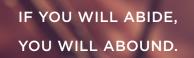


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We are glad to know that the ninth issue of The Legacy Letter has found its way to you. By the grace of God this magazine continues to expand its reach into hearts and homes around the world, with the purpose of serving our generation with faith in God.

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In addition to new articles and great testimonies, we've got some pretty big news to share with you in this issue. Enjoy!

We love you,

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Jeremy and Sarah Pearsons

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A LIFE ABIDING

BY JEREMY PEARSONS

I never again want to see the look I saw in the eyes of my precious little girl the night she suddenly came under attack from a sickness that made it difficult for her to breathe. She'd completely lost her voice, too, but she didn't have to say anything because the panic in her eyes told the whole story. Doing her best to sleep, she lay in our bed and I lay right beside her with my hand gently on her back. "In the name of Jesus," I said, "little lungs, you be free and be clear." I must have said those words a hundred times or more in addition to the many scriptures I read over her through the course of that night. I wasn't scared at the presence of sickness in my home. I knew better than to yield to fear. But I was, however, frustrated by the total lack of power I sensed in my words and my prayers over her. My words were good, but something was missing, and I knew it.

All through that night, the Lord was so merciful to us and to Jessie. After a visit to the family doctor the next day, she bounced right back and began doing much better. But I was still very aware that something was seriously wrong, not with her but with me. I needed to be able to lay hands on my daughter with confidence, knowing that what was in me was greater than what was against me. Over the next twenty-four hours, I came face-to-face with the answer to my problem, and I'm thankful it didn't take any longer than that to see how to fix this serious lack of power.

Several months before this ordeal, the Lord had begun to deal with me about spending a little extra time with Him and His Word. For me, this meant one very clear thing: I was going to have to turn the television off. Without realizing it, I was watching two or more hours of TV every day, and most all of it was at night when I got into bed.

"IF YOU ABIDE IN ME, AND MY WORDS ABIDE IN YOU, YOU WILL ASK WHAT YOU **DESIRE. AND IT SHALL BE DONE FOR** YOU. BY THIS MY FATHER IS GLORIFIED, THAT YOU BEAR MUCH FRUIT; SO YOU WILL BE MY DISCIPLES."

You see, by the end of the day, I would be so tired in my mind and in my body that all I wanted to do was turn my brain off and "check out" as they say. I distinctly remember reaching for the remote on several occasions and hearing that familiar voice on the inside say, "Jeremy,

it's time to press in." I knew exactly what it meant, but in my mind, opening the Bible meant I would be preparing messages, which meant I'd be working; and I was too tired to work. Time and again, I ignored the voice. Then, one day in October, I went to have lunch with my grandfather. As we sat there and talked, he began to tell me how the Lord had been correcting him about how much TV he, too, had been watching. He told me that he wasn't going to be feeding on anything but the Word of God night and day with the same sense of urgency and expectation he had decades ago. Clearly, he had heard the exact same voice I'd heard; only he responded to it much more promptly than I did. I left lunch that day knowing this was God once again speaking to me. Before I

got home, I called Sarah and told her we'd be shutting off the television and the movies, and we'd be getting into the Word again. I deleted all the TV and movie-watching apps from my iPhone[™] and iPad[™].

> I was serious... sort of. Despite my best intentions, three days later, I had added back all the apps and was lying in bed again, tired from the demands of family and ministry, trying my hardest to drown it all out with an hour or two of television.

Now, please don't

misunderstand me. I was still reading my Bible, and I was still praying; but the Lord was calling me deeper, yet I wasn't yielding. In the time that I was spending in the Word, I was led again and again to John 15:7-8: Jesus says, "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in

you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples." I knew Jesus was calling me back into a life abiding in Him, but my flesh was determined not to go there. Then came that night in December when Jessie, my sweet little girl, could barely breathe; and though my confession was good, I felt powerless against the attack. The next day I asked the Lord what the problem was. I heard that voice again. "Jeremy," He said, "you're trying to bear fruit without abiding." That was all I needed to hear. I turned off anything and everything that was not going to feed our faith, and this time I did it for good.

