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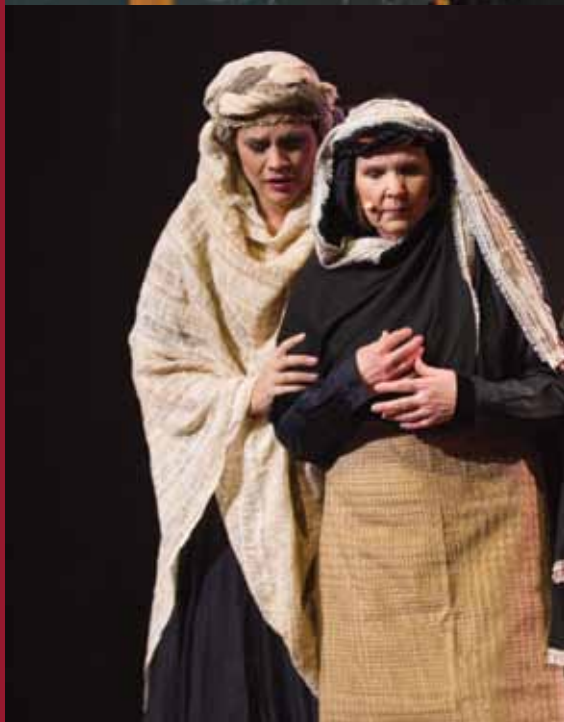
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A MESSAGE FROM **Andrew & Jamie**

Dear Partners and Friends,

I'm so excited to be in ministry together with you! So many new things are happening here at Andrew Wommack Ministries.

This past year has been marked by new growth. From the AWM International Directors' Conference to linking arms with Robert and Elizabeth Muren in their theater productions at Charis Bible College, the ministry is definitely going farther and deeper than before. And I know there's more to come. I've taken the limits off God, and I'm raring to go!

Just to share a few of the things you'll find in this magazine, you'll read about one of my foundational teachings, *Spirit, Soul & Body*, which is now available in an animated version. Be sure to check out how to spread the Declaration of Dependence upon God and His Holy Bible in your local community. Also, see what's happening with Robert and Elizabeth Muren and the creation of their first movie that is going to production soon!

In my "Andrew's Antidotes" article, I give an encouragement for all Christians to take their responsibility to vote seriously. We are at a critical time in our nation, and we need all hands on deck to take this nation back.

Thank you for your generous support of AWM. None of this would be possible without your prayers and support. You are a blessing!

Andrew and Jamie



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THE GOSPEL AND THE ARTS

AN INTERVIEW WITH ROBERT AND ELIZABETH MUREN

Robert and Elizabeth Muren, creators of *God with Us*, sat down with Aria Fischer, a content assistant in Andrew Wommack Ministries' Publications Department, to discuss their upcoming movie, *The Battle of Rome* (working title). Originally from Norway, the Murens are now teaming up with the Catholic Church and AWM to broaden the audience as they spread the Gospel in film.



Robert and Elizabeth Muren

Aria Fischer: I'm really excited to learn about *The Battle of Rome*. So, can you describe to me the setting, time period, cultural background, and political backdrop? Lay a foundation for me.

Robert Muren: It's a story that takes place in Rome with the Apostle Peter. This is set in the year A.D. 64 in Rome. The young Christian church is being born, and there's persecution, suffering, and brutality. Nero is persecuting the Christians. There's a lot of chaos, and in the middle of this, Peter is standing as the leader of the Christian flock. The only thing he has to give his followers is the Word of God. That's the basic setup for the story. In the middle of all the chaotic things happening in Rome, he is sharing his life with Jesus.

Elizabeth Muren: We've really worked on having it as historically accurate as possible. There is such an incredible, interesting story surrounding Nero. One of our main characters in Rome is Seneca. He's one of the greatest philosophers and one of the fathers of stoicism and humanism. He's one of the main characters. I found historical proof that shows that Seneca had strong connections with Paul of Tarsus. This is the story of the last days of Peter in Rome and his fight to comfort the Christians who are being annihilated by Nero. In his fight against Rome, the only

Robert Muren playing Jesus in God with Us





Elizabeth Muren performs in Heart of Christmas



Elizabeth Muren and Jamie Wommack in Heart of Christmas

weapon Peter has is the stories about Jesus—the Word of God. That’s the only thing he can give people in the arena and in jail. At that time, they didn’t have the written Word, but what they did have were melodies. They put music to the stories of Jesus so that they would remember it. That’s why Christians were called singing people, because they would sing when they were in the arena. They would sing to their death. As they were dying, they would sing to remember the Word of God. So, in the film, it’s not a typical musical, but it’s full of music. Music has a very important part, like a character, but the movie is a historical drama. Rome is very dark and cold and empty of music, and then you have the kingdom of Yeshua represented through the music.

AF: Who are the main characters in this story besides the Apostle Peter and Seneca?

EM: It’s Peter, Linus—Linus is the one who took over the church in Rome after Peter—and Claudia

Acte, Nero’s mistress, is also a main character. She also is a historical character who became a believer, and she was key in saving a lot of Christians. Then you have the Rome realm, but then you have all of the flashbacks where you meet Jesus, Mary Magdalene, Jairus, and all the stories of the life of Jesus that Peter is giving to the people in Rome.

One of the most important things is the background of why we made this and what has happened, because our background is missions. We started in Israel with *The Covenant* because we wanted to find the most effective way of reaching out with the Word of God. And so when we saw the results with the Israel musical, then we started dreaming about doing a musical about Jesus. So, we started creating a stage musical about Him, but we realized very soon that we could not reach the world from a stage. That’s why we really felt pushed to create a film. Our background is not film. We didn’t have a vision for creating a film even, but incredible doors opened. I know one of

the main thing is that from having no experience, no background, no context, to be working today with one of the biggest producers in Hollywood, Shannon McIntosh.... It's just been an amazing journey.

