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From a Dream to Reality

We are both very Christian faith-based individuals and right from the onset of our business our goal was to assist others in their needs to be the most "whole" individual that God had intended for them to be. Little did we know what was in store for us.

We had our company, The Learning Service, Ltd., for sixteen years at that point in time and we had the good fortune to have published a book about every two years. They each had sold well and assisted in establishing our business and reputation for helping individuals and organizations to experience more success more often.

In 2011 we had the good fortune to be recognized by the Ohioana Library Association as successful published authors and invited to participate in the Ohioana Book Festival in Columbus, Ohio the summer of 2012. The festivities ended with a gathering at the Governor's residence. We didn't realize at that moment but a new course was being charted and a new direction set for us to follow.

The year 2012 was a pivotal year for us. Our book, *Life's Journey - Find Your Place to Stand and Build the Right Future* attracted attention we had not known before. Shortly after the book festival in Columbus we were attending a meeting with a special group of friends whom we met with on a weekly basis to discuss ideas, share insights, and give support to each other.

During that meeting the topic of e-magazines came up. These were identified as on-line magazines. It embraced us like a long lost friend and we realized this was the opportunity we had been waiting for to share our ideas with the world. Everyone in our group supported the belief that our *Life's Journey* book and all that it embodied would be the perfect catalyst to bridge into a monthly magazine, a magazine that would guide and assist others in their professional and personal growth in all areas of life to obtain a healthy Christian wholeness of self.

Right there and then we experienced an epiphany, a rebirth, a new sense of direction and purpose. We had thrown down our own challenge and accepted it. We were at the "lift-off" stage with so much to do. Many years ago a dear friend of ours had said, "No matter what road you take in life, always remember that our Lord is in the driver's seat. He will show you the way." We have always taken that advice and lived by it.

We gathered and surrounded ourselves with a team of incredible people who would become our "Life's Journey Family." Our Regular Guides are those who would contribute articles each month running the full range of wholeness. We continued to meet with our original group of friends for their suggestions, guidance, caring, coaching, and support. We came to realize that all of these special people were those who

had been placed in our path and embodied our very personal belief and that we would only deal and move forward with those we know, like, trust, admire and respect. They are those who held the same high Christian ideals and lived by them. We had gathered a winning team!

We also recognized the opportunity before us to tap the knowledge and skills of people whose celebrity we had admired for so many years such as Bob Proctor, Mark Victor Hansen, Dave Ramsey, Tamara Lowe, Joel Osteen, Les Brown, and many other high level individuals who would share their guidance and insights as our "Featured Guides" each month.

Our first issue came out in November of 2012. It went from a dream to a reality in 135 days. Of course we realized that it had truly been in the works for the past eighteen years. That is the period of time we (Rose Sloat and Darryl Doane) have been partners in our business, The Learning Service, Ltd. With the "birth" of that first issue we have never looked back.

Whatever path and direction we continue to take on this magnificent jour-



Rose Sloat and Darryl Doane

ney we call life we will move forward confidently in His name and His guidance. December of 2016 will be our 50th issue and we find ourselves at another crossroads in life. Perhaps the good Lord has other plans for us. Journey on!

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Innocent Eyes

A merry heart doeth good like a medicine.

Proverbs 17:22

A boy in Sunday School was asked what commandment he would break if he stayed home from Sunday School. He replied, "The fourth one, Keep the Sabbath day holy."

Then he was asked what commandment he would break if he took his friend's bicycle. He replied "The eighth. Do not steal."

Then he was asked what commandment he would break if he pulled his dog's tail. He hesitated, and then said "I don't remember the number, but it goes something like this - 'What God has joined together, let no man pull apart.'"

The Pentagon recently unveiled its new super computer to the top brass. This fantastic device, capable of making bazillions of decisions in split nanoseconds, is designed to solve all military problems with the greatest of ease.

To test its capabilities, the brass poses a tactical problem to it and then asks for a decision, "Attack or Retreat?"

The computer hums a bit, blinks a myriad of lights and answers, "Yes." The brass, somewhat confused by this answer, replies, "Yes what?"

The computer instantly replies, "Yes, sir!"

The Manhattan Commuter train was packed. Suddenly there was a jingle on the floor. Most necks were craned. One elderly gentleman, however, bent down and picked something up. He then asked, "Did anyone drop a half dollar?"

