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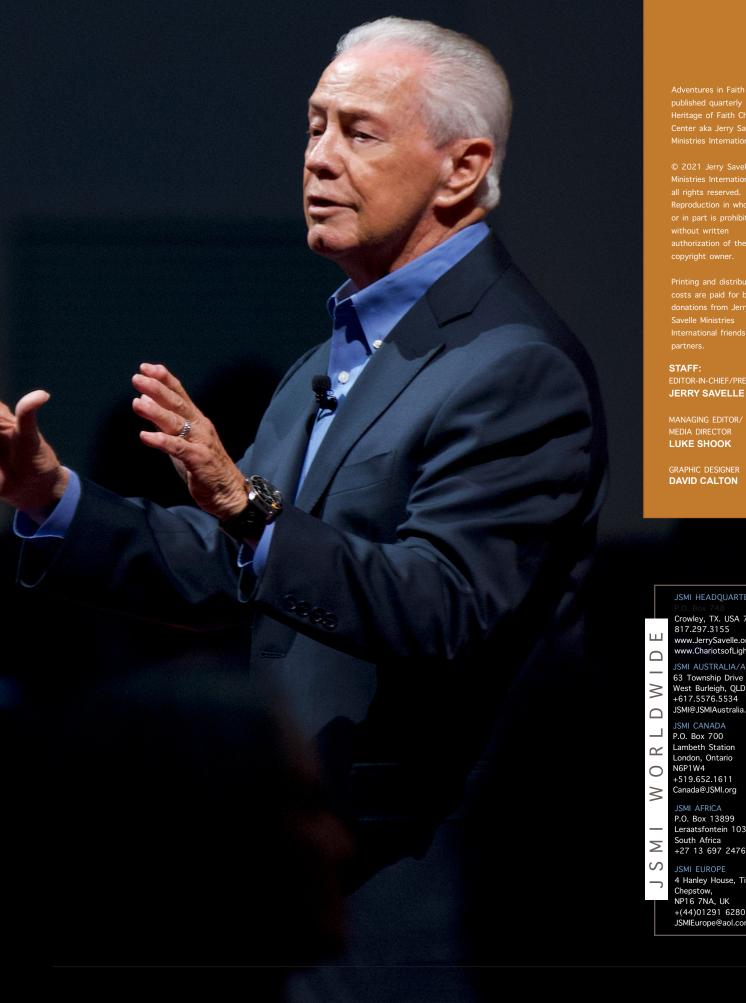
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The Gift

For some time now, I have operated in the fivefold ministry office of the prophet. Years before I stood in this office, most of my mentors as we were ministering together or on a one-on-one encounter, stopped and prophesied over me that I would begin to operate in this office. Since I consider Brother Copeland my "father in the faith" it was my desire and prayer that he would lay hands on me and release me into that office publicly. This finally occurred at the August 2020 Southwest Believers Convention and below is the actual prayer that he spoke over me during one of the services.

- Jerry Savelle

"By the direction of the Lord Jesus Christ, head of the Church, and by the authority vested in me as His prophet, and in His name I separate you, Jerry J. Savelle, unto the office of the prophet.

You have walked in it. I have witnessed it over the years and I have been beneficiary of it. The Lord brought it to my attention and He said, 'You take care of this and you do it quickly.'

By faith, by His direction, I impart unto you and into you every spiritual endowment, every gift necessary to fulfill and carry out the calling of this office. You'll walk in it. It has been strong up to this time, but from this night forward your teaching will have a depth to it, and a strength and power to it, and it will be very evident.



of Prophecy

The word of knowledge will continue to work, but in a deeper and higher level because you step over into the office of a seer. The word of wisdom will come and flow, and it will gently flow and work in marvelous ways. People will recognize it. People will be blessed and set free because of it.

And in this place—as you step into your prophetic room and take your seat in the ministry of the prophet—marvelous things will occur. They've been good up until now, but the insight, the ideas, and the concepts of the kingdom will become even more clear than they ever have been before.

And now I want to remind you, sir, that you are an apostle to Kenya in every sense of the word. You've built medical centers there. There are those who call you their spiritual father. You are a bona fide apostle of God, and it's time everybody found out about it. Glory to God!

You will be recognized throughout this whole part of the world as a prophet of the Most High God, and it's an honor to me, Jerry J. Savelle, just to know you, sir. I've watched you walk in it. I've watched you in a level of integrity that very, very few men walk in, and others are walking in it today because of you and your "no quit, no stop" attitude.

And you and I are going to live and we're going to grow so old preaching this gospel. Old people call us old! I love you.

May I introduce to you, Dr. Prophet Jerry J. Savelle."

- Kenneth Copeland







On October 11, 2020, I was awakened at 2:30 a.m. with a word from the Lord. He said, "Son, this is your theme for 2021: Abundant Overflow—and it's already begun."

Then, at 7:30 a.m., the Holy Spirit impressed me to write these words: "A great shaking, a great shifting, a great displacing will take place in your nation, and then immediately following this will come a great awakening and a great outpouring."

In my notebook I wrote the five key words He used in that sentence and noted the meaning of each:

Shaking: the act of causing something to be removed or displaced.

Shifting: The act of changing position or direction.

Displacing: The act of laying aside someone and making room for another.

Awakening: The act of becoming more attentive to the will, plans, and purposes of God.

Outpouring: A sudden, rapid flow and barrage of God's Spirit, power, anointing, love, and blessings.

The Lord continued to speak, saying,

This is what you are to be watching for and what you are to expect as you enter into 2021. When it happens, you'll see it and remember that I told you beforehand. I'm in charge of the seasons and the times, and my purposes will be fulfilled. I have the power to raise up and to bring down, and no man, no government, and certainly no adversary will stop what I have planned. So lift your hands and praise Me, and rest assured I have everything under control.

