



**From the President's Desk -**



When reading the book of Jude; it opens with this statement: Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ. Question: how many of us understand what it means to be a bondservant in a New Testament sense?

In the Old Testament **Exodus 21:1-11**, we find the law concerning Servants (Slaves). **Genesis 24** relates the account of Eliezer; Abraham's oldest servant, the man who not only managed Abraham's household, but also had full control of all his goods and finances. Eliezer became a bondservant in this manner; after serving as a Hebrew slave for six years he would have been released on the seventh year according to Exodus 21:2 "If you buy a Hebrew servant, he shall serve six years; and in the seventh, he shall go out free and pay nothing". Verses 5&6 "But if the servant plainly says, I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free. Then his master shall bring him to the judges.

*He shall also bring him to the door, or to the doorpost, and his master shall pierce his ear with an awl, and he shall serve him forever.* Meaning he was now indentured as a bondservant; a man honoured in his master's house. Such a bondservant as Eliezer would sit at his master's right hand and next to him would sit the master's oldest son, thus giving the bondservant control and responsibility for the oldest son's affairs, even to who he would marry. You can read the full account in Genesis chapter 24, it's one of the lovely love stories found in scripture under the heading 'A Bride for Isaac'.

Our second example of a bondservant is found in Genesis Chapter 37 to 49. It is about Joseph the son of Jacob, born into a dysfunctional family, a bondservant to Potiphar who jailed him and from jail God raised him to be Pharaoh's bondservant and the second most powerful man in all of Egypt. Why? Genesis 41:37-43 "So the advice was good in the eyes of Pharaoh and in the eyes of all his servants."

*And Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom is the Spirit of God?" Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Inasmuch as God has shown you all this, there is no one as discerning and wise as you. You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you. And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt." Then Pharaoh took his signet ring off his hand and put it on Joseph's hand, and he clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck.*

New Testament: **John 8:31-36** Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "if you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." They answered Him. "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can You say 'You will be made free?'" Jesus

answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. And a slave does not abide in the house forever, **but a son abides forever**. Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

**Romans 6:16, 22&23** Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves, slaves, to obey, you are that one's slave whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death or of obedience leading to righteousness? 22. "But having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end everlasting life. 23. "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

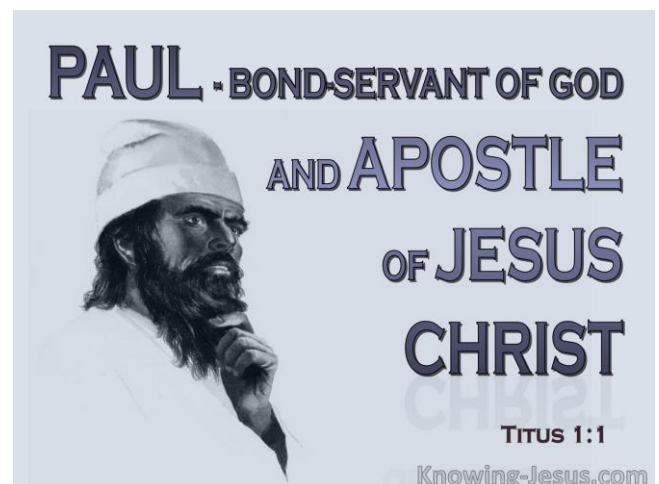
**Romans 12:1-2** "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service."

Jude was writing to those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ. Each of us has been called in Christ Jesus from the foundation of the earth. Yes! Called out of Egypt, sin and destruction; delivered into the liberty of the sons of God, but have we presented ourselves to God as His bondservants? There is a marked difference between a servant and a bondservant. It is the bondservant that has the power and authority of God over His Kingdom here on earth, in the same way as Eliezer had over Abraham's household and Joseph held over Egypt.

According to Ephesians 1:3, God has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, meaning God has empowered His bondservants with all power and authority in the spirit realm. That which we bind on earth is bound in heaven and that which we loose on earth is loosed in heaven. The Old Testament slaves were bound with chains; we in Christ Jesus are bound with cords of love which cannot be broken.

Are you prepared to present yourself as a bondservant to God, who is waiting to seal you with His seal of authority and chain of office? It is high time men, for us all to get serious with God and present ourselves to him not as takers but more as givers, giving service unto Him who has given so much to us.

