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Hallelujah! Glorious, exciting, colossal, stupendous NEWS! We have just concluded an agreement with LESEA Broadcasting in South Bend, Indiana to purchase WHFT-TV, Channel 45 in MIAMI, FLORIDA!

Channel 45 has carried some Christian programming, but has been operated primarily as a wholesome family entertainment channel - BUT NOW, you and I will have the GREAT JOY of bringing 100%, 24-hour a day CHRISTIAN TELEVISION to our nation's 14th largest city - MIAMI! Praise the Lord!

Channel 45 is a powerful 5 million watt station (the maximum power FCC allows) that covers the whole southern end of Florida. Nearly six million souls live under the signal of its coverage. In many ways Miami is like Los Angeles, it is a melting pot of humanity. Many thousands of Cubans who fled the Castro regime, many Puerto Ricans, many Jewish, plus many retired people. What a glorious opportunity to preach the GOSPEL OF JESUS to millions who are lost! In addition, the Florida Tourist Bureau estimates that 10 million visitors come to Miami each year, many who stay the winter months very similar to the 'Snow Birds' of Phoenix. We can reach them too!

We will immediately file for a new Satellite Transmitter Dish so that we may send live *Praise The Lord* from either coast! Praise the Lord!!

Oh, beloved Partners....it is finally happening just as God revealed to us nearly seven years ago when TBN was born. Many of you will remember that original VISION given to Jan and me by a Word of PROPHECY - From Hannah's prayer of thanksgiving to God came this message to TBN in 1973:

...the barren hath born seven; (1 Samuel 2:5)

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(SATURDAY'S COMING!)



John Osteen: Developing an Unshakable Confidence in God

Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

—MARK 11:24

First you hear the Word of God on something about your family, your body, your mind, your emotions, your finances, your business—*whatever it is you desire*.

Then you *pray* and *believe* that you *receive*. You do not believe you *have*; you believe you *receive*. And you *shall have*.

I want to discuss the period of time between *ye shall receive* and *ye shall have*. It may be an hour, a day, a week, a month, or a year between the time you see the truth, believe the Word of God, reach out with hands of faith, and receive it in your spirit. I repeat: It may be an hour, a day, a week, a month, or a year before *ye shall have* it comes to pass.

If there is ever a time the devil will try to shake your confidence in God and His Word, it is between the time you say, "I do now *believe* I have received" and the time you see the manifestation and say, "I *have* it." In that time, you have to make up your mind whether you have any confidence in God and His Word or not.

Faith has a divine rest.

Many of you are waiting for a manifestation right now. You saw what the Word of God said about your need. You believed the Word of God. You received from God. And now you are waiting to see your child come home, to get your marriage straightened out, or to have healing manifested in your body.

What should you do during this time when the devil wants to shake your confidence in God? What shows your unshakable confidence in God between the time you've believed and the manifestation? A rest that simply looks up into the face of God and praises Him, because you know it's yours in spite of all the devil can say to you. Live a life of praise that glorifies God and confesses the Word in joy before the Father's throne. The Bible says, "*Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me*" (Ps. 50:23).

I have three daughters. They are just like angels: They haven't got a thing on earth to wear! They are always wanting dresses. Always.

Suppose I promise my little girl a dress, and I say to her, "Now, darling, this is Monday. You just trust me, now. I'm going to buy you a dress on Saturday."

I've got one happy little daughter! I mean, she turns handsprings because she's going to get a dress on Saturday.

What does she do between Monday and Saturday? She lives in joy. She can just see that new dress. She's already wearing that dress by faith. There's not a doubt in her mind. She tells everybody, "I'm going to have my dress Saturday. I got a new dress. It's mine. It's mine."

"Well, I don't see it," someone may tell her.

"Yeah, but it's mine. It'll manifest Saturday. I've got it. My Daddy said I've got a dress."

"You mean you're so dumb, standing out here on the playground thanking your Daddy for a dress and you don't even have it? You can't even see it?"

And she'd say, "Yes, it's mine. It's mine. It's mine!"

Why does she get happy on Monday, and rejoice on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday?

Because she knows Saturday's coming!

She knows that Saturday is coming as sure as the sun rises and sets!

