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# editor's letter



KARIN McBRIDE-CHENOWETH

Editor-in-Chief

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## WELCOME!

Hello and welcome again to all our E-ziners! Welcome to our 10<sup>th</sup> issue our Easter Special...

There have been loads of developments in since last time and we now have the supplements up-and-running smoothly I am delighted to say, the launch of a new quarterly E-Zine '3-in-1 The Man's Voice' is also on the horizon as is '3-in-1 The Child's Voice'. So it's all go!

This is an Easter Special Issue which includes Part 1 of a unique interview with world renowned PASTOR BILL WILSON founder of Metro Ministries. This is a global outreach to children and their families all over the world. "Whose Child is This?" by Bill Wilson will also be included in our special Easter Book Review Supplement. In this supplement we have reviewed five books in total, as well as the above we have: The Scribal Anointing – Theresa Harvard Johnson, Life on the Line – Al Gibson, part of an interview with Wendy Alec on 'The Son of Perdition' and Ireland's Lost Heritage by Pastor David Camduff. So there is plenty to read – defo not to be missed!

And there's more... as it is Easter you are receiving a double portion of IN FOCUS, therefore, we are delighted to introduce you to DAVE BEMMENT. Dave has been operating The Lighthouse Agency for many years now and specialises in booking Christian Celebrities to speak at churches, functions, events and perform at various concerts.

We have of course all our committed regular writers and this issue we are particularly delighted to welcome our newest contributor to 3-in-1 The Voice Dr HOWARD MORGAN to the team. Dr Morgan will now maintain Messianic Moment. He is the founder and president of Howard Morgan Ministries and Kingdom Ministries International, and is an internationally renowned prophetic teacher...

In the meantime on behalf of the team at 3-in-1 The Voice, we wish each of our readers a very happy and peaceful Easter...

KARIN McBRIDE-CHENOWETH

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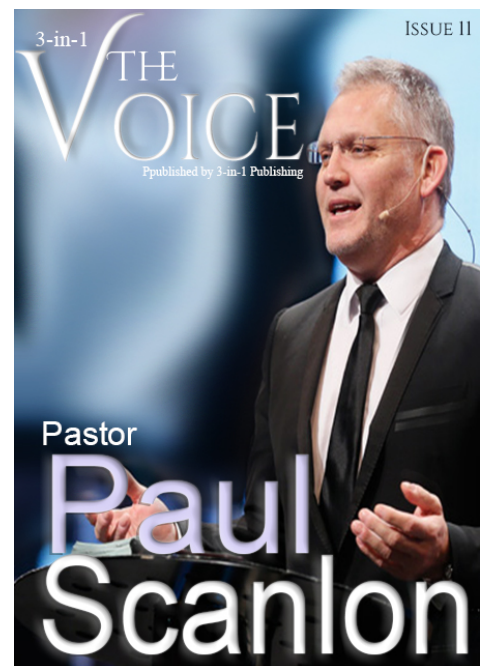
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# Missionary News

## Missionary Section



Brigid Kerr

## HISTORY OF THE MISSIONARY Part 1

According to the documents of the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization, the biblical authority for missions begins quite early in Genesis 12:1-3, in which Abraham is blessed so that through him and his descendants, all the "peoples" of the world would be blessed.

In this view, the early historical Jewish mission is that of being a people placed in the midst of the other nations, situated so that they could proclaim the Creator God that blessed them. This view is confirmed in many OT scriptures, (for example, Exodus 19:4-6, and Psalm 67) as well as the nature of the temple (its outer court was "the court of the gentiles").

Several teachers including John R. W. Stott believe that a prominent prophecy in the Old Testament often unfolds continually and is certainly manifested in three situations, an immediate historical situation following the prophecy, a church-based intermediate situation, and an eschatological, end-of-time situation. Of course, Gen. 12:1-3 is such a prominent passage.

One of the first Christian missionaries was St. Paul. He contextualized the gospel for the Greek and Roman cultures, permitting it to reach beyond its Hebrew and Jewish context.

In the early Christian era, most missions were by monks. Monasteries followed disciplines and supported missions, libraries and practical research, all of which were perceived as works to reduce human misery and suffering, thus enhancing the reputation of God. For example, Nestorian communities evangelized much of North Africa. Cistercians evangelized much of Northern Europe, as well as developing most of European agriculture's classic techniques.

In the 16th century the proselyzation of Asia was linked to the Portuguese colonial policy. With the Papal bull *Romanus Pontifex* the patronage for the propagation of the Christian faith in Asia was given to the Portuguese, who were rewarded with the right of conquest. The Portuguese trade with Asia was profitable and as Jesuits came to India around 1540 the colonial government in Goa supported the mission with incentives for baptized Christians. Later, Jesuits were

sent to China and further countries in Asia. With the decline of the Portuguese power other colonial powers and Christian organisations gain influence. After the Reformation, for nearly a hundred years, occupied by their struggle with the Roman Catholic Church, the Protestant churches were not missionary-sending churches. But in the centuries that followed, the Protestant churches began sending missionaries in increasing numbers, spreading the proclamation of the Christian message to previously unreached people. In North America, missionaries to the native Americans included Jonathan Edwards, the well known preacher of the Great Awakening, who in his later years retired from the very public life of his early career. He became a missionary to the Housatonic Native Americans and a staunch advocate for them against cultural imperialism.

