



## A NEW LOOK

For those of you who have been regularly visiting our website or receiving our newsletters and weekly devotionals, you will notice that we have a new look.

Gone are the boring plain white pages with little flecks of colour here and there. We have jazzed things up a bit with a fresh and professional looking website, and a new look of *The G.E.M.* to match.

Also, we will no longer have a long main article, but rather shorter articles, product reviews, and event report backs.

Our normal back page will still be a feature for those of you who enjoy the games and colouring pictures for the children.

And, if you are ever driving through the area where we used to have our shop, you will also notice that we have a new sign at the bridge.

So sit back and enjoy the new and improved *The G.E.M.*

Blessings,  
Glyn and Linda. †

*"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen."* (2 Peter 3:18)



Linda and Glyn with Justin Peters during his recent seminar tour around South Africa

## JUSTIN PETERS SOUTH AFRICAN SEMINAR TOUR

During the month of June, Grace Media had the privilege of being involved in Justin Peters' *A Call for Discernment* seminar tour of South Africa.

Speaking in eight cities across the country, Justin's message was well received by thousands of people who attended the seminars and Sunday services.

Justin delivered his message with passion and love, not only for the Word of God itself, but for the many people who are involved in the Word of Faith, or Prosperity Gospel, movement. He also shared his personal testimony of how God has been working with him the last few years since he began his ministry.

Despite how people interpret the various passages that Justin refers to in his seminar, and those of the many teachers he exposes, one message was extremely clear throughout the seminars, the need for proper Biblical discernment, and the serious consequences of not practicing discernment.

If you missed the seminars, the DVD, *A Call for Discernment*, is available for purchase through Grace Media. If you are a ministry, church or bookshop and would like to make the DVD available for resale, please contact Grace Media today for a ministry discount.

Justin has also very graciously allowed the audio of the Pretoria seminar to be made available for free download. Visit our website today for more information.

From Grace Media and all those that attended the seminars, a big thank you to Justin for all his time and effort in coming to South Africa, and to each of the venue hosts for all their hard work to make Justin's tour a great success. †

## EVENTS

### Creation Conference

**When:** 4 August  
**Where:** Centurion Gereformeerde Kerk, Pretoria.  
**Cost:** R200

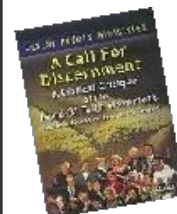
### Faith & Reason Conference

**When:** 25 August  
**Where:** Pretoria

### Louie Giglio in SA

**When:** 26 Sept – 6 Oct  
**Where:** Pretoria, Durban & Cape Town  
**Cost:** From R140  
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of Faith Movement  
(Health & Wealth or Prosperity  
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## PRODUCT REVIEWS

### COURAGEOUS

*Courageous*, which was released on DVD in April and was on circuit in South Africa in 2011, is the best of the movies produced by Sherwood Baptist Church in the USA.

It tells the story of four police officers and one hard-working civilian who become friends, then have their friendship tested by death, temptation, and sin. Early on in the movie the five main characters realise that they are not parenting like they should, so they decide to make a vow. They make this vow publically by means of a ceremony similar to a wedding. Their pastor officiates, forms are signed, and then the commitments are framed and hung on their walls at home.

The acting was convincing with gripping action scenes that were not over-the-top. The characters were either good or bad, with no shades of grey, it teaches us that a simple act of refusing to dance with your daughter or jog with your son are as equally sinful as lying, stealing, and dealing drugs.

*Courageous* presents a gripping story from a biblical world view, with Christians being portrayed in a real way. It was in no way demeaning, condescending, nor stereo-typical. The characters live in the real world where sin exists, and they realise that in times of trial and tragedy, the only solution is found in belief in the death and resurrection of Jesus, and through an unyielding confidence in God, through the Bible.



## CRAZY LOVE

by Francis Chan

*Crazy Love* is straightforward and easy to read. It is divided into three chapters that are dedicated to renewing our understanding of the character of God and seven chapters calling Christians to examine themselves.