I don't know what these words do for you, but they've certainly ignited the fire of faith within me for an abundant overflow in 2021. You may say, "That sounds good, Brother Jerry, but what does the Lord mean by 'abundant overflow'?"



The prophet Joel painted a verbal picture of this overflow when he announced a refreshing that was to come to the land: Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done marvelous things (Joel 2:21). He went on to say, The threshing floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil (verse 24). And in chapter 3, verse 13 Joel said, Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, go down; for the winepress is full, the vats overflow....

What's interesting about these words is that unlike most Old Testament prophets, Joel attached no explicit time period to this prophecy. One commentary on the book of Joel stated that many Bible scholars and theologians say Joel's words were not only for his day, but also for all ages—in particular the time known as "the days of the Lord."

Prior to his words about overflow Joel prophesied days of extreme darkness, which is symbolic of evil and wickedness. The book of Joel actually provides an overview from Joel's time, when God called His people to repentance, through the time when God pours out His Spirit on all flesh (see Joel 2:28). In addition to pouring out His Spirit and bringing

an abundant overflow of blessings, God will also cause great peace to come to His people as He keeps them safe from harm.

Some describe Joel as a prophet of judgment; however, he is also a prophet of repentance and hope who said, "Now, therefore," says the Lord, "Turn to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning." ... Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness; and He relents from doing harm (Joel 2:12–13).

Simply put, if God's people will do their part, then God promises to do His part. God's promises are absolute. The Bible says, For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us (2 Corinthians 1:20). In other words, we can count on God's promises.

There's never been a more critical time for God's promises to be fulfilled in the lives of His people. Having and experiencing *abundant overflow* means to flourish not only in finances but also in every area of life—health, marriage, children, work, business—everything! The Passion Translation of 3 John 2 reads like this: *Beloved friend, I pray that you are prospering in every way and that you continually*

enjoy good health, just as your soul is prospering.

To experience abundant overflow means to have more than an adequate supply. This is what David implied when he penned the familiar phrase found in Psalm 23:5: My cup runneth over. The word overflow corresponds with superfluous, which means "more than is needed or required; to have excess; beyond sufficient limits."

I don't know about you but having abundant overflow in every area of life sounds pretty good to me.

God's Purpose for Overflow

Why does God want us to experience abundant overflow? Is it merely because He wants us to have every material blessing we desire? Though the Bible says, Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart (Psalm 37:4), this is not the purpose of abundant overflow. The purpose of His abundant overflow is so that we can finance the great move of God that is coming.

Looking again to the second chapter of the book of Joel we see the abundant overflow described in verses 21–27. The overflow happens first, and then God says, "And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit



on all flesh" (verse 28). The reason the abundant overflow must happen before the outpouring of the spirit is so that we can finance it!

When God pours out His Spirit, the result is revival. I've studied the revivals and awakenings of the past; in all instances there was never one church that could hold all the people who came to the knowledge of the truth.

Evan Roberts is credited for ushering in the Welsh Revival of 1904-1905. I read in a book about his ministry that he would go into a little chapel and pray, "God, I'm not leaving this place until You move on my nation." Roberts prayed and sought God, and God answered him with a major move that took place in the nation of Wales. When I visited Wales some years ago, I went to the little chapel where Evan Roberts had prayed and spent some time alone praying in the Spirit.

The next day I went to the campus of the Bible college established by Rees Howells, a powerful man of prayer and intercession. The college was no longer in operation, but some of the people who had attended lived on the campus and took care of the grounds. I learned that Rees Howells' son Samuel, now advanced in age, also lived on the campus. He invited me to

his house, where he allowed me to go into his father's office, sit at his desk, open his Bible, and read his personal notes. He said, "Brother Jerry, not many people come here and ask me about the move of God that took place here. You're the rare one."

I wasn't merely interested in history, I wanted to know what the revival of that day looked like so that I would have an idea of what's in store for us. However, what is coming will be even bigger and greater than the Welsh Revival—and you and I will be responsible for financing it.

As we enter the year 2021, it's not time to draw back or be spiritually lethargic; it's time to draw closer to God without fear or worry about what's happening in our nation right now. We are in a time of great hope and unparalleled blessings. If there was ever a time to be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might, it's right now, for the Bible says, Do you see what we've got? An unshakable kingdom! And do you see how thankful we must be? Not only thankful, but brimming with worship, deeply reverent before God (Hebrews 12:28 MSG).

Untroubled in Troubling Times

When we find ourselves in the

midst of perilous times and situations, we can take comfort in these words: Draw near to God and He will draw near to you (James 4:8). We can stand on the promise of Psalm 91:7 that says, A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall not come near you. Remember, we can always count on God's promises.

When the disciples approached Jesus privately and asked Him to disclose the signs marking the end of the age, Jesus spoke of wars, earthquakes, famines, and nations rising against nations. But He added, "See that you are not troubled, for all these things must come to pass" (Matthew 24:6). This tells me we can live in a world full of trouble, yet not be troubled. When others are virtually pulling out their hair because they don't know what to do, we can experience joy unspeakable and full of glory.

Some Christians doubt that God wants His people to live in abundant overflow; others aren't sure it's really for them. But the truth is, if God will provide abundant overflow for any member of His family, He will surely do it for every member. The key to receiving His abundant overflow is



the same as receiving anything from God. That key is *faith*. Jesus said, "According to your faith let it be to you" (Matthew 9:29). The book of Hebrews also affirms the essential role faith plays in the life of believers: For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it (Hebrews 4:2).

The apostle Paul said, Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God (1 Corinthians 2:12). Paul wants us to know what has been freely given to us by God. To know means "to be fully aware; to be acquainted with." And I'll add that it also means to accept the things freely given to us.

