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“...GO HOME TO YOUR FRIENDS, AND TELL THEM WHAT WONDERFUL THINGS THE LORD HAS DONE FOR YOU AND HOW MERCIFUL HE HAS BEEN.” MARK 5:19

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Angels From Heaven

From the college classroom of **GOD'S NOT DEAD** to the public square in **GOD'S NOT DEAD 2**, the name of Jesus is welcomed less and less with each passing day. If Christians don't take a stand today, will we even have a choice tomorrow?

When a Christian teacher is asked an honest question about Jesus in a public-school setting, her response lands her in big trouble. As the principal and superintendent join forces with a zealous civil liberties group, an epic court case could expel God from the classroom—and the public square—once and for all!

GOD'S NOT DEAD 2 will be released in theatres everywhere on April 1, 2016. My daughter Holly and I, because of **The Good News Just Keeps Coming**, were blessed to see an early preview of the film on January 12 with church leaders and youth ministers from the area. It is an amazing movie and really opened my eyes even more to the legal censorship Christians are facing in any public venue.

In the movie, a public school teacher is asked a question about Martin Luther King, Jr. and Jesus by one of her students. When the teacher answered her question honestly, without any preaching or trying to sway the student one way or the other, she finds herself in a federal court room facing

criminal charges for saying Jesus and quoting a scripture to answer the girl's question in a public school room.

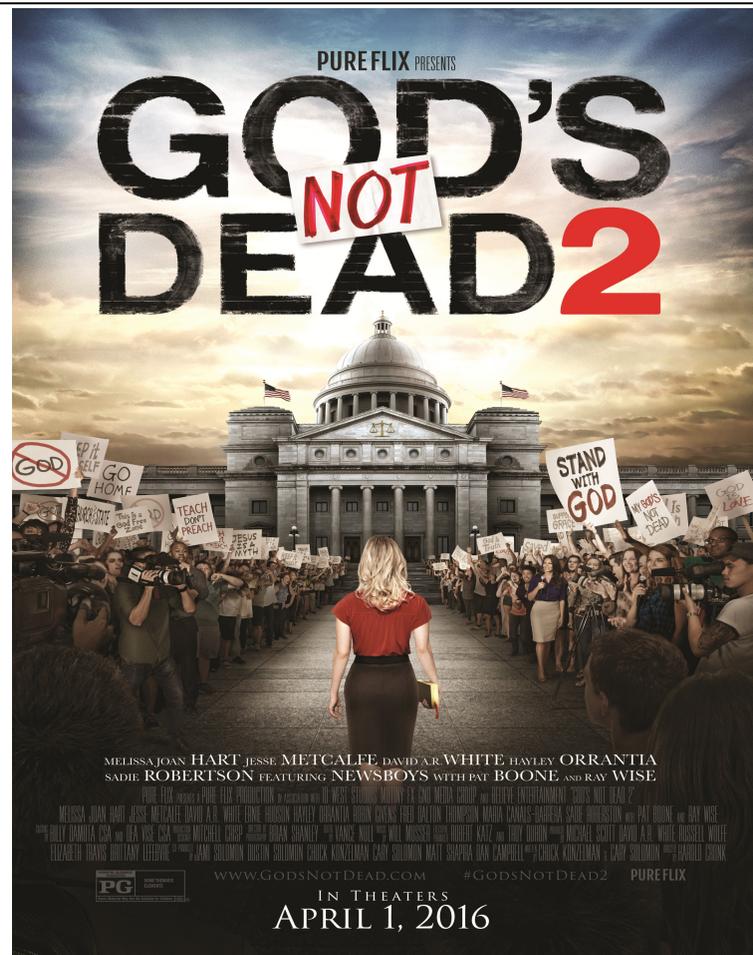
I guess I live such a sheltered life in my small town. I was shocked to learn the script of the movie during the trial was taken from 35 other similar law suits that have been filed here in the United States of America, land of the free and home of the brave. I remember when I went through school during the last century; we started each day with pledge, “I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation **UNDER GOD**, indivisible with liberty and **JUSTICE FOR ALL**. Then everyone bowed their head for a prayer to God. That was just our way of life and no one ever questioned it. That was the accepted way of life.

Now three generations later, saying the name of Jesus or any reference to God or The Bible, God's Holy Word, is no longer allowed in any public or government place.

You must see **God's Not Dead 2**. Hopefully your eyes will be opened to what's really going on here in America and as Christians we can stand against this censorship of our freedom to love and worship God as we see fit. No other religion is being attacked here in the United States, just Christianity (i.e. Jesus followers).