As European culture has been established in the midst of indigenous peoples, the cultural distance between Christians of differing cultures has been difficult to overcome. One early solution was the creation of segregated "praying towns" of Christian natives. This pattern of grudging acceptance of converts was repeated in Hawaii later when missionaries from that same New England culture went there. In Spanish colonization of the Americas, the Catholic missionaries selected and learned among the languages of the Amerindians and devised writing systems for them. Then they preached to them in those languages (Quechua, Guarani, and Nahuatl) instead of Spanish, to keep Indians away from "sinful" whites. An extreme case was the Guarani Reductions, a theocratic semi-independent region established by the Jesuits.

From 1732 onwards the Moravian Church began sending out missionaries. Around 1780, an indigent Baptist cobbler named William Carey began reading about James Cook's Polynesian journeys. His interest grew to a furious sort of "backwards homesickness", inspiring him to obtain Baptist orders, and eventually write his famous 1792 pamphlet, "An Enquiry into the Obligation of Christians to use Means for the Conversion of Heathen." Far from a dry book of theology, Carey's work used the best available geographic and ethnographic data to map and count the number of people who had never heard the Gospel. It formed a movement that has grown with increasing speed from his day to the present.

Carey's example was followed by a number of missions to seaside and port cities. The China Inland Mission (later the 'Overseas Missionary Fellowship') is one of the more famous.

To be continued...

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John 21:15

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# Messianic Moment



## Messianic Moment

By  
Dr Howard Morgan

### The Resurrection of Jesus Hoax or History Part 1

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Imagine yourself a judge facing a courtroom filled with attentive spectators. They are intently listening for your verdict as you weigh the facts presented by the prestigious attorney. He speaks to you: *"The issue before you, your Honour, is the case of the Resurrection of Jesus. Was it a hoax? Or is it history? Your Honour, you must base your decision upon the evidence presented. We expect you to be impartial, to weigh the facts as they are without prejudice."*

Please remember this, the meaning of the resurrection is a theological matter, but the fact of the resurrection is an historical matter. The question must be decided upon by the historical evidence.

#### Who are our Witnesses?

In evaluating evidence, we must consider not only what the witness says but also his character and his trustworthiness. Ancient historians were usually paid by royalty who desired to be flattered. They were not motivated to make truth known. The New Testament writers were not paid by anyone. On the contrary, they risked loss of liberty and even death for what they wrote. No impartial court could lightly dismiss the evidence of witnesses ready to suffer such hardships for what they assert. They declare unanimously that they saw, heard, and touched the reality of Jesus' resurrection. If we trust pagan historians whose motives are suspect, why not trust historians whose motives are pure – as evidenced by their willingness to suffer.

We have only three options when it comes to examining the disciples' trustworthiness as eyewitnesses:

- 1) Either they were all liars motivated by some evil desire, or
- 2) They themselves were deceived, or
- 3) Their testimony is the truth.

1. Would liars knowingly preach that which would bring them hardship, suffering, persecution, torture and death? Not likely! Liars would proclaim that which would ensure their own comfort and prosperity. Liars would even change their message to avoid negative responses, yet the disciples

adamantly proclaimed the resurrection message despite the reaction it brought.

2. Could they have been deceived? Many have said that they all suffered hallucinations wanting to see Jesus so badly. But the nature of a hallucination is that it distorts understanding and brings confusion. It does not bring positive transformation as in the case of the disciples. Hallucinations never work to integrate a personality - they are signs of personality disintegration, i.e., psychosis - and certainly never impart a new hope, positive motivation and fearlessness. Before the resurrection the disciples were confused cowards: afterwards they were confident and fearless. Moreover, these men were not likely candidates for such mental confusion. They were practical, down-to-earth, hardworking fishermen, pragmatic businessmen; sceptics themselves, whose lack of faith and other character flaws were often rebuked by Jesus himself. At the first hearing of the resurrection none of them believed. Only after personal encounters with the resurrected Jesus, did they believe.

3. The disciples report that at different times and places, sometimes together, sometimes apart, they had very similar experiences. The nature of hallucinations is not like this. Each hallucination would be as different in nature as the men themselves. They would not have uniform experience. They report that they talked to, listened to, ate with, and even touched the Resurrected Jesus. Could eleven men have the same detailed experiences with the resulting transformation, and it be a mental delusion? Would not one of them doubt the 'reality' of his experience under the pressures of intense persecution? They knew the reality of these experiences. They could not doubt. Thus the only logical conclusion we can come to is that the disciples were not liars and they were not deceived. They simply told the truth of their experiences. Jesus rose from the dead!

