him. We should always be growing and progressing in our actions as the children of God. Therefore, we must come to a point in our development as a Christian that we can reflect on how God used something in our life to help us mature in our walk with the Lord. Whatever that event is, there should be some positive difference in our walk with God as we continue living for Him.

II. Our Walk with God Is a Departing Walk (5:24)

All the obituaries of the other men in this chapter concluded with the phrase “and he died,” but not Enoch. The last statement of our passage ends by declaring that “God took him.” His hall of faith statement in Hebrews 11 sheds more light on the reasoning for this. His translation occurred because of his testimony before God.

The desire of Enoch’s heart was to please the Lord in all that he did. God knew this, as did those who lived around him. Since he did not live like the rest, Enoch did not die like the rest. Imagine how difficult it would have been to walk with the Lord in those conditions full of ungodliness and depravity. Despite all this, Enoch’s reputation was “that he pleased God.”

What an example Enoch is to the church in our day. Just as he did, we too live in an ungodly world. Yet, there should be a stark difference between the Christian and the world he lives in. Could the world then observe our testimony and be convinced that we walk with the Lord? Could they be persuaded through the evidence of our lives that our desire is to please God? Enoch is not only a picture of the church in his behavior, but he is also a picture of the church in his departure. In 1 Thessalonians 4, we understand that just as Enoch was translated before the impending judgment of the Flood; we also as the Bride of Christ will be carried away to meet our Lord in the air before the Tribulation Period. It is this hopeful rapture that should motivate us to live more acceptable in His sight.

III. Our Walk with God Is a Demonstrating Walk (6:9)

As previously mentioned, we read in verse 22 that Enoch’s son was Methuselah. We know him as the man who lived the longest on earth. Methuselah was also Noah’s grandfather. We are extremely familiar with the character and conduct of Noah. As we are introduced to the generations of Noah, we learn that he was “a just man and perfect in his generations.” Additionally, we are informed that Noah “walked with God.” Clearly, this phrase is not coincidental. Although he never met his great-grandfather, he was acquainted with his testimony in that he walked with God. Noah took after the example of his great-grandfather Enoch by establishing a walk of his own.

Our lives carry great influence among those that are around us. The decision to follow Christ and to walk with God is available and accountable to each individual; nevertheless, I am curious if our lives are a profitable reputation for others to repeat. If we want our family members and dear friends to have a walk with the Lord, a good place to start is by developing our own walk. We may not possess the ability to control what others do with their lives, but we can assuredly present an example for them to follow.

So, what does it truly mean to have a walk with God? It is to experience reconciliation with God. It means to set God always before us and to act as those that are continually under His eye. It is to live a life of communion with God. It is to make God’s Word our rule, and His glory our end in all actions. It is endeavoring to please Him in all that we say and do. It is to comply with His will and to concur with His designs. All in all, to walk with God means to be followers of Him as His dear children. There are many things a single person can be known by in this life. Let it be our testimony that we walked with God and pleased Him.