

GOSPEL TRUTH

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There are only three people I can think of in the Bible who weren't shown to have serious flaws, didn't make major mistakes, and didn't get reproved by God. Joseph is one of them.

Joseph was Jacob's eleventh son, born to his wife Rebekah. Jacob favored Joseph, obvious in the coat of many colors he made for him, and this sparked resentment among his older brothers (Gen. 37:3-4). Some think Joseph's brothers disliked him because of his dreams, but the Bible says it was because of Jacob's favoritism. Joseph's response to the dreams God gave him is what makes his story so powerful.

Imagine being only seventeen years old and getting dreams from God that your brothers will one day bow down to you. The next thing you know, you are faced with jealousy and betrayal, ultimately ending up in Egypt as a slave. One of the most amazing things about Joseph was that he not only endured hardship like very, very few people ever do, but he also did it with a good attitude. It's one thing to keep serving God with a good attitude when you don't have any other option. But do you know when the real test comes? When you have prosperity.

Joseph's rise to power occurred after he interpreted Pharaoh's dream, prophesying seven years of abundance followed by seven years of famine. In Genesis 41:46, we learn that Joseph was thirty years old when he finally stood before Pharaoh. Thirteen years had passed since God had given him dreams of his family bowing down to him.

What's truly amazing is that even though Joseph became the second most powerful man in the land and could've manipulated circumstances to force



his dreams to come true, he chose to serve Pharaoh faithfully, resisting the temptation to take matters into his own hands.

Do you see how prosperity is actually a greater indication of what's in a person's heart? Joseph was smart enough to recognize that God was the one who had promoted him and put him in this position, and he was waiting on God to bring those dreams to pass. I don't know if you get the significance of this or not, but it speaks volumes to me. I tell you, the restraint and wisdom Joseph exhibited are rare qualities.

This is really, really important and probably one of the most central things that I've learned through the life of Joseph. In our lives, the temptation to compromise integrity will arise. Joseph's story urges us to stay the course, trusting God and refusing to force outcomes on our own. Joseph had no animosity toward his brothers and no anger over what had been done to him. He chose to just wait and be dependent upon God.

Let me share some thoughts on this, and I'll keep it simple. There are some of you reading this right now, and you've been through some things. Even though you're still standing, you're doing it in your own strength and power. You aren't doing it with the right heart. And if you ever had the opportunity, you

would go to the person who wronged you and put them in their place. But brothers and sisters, you need to get to the place where there's no bitterness in you and you're just waiting on God to bring things to pass.

God loves you, and He doesn't want to put you in a position where Satan throws everything he's got at you and you don't have the maturity to be able to handle it. You need to learn how to just cool your jets and wait on God. This seems like a contradiction. On one hand, you've got to be bold. You've got to take advantage of the opportunities that God's given you. But on the other hand, you have to be under subjection to the Lord.

You know, a great analogy for this comes from something I learned while raising horses. I've had horses that were so stubborn, you practically had to force them to move. They did their own thing and didn't listen. On the flip side, I've had high-spirited Arabians, full of energy. If you let go of the reins, they'd bolt off like lightning. The key is to have a balance—a spirited horse that listens. If it's out of control, it's like riding a runaway horse, and that's scary.

The key is to have a mix of both traits. If God says to go, you go without hesitation. But at the same time, you need to stay in control. This is what I see in Joseph's story. For thirteen years, he had no choice as a slave and prisoner. But when he was given absolute power and authority, he remained in control, even when he could've done things his own way. Pharaoh gave him everything (Gen. 41:39-44), but he waited on God to fulfill the vision.

You need to be dependent upon God. And this is what I see in Joseph. This is one of the greatest things I've learned from him. He not only served God for thirteen years when there was no option, but when he had every option and could

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have done some things on his own, he kept serving and depending upon God.

I've faced financial struggles when people offered me millions of dollars with strings attached. But their plans went against what God put in my heart, so I turned them down. It's really crucial to stay in control, just like Joseph did, waiting on God instead of compromising for temporary gain. Compromise is the language of the devil. Man, you don't need to compromise.

