



From the President's Desk -



What an extraordinary, exciting time we live in and to think almighty God is raising us up for such a time as this. I, like most of you brethren, don't want to miss anything that God is doing by the power of His might and the might of His power. We often felt for too long we have been waiting for the manifestation of God's distinctive signs and wonders, when in fact, the world is waiting for the manifestation of the Sons of God. Romans 8:19.

The good news is we are the sons of God, empowered with great power from above according to Acts 1:8. *But you shall receive power after the Holy Ghost comes upon you, and you shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.* (Australia)

Historically, the Full Gospel Business Men Fellowship brought the teaching of the baptism in the Holy Spirit to this great south land of the Holy Spirit in the 70's and 80's. Many mainline churches experienced a real spiritual awakening and the Pentecostal churches expanded across the nation, as individuals and whole families came to the knowledge of salvation in and by Jesus Christ, and the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Before that outpouring of the Holy Spirit, Pentecostalism was in the main not well accepted, but man could not stifle God's purposes, and man fulfilled the will of God, thanks to our founding fathers' passionate dedication and unwavering commitment to what they had experienced. One night I took 35 Lutherans to a dinner meeting sponsored by the old Aspley Chapter, and they all received the baptism. At a dinner meeting at Camboros restaurant sponsored by the Brisbane chapter, 120 people went out for prayer in Bernie Gray's days. Now that was our former rain, but those who are walking in the Holy Spirit today are going to experience a new dimension of the power of God, with signs and wonders following their ministries. That will be our latter rain.

Jude 20-23 *You, beloved, building, yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And on some have compassion, making a distinction; but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.*

Times and circumstances are changing, the world is sliding further and further away from anything holy, godly or good and won't be satisfied until we are all under bondage as revealed in **Jude 7 & 8** *as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. Likewise, also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject*

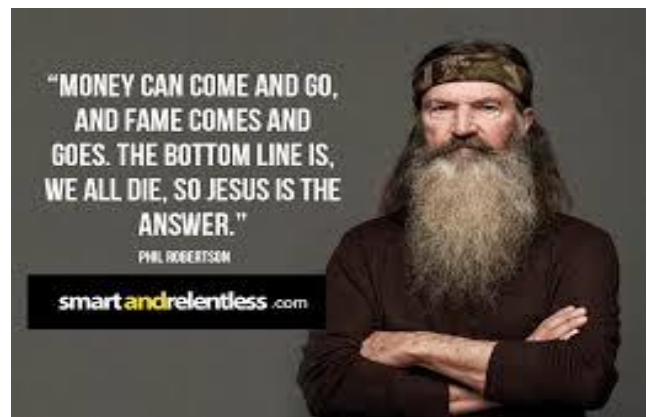
authority, and speak evil of dignitaries. Such people are in every corner of society calling out to Christians to come down to their sorrowful level of entrapment, enabling the lost to ensnare the righteous, taking their God given rights from them. Like the right to educate their children without any sexual depravity causing confusion.

We may stand in our churches, sing songs like "these are the days of Elijah", but do we understand what those days were actually like. Read 1 Kings 17:1 to 2 Kings 2:11 which tells the story of one of God's Prophets Elijah the Tishbite. Under Queen Jezebel, King Ahab and evil King Ahaziah. A fascinating fact is that when King Ahaziah sent out 50 soldiers under a captain and they, like the world today, cried out "man of God come down." God sent fire from heaven and consumed them. Who then was in control of the situation?

Our Prime Minister speaks of the sovereignty of Australia. I'm more interested in the God-given power of the Body of Christ; with its eternal values of salvation. Now, we are ambassadors for Christ according to **2 Corinthians 5:20** and as His representatives in a darkened troubled world, are commissioned to make disciples using the words of reconciliation; for us that means our testimonies.

Can we have victory without the Spirit of God? Look at the lives of the disciples of Jesus before the Crucifixion without the Holy Spirit; always backing over their traces, making silly mistakes just like us. On the day of Pentecost, Acts chapter 2. Now filled with the Holy Spirit with the power of God within them the eleven, stood with Peter as he preached a sermon revealing to the gathered Jews, that they had by lawless hands, crucified Jesus whom God had raised up. Verse 37. "Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles. "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" That day 3000 souls were added to the Kingdom of God.

