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Keys to a **MIRACULOUS** Breakthrough

by Jerry Savelle



Many years ago, when I was preaching in Southern California, a man who was attending my meetings invited Carolyn, our two young girls, and I to join him for lunch the following day. He said, “My wife will come and pick up Carolyn and your daughters, and then I’ll come in a separate car to pick you up.”

We were waiting in front of our hotel at the appointed time, when the man’s wife pulled up in a big, beautiful Mercedes Benz. Carolyn and the girls got in the car and they drove off. In a little while, a 1927 Rolls Royce Silver Ghost came up the circular drive in front of the hotel and stopped in front of me. The man who’d invited us to lunch opened the door and said, “Are you ready?”

On the way to the restaurant, the man pointed out numerous buildings that he owned, as well as a parcel of land he’d just purchased and planned to build on. When we got to the waterside restaurant and joined Carolyn, his wife, and our daughters, he ordered lunch for us; Carolyn and I ate things we never knew existed!

After lunch he said, “I want to take you to my office,” so he took me to a beautiful building. The doors to his office must have been twelve feet tall, and everything inside had been imported from Italy. I’d never been in a building like that, and I’d certainly never seen prosperity at that level.

On the way back to the hotel, he said, “Brother Jerry, you’ve learned some things about God’s laws of prosperity that I don’t know—and I want you to teach me.” I thought, You want me to teach you about prosperity—are you kidding?

After he dropped me off at the hotel I said, “God, what was that all about?”

“I just wanted to show you that no matter how high you go, there’s always another level,” He said.

The words God spoke to me that day are just as true now as they were then. I’ve been blessed to move to “another level” many times throughout my ministry, and over the years I’ve come to learn that **each move always comes following a miraculous breakthrough.**

God Wants You to Go To the Next Level

In October of 2016 the Lord spoke this word to me: “The faithful shall flourish and it shall be like days of heaven on earth.” It doesn’t matter where you are in your walk of faith today. Whether you are a new Christian learning to lay hold of the promises of God or you’re a seasoned believer who is already flourishing, God wants you to go to the next level.

You may say, “Brother Jerry, I believe God wants me to go to the next level, but I don’t see how it can possibly happen.” My friend, **God is totally unlimited:** He knows exactly where to send you and what you need to do to experience your breakthrough. However, you have a part to play in getting to the next level; therefore it’s important to understand the three keys to a miraculous breakthrough, which we find in the familiar Bible story of Elijah and the widow of Zarephath.

The Lord had sustained Elijah throughout a time of drought and

famine in the land, but then came the time for his breakthrough:

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "Arise, go to Zarephath ... I have commanded a widow there to provide for you." So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, indeed a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Please, bring me a little water in a cup, that I may drink."

And as she was going to get it, he called to her and said, "Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." So she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I do not have any bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and

prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die."

And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the LORD sends rain on the earth.'"

So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for many days. The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke by Elijah (1 Kings 17: 8–16).

Both Elijah and the widow moved to a new level in God that day, and their story provides us with the three biblical keys to their miraculous breakthrough:

- ***They each had a word from the Lord***
- ***They each had a willingness to obey***
- ***They each had unwavering faith that God would honor His Word***

Trusting God for the Breakthrough

None of this would have happened if there hadn't first been a word from the Lord telling Elijah where to go, and then through Elijah the



Trust God **FOR THE BREAKTHROUGH**
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Lord told the widow exactly what to do. This is why, when you need a breakthrough, it's so important to stay before your heavenly Father. He knows exactly what to do, where to send you, and when your breakthrough will take place.

In the natural, there was no sign that a breakthrough was imminent for either Elijah or the widow. But Elijah's willingness to receive a word from the Lord put him in the right place at just the right time so that both he and the widow could receive their breakthroughs. Every time I need a breakthrough, I spend time in the presence of God so that I can receive a word from Him. It is then up to me to obey.

Both Elijah and the widow obeyed God immediately, without hesitation: Elijah went to Zarephath; the widow prepared the last of her food. Too many times we want to bargain with God, thinking we have a better idea—as if God doesn't know what He's doing. God always knows what He's doing! According to the word He spoke through Elijah, the widow and her household ate for many days. And so did Elijah.

The widow's obedience to do as she'd been instructed is evidence of her unwavering faith that God would honor His Word. Now let's take a closer look at one important step she took: instead of eating the last of her food as she'd planned to do, she first sowed from the little she had, preparing a small cake for Elijah to eat. Her unwavering faith took her from being at the bottom of her barrel of meal to her breakthrough—in one day!

When we know God and have unwavering faith in His Word, the bottom of the barrel isn't a bad place to be. Things may look bad in the natural; however, we don't live in the natural, we live in the supernatural! We walk by faith, not by sight. If you are down to your last cake, don't eat it—sow it!

I've been in the ministry for over forty-eight years, and I can tell you that every major breakthrough I've experienced came through receiving a word from God, being obedient to that word, and then demonstrating my unwavering faith by sowing the best seed I had. For instance, I've owned nine airplanes throughout my ministry, seven of which were subsequently sown into other ministries.

