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## Jesus Heals Children of Polio!



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# Great Faith and Humility, Part I

By Mark R. Anderson

Excerpts from Mark's upcoming book  
"Christ-like Humility and the Coming Wave" (Chapter 6)

**T**he focus of this article is to examine what the Bible calls great faith. We will see what is necessary to have and walk in 'great faith'. We will also see the role humility has in having and walking in great faith. I believe if you add humility and faith together God can use you in powerful ways that you never thought possible. That is why I believe it is so important in this coming move of God to know and understand humility and faith. In many churches faith is ignored and they do not want to mention it, let alone study it or live by it. Jesus said "Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, **will He really find faith on the earth?**" (Luke 18:8b)

## What is Faith?

First off let's look at what real faith is. According to the dictionary faith means to believe without proof or to have trust in someone or in a promise. The Bible explains faith in Hebrews 11:1 this way, "Now faith is the substance

*of things hoped for the evidence (realization) of things not seen."* Faith in God's promises is like having the title deed to that promise. Faith is not hope. Hope is expecting something in the future. Faith believes it is yours right now even though you do not see it. All you know is God said it in His Word.

Hebrews 11:6 says, "**But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.**"

Many have turned away from walking or living by faith because they witnessed the abuse of faith by some who were imbalanced or given to improper extremes in faith. Others

do not truly understand what it is to have faith or how to appropriate it! Without faith in any area of our Christian walk we cannot please God. Some do not act in faith because their pride stands in the way. They wonder what others will think of them. "...I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to **contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.**" (Jude vs. 3)

Faith in God literally activates God's miracle working power. Jesus tells us what faith is, in



Brother and sister born deaf-mutes! Healed by Jesus while leaders prayed over people - Barielly, Uttar Pradesh, INDIA June 4, 2009

Mark 11:12-14, 20-26  
“Now the next day, when they had come out from Bethany, He was hungry. And seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves, He went to see if perhaps he would find something



**Is there anything too difficult for our great God?**

on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. In response Jesus said to it, Let no one eat fruit from you ever again. And His disciples heard it.. Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried to the roots. And Peter remembering, said to Him, Rabbi look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away. So Jesus answered and said to them, **Have faith in God.** For assuredly, I say to you, whoever **says** to this mountain, Be

removed and be cast into the sea, and **does not doubt in his heart**, but believes that those things he **says** will be done, he will have whatever he **says**. Therefore I say to you, whatever things

you ask when you pray, **believe that you receive them, and you will have them.** And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything **against anyone, forgive him**, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. But if you **do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.**”

Notice that Jesus cursed the fig tree from the roots (verse 20), but nothing happened immediately, in the natural realm. Those who heard Jesus curse the fig tree may have wondered what He was doing. Many believers are concerned what others will think if they choose to walk by faith. Many try to deal with the surface issues or symptoms of a problem, rather than getting to the root of a problem. Doing this will not produce lasting freedom. All they will be

able to do is learn to cope with their problems. Jesus dealt with the root in teaching us the principles of real faith.

In verse 21 Peter was astonished that the tree had withered away from the roots. Jesus cursed the fig tree to show His disciples how faith works.

In verse 22 Jesus says, “*have faith in God.*” The Greek version is “**have the faith of God.**” It is one thing to have faith but quite another to have **God’s faith working through you.** When it is His faith working through you it becomes much easier to have God’s power flowing through you.

Jesus goes on to explain what it is to have this kind of faith. We should learn from Jesus’ example. You can gather from the next four verses that faith does not operate by the five physical senses. Too much dependence in the Body of Christ has been on the five physical senses or what we can do naturally. God is supernatural and wants to make His power available to us. One way we tap into His power or activate this power

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is when we walk by faith. Faith affects the spiritual realm, which has preeminence over the physical or natural realm. It is for this reason that Paul says in 2 Corinthians 5:7, *“For we **walk by faith, not by sight** (5 physical senses).”*

In these last days you will never grasp and tap into the enormity of faith and miracles on a consistent basis if you are governed by your five physical senses, rather than faith in God’s promises. Jesus speaking of the last days *“**men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken**”* (Luke 21:26). If you do not adhere to or walk by faith you will be focused on the natural realm (5 physical senses) and negative things around you. That will in turn give place to fear which activates demonic powers. 2 Timothy 1:7 says *“For God has not given us a **spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.**”* Stay focused on Jesus and His

Word. That will help you walk in faith.