Please take some time between now and April 1 to watch the preview for the movie at **GodsNotDead2.com**. If you don't personally have access or knowledge of the internet, please ask someone you know (especially the youth of today) to show it to you and have them watch it with you.

To help support the ministry of the movie, **The Good News Just Keeps Coming** will be holding a random drawing where the selected winners will receive two free tickets to see **God's Not Dead 2** on opening weekend at a convenient theater near the winners. To enter the drawing, please submit the following information to our address at:
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state, zip), along with your phone number. We will be contacting the winners by phone on March 20 and the winners of the free tickets will be listed in the April 2016 issue of **The Good News Just Keeps Coming**. Join me as we choose to “**STAND WITH CHRIST.**” May God richly bless each of you.

In His Love,
Diana Boring
San Felipe, Texas

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Innocent Eyes

A merry heart doeth good like a medicine.

Proverbs 17:22

A teacher was helping one of her kindergarten students put his boots on? He asked for help and she could see why. With her pulling and him pushing, the boots still didn't want to go on. When the second boot was on, she had worked up a sweat. She almost whimpered when the little boy said, "Teacher, they're on the wrong feet." She looked and sure enough, they were. It wasn't any easier pulling the boots off then it was putting them on. She managed to keep her cool as together they worked to get the boots back on - this time on the right feet.

He then announced, "These aren't my boots." She bit her tongue rather than get right in his face and scream, "Why didn't you say so?" like she wanted to. Once again she struggled to help him pull the ill-fitting boots off.

He then said, "They're my brother's boots. My Mom made me wear them." She didn't know if she should laugh or cry. She mustered up the grace to wrestle the boots on his feet again. She said, "Now, where are your mittens?"

He said, "I tuffed them in the toes of my boots..."

Each evening bird lover Tom stood in his backyard, hooting like an owl - and one night, an owl finally called back to him.

For a year, the man and his feathered friend hooted back and forth. He even kept a log of the "conversation." Just as he thought he was on the verge of a breakthrough in interspecies communication, his wife had a chat with her next door neighbor.

"My husband spends his nights ... calling out to owls," she said.

"That's odd," the neighbor replied. "So does my husband."

A husband and wife were at a party chatting with some friends when the subject of marriage counseling came up.

"Oh, we'll never need that. My husband and I have a great relationship,"

the wife explained.

"He was a communications major in college and I majored in theater arts."

"He communicates real well and I just act like I'm listening."

A fourth-grade teacher was giving her pupils a lesson in logic.

"Here is the situation," she said. "A man is standing up in a boat in the middle of a river, fishing. He loses his balance, falls in, and begins splashing and yelling for help. His wife hears the commotion, knows he can't swim, and runs down to the bank. Why do you think she ran to the bank?"

A girl raised her hand and asked, "To draw out all his savings?"

Six retired Floridian fellows were playing poker in the condo clubhouse when Meyer loses \$500 on a single hand, clutches his chest, and drops dead at the table.

Showing respect for their fallen comrade, the other five continue playing, but standing up.

At the end of the game, Finklestein looks around and asks, "So, who's gonna tell his wife?"

They cut the cards. Goldberg picks the low card and has to carry the news. They tell him to be discreet, be gentle, don't make a bad situation any worse. "Discreet? I'm the most discreet person you'll ever meet. Discretion is my middle name. Leave it to me."

Goldberg goes over to the Meyer's condo and knocks on the door. The wife answers through the door and asks what he wants? Goldberg declares: "Your husband just lost \$500 in a poker game and is afraid to come home." "Tell him to drop dead!" yells the wife.

"I'll go tell him." says Goldberg.

A visitor once asked, "Does it ever rain in Arizona?"

A rancher quickly answered, "Yes, it

does. Do you remember in the Bible where it rained for 40 days and 40 nights?"

The visitor replied, "Yes, I'm familiar with Noah's flood."

"Well," the rancher puffed up, "We got about two and a half inches of that."

I was inspecting communications facilities in Alaska. Since I had little experience in flying in small planes, I was nervous when we approached a landing strip in a snow-covered area. The pilot descended to just a couple hundred feet, then gunned both engines, climbed, and circled back. While my heart pounded, the passenger beside me seemed calm.

"I wonder why he didn't land," I said. "He was checking to see if the landing strip was plowed," the man said. As we made a second approach, I glanced out the window. "It looks plowed to me," I commented.

"No," my seat mate said. "It hasn't been cleared for some time."