You may say, "But Brother Jerry, I don't have that kind of seed to sow." If you're not yet at the place where you can sow at this level, sow what you can, keep standing on God's Word and you'll get there just as I did. Only be faithful in your sowing. People of faith don't quit; quitting is never an option. Faithful people stick with it, sowing even when it doesn't seem feasible in the natural.

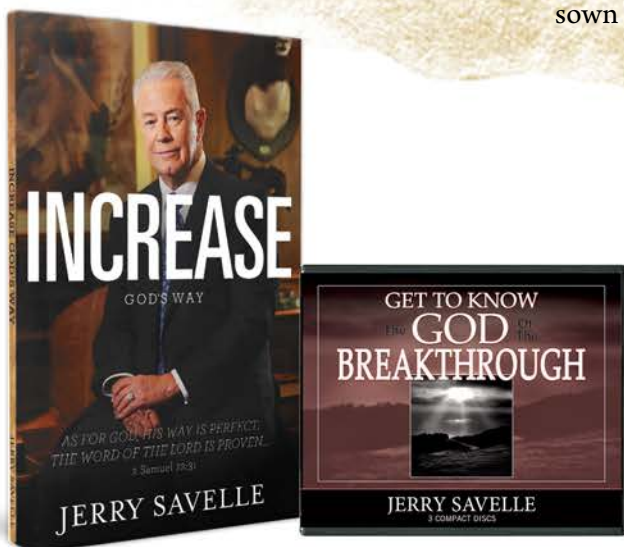
When I think of what the Lord said about those who are faithful—that they shall flourish—it sounds to me as if He's preparing to take us to another level. Remember, moving to another level always follows obedience to what He has said.

I believe your supernatural breakthrough is on the horizon. Are you willing to ask God to put you in the right place at the right time? Are you willing to hear and obey the word of the Lord, and then demonstrate your unwavering faith by sowing the best seed you have? If so, then you can move forward in confidence knowing God will see to it that your provision does not run dry. You will see your miraculous breakthrough!

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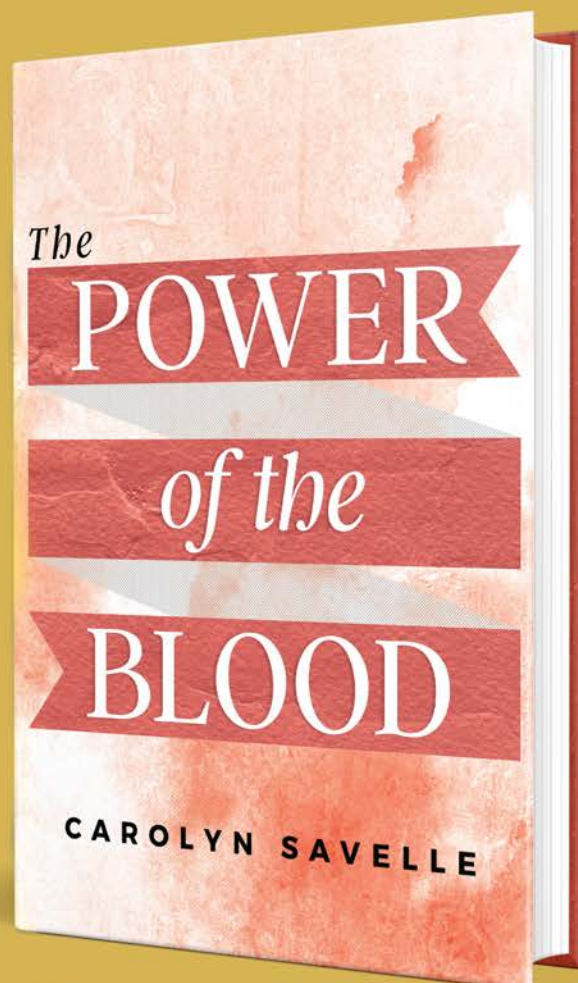
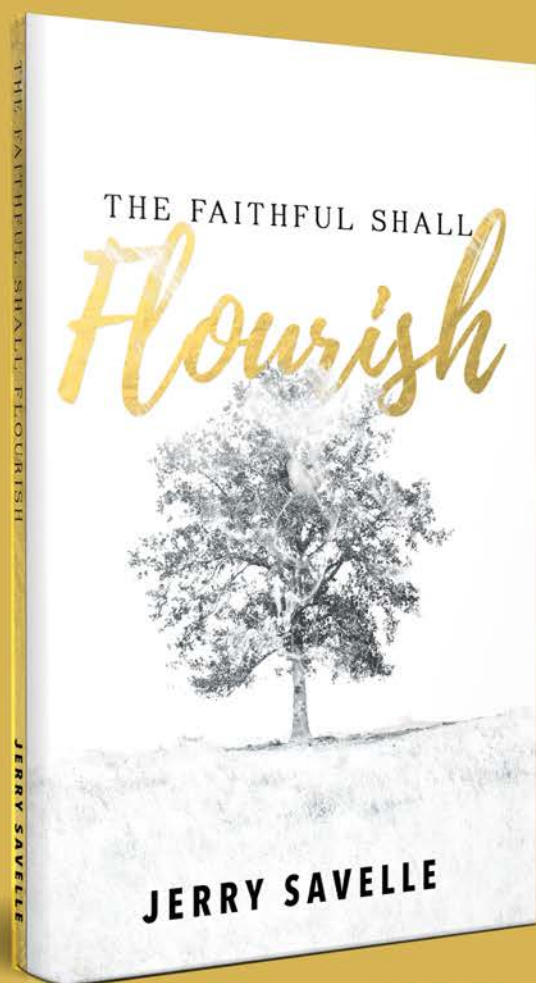
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by Carolyn Savelle

For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live] (Ephesians 2:10 AMPC).