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Written by Bob & Debby Gass

## Moving on, despite betrayal

**'My best friend...has turned against me.' Psalm 41:9 NLT**

Not only must we leave room for unexpected disappointments and unknown variables in life, we must realise that inevitably we'll be betrayed and hurt by other people. Perhaps they deceived us into believing they were trustworthy, or they began sincerely and became infected with the viruses of jealousy and greed. In either case, you'll face betrayal at some point along the way.

Even the psalmist David wrote: 'My best friend, the one I trusted completely, the one who shared my food, has turned against me' (Psalm 41:9 NLT). And included in the list of adversities Paul suffered in his ministry, are 'false brethren' (2 Corinthians 11:26 NKJV). Yes, as one author writes, 'If you live long enough, you will discover how fickle and selfish the human heart can be.' And it's often the people we love most and trust implicitly who have the greatest power to betray us.

So, what can we do? We must deal with the hurt and anger, without allowing either one to blind us to the long-range consequences of bitterness. And don't be deterred from your life's goals or other relationships when it happens. Like a child who has learned to walk and gets tripped up by a bully, get back on your feet and continue your journey. You'll be a little sore and a bit bruised at first, but the scabs will heal, and you'll be stronger for having survived the fall. After lamenting about his friend who betrayed him, David said to God, 'I know you are pleased with me, for you have not let my enemies triumph over me. You have preserved my life' (Psalm 41:11-12 NLT). That's the winning attitude!

## Testimony from Greg Biddell



It is so fantastic that the Lord is no respecter of persons and that it is His desire to use every one of us in the work of the Kingdom. Jesus made a promise to His disciples and declared in John 14:12. "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he shall do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

I have a friend whose name is Matt and Matt is a guy who gave his heart to the Lord while working on his bulldozer. He joined a church and was filled with the Holy Spirit not long after. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are a wonderful addition to a Christian's life; and it doesn't matter whether you are a ditch digger or a cosmonaut, God wants to use you. Matt read the Bible and found out from God that he had been given a supernatural

ability in the Spirit do things just like Jesus and the disciples. One evening, he attended a small prayer meeting with two other Christians and while in prayer, he experienced a most unusual, spiritual happening.

Matt was supernaturally transported by the power of the Holy Ghost from his chair in Australia and found himself hovering over the roof of a missionary friend's home on the Island of Borneo. I have concluded, even though the Lord is a good God, He is not into promoting actions like this for pleasure flights, but He does things with a purpose and to bless His kids on Earth.

In this case, Matt saw the missionary asleep in bed and the Lord instructed Matt to tell the man to wake-up and read a passage of Scripture from the Book of Isaiah. Immediately, this gentleman woke-up, turned on the light, opened his Bible and read from it.

Immediately, Matt opened his eyes and found himself back in the prayer meeting. Within a few days, he wrote to the missionary and told him the story, he even described the house. A little while later, he received a letter from Borneo and the missionary said that Matt's description of his house was exact, but the man of God had some other exciting news.

He said, "I remember waking up and I recall reading a Scripture from Isaiah. We felt this verse was a warning from the Lord and for our protection." This missionary couple were to venture to a remote village the following day to preach the Gospel. However, they stayed where they were and within hours, a news broadcast reported devastating headlines. The village people where they were going were murdered by militia rebels.

It wasn't long after that Matt and a team went to Borneo to share the Gospel and while there, he visited a girl's college. One afternoon, he noticed a student sitting with her friends and she was wearing her hair totally over one-side of her face.

Not long after, he asked why she hid her face with her hair, and she replied. "Some years ago, I had an accident and lost my eye and the doctors replaced it with a glass eye. She informed Matt, as the eye socket was always irritated and wept, she covered it with her hair.

On the last night of his stay in Borneo, the Christian congregation ask Matt to conduct a service and at its conclusion, he prayed for many people including the young lady with the glass eye. When he laid hands on her, she was overwhelmed by the power of the Holy Spirit and instantly fell forward and remained there praising the Lord.

The next day, Matt and his team returned to Australia and a little while later, he received a letter from the blind girl saying, "On the evening you prayed for me and I fell forward, I received a miracle from Jesus. As I stood to my feet, I reached out and found that my glass eye had been dislodged on the ground. I picked it and went straight to the bathroom to wash it before I attempted to insert it back into my empty eye socket.

I found this difficult to do, as that night I received a brand-new eye from Jesus that worked, exactly the same as my other eye."