Jesus said God's word is truth (see John 17:17); He also said, "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). That is why we need to stay close to the Spirit of truth—the Holy Spirit, of whom Jesus said, "He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come" (John 16:13). We must never allow CNN or any media outlet to form our opinions, dictate our future, or determine our destiny—God has it

all under control!

God never intended for His people to barely get by. Why would the God of abundance want that for His children? He wants us to experience abundant overflow. Jesus said, "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). The Amplified Bible says, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows). Jesus came that we might have and enjoy life. We are supposed to live in the overflow so that we can be a blessing to others and help finance the upcoming move of God.

The Bible affirms God's desire to bless His children:

- May the Lord give you increase more and more, you and your children (Psalm 115:14).
- The blessing of the Lord makes one rich, and He adds no sorrow with it (Proverbs 10:22).
- "Test me in this and see if I don't open up heaven itself to you and pour out blessings beyond your wildest dreams" (Malachi 3:10 MSG).

The key to receiving these blessings is found in Proverbs 11:24–25: *There is one who scatters, yet increases more; and there is one who withholds more than is right, but it leads to poverty.* The Passion

Translation says, Generosity brings prosperity ... Those who live to bless others will have blessings heaped upon them.

Don't ever stop sowing. As you enter into God's abundant overflow, increase your sowing. Generosity brings prosperity, and those who bless others will have blessings heaped upon them.

More of the Word of the Lord for 2021

God spoke to me three more times after He pronounced 2021 a year of abundant overflow, and I want to share the words He spoke:

A new era has begun, and more and more signs and wonders will be seen in 2021. For those who will heed My voice and obey My words, they'll experience My goodness and My power as never seen or heard. They'll see the fruit of their faithfulness come bursting forth, and they'll prosper and flourish like never before.

Abundance and overflow, that's what they'll see; I'll bring it to pass because of their love and obedience to Me.

No longer will their enemy have the upper hand, for



My Spirit is moving and an outpouring of My power is coming upon the land.

A new era will be marked by many triumphant victories; it's what I've planned so just rest in Me.

Miracle after Miracle, that's what I'll do; just decree it and receive it and know that it's true.

Refuse to be swayed by what's said in the news; with Me on your side how can you lose?

So, stay with My Word, it's faithful and true; I'll bring it to pass and great things I will do.

Yes, a new era is here, it's already begun, and I've planned marvelous things for you in 2021.

Abundant overflow is the order of the day, so rest assured it's on its way.

Your adversary can't stop what I've already decreed, so stay in faith and get ready to receive.

Allow no one to discourage you by what they say, keep looking to Me and I'll have My way.

Tell My people they'll need to remain strong and stay close to Me so they'll not be deceived by their enemy.

His attacks will intensify and he'll try to prevail, but My power is greater and it shall not fail.

Fear not nor be fretful over what shall come; the battle is mine and I've already won.

Contrary to what you'll see and what you shall hear, 2021 will be a great year. A year of abundance and overflow, that's My plan—and it shall be so!

Holdfast to these words and expect God to bring them to pass in your. This is your year for ABUNDANT OVERFLOW!



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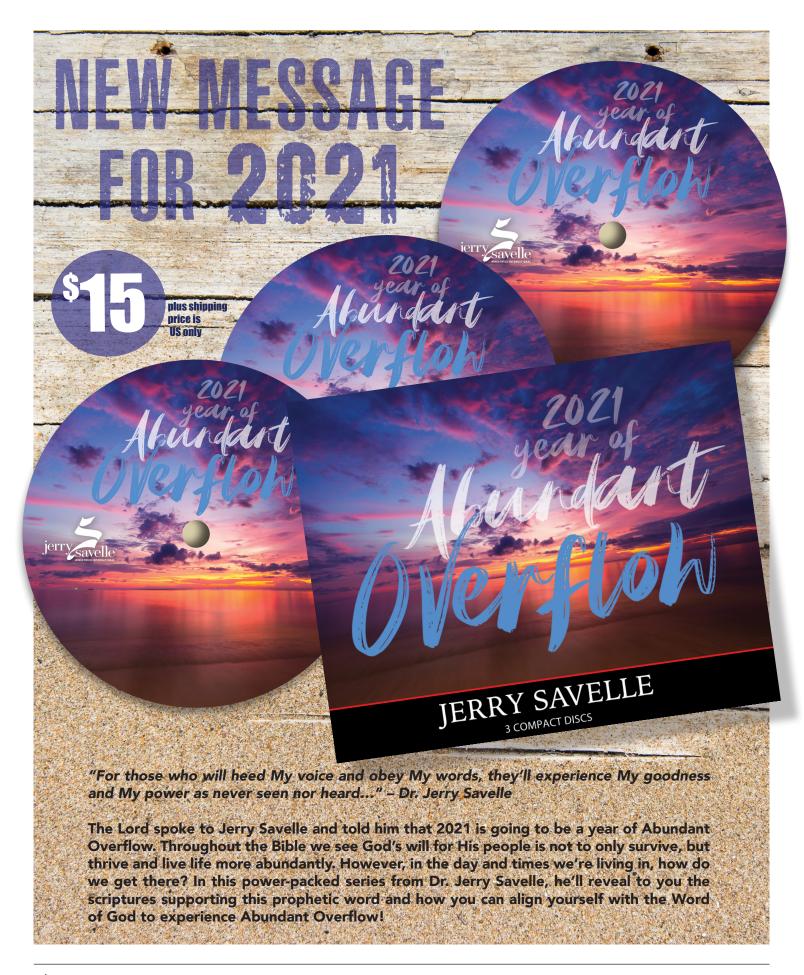
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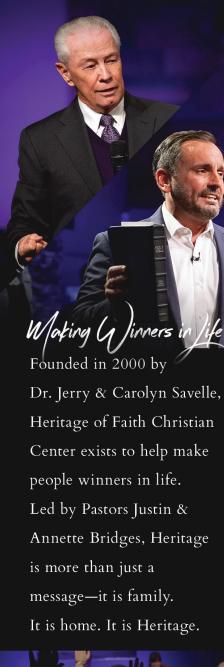
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MAILING ADDRESS: PO Box 748 Crowley, Texas 76036 Even as [in His love] He chose us [actually picked us out for Himself as His own] in Christ before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy (consecrated and set apart for Him) and blameless in His sight, even above reproach, before Him in love.