It's very clear to me from the verse above that God has prepared for His children to live the good life.

We can also see the will of God for Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden in Genesis 1:26–31. He blessed them and gave them everything pertaining to a good life.

Adam and Eve were empowered by God's Word (the blessing) in order to be fruitful, multiply, replenish the earth, subdue the earth, and have dominion over the earth. The Garden of Eden was a perfect picture of God's plan for mankind on this planet.

Their job was to exercise their God-given authority and expand that garden until it encompassed the entire earth; that was what God's blessing was for. This "good life" (blessed life) was to go with Adam and Eve everywhere they journeyed. The blessing was on them. When Adam and Eve committed high treason and fell from their place of dominion and authority, God already had a plan to redeem and restore mankind to their rightful place. That plan was to send Jesus. He became the last Adam (see Hebrews 9:28–33). Because of Adam and Eve's disobedience in the garden, the curse came upon mankind.

But God!

The Bible tells us that Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written), "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the

Spirit through faith (Galatians 3:13–14). I like how the Amplified version reads: To the end that through [their receiving] Christ Jesus, the blessing [promised] to Abraham might come upon the Gentiles, so that we through faith might [all] receive [the realization of] the promise of the Holy Spirit.

The word *redeemed* means "to buy back; to buy out; to clear by payment; to free a person from captivity by paying a ransom." We have been freed from the curse of poverty. Every sickness and every disease was placed on Jesus on the cross. We are entitled to live the good life because of what He purchased for us!

The twenty-eighth chapter of the book of Deuteronomy lists the curses: shortage, lack, and want in all things. To live under the curse means always having lack, always having deficiency, never having enough, and being subject to sickness and diseases of all kinds. It means oppression, being robbed continually, experiencing terror by day and night, sowing much in the field but reaping little, and having your enemy rule over you. The list goes on and on.

God has never changed His will for mankind; it remains the same as He initiated it in the Garden of Eden: that we live the "good life," and that we live by faith, because faith is what pleases Him (see Hebrews 11:6).

The good life is outlined in Deuteronomy 28:1–14. All these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you; however, there is a condition. They come upon you and overtake you only if you hearken (listen to, heed)

the voice of the Lord. That's the condition! One translation says all these blessings shall come upon you and (shall find you); another translation says these blessings (will reach you).

You are blessed in the city and you're blessed in the field. You're blessed when you come in and you're blessed when you go out. He shall command His blessings upon your barns and your work places. The Lord your God is giving you the land; He will make sure you are successful in everything you do.

The promise in verse 11 is translated several different ways: God will lavish you with good things; the Lord shall make you have a surplus of prosperity; the Lord will make you fertile in every good thing; the Lord will make you abound in prosperity.

I love verse 12 in The Message: *God will throw open the doors of his sky vaults and pour rain on your land on schedule and bless the work you take in hand. You will lend to many nations but you yourself won't have to take out a loan.*

God has made a path for you to take that will cause you to live the good life; good is defined as "benefit; advantage; profit; gain; interest; welfare; well-being." As you seek God for His direction and guidance on your path, you will become sensitive to the voice of the Holy Spirit. If you stay sensitive to His voice, you won't get on the wrong road or take the wrong path, and you will avoid many pitfalls and mistakes along the way.

Not receiving direction from the Holy Spirit will only bring you pain and send you on detours that can cost time, which can be

measured in days, weeks, months, and sometimes even years.

In his letter to the church in Rome, the apostle Paul said, *But I know that when I come to you, I shall come in the fullness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ* (Romans 15:29). Paul said he would come with a full measure of the blessing. The word translated as *fullness* in this verse is the Greek word *pleroma*, which means "to be filled up; full; complete; to be fully furnished and liberally supplied." The Bible says, *And my God will liberally supply (fill to the full) your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus* (Philippians 4:19 AMPC).

God wants to fill your life to the top so that nothing is wanting, so that you are filled to the brim and overflowing, nothing lacking (over abundance, excessive amount, super abundance).

Psalm 68:19 says, *Blessed be the Lord, who daily loads us [the righteous] with benefits.*

Benefit is defined as:

- To receive an excessive amount
- Weighted down with things
- A large amount of something
- Advantage
- Profit
- Gain

Meditate on that. He daily loads us with benefits! Who is the "He" in this verse?

It is God who:

- Daily (seven days a week)
- Loads (fills, supplies abundantly, lavishly, or excessively)
- Us (the righteous)
- With benefits (an excessive amount, weighted down with things, large amounts of something)

How could it be written

more clearly?

For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live] (Ephesians 2:10 AMPC).

Jerry and I have truly lived the good life. When we discovered what God's Word said concerning this life, we stood and we continue to stand and believe for the promises of God to come to pass in our life, seeing the good life is the will of God from all these passages of scripture.