"I did," answered three men at once.

"Well," said the elderly gent with a smile, "here's a dime of it."

A man decided that he was going to ride a 10-speed bike from Phoenix to Flagstaff. He got as far as Black Canyon City before the mountains just be-

came too much and he could go no farther.

He stuck his thumb out, but after 3 hours he hadn't gotten a single person to stop. Finally, a guy in a Corvette pulled over and offered him a ride. Of course, the bike wouldn't fit in the car. The owner of the Corvette found a piece of rope lying by the highway and tied it to his bumper. He tied the other end to the bike and told the man that if he got to going too fast to honk the horn on his bike and he would slow down.

Everything went fine for the first 30 miles. Suddenly, another Corvette blew past them. Not to be outdone, the Corvette pulling the bike took off after the other. A short distance down the road, the Corvettes--both going well over 120 mph--blew through a speed trap. The police officer noted the speeds from his radar gun and radioed to the other officer that he had 2 Corvettes headed his way at over 120 mph.

He then relayed, "And you're not going to believe this, but there's guy on a 10-speed bike honking to pass."

Heather and Marcy hadn't seen each other in awhile, so they decided to meet for lunch.

The talk naturally got around to their respective love lives. Marcy confided that there really wasn't anyone special in her life. Heather, on the other hand, was beaming about the new man she had found.

"He's perfect. He's handsome, and last night when we went out to dinner, he said the four little words I've been waiting to hear a man say to me!"

"He said 'will you marry me?'" Marcy asked.

Heather replied, "No, he said 'put your money away'."

The two young boys were discussing their ailments together in the children's ward.

"Are you medical or surgical?"

A True Treasure

"That morning, I felt as dark as the rainy, overcast skies outside. Our Sunday School class had challenged each other to witness for God this week, and I had no idea how to do that. I couldn't preach or quote Scripture, and the only extra cash I had was the \$20 I was going to use to get my hair styled at the local beauty school that morning."

"About that time, my new neighbor knocked on my door and asked if I'd drive her to the store. I told her I'd take her before I went to the beauty school. I might even treat myself to a manicure and pedicure too, I thought as I got dressed."

"On the way, she talked about how she and her young son had been forced to move several times during the summer, and the more she talked, the less I felt I needed a manicure and pedicure. "Would you like to go to the beauty school with me?" I asked her.

"Sure," she said hesitantly. Once inside, I told the receptionist to give her a shampoo, haircut, style, manicure, and

pedicure.

"Wha what do you mean? She asked. "I can't ... I'll just wait out in the lobby."

"No," I insisted. "God and I want to brighten your day!"

"As she followed the stylist to her chair, I paid for a basic shampoo for me and the works for her. And that \$20 stretched into a million when I heard her say to her attendant, "I probably shouldn't tell this, but I've never had a pedicure." Thank You, Lord, for showing me that I don't have to have a lot of money or be able to preach or know Scripture word for word in order to be a witness. I just have to have open ears and a willing heart!"

Bible Source: "Anyone trusting in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like foliage" - Proverbs 11:28

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asked the first, who had been in the ward for a week.

"I don't know what you mean," replied the second.

"It's simple," replied the first.

"Were you sick when you came in here? Or did they make you sick when you got here?"

Once there was a millionaire who collected live alligators. He kept them in the pool in back of his mansion. The millionaire also had a beautiful single daughter.

So one day he decides to throw a huge party, and during the party he announces: "My dear guests, I have a proposition to every man here. I will

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give one million dollars or my daughter to the man that can swim across this pool full of alligators and emerge unharmed!"

As soon as he finished his last word there was the sound of a large SPLASH! One guy was in the pool, swimming as fast as he could, and the crowd was cheering him on. Finally he made it to the other side unharmed.

The millionaire was impressed. He said "My boy that was incredible! Fantastic! I didn't think it could be done! Well I must keep my end of the bargain, so which do you want: my daughter or the one million dollars?"

The guy says "Listen I don't want your money! And I don't want your daughter! I just want the goober who pushed me into that pool!"

HUGS From Heaven

As I pondered on what would have me write this month, I thought about our time of Thanksgiving and the many things I am thankful for, not really stuff, but true blessings.