**Mark 16:18** "They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

**THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE TIMES OF FGBMFI**

It has been a rare and unique privilege to be part of the FGBMFI School of the Vision this past year. The Holy Spirit has revealed to us the relationship of Jesus as Lord with Demos and Rose Shakarian and how they were given insight into what God's plans are for the season in which we live today. My wife Charlotte and her parents lived in Southern California before we were married and attended church at Melodyland Christian Center, where the Shakarian family attended church also. Charlotte also attended the same college that Richard, Steve and Vangie attended in the late 1960's. Those were the days of the beginning of the Charismatic Renewal. Charlotte remembers sitting behind the Shakarian's in church and hearing all the testimonies of how the Holy Spirit was bringing alive the Jesus of the Bible. Testimony after testimony of priests, nuns and laymen of the Catholic, Methodist, Lutheran, and Presbyterian men and women would come there and share their stories of how Jesus appeared to them and changed the religious Jesus into a living, breathing, real relationship with Him.

This was the work of the Holy Spirit at that time. Jesus became real – not just a Bible story. And the reality of Jesus the person, in their lives, joined them together as ONE! The Holy Spirit is doing the same today. We can read about it in the 'Happiest People on Earth' book. He is breaking down barriers and joining people. It is God! In the School of the Vision, we continually receive reports of members who were once doing nothing that are now commanding disease to leave bodies in Jesus' name. They are commanding demons to leave bodies in Jesus' name. They are prophesying hope to the hopeless and salvation to the lost. They are awakening to Jesus the Lord and King who can now use them by the Holy Spirit in this day! Our Fellowship is always evolving also. Before the revival of the 1970's, FGBMFI was made up of Pentecostal men.

But with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit making Jesus alive to the members, our meetings began to fill up with Charismatics of all denominations, even Armenians! The heartbeat of that season and today is that the Holy Spirit is making Jesus alive and personal to every member! This phenomenon was occurring around the world. Europe, Australia, Canada, South Africa – the Holy Spirit was transforming 2000 years of church history into the reality of today! This is what the Holy Spirit is doing today in the 2020's. The reality of Christ in men and women is changing everything. Jesus in believers is the One who is healing the sick, setting captives free, making miracles in families today! The Ultimate Dimension is becoming the normal relationship between born-again Christians and Jesus. Allow me to share just one revelation about the Vision that Demos saw in 1952. Who were the men that were dead though alive in Demos' 1st trip around the earth? Who were the men with the frozen stares, separated though standing shoulder to shoulder by the millions? They were the body of Christ! Jesus was showing Demos the condition of the body of Christ in that day. They were unresponsive. Jesus could not use them. And then the Holy Spirit took Demos around the world again, but now it was different! The men's arms were lifted, praising God, worshipping in the gift of tongues. The sound of the tongues was so strong, Demos said it sounded like a giant generator in the earth! But in the 1980's World Convention in Detroit, Demos told the International Directors something that was never written in the Happiest People on Earth: Jesus let him come down and walk among the men.

Demos told us that it was while he was flying over Africa. He was allowed to walk among the men. There was about one meter between them; every one of them worshipping in a unique language of the Spirit. It was at that moment, that Demos looked up into the sky. What He saw stunned him! There was a tsunami wave of fire that was about to fall on all the men. When it fell, all the men around Demos were transformed! They dropped their arms, made a half turn to the right and took one step forward. It was like what happened on the day of Pentecost 2000 years ago! Demos said that all the vision was symbolic, and the step forward was that the body of Christ was now responsive to Jesus, ready to GO forth and DO what Jesus was commanding them to do by the Holy Spirit. Mr. President: Demos was being shown what is happening in our day: The Holy Spirit is transforming every member of the body of Christ, men, and women, into obedient, anointed, powerful carriers of Jesus the Lord and King into their world today! Jesus is doing today what He did in Israel long ago. FGBMFI has the mission to awaken the people of the church congregations, the men and women sitting in the churches, to work together with Jesus by the Holy Spirit to show that Jesus is alive today!

Demos told us to stay in our churches. There, we can let Jesus minister the miracles and healings and prophecy to other members just like we do in our chapters. That is how our members awaken their churches; by taking Jesus to church with them! The resurrected Jesus is alive today! Right where they live. The miracles of the Bible are being seen today. Jesus is being recognized as Lord today. He is governing by the Holy Spirit, from the individual man and woman to the entire body of Christ around the world. This is what was prophesied to Tommy Hicks in God's dream.