Never once does she come back and say, "Now, Daddy, are you sure you're not lying to me?" Never once does she go out looking downcast and say to her friends, "My Daddy said I was going to get a dress, but you know I can't trust him. He's probably just lying to me."

No, she would never say that, because she's got confidence in my word from Monday until Saturday. She just praises, lives in joy, and sees that dress on herself. **She knows Saturday is coming!**

Every trial, every sickness, every trouble that comes your way is the devil trying to shake your confidence in God. Faith is not in begging God and letting the devil shake your confidence in the Lord. Just simply begin to praise God and thank Him.

Praise is faith at work. In between Monday and Saturday, we ought to praise God because the dress is on the way, and as far as we're concerned, we've got it. Brother and sister, that will give the devil a nervous breakdown!

In Romans 4, it says Abraham grew "*strong in faith, giving glory to God*" (v. 20). He praised God before he ever saw Isaac. He looked up and said, "Saturday is coming. Saturday is coming. Saturday is coming." He grew strong in faith as he looked at the Word of God and praised God that His Word could not be shaken. Abraham had an unshakable confidence in God.

Somebody said, "Well, Jesus certainly would not praise God before a manifestation." Jesus stood before Lazarus' tomb and praised God *while Lazarus was still dead*.

Jesus functioned in the same law that I'm talking about. While Lazarus was still dead, Jesus was saying, "I thank You that he's alive. I thank You that he's out of the grave."

Another wonderful illustration is found in the Book of Jonah. The Word of the Lord came to Jonah to go preach in Ninevah, but instead of obeying, Jonah paid his passage on a ship and ran the other way.

Soon a storm was raging. The sailors were trying to find out what was wrong. Finally Jonah admitted, "I'm the cause. I'm the rebel. The storm is here because of me. Throw me overboard and you'll have peace."

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But God had prepared a great big whale, and as they threw Jonah overboard, that whale came up at God's direction, opened his mouth, and down that slipping slide went Jonah.

You think *you've* got troubles? As Jonah slides down the inside of that whale, he figures he's going to die immediately, but he doesn't. There he sits in that whale's stomach in all the slime and gastric juices, seaweed wrapped around his head.

I'm telling you, brother, you don't have troubles at all compared to Jonah. Yet in the midst of that whale, Jonah found deliverance.

If Jonah got out of a whale, surely you can get out of a whale of a lot of trouble!

I want you to see what Jonah did. In chapter 2, it says, *"Then Jonah prayed unto the Lord his God out of the fish's belly"* (Jonah 2:1). If Jonah could pray inside of a fish, you can certainly pray in your trouble!

"When my soul fainted within me I remembered the Lord," Jonah said (v. 7). If you can just get your eyes on the eternal Almighty God who created the heaven and the earth, there's hope for you.

Remember God when your son has gone astray. Remember God when your daughter has fallen by the way. Remember God when your business has failed. Remember God when the situation looks dark. Remember God when the doctor says you can't live.

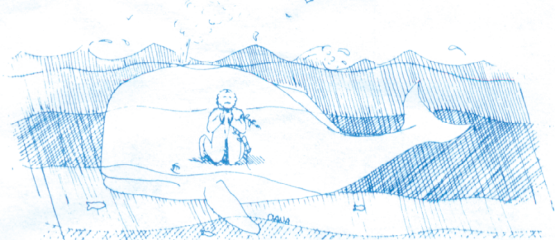
Notice verse 9: *"But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving . . ."* What did Jonah do between Monday and Saturday, sitting in that fish? He offered the sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise.

Are you sitting in the whale's belly today? Does it look like Saturday will never come? What are you to do? Are you to get in every prayer line? Are you to cry, beg, and doubt God?

No. You sit there and say, "Mr. Fish, it may look like you've got me forever, but I've remembered the Eternal God. I've got His Word. Salvation is of the Lord, and I know He'll get me out of this situation. As far as I'm concerned, I'm out, so I'll just sit here in the whale's belly and offer unto the Lord the sacrifices of

thanksgiving and praise."