There are many lessons you need to learn from the life of Joseph, so I encourage you to get my booklet *Introduction to Lessons from Joseph*. I've also got the complete *Lessons from Joseph* teaching in full-size book format. **To order, visit Andrew Wommack Bookstore on the 6th Floor of Park Royal Mall along Buganda Road, Kampala, or visit Jumia.**

We love you,

Andrew and Jamie



A PLACE TO BELONG: Introducing Charis Bible College's New Student Dorms

Starting in fall 2024, we're excited to have two of our brand-new student dorms available for occupancy on our main campus in Woodland Park, Colorado. This marks a significant step forward in our commitment to addressing the housing shortage in the area!

Designed for day school students aged 18–28, our new housing will offer modern amenities and a vibrant community atmosphere where lifelong friendships and personal growth can flourish. Plus, with dorm and tuition pricing combined being comparable to some local housing prices alone, it's more than just a place to stay—it's an easy-access gateway to on-campus resources, student activities, events, and much more. In this environment, students can fully immerse themselves in the Charis experience while staying laser-focused on their studies.

We're so grateful to our generous partners and friends for enabling us to disciple and equip more students to make a lasting impact for Jesus in the world.



If you're eager to learn more about Charis Bible College housing, visit CharisBibleCollege.org/student or simply scan the QR code for additional details!



GOOD REPORTS!

The Good News You Won't Likely Hear on the Evening News



The world may be growing darker, but it's in the midst of the darkness that light shines the brightest. In this month's edition of "Good Reports!" we're excited to inspire and encourage you with some more good news!

Andrew Receives the George Washington Lifetime Christian Leadership Award

At the awards gala hosted by the National Association of Christian Lawmakers (NACL) on December 5, Andrew Wommack received the George Washington Lifetime Christian Leadership Award! He was recognized for his outstanding Christian influence and bold stance in striving to restore righteousness to our nation, especially through the Truth & Liberty Coalition.

Alongside leading figures like House Speaker Mike Johnson,

Bishop E. W. Jackson, and Congresswoman Mary Miller, Andrew shared a powerful message declaring his commitment to boldly preach the Gospel and influence the culture with truth. Positive about the future spiritual climate of the country, he encouraged the audience with a Word from God that we are in the middle of the Third Great Awakening!

Andrew stated that he believes great things are happening in the country, and as the body of Christ, it is our responsibility to set the standard. Now is the time for Christians to take back America, to get involved, and to not allow fear and intimidation to get in the way. In a room full of lawmakers, Christian politicians, and their families, this was the central theme of Andrew's speech.

We have to have a revival of truth in this nation. Truth wins over lies every single time.

—Andrew Wommack

No matter what is going on around us, there is good news! The truth of God's Word is still being preached, people are being inspired, and the light is continuing to shine in the darkness.

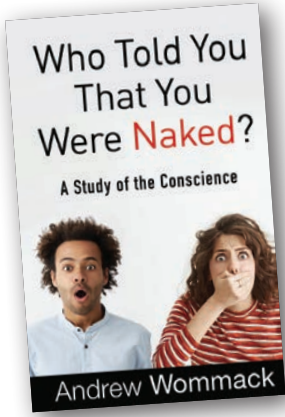
Be encouraged by these words from Andrew: **"Take a stand for the truth of God's Word. Your labors will not be in vain, and in due season, you will reap if you faint not [Gal. 6:9]!"**

Stay informed with the latest news at [TruthandLiberty.net/news](https://truthandliberty.net/news)! Never miss out!

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BOOK EXCERPT FROM *WHO TOLD YOU THAT YOU WERE NAKED?* by Andrew Wommack



“This God-breathed book is going to enlighten you to live victoriously, grow spiritually, and know God intimately as you get into each chapter.”

—Joseph K.

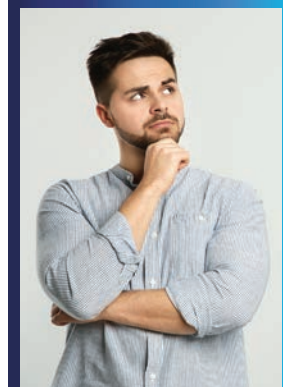
Why did Adam and Eve need a conscience after they disobeyed?

Initially, in the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve were unaware of their nakedness. But once they ate of the Tree, they became self-aware. They became fixated on self, and shame came upon them. Previously they had felt no shame. But all of a sudden, their consciences brought shame and fear of punishment.

These are things God never wanted us to have or experience. He never wanted us to be afraid. He didn't create us for rejection; He created us for fellowship. He didn't intend for us to have a conscience, but after Adam and Eve sinned, it became necessary.