AF: What makes *The Battle of Rome* unique from all other Christian movies? I know you referred to it as a cause or a movement.

EM: Well, in the first place, we really don't want it to be a Christian movie, and that's the great thing. It's a historical drama based on the last days of the life of Peter, and it's about Jesus. We really have great names when it comes to the director and co-writers and actors, but it's not seen by them as a Christian film. No, no. The people we're working with would not want to make a Christian film, but they would want to make a historical film. They are fascinated by who Jesus is. We're not trying to preach to the choir. The theme of this film, with having the persecution of the first church in Rome and then

the element of how they passed on the words and stories...it's a unique approach of having the two worlds interacting with Jerusalem, Jesus, and then Rome. So, yeah, it's unique in many ways.

RM: We want it to be relevant.

EM: It's going to be raw and strong, and it's not going to be a typical Christian film, even though it's full of Jesus.

As Elizabeth and Robert are in the process of creating *The Battle of Rome*, the vision statement of this movie is being effectively carried out: "We will bring the timeless story of Jesus to a modern world, using the ancient tradition of telling stories through songs and melodies." For more information on the ministry of the Murens, check out their website: www.covenantministries.no or watch their Inside Story interview with Andrew here: www.awmi.net/video/the-inside-story/episode-33-god-with-us/.

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A scene from God with Us



MEET THE INSTRUCTOR

If the life of Pastor Lawson Perdue were advertised on a billboard, it would read something like this: “Empowered by God’s Grace.” Pastor Lawson explains how his whole life is an example of just that. The evidence of the Gospel was never meant to be “mere talk; it’s an empowered life” (1 Cor. 4:20, *The Message*).

With bold humility, he shares, “It’s about grace, faith, and righteousness. Righteousness is the result of believing the Gospel, and it becomes the foundation in our lives for receiving all the good things of God.” He continues, “My vision is to empower the next generation with the grace message. That’s why the course on Romans that I teach at Charis is one of my favorites. I strongly agree with Andrew’s philosophy about having a strong foundation based on grace.” Anyone who has heard Lawson teach knows that when he teaches, unlike Andrew, he gets excited. And when he’s excited, it shows. His voice becomes louder and more fast-paced as he declares the truths he has received by revelation from the Word of God. Then suddenly, he’s quiet and looks at the students. With eyebrows raised, he waits to see if they are tracking with him. Then he begins again.

Andrew Wommack is an important part of Lawson’s story. When Pastor Lawson was fourteen years old, Andrew was holding Bible studies in Lamar, Colorado. Lawson’s mother promised him fish bait if he would “come hear this man speak.” So, he took the bait, and it soon led to an “ornery” boy, as he refers to himself, becoming filled with the Holy Spirit.

Pastor Lawson has been teaching at Charis Bible College for fifteen years. He currently teaches eight courses, which are spread out over first year, second year, and the Third-Year Ministry School. He also visits fifteen to twenty Charis locations

LAWSON PERDUE



Barbara and Lawson Perdue

per year. Lawson believes that a pastor is always a teacher. First-year students get a generous portion of solid, spiritual food from the courses he teaches—Bible Covenants, Romans, Basic Bible Doctrines, First Book of John, and In Christ Realities. His second-year courses are Leadership: Lessons from Nehemiah and also Legal and Financial Concepts of Starting New Ministries and Churches. In Third-Year Ministry School, he teaches Raising Leaders.

“Something that’s unique to Charis,” Lawson says, “is the interaction that the students get with the teachers. The students get to see both the biblical and the practical side to the Gospel.” Lawson, a well-known pastor in Colorado Springs, and his wife, Barbara, have been in full-time ministry for twenty-eight years. His church, Charis Christian Center, has a number of Charis students and Andrew Wommack Ministries/Charis staff in attendance, as well as many members of the local



Lawson teaching at Charis Bible College

community. His television show, *Grace for Today*, along with the four books he has in print, extends his influence even further than his students and 1,000 weekly church attendees. The vision for his church is “to teach the grace of God to the next generation, have a church that meets the needs of the entire family, and equip believers to reach the world with the message of grace.”

In the midst of a culture that is progressively disregarding the model of a godly family, the Perdues’ marriage and three sons shine like rays of hope. Their family is a living illustration of the power and fruitfulness that God intended for marriage and family. Barbara is a strong leader in the community. She is a pastor and teacher but, most of all, a

woman of undeniable faith. She is using her life experience and teaching gifts to help others fulfill their ministries while raising godly families—not an easy task. As an adjunct instructor at Charis, she teaches a second-year elective class, *Imparting Success to the Next Generation*.

Whether you hear Lawson or Barbara share their faith from the pulpit, in a classroom, or in the supermarket, the mission that God has given them is clear—to empower the next generation with the grace message. Pastor Lawson and his wife are examples of people whom Andrew’s ministry has raised up and who are now pouring into the next generations of Charis students. *gt*



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WALK AWAY FROM THAT THINKING!

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

This verse begs the questions "If forgiveness and cleansing are conditional on confessing our sins, then what happens if we don't confess our sins? Are they not forgiven? And if they aren't forgiven, then what are the consequences of that?" The strictest interpretation of this would lead to the belief that if there is any unconfessed sin in our lives, we would not be forgiven. Although some have interpreted this verse to say just that, this certainly is not what this means.

The word "confess" was translated from the Greek word *homologeō*. This is a compound word made up of the Greek words *homou* and *logos*. *Homou* means "the same" (*Strong's Concordance*), as in *homosexual*. *Logos* means "something said" (*Strong's Concordance*). So, *homologeō* means "to speak the same thing" (*Vine's Expository Dictionary*). When we sin, we are not saying, thinking, or doing the same thing as the Lord. But when we confess our sins, we are turning from our way of thinking and agreeing with the Lord that what we have done was wrong.