*'He is not here, but is risen!' Luke 24:6*

#### Part 2 – Next issue



Pictured above the Garden Tomb, Jerusalem one of the sites many believed to be the site of Jesus' burial





## *The 3 Poets*

### **BREATH OF GRATITUDE**

You picked me up out of the endless circle  
I followed where I could see no hope  
You lifted my spirit

You could see light out of a meaningless life  
How could you make something out of someone  
like me?  
When I didn't understand your freedom...

You just wanted me to be me  
You loved me before I even knew what love was  
You restored my soul from such a dark hole...

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# IN FOCUS



## IN FOCUS - SPECIAL

PASTOR BILL WILSON

Snr Pastor & Founder – METRO MINISTRIES

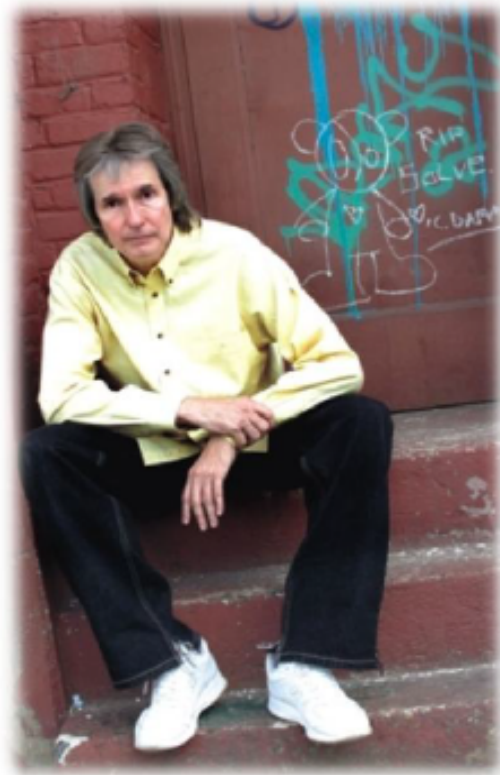
Bill Wilson is the People's Pastor...In one of the World's most deprived and violent ghettos he has literally driven, encouraged and ministered to the children and people of Brooklyn at his church to hear about the love of Jesus for over 40 years. The yellow cabs of New York are famous around the world but with his unparalleled commitment to Christ, Bill Wilson has ensured that another vehicle - a Yellow Sunday School bus has almost replaced the iconic status of the NY yellow cabs! Mugged, attacked and even shot, Pastor Bill Wilson is undaunted. With over 160 full-time staff in New York and bases all around the world, the work of saving these children both physically and spiritually continues.

A great teacher and expounder of the Word of God, I had the privilege in January to interview Pastor Bill in Ballymena, Co. Antrim. Little did anyone know that just 48 hours before this interview, the Haiti Earthquake would strike, sending the region and Metro Ministries (who have a base out there) into chaos. 3-in-1 The Voice has decided to ensure, that you the reader have the opportunity to read this unique interview in its entirety, and therefore we will be incorporating all of it into a Part 1 & Part 2 series, with a special emphasis on the Haiti Disaster, which still needs urgent support...

Editor

**Q1** Firstly thank you so much Pastor for agreeing to take time out of your busy schedule in Ireland. I would like to ask first of all for our readers who are not familiar with you or your work, what was the defining moment when you came to know The Lord Jesus Christ and accept Him as your Lord and saviour?

*Right, well my mother left me on a street corner when I was 12 years old in Florida. She was an alcoholic, she left me on a street corner and never came back. I sat on the corner for 3 days of all the people that drove by, of all the people that walked by only one man stopped, he was a Christian. He was on his way home from work, he ended up getting me some food paying my way through Christian Youth Camp. That evening it was five hours after the original connection after he stopped that was first where I heard the story of Christ and accepted Him as my personal saviour. That was in 1961*



Pastor Bill Wilson

**Q2** How did you establish Metro Ministries?

*I have been in the ministry 42 years and I had worked in two of the largest churches in America up 'til that point. Then around 1980 I just realised that there's a bigger need in the inner cities of America as there is anywhere in the world. Most of the folks said it was hopeless, these kids were hopeless, the neighbourhoods were hopeless and I said 'no they just don't have any hope'. So I decided to just pack up and went alone to New York. I had no connections no denominational support, no help, and I thought 'well let's give it a try'. So I went there I rented a building went to the church on Saturday in one of the toughest neighbourhoods in New York City and got started! Rented some buses, rented a building got a couple of drug addicts to help me hand out flyers to the kids during the week. The first weekend we had Sunday School we had 1002 kids that showed up on the first day, so that's how we started. We now average 40,000 in all of our locations, so that's within 30 years.*



**Q3** Whenever Jesus Christ walked this earth He frequently went into places and situations that no-one else would. How important is the practical witness of Christ in your life and the work you do, how does that relate to what you do?