Several other significant challenges arose during the same time that Jessie got sick, and I began to see clearly why Jesus had started months before that calling me back into the abiding place. He knew that I was going to need to bear some pretty big fruit, and there was no way I'd be able to do that without abiding in Him.

To abide simply means to stay, remain, or continue in one place. Jesus said in John 15:4 WUEST, "Maintain a living communion with Me." This train of thought began in John 15 by Jesus identifying Himself as the vine and us as the branches. As long as the branch stays connected to the vine, it's going to bear fruit because in that connection is a living communion between the two. Everything that branch needs to survive and bear fruit is flowing to it from the vine. But in the moment the branch is disconnected and that communion is lost, so is all the life that branch needs to survive. Jesus said it this way: "The branch cannot bear fruit of itself" (John 15:4). You've never once seen a dead stick lying on the ground with

a ripened piece of fruit on the end. For that branch to have any fruit on it, it must stay connected to the tree. Jesus went on to say, "neither can you [bear fruit] unless you abide in Me." A Christian that won't abide in Jesus is as powerless to bear fruit as the stick that's been disconnected from the tree. But if you will abide, then you will abound. It really is that simple. Praying for the sick and seeing them recover is major fruit. Stopping a deadly disease in its tracks with our God-given authority is the kind of fruit we are called to bear and the kind of fruit that glorifies God. But expecting to bear these kinds of fruit without maintaining a living communion with Jesus will serve only to frustrate our faith.

To abide in Jesus is to stay in His Word and to let His Word stay in you. The first thing we did after we turned off the television was turn on the preaching. I am of the opinion that every believer should be listening to at least one faith-filled, Jesus-magnifying, anointed sermon every single day. Making this adjustment is easier than you may think. You could easily listen to at least one whole message just in the time you spend getting ready for school or work, driving to and from the house, or getting ready for bed.

At the beginning of 2016, Sarah and I committed to giving a tithe of our time back to God. He so graciously gives us twenty-four hours every day, so we are giving ten percent of that to prayer, to reading our Bibles, and to listening to men and women of God preach the Word with passion, boldness, and sincerity. Making this simple change has not only increased our faith, but it has also introduced a whole new level of peace and calm in our home. With a five-year-old and a two-year-old in our

house, we welcome all the peace and calm we can get.

In these verses, Jesus not only instructs what many of Jesus' disciples considered us to abide in His Word but to also to be a hard word, John 6:66 says, "From abide in His love. This, of course, is that time many of His disciples went accomplished in part by reading and back and walked with Him no more." meditating on scriptures that reveal the When I read this, I have to ask, what unsearchable depths of the love that God has for us. But according to Jesus, TO ABIDE IN JESUS IS TO STAY IN HIS we maintain a living communion with His love WORD AND TO LET HIS WORD STAY by loving others. Here it is important to note that IN YOU. everything Jesus said in John 15 led into one very powerful statement in John 16:1 KJV: "These things have did they go back to? And what would I spoken to you, that you should not I be going back to that would be worth be offended." One of the meanings of severing my connection with Himthe word offended is "to be separated." more mindless TV watching? When Is that not a picture of what happens Jesus turned to the twelve and asked to people who were once close to each them if they were planning on bailing other but have allowed something to out, too, Peter answered Him in verse 68 get between them? If their differences saying, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You are magnified and allowed to grow, the have the words of eternal life." space created by offense will sever their living communion and the relationship After you've had a taste of the fruit that will be fruitless. It is especially sad to see comes from abiding in Jesus, you'll say a husband and wife that were made one the same thing to Jesus that Peter did: in the sight of God allow offense between "There is no place I'd rather be, Lord, them that gives way to separation and than right here with You. And I am divorce. It is literally a tearing apart, determined that by Your grace and by and the fruit they were called to bear the help of His Spirit, I am never again together will never be born. With the going to allow anything to create space fruit that we know we are called to bear, between You and me. I have entered into Sarah and I have resolved together to the abiding life, and I am not coming give no place to strife in our marriage. out." 🔳 There will always be opportunity for it but, for the sake of our children, our WATCH & LISTEN ONLINE ministry, and our calling to each other, we refuse to allow anything to create Visit the resources page at www.pearsonsministries.com/resources to space between us. I have found that watch or listen to free messages by Jeremy and since I started giving more of my day Sarah Pearsons. to God's Word, my love for my wife is fueled by a deepening revelation of God's love for me.

