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merry Christmas and happy new year

Welcome to The Legacy Letter

This magazine is going out to thousands of people all over the world, and we are so thankful that this copy has made its way into your home, your hands, and hopefully soon it will have a place in your heart. We pour our lives into every article, every picture, every word on every page because we believe **your life is worth it**. We pray you are encouraged and strengthened by what you read in this issue and that the light of the Word of God shines brightest in your life all throughout this Christmas season. At the end of the day, when every box has been unwrapped and there's nothing left but heaping scraps of paper, remember there is still a gift that keeps on giving—**His name is Jesus**. And when the clock strikes midnight bringing an end to 2014, let us encourage you to embrace with confidence and courage the brilliant future God has in store for you.

From our family to yours, have a Merry Christmas and the happiest New Year ever!

Jeremy and Sarah Pearsons

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GOOD CHEER

TIS THE SEASON FOR UNCOMMON COURAGE

BY JEREMY PEARSONS

Family vacation this year was one for the record books. One stop on our journey had us checked into a hotel that had a water playground on property that we thought the kids would enjoy. We were right. Justus was instantly hooked. It turned out to be a bit of a challenge to figure out ways to get him to leave the play area for little things like eating and sleeping. On our first day there, Justus spent the first few hours splashing around at the “kiddie” end of the park in the ankle-deep water and on the small slides. But it wasn’t long until he and I made our way over to the “big-kid” side of the park for the water cannons, spinning water spouts, and, most of all, the two great-big slides at the back. “You want to go down the slides, buddy?” I asked.

“Yeah! Yeah! Yeah!” he said. We made our way to the top of the stairs and stood looking at the two slides: the blue one on our right and the yellow one on our left.

“Let’s go down the blue slide, Daddy.” The blue one was a standard, open-air, winding slide. The yellow one, on the other hand, was a closed tube with rushing water that propelled the slider into what looked like a black hole. It was also quite a bit steeper. So down the blue slide we went. He loved it! So we went again. And again. And again. He was hooked, and my skin was completely pruned. On my last trip up the stairs, I asked Justus one more time if he wanted to try the yellow slide. “No, Daddy, the yellow slide is for bigger boys. I can do it when I’m five years old, but now I’m only four years old, so I can only do the blue slide.” I wasn’t going to force the issue, but I did encourage him by letting him know that he was big enough to do the yellow, and that there was nothing to be afraid of. Still, he stuck to the blue. So from my lounge chair, I watched Justus go up the stairs and down the blue slide over and over and over. I must’ve seen him do it thirty times or more. He would walk the stairs, get in line on the right side, go down the slide, and emerge at the bottom soaked and smiling. Then I saw something startling. Justus went back up the stairs, but this time it looked like he was getting in line on the left side. *Wait a minute*, I thought. *Is he going down the yellow slide?* All of the sudden, I wasn’t sure I had done the right thing encouraging him to try it. It was a much faster ride down a mostly dark tube that spit people out at the bottom, and the unprepared ones were getting a face full of water. I hurried out of my chair over to the base of the slides. I couldn’t be sure which one he got on, so I waited there halfway hoping that he had stuck with easy-breezy blue. But he hadn’t. And a few moments later, I saw my little boy come flying out the bottom of the yellow slide. I was almost sure it was too much for him, but when he came to a stop and wiped the water away from his face, he locked eyes with me, stood up with both fists raised high in victory, and shouted, “Daddy, God made me brave!”

“Let me set this before you as plainly as I can,” Jesus says (John 10:1 MSG). “I am the Good Shepherd” (v. 11). “The shepherd walks right up to the gate. The gatekeeper opens the gate to him and the sheep recognize his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out” (v. 3). He leads them out. In the instant people invite Jesus to be the Lord of their lives, He begins then and there to lead them out: out of sin, bondage, sickness, darkness, and out of death itself. But what must be

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understood is that Jesus never leads His sheep out without simultaneously leading them in. We have not been led out into nothingness. He has led us out of sin into righteousness; out of bondage into freedom; out of sickness into health; out of darkness into light; out of death into life more abundantly. Out of. Into. But His willingness and ability to lead us is not limited to merely getting us out of the bad and into the good. That’s only the beginning. For anyone that will listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd and make following His voice their way of life, He will lead them out of good into better, out of better into beyond all they could ask or think.