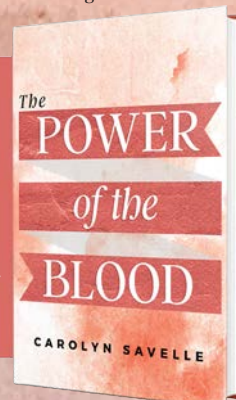
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Living the GOOD LIFE

by Jerry Savelle

I can vividly recall the day twenty-seven years ago when our daughter Jerriann gave birth to our first grandchild. Just minutes after his birth, with Carolyn at my side, I took him in my arms and said, "Mark James, I'm your grandfather and this is your grandmother. I just want you to know that you picked the right family to be born into. I'm extremely blessed and highly favored, and as soon as I leave this hospital I'm going to see my accountant to set up a trust fund for you. I will faithfully contribute to that trust fund, and when you reach the appropriate age you'll have a very good nest egg."

That baby didn't know what a trust fund was; he couldn't even focus his eyes yet. However, I did just as I said and set up the trust fund, which I was faithful to build month after month, year after year. I now have seven grandchildren, and I've done the same for each and every one of them. In fact, one of our granddaughters just started her college education, and through her trust fund it's already completely paid for.

Many believers don't realize that God has, in essence, established a trust fund for each of His children. It is His intention that we live the good life, and the good news is that it's already been prearranged.

I had no idea when I was growing up just how much God loved me. Christians told me things that were untrue about God: God's mad at you. God is mean. God's going to get you! Nothing I'd heard in church impressed me or motivated me to seek God. It wasn't until 1969 that I heard the truth for the first time, when Kenneth Copeland came to my hometown of Shreveport, Louisiana to preach. That's when I surrendered my life to Christ and accepted the call to ministry.

Living the good life requires that we learn to think like God

Through God's Word I began to learn how to live the good life God had prearranged for me, and I'm happy to tell you that I've been tapping into my trust fund for many years now!

Living the good life requires that we learn to think like God: "*For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,*" says the LORD. "*For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts*" (Isaiah 55:8–9). God makes it clear that He thinks big. Before you and I came to Christ, we were limited on how

big we could think because of our sinful nature. But all that changed when Jesus went to the cross and purchased our redemption.

The Bible says, *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus* (Romans 3:23–24). The Message translation says it like this: *Since we've compiled this long and sorry record as sinners (both us and them) and proved that we are utterly incapable of living the glorious lives God wills for us, God did it for us.*

Not only did God save us, He also filled us with the Holy Spirit—the one who knows the mind of God. Therefore, the moment we were born again and filled with the Holy Spirit, the limitations were removed; we now have the ability to think like God.

While we each have the ability to live this glorious life that God has planned for us, not all of us will. For instance, I have the ability to look like Arnold Schwarzenegger. We both were born with the same amount of muscles; however, because he chose to exercise his body in a deliberate way, his muscles are more highly developed than mine. Likewise, when we choose to exercise our faith and tap

into the promises of God found in His Word, we develop the ability to think as God thinks. And I can assure you that God is a first-class thinker.

I remember the time I'd just boarded a big jumbo jet to fly from Dallas to Kenya. After placing my carry-on luggage in the overhead bin, I took my first-class seat to wait as other passengers continued to board. One man who came by stopped and said, "Aren't you Jerry Savelle?"

"Yes," I answered.

"Why are you in first class? What happened to the vow of poverty?" he asked.

"I didn't take it!"

The man just looked at me, said "Well," and then marched off to his seat in the back of the jet.

Why would I want to take a vow of poverty when the Bible says poverty is a curse? Jesus redeemed me from the curse so that I could live the good and glorious life God has prepared for me. Besides, I believed God for that first-class seat!

God has removed our limitations. We have a right to life, the good life—this glorious life.

A Better Covenant

When I was growing up, my dad would tell me about his aunt, who was a Seventh Day Adventist school teacher in Florida. He said she was one of the greatest Christians he'd ever known, and he hoped that one day I could meet her.

After I went into the ministry, Dad

would send her my books and resources. Years later, when I went on television, she would watch me preach. As she was coming to the end of her life, she told my dad she wanted to meet me; she had some things she wanted to say to me. So we went to Florida to see her.

She was such a dear, sweet lady. As we sat together in her living room she said, "I just wanted to tell you that I have studied the family tree as far back as I can trace it, and there's never been a Savelle that lives like you do. No one in our family has lived like you live."

"Why is that?" I asked.

"Because they didn't know what you know," She said.

She was right. The thing that differentiates me from the family that preceded me in life is this: I understand my covenant with almighty God. I wouldn't be living this good life today if I hadn't surrendered to God and gone on an immediate quest for knowledge. I wanted to know God—not like religious people knew Him—rather, I wanted to know His Word.

I began to study the Old Testament covenant God made with His people, but then I discovered there is a better covenant: Jesus Himself is our surety of a better covenant. The Bible says, *But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises* (Hebrews 8:6). I'm not saying that I'm better than anyone else; I have simply laid hold of a better covenant!

