

MOST RECENTLY READ BOOKS:

- *Walking the Bible*, Fiedler
- *Putting a Face on Grace*, Blackaby
- *Driven By Eternity*, Bevere
- *Battlefield of the Mind*, Meyer
- *The Bible*, God :-)

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What A Comeback!

You might be a football fan, a basketball nut, or even a tennis enthusiast. Whatever your sport, the most memorable games are the ones when the improbable happens. And, if by chance you find yourself watching or playing in the *greatest comeback* ever, it's almost impossible to keep from telling others. Remember the Doug Flutie hail Mary pass, the Christian Laettner turn around, the 1980 US Hockey team *Miracle* win, or even the Dina Disney free throws?

Why do we love a comeback? Why do we long to see the underdog succeed? Maybe because we face our own seemingly insurmountable odds and we desperately want to believe there is a way out. Thankfully, as believers we have undeniable access to the God Who created comebacks and Who uses the foolish things of the world to confound the wise!

Throughout the Bible we read amazing stories that create in us a desire to know how Joseph, a slave, rose to power; what Moses felt as he crossed over on dry land; how a prostitute became the great grandmother of King David; what kind of faith drove young David to conquer his Goliath; why a teenage girl was chosen as the mother of Christ; and how thousands were fed by a fish sandwich.

As incredible as each event is, a true comeback is only possible if there is something to come back from. In other words, you can't comeback from 40 points down unless you really **are** 40 points down, you can't be healed unless you are sick, and Jesus could only have been resurrected after He had died.

We are afflicted in every way but not crushed, perplexed but not despairing, persecuted but not forsaken, struck down but not destroyed. 2 Corinthians 4:8

When we experience failure in our own lives it is easy to lose hope. But praise God, the author of come from behind victories stands with His arms open wide asking for us to follow Him. Because as



Why are you downcast O my soul...put your hope in God. King David in Psalm 42:5

Jesus knows and as His Word confirms, when a life is dedicated to Him—

A COMEBACK IS ALWAYS POSSIBLE!

What is your obstacle? Is it impending financial failure? Is it physical, mental or emotional addictions? Has fear, doubt, or sickness crushed your spirit? Don't let what you see cause you to give up! Life is not as it appears to be. The walls of Jericho looked impenetrable when they fell like toothpicks, Sarah was 90 when she gave birth to Isaac, and Lazarus was dead for three days when Jesus brought him back.

So if you feel like you have been fishing all night and you're exhausted, listen to the voice of the Lord when He asks you to throw the net over the other side—He is getting ready to move! Allow His Word and His Spirit to fight the darts of doubt attempting to pierce your soul.

As we choose to live like the Bible were true and put our trust in Jesus, He will mend the broken heart, restore shattered relationships, and empower us to follow the call of the Spirit on our life.

Are you ready for your comeback?

With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible! Matthew 19:26

2007 Update

Israel/Jordan

June 13 - 27

God willing, this summer I will join a group traveling to Israel & Jordan with pastor George DeJong on a two week study tour. This will be an amazing journey to the birth place of experiential faith. For years I have wanted to go to the land of the Bible in order to see and experience the context for Jesus' life and ministry. I'm sure God's Word will come alive in ways I never imagined.

I am humbled and grateful for your prayers and gifts which have allowed me to step into so many different venues. We are not sure of all that will occur these two weeks, but there may be a possibility to share in music as well. Please pray my life will be forever molded to better serve and love.

Over the past six months I have been a part of a local worship team. My current schedule doesn't allow for it more than once a month, but the worship leader is truly gifted and exhibits great spiritual sensitivity. I pray my involvement brings God glory.


In March, I was able to join keyboard player, Ken Wadley, to provide music for a two day pastor's retreat led by Richard Blackaby and Dan Seaborn at Calvin College. Even though the focus may



have been on pastors and their wives, I was challenged to spend more of my time listening to, praying for and investing in the lives of others.

Please keep us in your prayers as we minister in the coming months. We would love to do the same for you and would enjoy hearing what is happening in your life. Feel free to share with us your comeback stories, praises or any needs you may have.

We consider it a privilege to stand in the gap for you!

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Marriage Questions :-)

How do you decide who to marry?

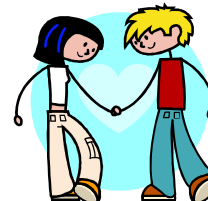
You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming.
Alan, age 10

What is the right age to get married?

Twenty-three is the best age because you know the person FOREVER by then. Emily, age 8

How can a stranger tell if two people are married?

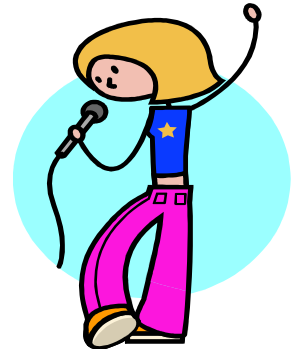
You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids. James, age 12



Spring/Summer Itinerary

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Leaving a Legacy

Max Jukes, an unbelieving man lived a godless life and married an ungodly girl. Among their known descendents, 310 died as paupers, 150 were criminals, and 7 were murderers. Over 100 became alcoholics, 60 became habitual thieves, more than half of the women were prostitutes, and of the 20 who learned a trade, 10 of them learned their trade in the state prison. Their lives cost the state \$1,250,000.

In the same era, there is a record of a great American man of God, named Jonathan Edwards. He married a godly girl and in their bloodline there were 100 clergymen and missionaries, 65 college professors, 100 lawyers, 30 judges, 60 physicians, 60 authors of good classic books,

13 college presidents, 75 Army and Navy officers, 3 US Senators, one Vice President of the United States, 80 public officials, 295 college graduates among whom were governors of states and ministers to foreign countries. His descendants did not cost the state a single penny.*

The decisions we make and what we do with our lives will affect the generations to come. If we choose to follow the Lord, He promises to keep His covenant of love and mercy to 1000 generations.

The legacy you leave begins today!

*John Bevere, *Driven by Eternity*

*Our godly
decisions will
positively
impact our
descendants
to 1000
generations!*

**Know therefore that the LORD your God is God;
He is the faithful God, keeping His covenant of
love to a thousand generations of those who
love Him and keep his commands.**

Deuteronomy 7:9

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He Is Able!

I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is **able**. 2 Timothy 1:12

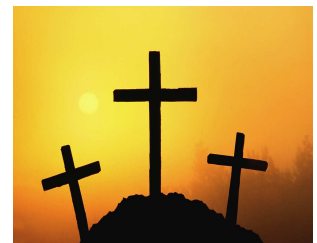
Able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we ask or think. Ephesians 3:20

Able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:8

Able to aid those who are tempted. Hebrews 2:18

Able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. Hebrews 7:25

Able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. Jude 24



“Do you believe that I am able to do this?”

They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.”

According to your faith let it be to you. Matthew 9:28-29