It’s evident from the pages of Scripture that when God’s people are in trouble, He’ll stop at nothing to get them out. There is no more obvious example than in the account of the deliverance of His people enslaved in Egypt. Pharaoh had devised a plan to put taskmasters over the children of Israel and to make them “serve with rigor.” The word *rigor* means to cause to break; this was his effort to break these people from the inside out. And it was working. That is until the day when “the children of Israel groaned because of the bondage, and they cried out . . . So God heard their groaning . . . And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God acknowledged them” (Exodus 2:23-25 NKJV). The New Living Translation says that God heard their cry and “knew it was time to act.”

If you’re reading this account and looking for some great demonstration of faith on the part of God’s people, you may be hard-pressed to find it. And yet, He is moved to go to work on their behalf. For everything we’ve learned about how to

walk and live by faith, we must never forget that our faith belongs in Him, not in our ability to be technically perfect in our confession, our prayer, or our study. They cried and He acted. This is a revelation of His uncontrollable compassion on them and on us. And it was His compassion on them that led them out in style, literally loaded with silver and gold. Never forget that above all, our Father is merciful, gracious, and kind. His compassion on them brought them out, and it will do the same for you. When you stop trying to get yourself out of a mess and cry out for His help, His compassion will go to work on your behalf and rescue you out of your trouble. He delights in you, and if for no other reason, He will come to your aid when you call.

You know how the story goes: a man named Moses has a run-in with God who tells him that He has heard these people’s cries, and He wants them out. Long story short, Moses accepts God’s job offer, heads back to Egypt, and commences to lead the children of Israel out. But remember, God never leads anyone out of something without leading them into something else. God didn’t just tell Moses to lead them out of Egypt. He also told Moses to lead them into the sweet piece of property that He had picked out just for them—the Promised Land. After all God had done for them in getting them out of the old neighborhood, moving in should have been a snap. But it wasn’t. In Numbers 13, a group of spies went to check out this new land, but when they came back, the majority had made up their minds that there was no way they could take this land even though God, the One whose compassion had just moved heaven and earth to bring them out, said that this was their land and that He was just going to give it to them. They came back with all kinds of excuses. “This place has walls,” they said. “Really big ones.” “Also, the people that live there are tall. Like really really tall.” But while they were busy making excuses, there were two other guys, Joshua and Caleb, who saw things differently. The Bible says that Caleb quieted the people.

“Ya’ll, shut up!” he says. “We need to quit this complaining, get our stuff together, and go take this land right now. We are well able to overcome it.” (Exodus 13:30 NKJV.) Then Caleb’s good buddy Joshua speaks up and says,

“The land we passed through to spy out is an exceedingly good land. [The Lord] will bring us into this land and give it to us . . . The Lord is with us. Do not fear them” (Joshua 14:7-9 NKJV).

But did they listen? No. Take note here that the majority is not always right. In this case, they were wrong. Dead wrong. That’s why God told Moses that these people would not be going in and that He was going to wait until every person in this unbelieving generation was dead and gone before anyone got to move into the new neighborhood.

“Everyone except Joshua and Caleb,” He said. “I like these guys. There’s something different about them.” Now let me ask the million-dollar question: if God’s compassion on them was enough to lead them out, why wasn’t it enough to also lead them in? Was He not still merciful? Was He not still gracious and kind? Of course He was and is still today. But when it came time to lead them in, He was looking for something different from them. In a word, He was looking for courage, but courage was nowhere to be found except for in the hearts of Caleb and Joshua. Courage today, as it was on that day, is precious, rare, and not commonly found among men. But God found it in these two, and He loved it.