"How can you tell?" I asked.

"Because," the man informed me, "I'm the guy who drives the plow."

A man, fond of practical jokes, decided late one night to send his friend a collect telegram which read: "I am perfectly well."

A week later, the joker received a heavy parcel...collect...on which he had to pay considerable charges. Upon opening it, he found a big block of concrete which had this message:

"This is the weight your telegram lifted from my mind."

A new hair salon opened up for business right across the street from the old established hair cutters' place.

They put up a big bold sign which read: "WE GIVE SEVEN DOLLAR HAIR CUTS!"

Not to be outdone, the old Master Barber put up his own sign: "WE FIX SEVEN DOLLAR HAIR CUTS."

One day a man drove his secretary home after she fell quite ill at work. Although this was an innocent gesture, he decided not to mention it to his wife, who tended to get jealous easily. Later, that night the man and his wife were driving to a restaurant.

Suddenly he looked down and spotted a high-heel shoe half hidden under the passenger seat. Not wanting to be conspicuous, he waited until his wife was looking out her window before he scooped up the shoe and tossed it out of the car. With a sigh of relief, he pulled into the restaurant parking lot. That's when he noticed his wife squirming around in her seat.

"Honey," she asked, "have you seen my other shoe?"

As Barb was getting to know David and his family, she was very impressed by how much his parents loved each other.

"They're so thoughtful," Barb said. "Why, your dad even brings your mom a cup of hot coffee in bed every morning."

After a time, Barb and David were engaged, and then married. On the way from the wedding to the reception, Barb again remarked on David's loving parents, and even the coffee in bed.

"Tell me," she said, "does it run in the family?"

"It sure does," replied David. "And I take after my mom."

The students in my third-grade class were bombarding me with questions about my newly pierced ears.

"Does the hole go all the way through?"

"Yes."

"Did it hurt?" "Just a little."

"Did they stick a needle through your ears?"

"No, they used a special gun."

Silence followed, and then one solemn voice called out, "How far away did they stand?"

The World is Mine

Today, upon a bus, I saw a very beautiful woman and wished I were as beautiful.

When suddenly she rose to leave, I saw her hobble down the aisle
She had one leg and used a crutch,
But as she passed, she passed a smile.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.
I have two legs; the world is mine.

I stopped to buy some candy.
The lad who sold it had such charm.
I talked with him, he seemed so glad.
If I were late, it would do no harm,
And as I left, he said to me,
"I thank you, you've been so kind. It's nice to talk with folks like you—
You see," he said,
"I'm blind."
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.
I have two eyes; the world is mine.

Later while walking down the street, I saw a child I knew.
He stood and watched the others play, but he did not know what to do.
I stopped a moment and then I said, "Why don't you join them dear?"
He looked ahead without a word, I forgot, he could not hear.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine;
I have two ears; the world is mine.

With feet to take me where I'd go,
With eyes to see the sunset's glow,
With ears to hear what I'd know,
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.
I've been blessed indeed; the world is mine.

Author Unknown



WHAT DO YOU SEE?

Two men were in a nursing home. One bed was by the window, and the other by the door. Every day the man in the bed by the door would ask his roommate, "What do you see out there today?"

The man in the bed by the window would say, "Oh, the sun is shining, and it's a beautiful day. I can see a mother playing with her children by the lake." His roommate would ask, "What's on that lake?" And the man with the view would describe what he saw. "Oh, I believe I can see a little duck...yes, there it is. There's a duck." He described the view in the summer time, the fall, the winter, and the spring. Then one day he died.

Now the man by the window had the opportunity to switch beds. So he did. He got his things, made the bed, propped up his pillows, looked outside and saw nothing—nothing but a gray brick wall. From every angle, all he could see was the side of the building next door. He called the nurse in and asked, "When did that wall go up? It's

spoiling my view."

She said, "Sir, that wall has always been there."

The man didn't say much for a few days, then one day he asked the nurse when he would be getting a new roommate. She told him it would be very soon.

"That's good," he said. "I can hardly wait for him to come so I can tell him all I see outside our window."

The Samaritan saw a man who needed help by the side of the road. The priest saw filthiness and defilement, and the Levite saw trouble and inconvenience. But the Samaritan saw a man. Same view. Different perspective. What do you see around you?

MATTHEW 9:36 *And seeing the multitudes, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and downcast like sheep without a shepherd.*

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The graveyard shift

I once worked in a tunnel back in the days I thought I would be an engineer. We were boring through an Alabama mountain where a big water conduit was to be placed.