In Verse 23 Jesus tells us to speak to the mountain (problem) before us and it will be removed. **He does not tell us to ignore the mountain or problem.** It is essential that we **acknowledge it** and **confront it** with faith in Him.

It is interesting that in this verse Jesus repeatedly says we will have what we say. If we desire to walk in faith then we need to understand the power of our words or tongue. Proverbs 18:21 says, *“**Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.**”* Often we speak words of death and end up with what we speak because we do not heed Jesus’ words. We have what we say but do not want what we have.

According to Mark 11:24 when should we believe we receive what we pray for? The minute we pray! It is immaterial whether we see it or feel it immediately! **Faith says it is as good as answered because God said it.**

For instance, if I have a problem before me, like

a sickness or financial need, and I pray, if my prayer is answered instantly, do I need faith for those needs to be met? Of course not! When is faith needed? When we do not see the answer in the natural realm! Faith in God and His promises releases His miracle working power, affecting the spiritual realm, then the natural realm.

Many stop at verse 24, not realizing that verse 25 and 26 are key to walking and living by faith as well. If we walk in unforgiveness, offense, or have a prideful and critical attitude, we can literally short-circuit our faith and our miracle. It is also a breeding ground for unbelief. Fear and unbelief are contrary to faith. Unfortunately, in Mark 6:1-6 Jesus was unable to heal people in His hometown because of unbelief and offense, even though everywhere else He healed everyone who trusted in Him. If we are easily offended and have a critical attitude or unforgiveness our faith may never get out of the chute. These negatives will hinder the blessings of God in our lives.

Unforgiveness, anger and bitterness can also be a breeding ground for disease like cancer or arthritis because it can release toxins into our body that make us more susceptible to these

illnesses. That is why Jesus deals with the root problems, to get them out of the way so our faith can work freely. It takes humility to recognize there are root problems in our life that

can hinder faith from working. Humility will help us see our need to repent and deal with the root problem. ●

## 2009 Summer Outreach To India

By *Sharmila Anderson*

**M**ark was in India from May 22- June 8, 2009. During this period he ministered extensively in **Shimla, New Delhi and Bareilly**. Many turned to Christ in these outreaches. Numerous people were set free of diverse diseases, afflictions and demons by the name of Jesus. Words are so inadequate to express what the Lord did during this trip and what He is continuing to

do so even today in these towns.

God is moving powerfully in Shimla in spite of the persecution. We conducted a three-day leadership-training seminar. The evening meetings were open to the public despite an anti-conversion law in effect in Himachal Pradesh State. Many turned to Christ. Every night many testified



of miracle healings. A number of demonized were set free. We purchased another motorcycle for Pastor MP Singh to help his leaders oversee the various churches he is planting in Himachal Pradesh. At present he has six churches and 30+ house groups that meet regularly.

### Bareilly Outreach

From June 1-6, 2009 we conducted a citywide open-air campaign in Bareilly India. The first night approximately 1,000 people gathered. However as the news spread about the miracles that Jesus



Crowd pours forward for healing - **Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh, INDIA June 6, 2009.**

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Barielly Leadership training.

was doing the crowd grew every night. By the closing night there were over 8,000 people in attendance. We saw approximately 11,000 people give their hearts to Christ during these six nights. The deaf heard, the blind saw, the lame walked, tumors and stones dissolved and demons fled in the matchless name of Jesus. On the last night many children crippled by polio walked and ran for the first time in their lives.

**Anita**, an 18-year old young lady had lived her entire life with polio. She walked with the help of crutches and wore a huge brace on her leg. One of her legs was shorter than the other. During mass prayer she was healed, climbed up

the stage without the help of crutches and then preceded to walk very fast to demonstrate her miracles. Mark then prayed over her leg and the shorter one grew out. She left her crutches behind.