The more I studied the Word, the more I discovered what was involved in this covenant. The very first scripture I studied was John

8:31. Jesus said, *"If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."* Jesus also said, *"He who loses his life for My sake will find it"* (Matthew 10:39). The Amplified Bible says, *and whoever loses his [lower] life on My account will find it [the higher life].* I traded in the low life, and now I'm living the high life!

The Amplified Bible paints a beautiful picture of this high life, this glorious and good life that God has prepared for us: For we are God's [own] handiwork (*His workmanship*), *created in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which he prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live]* (Ephesians 2:10).

God has prearranged the good life for each of us to enjoy right now. Most certainly, getting to heaven will be wonderful, but the Bible tells us that it can be wonderful here too. Jesus said, *I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows)* (John 10:10 AMP). The Message says it like this: *"I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of."*

When I was growing up, I never dreamed I would live in a house like the one I live in today. I never dreamed I would drive a car like the one I have today. I never dreamed I would have a ministry that has taken me around the world, or that God would bless me with nine different airplanes throughout my forty-eight year ministry. I never dreamed things like that—until I understood that

the better covenant Jesus provided entitled me to live the good life God had prepared for me.

Hindrances to Living The Good Life

So if God has prearranged a good life for each of us to live, what could possibly hinder a believer from walking in the fullness of all God has made available? I've learned there are two major hindrances to living the good life.

First is a lack of knowledge. God said, *"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge"* (Hosea 4:6). The New Century Version says, *"My people will be destroyed because they have no knowledge. You have refused to learn..."* Sadly, this is just where many people in the body of Christ are today; they refuse to learn. They just accept what they've been told, whether it lines up with the Bible or not.

Someone once said, "You can't keep doing the same thing over and over, and expect different results. If you want change, you have to do something different." That's what happened to me on February 11, 1969. I didn't want to merely exist, hanging on financially by a thread, so at three o'clock that morning I got out of bed and went into the living room. "God, I don't know why you still want me; I've been running from you all my life. Have you taken a close look? I'm a failure," I said.

I'll never forget what He said to me. "Don't worry about it, son; I'm a master at making champions out of failures. You just give me your life, stay in My Word, and I'll make a champion out of you." When I surrendered my life to the Lord, I was desperate for change; that's when I went on a quest for

knowledge—for Bible knowledge. The more I studied the Word of God, and put that Word in my heart, the freer I became. When I look back on my life, there's no comparison with how I lived then and how I live now. I give God all the glory. Without Him I was nothing, but today I'm living the good life.

The second hindrance to living this good life is *religious tradition*. Speaking to the Pharisees, the religious leaders of His time, Jesus said, *"Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition"* (Matthew 15:6). The Amplified Bible says, *So for the sake of your tradition... you have set aside the Word of God [depriving it of force and authority and making it of no effect].*

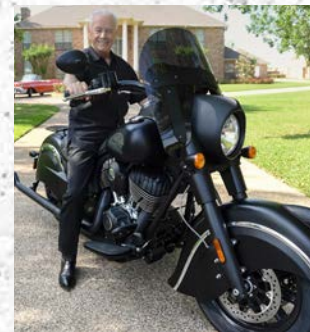
Religious tradition deprives us of God's best in our lives. Obviously, Satan is behind this because he doesn't want us living this glorious life, the good life. He wants us to be miserable, to wake up each day feeling hopeless and helpless, as if we are not children of the Most High God. It is up to each of us to *choose* the truth of God's Word to break the yoke of religious tradition.

I got fed up with just existing, barely getting by. I was fed up with never knowing what was going to happen next. The moment I made Jesus the Lord over my life I got into the Word and discovered my covenant. The revolution was on! Carolyn and I stood toe-to-toe, face-to-face with the devil and told him once and for all, "You are not lord here. You don't control our lives, our finances, or our children. In the name of Jesus, our days of sickness, disease, poverty, and lack are over!" That's when everything began to change.

You can start a revolution in your house today. If you're not living what you consider the good life, God's glorious and high life, then fight for it! Get fighting mad at the devil. Don't allow religious tradition or your lack of knowledge of God's Word to hinder you for one more day. Join me in making this declaration:

The good life belongs to me. The high life belongs to me. The glorious life belongs to me. A life of flourishing belongs to me, and I receive it. I refuse to settle for anything less—in Jesus' name!