One contractor bored from the east and we dug westward.

"Have they broken through yet?" I asked one morning.

"Yes," a worker replied. "They broke through last night on the graveyard shift."

Years later it hit me: Jesus worked the "graveyard shift" at the cross.

He broke through the dark tunnel of death, and when it comes our time, He will come back to us and lead us through.

"If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also." - John 14:3

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One Stroke at a Time

Sometimes God calls us to do exploits that are light years beyond our ability taking us on a journey that forces us to use gifts we didn't even know we possessed.

In October of 2012, the Lord spoke to me after teaching on the subject of angels and demons. "I want you to write a fiction novel." He might as well have asked me to travel to Mars. I am a high school graduate who opted out of college because I hated school. English was probably one of my worst subjects. Sheesh, I don't even remember if I passed in physical education. My parents have never let me live down the fact that I brought home a D in conduct when I was in grade school (I've always been good at talking!).

When the Lord spoke to me, I was on staff at a church in Sealy, Texas where I'd been the worship leader for 17

years. I'd also taught Bible studies, ministered at women's events and ministered in the church. My husband, Joe and I loved our church, the people, and our pastors. However, we knew that God was moving us into a new season and a new place. He made it clear to us that 2012 would be our last year at the church. It was very difficult to say good-bye, but it was also necessary. You see, if we had not left the church, my book would not have been birthed.

Leaving our church meant laying down my salary, my ministry, my perception of what my identity was, as well as leaving people we knew and loved. We left a secure place to move out into the unknown. We felt much like Abram leaving his country to go to the promised land.

After serving at a church for 17 years, Joe and I felt lost in our new church home. It was much larger than our old church where everyone had been family to us. Here, we sat on Sunday mornings not knowing a single soul. We were excited to be on this new journey, but the territory was so unfamiliar to us. I felt lost, alone and found myself feeling like I had no purpose in this new place.

"What am I supposed to be doing, Lord?" I asked as I cried out to God one day in my prayer time. His reply was swift and loud, "Write the book!" Now, let me say this, I had written songs in the past as well as a marriage curriculum and a few others things. I

had always aspired to write a devotional. But, to write a Christian fiction novel was way beyond what I felt I was capable of writing. For one thing, I'd often admired the ability of fiction writers to weave a story together in such a way that you are amazed when you come to the end of the book. You could always reflect back and see how the author had purposely woven each thread into the storyline creating an amazing masterpiece. I knew that I couldn't do that.

I asked the Lord to confirm to me what I sensed I was hearing. "Ok, if this is You, give me the name of the book?" Again, a very quick reply, "Skandalon." I knew what the word Skandalon meant as it was the title of a prior teaching I had done on the traps of the enemy. I began to get nervous as I could tell that God wasn't going to let me off the hook.

After about a week or so of struggling with how I could write a story that others would want to read, I questioned God once again. "If I'm supposed to write a book, tell me the name of the main character." His response was im-

SKANDALON

CINDY SCHROPP



mediate, "Zoe!" Now, Zoe is not a common name. However, everywhere I looked that week, I saw that name or heard it spoken on the television or radio. I knew the Lord was confirming His word to me.

"Lord, I don't know how to write a book," I argued. Often, we fail to do what God is calling us to do because



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we feel like we are unable, unqualified and overwhelmed at the prospect. He doesn't call us to do something because we are able. He calls us to action because He is able. He's looking for our obedience.

I was clueless as to the story line of the book. I only knew the title and the name of the main character. So, I asked, "Lord, will You give me the opening scene of the book?" I kid you not, like a movie playing in my mind, I saw the beginning of the first chapter of my book. Just the beginning, mind you. Not the whole chapter.

Now some of you might have just sat down at the computer with great faith and began typing. However, I felt intimidated and totally inadequate to do what He was asking me to do. I asked my husband to pray. I felt foolish even telling him that I thought God was asking me to write a Christian fiction story. To which he replied, "You can do that!"

One Sunday, at our new church, the worship pastor was going on and on about how God was the author of our faith—the author of our salvation. It seemed to me that he must have used the word author about twenty times though I'm sure it was no more than two or three. I became agitated. Why does he keep using that word, I thought? Then the Lord spoke something profound to me, "If I could author the greatest book that was ever written, can I not use you to write a book?" Tears of surrender streaked down my face as I leaned over to Joe and said, "I

think I'm gonna have to write this book."