You might be thinking that it would be nice just to somehow or another get rid of the conscience. But for someone who's lost, a conscience is necessary because it makes them aware of their sin and shows them the need for forgiveness. I personally believe that this is the reason the Lord had the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in the garden. He had to give us a free choice to serve Him. Otherwise, we wouldn't be free moral agents. We would only love Him and serve Him because there was no other option. God didn't want robots. He had to give us the option.

Even though the conscience brings negative effects like shame and fear, it also provides



a positive function, which is to show us that we have sinned and that we need forgiveness. So, I believe God had a plan for us from the beginning.

Revelation 13:8 shows us that God knew we were going to rebel against Him:

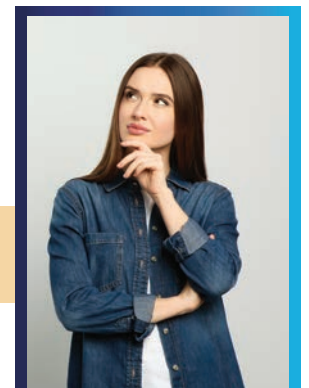
And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

He knew that we would sin and that Jesus would become the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. Long before He even created us, He had planned everything out, and Jesus had already accepted God's plan for Him to come and redeem us.

If I could somehow imagine myself being God and I were going to create man—knowing that mankind would rebel against me and that there would be terrible things like the Holocaust, divorce, ungodliness, hatred, hurt, pain, and everything else that has entered the human race—I don't think I would have created man, not after knowing all the pain man would cause.

The only way I can understand why God still created mankind is that He saw you and me—those who would accept His payment for sin and become new creatures, being born again in His likeness—and decided that we were worth all of the pain and suffering. That's just amazing.

If you would like to purchase this book, visit awmi.net/store!



ABUNDANCE: Built to Receive

You have the incredible opportunity to experience as much of God as you want, and it's not based on your actions or performance.

For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power.

Colossians 2:9–10



In Christ, all the fullness of the Godhead lives within you. Yet many settle for just barely surviving or believe they need to do more to receive more of God. The truth is, you already have all of God. So **you and I can have as much of the kingdom of God today as we want.**

You might think that's a pretty bold statement, but the Word says if we abide in Him, He'll abide in us (John 15:4). If we stay connected to Him, we get to experience all the life of God.

That is abundance!

Whenever I find myself getting dry, distracted, or frustrated, God always takes me back to John 15. Why? Because He's the source—we can't do this by ourselves. We can't live in this world on our own.

John 15:4 says, "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me" (New King James Version). He's saying, "If you're experiencing lack or feeling dry and broken, get to a place where you realize that you can't bear fruit by yourself."

As a branch, you were built to tap into the vine and draw on the life of God. John 15:5 says, "He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit" (NKJV).

So, let's reflect on our lives. If we're not bearing a lot of fruit or seeing abundance, it's not because we're disqualified from the love of God. God isn't crossing His arms and saying, "Nope, I'm not doing it." Instead, He's saying, "I'm here and available. If you tap into Me, if you learn to abide in Me, I will abide in you." We abide in Him by getting into His Word (John 15:7). Let's take the time to explore all the promises in the Word that He says are yes and amen (2 Cor. 1:20).

Take the limits off today and walk in abundance. It's your destiny.

Visit [GospelTruth.TV](https://www.gospeltruth.tv) to watch *Life Foundations* with Carrie Pickett Monday–Friday at 5 a.m. and 5 p.m. MT and keep abiding in God's Word.



Carrie Pickett spent sixteen years as a missionary in Russia, where she established and directed the Charis campus in St. Petersburg. In 2015, she returned to Colorado and is now serving as executive vice president of AWM and Charis Bible College. She also leads the Charis Global Training School, dedicated to spreading God's grace worldwide and raising powerful ministers with a Great Commission vision.



GOD STILL DOES MIRACLES!

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; **he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised.***

Luke 4:18, emphasis added

"I have been watching Healing Is Here. The messages have challenged my faith to believe that God is my healer. Even God has asked me to believe that I walk in healing, so I have adjusted my thought life accordingly. The enemy is mad and has reminded me of every pain I have ever experienced in my body. But God has given me the assurance that because He loves me and I love Him, I no longer have to live in torment from the devil. Yeah, Jesus!"

