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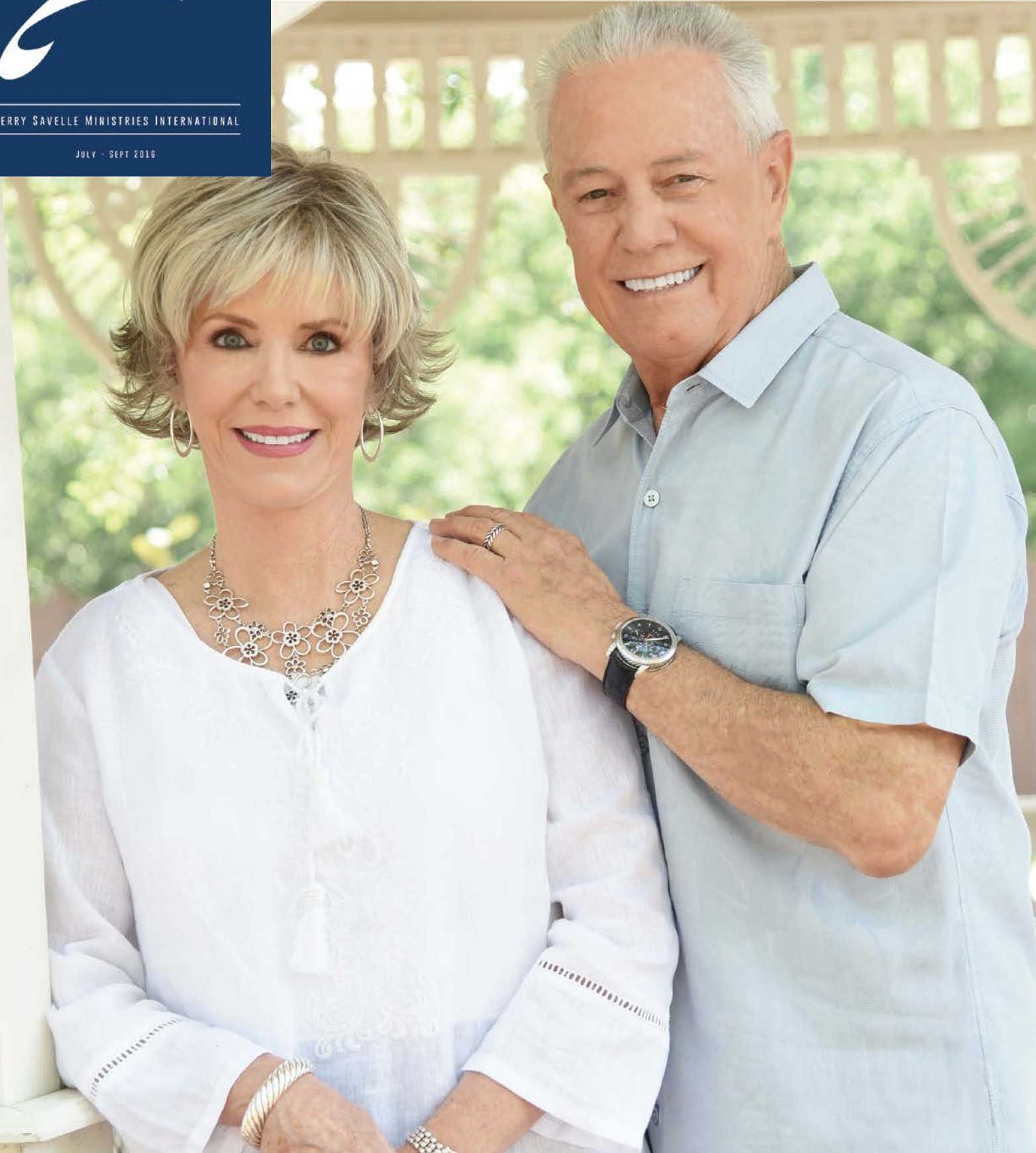
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GIVING

IS THE CARDINAL LAW OF GOD

by Jerry Savelle



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July 15, 2016 – Carolyn and I will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. That’s a long time and, according to recent surveys, we have “beat the odds.”