Jesus said in John 8:32 that a disciple is simply someone who will abide or continue in His Word. After preaching



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Before we launched into Pearsons Ministries International, we found our call in Colossians 1:28. Paul very simply states, "Him we preach." But as we take this next big step, the rest of this verse is becoming just as significant. Like Paul and so many others, we preach Jesus, "warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present **every** man perfect in Christ

Jesus."

Clearly, Paul was aiming for nothing short of covering the entire world with the good news about

In 2013, our assignment in this ministry became very clear. In addition to the publication of *The Legacy Letter*, we were to begin taking steps towards a global television outreach. Then the Lord spoke to us out of Psalm 2:8 saying, "Ask of Me, and I will give you the nations." We've realized two things in light of this verse. First, if we aren't asking for nations, then we aren't asking big enough. Second, through the platform of television, we will gain far-reaching access into the nations as our broadcast airs

in homes and affects families all over the world.

Since the time this vision first began to grow in us, Jesus has graciously enabled us to purchase our first round of television equipment, which is already being put to use. He has also put us on a piece of property with access to a fully functional television studio. With the equipment we have in hand, we are now able to launch *Legacy TV*.

Jesus. The same audacity is alive in us today as we aim to reach no less than every man we possibly can. This dream can be a reality but only when we realize the difference between "Him we preach" and "Him I preach." The preaching of the gospel was never supposed to be a one-man show. It requires participation and cooperation from every believer.





"HIM WE PREACH, WARNING EVERY MAN AND TEACHING EVERY MAN IN ALL WISDOM, THAT WE MAY **PRESENT EVERY MAN PERFECT IN CHRIST JESUS.**"









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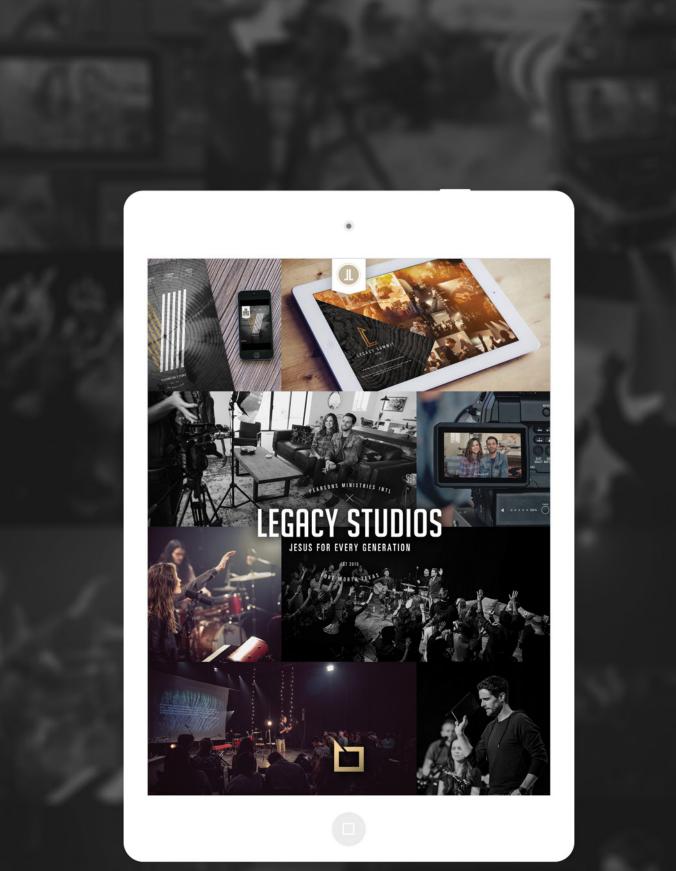
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SECRET PETITIONS BY SARAH PEARSONS

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"THIS STORY WILL MAKE YOU BELIEVE IN GOD."