**Dharminder**, a 13-year-old boy had polio since birth. He could not stand or walk without support and used to fall a lot because of his condition. He received a complete healing. Normally when people are healed of a crippling disease in our campaigns their gait is still

affected. However this young boy showed no signs of ever having polio. He literally ran across the stage. I had a hard time keeping up with him trying to get a picture.

**Vimla**, a middle aged lady had suffered with epilepsy her entire life. She was married with grown children. Her daughter had to take care of her when she had a seizure, which caused the daughter a lot of stress. Vimla had spent a considerable amount of money on treatment



**Vimla** - felt current go through her body. Had Epilepsy entire life.



Shobha



Anita



Preeti

These five youngsters were all healed of polio by Christ on the closing night of our **Bareilly, India** campaign.

for this problem to no avail. She testified that during mass prayer she saw a blinding light and felt that Jesus Christ was standing in front of her. She fell to the ground and felt a strong current go through her. She knew that she was healed.

We also experienced a huge financial miracle in India. The budget for the campaign was almost 50% more than originally communicated because of unforeseen events and the dollar had dropped after the elections. We needed a substantial amount to cover the budget. The Indian believers gave \$3,750 to help us reach Bareilly. This was the first time we have received such a large amount in India.



Nisha



Dhamundar

We have received very encouraging reports of the follow up since we left. Our workers have been back in Bareilly helping with the follow up and ministering in the churches there. The pastors that we are in touch with say that their churches are growing since the campaign.

Pastor Prince Phillips shared about a Hindu

gentleman, **Babu**, who came to Christ during the campaign, was also healed of migraines and epilepsy. He owns a tea stall in a very busy market. He began openly testifying of his miracle and Jesus in his tea stall. Many began asking him for prayers. He contacted Pastor Prince, who has been going to his tea

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stall at various times and praying for people. Many other shopkeepers have accepted Christ because of this man's testimony.

Another testimony of the effects of the campaign shared by Pastor Prince is as follows: *"...I told Sahel to pray for a few people, one of which was opposing us. When I went, he called me and said please come and pray for me. He was having pain on his right hand and shoulder and was unable to lift his hand. As Sahel prayed, immediately he said there was no pain and he was very happy and lifted his hands up and down saying a miracle took place. His wife was having neck pain and her neck bone was coming out and I prayed for her. She was also totally healed and they both were very happy. Keep praying for them, they are from the Nirankaree group (Militant Sikh group that believes violence is the only way to handle some matters and very intolerant of any other faiths)."*

The youth who attended the campaign are really fired up for the gospel of Jesus Christ. During the follow-up meetings

Hanok, one of our workers, held a meeting with youth encouraging them to help reap the harvest in Bareilly.

Thank you so much for your ongoing prayers and support that enable us to accomplish this kind of fruit in India. Our next outreach will be in **Agra, Uttar Pradesh** starting October 22- 31, 2009 with youth concerts and then a campaign and training seminar. Pre-campaign work has already begun on this upcoming outreach.

Pastor William Samuel's feedback from the Recent Barielly campaign. Pastor Samuel has one of the largest churches in Barielly:

*Dear Mark,*

*Greetings to you in the matchless name of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. It was real a pleasure for me to receive your phone call and I heartily thank you for remembering me.*

*I would like to tell you that Bareilly has really experienced the work*

*of God from this festival. Many people are blessed over here and many have started going to different churches all over the city and have been abundantly revived by the Holy Spirit.*

*Personally, I was also really lifted up in my spirit by witnessing great works of God and also my church congregation. They got boosted up in the spirit, even my youth. They really loved your songs and the music. I also thank your team members and Dr. Hanok, for his kind visit to my place.*

*May God bless you and your ministry abundantly.*

*His servant,*

*Rev. William Samuel  
Sr. Pastor (Independent  
Baptist Church) 📍*



Mark sings songs off of his new CD **"Time is Slipping"** - Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh, India.