I can truthfully say that we’re more in love with each other today than we have ever been. We have a wonderful marriage and we continually praise God for showing us how to achieve this through His Word.

The first three years of our marriage were tough. We were like two little sticks of dynamite with very short fuses. We were both selfish, hard-headed and determined to have our own way about nearly everything.

It wasn’t until I surrendered my life to the Lord and we both began to study the Word that things began to change. Even though it didn’t happen overnight, we knew that our marriage could be salvaged and that it could become wonderful if we continued to act on what we were seeing from God’s Word.

One of the first things that we began to learn was that marriage wasn’t about “getting,” it was about “giving.”

John 3:16 says, *For God so loved the world that he gave...* Giving is the only way a relationship can remain strong and powerful. Ephesians 5:25 says, *Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it...* The Message says, *Husbands, go all out in your love for your wives, exactly as Christ did for the Church – a love marked by giving, not getting...*

You never find real love without the act of giving. I think where the problem begins for many is in the ceremony itself: “Do you take this woman as your lawful wedded wife?”

Perhaps from that moment the husband gets the word “take” in his head and he never thinks of the importance of giving to his wife. And I’m not just talking about giving gifts or things, even though this is important also, but giving his life.

You see, husbands and wives are supposed to be best friends as well as marriage partners, and Jesus said that a true friend is willing to give his very life. John 15:13 says, *Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.* What does it mean to lay down your life for another? It means to be willing to put aside your wants, your desires and your needs in order to fulfill the wants, desires and needs of your mate. If both parties demand their way and neither is willing to lay down his or

Getting too busy can cause a husband and wife to begin to drift apart. This is probably the area in my life where I need the most correcting. I'm a good provider and there's no question about my loyalty or fidelity to Carolyn, but many times I get so busy in my work that I neglect her when she needs me

are to love their wives as Christ loves the Church. Love is action – this can include everything from a new car, a new fur coat, a new piece of furniture or just listening.

When men begin to demonstrate Christ-like love towards their wives, they will respond. You won't have to make them submit, they will want to submit. However, if this scriptural principle is to last, then Christ-like love must be consistent and not just every once in a while. Commitment to this is a must.

God knows if wives are loved in a Christ-like manner, they will respond with love. So, this would indicate that men are to be initiators and wives are to be responders. However, most men do not take the initiative so wives do and then the marriage is thrown out of whack or out of balance.

The primary reason most men don't initiate is due to fear of rejection. It's a male ego thing: he doesn't like to be told no, so rather than being told no he does nothing. Wives, if you're constantly saying no to everything he suggests, then this could be the reason he never takes the initiative in the marriage.

Men, it's time for us to realize that God is more interested in our marriage than He is our work or our hobbies. Being a good husband is hard work and can be very time consuming. You might say, "With all the demands on me to provide a good living, how can I devote more time to my marriage?" It dawned on me while I was preparing this message that the answer is the same for the marriage as it is for my work: time management. I can't get everything done that I have to do if I don't properly manage my time. I have to set priorities and work down through the list.

Men, in all of our busy-ness our wives have to be our number one priority.

Time management means putting special times together just like an important business appointment and don't let anything interfere with it.

Most women want their marriage to be fun, exciting and romantic, filled with creativity, adventure and surprises. Most men want a hot meal, a comfortable chair and sex.

So, since there is this great gulf fixed between husbands and wives, men are going to have to sit down and ask their wives to help them understand their needs and desires.

Here's where giving plays an important role in making the marriage strong. Give up the time you would have spent on that hobby and give it to your spouse so that she can reveal to you what she needs, how she feels and what you can do to meet those needs.

Since the husband is the spiritual head of the house, it's his responsibility to create an atmosphere where his spouse feels she can discuss anything that is in her heart and without feeling threatened or uncomfortable.