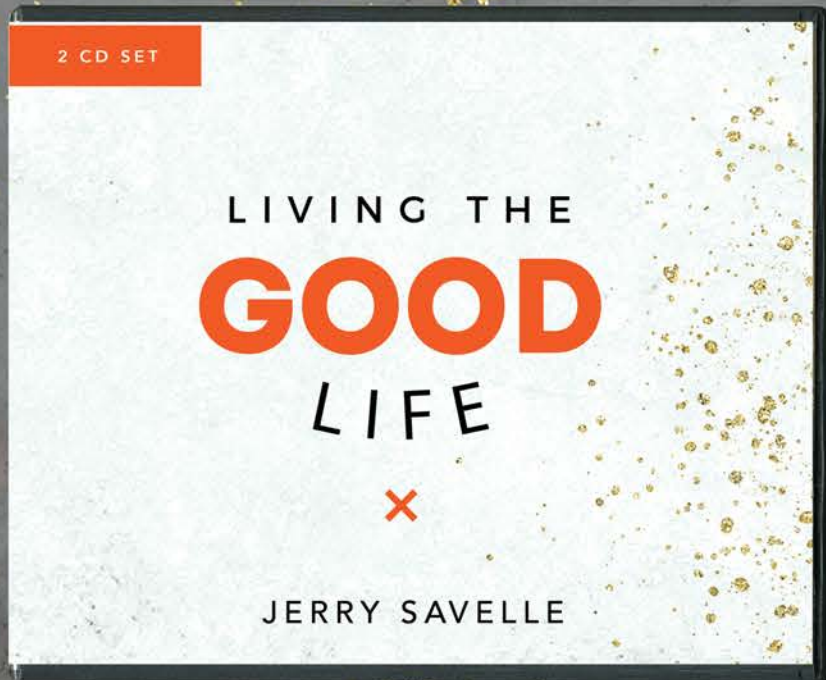
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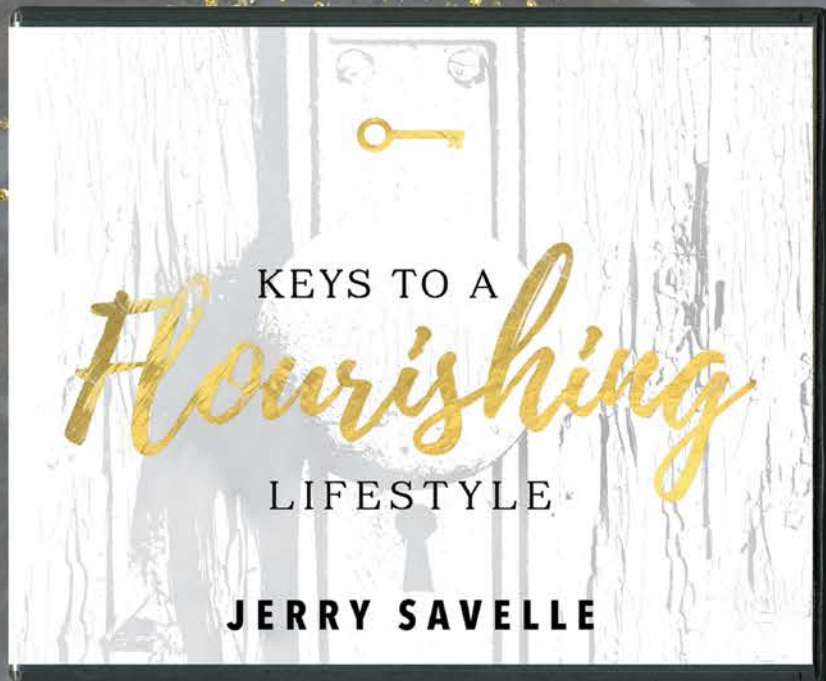


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LIVE

Faithfully

by Jerriann Savelle

Today before writing this article I was thinking about what does living the good life look like — Some people see living the good life as having fancy cars, a big house, and lots of cash! Yes, those things sound very nice, but when I think of the good life — *I think of having peace in my mind, joy in my soul, and love in my heart.* Living the good life is reaching a place of contentment, that regardless of what is going on in your life at this very moment you can be assured that God is working behind the scenes to bring increase to your life as you stay faithful and fixed on Him.

The good life is being able to lay your head down at night and rest peacefully knowing you don't have to stress or worry about the details, because ALL things are working together for your good (Read Romans 8:28).

When we make a decision to pursue Christ with all we've got, His Word promises us that He'll fill our lives with good things,

we'll abound in blessings and favor, and the desires of our hearts will be fulfilled. So many people are striving for "things" and pursuing the dream-life they want, but neglecting the One who wants to give them all of that. If they would just seek Him FIRST! (Read Matthew 6:33)

When we begin to put all of our focus on pursuing God, He can't help but bless us in the process! What a good Father He is!

The Word of God is FULL of promises lined up for you to experience more than just a good life, but an abundant, to the full, until it overflows kind of life! (Read John 10:10 Amplified)

I encourage you to open up your Bible and begin to see what's available to you. Get your mind off the problems, and focus on the answers that only God can provide!

Here's just a sample of the promises waiting for you:

"Unending wealth and glory come to those who discover where I dwell. The riches of righteousness and a long, satisfying life will be given to them."

Proverbs 4:18 TPT

"Those who love me gain wealth and glorious inheritance, and I will fill their lives with treasures."

Proverbs 4:21 TPT

"Living in the worship and awe of God will bring you many years of contented living."

Proverbs 10:27 TPT

"The lovers of God who chase after righteousness will find all their dreams come true; An abundant life drenched with favor, and a fountain that overflows with satisfaction."

Proverbs 21:21 TPT

What exciting promises for the faithful! But the key is just that: faithfulness. Not just going to God when we need something, but staying in a place of fellowship with Him all the time, because we love Him.

Determine in your heart today, that you'll get beyond just looking at your present circumstances and begin to be thankful for the life you have right now! Don't wait until everything is perfect! Thank God for what you have now and for what's to come! Confess "I have a good life! I am flourishing! I am blessed! I am abounding!"

And just watch what your Heavenly Father will do. He will lavish you with His goodness!