# Great Faith and Humility, Part II

By Mark R. Anderson

## The Centurion's Faith

*"A certain centurion's servant, who was dear to him, was sick and ready to die. So when he heard about Jesus, he sent elders of Jews to Him, pleading with Him to come and heal his servant. And when they came to Jesus, they begged Him earnestly, saying that the one for whom He should do this was deserving, for he loves our nation, and has built us a synagogue. Then Jesus went with them. And when he was already not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to Him, saying to Him, Lord do not trouble yourself, for **I am not worthy** that You should enter my roof. Therefore I did not even think myself worthy to come to You. But **say the word**, and my servant **will be healed**. For I also am a man placed **under authority**, having soldiers under me. And I say to one, Go, and he goes; and to another, Come, and he comes; and to my servant, Do this, and he does it. When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him, I say to you, I have not found **such great faith**, not **even in Israel**."*

*And those who were sent, returning to the house, found the servant well who had been sick." (Luke 7:2-10)*

In verse 9 Jesus says, *"I have not found such GREAT FAITH, not even in Israel."* What was so GREAT about the centurion's faith? First of all this man understood the importance of adding humility to his faith (vs. 6-7). Here is a commander in the Roman army humbling himself to receive from Jesus. Many in a high position would never think of humbling themselves to receive something. He understood that in and of himself he was not worthy that Jesus should do anything for him. Some have ignored this key ingredient of humility and have come across with an arrogant attitude of 'God, you owe me.'

Namaan was also a commander (of the Syrian army). He was struck with leprosy. Namaan travelled to Israel to meet the Prophet Elisha who he hoped could cure him. The prophet Elisha did not come out and meet him. Instead he sent

word though his servant Gehazi that Namaan, should immerse himself seven times in the Jordan river to be delivered from leprosy. The solution greatly infuriated Namaan, as he expected better treatment because of his military position. As a result of **offense and pride, he was ready to walk away from his miracle**. His servant encouraged him to humble himself, not get offended, and obey the prophet. Namaan heeded his servant's advice and humbled himself. As a result Namaan came away with his miracle ( 2 Kings 5:1-19). How many others



**Kiran** - last stages of breast cancer! Doctors wanted to remove breasts! Completely healed by Jesus - **Barielly, Uttar Pradesh, INDIA June 6, 2009**

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have missed out on a miracle because of pride and offense?

Why did the centurion say he was unworthy? He realized his beliefs were not in line with God's way of doing things and thus he was not worthy that Jesus should come to his house. He was honest enough with Jesus that he was not worthy in and of himself. Because of his humility and faith Jesus said he had the greatest faith He had seen. Jesus has made us worthy of nothing less than His ultimate best. But in and of ourselves we are not worthy. It is only because of what He did at Calvary. We need to keep this in mind.

*“God resists (Greek-ranges in battle against) the proud but He gives GRACE TO THE HUMBLE”* (ref. James 4:6 & 1 Peter 5:5). If there is anything that I have learned from all my years in ministry is that every blessing or gift from God comes only by His grace. Who gets the grace? The humble of heart! This centurion was very humble, especially for someone who was a high ranking officer like he was.

Many think that to receive a healing or miracle they have to take certain steps, or do certain things and then somehow they might receive a miracle or healing from Jesus. Jesus healed many different ways. The focus needs to be Jesus and that everything good only comes by His grace alone. We cannot work up grace. **Humility, being teachable and pliable helps us be a candidate for His grace.**

Other concepts the of great faith the centurion understood are found in verse 7. He knew Jesus had the authority to speak the word and heal his servant and asked Him to do so. In order to see success in a healing ministry people need to know that you have the authority or power in Jesus' name to minister to them, and then allow you to do so. You cannot force healing on someone. Generally people need to pursue Jesus' healing power and want prayer just like in Jesus' day.

Notice once again the power of words. This man believed in the power of Jesus' spoken word. The majority of people receive healing in our campaigns by our speaking the Word and the name of Jesus

over them and their sickness without even laying hands on them. Your words have authority and produce life if used correctly.