Marriages erode when one or both parties feel they cannot talk about anything to the other. Communication is one of the most important keys to a successful and long-lasting marriage. Men and women are different when it comes to communicating. Most women want to talk about everything and they want to know every detail. Most men are not this way at all. Most women want to know everything their husbands did and said during the day. Most men want to plop down in their easy chair and hide behind a newspaper or watch the television. Once again, we find a great gulf between them. It appears that someone is out to keep their marriage from working – that's why it takes a deep commitment from both parties. There must be times when serious and private talks are conducted without interruptions. Even if you've never been able to do

Get fired up about having a strong, successful and lasting marriage.

the most. And most of the time she has to remind me that I'm neglecting her. This is not something that's deliberate on my part, but it's very easy for me to get caught up in what I'm called to do, and I have to be reminded by Carolyn and the Holy Spirit that I need to lay down my life and devote some quality time to her. Even though in my mind I might think that all this work is part of my being a good provider, if it's not brought into balance, it could be the very thing that Satan uses to cause our marriage to gradually erode.

Although both the husband and wife share in the responsibility for making a marriage work, I would say that it's men who need to wake up the most and become as enthusiastic about their marriage as they are about their work, their fishing, their golfing or whatever else they may be into. Men, we need to make a new commitment to our wives and get fired up about having a strong, successful and lasting marriage. Please understand that I'm preaching to myself as well as to you. In preparing this message, God has rung my bell about the very things I'm sharing with you.

Most wives are just waiting for us to get as excited about spending time with them as we are about our hobbies, work or other male friends. The apostle Paul said that husbands

it in the past, ask God to help you and bind the devil so he can't interfere.

Once again, I'm preaching to myself and I know that this is an area where I need improvement. I need to learn to be a better listener. Men need to swallow their pride and ask their wives to forgive them for not being good listeners. It's time to swallow our pride and get on with loving our wives as Christ loves the Church.

Communication in a Healthy Marriage

Pride and selfishness are the two primary causes of poor communication. The word for communication in the Greek is also the word that's translated "fellowship." It takes two people to fellowship.

The most intimate kind of fellowship is "face to face." When communication is face to face, both parties have the other's undivided attention (see Exodus 33:11). The Bible teaches us the proper method of communicating. Ephesians 4:29 says, *Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification that it may impart grace to the hearers* (NKJV). This means that our words to each other should be edifying, uplifting and not destructive.

Ephesians 4:31-32 says, *Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ also forgave you.* Destructive words are not only dangerous to your relationship but they also grieve the Holy Spirit (see Ephesians 4:30). Notice also how very important forgiveness is in effective communication. We're going to make mistakes in communicating properly but it's important that we become quick forgivers.

Ephesians 4:26 says, *...let not the sun go down upon your wrath.* The Message

says, Don't stay angry. Don't go to bed angry. Don't give the devil that kind of foothold in your life. Giving Satan a foothold is to invite the spirit of division into your marriage.

You can shut the door on the spirit of division by:

- Making a quality decision to improve your communication skills
- Setting time aside for communicating
- Learning to be a good listener
- Becoming sincerely interested in what your mate has to say
- Refusing to be offended by constructive criticism (such as: leaving dirty clothes on the floor, towels laying around, toilet seat left up, hair all over the sink, snoring, etc.)

Proverbs 15:1-2 says, *A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger. The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright...*

Most couples are poor communicators because of:

- Fear of being ignored
- Fear of being rejected
- Fear of being ridiculed

The only thing that removes fear is faith, or the confidence that your spouse will truly listen. Bring faith into your conversation with each other. Bind Satan and all his cohorts and invite the Holy Spirit's presence. Think before you speak.

Determine beforehand that the fruits of the Spirit are going to operate in and flow through you. Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance can make a marriage strong and a tremendous threat to the devil. If you feel that your love for one another has diminished or has slipped away, then do what Jesus suggested that the church at Ephesus do: *Nevertheless, I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love* (Revelation 4:5). Notice, it's "left," not "lost." The

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love was still there but it was lying dormant.