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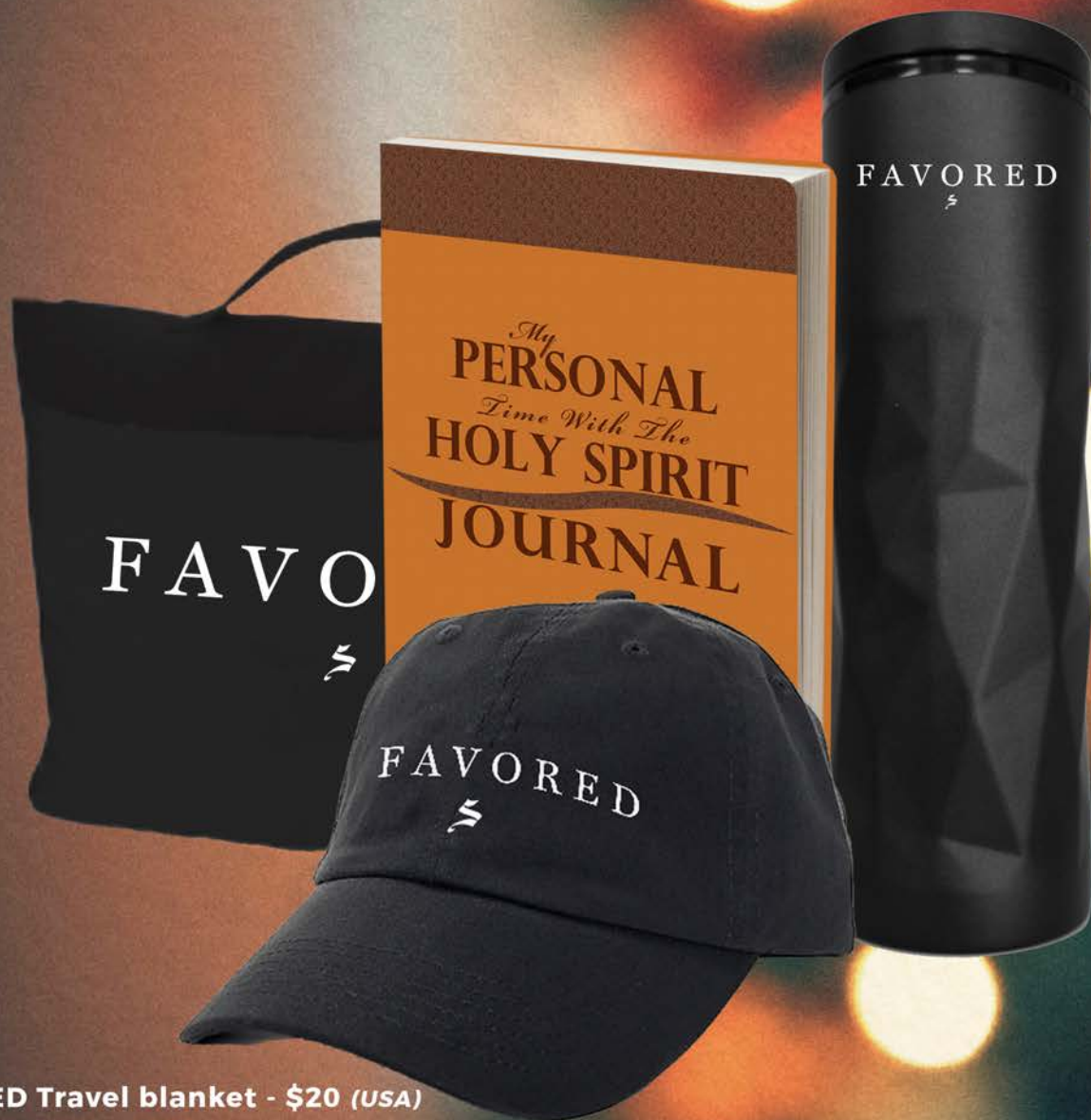


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Declutter

YOUR WAY TO SUCCESS

by Terri Savelle Foy

It's intriguing to me that the first directive I ever heard from the Lord as I began my journey of personal growth and to seriously follow Him was not about making a major impact in the nation of France. The clear instruction that brought significant promotion to my life was not to read leadership books, create a vision board, or launch a worldwide television broadcast to minister to masses of people.

None of that was brought to my attention (or even a part of my future dreams and goals) at the time. However, I did receive one unobvious, clear-cut, vivid statement that would prove to be the prerequisite for "living the good life":

Clean up and clean out.

Yes, that was my first God-given vision for my life on earth. To clean! I know, I wasn't thrilled about it either. In fact, I even questioned, *"Is that truly the voice of God or the voice of my mom?"* But seriously, I was unsure if I could truly hear God's voice and if I could, is that really what He would instruct me to do with my life? Disinfect. Scrub. Fold. Scour.

At the time, I certainly was not living the good life. My life was falling apart, my marriage was on the verge of divorce, and I had no particular goals to pursue. Those five words

became my vision, my aim, my daily motivation. Since that day, I have discovered that there is a direct link between organization, excellence, and success.

When you remove the clutter, put an end to procrastination, and make excellence a standard in your everyday life, you position yourself for the good life God has for you!