The Word of God delights me, look at verse 17 & 18 *spoken by the prophet Joel. And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy. Your young men shall dream dreams and My menservants and My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days, and they shall prophesy.* Men the word of God does not return to Him void but accomplishes the purpose for which God sent it. Men! Time, for us to get our houses in order, thereby releasing the power of God; to bring our young people back under the covering of our High Priest Jesus Christ, for the days are evil. The next move of God is up to us. Are we prepared to wait on God, for a daily fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit, if not, will God bypass us and wait for the next generation to repent? Come on men, let's do this together for there is great power in numbers. The time of extraordinary miracles is upon us. Len.





Written by Bob & Debby Gass

Purpose and persistence

'My life is worth nothing... unless...for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord.' Acts 20:24 NLT

To live your best life, you need two things - purpose and persistence. And if you ask him, God will help you develop them.

(1) Let's look at purpose. On the historic monument commemorating the life of author Jack London, who wrote the classic *White Fang*, are these words: 'I would rather be ashes than dust! I would rather my spark burn out in a brilliant blaze than that it should be stifled by dry rot. I would rather be a superb meteor, every atom of me in magnificent glow, than a sleepy and permanent planet. The function of a man is to live, not to exist. I shall not waste my days trying to prolong them. I shall use my time.' To make a difference in this world you must discover your God-given assignment and commit yourself to it 100 per cent. Paul did that. 'My life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus - the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God' (Acts 20:24 NLT).

(2) Let's look at persistence. In 1923, sprinter Eric Liddell was taking part in a quarter-mile race in Stoke-on-Trent, during which he tripped and fell. By the time he got up, the other runners were well ahead of him, leaving him unlikely to win. But, determined, he carried on, overtaking the leader in the last few yards and winning the race. The following year he went on to become a gold medallist. His determination and refusal to give up are the essence of purpose and persistence.

Increasing our spear of influence



Some years ago, I got involved in pigeon racing. It was like having race horses in your back yard and was a great family sport. Over a period of time there were two men (Graeme and Steve) who I witnessed to but did not see any direct results over a long period. They were always polite and not dismissive, and our friendship grew. Graeme moved to Singapore as the Asian Pacific Manager for a large American firm which had its headquarters in Sweden. I continued to stay in touch with both men as I

had moved to Timaru to take up a new position. Wanting to spread my faith to others, I played senior rugby for two more years, helped coach the senior B rugby team and also coached the Under 19 rugby team.

I coached my youngest son's rugby team and cricket team. I also got involved in Scouts in the local area and was able to witness to the boys and their parents. In Scouts we have what is known as 'Scouts Own' which is an outdoor church service, which the boys put together (with help) themselves.

Family and friends are invited as the boys share the Gospel with everyone taking part. For doing this they receive a badge to indicate their knowledge of scripture and how Jesus treated others. I was also asked to lead a weekly Youth Group where we did fun things making the Gospel come alive in their everyday walk with God.

To say I was busy was an understatement, but people were certainly hearing the Gospel. I was an Elder in the local church, led house group every week at our home and was also the President of the local FGBMFI Chapter.

My office was above our garage and Roberta came up one morning and asked why I was crying. I said look at that! She read the email from Graeme – "**Tony, I have become a Christian and I wanted you to be the first to know**". God is so good and shortly after this Steve became a Christian also.

As we get older, we need to make a conscious effort to be part of the community so that we can still have influence in sharing the Gospel and reaching people for Christ. I have now joined the local Racing Pigeon Club in Rockhampton after asking the Lord for souls in this area. I have managed to share my testimony with the club president and told him how God delivered me from alcohol in July 1983. He was amazed what God had done through my life and we have become particularly good friends. I hear through the grapevine that he has shared my story to others in the club (praise God).

So, whilst we have breath and life, we are still useful to our Lord if we make ourselves available and have expectations of his continuing goodness. I hope this will encourage you to think of ways to use the gifts God has given you, if they are dormant at the moment.



The wonderful loft that our National President (Len Donaldson) built for me

Testimony from Greg Biddell



Operating in the Word of Knowledge can be a life-saving experience. There was a certain young couple in our fellowship who had married out of the will of the Lord. However, after much counselling they still tied the knot, went on the honeymoon, fell pregnant and fought like cats and dogs for the next twelve months. I knew without a shadow of a doubt, that what they called blessed wedlock would end in catastrophe and disaster.