That is what Jeremy and I tell people who ask us how we first met. It was the summer of 2006. I was twentythree and living in Branson, Missouri. For some reason, I had the desire to attend a conference that August in Fort Worth, Texas. I had never been and didn't know why, but as the days went by, I had a stronger and stronger urge to go. There was just one problem. I had already taken all of my vacation time at work for that year. But the desire to go grew so big in me that I finally decided it wasn't just something I could do but something I should do. So I gave my two-week notice and quit my job! At the time, it seemed like a huge and risky step, but now I look back and know God was setting me up for one of the greatest miracles of my life.

I went to the conference with a friend who was quite a bit younger than me, and toward the end of the meetings, she asked if I would go with her to a youth service. I reluctantly made my way through the massive crowd of teenagers and found a seat toward the back of the room. I was slightly disappointed that I had to miss hearing the speaker in the main auditorium. That is until this one REALLY GOOD-LOOKING GUY stood up to speak. I was wide-eyed and mesmerized as he began to minister on the faith of David and his triumph over Goliath. As he preached, all of my soul was stirred, and I kept wondering, "Why, oh, why is my heart beating so fast?" If there were a cartoon version of me in that moment, I would've had hearts for eyes. I kept thinking to myself, He has got to be my husband.

After returning home, I quickly snapped back to reality and came to terms with what had really happened: I had just seen a handsome guy teaching under the anointing. That was it. I told myself that had to have just been my flesh talking. Nevertheless, I told my brothers about this great young preacher that they had to look up online, and when Jeremy's face came on the screen, those same feelings rushed over me again. My good friend Jenny, who is related to Jeremy, would call me to talk; and it took everything in me not to ask, "Why didn't you tell me about your cousin?" But I knew I shouldn't say anything to anyone about him. I had a sense from the Lord that this was supposed to be our little secret.

Four months went by, and my desire to meet Jeremy grew to the point that I couldn't hold it in any longer. On New Year's Eve night I prayed, "Lord, I ask You to make a way for me to meet Jeremy."

A few weeks later, I made my first vision book where I placed pictures and scriptures for everything I was believing God for that year. I decided to make a husband page and even put a picture of Jeremy in my book. I know that sounds crazy, but I did it just to lift my vision and remind myself I was believing for a godly husband.

Just one month later, I received a call from a friend who said, "Sarah, would you ever be interested in meeting Jeremy Pearsons? He's had you on his heart, and he doesn't know why."

"WHAT?!" I mouthed silently, trying to keep my cool on the outside even though I was flipping out on the

inside. I nonchalantly replied, "Yeah, sure, why not? If he's ever in town, I wouldn't be opposed to hanging out with everybody." Then I hung up the phone, lifted my hands to heaven, and shouted, "Lord, how did You do this?"

I knew this was all God. It had to be. No one else knew because I had kept the whole thing a secret.

When I heard Jeremy was going to be attending a meeting at my church in just a month, I was excited to say the least. But when I was given inside information that he was secretly coming to meet me, I was ecstatic. Knowing that I was about to meet my husband, I spent a whole month working out and prepping my outfits to prepare for his arrival. Hey, don't judge me. Just think: Queen Esther spent six months soaking in oils, and then six more months at the palace beauty salon fitting herself for her king.