Our sin doesn't separate us from the Lord as under the Old Testament (Is. 59:1-2). All of our sins have already been paid for (Heb. 9:12, 15; 10:10, 14; and 12:23). But as long as we walk in unconfessed sin, Satan has an inroad into our lives (Rom. 6:16). We need to confess that sin, walk away from the thinking that got us into that mess, and agree with God that what we did was wrong. Then the forgiveness that is already a reality in our spirits becomes a reality in our flesh. This cleanses us from all the attack of the devil that we opened ourselves up to.

Satan can work in the flesh of believers who have unconfessed sin. Satan cannot exist in the flesh of believers who have confessed their sins and understand and believe they are totally forgiven and cleansed from all unrighteousness.

So, the confession of sins encouraged here is not for our eternal salvation, but to rid us of the inroad Satan gains into our lives through our sins. In a sense, Satan has a right to afflict us when we cooperate with him through sin (Rom. 6:16). Confessing that what we did was sin and repenting of that action closes a door on the devil and opens the door to the Lord.

Lots of verses in the Bible are easy to misunderstand if you don't take the time to study them out. My *Living Commentary* software can be a big help as you rightly divide the word of truth (2 Tim. 2:15).

PARTNERSHIP: GOING INTO ALL THE WORLD—TOGETHER

Do you know the impact you're making in the world? As a partner of Andrew Wommack Ministries, you belong to a special group of people who are influencing the world more than they may know. As a partner, you help us liberate people from the bondage of legalism and make global change through Charis Bible College. We could not do all that God has called us to do without your prayers and support.

For starters, you allowed AWM to spread the Gospel through ministering to the material needs of the Nepalese. Many of you may remember the 7.8-magnitude earthquake that hit Nepal on April 25, 2015. We were able to set up a relief fund through which several ministries and contacts on the ground could get the needed resources to rebuild Nepal's shaken communities.

Part of your support also continues to go to the Karamoja team in Uganda. That has included monthly missions trips, food, and vehicle maintenance. You are making possible the creation of a self-sustaining economy in Uganda through the digging of wells and through microfinancing efforts. Bishop Francis Tumusiime continues to broadcast his daily radio program of the Gospel and offer Discipleship Evangelism training. AWM Uganda and Lighthouse Television are standing strong because of you, and so is Ricky Burge, our main contact there.

You supported Andrew in traveling to England, Sri Lanka, and South Africa on a ten-day tour to

hold meetings and share the Gospel. He and Bob Yandian preached at the annual *Ministers' Conference*, which has been held in the UK for decades. In Sri Lanka, many received the Word and saw miracles. And in a tiny South African village, the lives of forty children are being transformed at a school sponsored by you. They are receiving an education that includes biblical teaching. Those children have a hope because of your support.

Gospel Truth airs on **323** television and radio stations in the United States. Internationally, we are on **24** television networks, which broadcast to **142** outlet channels in different countries. *Gospel Truth* also airs in **5** translations, and is in the process of being translated into Polish and Bulgarian. The potential reach for us worldwide is **3.2 billion** people.

Our AWM offices, located in **14** nations, help us distribute printed materials in **34** different languages. The Discipleship Evangelism course alone is in **24** languages. Over **50,000** Chinese people have received material through social media. Your support is what enables us to reach the nations with the amazing truth of the Gospel.

In 2015, our prison ministry was able to send out about **7,900** discipleship lessons to inmates, who then mail them back to us for grading. Karen Conrad, the marketing director of AWM, had this to say about partnership: "When you partner with Andrew and Jamie and this ministry, you can know that the seed you're sowing will be multiplied



Andrew in Sri Lanka with Charis India students

literally all over the world.” Your passion to spread the kingdom of God is evident through our ability to go farther and deeper with the Gospel. Roger had this to say about his partnership with AWM: “Partnership to me is being a warrior for Christ, being able to join in the fight to establish His kingdom here on earth. I cannot go [myself] sometimes, but my money can go where I cannot go.” Another partner had this to say: “Partnership means that we’re in this together, because what AWM is doing is phenomenal. The Word has changed my life. Now I can be a partner in that and help change someone else’s life.”

As you can see, our goal is to disciple people in all walks of life and bring them to the saving grace of Jesus. But we also realize that partnership is a two-way street, and we want to show you how much we value you. One way we are doing that is by expanding our Charis Bible Studies program. Your desire to find local like-minded believers for fellowship and ministry in the grace message spurs us on as a ministry. Through Charis Bible Studies, you now have the opportunity to connect with believers who are seeking the same thing and want to grow in their relationship with God.

As finances allow, Andrew’s vision for Charis Colorado includes a full-service college campus, a parking garage, student housing, an activities center, and a food court. By the year 2020, Charis Colorado

could disciple over **4,000** students each year and accommodate their physical needs in-house.

We are also establishing more Charis locations to make going to Bible college easier for you. Currently, there are **20** different nations with Charis locations. These buildings are just tools to help us make disciples of Christ and train up leaders to impact every sphere of influence—ministry, government, missions, business, media, and entertainment. Graduates of Charis are going back into their communities or into parts of the world where they feel called and are planting grace churches. If you are looking for a church that is teaching the grace message, you can call our Helpline: +44 (0)1922 473 300. Phone ministers will be glad to help you.

It bears repeating that without your support, none of this would be possible. When we all get to heaven and people come up to Andrew to thank him for his work on earth, you will be right there with him. But we thank you now. You are a blessing!