Notice His instructions to them: *Remember therefore from whence thou are fallen, and repent, and do the first works...* (v. 5).

- Remember what it was like when you first fell in love.
- Repent for allowing yourself to stop acting as you did when you first fell in love.
- Re-do the things you used to do.

You too can have a wonderful marriage if you're willing to put God first, and if you're willing to allow His Word to have final authority. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you, after all...that's one of His assignments...He is our helper!

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LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT

by Carolyn Savelle

Fifty years of marriage - where has the time gone? It seems like it was just yesterday that two kids (ages 17 and 19) "tied the knot" as they say - not even being aware of the term, "covenant of marriage" or its meaning.

In my generation, that was what you did when you graduated from high school (1966) - you got married. I wouldn't recommend it now for anything in this world. I just feel like young people need more experience in life before they commit themselves to a lifetime of marriage. Youth today have more knowledge than I did when I was young. I knew nothing about life. I'd lived in my parents' home under their protection and authority. And then to go from that place to my very own home - what an immediate change in responsibility.

Jerry and I were two very independent, selfish, self-centered and stubborn people. The first three years we argued and fought constantly. I wanted my way and he wanted his way. I was always going to church and begging him to go with me. He would go occasionally because he was raised in church, but he didn't go every time the doors opened like I did.

I remember fighting with him once because he wouldn't go to church with me. As I walked down the apartment stairs, he threw my Bible and hit me in the back of the head and said, "You forgot your Bible you holy little angel." Another time we were in a fight out on the front lawn. He was washing the car and we were arguing and he turned the water hose on me to hold me off

of him. My aunt and uncle lived next door. My uncle was a detective on the police force. He hollered and said, "If you two don't quit this fighting I'm going to take you to jail."

I would get upset over the dumbest things. If he mowed the grass and blew the grass clippings into the flowerbeds, I'd say "Anybody with any brains knows you turn the blower out away from the flowerbeds and make at least three passes so the grass doesn't blow into the beautiful flower bed." Now, when I think of that, how could something so unimportant cause such a stupid fight? The grass clippings would just be good mulch!

I got upset over the toothpaste tube being squeezed in the middle. (The simple solution now is to buy two tubes of toothpaste. Argument over.) One time we pulled into the church parking lot and we were in an argument over something - what I do not remember. As I got out of the car he was yelling at me. I threw my Bible across the hood of the car to hit him. He jumped back in the car and yelled at me, "Find your own way home you holy little angel." Gravel was being thrown everywhere as he spun out of the parking lot in his 1965 GTO. (He made me add this about the type of car.)

I would especially get upset if the toilet seat was left up. I would go to use the toilet and sit down in water. That was a major pet peeve of mine. Believe me, 49 years out of the 50, the commode seat and lid are put down!

When I tell these stories I feel like I'm

talking about someone else because the Word of God completely transformed and changed us. We are not the same people we were then. I don't know how we made it those first three years. Only by the grace of God.

Then one day a minister by the name of Kenneth Copeland came to town, and the Word of God that he preached transformed us from the inside out. We received the revelation that God's Word was the guidebook - the handbook, the manual - whereby we could live as overcomers in every area of life.

I learned that the Bible was not just a religious book where I would read one chapter in Psalms, one chapter in Proverbs, and one chapter in the New Testament every day to soothe my conscience. Then I would think I had done my religious duty while I was living and suffering like everybody else in the world.

Marriage - good marriage - does not just happen. You have to work at it. Boy and girl see each other and say, "Wow, she's beautiful" or "Wow, he's handsome." Next thing you know, they're married with no preparation.

People spend thousands of dollars and months of preparation to make the wedding ceremony beautiful, and spend no time on marriage preparation or marriage counseling. I know we didn't, and we just stumbled along. It would have ended in divorce like the rest of the world had we not heard the truth from God's Word.