The majority said they were unable. The minority said they were able. They all saw the same thing, yet cowardice and courage were both present. That’s because Joshua and Caleb saw something in addition to what the others saw. Hear the spirit of courage in Joshua’s voice, and find its source in these words: “The Lord is with us.” Unlike the others who were exceedingly aware of *what* was against them, he was fully aware *Who* was with them. With this revelation came courage. Years later when Moses had died, God came to Joshua and told him over and over again, “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid . . . **for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go**” (Joshua 1:9 NIV). Joshua took courage knowing that God was with them, and he led his people into the Promised Land. God’s compassion on them had led them out, but His courage within them led them in.

Often we speak metaphorically of getting out of the boat to take a step of faith. But for a man called Peter, it was no metaphor. He was in the boat and scared out of his mind with the rest of them when they saw what they thought was a ghost walking toward them on the water. Jesus, knowing they were afraid, called out to them, “Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid” (Matthew 14:27 NKJV). This is one of Jesus’ favorite things to say, but sadly the true meaning of this statement is lost on us. We hear these words, and we think He is saying, “Cheer up!” But that isn’t at all what He is saying. Matthew

14:27 in the New Living Translation says, “Jesus spoke to them at once. ‘Don’t be afraid,’ he said. ‘Take courage. I am here!’” Courage, like every other gift of God’s grace, must be taken by faith. And where were these guys supposed to get courage in this moment? From the revelation that this was no ghost—this was Jesus. Peter decided that if Jesus were offering courage, then he was going to take some. “If that’s you, then tell me to come to you on the water,” Peter said.

“Come,” said Jesus. So Peter took the courage that came with knowing Jesus was there, and he walked on the water.

Jesus, your Good Shepherd, has already done so much in your life to lead you out of trouble the moment you cried out to Him for help. In simple faith, you acknowledged that you couldn’t get yourself out and that you were dependent on Him. But now, whether it’s days, weeks, or years later, your heart is telling you that there is more—a great adventure awaiting you. Perhaps you’ve sensed that you’re in a season of change or transition that’s been coming for quite some time, but you haven’t been sure how to move into it. Remember this: **His compassion on you has led you out. But His courage in you will lead you in.**

It’s Christmas time now, and people everywhere know this as a season of cheer—the time when people across the world

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celebrate the birth of Jesus. We are celebrating the arrival of Emmanuel—**God with us**. This is our season of cheer—our season of uncommon courage coming from the revelation that our God is with us.

You’ve been climbing the steps for some time now, and here you stand at the top with a choice to make: will you go down the blue slide or the yellow slide? One option seems safe and predictable, while the other seems a little more risky. But be of good cheer. Go down the yellow slide knowing that you’ll never slide alone. Be like Peter and Justus, and don’t be afraid to get wet. There is greatness that awaits you, but you’ll never step into it without taking the courage that Jesus has offered to you. Take heart. Take courage. And come through the other side in victory and with your hands in the air shouting, “My daddy, my God, You made me brave!” ■

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SWBC YOUTH CONFERENCE

JULY 2014 | FORT WORTH, TEXAS

This year Jeremy and Sarah continued in their partnership with Kenneth Copeland Ministries through the oversight of the youth meetings at the Southwest Believers' Convention. They ministered again this year alongside GO ministries, as well as other guest speakers and worship leaders, to impact hundreds of teenagers in over twenty services at this weeklong event.

THE LEGACY CONFERENCE

AUGUST 2014 | HYDERABAD, INDIA

This past August marked PMI's third trip to the nation of India and the first-ever International Legacy Conference. Sarah ministered to the women of The King's Temple Church in the city of Hyderabad, and together Jeremy and Sarah ministered in ten services over four days in five locations. Many were saved, healed, and enlarged in their hearts as they heard the Word on God's desire to lead them out of poverty and into His abundance.