*I think because we live in that neighbourhood, we don't live in a nice neighbourhood and commute to the ghetto, I've lived always in an old abandoned warehouse. Our entire staff lives there 160 full time staff. By living there you automatically become salt and light, and that's where most Christians miss it cause they isolate themselves and insulate themselves from the world. Most Christians, their friends are other Christians! Whereas we have embedded ourselves into this neighbourhood, into that part of society, into that culture, and just by our very presence has created a witness that those people have never seen before. So it's quite extraordinary, that's why the adult church has grown the way it is, why Metro Ministries is now growing around the world. What is known as 'Kid's Clubs' here in the UK was actually started by people coming to New York 15 years ago who read my book 'Whose Child is this?' and realising what's being done in New York could be duplicated in the UK. They came and they started it in Liverpool and now it's known as Kid's Club all over the United Kingdom.*



Metro Ministries Headquarters New York

**Q4** So just leading on from that would you consider then that your main role would be to envisage other people and try and encourage them to do the same?

*No it's a by product, that's all it is – it was never our dream or our desire I mean how would we have known, when we started out. I mean you don't even know if you're going to live or die, let alone get a ministry that's been duplicated. There's an Asian Sunday School Association over in China last year it selected us as one of the 10 most influential mission organisations in the world today. Now I mean who would know that 30 years ago. We were just trying to survive, raise money, get people, make connections but as the Lord continues to open doors and we walk through them – and that was one thing I always say the need is the call. I saw a need, I stepped up. That was the call of God for me at that point. Big doors open on very small hinges, unfortunately most Christians never find the will of God in their life, cause they're waiting for the big door to open, the*

*audible voice, the burning bush, if they would just do the thing, the small thing today that God opens for them that opens the next door, that opens a succession of doors that moves them into where they need to be; and most Christians aren't smart enough to know that.*

**Q4** You have literally been on the front line in NYC for many years and been attacked and even shot. You



Children around the world receive their Christmas presents through Operation Holiday Hope

have stated that there have been times you just wanted to give up, what convinced you to stay?

*You're commitment has to be stronger than your emotions. That's why most Christian's don't stick at anything, cause the minute it, doesn't feel good, doesn't feel right, they're tired, somebody spits in their face or slaps them hit them in the head, they take it personally and they go... it's nothing to do with how I feel, when you*

*make a commitment, your commitment has to override whatever emotions you're dealing with. For church folks it's a decision...*

To be continued...

If you have been affected by any of the issues and would like to help Metro Ministries or find out more on how you can book Pastor Bill Wilson to speak at your church, please access their official website

[www.metroministries.org](http://www.metroministries.org)

Pastor Bill Wilson is touring the UK in May 2010

**Wed May 19th Caernarfon Pentecostal Church,**  
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Caernarfon, Gwynedd. North Wales. 7.30pm  
Contact Tracey Hull 07789 693032

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**Sun May 23rd Bromley Christian Centre,** Masons  
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Contact: 0208 464 3101

**Mon May 24th Bromley Christian Centre** Evening  
Meeting 8pm Contact: 0208 464 3101

# HEROES

## HEROES



'Amazing Grace' – John Newton  
Part 1  
By  
Lianne Henderson

*"Amazing Grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost by now I'm found was blind but now I see."* When I first heard these words I never knew what they meant but after hearing about the writer John Newton and his testimony I knew that this song was not just about how God saved him, but, also as well about how God saved me! I decided to look into the story of how such a man came to write such a hymn that has touched inspired and moved the world ever since.



### EARLY LIFE

John Newton was born in London July 24 1725 he was the son of John Newton Senior a commander of a merchant ship, which sailed the Mediterranean and Elizabeth Newton

(nee Seatclife) a devout nonconformist Christian. His mother was a shy woman who lovingly read the Bible to her son and sang hymns with him and gave him religious instruction. She died of tuberculosis when John Newton was only six-years-old. At the age of eleven John went to sea with his father and made six voyages before his father retired.

### NAVY CAREER

Newton's father made plans for his son to become a slave master at a sugar plantation in Jamaica. However Newton did not comply and

instead became a captain of a slave ship. In 1733, while on his way to visit some friends Newton was captured and forced into the naval service by the royal navy. He became a midshipman of the man-of-war (the most powerful type of armed ship from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> centuries) the HMS Harwich.

Newton found the conditions on the man-of-war intolerable and attempted to desert his duties. He was found out and then striped to the waist, tied to the grating; he received a public flogging in front of the crew of 350 and was given ninety-six lashes and reduced to the rank of a common seaman. Following the disgrace and humiliation Newton initially contemplated suicide. He soon recovered both physically and mentally and at his own request transferred to the "Pegasus" a slave ship bound for West Africa. The ship carried goods to Africa, and traded the goods for slaves to be shipped to England and other countries.

Newton was problematic for the Pegasus crew to the point that they left him in West Africa with a slave merchant Amos Clowe. Clowe took Newton and gave him to his wife the African Duchess Princess Peye. Newton was abused and mistreated along with the other slaves; at this point Newton said that he was a non-believer and a libertine, a servant of slaves in West Africa. Early in 1748 a sea captain who had been asked by Newton's father to search for him rescued John Newton.

### THAT 10<sup>TH</sup> OF MARCH

Sailing back home on the merchant ship "The Greyhound" John Newton was going to mark a very important night in his life. Although his mother had given him some religious instruction in his early years, since her death he had long given up any religious convictions. On March 10<sup>th</sup> he was about to experience what he would refer to for the rest of his life as his "great deliverance."