To become a partner with Andrew and Jamie and help them go to all nations, go to our website: **www.awme.net/give** or call our Helpline: +44 (0)1922 473 300. Start your *Grace Partnership* today! **gt**

ANDREW WOMMACK MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORS' CONFERENCE

"Andrew Wommack Ministries has truly become a global ministry. As our reach expands, there has been a growing need to unify all our efforts for consistency and efficiency. We recently took a major step forward in these areas with our first International Directors' Conference."

– Andrew Wommack

London is the political, economic, and cultural capital of England. London's cultures and communities resemble a mosaic of international diversity. Some estimate that more than 200 languages are spoken there, and its history stretches back over thousands of years. This historical place was the host city for the 2016 AWM International Directors' Conference.

Twelve of the fourteen nations with AWM offices were represented: England, India, Netherlands, Germany, Zimbabwe, Poland, South Africa, Uganda, Hong Kong, Australia, Canada, and the United States. In attendance were the directors of the AWM international offices and several executive managers from the AWM headquarters in Colorado.

As the ministry expands its global focus, Gary Luecke, vice president of Charis Bible Colleges and international operations of AWM, sees the importance of fostering a spirit of unity among the international offices and affiliates:

"The purpose of the meeting was to bring everyone together into unity. We want our international directors to know that we are for them, we are a ministry family, and we are here to help. Unity at an international level will help us be more efficient in our processes, and the Gospel will spread quicker. We are growing, and we want to work together to fulfill Andrew's vision to reach as far and deep with the Gospel as possible. We know that our directors are not just people who give of their time or money; they have given their lives!"

It's true that in our times, through modern technology, the world is getting smaller, but it's still a big world. Exporting Andrew's message to so many diverse cultures presents many challenges. The function of these international offices is to oversee Charis Bible Colleges and the distribution of ministry materials and also to facilitate the translations of Andrew's books and television programs. As Gary says,





2016 AWM International Directors' Conference in London, England

"We want to shout this nearly-too-good-to-be-true message from the rooftops in the native languages of every country. Our own personal lives have been so radically changed by this message that we have to share it. Our goal is not only to get people saved, but to disciple them so that they can be sent to teach others!"

To help make this possible, the different executive offices of AWM are working together to provide systems, tools, and a unified infrastructure. Karen Conrad, the director of marketing, shared her enthusiasm about the potential of the international reach of the ministry. She honored the labor of love of the directors and communicated the marketing team's commitment to help them establish a strong foundation for growth while maintaining consistency with the brand of the ministry. She values the input from the directors and believes

that an environment where ideas can be shared freely will help build a unified team: "We see so much potential with the international outreaches that we want to empower the international directors to take advantage of the immediate opportunities for growth. There is excitement for the future."

Paul Milligan, chief executive officer, and Stephen Bransford, the director of media productions, also shared some of the organizational management practices that work best in the United States so that they can be implemented at the different offices.

The potential is unlimited, and the power to overcome obstacles is multiplied when leaders gather together as one to impact the world for the kingdom of God (Judg. 20:1). [gt](#)





SPIRIT, SOUL & BODY ILLUSTRATED

I never cussed. I never smoked a cigarette. I never tasted liquor. I never even tasted coffee! I was one of those who read their Bible every day, witnessed to people, and prayed. You see, I loved God, but I thought the things I did were necessary for Him to love me and answer my prayers.

It wasn't until my experience with God on March 23, 1968, that I stopped trying to earn God's favor. For the first time in my life, I saw my self-righteousness as God saw it. To say I felt filthy would be an understatement. I literally thought God was going to kill me. For nearly two hours, I prepared for my death. I turned myself inside out, confessing my sins. When I finally lay still in the puddle of my own tears, I felt God's love surround me. It was surreal. I knew I didn't deserve His love. I knew I hadn't earned it. But for the next four-and-a-half months, I walked around in the fog of God's mercy and love. I hardly slept. I forgot to eat. I even forgot to feed the horse I owned. I'm not really sure what I managed to accomplish, but I knew that God loved me. I could feel it.

And then, all of a sudden, that feeling left.

I didn't know what to do. I couldn't go back to being "normal." I couldn't live without God's love, but I didn't know how to get it back. Then I was drafted into the United States Army and sent to Vietnam.

At that time in my life, being sent to Vietnam was the best thing that could have happened to me. My commanding officer was stationed sixty miles away. So, with nothing else to do, I sat in a bunker and, for thirteen months, read my Bible. As I read God's Word, the revelation of His love for me returned, but this time it wasn't emotional. This revolutionized my theology.

I know that many people are seeking after God, looking for some type of emotional experience to solidify their faith. But that's not the way we're supposed to live. God created us in His image (Gen. 1:27). He created us as spirits. First Thessalonians 5:23 says,

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are three-part beings. Kenneth Hagin is often credited with teaching that we are spirit, we possess a soul, and we live in a body. The body is easily distinguished—it can be seen and felt. Yet we also understand that we are more than just heartbeats or brainwaves. Most Christians only functionally

smell, or feel my spirit—and neither can you feel yours. The only way to discover this spiritual part is through the Word. Hebrews 4:12 says,

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

The Word of God separates soul and spirit for us. It shows us what is spiritual and what is carnal. A lot of Christians think *carnal* is a bad word. They think it means sinful. In reality, the word *carnal* refers to anything dominated or controlled by the five senses. It means natural. Most of us have been conditioned to operate naturally, or carnally. We know when we're tired or hungry. We recognize



acknowledge being a two-part being (body and soul). They use *soul* and *spirit* interchangeably, but they are different.

Most people understand the soul. The soul includes the mind, will, and emotions. It is what many call the personality. The spirit, however, is the part of us created in the image of God. It is the part that communicates with God, and according to Jesus' words in John 6, it has the power to give us life (John 6:63).