But seriously, it really was love at first sight. We never lacked for conversation, and we clicked on a whole other level. He had heard that I was a songwriter, and after a few days, he asked me to sing for him. I played him one of my first songs called "Faithful," and as the last note rang out, I mustered up enough courage to look up at him. He sat silent at the end of the piano just staring at me. Finally, he said sweetly, "Tell me we have a chance." He claims that I never answered him, just giggled and walked away.

I found out later that he had seen a picture of me back in October, just two months after I saw him for the first time, and he said to himself, "I'm going to marry that girl." He was a youth pastor at the time, and one night before service, he knelt on the floor of his closet to pray. He inquired of the Lord on what to preach for service, but all he could think about was the girl in the picture. He couldn't shake it, finally gave in, and said, "Lord, if you want to talk about Sarah, let's talk about Sarah." Even though we had never met, he stood up from his prayer time knowing that we were going to meet in March, be married in September, and go to Africa together in October. And it all happened just like that!

My God had given me the secret petitions of my heart. Psalm 37:4 AMP says, "Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He will give you the desires and secret petitions of your heart." To make a petition is to request or to ask for something desired. To petition can also mean to press. I've learned that if I want God's best in my life, it won't just fall on me; I have to press for it. I have to go after it. Pressing into God is not the same thing as putting pressure on people. I'm talking about possessing a kind of faith that presses into His presence, faith that presses into prayer, faith that presses into praise, and faith that presses into His plan. This kind of faith will press beyond its natural boundaries, lay hold of a promise with both hands, and refuse to let go. I'm not talking about a dead faith that just copies what it's always seen and known. I'm talking about a living faith that draws a line in the sand and chooses to step over, pressing past what it's always seen and always known, daring to believe that there's something more.

For example, if you've come from a

where the Good Shepherd is leading you and feeding you and bringing you into the best shape of your life. Real Bible faith is not rational and cannot be reasoned. Don't try to figure it out in your head. Choose to believe with your heart. You have to press for God's best.

A petition can also be a paper soliciting a favor, right, or mercy. Can you imagine God our Father in heaven sitting down to read the pile of petitions that clutter His desk every day? Sadly, He is unable to approve so many of these prayers because they are full of doubt, worry, and unbelief; for we find in Hebrews 11:6 that "without faith it is impossible to please Him."

broken family, and all you've ever seen and all you've ever known is strife and divorce; if you want better, you must press into God and believe that He can and will give you a healthy home and a marriage made in heaven. If everyone in your family has been diagnosed with the same disease, you must press past your medical history and choose to trust that "the Lord will take away from you all sickness, and will afflict you with none of the terrible diseases... which you have known" (Deut. 7:15). If you've only ever lived from paycheck to paycheck, you have to imagine yourself stepping out of a dry land and pressing into wide-open pastures But as He scans the stack, there are a few petitions that force Him to stop, command His attention, and bring a smile to His face. He moves these to the top of the pile, and they become His favorites, not because He is a respecter of persons but because He is a respecter of faith. At the top of these, He stamps His signature seal of approval.

When I decided to present my visionbook petition to the Lord and ask Him for an opportunity to meet Jeremy, I didn't just fling up a prayer and hope that He would answer it. I had spent time delighting in God and seeking

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His will for my life. I threw myself into my ministry and serving at my church; I spent the majority of my time in the Word, enjoying His presence. My parents look back on that time and can joke about it now, but they were concerned about me becoming an old maid because I was spending most of my evenings downstairs by myself reading my Bible and writing songs.

I believe one of the main reasons people do not receive their secret petitions is they have simply stopped enjoying the Lord and have started seeking things. Psalm 37:4 ERV says, "Enjoy serving the Lord, and He will give you whatever you ask for." In the Living Bible, it says, "Be delighted with the Lord. Then He will give you all your heart's desires." And my favorite is in The Message: "Keep company with God, get in on the best."