—Penny D.

"I have been going through a very difficult time with the recent loss of a loved one. Your TV program has been very enlightening. Andrew, you are truly a man of God. I am grateful to have discovered you and your ministry. God bless you."

—Wayne D.

"I give thanks to our living God for the lives of Andrew Wommack Ministries phone ministers for standing with me in prayer, which enabled me to have sound sleep. I was having some difficulty sleeping due to emotional stress, so I called the Helpline. The prayer I received helped me tremendously. May God bless you. Amen."

—Freda D.

"Thank you for your love and dedication to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. My sister



Alicia and I watch your healing ministry daily on YouTube. Bless you, your family, and Charis Bible College staff and students. Much love."

—Yolanda F.

"On August 1, 2023, I woke up with excruciating pain and stiffness in my neck and back. I had no explanation or precedent for it. I immediately began to stand against it, but it wasn't getting any better. I wept at night with the pain. Finally, on August 9, I listened to the Healing Masterclass videos. When I got into bed that night, I realized I had no pain! Something in those videos got me to stop working for my healing, and as a result, I was able to receive healing in my body. Praise God and all who have made this ministry what it is. Thank You, Jesus!"

—Sylvia A.

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A BETTER WAY TO RECEIVE

If you are trying to catch a baseball, the worst thing you can do is look down at yourself when the ball is coming your way. That's a good recipe for a bloody nose! The best way to catch it is to focus on the person who is throwing the ball. That sounds obvious when it comes to baseball, but this principle can be applied to receiving healing from God!

Do you struggle with receiving healing? Much like the baseball scenario, many of us are so focused on ourselves and our needs that we don't place ourselves in a good position to receive.

If you'd like to position yourself to receive from God, here are four aspects to focus on!

#1 God's glory. You were created for God's glory. Isaiah 43:7 says, "Even every one that is called by my name: for **I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him**" (emphasis added). It is paramount to understand that everything God does is for His glory, even healing!

In John 11:4, when Jesus found out that Lazarus was sick, He said, "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby." Then Jesus healed him! God wants you well, but your healing is not strictly about you. It brings glory to God!

#2 God's character. God is good, and His heart is kind toward you! Matthew 14:14 says, "And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick." Every time Jesus healed



someone, His character was revealed. When you focus on God's character of compassion, it makes it easier to receive healing from Him.

#3 God's promises. God fulfilled His promises to you through Christ. Every time Jesus healed someone, it fulfilled Old Testament prophecy. Isaiah 35:5–6 prophesied that the blind would see, the deaf would hear, and the lame would walk. We should want to be healed not just for ourselves but because His promises will be fulfilled and His Word will be exalted!

#4 God's purpose. The ultimate goal for your healing is not just that you feel better; it's also for God's glory! Consider Peter's mother-in-law, who, after being healed, immediately started serving Jesus (Luke 4:38–39). Walking in complete healing allows you to better serve God and others and fulfill the unique call on your life.

If you center your focus on God through these four aspects, rather than on yourself, I believe your faith will be strengthened to receive your healing!



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A MOTHER'S PRAYER

This is a testimony of the journey of a mother who chose to trust God, regardless of the insurmountable challenges she faced raising her daughter.

Dorcas, a single mother of an only child, Ashley, received Christ in 2005. Ashley was only 6 years old at the time. Ashley, too, received Christ soon after that under her mother's guidance, however legalistic. Ashley became actively involved in serving in her Sunday School as an usher. Her mother was her only reference to Christianity as a born-again believer.

Ashley's experience as a new Christian quickly soured, and by the age of 10, she mentioned to her mother that she was tired of going to church! This infuriated an already overwhelmed single mom. Dorcas chose to put her foot down and enforced that church going was a non-negotiable as long as Ashley was living under her roof; to which she submitted and obediently adhered to.

FROM BAD TO WORSE

By the time Ashley turned 18, the ultimatum was lifted. Church attendance was now by choice. So, Ashley had finally gotten the "breather" she longed for from the oppressive, religious rules at home, and no longer attended church, while her mother grew more dedicated in her church-related commitments. Ashley completely dropped off the "church radar".

In 2018, Dorcas resigned from her job. During this time, while at home, she stumbled upon Andrew Wommack

on Faith TV. He was going through the Healing Journeys. These teachings caught her attention because she was dealing with swollen feet. She applied the principles taught and was healed, but she deemed this too easy and too good to be true and reverted to her old legalistic way of relating to the Lord.