There is a spiritual me that cannot be contacted in any physical, natural way. You can't see, taste, hear,

when someone hurts us or makes us mad. We understand why now is not the best time to buy a house. The carnal mind only operates in the physical realm, going by natural information and facts to determine what it ought to do. It never operates in faith.

For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. [7] Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.


Romans 8:6-7

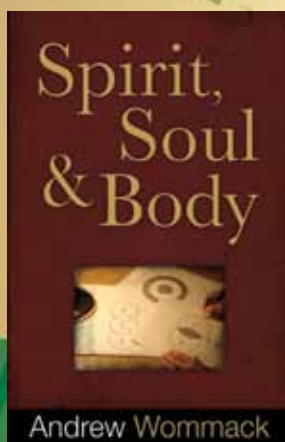
Carnal-mindedness is enmity against God. It lifts circumstances and feelings above His Word and voids its power to "quicken" our bodies (John 6:63).

Those thirteen months I spent in Vietnam, pouring over God's Word, showed me that His love never left me. He'd promised not to leave me or forsake me (Heb. 13:5). I just needed to get beyond my feelings and start standing on His Word. I had to learn how to live by faith (Rom. 1:17 and Heb. 11:6).

If you're living life based on what you can see, taste, hear, smell, and feel, you're living in a place of spiritual vulnerability. If something can be seen, it's temporary, or subject to change (2 Cor. 4:18). The eternal things in your spirit are what's really important. You have to discover who you are in the spirit. The Lord is a Spirit (John 4:24), and He relates to you based on your new spiritual being, not your actions. There is much more to you and to life than the things you can see, taste, hear, smell, and feel.

What you're experiencing is not all there is to the Christian life. Stop playing with only half the deck, and learn who you really are in the spirit. My *Spirit, Soul & Body* teaching can help. If you're a visual learner, I'd like to introduce you to a new product—*Spirit, Soul & Body Illustrated* (DVD). One of our German partners condensed my five-hour teaching and put it into a fifteen-minute animated version that really captures the essence of what the Lord has shown me. It provides an overview of my entire teaching in a way that is sure to help you "see" yourself as God sees you. This is a great visual aid for young people or group studies to help capture the revelation of what took place when they became born again. Order today by going online: **www.awme.net** or by calling the Helpline: +44 (0)1922 473 300.

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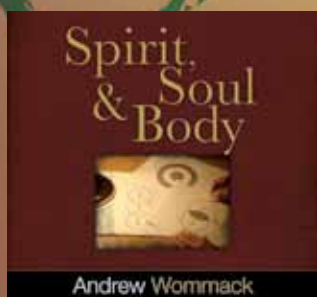
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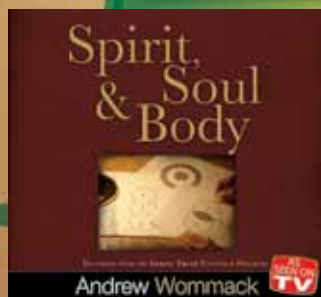
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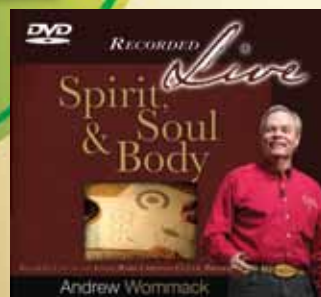
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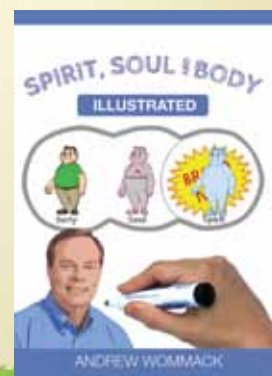
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HEALING IS HERE CONFERENCE 2016

Daniel Amstutz, the director of Healing School at Charis Bible College, sat down with Eileen Quinn, a content assistant for Andrew Wommack Ministries' Publications Department, to discuss Charis's upcoming *Healing Is Here Conference*.



Daniel Amstutz

Eileen Quinn: First of all, thank you for this interview. I know you're busy—being both the dean of worship and arts and the director of Healing School.

Daniel Amstutz: Well, I'm glad to do it.

EQ: Daniel, I'm super excited about this year's *Healing Is Here Conference*. You know, I was a second-year prayer minister during the first conference in 2014. I saw my first instant miracle there!

There was a lady who could not turn her neck at all, because it had been swollen for almost ten years. As we commanded all swelling to go and for her to have full range of mobility, her neck shrunk before my very eyes! My classmate Barry and I laughed so hard, we could barely contain ourselves. The joy of seeing God move was electric in that place.

DA: [Laughs] Yes! Both years we have had people get up out of wheelchairs, discard crutches, take off braces... Carlie [Terradez] started a collection that we like to refer to as our "museum."

But you know, Eileen, in 2011 when Gary Luecke [the vice president of AWM and Charis] was hiring me at Charis for worship and to start a worship school, he and Andrew recognized the

hunger that students had to be prayed for. Andrew couldn't even take a break between classes without students standing in line to receive prayer. During that interview, Gary asked me if I would like to help him start a healing school.

EQ: When was the first Healing School?

DA: In March of 2011, it opened to the public.

Then, just to finish giving you the background, in 2013, Andrew was having to refuse so many speaking engagements because he couldn't possibly say yes to every request. That's when he approached me about taking Healing School on the road. Our inaugural Healing School outside of Charis Colorado was in Kansas City, Kansas.

EQ: Really?

DA: Yes. People drove from all over America to go to Healing School. They were desperate for answers [regarding healing].

EQ: So, Andrew wasn't there?

DA: No; it was just myself, Carlie Terradez, and a worship team.

In fact, [our AV team] on the road, during the debrief meeting, said, "We do these meetings all the time. The anointing was no different than when Andrew's here." I began to realize that we were operating out of a shared anointing. You know, Healing School then resulted in us training students as prayer ministers. This made a big difference in the student body—students started ministering to each other. Instead of everyone just waiting in line for Andrew, they started turning to one another.