For He foreordained us (destined us, planned in love for us) to be adopted (revealed) as His own children through Jesus Christ, in accordance with the purpose of His will [because it pleased Him and was His kind intent]—

[So that we might be] to the praise and the commendation of His glorious grace (favor and mercy), which He so freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

In Him we have redemption (deliverance and salvation) through His blood, the remission (forgiveness) of our offenses (shortcomings and trespasses), in accordance with the riches and the generosity of His gracious favor,

Which He lavished upon us in every kind of wisdom and understanding (practical insight and prudence),

Making known to us the mystery (secret) of His will (of His plan, of His purpose). [And it is this:] In accordance with His good pleasure (His merciful intention) which He had previously purposed and set forth in Him,

[He planned] for the maturity of the times and the climax of the ages to unify all things and head them up and consummate them in Christ, [both] things in heaven and things on earth.

In Him we also were made [God's] heritage (portion) and we obtained an inheritance; for we had been foreordained (chosen and appointed beforehand) in accordance with His purpose,

Who works out everything in agreement with the counsel and design of His [own] will.

(Ephesians 1:4–11 AMPC)

Did you really read those verses? Don't skip over the scriptures because they will set you free and renew your mind. You will never experience all God has for you until you first of all comprehend God's love for you and the rich heritage into which you were born.

Do you recall when God took Abraham outside and had him pick up a handful of sand from the ground? God had him look at the sand as it ran through his fingers, and then He said, "I'm going to cause your descendants to be like the sand that's on the shore. I'm going to cause them to be like the stars that are in the sky. You won't be able to number them" (author's paraphrase).

God had Abraham look at that promise with his eyes, think on it, dwell on it, and meditate on it until he could actually conceive it. The more Abraham could talk about God's promise and envision it, the bigger the desire for the promise grew inside him.

The Bible says, 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).

God has prearranged a good life for you to live. People sometimes get upset when they hear that other believers in their church congregation are prospering while they are not. But prosperity is the heritage of every child of God. If you are faithful to God, He will be faithful to you. Let's look again at Ephesians 1, verses 7–9:

In Him we have redemption (deliverance and salvation) through His blood, the remission (forgiveness) of our offenses (shortcomings and trespasses), in accordance with the riches and the generosity of His gracious favor,

Which He lavished upon us in every kind of wisdom and understanding (practical insight and prudence),

Making known to us the mystery (secret) of His will (of His plan, of His purpose). [And it is this:] In accordance with His good pleasure (His merciful intention) which He had previously purposed and set forth in Him.

Notice the word *lavished* in verse 8: to *lavish* means "to bestow with perfusion; produced in abundance; extravagant; very abundant; more than what is needed; to pour out as of wastefully." God wants to produce abundance in your life. He wants to be extravagant with you. He wants

1000 wants to lavish with all his Mess

to make more than what is needed. There's no limit with God in your life.

Consider the family you were born into. Had they been a rich and prominent family, they would already have planned an inheritance for you prior to your birth. Well, when you were "born again" by faith, you were born into the family of God and the wonderful life He prearranged for you to live.

When I was a little girl, I always desired to have a playhouse. My sister, Jan, and I used to rake leaves in the fall and pine straw in the spring so to mark out imaginary playhouses on the lawn beneath the big tree in our yard. Our mother gave us mason jars, empty cans, and her old bent cutlery to help furnish our kitchens, and we had so much fun.

Years later when I was married and had daughters of my own, I wanted to build them a playhouse. At the time Jerry and I were just learning how to function in the Word of Faith, believing God to put food on our table and to buy the new clothes our children needed every season because they were growing so fast. We didn't have any extra income to build a playhouse, and by the time our faith had grown to the point we could build it, the girls had grown to the point they were too big for a playhouse.

So, when my grandchildren came along, I said, "Jerry, I'm going to build our grandchildren a playhouse, and I need to do it quickly before they get too big." I felt like Abraham as he stood in the desert gazing at the grains of sand funning through his fingers, getting the vision God wanted him to have.

With my own vision for a playhouse clear in my mind, I called our carpenters and said, "I'm going to build a playhouse for our grandchildren."

One of them said, "All right. Is it going to be 10 x 10 or 10 x 15?"

"Neither. I intend to lavish my grandchildren," I said.

I began to think I want my granddaughters to have a living room, dining room kitchen, laundry room, and

May Christ through your faith [actually] dwell (settle down, abide, make His permanent home) in your hearts! May you be rooted deep in love and founded securely on love,

That you may have the power and be strong to apprehend and grasp with all the saints [God's devoted people, the experience of that love] what is the breadth and length and height and depth [of God's love].

enough bedrooms for me to stay with them. Oh, and we'll need a playroom. It gave me such joy to imagine giving my grandchildren the playhouse that was the desire of my heart. When I shared my vision with Jerry, he said, "Well, Carolyn, where are we going to put all of their little electric cars? We'll have to build a garage on the playhouse!"