It's pretty interesting that before the military trains their soldiers to fight in mortal combat, they must first go through extensive training in "Bed Making 101". Nobody makes a bed neater than our armed forces. Basic training doesn't only have to do with drills and weapons, but with making a bed with proper "forty-five degree hospital corners". Why is that? The enemy is not going to be impressed by the old "bounce a quarter off of the bed" trick? It is because it instills a standard of excellence.

The bottom line: The way you do anything is the way you do everything. Imagine walking into the barracks of the United States Army and seeing mattresses with unmade beds, sheets in a pile, wadded up blankets, and last night's clothes thrown in the floor (similar to that of a typical teenage boy). What kind of impression would that give you of the safety of our country? We're in the hands of the elite or the hands of defeat?

If you're sloppy about making your bed, you'll be sloppy about loading your rifle. A cluttered environment is the sign of a cluttered mind. That's why they give strict attention to details in every area of training.

It's not just about housekeeping, it's about your personal standard. Decluttering your house, your car, your office does not sound the least bit exciting or compelling. Personally, it sounded futile knowing how far I needed to go in my life. This instruction came at a time when I was blatantly miserable. I was confused, hurt, unhappy and in dire need of vision.

All I knew was that I heard those five words, *Clean up and clean out*, and that became all the direction I needed for that season of my life. I took those words literally and seriously. I began with one room, one day, one section at a time. I started with the kitchen. In addition to my cleaning products, my broom, my mop and my latex gloves, I carried a CD player loaded with faith-building audios. I wanted to renew my mind of all the painful thoughts I was entertaining, restore my focus and rebuild my faith. Since *"Faith comes by hearing"* (Romans 10:17), I couldn't help but get stronger on the inside as I began cleaning on the outside.

I was on a mission. I was energized by each section of cleanliness. I was disgusted by the disarray. I was motivated by vision. And I was being transformed by the Word of God in the process. Every square inch was clean and in order. The floors were

mopped, the appliances were wiped down, the counters were cleared off, the window blinds were opened, and a candle was lit. I felt a sense of confidence. I was pleased and proud to visibly see my progress. It brought such peace into my home and into my mind.

Getting my kitchen in order did more for me mentally than it did physically. I felt charged up. Although my circumstances were still a huge mess, I had order in this area of my life and that gave me serenity.

After every single room, closet, drawer, and cabinet in my entire home was (what I would define as) clean and excellent, I had more peace than ever before. I wouldn't need to apologize to unexpected visitors. I could truly rest without the guilt of needing to get things cleaned. I could start thinking more about my future rather than how much I needed to do at home.

And I had no idea that exactly nine months after that (seemingly petty) instruction, I would be given a major promotion! God was truly proving me for promotion. He was observing how I could manage small things in order to lead greater things.

Our handbook for life says, *"If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful*

in large ones." (Luke 16:10, NLT, emphasis mine). Another translation says, "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much."

If I couldn't get my house in order, how could I get an organization in order? If I was a mess, my leadership would be a mess. I had to adapt a standard of excellence before I could expect excellence from my team. God was truly preparing me for a major promotion, and I had no idea.

Remember: The way you do anything is the way you do everything.

Your personal standard of excellence is all about preparation for something greater. Pastor Steven Furtick says, "What's next in your life is always connected to what's now." God is watching, observing, noticing how you care for the little things in your life. When He sees someone paying attention to details such as picking up trash off the floor rather than walking over it, putting things back where they belong rather than leaving them out for someone else to pick up, or hanging things back rather than leaving them on the floor, He is getting ready to promote them to a new level of influence and prosperity! In fact, the Bible says that Daniel became distinguished above all other high officials because *"an excellent spirit*

was in him" (Daniel 6:3, ESV, emphasis mine). His personal standard of excellence brought him from the lowest to one of the highest positions in society back then.

Daniel wasn't just your average Joe working an average job. He was a slave! He wasn't married, didn't have any kids, he had nothing. He wasn't someone being groomed for success or to be in the public eye. Daniel was the lowest ranking guy on the totem pole, so-to-speak, but God's favor was on him. Why? Simply because he had an excellent spirit. He was actually promoted as the head over three presidents and in charge of overseeing the king's financial affairs. Think about that: A slave had supervision over the king's money!

Scripture says, *"Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes..."* The word *preferred* means *to be handpicked, approved, favored, adopted, liked and endorsed!* Your standard of excellence can pave the way for you to be promoted when you seem to be the least-likely and the last choice. It will cause you to be set apart and promoted above all others who may even be more qualified, educated, and experienced than you!

Every time you make the bed in the morning, knowing full well you're

going to crawl back in that evening, you're preparing to live the good life. Each evening that you load the dishwasher before going to bed so you wake up with a clean, orderly kitchen, you're preparing for something greater. Each time you hang your clothes up rather than leave them on the floor to pile up, you're preparing for promotion.

You might think, "This is ridiculous! I could care less about this stuff." I can't stress enough that it's these little habits and personal standards that truly enable us to soar to new heights. God sees everything. He is watching and observing every act of excellence, and when He sees this lifestyle exemplified in you, get ready, all that cleaning, scrubbing, decluttering leads to the good life. Your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you in the open (Matthew 6:4).

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