I so thankful I was born at the time I was when loving God, praising God and talking about God anywhere and anytime was the accepted way of life.

I am so thankful for the wonderful parents God gave me who taught me all through life what true unconditional love really is.

I'm so thankful for the wonderful family God gave me, my children, grandchildren, sisters, nieces and nephews. They have all grown up to be happy responsible adults that are making a difference in this world.

I am so thankful for the stage four colon cancer God gave me nearly six years ago because it allowed me to grow closer to God and totally depend on Him for everything. I wouldn't wish chemo on anyone, but if I had to go through it again, to grow that close to God, I'd do it in a heartbeat.

I am so thankful for the diabetes God gave me so many years ago. If it hadn't been for that and God's provision in dealing with it, I would never have met the most amazing medical professional, Arlene Loeschen, who has taught me so much about controlling my disease. And that God's plan for our lives is so much better than anything we could ever plan. She said when she was growing up there were two things she would never, ever be and that was a preacher's wife or anything to do with medicine. She showed me that God's plan for our lives is so much better than anything we could ever plan. Today she is a specialist in diabetes care and the wife of a preacher for 42 years now and so very happy.

I'm even thankful for the flood we received on April 18 of this year. If it hadn't been for that, we never would have found the black mold hidden in my home that had been causing me continual illness for almost a year. We were able to kill that and because of the flood, I was able to find help in making the much needed repairs to my home.

I am so thankful for the eight months I had to spend in bed, because from that timer alone with God, **The Good News Just Keeps Coming** was born. It is such a blessing to me and I have met so of the most amazing Christian people, I'm sure I would never have met if it weren't for God's plan for my life.

But most of all, I am thankful to Jesus for coming to earth; experiencing everything we go through; living a perfect life with no sin; willingly dying on the cross to pay the price for all our sins for all those that accept this free gift; and finally for going to prepare a beautiful, perfect place for all of His children to live forever with Him. Trusting Him with all of my heart has given me a peace beyond description. I don't fear anything because I know I am never alone and with God I can go through anything.

I have learned that whatever God's plan is for my life is so much better than anything I could have planned for myself, it takes away all thee fear and leaves you with a peace that is beyond human understanding..My hugs from heaven come almost every day when I take time to notice them.

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You Can Run, But You Can't Hide

I was born in the small town of Richards, Texas. We lived about 6 miles from town, and my dad drove a school bus and did a little bit of farming to make ends meet for my four sisters and one brother. My mother passed from this life when I was only eight years old. In the early 1940s, my dad decided to move to Houston, Texas and became a night watchman for a federal post office.

After my father's death in 1947, our family was split up and my brother, who was already married and living out of state took me to raise.

After moving to Kilgore, Texas, we began attending church as a family every Sunday. At first, it was great to meet new friends and learn God's beautiful Word but I soon became bored with my life and desired to leave Kilgore and "explore the world"...all the way to Clute, Texas.

There I met and married the love of my life, Delores, and God blessed us with three beautiful children. One day my five-year-old son asked me one day if you had to be grown to attend church. My answer was, "No, and next Sunday I will take you to church."

At this time in my life, I learned the valuable lesson that you can run from God, but you cannot hide from him. The following Sunday was October 13, 1963, the day my whole life was changed. God met me face to face at an altar of repentance, and baptized me

with His Spirit. My life was forever changed.

Five years later, I enrolled in Texas Bible College, in Houston, Texas and earned my diploma in Theology. After graduation, I returned to my home church in Clute, Texas to oversee the church's youth group.

I could say that I had a pretty rough time in my younger years, but looking back I can see that God was leading me to a life working in His kingdom.

My life as a Christian has not been completely joy unspeakable, and I have known my share of heartache. On November 12, 2005 my oldest daughter left this life and went to live forever with Jesus. I was so thankful that I had a God that stood by my side, comforting me and giving me strength to make it. God's blessings are so incredible, and the joy of the Lord is truly my strength.

I am 81 years old and in the past 53 years, I have pastored three churches. Our current church, New Life Tabernacle, is in Brazoria, Texas. Over the past 30 years, we have been involved in our community in many ways, have given to the poor, and have done our best to portray the kindness and Spirit of our Savior to those that we've come in contact with.