The Lord instructed me to take three days a week, treating them like work days, and write from nine in the morning until five in the evening. So, I stepped out in faith and began writing...one stroke of the keyboard at a time. I was amazed that every time I opened my computer to begin writing, the Lord would begin to download the story to me. Some days, I had a sense of where the story might be headed while other days, I wouldn't have a clue until I put my fingers on the keyboard. He used bits and pieces of my life as well as the lives of others to bring about a beautiful story of redemption.

It took me exactly nine months to write the book. I can honestly tell you that I can't take credit for writing this story. I was only an instrument that He chose to use. I would sit down at my computer, pray, and the ideas would flow. When it was time to quit for the day, the flow ceased. Therefore, I do believe that, though the story is fiction, God has a divine lesson within its pages.

During the time of writing the book, we'd had our house in Sealy up for sale. We wanted to move closer to Joe's work, our new church, and our new granddaughter. However, no one would even come to look at the house. After several months of whining and crying over the fact that the house wasn't selling, I was complaining to my son, and he told me, "Mom, the house will sell when you finish the book." Sure enough, the week after *Skandalon* was finished, our house sold.

I share this story because I want you to know that if God can use me, He can use anybody. I had to get out of my comfort zone and allow Him to stretch me. I had to surrender to what He wanted me to do even though the task seemed daunting to me. He is looking for willing vessels that will say, "yes" when He calls. You are the only person keeping Him from doing great things in your life.

I thank God daily that I allowed Him to use me. *Skandalon* is touching lives, setting people free, and teaching them about the supernatural realm as well as other spiritual principals from God's Word.

Skandalon is a modern-day fictional story divinely inspired by God to expose the works of the enemy in the daily lives of believers. You will follow a young couple, Zoe and Michael, as they walk through devastating circumstances in their lives, each handling tragedy differently. You'll discover how the angelic beings assigned to guard them are affected by their actions as well as the words they speak or, in some instances, don't speak. The traps and snares of the enemy are brought to light as the character's battle through adversity.

Blessings,
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Great Grandma Lehmann's Apple Goodie

3 heaping cups sliced apples
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1 heaping Tbsp flour
1 tsp cinnamon
1 tsp nutmeg
1 cup pecans

CRUMBLE TOPPING

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup oatmeal
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup flour
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup brown sugar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp baking soda
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp baking powder
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp salt
 $\frac{1}{3}$ cup butter

Mix the apple, sugar, flour, cinnamon and nutmeg and put into 9 x 12 inch pan. Sprinkle pecans on top. Cut butter into crumble top ingredients and sprinkle over apple mixture.

Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes, until apples are done and topping is browned.

*In Memory of Emma (Mrs. Herman) Lehmann
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For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Who- ever believes in him is not condemned, but who- ever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

John 3:16-18 NIV

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I Did This For You

I knelt down at that old rugged cross and I looked up at His face,
 With tears in my eyes I begged Him to please let me take His place.
 He was covered in blood and bruised everywhere with a crown of thorns upon His head,
 I could hardly speak for I knew it wouldn't be long and my Savior would be dead.
 I prayed to God in heaven above to reach out and please save Him,
 Take Jesus off of this old cross and bring Him back to life again.
 God He has done so much on earth and He showed us how to love,
 He has healed the sick and touched so many lives telling us about heaven above.
 I have followed Him and saw so many things and not one time has He sinned,
 God He is suffering so much please take Him down and let the healing begin.
 I was crying so hard I couldn't even look up and I heard the thunder roar,
 The sky turned black and I heard God say it is finished Jesus won't suffer any more.
 I kissed His feet and slowly got up saying goodbye as I walked away,
 The soldiers came and they got Him down and took my Savior to His grave.
 Three days went by and still full of grief I knew I had to visit His tomb,
 Even though the sun was shining my heart was broken and filled with so much gloom.
 When I got there the stone was rolled away and I didn't know what to do,
 Then I saw Him so perfect in every way as Jesus said I did this for you.

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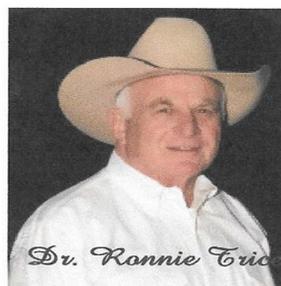
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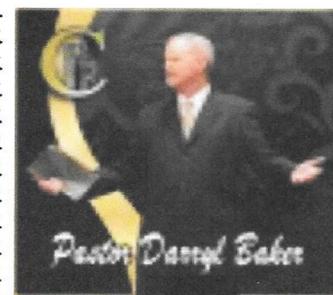
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