When the Word of God opens up to you and you realize that you have a covenant with Almighty God, you begin to realize the importance of those marriage vows. You realize that those vows and your relationship are also a covenant that you are making with each other. You see in the Bible that God will not break His covenant with us nor alter the word that goes out of His mouth. Psalm 89:34 becomes so

real that you decide you will not break nor alter the thing that goes out of your mouth – that you will not break your covenant with your spouse.

God's Word was changing us daily. We were learning how powerful God's Word was in renewing of our minds and changing us from the inside out.

I remember this story so clearly: One day I had done something Jerry didn't like, and he had done something I didn't like. I stomped off into the bedroom and he went into the guest bedroom (turned study). I could hear him quoting I Corinthians 13:4-8 over me. He wasn't quoting the King James Version over me - oh no, this was serious. He was quoting the Amplified Version. LOL!

And I was speaking the same thing over him at the same time: "Jerry endures long and is patient and kind; Jerry never is envious nor boils over with jealousy. He is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display himself haughtily. Jerry is not conceited, arrogant and inflated with pride; he is not rude, unmannerly and does not act unbecomingly. Jerry, with God's love in him, does not insist on his own rights or his own way for he is not self-seeking; he is not touchy, he is not fretful or resentful. He takes no account of the evil done to him and he pays no attention to a suffered wrong. Jerry does not rejoice in injustice and unrighteousness, but rejoices when right and truth prevail. Jerry bears up under anything and everything that comes. He is ever ready to believe the best of every person; his hopes are fadeless under all circumstances; and he endures everything without weakening. Jerry never fails, never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end." Amen!

We allowed God to take His rightful place in our relationship and made Him Lord over our lives. Everything then boils down to, "What does the Word of God say?" A very wise woman once said, "A happy marriage is the

union of two forgivers."

You can't build a successful marriage on the way the world does things. Some statistics tell us marriages are failing at a rate of 51% right now. Even Christian marriages are failing.

We have to see that marriage, the family and home are worth fighting for, and worth contending for in the faith. Satan is out to destroy everything that is good. And it was God who said, "It's not good that man should be alone, I will make him an helper suitably adapted and complementary for him" (Genesis 1:28) I pray and ask the Lord all the time to help me be the blessing that Jerry needs in his life.

Listen to your spouse. Be quick to listen, and slow to speak. I am so quick to voice my opinion on things and have to repent later. You know the old saying that we have two ears and one mouth so we should listen twice as much as we speak? Well, it seems I have two mouths and one ear sometimes. I think it's in my DNA. I can honestly say I've gotten better, but I have not mastered it. I'm still a work in progress. The only way I can master not voicing what I think all the time (and thinking I am right) is by God's Word.

Quick to listen! I have to speak to myself often. "Just listen, Carolyn, and don't offer your advice. It wasn't asked for." Proverbs 21:23 - watch your tongue and keep your mouth shut. I think Jerry has mastered this.

It doesn't matter how long you have been married; you still have to work on things daily.

Express Appreciation and Affection to Your Spouse

You cannot take each other for granted. You have to express your appreciation and love to one another all the time. If you aren't and you don't, someone else will. And guess where that leads?

I am always telling Jerry how good his sermon was and that what he just preached was life-changing. And it always is! It's not empty false words meant to flatter – it's always just the truth. Everyone wants to hear they've done a good job. I often tell him how much I appreciate him being such a hard worker to provide for us such a wonderful life.

I also tell him what a great husband he is and that I am the favored of God because God handpicked him for me. I also tell him what a wonderful father he has always been to our two daughters. I have seen him go on the road for a week or two, preaching every night, fly or drive home exhausted and return wanting his bed and to be able to rest. And there we'd sit - his two daughters and me - waiting for the moment he would walk through the door so he could take us out to a restaurant. And he always would - every time - never disappointing us. What sacrifices he made for us. He is also an amazing grandfather. He loves those seven precious grandchildren that God has blessed us with.