After Kansas City happened, we began to be flooded with requests to come. So, through these invitations, we did other venues. In Minneapolis, for example, as soon as worship started, the large banquet-size room was so full of people, they had to take down the folding walls. There were a lot of

miracles, signs, and wonders. Soon, Healing School on the road became problematic because there was no conference team. We knew we couldn't support it.

Then one day, Carlie ... had a "God idea": What if we have a healing camp? That was in 2013. We just began to talk to Gary about people coming to us rather than us traveling. And that is how the *Healing Is Here Conference* was born. We decided to make it a mainstream event based on healing, health, and wellness. Healing School on the road became the conference. We wanted the road to come to us.

EQ: Wow. That's quite a beginning. What are the dates of this year's *Healing Is Here Conference*?

DA: August 9-12

EQ: Can you give me a basic sense of what someone coming to the conference can expect?

DA: Well, in the mornings we will start out with worship. And then I will be teaching a course on how to minister to the sick. Carlie will be assisting me with that. It will have a talk-show feel, as we discuss testimonies and principles of healing from God's Word.

On Tuesday and Wednesday [afternoon], guests at the conference can choose to go to workshops. One of our [two] workshops will be run by Charis graduates Tim and Lisa Mahan of Street Light Ministries. They will teach teams of people to listen to the Holy Spirit and go out onto the streets of Woodland Park and Colorado Springs to lay hands on the sick and see them recover.

A second afternoon workshop will be offered by Charis graduates who are now on staff with the ministry, Bryan and Sue Nutman, originally from England. They will teach a prophetic activation course on Tuesday and Wednesday too. Then, on Friday, they will do a wrap-up session with testimonies and take-aways for both workshops.



Left: Carlie Terradez and Daniel Amstutz

In the Nutmans' workshop, they help attendees discover how to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit and minister to people prophetically through the supernatural. In the prophetic activation workshop, participants will see that the workings of the Holy Spirit are not just limited to a few special believers.

On Thursday afternoon, we plan to have a panel discussion featuring our evening speakers, who will take questions from attendants. They can submit their questions, and then the panel will discuss them. People won't want to miss that.

Finally, on Tuesday evening, Andrew Wommack will minister. The next night, Dr. Richard Roberts, son of Oral Roberts, will speak. Thursday evening will be powerful with Duane Sheriff, who clothes everything in truth and humor. Finally, on Friday night, I will be teaching and launching the brand-new release of our *Healing Is Here* CD, in a live presentation, from start to finish. That's the lineup.

EQ: Well, Daniel, I know from having attended the last two years, people who come can expect to see things that they have read about in the book of Acts.

DA: Yes, we've received testimonies of over 160 healings from the various meetings. That's not even counting the number of people who wrote later and shared the healing they experienced as they went home and continued to believe. People from all over the country and from outside the country left here on fire to continue to see signs, miracles, and wonders follow them back into their daily lives. It's like the continuation of the book of Acts! *gt*

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There is a war on Christianity. It's not just in nations abroad. It's right here—where we live, where we raise our children, where we worship—in America. Last year's Supreme Court decision, the relentless attacks on Christian businesses, and the shameless attempts to suppress religious freedoms have prompted more and more believers to take a stand.

Whether we want to believe it or not, discrimination against Christians is rampant. Many people believe that they should keep their morality to themselves. They don't want to be viewed as imposing their beliefs on others. But that's exactly what we signed up for as Christians. That's why we preach the Gospel. If we keep our Christian views private, we will eventually be forced to compromise, and the views of others will be imposed on us.

Last year, I introduced the Declaration of Dependence upon God and His Holy Bible—a document intended to unite believers across America and around the world to petition local and national governments for moral legislation.

There have been some decisions that are moving our nation in a wrong direction. I don't know all of the answers, but I feel like the Lord inspired me to write this Declaration as a statement to our government. The statement is that we, as Christians, are not afraid to take a stand against ungodliness in our nation.

My hope is that hundreds, if not thousands, of ministries and millions of people will join with me in taking a decisive stand for righteousness. It's time for the church and believers everywhere to rise up.



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This Declaration is our opportunity to stand for what is right today, knowing that there may be a day when it's too late.

Martin Niemöller, a prominent pastor and concentration camp survivor in Nazi Germany, is credited with saying this: "First, they came for the Communists, and I did not speak out—because I was not a Communist. Then they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out—because I was not a Socialist. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out—because I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—because I was not a Jew. Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak out for me."¹

We are losing religious freedoms at a rapid pace. What was once within our power to cure could one day be out of control. Anti-Christian sentiments are increasing at an alarming rate. Those who have been entrusted to ensure the balance of powers in our government have taken it upon themselves to redefine the Constitution. Brothers and sisters, we cannot tolerate this!

We are at a crossroads. This is a defining moment for Christians everywhere. We will not waver in the days ahead, no matter the cost. There is a remnant in the church that is willing and ready. Other global ministries have already joined with us, as well as some legislators. Support for our efforts is increasing every day. After my interview with Dr. James Dobson on the *Gospel Truth* broadcast, he aired the sessions on his radio program, *Family Talk*. Kenneth Copeland Ministries has included a space on their website for their partners to sign the Declaration. Every day, more signatures are added to the list, and more ministries are inquiring about how they can be involved.

In the coming months, it is my goal to present this document, along with the supporting signatures, to government officials, sending a strong message

that there is opposition to the violation of the Constitution. I want this Declaration to make it clear that the decisions that have been made are immoral and un-American. God Himself established marriage, and no person or government can alter His Word.