What were Jerry and I doing? We were planning to lavish our grandchildren with abundance and to pour out wastefully

more than was needed—just like our heavenly Father desires to do for us.

It's important to understand that Satan will try to distract us from receiving the revelation that God wants to lavish us with His blessings, but we mustn't let this happen. When the enemy attempts to draw my focus away from God's desire to bless me, I simply think of my grandchildren. If I want to lavish blessings on them in the natural, how much more does my heavenly Father want to lavish blessings on me? Just as my love for my grandchildren has no bounds, so boundless is my heavenly Father's love for me.

God's love for you is boundless, as are the blessings He wants to lavish upon you. In closing, I want to declare over you these powerful words from Ephesians 3:17–18 (AMPC):



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We ask you to prayerfully consider what God would have you do to be a part of this unique ministry. We invite you to join us at one of our events.



God will Provide

Jerry Savelle

The psalmist wrote these words: *I have been young, and now am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his descendants begging bread* (Psalm 37:25). I was twenty-three years old when I first read that verse over fifty years ago. I am now age seventy-four, and I can tell you that Psalm 37:25 is my testimony.

God has never, ever forsaken me nor has He ever failed to provide for me. He's been with me both in times of peace and at times when the world has experienced great turmoil. When the pandemic hit in 2020 and virtually everything was closed down, I held fast to Psalm 37:25. In my fifty-two years of ministry, I've never had to "beg bread," meaning I've never plead with anyone to give into my ministry and I've never accepted an invitation to preach based on a financial arrangement. God has always taken care of me and made provision for every need.

I recall preaching four services at a church that had about four thousand members. Afterwards, I went immediately to my airplane to fly to a meeting in California, where I was to preach to a small American Indian tribe that night.

The meeting was held in the living room of the pastor's home, with about twelve people in attendance. When I finished preaching and had prayed for each individual, the pastor said, "Now we're going to receive an offering for Brother Jerry." Earlier that day the church of four thousand had given me an offering of \$5000, for which I was thankful. Later, when I opened the offering envelope I'd received that evening I was stunned to discover that small group had blessed me with \$25,000. And then

the Lord spoke these words to my spirit: *Don't* get your eyes on the size of the crowd. I never forsake the righteous.

Seek the Lord

The Word of God says, *The young lions lack and suffer hunger; but those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing* (Psalm 34:10). Throughout the past year people told me things such as "I've lost my job," "My boss is cutting back my hours," or "I'm not working as I did before the pandemic," yet I never had one of them go on to say, "and I'm taking the extra time I now have to seek God."

Instead of looking at these setbacks through the lens of loss, what do you suppose would happen if people viewed their extra time as an extended vacation? What if, instead of watching CNN, they spent time building up their faith by reading the Word of God? The Bible says, So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God (Romans 10:17). The only thing that comes from watching CNN is fear and dread.

Both Psalm 37:25 and Psalm 34:10 speak of our covenant with God, of which God said, "My covenant I will not break, nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips" (Psalm 89:34). If God has promised to take care of us, then He will most certainly do so. If troubling circumstances have resulted in your having extra time, don't waste it. Use it to spend quality time in the presence of God, for the continued ...

Bible is very clear that those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing.

The Blessing of Abraham

The Bible tells us in the book of Galatians that those of us who have received Christ are the seed of Abraham and heirs according to the promise—but what promise? We find the answer in Genesis 12, verse 2: "And I will make you a great nation;

and I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." The promise God made to bless Abraham is also ours because we are his seed.

The word *bless* means "to empower to prosper." So, when God said, "*I will bless you*," He was in essence saying, "I will empower you to prosper, to increase, to excel, and rise above." We belong to Christ; therefore, we are the seed of Abraham. The same blessing that was on Abraham is now on us, and we've been empowered to prosper by almighty God.

God kept His word to Abraham, for the Bible says he was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold (Genesis 13:2). The blessing, the empowerment to increase and prosper, was already working when God asked Abraham to do something: "Take now your son, your only son Isaac ... and offer him there as a burnt offering (Genesis 22:2).

We are familiar with the story, but I want to point out something in Abraham's conversation with his son. Let's look at Abraham's answer to Isaac's question about where they would find the lamb for a burnt offering: And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt

offering" (Genesis 22:8). Though this was not the first Bible account of God making provision for a person, it's the first time the phrase "God will provide" appears in the Scripture.

Most theologians agree that the phrase comes under the category of the Law of First Mention, which simply means the very first time an important word or phrase is mentioned in the Bible it is afterward carried out from generation to



generation. Paul affirmed the "God will provide" principle saying, And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19). Why was Paul so sure that God would supply—or provide for—all needs? Because He had done it for Abraham. And if He did it for Abraham, He will also do it for me and for you.

Provision for the Gospel

Jesus made a bold statement concerning the gospel, His second coming, and the end of the age. He said, And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all nations, and then the end will come (Matthew 24:14).

In case you haven't noticed it, this world is setting the stage for the return of Jesus. I have reason to believe we are the generation He is coming for because the gospel is now being preached to all the world. Do you know how much money it takes to get the gospel to the world?

A lot—yet God said He would provide. That's why I *expect* to experience His promised abundant overflow throughout 2021. I *expect* to see the gospel preached as a witness to all nations, I *expect* to see an abundant harvest of souls, for the harvest is the reason for the abundant overflow.

Don't limit the move of God in your life. He said, "My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge" (Hosea 4:6). Receive the knowledge that comes from His Word. Receive the blessing and provision that are yours in Jesus. Make the decision to move to a higher level of faith so that you may receive God's instruction and promise: "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there

may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it" (Malachi 3:10 NIV).