NASHVILLE WOMEN'S PRISON

OCTOBER 2014 | NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Jeremy and Sarah were honored to minister to the ladies incarcerated in the Nashville Women's prison where they had the opportunity to lead hundreds of women in a time of worship and the Word during two evening services, as well as ministering one-on-one in several cellblocks. Hearts were changed in the presence of God as they heard about His great love and mercy.

STAND STRONG 2014

OCTOBER 2014 | EAST LONDON, SOUTH AFRICA

PMI has always had a special connection with the nation of South Africa, and Jeremy returned there to minister at the Stand Strong 2014 conference. He preached in four evening services that were televised LIVE each night via the Faith Broadcasting Network, which covers the entire continent of Africa with the added potential of millions more in Europe. This was an awesome opportunity to spread God's love to the people of Africa.



EVERY SOUL NEEDS A SHEPHERD

BY SARAH PEARSONS

CAN YOU IMAGINE what it would have felt like to be those shepherds on that starry night in the fields of Bethlehem: all of the sudden God’s glory lights up the sky, and His angel army, so ecstatic for us, can’t hold in the news of Jesus any longer. With all their might, they cry out, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!” (Luke 2:14 NKJV).

I’m sure those shepherds were filled with every kind of emotion, wide-eyed, and stunned at their very personal holiday light show spectacular and salvation-themed serenade from heaven’s choir of carolers. But most of all, after the sensational celebration faded from the sky, I imagine those shepherds standing starstruck and in awe of their generous God. This Giver-God had just sent them the gift that cost Him everything, His ultimate Christmas present to mankind—all of His peace and all of His goodness beautifully wrapped up in the person of Jesus and left right on their doorstep.

At the time, the shepherds knew they were given a savior, but they probably didn’t realize they were getting a shepherd, One who would care for every intricate detail of their lives, especially the health of their souls.

At the beginning of 2014, the Lord spoke to Jeremy and I and told us to get healthy in our souls. We knew He wanted to give us more vision and expand our sphere of influence, but our increase was contingent on us becoming healthier.

Many may ask, “Well, then did you join a gym, hire a personal trainer, or adopt a new eating plan?” But that wasn’t at all what God was dealing with us on. He wanted us to get completely healthy on the inside; strong and secure; joyful and confident; and completely anchored in His love.

We began to diagnose soul sicknesses in ourselves. Just like a sickness affecting the body, the soul can become diseased if certain symptoms are allowed to hang around: symptoms like envy, covetousness, jealousy, insecurity, pride, fear, depression, condemnation, and so many others. We have to do as the psalmist did and cry out from a tender place, “Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting” (Psalm 139:23-24 NKJV). A good shepherd is a good leader, and Jesus has truly led us into wide-open, green pastures. I believe this year has been the most freeing year of our lives, and as it comes to a close, I can honestly say we are healthier than we’ve ever been.

Jesus is your personal Soul Shepherd. He is interested in your mind becoming sound, your will becoming secure, and your emotions becoming stable. He is the guardian over your heart, and His desire is for you to be completely healthy at your core. He is not after your programmed response; He is after your heart; He is more interested in how you look on the inside than how you look on the outside. He proved this when He chose King David over his brothers and said to Samuel, “The Lord does not see as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart” (1 Samuel 16:7 NKJV).

Jesus is in His very nature the real deal, and if you’ll let Him, He will help you strip away any pretenses and soul sicknesses that are keeping you in a small place. He wants to enlarge your heart and your capacity to receive all that He has for you in this life. He also wants to entrust you with more responsibility, more people, and more resources. But in order to do this, you and I must become honest before Him, an open book. We must hand Him the pen and humbly ask Him to rewrite the theme within our pages. Only then will we be able to live out this adventure-story He has planned for us.