There are two basic themes dealt with throughout the book. Firstly that we must painstakingly examine ourselves and that we cannot assume we are saved. Chan calls the reader to a serious self-inventory through a chapter that looks at what it means to be lukewarm. His conclusion, "a lukewarm Christian is an oxymoron; there's no such thing. To put it plainly, churchgoers who are 'lukewarm' are not Christians. We will not see them in heaven."

The second theme goes against modern Christianity and secular thinking. It is live your best life later. Chan's desire is to see Christians living in a way that is noticeably different from the world. He wants to see Christians focussing more on the treasures of heaven than on what society deems to be treasures. He wants us to step out of our comfort zones because, "God doesn't call us to be comfortable. He calls us to trust Him so completely that we are unafraid to put ourselves in situations where we will be in trouble if He doesn't come through."

*Crazy Love* is a powerful and deeply challenging book with a message that Christians need to hear.



## SHEPHERDING A CHILD'S HEART

by Tedd Tripp

There are many things in life that are easy to do poorly but are much more difficult to do with excellence. One such activity is parenting.

*Shepherding a Child's Heart* by Tedd Tripp is a book that deals with speaking to the very heart of your children. Instead of merely reacting to the symptoms of sin, Tedd attempts to help parents look deeper, to see that all the things a child says and does flow from the heart, for as Luke 6:45 says, "...out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks." If a parent can understand a child's heart and shepherd that heart, he can deal most effectively with a child's deepest needs.

The book is divided into two parts. The first lays the Biblical foundation for childrearing. Showing the sinful heart as being the cause of bad behaviour, and then dealing with the child's development. He also discusses issues like authority, goals, methods, communication and discipline.

The second part guides a parent through shepherding a child through three stages of development: infancy, childhood and teenagers. For each of these periods he suggests the training objectives and then procedures a parent should use to attain these objectives.

Throughout the book Tripp focuses on Scripture and on the gospel. He focuses on human nature and on the grace of God in providing a solution to the needs of our children. †



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### Crazy Love related products

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## BIBLE BASICS

### Zechariah *The Book of the Future*

The book of Zechariah looks to the distant future, therefore is referred to as apocalyptic. It is full of symbols, shapes, and images. As with most prophetic writings, its full meaning will only be understood when its words are fulfilled.

**Author and Date:** Zechariah was a contemporary of Haggai and speaks out of the same historical background. Many of the dates in the book actually overlap the sermons of Haggai, and was written between 520 and 518 BC.

Zechariah was born in Babylon, and was a priest as well as a prophet. His name means "The Lord Remembers" which is an appropriate name given the contents of his prophecies.

Zechariah prophesied for three years with the glorious future his focus instead of the doom and gloom of the present.

**Structure:** The book is divided into two main sections:

Chapter 1-8: The Chosen People and the Temple.  
Chapters 9-14: The Messiah and the Kingdom.

**Outline:** Zechariah is shown eight visions, and in them he is not a passive observer. He is actively involved and is even permitted to ask the angel guiding him questions. Most of the meanings of the visions are given in the text, with the focus on God's intentions for Jerusalem and Judea.

In the second half of the book, there are poetic sections, the first of which describes the Good Shepherd sent to, and rejected by, Israel.

**Value for Today:** Though the book deals with the first coming of Jesus, there are aspects of the future, second coming of Christ. As readers of the prophecies in the twenty-first century, we can use the book to look back and reflect on the person and work of Jesus.

Then, when looking forward to that great day of His return, we can do it with hope, knowing that as each of the prophecies in this book of Christ's first coming were all fulfilled, we can know without a doubt that the prophecies yet to be fulfilled, will be. †

## HYMN STORIES

### Doxology *Psalm 100*

The four lines of the Doxology have been the most frequently sung words of any known song for more than three hundred years. Even today, nearly every English-speaking Protestant congregation still unites at least once each Sunday in this noble ascription of praise. It has been said that the doxology has done more to teach the doctrine of the Trinity than all the theological books ever written.