Newton's words about that date and that experience were

*"That 10<sup>th</sup> of March...is a day much to be remembered by me; and I have never allowed it to pass unnoticed since the year 1748. For on that day the Lord came from on high and delivered me out of deep waters."*

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## IN FOCUS - SPECIAL

DAVE BEMMENT

### THE LIGHTHOUSE AGENCY

Dave Bemment is a Christian and runs the UK's most successful Christian Celebrity Agency. Established in 1998 Dave helps the kingdom by bridging the gap between the celebrity and the church, offering the celebrities a unique opportunity to give of their talents and be a powerful witness and role model not only to believer but the non-believer. In an exclusive interview 3-in-1 The Voice asked Dave all about the The Lighthouse Agency...

**Q** Firstly Dave how did you first get involved in working with celebrities?

*A It all started in 1989 – my job at the time was a General Manager of a Jaguar Car dealership in Chelmsford. We had raised some money for Children In Need and needed a celebrity to receive the cheque. Helen Shapiro lived a few miles away and she agreed to come in for a photo session for the handover of the cheque.*

*To cut a long story short, it turned out that Helen and her husband – actor John Judd were Christians, and Helen wanted to set up a more formal Christian management company to take some of the administrative weight off her husband John who managed her gospel gigs. Helen also wanted to make a Gospel album.*

*Having experience of business I got involved and it went from there – Manna Music was born and I have 4 invaluable years of learning about show business, recording etc from Helen's husband John, which set me up for the future ministry that God had planned for me.*



Singer Helen Shapiro

**Q** The Lighthouse Agency is a unique type of business, how would you best describe it?

*A It is a bit different to the norm – The Lighthouse acts as a bridge between Churches and celebrities. There are several Christians who are well known in their particular field and would love to go out and give their testimony/story but don't have the contacts or wherewithal to do so .Equally churches would love to have a special guest but don't know how to contact them or what to do in organising events. We act as the bridge – we are the management agent for the guests and an advice line/facilitator for the Churches.*



Welcome to  
**The Lighthouse Agency**

*Celebrity Testimony Events for Churches*

**Q** How long has the Lighthouse Agency been established?

*A I went on from Manna Music in 1993 to help set up Connections Personal Management, and then independently set up The Lighthouse Agency in 1998.*

**Q** Do you make first contact with a celebrity or do they come to you?

*A it depends – sometimes a celebrity hears about us and contacts us and sometimes we hear that they are a Christian and we offer our services to them. This may sound a bit pie in the sky - but it's not – we feel that ultimately God puts us in touch with each other. We have very strict criteria for taking on representation and like to feel that all our guests are reliable in every sense.*

**Q** When you conduct an interview for a church with a celebrity do you have a set format i.e. questions etc that you always follow or is each interview different?

*A It depends on the guest – but it is usually different in every case. . The interviewers are very experienced and the questions asked and the format used, are*

*carefully put together and are tried and tested. The main aim is to get the whole of the celebrities story out in a clear, understandable and professional presentation so that all the audience, irrespective of age or whether they are used to Church or not, can understand fully.*



**80's Pop Star KYM MAZELL has just joined The Lighthouse Agency**

**Q Do you feel that The Lighthouse Agency could be considered a beacon to the unbeliever as well as a blessing to the Church? If so how?**

*A We often say that our ministry is the first step in evangelism – i.e. awareness of the central message of the Church – the Gospel. Often our guests are the catalyst for people attending who would not normally attend a Church event. Our presentations are clear and non-threatening – by this I mean that non-church goers will be made to feel comfy and listen to often inspiring stories about real life from ordinary people with a high profile reputation. Often the general public can identify with the guest's story and this can be a real help for them in dealing with their own problems/needs.*

**Q Finally Dave, are there any other branches of The Lighthouse Agency in the world and do you have plans to expand this to other countries?**

*A None to my knowledge. Every country is different and I feel that we have our hands full in covering the UK*



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## Men Hurt Too...

By Lorraine Wylie

Last week, the news that, after forty years of loving fidelity a friend's marriage had crashed against the jagged rock of adultery, sent shock waves through our circle of friends. Initially, details were sketchy and it surprised me that, the female members of our group immediately assumed the husband was at fault. But then, isn't that the way it has always been? After all, throughout history, men have had a reputation for possessing a roving eye and an inherent weakness to wander. Princes and Kings as far back as David and as recent as Charles, could not resist the allure of forbidden fruit.

But, the sight of our friend's unshaven face and red rimmed eyes, revealed the truth. Women, as well as men, are equally prone to temptation. Still, regardless of gender, the chief consequence of an adulterous affair is pain. The Bible may be silent on the pang of marital jealousy that ripped through King David's palace but there is no doubt that the death of their baby caused his mistress an immeasurable amount of grief. In more recent history, the sad eyes of a princess revealed that betrayal had lost none of its sting.