Join with me, and together let's make a statement. As support for this document gains momentum and increases, the ministry will undertake a full media blitz that will include major press and media coverage, television broadcasts, news programs, and full-page ads in national newspapers. The ads will include the website address for people to sign the Declaration, and more. It is currently being shared by churches and ministries throughout the nation and will be presented to influence state and federal legislators.

The following are testimonies from some of those who have already lent their support for the Declaration of Dependence upon God and His Holy Bible:

We just received Kenneth Copeland's monthly magazine to discover on the back was an ad for the Declaration of Dependence. May all of God's people support this, sign, pray, and preach the Gospel of grace! We are showing the video of the Declaration at church in two weeks, setting up laptops, and encouraging our church to sign and support this. Thank you, Andrew and Jamie, for leading this.

—Nancy, California

Andrew and Jamie, yes and amen to the Declaration of Dependence! I signed it last week without hesitation.

—Elizabeth, Nebraska

I have signed the Declaration of Dependence on God. Thank you for taking a stand and allowing us to join you.

—Mark, Indiana

¹ hmd.org.uk/resources/poetry/first-they-came
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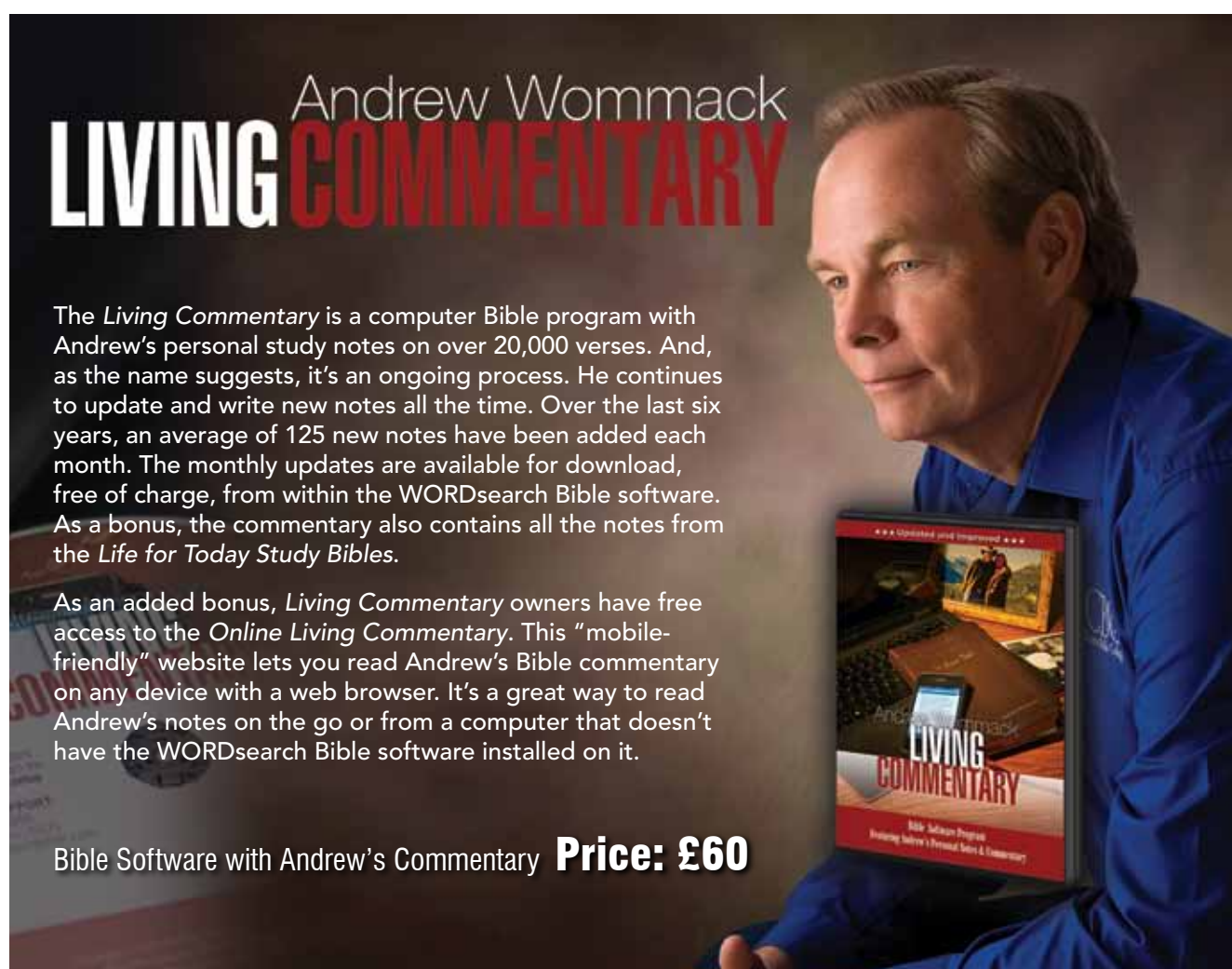
Will you join believers across America and around the world to petition local and national governments for moral legislation? Your signature on this Declaration allows you to stand with us as the body of Christ in a personal commitment to the Word of God, no matter what man says. I urge those who share the belief in pursuing righteousness in our government to sign the document. Also, tell your friends and family members about it. This is going to be powerful!

Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: [33] So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.

Matthew 24:32-33

Jesus said here that just as you can see the signs of changing seasons, so also can you see the signs that the end times are near. In the same way, the signs of a nation turning away from God are becoming evident. The United States could become a place where Christians no longer have a voice. Future generations are counting on you.

Go to **www.dependenceongod.com** to read the Declaration and watch the video, and join with thousands of other believers who are taking a stand for righteousness. Together we will be heard! **gt**



Andrew Wommack
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This year's presidential election cycle has been the most bizarre in my lifetime on both sides of the aisle. It seems like politics has sunk to a new all-time low. This has left many people with the attitude that they just aren't going to vote. They think What does it matter? or I'll never vote for this candidate after the things they've said and done.