Leep company with God, get in on the best. Psalm 37:4

I mentioned Esther earlier, but let's take a closer look at her story. She gives us a great example to follow when presenting a petition to the Lord. Esther first hears of the decree to destroy the Jews from her uncle Mordecai when he pleads with her to go into the king and petition him to save her people. At first she is unsure, unsettled, and reluctant to go because she does not know the king's heart on the matter. To enter into the king's inner court without being called for could very likely mean death for her. But Mordecai encourages her to press past her fear of death and ASK BIG. He says, "For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:14).

The first step in presenting your petition is to speak up and ask. So many people never see the desires of their hearts because they don't stop to ask. James 4:2 ESV says, "You do not have, because you do not ask."

Esther is slow and strategic with her petition. She doesn't freak out when she hears the bad report, and she doesn't just run to the king and frantically beg

for his help. She calls for a fast and seeks the Lord. Then she "put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the king's palace," and when he sees her "standing in the court, she found favor in his sight" saying to her, "What do you wish, Queen Esther? What is your request? It shall be given to you-up to half the kingdom!"" (Esther 5:1-3).

Now, because of Jesus, we have it even better than Esther! We are to come boldly before His throne of grace wearing our royal robes of righteousness, being fully aware that He loves us, knowing His favor goes before us and that His greatest desire is to give us the riches of His kingdom.

At the sound of bad news, we're never supposed to fly off the handle, fearfully spouting off scriptures and confessions without any power. Esther takes her time with the king, arranges several encounters with him, and creates opportunities to find and discover his will in the situation. And when she is convinced of his love for her and his willingness to bless her, then she presents her petition. "If it pleases the king, and if I have found favor in his sight and the thing seems right to the king...let it be written to revoke the letters...which [Haman] wrote to annihilate the Jews" (Esther 8:5).

She doesn't just march in demanding that he grant her desires, but with a humble heart and with great honor, she solicits his will on the subject. Notice she says, "If it pleases the king... and the thing seems right to the king."

We shouldn't just want our way; we should want His will. First John 5:14-15 says, "Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him."

The king gives Esther the petitions of her heart and says, "You yourselves write a decree concerning the Jews, as you please, in the king's name, and seal it with the king's signet ring; for whatever is written in the king's name and sealed with the king's signet ring no one can revoke" (Esther 8:8).

I want to encourage you today to delight BIG and dream BIG. Approach His throne with great confidence knowing that you are loved and favored by the King, and it is His delight to give you His kingdom. Begin to enjoy Him again, and He will give you the secret petitions of your heart.

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We would love to hear what our GOOD GOD is doing in your life. Please contact us at info@pearsonsministries.com with your testimonies and requests for prayer. Jeremy, Sarah, and the Pearsons Ministries team pray regularly over their partners and friends.

God has impacted us through Pearsons Ministries in so many ways. I love meditating on the word you spoke from Luke 12:15 NLT: "Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own." How powerful!

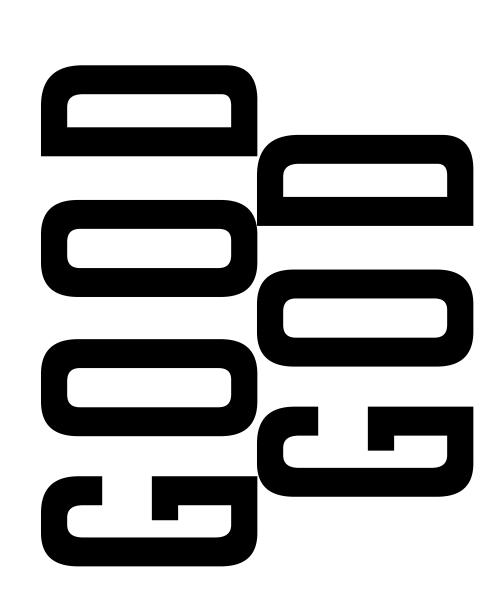
We have been married for twelve years. Early in our marriage, we made many unwise decisions and found ourselves in a tremendous amount of debt. We believed we would one day own our own home, but we decided to take the first five years of our marriage to pay off over seventy thousand dollars of debt. During this time, we listened to "Patience Under Pressure" and "Feeding on the Faithfulness of God," and we knew He would supply our home at the right time.