Nevertheless, while a husband's surrender to seduction pricks the most sensitive part of the female heart, a similar weakness on his wife's part, kicks at the very core of masculinity. Both sexes may wrestle with the aftermath of severed trust but many men have the added burden of hiding their grief. It may be socially acceptable for a woman to vent her heartache with an avalanche of tears but somewhere there is an unwritten law that men must maintain a stiff upper lip and absorb the blow.

Recently, a candid and emotional interview with Mr. Peter Robinson, Northern Ireland's First Minister, proved that even a seasoned politician is no match for the backlash of an adulterous affair. Throughout his career, Mr. Robinson has proved an able contender, delivering as well as receiving many political wounds. But judging by his haggard expression and pain filled eyes; the deepest cut of all was wielded by the woman he loves.

A forty five, John Cameron can empathise with the Minister's struggle to come to terms with his feelings. *"My wife and I had been together for fifteen years when she confessed to having a brief affair. I have to confess the upper most feeling was shock. I just couldn't get my head round the fact that my wife had slept with another man. I mean to say, I would have trusted her with my life. I found myself scanning her face, searching for the woman I thought I'd known but all I could see was a stranger. Initially, I was numb but*

*as the shock began to wear off I felt a fury I'd never known before. I was surprised that I was capable of such anger. I said some terrible things but all I wanted was for her to feel a little of the pain she'd inflicted on me. Friends tried to comfort me but their words sounded hollow and meaningless. All I wanted to do was get my old life back. It may sound stupid but I wanted to feel like a man again. Many nights I cried myself to sleep, stifling the sobs in case our son heard them. Tears may have washed away some of my pent up emotions but they didn't do much for my self esteem. I was brought up to believe a man should be strong and in control of his feelings. I now know that gender doesn't come into it. I think being able to cry goes a long way toward healing. It's nature's way of easing the pressure. In the end, we decided that our marriage was worth saving. Trust had been severely wounded but it wasn't dead but there was no short cut to finding a new basis for our relationship. We just kept searching and eventually found enough to let us begin "*



No doubt many men, like Peter Robinson are trying to find a way through their pain. But others like John have travelled the same path have proved that, with time it is possible to emerge from the maze and start laying the foundation for a second chance at happiness.

Yet it was impossible to look into the eyes of our friend without realizing that he knew what it's like to cry. The only difference is that he usually weeps alone. When forty five year old John, a seasoned barrister and well used to controlling his emotion, discovered that his wife had cheated on him, he wasn't prepared for the emotional onslaught.

*"We'd been married fifteen years and as far as I was concerned, were a happily married couple. Granted, in the early years, we did have a lot of stress as money was tight and I had to spend long hours at work building my career. Ironically, it wasn't during those stressful periods that my wife chose to have an affair. Maybe I could have understood it better".*

Mention the word 'adultery' and, if they're honest, most women will agree it's a fault indigenous to the male species...

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### WILL YOU BAKE A DIFFERENCE TO A CHILD'S LIFE?

One of our newest projects to help raise funds is our **BAKE A DIFFERENCE** Project.

One of the basic necessities of life - **FOOD**. Tons of it is wasted every day in the western world. Unsold food thrown into skips; large quantities thrown into household waste bins, every day ending up on landfill sites. In the UK alone 30-40% of all food is never eaten and as of 5 years ago, over 17 million tons of food was being ploughed into landfill sites annually. Across the other side of the world, for example in the Philippines where Metro Ministries works among children living in the garbage dumps in Manila, every



day our children and their families forage for food among the tons of rubbish dumped every day. We hold Sidewalk Sunday School right there in the middle of the garbage dumps.

It is of no effect to tell these people Jesus loves them and then leave them hungry or thirsty. We have to address this need...In some of the poorest areas in Romania live the Roma gypsies, another area where Metro Ministries

A little girl looks for something to eat...

holds Sidewalk Sunday School. While we are giving them the bread of life and teaching them about the love of God, there is a truck that stands behind the Sunday school truck where we bake 400 loaves of bread an hour. The recipe is nutritionally enriched and fortified so that if all the family has to eat that day is this loaf of bread, they would receive all the nutrients their body needs. So, we feed them the Bread of life to feed their souls, and then feed their bodies with the bread that sustains their physical bodies.

*"Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble. <sup>2</sup>The LORD will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth: and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies. <sup>3</sup>The LORD will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness." Psalm 41 1-3 (KJV)*

The Bake a Difference Project is one way you can get involved to help us be able to feed the children and their families. You don't even have to be the one doing the cooking to get involved. Maybe you could:

- Hold a bake sale at a Spring or Summer Fair, car boot sale, or school hall

- Hold a special ticketed event at your church and bake foods from all around the world
- Hold a youth "create a dessert" competition.... (Best and worst!)
- Host a special breakfast
- Hold a barbecue
- Hold a special meal at your home as a fund raiser
- Hold an Easter bake sale



Bake a difference will make a difference!

One child dies every 5 seconds from hunger related causes. We are looking for people who want to "bake a difference" in the life of a child and who will step up to the plate and help us put something on it! Help us put what's regularly "in our face" in their faces - **Food** - so they can live to fulfil the purpose God created them for and so they can reach their full potential. Please "bake a

difference" so we can make a difference.