This man understood that another important fact regarding faith and humility (verse 8) was to be under authority, or one could say in submission. This is the same thing mentioned in James 4:7 and 1 Peter 5:5. Some never tap into healing and miracles because either they are too proud to submit or to learn from somebody who is proven in that area of ministry. To walk in authority and faith we should be accountable and in submission to others.

Many Christian leaders will criticize those who operate in healing ministries. Then they try to operate in healing themselves and wonder why healing is so sporadic for them. Being critical, prideful and unteachable will keep us from tapping into Christ's healing power. Healings and miracles become very inconsistent in an environment like this.

Finally the centurion understood that we have been given authority. If we are to perform the miracles of Jesus we need

to look at how He used authority to command sickness, infirmities and demons to go. Every person born on planet earth was given authority just like Jesus but we need the Holy Spirit to help us carry out that authority. “How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.” (Acts 10:38). Many were awed by the authority that Jesus exercised. We have the same authority available to us because the same Holy Spirit is living in us. We just need to learn from Jesus’ example of how to operate in authority.

## The Canaanite Woman’s Faith

Matthew 15:21-28, “Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him saying, have mercy on me O Lord, Son of David. My daughter is severely demon possessed. But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, **Send her away**, for she cries out after us. But He answered and said,

*I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Then she came and worshipped Him, saying, Lord, help me! But He answered and said, It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs. And she said, Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their master’s table. Then Jesus answered and said to her, O woman, **GREAT IS YOUR FAITH! Let it be to you as you desire.** And her daughter was healed from that very hour.”*

Jesus said to this woman in verse 28, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.”

What was so great about this woman’s faith? First she was a Canaanite. Canaanites were idolaters indulging in extreme perversion. They even sacrificed their children to demon gods. The Jews referred to them as dogs. In verse 22 she cries out to Jesus for a miracle for her daughter who had a demon. In verse 23, Jesus did not answer a word. His disciples wanted her to be sent away. **It seemed as though Jesus and His disciples did not care.** If we were given such treatment, would we be offended and walk away, or persevere like this woman did? This

woman stayed in faith coupled with humility. In verse 24 Jesus tells her that He came only for the lost sheep of Israel. It did not look very promising for this woman or her daughter. This is where real faith kicks in!

The Canaanite woman walked in extreme humility as revealed in verse 25. She started to worship the very One, who first ignored her and later informed her that He had only come for the lost sheep of Israel. She continued to plead for help. In verse 26, Jesus refers to her as a dog. Why would Jesus say something like this? Because this is exactly how the Jews perceived the Canaanites due to their perverted lifestyle. Jesus was doing all this to use this woman as an example of GREAT FAITH and humility for others to witness and hear.

This woman could have been easily offended and left because of the insolent treatment meted out to her by Jesus and those who walked with Him. Instead she chose to worship Him, press in for her miracle, and left receiving one. So many Christians today are easily offended. They

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are unwilling to humble themselves and thus are unable to see the very things that have brought their problems on. They start to grumble and complain saying that faith does not work. Preachers offend them and they cease attending church. Some might actually buy into the lie that God does not care for them and never answers their prayers.

The truth is that all along God was ready to answer their prayers, but pride in being unwilling to deal with their own problems and offense short circuited the power of God. If you think about this mother and daughter, why did this daughter have a demon in the first place? It was their perverted lifestyle, worship or part of their culture that invited demons to come into the daughter's body. Jesus was dealing with the root issue of this woman's life to help get rid of the demon. The mother's faith, humility and worship of Jesus, which was contrary to her belief, is what opened the door to the daughter's freedom.

Jesus' teachings often offended the religious leaders of His day and they did not receive healing from Him because of their arrogance and offense. These religious leaders were very learned men but their arrogance and offense kept them from receiving from Jesus. I believe the same problem exists today in many churches. The religious spirit in the church is a great hindrance to the move of God. This woman (outside of the covenant) should be an example to all of us of great faith and humility.