But how do we begin the healing process? Let’s look at Psalm 23 written by another shepherd-king. David starts by simply acknowledging that he has a shepherd. He says, “The Lord is MY shepherd” (Psalm 23:1 NKJV, emphasis mine). Even if we don’t realize it, this is a strong statement of faith. David is making an honest evaluation of himself: a shepherd and also a sheep. He understands that he may have been entrusted with some sheep, even called a “shepherd,” but he still chooses to submit himself to God. He admits his every breath comes from the Lord, every door opened by His hand, and every leading from His throne. David has learned that everything good in his life has come from the Good Shepherd.

David is confident in who he is without pretending to be something that he’s not. He knows his place, and this results in his soul settling down under God. He is comforted in the Shepherd’s shadow, and he sits “down in His shade with great delight” (Song of Solomon 2:3 NKJV). David recognizes he is a shepherd in need of the Shepherd. He takes a position of humility, and humility is a perfect picture of a soul at rest in God. A soul that RESTS is a healthy soul.

After I had my first baby, it took me a while to learn how to juggle ministry and motherhood. At times, I became overwhelmed trying to be a good wife, mommy, and minister. Stress crept into my soul as I tried to fulfill all my duties at home. I somehow managed to prepare for upcoming services while cleaning up diaper disasters and sorting through the piles of laundry that our suitcases had thrown up in our entryway.

Around that time, Jeremy and I left our little boy with my mom over the weekend while we went to minister out of the country. When I came home, I scooped him up into my arms, and we did our little nightly snuggle routine, only this time I was fairly emotional because I had missed him so much. We turned the lights down, turned up the classical harp music,

and then took off dancing around the room. Justus would lay his head on my shoulder and go completely limp in my arms. I was always so amazed at how chill he was, following my lead as I carried and whirled him sweetly around the room. This particular night I was so thankful to hold him again that I whispered in his ear, “Buddy, these are my favorite moments with you.” Immediately I heard the still, small voice of *my* Good Shepherd whisper inside me, “Sarah, these are My favorite moments with you, when you lay your head on My shoulder, REST, and let Me move.”

David goes on to write, “He makes me to lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside the still waters, He restores my soul” (Psalm 23:2-3 NKJV). I’ve been interested to learn that sheep by nature will not lie down and rest if they are hungry, stressed, nervous, or fearful. They also refuse to rest if there is any competition or conflict with the other sheep. Have any of these symptoms kept you up past your bedtime—one thought after another, your soul spinning out of control? I have found that any issues with rest are often issues of trust.

I am certain from studying the Scripture that David was tempted with the same soul issues, but I believe he did something drastically different than the majority does. When symptoms of fear, anxiety, envy, jealousy, strife, unforgiveness, competition, bitterness, or depression tried to attack his soul, he immediately recognized them as foreign feelings. As soon as he felt friction in his heart, he came clean with God. He threw every wrong emotion out in the open and left nothing hidden to fester on the inside. He did this by having honest conversations with his Good Shepherd. He wrote about it. He sang about it. He got real with himself, and he got real with God. He didn’t make excuses for his behavior, but he fell on his face and became truly repentant before the Lord.

He admitted, “This is where I’m at.” But he didn’t stop there. He went on to finish up most of his songs with a tone of sweet victory, confidently declaring, “BUT THIS IS WHO YOU ARE!” We see in Hebrews 6:19 that it is hope, confident expectation to see the goodness of God, that is the “anchor of the soul.”

At times I’ve had to speak to my soul and say over and over, “Grace is working, and I am resting. Grace is working, and I am resting.” In Psalm 103:2, David also speaks to his soul, “Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits.” In other words, remember the good things He has done for

you. A soul that REMEMBERS is a healthy soul. Using our memories to worship God refreshes the soul. The Lord gave me a song along these lines; it’s called “Arise My Soul and Sing,” and it goes like this:

A SOUL THAT REMEMBERS
IS A HEALTHY SOUL.

Looking back on all You’ve done,
The miracles, how far we’ve come
The story of Your faithfulness,
I won’t forget.
When all around was shifting sand,
You raised me up and made me stand
I’m anchored in your perfect love
I will not fear
I call to mind our history
Each memory a victory
My thankful heart alive with praise
I won’t forget
Yet I’ll say,
Arise, arise my soul and sing
Remember all the greater things
That He has done, what’s yet to come
Arise, arise my soul and sing
Give glory to the risen King
With hands held high, hearts open wide
Oh my soul, arise.