As I look back to when I was a child, I think of people who influenced my life. One in particular was a missionary in Zambia called Miss Falconer. I used to write to her when I was just 8 years old and she would write back and send me pictures of her and the children to which she was ministering. I think of a man called Peter Lee who came and did children's ministry in our Campaigners group who massively impacted my life at such a young age. On the other hand I can remember teachers who didn't believe in me. They labelled me "idle" and a "daydreamer" and only served to endeavour to destroy my confidence. Children will watch and emulate us and our words will either encourage and build up or discourage and tear down. Let's make sure we are sowing positive seed into their lives that one day will reap a harvest.



Children receive vital supplies of enriched nutritious bread in Romania

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## The Grapevine



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### ***I'm not giving up!*** Part 1

A true event from my childhood

The engine began its slow haul as it pulled away from the signal, now showing green. I stared hard, trying to see through the billows of dirty black smoke carrying with it shards of minute specks of debris from the coal, which roared in its black hole; the hole that was the very centre of its all powerful strength. Behind the engine, which seemed to strain under the great load it had to pull, I counted thirty five trucks piled high with coal; not for use on the train itself, but for the coal merchants and industries across the country. I shouted to my friends.

"Come on we'll beat it if we hurry." Five pairs of legs scooted up the hill and across the field, to a bridge under which the train would soon pass.

"Phew!" I gasped. Being the smallest of the group and with legs that didn't seem to travel as fast as the others, I was always the last when it was a race for best place. But I was used to it and was sometimes able to lie down and put my head under the bottom rail, where I got the smoke first. I knew my mother would not be best pleased when I arrived home covered in smut. But it was worth it.

Excitement swept through me as I felt the vibration of the approaching train, which not only had to pull its load up a steep embankment, but traverse round the hill and benefitted us. As it neared, I could see the driver and fireman, hanging as far as they dare from the tender waving, as we in turn waved back. As the engine crossed under the bridge, the driver pulled the chain over his head, and a shower of puffy white steam, accompanied by a piercing whistle made the whole experience complete.

Despite this being the first of five opportunities every day to see the trains and the fact that we did when not at school, I never tired of the magical

moments. Each engine was different, as were their loads. Each had different sounds and the clouds of smoke and steam they thrust high into the air, conjured up all kinds of imaginable shapes.

We had an hour and a half before the next train was due, so we sat on the hard wooden bridge boards, adding yet more dirt to our clothing, deciding what to do while we waited.

"Let's go to the swings." Norma said; but the oldest of our group, Dennis, snarled and said that was a stupid idea. He was twelve and sometimes he looked down at the rest of us, (all ten) saying we were just kids. However, he wasn't too bad, or we wouldn't have let him come with us. He didn't have many friends - as his family, which consisted of two parents and seven children, were not very popular with the grownups, so some banned their children from mixing with him. Dennis sat there scraping the toe of his - tatty, well worn and probably passed down - boots, on the oily surface of the wood.

"Okay, clever clogs, what's your suggestion?" Terence, who sort of hero worshipped Dennis, challenged him, knowing as we all did what he was going to say next.

"Why don't we go down to the gravel pit and watch the men working?" He always said this knowing we wouldn't go.

"Oh you're a load of cissies." He said as we declined the suggestion.

Jackie, who was usually the quietist of all of us said. "You know we daren't go there, our mums would kill us."

"That's what I mean," Dennis said, "You're a load of namby pamby's." As he rose he added. "Well I'm going anyway and I might swim in the pool at the bottom; it's great jumping in from up the sides, I go higher every time I do it." The fierce determination in his voice also had a pitiful tone, because he knew this was one time when we wouldn't follow.

"You know you shouldn't go." I told him. "The workmen have told you off a few times and your parents have forbidden you to do it too."

"So what?" he shouted angrily, "what do they care, they spend all their time at the pub. *Anyway, I'm not giving it up for them or anyone else.*

"One day you will." I said quietly.

Prophetic words from a ten year old? No; just a funny feeling. We were all guilty of disobeying our parents at times, but at that age those were small misdemeanours our parents would often dismiss, or give us a telling off, extracting a promise we would not do it again.

**To be continued...**

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# The Gate

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Thousands of Christian pilgrims every year from all nations around the World would come to meet at the Old City of Jerusalem so that they can celebrate the Holy Week of Easter. The places where they celebrate are at the biblical sites of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection.

As well as international visitors, Jerusalem also welcomes hundreds of Palestinian Christians from Bethlehem, the site of Jesus' birth. However, their pilgrimage is often determined more political rather than that of religious considerations, which is why Israeli security forces frequently restrict Palestinian visitor permits as tensions tend to run high on a regular basis.

These important festivals in Holy Week in Jerusalem start on Palm Sunday, which is one week before Easter Sunday and this follows with a pilgrim procession from the Mount of Olives, to the Old City.