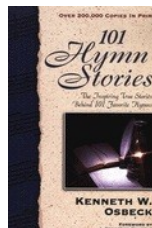
The author of this text was a bold, outspoken seventeenth century Anglican bishop named Thomas Ken. He was born at Little Berkhamstead, England, in 1637. Left an orphan in early childhood, Ken was educated at Winchester School where he was raised under the care of his older sister and her famous husband, Izaak Walton, distinguished in history as the most eminent angler of his time. Later Ken attended Oxford University and was ordained in 1662 to the ministry of the Church of England.

In 1679 he was sent to Holland, where he was the English chaplain at the royal court of the Hague. Ken, however, was so outspoken in denouncing the corrupt lives of those in authority in the Dutch capital that he was compelled to leave the following year. Upon his return to England Charles II appointed Ken as one of his own chaplains. Ken continued to reveal the same spirit of boldness in rebuking the moral sins of his dissolute English monarch. Despite these rebukes Charles always admired him. The king rewarded Thomas Ken by appointing him to the Bishopric of Bath and Wells.

Imprisoned in the Tower of London by James II, he was later acquitted by William III. Ken died in obscurity in 1711 at the age of seventy-four.

Ken wrote a number of hymns and was one of the first English writers to produce hymns that were not merely versifications of the Psalms.

Taken from *101 Hymn Stories* by Kenneth W. Osbeck. †



### 101 Hymn Stories by Kenneth W. Osbeck

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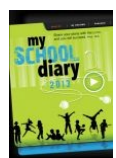
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in Afrikaans**



## COLOUR US IN

*“Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



## BIBLE TRIVIA CHALLENGE

Questions taken from the KJV.

- Whose is the saying about the axe laid to the root of the tree? (Matt. 3)
- Who said of the religious leaders that they said, “Peace, peace,” when there was no peace? (Jer. 6)
- What did Paul call “the first commandment with promise”? (Eph. 6)
- Who asked God to put his tears into his bottle? (Ps. 56)
- To whom did God say, “The Lord searcheth all hearts”? (1 Chron. 28)
- Of whom was it asked in astonishment whether he was among the prophets? (1 Sam. 10)
- Of whom did the Lord ask, “Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge”? (1 Sam. 10)
- In what book is the prayer, “Lead me to the rock that is higher than I”? (Ps. 18)

9. Who said, and to whom, “Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another”? (Dan. 5)

10. To whom did the Lord say, “Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward”? (Ex. 14)

11. In whose song are the words, “He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree”? (Luke 1)

12. In what book is the great affirmation, “Hear, O Israel; the Lord our God is one Lord”? (Deut. 6)

13. To whom was it said, “Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return”? (Gen. 3)

14. Complete the war cry, “The sword of the Lord ...” (Judg. 7)

15. Who said, “We will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word”? (Ac. 6)

16. Who said of marriage, “What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder”? (Mk. 10)

Answers in next edition.†

## CRYPTOGRAM

**Directions:** At the bottom the key that lists all the letters from A to Z. Each of the letters has a corresponding number. The top part contains a hidden Bible verse. Each of the blanks has a number underneath it. Fill in the letters that correspond to the numbers below the blanks to solve the phrase.

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Answer in next edition.†

Last Edition's Answers  
 Bible Trivia Challenge: 1. Nebuchadnezzar 2. Moses 3. Revelation 13:8 4. Gamaliel 5. Adam & Jesus 6. The Tongue 7. Paul 8. Song of Solomon 9. God at Jesus' baptism 10. Paul 11. "A word spoken in due season" (Proverbs 15:23) 12. "the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him" (1 Cor. 2:9) 13. Jesus 14. "your sanctification" Cryptogram: "Beloved, let us love one another for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God." (1 John 4:7)

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