My little boy loves this song, and he makes me sing it to him every night before bed. We also start our bedtime prayer saying thank you to the Lord for everything good that He has done for us that day. For me, thanksgiving is the language of faith and the language of the joyful soul. Sometimes when I’m tempted to doubt the future of our family or ministry, I go back and remember specific moments as a little girl, as a teenager, as a college student, or even recently when my Shepherd has provided for me, led me, protected me, and kept me healthy. His faithfulness is my fuel.

In my own life, I have discovered that there is only one way to find true soul satisfaction, and that is by returning to the presence of my Shepherd. Jesus said, “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy-laden *and* overburdened, and I will cause you to rest. [I will ease and relieve and refresh your souls]” (Matthew 11:28 AMP). A soul that RETURNS is a healthy soul.

Time spent with Jesus does more for the health of our countenance than anything else. Once when David was hiding in the wilderness from King Saul, far away from the courts where God’s presence lived, he cried out, “O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for you” (Psalm 63:1 NKJV).

Sometimes after long days of ministry, preparing meals for my family, soothing a teething toddler, and listening to a very talkative four year old, I can sense that my soul just needs a drink. Many nights I sit down at my piano and take some time to sing to the Lord. Without fail, He always shows up and refreshes me. He has promised to “satisfiate the soul of the priests with abundance, And My people shall be satisfied with My goodness” (Jeremiah 31:14 NKJV). Wow, we can actually overdose on Jesus! Like David, I have learned that His presence is medicine.

The good news is because of Jesus we have been given a clean bill of health. And the more we spend time with Him, the more we start to look like Him. Jesus was and is completely healthy in His soul. What was it that gave Him so much joy? He spent all of His time preaching, teaching, healing, loving, serving, giving, and forgiving. He is addicted to blessing us!

A SOUL THAT RETURNS
IS A HEALTHY SOUL.

There is a great healing verse that we have quoted over ourselves for years; it is found in 1 Peter 2:24. Speaking of Jesus, it says, “By whose stripes, you were healed.” But have you ever made it to the finish line of that chapter? The very next verse says, “For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls” (v. 25). The health of your body is directly connected to the health of your soul. So make an appointment with the Great Physician today, and let Him diagnose your soul. His prescription will be to **rest** in His goodness, **remember** His faithfulness, and **return** to His presence. ■



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GOOD GOD!

TESTIMONIES FROM PARTNERS AND FRIENDS OF
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It was such an honor meeting your precious family tonight at my church! Your album *In Light of Love & Grace* has been a tremendous blessing to me. God has ministered to me in a way that I have finally opened up to. You see, just a few months ago, I asked God to show me more about the relationship between love and faith. I realized I was looking at God like I looked at my earthly father. We didn’t have an intimate father/daughter relationship. I never crawled up in my dad’s lap as a child; he didn’t tuck me in and kiss me goodnight; and he rarely told me he loved me, though I was confident he did. It actually felt strange to tell my dad I loved him, though I did with all my heart. This was a direct reflection of my relationship with God. I prayed, read the Word, started learning to walk by faith, was in ministry, etc. I thought I had a pretty good relationship with God, but when it came to calling Him “Daddy” (as with my earthly father), I felt strange, especially when it came to saying, “I love you” to my heavenly Father. So I got in faith, believing that God was going to show Himself as Daddy to me. That night when I heard you sing, “Thank You for Loving Me” I knew I needed to get the album. As you ministered those words to me, I began to see who my Daddy is. I started to have a burning desire to just love on the Lord by singing out “I cry out, I have a Daddy! I cry out, He loves me!”