Just a year later, while still under legalism: attending overnight prayers, religiously, during weekdays, and heading straight to work in the mornings, believing her effort would gain her God's approval, Dorcas experienced frequent robbery attacks, one week after another! Ashley was a university student at the time, and indifferent to her mother's church lifestyle, but the robberies disturbed her! She questioned her mother about them, to which Dorcas responded that "God knew what He was doing!" This disturbed Ashley and made her angry and decided to completely distance herself from this so-called "loving" God who, "knew what he was doing", by allowing such attacks to happen to her seemingly very God-loving, religious mother!

THE BEGINNING OF THE TURN-AROUND

Towards the end of 2019, Dorcas threw in the towel! The self-effort was yielding nothing! Things seemed to be getting worse, regardless of what she did. It was then that she remembered Andrew Wommack's simple teachings, the moment she had been instantly healed from swollen feet. She decided to enroll for Charis Bible College in 2020. During her time at the college, Dorcas discovered the true nature of God and the unconditional love of God, which started transforming her heart from stone to that of flesh; filled with God's grace and peace.

The Word, being taught through the lense of God's unconditional grace and love, brought down the walls of legalism in Dorcas' life. She began reaching out to her daughter with this newfound truth. She became the gentle and loving mother, which her daughter truly needed, although Ashley watched on apprehensively; still unsure what to make of God and unable to reconcile His love with the attacks on her family.

Dorcas shared Andrew Wommack's books and teachings with her daughter, but she simply told

her mother that that was not her kind of literature! Dorcas tried teaching her through the Discipleship Evangelism Course, but it all went over Ashley's head and heart - she was totally closed off! Dorcas chose to stand firm on God's word that He Himself would reach and teach her (Isaiah 54:13).

THE BROKEN PICTURE RESTORED

Three years later, after Dorcas surrendered her daughter to the Lord, Ashley's heart began to change towards God. Suddenly, Dorcas noticed her beginning to read Andrew's books, as well as books by Charis Alumni, Ashley and Carlie Terradez; books which were not her type of literature, before- Ashley was captivated by them.

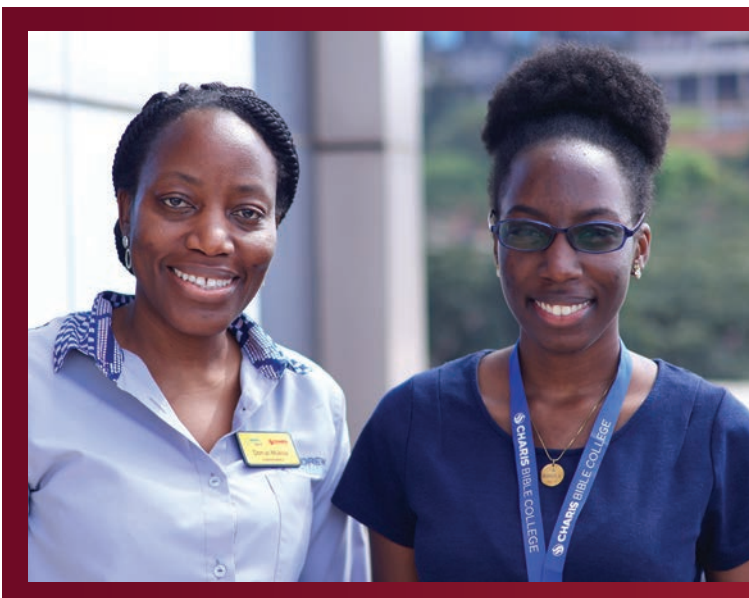
This year, 2024, Dorcas invited her to attend the Charis Campus Days in January, to which she surprisingly agreed. Ashley was blown away by the teaching of Charis Cape town Director, Stefan Lombard, who taught that, *"Your understanding of The Word of God influences the picture of God in your heart and in turn affects your relationship with Him."*

This was a light bulb moment for Ashley! She repented for her incorrect perception of God.

It was Friday afternoon, when Ashley walked into the sitting room and expressed to her mother, that she wanted to enroll at Charis. Both excited and

shocked, Dorcas burst forth with jubilation! No time was wasted. The following Monday the 19th of February 2024, Ashley enrolled as a Charis Bible College full-time student, sitting under God's Word for 4 hours, and her relationship with God is on the mend, as a result. Every class brings with it new revelation of God's true nature, His love and grace, drawing her back to Him. Hallelujah!