The same night that the young mother returned home from the hospital with her new born baby, the Lord gave me a Word of Knowledge concerning a pending murder. It was revealed to me by the Holy Spirit, that the father was about to kill their new little boy. Immediately, Sue and I interceded for the child and felt confident that he was safe for the moment. The next morning, I took an associate pastor with me to their apartment, which was on the third floor of a block of units. I rang the doorbell and the wife upon opening the door invited us in saying, "Pastor Greg, have you come to see my baby?" I answered, "I'd love to see your little boy, but I have really come to see your husband."

Within a few minutes, the husband came into the room and I revealed the message the Lord had given me and told him that I was aware of his plan to kill his son.

On that day, I was certainly not the deliverer of glad tidings. Under normal circumstances, the average father would have probably beat up the pastor and I was somewhat expecting him to go ballistic and throw me out of his home, but the wife immediately interjected and asked, "what is going on?" I have to admit, I was totally taken back by his response, because without hesitation, he up and confessed.

He admitted to all of us, that on the previous night while his wife was taking a shower in the other room, he took his firstborn son from the bassinette and onto the balcony. He acknowledged that he did not want the responsibility of bringing up a child and it had been his intention to throw him onto the concrete driveway below in the hope that he would die. He informed us, that he proposed to fabricate a story for the police, that he had lost his footing and accidentally dropped the baby.

The couple finally divorced, and the wife and child moved interstate. About twelve years later, I received notification to appear in court as the father was applying for fulltime legal custody of his son in order to take him out of the country. I was to give evidence concerning the Word of Knowledge I had been given by the Lord all those years before.

On the day of the hearing, I waited outside with family and friends until mid-afternoon until an officer of the court finally escorted me to the witness stand. Then before the proceeding continued, I was handed a Bible and was asked to place my hand upon it and to repeat. 'I swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help me God.'

As soon as the preliminaries were over, the opposing barrister began his questioning and I was able to testify to him, the judge and to everyone else in the courtroom, how the Lord had revealed to me through the Word of Knowledge the father's intention.

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INTERNATIONAL Our Mission

FGBMFI is one of the largest Christian business organizations in the world. Founded in 1953, we are in 142 nations - meeting in over 7,000 chapters. Our members and leaders include every race, culture, social status, and language.

By God's grace, we connect people with opportunities to reach out and help others find a better life and work together to build better communities.

We do this by:

Calling people back to God...

There is a better life by following Jesus Christ.

Promoting integrity and good character...

Being a reflection of God to our world.

Participating in God's good work...

Releasing gifts, talents and resources to help others.

Working together to build better cities & nations...

Impacting our leaders and our culture.

Taking the message of God's love to every family...

A true grass roots effort that is changing the world.

"The mandate from God is that we break the chains of despair in the world. Our mandate is to destroy the isolation of loneliness and link the world to God!"

Demos Shakarian, Founder



"It is our destiny to lift up God in every business center, every marketplace, every government center and university... every nation, city, town and crossroads of the world. People of faith, shining with God's glory, bringing the uplifting message of God's power... reaching out, helping, encouraging and lifting. Today, through our efforts, we believe that over 2 million people come to God each year."



International President Mario Garcia



The husband's legal representative was taken completely off guard and he retaliated with "Do you expect this court to believe that God forewarned you of this father's intention to murder his son?" Then before I could answer his question, he asked "What is this 'Word of Knowledge' you are talking about?" I have always enjoyed watching movies of courtroom scenes and learnt that lawyers can at times open points of cross examination by the questions they ask. On this occasion, it gave me perfect opportunity to be a witness on the Lord's behalf.

Proverbs 16:1 The preparations of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the LORD.

My answer to his question and my reply was, "why did you make me swear upon the Bible instead of swearing on a road map, dictionary, medical journal or the Encyclopaedia Britannica?" His response was, "because our nation's judicial system accepts that the Bible is the Word of God and it is a book of truth." At that point, I took the court's Bible in my hand and turned to 1 Corinthians chapter twelve and read Paul the Apostle's writings concerning the gifts of the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:8 For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit.

Of course, we won the case with a little help from the Lord. However, after the proceedings the barrister approached me and asked if I would forgive him for the way he had challenged me on the witness stand. He explained that he was a Spirit filled believer and was happy that he was able to open the door for me to tell the court of God's gifts to man.

To this day, I feel privileged that I was able to stand in the dock of an Australian Court and confirm that God speaks to man through the gifts of the Holy Spirit. I have always believed that one man and God are a majority and I thank the Lord that this boy won the right to stay with his mother.