"Oh, Lord, I praise You that I'm out of the whale's belly. I praise You, Lord, that the seaweed is unwrapped from my neck. I praise You, Lord, that I'm out of this slime. I praise You, Lord, that I'm out of this terrible place."



If you think you have trouble with symptoms, think about Jonah. Everywhere he looked there was whale!

Somebody said, "But it's so hard to believe when the doctor said I'm going to die." Well, you know, doctors could be wrong. *Everywhere Jonah looked there was whale.* It was a hopeless situation with Jonah, too, but his thanksgiving and praise touched the heart of God.

All God had to do was speak to that fish, and he made for the shore. God said, "Give him up, whale. Give him up," and Jonah hit the dry ground running and preaching.

If Jonah could praise God in the midst of a whale, can't you praise God in the midst of some sort of physical discomfort? Can't you praise God in spite of seeing whale everywhere?

Can't you look up into the face of God and praise Him with joy because you already see your child serving God; you already see your home straightened out; and you already see the situation in your business resolved? Can't you praise God like it's already so?

It is in this area that the devil will come and try to shake your confidence in God.

But Saturday will come. Saturday is coming for you. Saturday's coming. Your Saturday is coming. Your Saturday is coming!

Our LOVE Gift to YOU

Your love gift for the month of January is a beautiful little CHECK BOOK COVER with the TBN Logo and PRAISE THE LORD on the front. This valuable witnessing tool will be sent to every partner who sends in a donation during the month of January. Just fill out the coupon below and mail it in today.

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★ **ONE NATION** ★ ★ **UNDER GOD** ★ **APRIL 29, 1980**

April 29, 1980 has been approved officially by appropriate federal and city agencies as the date for the "Washington for Jesus" program

WE'LL BE THERE...



"Washington for Jesus" will be a unique experience.

For once, the city of Washington, D.C. will not be the site of a demonstration; a march; or a protest. Instead, it will be blessed with a once-in-a-lifetime celebration of the Lordship of Jesus Christ!

We are not going to the seat of our government to protest anything. We are going as Christians in a spirit of unity and love. We are not going there to come against anyone. We are going to the District of Columbia to meet with our representatives and openly pray for our nation, our leaders and our government.

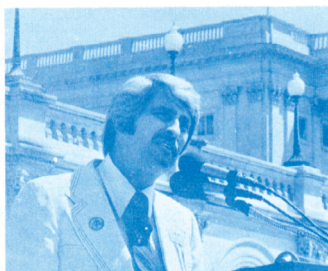
Our numbers will be silent testimony of the strength and the purpose of the Body of Christ. Our heart attitude and our conduct will reflect the peace and the love of Jesus. Together we will be a

powerful witness for the Lord. As we move decently and in order through the streets of our Capitol, the world will see the glory of God!

Christians are being urged to vacation in Washington, D.C. during the week of the massive rally. Coordinators are asking them to put in for their vacations now and submit their Personal Commitment Forms as soon as possible.

Teams based in the Nation's Capitol and Virginia Beach are hard at work on arrangements for transportation and for lodging in homes, motels and hotels, and at campgrounds in the metropolitan area.

"Washington for Jesus". Won't you say, "I'LL BE THERE!"



Your Telethon Dollars working for Jesus

Your production facilities at Channel 40 and Channel 21 are producing beautiful ministry programming almost around the clock. In 1980 it looks like we will be busier than ever producing a variety of programs that will keep us informed both locally and nationally and minister to our spiritual needs as well.

"Public Report with Jane Duff" will keep us abreast of our local community affairs. This program will also be produced in Spanish with Armando Ramirez.

"You the Woman" is designed to speak to ladies in their own language and offer spiritual guidelines in the daily crises that all women face.

Many new Bible Studies will be coming your way, dealing in a variety of subjects, from "The Heart of the Old Testament" with Stanley Horton to "Creation and Science" with Kelley Seagraves. Dr. Robert Frost will produce a series called "Our Heavenly Father" and our own Billheimers will base their study from their new book, "Love Covers."

Our foreign language programs will include "God's Power today" in Chinese, with Nora Lam. "Para Toto Latino" with Elmer Bueno is now in production and will enter our Spanish block immediately.

"Goin Home" with Ty Hardin is being produced in Phoenix, and will soon air on our network.