On Good Friday, pilgrims would retrace the steps that Jesus took while He walked along the cobbled stoned Via Dolorosa, carrying the cross. During this moving Via Dolorosa procession, pilgrims can be seen

carrying large wooden crosses - some as big as 15 feet tall. What is more moving is that they also recite prayers at each of the fourteen Stations of the Cross. The re-enacted march along the Stations of the Cross is one of the many features of Jerusalem's most historic sites.

This procession starts at the Sanctuary of the Flagellation, this is the place where Jesus was judged, brutally beaten and scourged. The procession then ends at the Church of Holy Sepulchre, this is where Jesus was stripped off His garments, He was then nailed to the cross and died.

According to the Roman Catholic and Orthodox traditions, Jesus was buried in the chamber of the

sepulchre and was later resurrected from there, and this makes the Church of the Holy Sepulchre a focal point of the modern day pilgrimage. Protestant denominations believe that Jesus was buried in the nearby Garden Tomb.



In Palm Sunday, according to tradition, the procession follows the same path that Jesus took on His triumphant return to Jerusalem. As Jesus rode on a donkey two thousand years ago, followers laid palm branches along His path. To this very day, pilgrims march on foot as they wave palm leaves and olive branches.



Pilgrims and local Christians would celebrate together Jesus' resurrection and His rebirth. There are special vigils and services which are held throughout the Old City, and this

includes more than twenty separate masses are conducted within 24 hours at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and Christians would go to the Church of the Nativity to hold personal candlelit prayers there.

During the Easter week, Jerusalem's Old City works very hard to accommodate the six Christian sects who are represented in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre: These sects include: Roman Catholic, Armenian Orthodox, Greek Orthodox, Egyptian Coptic, Ethiopian, and Syrian Orthodox. The Eastern and Orthodox churches follow a different calendar than the Protestant and Roman Catholic churches. Their Easter is often as much as two weeks after the Gregorian calendar celebration. This scheduling difference is often the best way to help to reduce territorial tension in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. The Church also gives each denomination its own separate schedules and space for permitted prayer times.

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## Word of God April

1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. *ROMANS 8:1*

2 *Good Friday* So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. *ISAIAH 41:10*

3 Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. *ROMANS 8:34*

4 *Easter Sunday* Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. *JOHN 15:13*

5 *Easter Monday* But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. *ROMANS 5:8*

6 *Easter Tuesday* My intercessor is my friend as my eyes pour out tears to God; *JOB 16:20*

7 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. *1 JOHN 3:16*

8 and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection. *LUKE 20:36*

9 *Good Friday* No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father. *JOHN 17:18*

10 So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. *ISAIAH 41:10*

11 But everyone who prophesies speaks to men for their strengthening, encouragement and comfort. *1 CORINTHIANS 14:3*

12 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being *EPHESIANS 3:16*

13 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. *1 THESSALONIANS 5:11*

14 in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. *PROVERBS 3:6*

15 A man's pride brings him low, but a man of lowly spirit gains honor. *PROVERBS 29:23*

16 that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him. *JOHN 5:23*

17 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God. *REVELATION 2:7*

18 Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. *DEUTERONOMY 6:5*

19 So be very careful to love the LORD your God. *JOSHUA 23:11*

20 Turn, O LORD, and deliver me; save me because of your unfailing love. *PSALM 6:4*

21 And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. *LUKE 14:27*

22 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. *PHILIPPIANS 1:6*

23 This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. *1 JOHN 5:2*

24 "Do not touch my anointed ones; do my prophets no harm." *1 CHRONICLES 16:22*

25 You love righteousness and hate wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy. *PSALM 45:7*

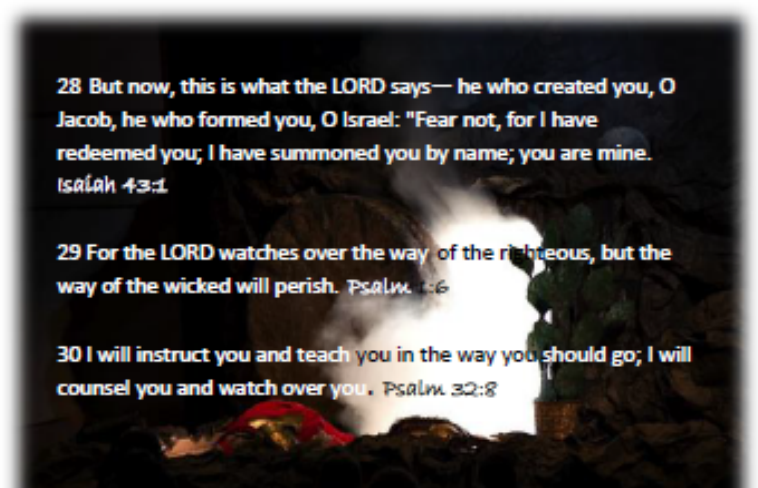
26 Praise the LORD. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him! *PSALM 147:1*

27 Therefore I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations; I will sing praises to your name. *2 SAMUEL 22:50*

28 But now, this is what the LORD says— he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. *ISAIAH 43:1*

29 For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. *PSALM 1:6*

30 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you. *PSALM 32:8*



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