God is saying "See if I'll not provide. I'm the covenant-keeping God. I will not break My word". The question is "Do you trust Him?" If you do then you can always be assured that our God will provide!



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Has served for the past forty years as International Director for Jerry Savelle Ministries International. Get more information at WWW.JERRYSAVELLE.ORG When my wife, Joyce, and I first rededicated our lives to the Lord Jesus Christ, we began to hear the Word like we had never heard it before. We heard the Word of Faith, learned how to renew our minds, and how to change our circumstances. We learned principles about building hope by getting in the presence of God and His Word. We began to build our hope and our trust on Jesus, the Word, and our covenant with almighty God instead of the world's system.

True hope mixed with faith comes from the promises of God, not what's happening in our world. In the day we live in, we must renew our minds to the Word of God, not to reports that come—good or bad. We must consistently take all we see and hear and measure it against the Word of God to see if it lines up with truth.

In the early days, Brother Jerry came and asked me to go to Africa with him. Back then, my mind was not renewed enough to trust God that everything would work out okay, so I didn't go. When I began to seek God and ask, "Am I supposed to go?" the Holy Spirit said, "Yes." I knew I would be going to Africa the following year. I purposed to go, but I still did not know what to expect. I did know I could have what I said, so I began to speak the Word and to renew my mind to the Word. I began to build my hope on the Word, creating faith in the unseen instead of the seen (see Hebrews 11:1).

As I arrived in Africa that first time, I saw it was different than anywhere I had ever been. So many people were without hope. In my prayer time, I said, "Lord, how can we build hope in these people that You can take care of them in their country like You can us in our country?" Looking in the natural and seeing what I saw with my natural eyes, there was just no way. However, I knew God's Word

declared that all things are possible for him who believes (see Mark 9:23). The Lord spoke loudly in my spirit, "Just as you and Joyce learned how to change your atmosphere, you have to teach them how to change their atmosphere." That was all I needed to hear. I knew what to preach, teach, and impart into people who were without hope. I needed to teach them the goodness of our God and all the riches in Christ promised by the Word of God.

God's Love in Action

We started a church in Africa. It was large in number, but the people had nothing. Many of the children were half-dressed and malnourished. Right away, we could see in the natural the ways to be effective to build hope. Every time we did a project of any kind to meet the people's needs, we told them it came from God, not from JSMI or Jerry and Carolyn Savelle or Joe McCroskey. We always pointed to God and His love, always referring to "God's love in action." Whenever we were able to meet a natural need. we taught them to bless the Lord and give thanks to God right then. We taught them that every good gift comes from God (see James 1:17). We taught them to trust in God, not to place their trust in man (see Psalm 146, Jeremiah 17:7-8). We also taught them that one of the highest forms of trust in God is praising Him before you see a manifestation happen and then again when you see it come to pass.

That African congregation started out with no cars. Many walked for miles to come to church even when it was not safe because of wild animals, traffic, or crazy drivers. Even the walk to church required trust in God! All during our first visit, we built faith in the ministers, the people, and the children. For 14-16 days we preached Jesus and the hope in Jesus. One of the scriptures I love is Colossians 1:27: Christ in you, the hope of glory. Christ in you will create hope. True hope has nothing to do with the country you live in or how poor your country is. Christ in me was teaching them how to have hope and that their outcomes were dependent on God instead of other contrary teachings or opinions that declared poverty was their lot in life.

When we returned to Africa the following year, the church had chalked out parking places, though the people still had no cars, bikes, or motorcycles; they walked to church. Brother Jerry and I just began to praise the Lord because we knew the action they took to designate parking places was their faith talking. They were believing and preparing for something they could not even see yet. That is another facet of trust: preparing for the outcome of your faith.

We noticed on Sunday morning there were a few bikes. In the next session, we even noticed there were a couple of motorcycles, and they were parking in the designated spaces. The Lord spoke to me in my prayer time saying, "Have you seen such great faith?" Their actions reminded me of the men who had taken their friend to Iesus, and Iesus looked and saw their faith (see Mark 2:3-5). We too looked and saw the people's faith. There was no way in the natural that filling a parking area could happen, but they were laying hold of their covenant with God, which is how hope and trust is built. The following year, we returned to see cars in the parking area and many well-dressed adults and children.

I learned from those trips to Africa that we must convince everyone everywhere to renew their minds to the Word of God and become fully convinced that what God promised He is also able to perform, regardless of how the situation looks (see Romans 4:17-21). Everywhere we went, we knew that for lives to be changed as our lives had been changed, the people would have to learn to trust in God's written Word, be led by the Holy Spirit, and give praise to God. These three principles brought change to every place we went where the people received the Word. Receiving the Word of God is our responsibility; it is the choice we each must make. Anyone can choose either to stay the same or to change his or her destiny. Luke: see my note about the highlighted phrases near the end of the article.

Some of the photographs in this article are of children who are now grown, many of whom have graduated from college. Before the Word came to them, those children did not even go to school. In the beginning, we sowed into their destinies by giving them backpacks full of school supplies so that they could attend the public schools. Without the school supplies and the shoes and clothes we provided, those children would not have been permitted to go to school.

Again, we always taught them that ultimately the provision was from God and not man so that their trust would be in God. Where once they were scarcely dressed and undernourished, now they are prospering, healthy, and graduating from high schools and universities. There

was no other way they could have obtained these blessings than by taking their hope out of this world's system and placing it in God and His kingdom.

The Business of the Kingdom

Another time we were in Africa we were asked to do a session for businesspeople. We taught them how to apply biblical principles in their businesses and to hear from God on what to do. We taught them to obey what they heard from God even when in the natural they didn't see how following His instructions could work.