We believe that once we finally had our hearts in the right place of knowing that to be true, God had an open door to work in our lives. We started looking for homes in October of 2015, knowing our current home lease wouldn't end until April 2016. After finding a house we liked, we started the process of getting approved for a loan. We began to understand God's timing and see how God had been working in the years leading up to this: our credit score was above excellent in the eyes of the lenders, and the realtor said she had never seen anyone offered a loan for such little money down. However, we soon realized that what was required was still more money than we could see in the bank. We told the owner of the home we could not move forward until that money was in our hands.

Your teachings have helped us learn how to be abased and abound. We learned to not be emotional over the things of this world because they are only things. We went on about our life, and then my husband heard a word from the Lord that God was doing something for us in the realm of our finances. Two days later, the owner of the house called. She said, "We want to make you an offer to buy our house," and then she proceeded to propose dropping the price of the home, adding the highest home warranty available, paying closing costs, and including an additional thousand dollars for any extra updates. We took the offer before the Lord, and we felt the release to move forward. We then received a gift to completely cover the down payment, so we closed on the house in under four weeks. Our house payment is now less than our previous rent payment! It is truly a gift from God. We are now believing to be debt free in this home. We cannot thank you enough for your words of encouragement in your sermons throughout this process.

We appreciate you guys so very much. It is an honor for us to partner with you every month. Thank you for all you do!





About five years ago, I really struggled with my health—mentally, spiritually, and physically. I tried everything I knew, but nothing really pulled me out, until I saw you both on a BVOV broadcast and heard about your album, Strength and Beauty in the Presence of the Healer. The first time I listened to the CD, I wept and wept. It was soothing to my soul. I listened to the CD over and over, day and night, during early morning walks, and while I drove. I took it everywhere for about a year. The Lord used your music and lyrics to heal my soul, my body, and so much more. What a priceless treasure it has been to me. I am so thankful for your attention to Scripture and the authenticity of this music. The Lord is so faithful, and I am so thankful.

The Lord started speaking to me about making little adjustments in the way I've been thinking about finances and other things that were counterproductive. As I continue to choose to obey, things are opening up more and more. Favor has been increasing, ministry assignments have been opening up, and I continue to have so much more peace and joy. What seemed impossible is now something I realize God can still do, even through me. It's much more than just debt elimination and building an adequate emergency fund; it's increased giving as the Lord continues to prosper me, and I am becoming a more effective minister of His Word to those He assigns me to.

Thank you for your obedience to the Lord, which He has used mightily in my life.



Pearsons Ministries has been so kind to always respond with personal and encouraging responses. Both of the sermon suggestions you sent, "Jesus Is" and the "Careful for Nothing" series are absolutely awesome and encouraging messages. We love you guys so much. And now I get to respond with a praise report! A day after I emailed a prayer request to you, someone we know called and said they wanted to sow some money into our family. It was the exact amount we needed to pay our taxes in full. Praise the Lord!

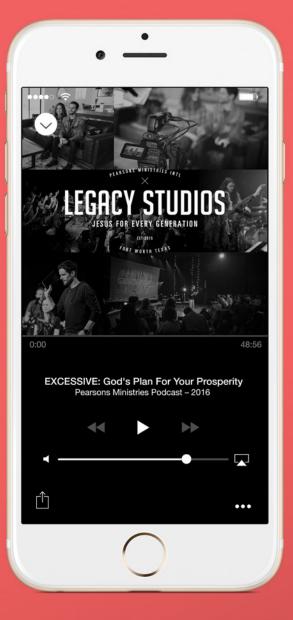
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It is such a blessing to partner with what God is doing in your ministry. And, in so doing, the Lord is beginning to change my financial situation around for the better!







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