This revelation has also had an impact on the relationship I have with my earthly father, as we both are now telling each other “I love you.” My dad, who had fallen away from God for close to twenty-five years, is now seeing the goodness and love of God in a whole new way. And, as I have finally accepted God as Abba Father, any trace of fear that has tried to rise up quickly gets cast down. Glory to God. After ten years, I know my Daddy and my daddy! Thank you for the seed sown into my life. It is life changing and so liberating!

Tawnya

I have been so moved by your teachings. This latest one on kindness and love has resonated with my heart, and I am very happy to share that IT WORKS! I have seen the favor of God and the favor of men in new ways. I always tried to show Jesus’ love, but the amount of hypocrisy I was wallowing in just did not allow me to truly receive. I first became aware of you as

a teacher, husband, and father when you and Sarah were on the *BVOV*, and you shared what Sarah means to you. The love you showed her brought tears to her eyes and to mine, and it brought a sense that I had missed out on something in life. But Jesus showed me He has always been there to fill the void, and He would never leave me or forsake me. It has been my pleasure to record the last two weeks of *BVOV* and take notes as you taught. My quotient of favor with God and men has skyrocketed! And it is genuine. I have adopted the prayer of authenticity, as I put it; and the Lord has “given me the desires of my heart” and removed, actually is removing, all that is not genuine in my love for God and people.

Sandy

Recently you were on television with Keith Moore and I was in another room, but I felt the Lord prompt me to rewind and listen to what you were saying. You said you were speaking to a mom who had been struggling for years believing for healing for her child. My son was diagnosed with autism when he was four years old—he is nineteen years old now. You said that this mom had given 100 percent and even more. My son graduated from high school in 2013. He graduated third in his class but had no social skills or understanding of anything to do with abstract ideas. My husband even retired from his job so that we could provide the support Matthew needs to be successful in college.

When I heard you speak, I knew you were speaking directly to us. When you and Keith prayed, I prayed with you binding the spirit of autism. Later when you referred to autism by name, that was all the confirmation I needed. I ran out to the garage to tell my husband and have him listen to what you had just said. We were both weeping and praising God that our boy is healed. We are so excited to see how God will move in our son’s and our family’s lives. Thank you for being faithful and speaking out what the Holy Spirit was prompting you to say. WE BELIEVE. We are fully persuaded; Praise God who is always good.

George and Debbie Fitch

PARTNER CONNECTION

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inside the song

“You Restore My Soul”

FROM *STRENGTH & BEAUTY IN THE PRESENCE OF THE HEALER*

“You Restore My Soul” is simply a song lifted from the pages of Scripture. I’ve always loved Psalm 23 and admired the way David could see an image on the inside and then use his words to paint a clear picture. Words, especially when put to music, contain piercing power. They can be used to hurt, or they can be used to heal. Here, David’s words take us to glistening green pastures and peaceful waters. Our hearts find rest as we study the stride of our Good Shepherd guiding, feeding, restoring, and protecting us.

There was no need for me to try and add to such a perfect song, so I just sang it in a way that I could remember by rhyming the end words:

*The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want
He makes me rest in pastures green,
The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want,
By waters still He leads me.*

I’m a big believer in singing just the Word of God. David expresses his love for the Word when he pours out his heart in Psalm 119: “Your decrees (Your Words) have been the theme of my songs wherever I have lived” (Psalms 119:54 NLT, parenthesis mine). The Message translation says, “I hang onto these words for dear life!”

To me, the theme of this Psalm is soul restoration; every soul needs to be restored every day. That’s why Romans 12:1 encourages us to RENEW our minds every chance we get.

Sometimes, just before bed I like to read or sing this psalm to wind down. I’m amazed how it comforts and calms my soul. I can even sense tension from the day fall away as I read on. The Word goes to work on my mind, and faith comes as I meditate on how good my good shepherd

really is. The Message Bible says, “His powerful Word is sharp as a surgeon’s scalpel, cutting through everything, whether doubt or defense, laying us open to listen and obey” (Hebrews 4:12-13 MSG). By singing the Word, we can sing sickness away. Singing is God’s sedative for our souls.