In that business session, I told them by the Spirit of God to go do something for their city. I didn't know fully what "do something" meant, but then I recalled driving into that city and seeing trash everywhere. I mentioned that doing something could mean just going around and picking up trash in their city or area. I said, "You don't have to get paid for it. You are doing it for God and operating in the goodness of God." Some of them went out and picked up trash, some didn't.

One man who did it returned and told me his story of cleaning up his village. One day as he was out picking up trash, a very prosperous and influential man stopped and asked him why he was doing it. He answered, "Because the man of God said that if I do this, God would prosper me." The official was so impressed that he spoke of this man's efforts to the village leadership, and they awarded the man with one half-acre of land. That man then grew food to feed his family and the village, and as a result of doing so he became a very wealthy man.

There is a story of a man in Africa who heard God tell him to plant potatoes when no one else was planting potatoes. He was ridiculed for it. But God! That man ended up with a huge crop to feed the people. He became a minister of the gospel. His story is now in a book and movie titled Faith Like Potatoes. He even raised the dead. But it all started out with hearing from God, obeying, and having faith that God would do what He said He would do.

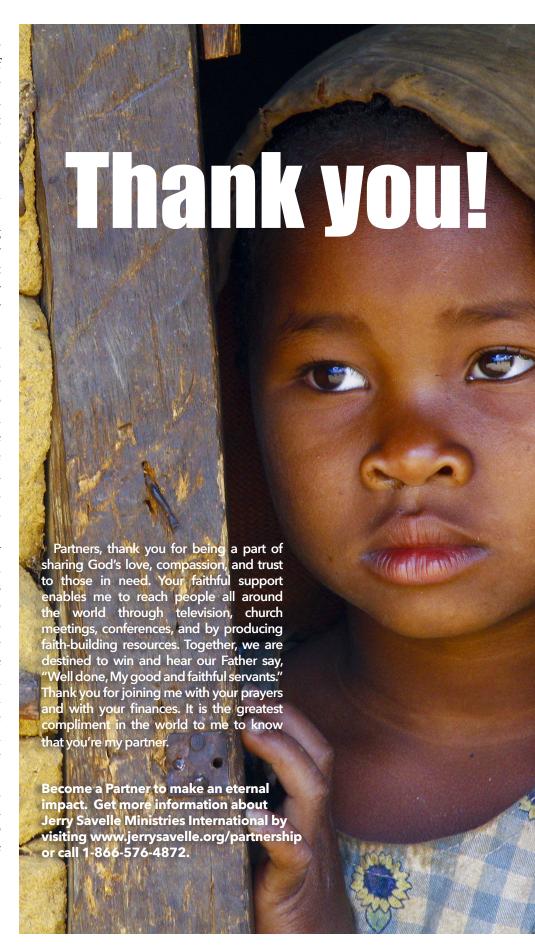


I personally know of two people who were called to the nation of Tanzania. They had never been there before; they knew nothing of the area or the people. They simply went out of obedience to God. Upon arrival, they began to care for the homeless, orphans, and the extremely poor. They did not go with the funds in hand to do it, but God provided. They took children who had nothing and some who were sick, and they put them in families of ten-eight children and two adults to care for them—which was similar to many African families in that area.

Those children are now grown, have graduated, and started careers; many are prosperous. Some have moved back to their areas to help others succeed. They understand and know that what God did for them He can do for anyone. If I were to name the two who were called to Tanzania to start this ministry, most would not recognize their names. But God does, and their rewards will be great.

JSMI has helped them many times with projects in Tanzania, from supplying 500 pairs of shoes for orphans so that they could go to school to implementing food projects delivering 30-60 tons of food. These projects and the message of hope in God's faithfulness and provision have changed whole villages. Even now, everywhere we go, we share these same three principles, trust in God's written Word, being led by the Holy Spirit, and give praise to God.

How do you have hope in troubled times? Who can be blessed in a pandemic? "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, and whose hope is the LORD" (Jeremiah 17:7).





How To Keep Your Joy When Things Around You Aren't Going Well



When things around you aren't going well, the natural reaction is to look at the situation, ponder it, then ponder some more, and allow anxiety to set in, especially if you can't find a natural solution. In other words, it's natural to get caught up in the natural. But the Bible declares that we are not "mere men" but "spiritual people" (see 1 Corinthians 3:3). God's Word also says, For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace (Romans 8:6).

As believers, we must live according to the Spirit, set our minds on things of the Spirit, and wage war with our mighty spiritual weapons. Romans 15:13 tells us there is joy in believing; therefore, if your joy is lacking then your believing has taken a hit. Get back on the Word of God, spiritual man, and rise above your situation!

One of your mightiest weapons

is your faith. Jesus declared that all things are possible to him who believes. He reminded us to have faith in God. The apostle Paul said we are to fight the good fight of faith. One of your greatest strategies against the enemy and against hard times is to determine what you believe.

Faith comes by hearing the Word of God (see Romans 10:17). Your enemy sets out to separate you from the Word. The parable of the sower in Mark 4 clearly states that the enemy is out to steal the Word. If he can steal the Word from you, then he can make you inoperative and ineffective. Again, faith comes by hearing the Word of God. If Satan can steal the Word, he can get you to lay down your faith, and don't forget your faith is compared to a shield in Ephesians 6. Don't lay down your shield.

The Word of God gives four keys

to keeping your joy. They are (1) keep the Word in your heart, (2) spend time in His presence, (3) praise, and (4) thanksgiving. Let's take a look at each of these keys.

Keep the Word in Your Hear

The gospel is good news. Good news brings joy. Dr. Savelle has taught for years and in his book, If Satan Can't Steal Your Joy, He Can't Keep Your Goods, that keeping the Word in your heart is a key to keeping your joy. If your joy is lacking, you may be listening to bad news more than you are to the good news. Too many people spend time listening to reports contrary to God's report for the believer. Whose report do you believe? Whose report are you listening to?