I can understand that logic but I believe it's wrong. I want to point out some very important things that I hope encourage you to take your responsibility to vote seriously and, at the least, vote for the lesser of two evils.

Days before the 2012 election, only about one in four eligible American voters were registered.¹ Of those who did register, only an estimated 57.5 percent went to the polls to cast their vote.² This means that only 14 percent of the population put President Obama in office. Over 25 million evangelical Christians didn't vote. Think about that!

While every American has the privilege and responsibility to vote, Christians should be among those with the highest voter turnout of any group in the nation. We can't afford to become cynical or indifferent to what's happening around us. We have to do our part. You may not think that your one vote carries much weight, but the combined power



ONE VOTE AT A TIME

The greatest example of those who cannot speak for themselves is the unborn. Psalm 139 speaks of how God had plans for us before we were even born. God ordained Jeremiah while he was still in his mother's womb. We, as Christians, need to take a stand for unborn children and those who don't have a voice.

ANDREW'S ANTIDOTES

of our numbers would change the course of history and steer this nation in a godly direction. Don't be the weak link in the chain. Let's stand together!

Casting a ballot is our opportunity to follow Proverbs 31:8-9, which instructs us to *"open thy mouth for the dumb in the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction. [9] Open thy mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy."*

It's a lie and a deception to think that ungodly laws don't hurt all that much. Tell that to the aborted babies! Stand up and say something. Don't be silent. I like the Bonhoeffer quote: "Silence in the face of evil is itself evil: God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act."³

Someone might argue that neither candidate is pro-life, but we have a clear choice between one



candidate who is clearly pro-abortion while the other is somewhat indifferent on the issue. We have to take the one who is less committed to killing the unborn and doesn't defend harvesting body parts from the aborted children.

The passing of laws impacts our whole society. There is a slippery slope between immoral laws and a completely lawless society. Just think—because of the philosophy of one man, millions of Jews were exterminated under the hand of a godless government. Even more disturbing is the fact that Hitler was elected into office by a people who had been lulled into believing that he was for the common good. Instead, citizens of many nations suffered and paid the price under an oppressive government.

It is apparent that we're fighting that same evil right here in America today—the spirit of antichrist. We have a responsibility and an opportunity to turn this thing around.

I believe the issue of our generation is homosexuality. Many social issues are just as important as the homosexual issue, but the LGBT community has become the tip of the spear that

is piercing our culture. With the U.S. Supreme Court giving homosexual marriage "constitutional" status, it has opened up the floodgates of evil that will soon drown this nation in immorality if this isn't reversed. There have already been legal challenges going on in North Carolina, where the state government has passed legislation to forbid men who "feel they are women" from entering women's public restrooms. The federal government has countered with their own lawsuits and are threatening to withdraw billions of dollars of support for North Carolina's schools. This is foolishness that defies logic.

Other schools have already been commanded to allow boys into girls' locker rooms in the name of equality and tolerance for transgender rights. But what about the rights of the vast majority who will have to put up with anyone who claims they are members of the opposite sex trapped in the wrong body? This will allow any pervert to justify things that have been outlawed for centuries in this country. Lawsuits are pending, as parents are beginning to rise up and fight back for their children.

And when these actions lead to sexual harassment, as they certainly will, those who voted for this or allowed it by not voting, will be the ones who scream the loudest.

We have to take a stand, and we have some clear choices in our candidates on these issues.

The lack of Christian response to the issues facing our nation has grieved me. Why would a Christian make excuses for not voting? I've heard everything from "politics and the Bible don't mix" to "God is in control." These people would rather complain about an ungodly government than take responsibility and vote.

¹ <http://www.demos.org/publication/why-are-51-million-eligible-americans-not-registered-vote>

² <http://bipartisanpolicy.org/library/2012-voter-turnout>

³ Eric Metaxas, *Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy—A Righteous Gentile vs. the Third Reich*, Thomas Nelson, Nashville, 2010

Even churches are afraid to broach the topic, leaving their congregations with the idea that the rhetoric is true. President James A. Garfield, also a Christian minister, said that “now, more than ever before, the people are responsible for the character of their Congress. If that body be ignorant, reckless, and corrupt, it is because the people tolerate ignorance, recklessness, and corruption.”⁴

In other words, bad politicians are elected by good people who don’t vote. Proverbs 14:34 says that “righteousness exalteth a nation.” But righteousness does not come automatically. We must be informed and vote. If American Christians were to stand together, we could accomplish anything. It is a testimony to the world when we rise up and stand for righteousness, and it will bring peace to our land. Proverbs 29:2 tells us, “When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.”

Those who have fought for righteousness in the past spoke from experience. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, “Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”⁵ I know

it isn’t always the popular thing to do. I know that sometimes it feels like we’re fighting a losing battle. But we need to remember how many of those in the Bible who have gone before us, fighting battles that seemed impossible.

Though the collective power of the people can accomplish great things, God has always believed in the power of one. David fought Goliath—one man, one stone. What appeared to require an army only needed one with the power of the living God behind him. If we always look at the situation with our government through natural eyes, it would be easy to get discouraged. But we need to look at our ballots like David did that stone. God can do great things, one vote at a time.

You have to *choose* for your vote to matter. One man with one stone, or one man or woman with one ballot. When we face giants, we never do so alone. *gt*

⁴ James Abram Garfield, *The Works of James Abram Garfield*, James R. Osgood and Company, Boston, 1883, Vol. II, p. 486

⁵ Martin Luther King Jr., *I Have a Dream: Writings and Speeches That Changed the World*, HarperCollins Publishers, New York, 1986


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