We've come a long way in our 50 years together – and I wouldn't change our relationship with one another one single bit. Jerry's the best husband and I'm living my dream!

Carolyn Savelle



Carolyn, heard the voice of God calling her into ministry at the age of eight! Her teachings have blessed thousands and made a profound impact on the lives of people throughout the world. Get more information about her and her ministry at www.jerrysavelle.org.



TRUE

Wow, it's hard to believe my parents are celebrating 50 years of marriage. It seems like not that long ago Terri, Mom, Dad, and I were at Disney World celebrating their 19th.

I was born two years after my parents married, and I've heard through stories my dad has shared that their first three years of marriage were pretty tough; that is, until he accepted Jesus as his Lord and his life radically turned around—and their marriage too!

I've observed nothing but love, faithfulness, and respect for one another in my parents' marriage. They actually still enjoy being together after all these years.

I never tire of hearing my mother tell the story of Daddy riding his bike down their street as a young boy, and her saying to her sister, "There goes the boy I'm going

to marry." She has loved him almost her entire life. It's as good as a sweet, romance movie.

I love how my mother still tears up on occasion when my dad is preaching, because she loves him so much and whispers, "Oh, he's so handsome" or "He's the best preacher!" She's stood by his side and has always been his biggest fan. She adores him and it shows in her face when she watches him preach. I admire that my mother has never been in competition with the big calling on my dad's life and has been secure in her role as his partner.

I love that my dad accepts my mom just as she is—feisty, strong-willed and funny. He just shakes his head and laughs at her.

They are so different in almost every way, yet they complement each other with their strengths.



LOVE

by Jerriann Savelle

This is the truth when I tell you that in my childhood I witnessed them get in a big argument only once. And that was decades ago. That speaks volumes of their commitment to walk in love with one another.

They are an amazing example of what a true, godly relationship looks like. Their marriage and ministry have affected millions around the world. I appreciate that who they are in public is who they are in private. They have demonstrated all my life, faithfulness to God and faithfulness to each other. I'm honored to be their daughter and congratulate them on 50 years. I pray long life and many more years together, traveling the world and preaching Jesus!

Love,
Jerri



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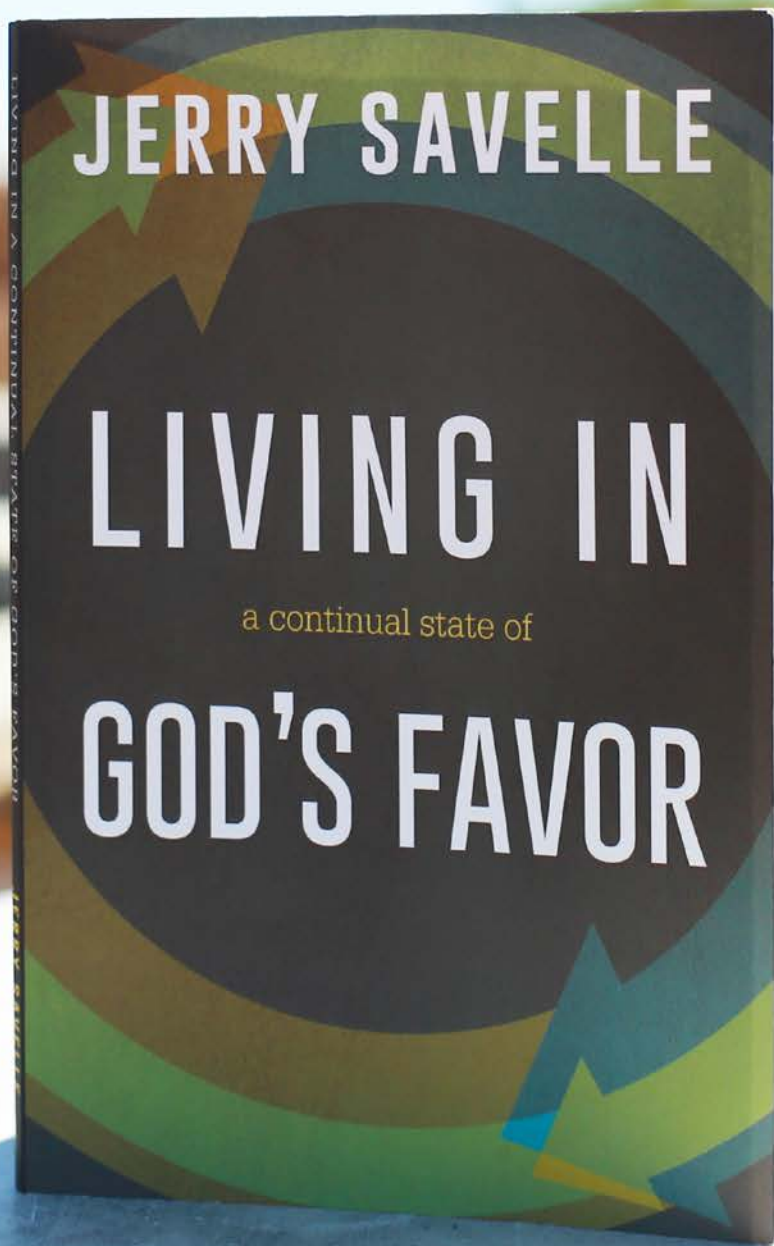
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COMMITTED