Jesus prayed, "Sanctify them by Your

truth. Your word is truth" (John 17:17). God's Word has the ability to separate us from what's going on in this world. The news report will not set you free. The truth will set you free. Let the truth of God fill you during hard times, so that it can set you free from all the negative mental warfare the enemy unleashes. When you are filled with God's truth, those thoughts will run into your faith in the Word of God and bounce right off. Your joy will soar as your hope abounds in your God.

Spend Time in His Presence

The second key to maintaining your joy is to spend time in His presence. Psalm 16:11 says, In Your presence is fullness of joy... Jesus said, "I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in Me and I in him bears (abundant) fruit. However, apart from Me [cut off from vital union with Me] you can do nothing. I have told you these things, that My joy and delight may be in you, and that your joy and gladness may be of full measure and complete and overflowing" (John 15:5, 11 AMPC).

The New King James Version of John 15:5 says, "He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit." The word abide means "to stay" or "to remain." Jesus is saying if we spend time with Him that we will bear fruit. Well, we know joy is one of the nine collective attributes that sum up the fruit of the Spirit. Fruit grows. Fruit matures. We can grow and mature in our joy until we are of full measure and overflowing. The joy is not for us only, but it's to affect the lives of others. We can change the whole atmosphere of a room with joy. It shouldn't be something that we turn on and off. If we continually abide in Jesus, then our fruit should remain. We must remain

in this place of abiding and this place of joy. Dr. Savelle is a living example of one who abides in this place of joy. Those who have known him for years know he is a man of prayer and a student of the Word. His relationship with the Father supersedes anything he does, and much joy is evident in his life—no matter the circumstances.

Praise

The third key to maintaining our joy is praise. The Bible has much to say about praise, including these verses:

My lips shall shout for joy when I sing praises to You, and my inner being, which You have redeemed (Psalm 71:23 AMPC).

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth and sing for joy, yes, sing praises (Psalm 98:4 AMPC).

And now shall my head be lifted up above my enemies round about me; in His tent I will offer sacrifices and shouting of joy; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the Lord (Psalm 27:6 AMPC).

The Lord is my strength and my [impenetrable] Shield; my heart trusts in, relies on, and confidently leans on Him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoices, and with my song will I praise Him (Psalm 28:7 AMPC).

As we see in these scriptures, praise and joy go hand in hand. Praise brings joy! Do you have anything to praise God for? Praise Him for what He's done in your life. Recall the victories. Recall the testimonies. Meditate on the goodness of God and praise Him for it. Maybe your focus is on all the wrong things. When you praise God, you magnify Him and not the

circumstances, and joy comes. Praise is something that you do verbally. There is no such things as a silent or unspoken praise. Praise will change the atmosphere.

In 2 Chronicles 20, King Jehoshaphat sent the singers out before the battle began and the army never had to even fight because the Lord set ambushes against the enemy. King David was also a praiser. He came home from a victory one time and was dancing and twirling and shouting and praising so much so that his wife was embarrassed. He said to her, "Honey, if you think this is bad, you haven't seen anything yet" (Eric paraphrase).

Joy always accompanies true praise. I encourage you right now, wherever you are, to pause and begin to lift up your voice and praise God. Watch how the presence of God fills your room, your car, your work, for God inhabits the praises of His people.

One who is a praiser cannot be defeated!

Thanksgiving

Finally, the fourth key to maintaining our joy is thanksgiving. Praise and thanksgiving go together. The Word of God says, *Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise* (Psalm 100:4) *and in everything give thanks* (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

The opposite of thanksgiving is murmuring and complaining. God's people murmured and complained when He delivered them out of Egypt. They murmured and complained when He fed them manna. They murmured and complained when He fed them meat. Complaining is unbelief. It's only looking at what can be seen with the natural eye and verbalizing what is seen. Complaining never produces joy. In constrast, the Bible says, we walk by faith and not by

sight (2 Corinthians 5:7). If we truly believe we have the things that we are believing for, then it should produce thanksgiving in our lives.

We find this promise in Isaiah 51:3: For the Lord will comfort Zion: He will comfort all her waste places. And He will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord. Joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song or instrument of praise (Isaiah 51:3 AMPC). With this promise the sound of joy and gladness—thanksgiving and praise—should continually be on our lips.

We are entering the finest hour the Church has ever known. We will shine brighter and brighter as the world grows darker and darker. Once again, we must get the Word in our hearts, for out of the abundance of the heart, our mouths speak. What's coming out of our mouths is an indication of what's in our hearts, whether complaining or thanksgiving.

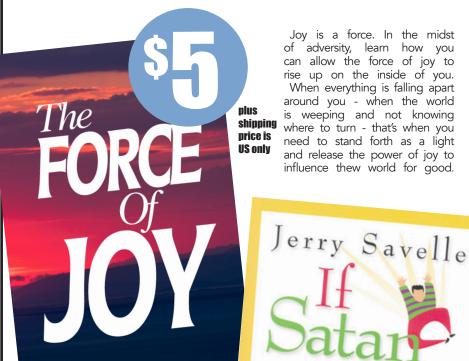
Believer, if maintaining your joy in the midst of tough times were natural all the world would be doing it; but you are no mere man! Make a decision today to do what it takes to maintain your joy, continually praising God, no matter what the circumstances are around you.



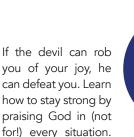
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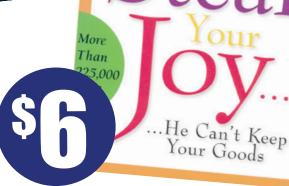
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