In our version of this song, we decided to repeat the chorus over and over as a statement of faith:

*You restore my soul, You restore my soul,
give me life and make me whole.*

Jeremy and I arranged the second verse together:

*I will sit at the table You’ve prepared for me.
Here I am safe from the enemy:
I will feast on Your love and Your mercy;
for death has lost its hold on me!*

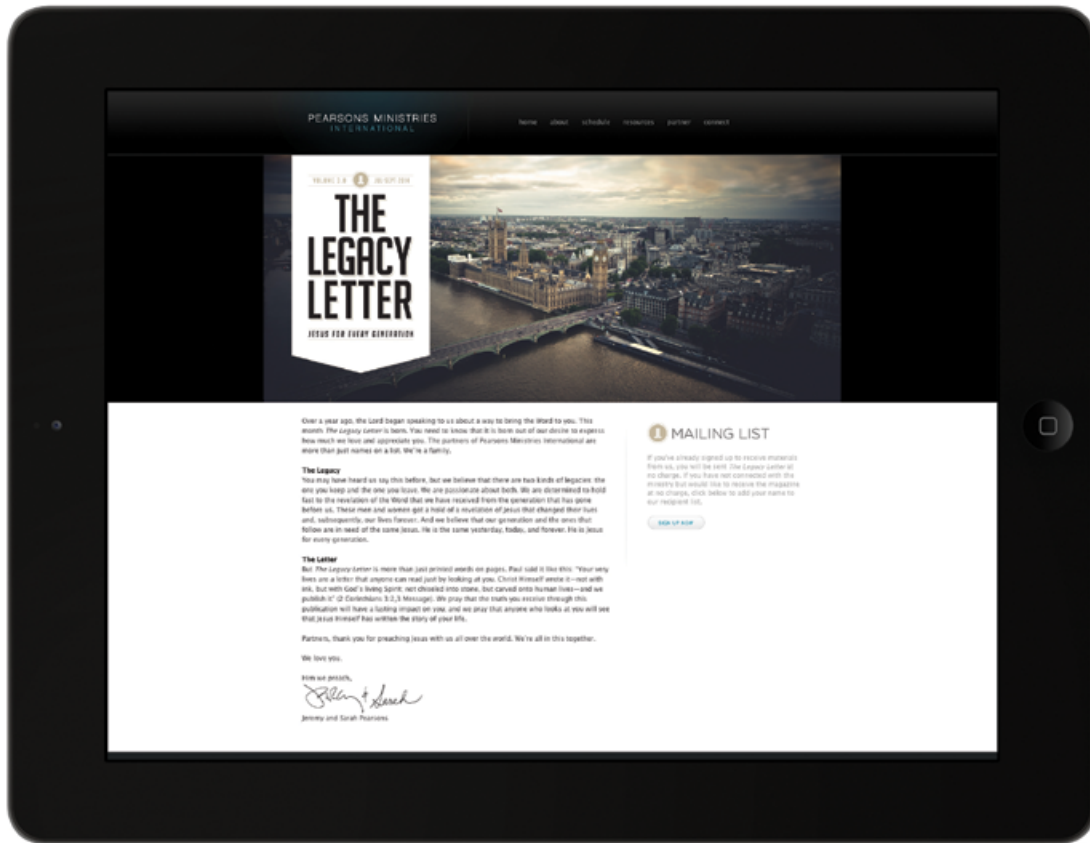
*We wanted to help people resist fear as they sang the bridge:
Though I walk through the shadows I will
not fear, for my shepherd is with me here.*

I love how David ends his song: “Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever” (Psalm 23:6 NKJV). Every time you turn around, goodness and mercy are following you.



MUSIC RESOURCE

You can listen online and download “*You Restore My Soul*” from the album *Strength & Beauty in the Presence of The Healer* by Sarah Pearsons. Available now on iTunes or visit: www.pearsonsmministries.com/music.



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