by Terri Savelle Foy



The average annual income was around \$6,900, with the average new house costing approximately \$14,000. It was 1966, and a postage stamp was five cents. The Beach Boys, Stevie Wonder and Elvis were hitting the pop charts. The 8-track was introduced as a new high-tech option on many Ford cars. Raquel Welch and Audrey Hepburn were the Hollywood bombshells. And Primetime family shows really were family shows like *The Beverly Hillbillies* and *The Andy Griffith Show*. In the same year that Lyndon Baines Johnson was U.S. President and the number one hit song was “I’m a Believer” by The Monkees, a nineteen-year-old sophomore in college named Jerry Savelle proposed to and married Carolyn Ann Creech (who turned him into a “believer”).

As my dad says, “He couldn’t stop thinking about her. She was different than most girls and he couldn’t get her off his mind.” Fifty years later, he’s still

thinking about her. To this day, I’ll see little love notes laying on the kitchen counter from Dad to Mom saying he’ll call her as soon as he lands in the next city and how much he loves her ... signed “J”.

It’s not uncommon to be sitting next to my mom in church while my dad is preaching and her lean over and say, “Oh, isn’t he the most handsome man on the face of the earth? He makes my heart beat!” And she means it! Five decades later, she’s still as smitten with him as she was at nine years old when she saw him peddling his bicycle down her street and she said, “That’s the man I’m going to marry!”

When I was asked to write an article about my parents’ marriage, I couldn’t help but think of how my parents are still truly in love with each other after half a century. Sure, they have plenty of differences in their personalities and interests, but they

settled on something years ago: they’re committed. As Dad says, “Quitting is not an option.” Even in marriage, especially in marriage, when quitting is not an option, you tend to search for and magnify solutions rather than magnify problems.

Mom and Dad are committed on so many levels in addition to their moral commitments to be faithful and honor each other in marriage.

They are Committed to Respect Each Other

When my dad is preaching, Mom acts like it’s the first time she’s ever heard him. She may have heard the same story forty times, but she listens attentively, laughs out loud and even takes her handwritten notes. She respects the anointing on his life and it shows. When a decision for the family needs to be made, Dad always says, “Have you asked Mom what she



thinks?” He respects her opinion.