And the work of FGBMFI in this day to spelled out in Ephesians 4:1-6. I, (St Paul) the prisoner the Lord, beg you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through FINANCES are being restored to FGBMFI. This is the season when FGBMFI is being restored. Nations are coming back so Jesus can use them! FGBMFI is called to HELP our members become the powerful people whom Jesus can use in their lifetime for his End-time plan. Jesus will bring us the men and women of His choice for us to train and equip for the work of His ministry- then He will deploy them by the Holy Spirit under His leadership. The sleeping giant is awakening to Jesus the Lord!

John & Charlotte Carrette - FGBMFI School of the Vision

**EVENTS – See webpage for details**





**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



**John Szilard – Chapter President Blacktown, Sydney**

Still, God provided a good job for me in the field I was most interested in: ultrasonic engineering. He also led me to Klara, a lovely Christian girl, and we got married. After many reorganisations I had another good job in ultrasonics with the State Railways. When I was able, I bought an old car. At the first Sunday afternoon we went on a trip to the hills on the far side of the city. On top of a hill I touched the brake and the pedal hit the floor with no resistance! The handbrake had no effect either, but there the ground being level, when I switched the engine off, the car stopped. Not a drop of brake fluid was left! The family got out, while I tried in vain to work out in the middle of nowhere, what to do.

Then I sat back and prayed simply: "Lord Jesus, help me somehow!" Without thinking I again stepped on the brake pedal and it felt solid as normal. I could hardly believe it and tried it again: it was O.K.! I road-tested the brakes: perfect! So, trusting Jesus I drove home down the steep hill, through city traffic, the brakes working perfectly every time when needed, without any fluid. Next weekend with my DIY friend, we found the leak and repaired it. After some years I was transferred from my good position, which was under the supervision of one Management Department, to another position, under another Department. Here, the conditions were much less pleasant. My boss requested to have the decision of my transference withdrawn and I prayed desperately with strong faith for this, but to no avail. Then I tried to find another job. But God said: "No. Stay put!" Later on, this transfer turned out to be a wonderful blessing in disguise. An opportunity arose for me to give a paper at an international conference in Belgium. In connection with my talk, God arranged an interview for me with a Professor at Birmingham University, who subsequently found a sponsor and offered me a year's fellowship. All I needed now was permission from the Hungarian authorities to take up this offer.

My application had to be approved first by my immediate boss, then at every level up to the Minister of Transport. This took about 10 months. On one occasion, when I was in the Railways' Headquarters walking along a corridor, I passed by the head of my previous Management Department in discussion with a colleague. During the few seconds I was within earshot, he said a short sentence from which I realised, he would never have signed my application. Thus, God made it clear to me, why did He have me transferred to a position under another Department. By then my grandmother had died and shortly before I was due to leave, my mother-in-law died. My wife and son were not allowed to come with me, I was promised, they would join me for my last month in England.

After they arrived, I went for immigration to the Australian High Commission. "O.K, but you must wait in the queue for six months." they said. As our British visa expired in three weeks, this was not possible. With the help of God through too many complications to describe here, by the Lord's arrangement, I was offered a job on a plate, one that suited me ideally: ultrasonic engineering at Loughborough University. Then, again by the help of Jesus, we were granted residency in the UK. After several years I learned from a visiting Evangelist that there was never such a thing as "age of miracles (i.e., in biblical times)". There is only a God of miracles, who never has, and never will, change! Soon we joined a charismatic house fellowship, and I was baptised in the Holy Spirit. Then Jesus began to work in our lives more powerfully and obviously.

One night I woke up with a pain in the lower part of my body. As it grew excruciatingly strong, Klara woke up and, seeing the situation, rang the doctor on call. He made a tentative diagnosis and called an ambulance. By then I was paralysed from the waist down. In the hospital the doctor on duty said, the local doctor's diagnosis was wrong, but she didn't have a clue of what caused the pain. Klara stayed at home. Praying, she bound Satan in the name of Jesus three times, then looked at the clock: it was 4.00. Exhausted, she fell asleep. In the hospital my pain slowly eased, and I dosed a bit on and off. Suddenly I realised, it was all over, I was O.K. I looked at the time: it was 4.00! In the morning, the registrar examined me and couldn't find anything wrong. He ordered all possible tests. All tests were negative, and I went home. Then on a few occasions when walking our dog, Satan wanted to hurt me by a stronger dog threatening him. However, whatever I quietly commanded in the name of Jesus, like: "Go away!", "Don't come any closer!", etc., the strange dog had to obey.

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