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Seven stations is the maximum number the Federal Communications Commission will allow one company to have - and glory be to GOD - We are going to have them to preach the Gospel to every creature!

We also wait momentarily for the final stroke of the pen from the FCC for Channel 14 in Oklahoma City! *Praise the Lord!* Stations #3 and #4 are coming for sure in 1980! We are still on file for stations in Seattle, Denver and Houston - these three would make up the SEVEN if that be God's Will! *Hallelujah!*

In addition to all of this, the Satellite and Cable Station ministry of TBN is exploding - we just added 32 new cable station affiliates to the network last month - we now have nearly 300 of these stations carrying 24-hour a day Christian TV from Maine to Hawaii!

On top of all of this exciting news is the tremendous growth of Foreign Christian Television: Indonesia, China, Taiwan, Central America, South America, Haiti, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Italy and soon...Israel! Beloved Partners...JESUS IS COMING!!! His Word going forth like this is one of the powerful signs that His coming draws near! Lets thrust in the harvest sickle **NOW** as never before and gather the golden grain of precious souls. That is ALL we can take with us to Heaven - the precious eternal souls of men and women, boys and girls!

Partners, I am going to ask each one of you to do something special for CHRISTIAN TELEVISION IN MIAMI this month:

→ We will need 3 million dollars in six months to close escrow for Channel 45 in Miami! ←

If everyone will double his or her pledge for six months, we will have it! Some can even do more, but I am going to believe God that Jan and I can double our pledge and I am believing with you that you can do the same.

Partners, Miami is calling - - - we have this one golden chance to capture a whole TV station there

What shall we do? I am waiting to hear from you. Please answer Jan and me on the special little form which is enclosed. Please pray before filling it out and then let us hear from you.

Jan and I will be fasting and praying with you and for you that God will answer and meet your every need! We love you with all our hearts and will be looking for your letter.

Paul

Cut along this line and return in envelope provided.

Dear Paul and Jan:

Yes! You can count on my support in MIAMI! God being my helper, I will:

- ☐ Pray regularly for this new station and for speedy FCC approval.
- ☐ Give for the next six months extra support for the close of escrow.
- Enclosed is:

My regular gift of \$ _____

My special Miami gift of \$ _____

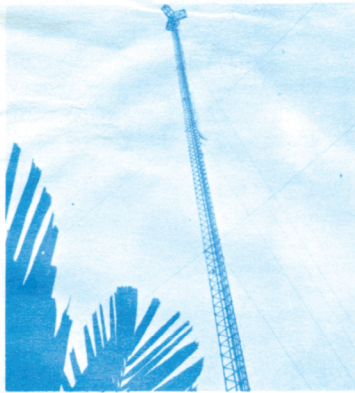
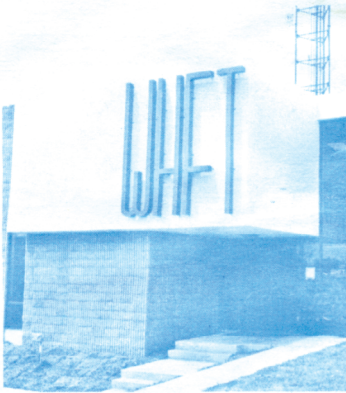
My special prayer request is: _____

I know God answers prayer and will let you know when the answer comes.

Signed _____

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These are a few pictures of the new Miami station WHFT-TV Channel 45. New Studios were recently built, a 1,000 foot tower, props, sets, all is ready for 100% 24 hour a day Christian Television!!! PRAISE THE LORD!!

He was there all the time!

One night I had a dream- I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord and across the sky flashed scenes from my life.

For each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand, One belonged to me and the other to the Lord.

When the last scene of my life flashed before us, I looked back at the footprints in the sand. I noticed that many times along the path of my life, There was only one set of footprints. I also noticed that it happened at the lowest and saddest times in my life.

This really bothered me and I questioned the Lord about it.

"Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you,

You would walk with me all the way, But I noticed during the most troublesome times in my life,

There is only one set of footprints.

I don't understand why in times when I needed you most, you should leave me."

The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you during your times of trial and suffering. When you saw only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."