They are Committed to Embrace Each Other’s Differences

Like most marriages, they have them. Dad loves tinkering with his old cars; Mom loves planting petunias. Dad loves driving speedboats across the lake; Mom loves working puzzles across the table. Dad watches boxers get knocked down; Mom watches houses get put back together. But they also take interest in each other’s hobbies. Mom has endured many motorcycle trips (with helmet hair and everything)! Dad browses the antique stores with Mom ... of course going straight to the classic car memorabilia. But they truly love being together.

They are Committed to Keep Peace

I remember Mom saying when they first married, she had to change and adapt to some of Dad’s personality preferences. My dad is extremely organized; okay, his closet looks like

an advertisement for The Container Store! He notices if you move a white shirt from the “all white shirt section”! Mom had to learn to become organized because she knew it brought him great peace. Now, Mom’s closet is color-coded, neat and organized just like Dad’s, but she wouldn’t necessarily notice if I borrowed her pink sandals. (Or maybe she did!)

My mom knows the best directions, the quickest routes and the appropriate speed to any place in Fort Worth. Rather than be told, “Jerry, you’re driving at a snail’s pace. I don’t go that route anymore. Get over,” Dad has learned to just smile, scoot over and let her drive! They are committed to keeping peace. Ha! Fifty years brings a wealth of wisdom.

The word commitment means “the state or quality of being dedicated.” If you know you’re not going to give up on a relationship, then you tend to be more dedicated to its success. Dad jokingly says, “When the preacher asked if I took this woman to be my lawfully-wedded wife, I didn’t say, ‘I’ll try.’” He committed himself with his words wholeheartedly saying, “I do!”

I’ve heard Dad say many times that when we have an “I’ll try” mentality about anything in life, what we’re really saying is, “If enough obstacles are created, I’ll quit!” The opposite attitude—which declares “I do!”—means that no matter what Satan throws against you, the thought of giving up is not an option, so don’t even entertain an exit out.

Most importantly, they’re committed to God’s Word. I’ve watched my parents go from driving an old, run-down car, living in a house that was just about to be condemned and having \$3.00 to last an entire three weeks to being able not only to drive a nice car but also to bless others with automobiles. They are living the blessed life today because they chose to be committed to God’s Word no matter what!

When I was a baby and my fingers were cut off as I was crawling around in the nursery and caught them under a rocking chair, Mom and Dad

didn’t turn their backs on God and think, God did this to teach us a lesson. No, they went straight to the Word of God. They knew, without a doubt, that the thief comes only to kill, steal and destroy (not God). They were committed to not only believe God’s Word but to speak it out. They declared, “Blessed shall be the fruit of our bodies!” (see Deuteronomy 28:4). They committed to guard their mouths against detrimental words and to consume their lives with faith-building teaching. Because of their commitment to stand on God’s Word and not doubt in their hearts, I have beautiful, restored fingers today!

My parents aren’t the only ones who have been blessed by their commitments. They have been a shining vision for me to choose God’s Word in my everyday life and overcome the obstacles I face. They have also been a solid example for Rodney and me to make it through our own challenges, to focus on our individual strengths rather than magnify the weaknesses, and to choose commitment over convenience. I’m thrilled to say that their example has helped my marriage more than they’ll ever know. As they celebrate their 50th Golden Anniversary, Rodney and I are celebrating our 25th Silver Anniversary together this year. Happy Anniversary, Mom and Dad; your commitment to each other has made me a believer in “happily ever after.”



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Thank you for all you're doing! We went from being on government assistance a short 2-3 years ago to earning \$100K this past 2015 tax year! It all came through knowledge and faith in His Word! And how could we know unless someone preaches God's uncompromised word! Thank you! Keep it up! Glory to God!

Heather / Illinois

I would like to share how God met my financial need. At the end of January this year, I prayed for \$1,100 and wrote out a PRAYER OF PETITION for that amount to cover my living expenses for the month. I sowed into your ministry for it. Praise God, the money manifested and it was more than what I prayed for! Thank you Bro Jerry for teaching on the Prayer of Petition and sowing and reaping!

Antony / UK

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C & L / Pennsylvania

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