For the past 3 years, we have hosted a drug and alcohol abuse recovery program for TDC parolees. That has not only been a blessing to our church, but

has assisted many people to get their lives back on track again.

At this present time, we ask all of you who read this article to join with us in prayer. We are in need of a new roof on our church building and do not have the funds to pay for it entirely.

We thank you for your prayers, and believing with us that God will provide the necessary funds in Jesus name.

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My beautiful wife, Ashley and I have a 10 month old son named Blake. He is the joy of our lives, but on Saturday, October 15, we thought we had lost him forever.

We went in his room early to see if he was awake and found him unresponsive with his eyes rolled back in his head.

We immediately called 911 and the ambulance was there so quickly. They found his blood sugar level had dropped to only 36. Normal is between 80 – 100. We knew this could be fatal. He had never had a sugar problem before.

I immediately started praying to

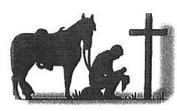
God to please be with my boy and make sure he came home with us. Now as we leave the hospital the next day, I want to be the first to say God is real and man is he good! In just one day he is one healthy little boy and is back to himself again.

I used to have my doubts about God and stuff but I am a firm believer that God was in the room with my boy the whole time and made sure Blake pulled out of this!!! Thank you God for answering our prayers.

Joey Bertram
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"God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. So, we will not fear, even if earthquakes come and the mountains crumble into the sea. Let the oceans roar and foam. Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge. A river brings joy to the city of our God, the sacred home of the Most High. God himself lives in that city, it cannot be destroyed. God will protect it at the break of day. The nations are in an uproar and the kingdoms crumble! God thunders and the earth melts. The Lord Almighty is here among us; the God of Israel is our fortress. Be silent, and know that I am God! I will be honored by every nation. I will be honored throughout the world." Psalm 47: 1-7, 10 (NLT)

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A story from the Far East describes a simple technique that poachers use to trap monkeys. They cut a small hole in a gourd, scrape out the inside where they insert a banana and then stake the gourd to the ground. A curious monkey comes along, puts his hand in the gourd and grabs a hold of the prize inside. But he can't pull out his fist while it clutches the hidden fruit. Instead of releasing the banana and going free, he remains captive and is eventually caught by the poachers.

In the second half of the verse above, we see a man who goes through life with his hands gripped in closed fists. "If I can just hold on to what I've got, I'll be Ok."

But in hoarding our possessions, we will ultimately find ourselves trapped. We exhibit traits of stinginess and anxiety in worrying about whether or not we have enough to survive. But when we rely on ourselves instead of God to provide our needs; when we are stingy and greedy, we are putting our freedom in great jeopardy.

It's time for a hand check. Are you going through life close-fisted and selfish? Or are you open-handed and generous with what God has given you. Remember, in sharing the gifts God has provided to you, your generosity will produce an abundant life.

Bootleggers

Family legends suggest my forebears were Alabama bootleggers. It bothered me as a child that I would pay for their sins. Under the New Covenant, made in Jesus Christ, we become responsible for our own sin --not the sins of our ancestors. Were it not for Christ we would stand in eternity guilty of the sins of our parentage, all the way back to Adam. But in Christ, we become new creations, with a new family--that of God. There's no sin heritage in that family tree and nothing for which we must give account except our own sin. And all our iniquity has been removed by Christ's blood.

Exodus 20:5-6

I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing loving-kindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments ... "In those days they will not say again, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, And the children's teeth are set on edge.' But everyone will die for his own iniquity; each man who eats the sour grapes, his teeth will be set on edge." - Exodus 20:5-5; Jeremiah



Eva's Inspirations

Unanswered Prayers

Unanswered prayers Lord I hate to see,
Especially when I am praying for me.
There's things that I want and things that needs changed,
And when prayers are not answered it's you that gets blamed.
Everyone starts to question is God listening at all,
I know that He hears me when on His name I call.
Some people turn their backs on you as they walk away,
All because you didn't answer their prayers today.
"My child I must tell you that you always will see",
Unanswered prayers that comes from me.
"I'm the one that truly loves you and I know what's best",
Your prayers are always answered just trust me and rest.
"Only I can see your future and what's coming your way,
And those unanswered prayers is me taking care of you everyday.

God Bless You Always,



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