We do hope that this testimony has encouraged a parent out there, trusting God to work in the heart of their child, or someone wondering when things will get better. We can assure you that, God answers prayer, always!



GOD'S LOVE FOR YOU IS OUT OF THIS WORLD!

Xzavier was a happy baby and always had a smile on his face from the moment he entered the world. However, soon after he was given a series of vaccinations, his life took an unexpected turn. When pinpoint blood spots emerged all over his body, his parents, Isaac and Mara De Los Reyes, found themselves on a frantic trip to the emergency room. Low blood platelet levels created a critical situation, leading doctors to give Xzavier a blood transfusion. The subsequent diagnosis of sensory processing disorder marked the beginning of a challenging chapter for the De Los Reyes family.

Xzavier's once joyful demeanor suddenly shifted, plunging him into a world where speech regression, constant pain, and an inability to digest food normally became the new norm. As his ability to process sensory information was disrupted, his parents' heartbreak deepened as they witnessed their child's radiant smile fade away.

"The day came when he blocked me from wiping his tears," Mara says. "He said, 'No, Mommy. You can't wipe my tears.' This condition was stealing my motherhood," she recalls.

Desperate for answers, Isaac stayed awake at night scouring the internet. One night, a YouTube video featuring Andrew Wommack brought a glimmer of hope regarding healing for their son. Andrew taught that it wasn't a matter of getting God to do something. God had done His part. It was up to them as believers to draw it out, because as Jesus is, so are we in this world (1 John 4:17).

Realizing that Jesus had already provided healing for Xzavier, the family focused all their attention on God's Word. They watched and rewatched *Healing Journeys* videos and diligently studied Andrew's booklet *The Truth About Healing: An Introduction to God Wants*



You Well. "It's like we began to celebrate in our own home before we saw changes," says Mara.

Their newfound excitement even rubbed off on young Xzavier, who, at four and a half years old, went around the house declaring, "By His stripes, I am healed."

The family later attended the Phoenix Gospel Truth Conference. However, the loud music and sounds posed challenges for Xzavier, constraining the family to stay in the lobby. During a break, they brought Xzavier to a prayer minister, who commanded the infirmity to leave in the name of Jesus. Miraculously, Xzavier's sensitivity to noise disappeared, and he joyfully began to sing at the top of his lungs.

After the conference, Mara and Isaac were determined to stand on God's promises. They firmly believed that Xzavier was completely healed. And though his speech and digestive issues took time, within four months, every symptom was gone!

Thanks to our partners, one family got their lives back and now helps others through Mara's ministry at [HopeForAHealedChild.com](https://www.HopeForAHealedChild.com). And Xzavier now testifies, "God loves you more than you could imagine. It's bigger than outer space. It's bigger than you could imagine!"

Explore our FREE *Healing Journeys* at awmi.net/journeys for more inspiration.

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APRIL 25
HEALING EXPERIENCE
5th Floor, Park Royal Mall,
Buganda Road, Kampala.

APRIL 20
CHARIS BIBLE COLLEGE
MBARARA START OF SCHOOL.
Acacia Hotel, Mbarara.

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DISCIPLESHIP EVANGELISM
KAMPALA - INTAKE 2
5th Floor, Park Royal Mall,
Buganda Road, Kampala.

APRIL 25
GRACE AND FAITH
LIVESTREAM.
Speakers: Andrew Wommack,
Isaac Akowuah, Ricky Burge,
Anneline Akowuah, Junaid Easu,
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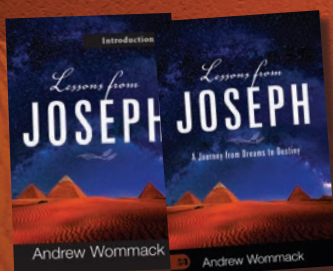


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Did you know that God can take every setback, hurdle, and heartbreak and use them as building blocks toward fulfilling your life's purpose? The key is learning to trust God and stay focused, even when faced with temptations. In *Lessons from Joseph*, Andrew explains what true integrity looks like and shares principles to help you remain steadfast despite challenges and find joy in the process! Discover what's possible when you follow God's lead with this life-changing series, *Lessons from Joseph*.