## **Humility and Healing**

In the examples mentioned in this article humility was coupled with faith. Many will dive into faith and think it's the cure to all their problems, but as you can see faith works with other fruit of the Spirit like humility, love, perseverance, patience (ref. Galatians 5:6, 2 Peter 1:5-8). Hebrews 6:12 says, *"That you do not become sluggish (lazy), but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises."*

Let us learn from those who had GREAT FAITH, acknowledging any issue

in our lives that may need to be dealt with so we can tap into Christ's unhindered power and blessing. *"If My people who are called by My name will **humble themselves and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and forgive their sin and heal their land.**"* (2 Chronicles 7:14). Healing spiritually, mentally, physically, and financially takes place when we humble ourselves.

Unrepentant sin is an open door for the enemy to walk all over us. When we humble ourselves and turn from the very thing that might have opened the door to the enemy in the first place God says He will forgive our sin (which closes the door on the enemy) and He will bring a lasting healing to us. It takes humility to acknowledge hindrances to healing in our lives and deal with them.

Proverbs 3:7-8 says, *"Do not be wise in your own eyes (be humble); Fear the Lord (reverence) and depart from evil. It will be **HEALTH TO YOUR FLESH** and strength (Hebrew -Refreshment and marrow) to your bones." ●*



# Why We Should Be Excited About the Future

By Dr. Paul Bergamini

I can recall my early days as a new believer when I read for the first time that because of the soon appearing of Jesus for the catching away of his followers, it was actually possible to get to heaven without having to die. I was astonished. So having come to Christ excited about the wonderful future prophesied for all of his followers, I was all the more saddened by the attitudes of so many of my new brothers and sisters regarding future events; and quite puzzled as well. Soon I was to begin hearing the teachings that were creating all this negativity among the people of God, who should after all be the most joyous of all people. How sad that so many Christians were more fearful of the future than the unsaved were and many still are!

So let's examine two of those teachings that I first heard almost thirty years ago, and that are still all too common today; and let's see why they really don't reflect the truth of God's Word. Almost as long as I've been a believer, I've heard the teaching that the world would soon see a total economic collapse. The recent downturn, although we've had many before, seems to have stirred up these fears among many in the Church, and after the recent elections some are even saying that God is bringing judgment upon our nation. First let's look at what Jesus Himself had to say about what the state of our economy

would be in this hour. In Luke 17:26-36 Jesus compares the days of his appearing to the days of both Noah and Lot. Jesus in those days was on His throne in heaven, prior to His incarnation, watching all those events unfold. The Genesis account of both stories mentions only the wickedness, violence and corruption that existed before God's judgment. But note that when Jesus speaks of those days in Luke 17, comparing them to the day of His appearing, he makes no mention of wickedness, violence or corruption. The ONLY similarity He points out is something not mentioned at all in Genesis. Jesus only mentions a completely normal life by stating that people were eating, drinking, marrying wives, and being given in marriage (verse 27) and eating, drinking buying, selling, building and planting (verse 28). In Matthew 24:36-44, referencing only the days of Noah, Jesus says the same thing. Our Lord is telling us that the day He appears will be like any other, with people going about their normal affairs, and with a normal economy. So we can be sure, based upon the words of Jesus Himself, that we will experience a totally normal economy, with its typical ups and downs, right up until our departure for heaven.

Not long ago the prophets of doom were scaring us about Y2K, predicting a worldwide economic disaster. What happened? Absolutely nothing! Many of the same

voices were saying the same things on September 11, 2001. Yet here we are, almost eight years later, still buying, selling, building and planting, marrying and giving in marriage, just as our Lord prophesied. Trust Jesus! His word never fails. God's judgment is never arbitrary; He never changes (see Malachi 3:6). Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8). Note that in the case of both Noah and his family, and Lot and his family, God removed the righteous before he poured out his wrath in judgment; so he must remove us before he pours out His wrath on this earth. Noah and his family being raised up above the wrath of God below, and returning to the earth when his wrath had passed, is a type of the rapture of the Church. Also note that the presence of a mere ten righteous (Genesis 18:32) in the city if Sodom would have been enough for God to refrain from pouring out His wrath on that wicked city. We have tens of millions of righteous in our nation today, so we need not be concerned about the wrath of God.

The second teaching still so commonly, and unfortunately heard today is that we either are already, or will very soon, see a great falling away from the faith. Thank God that the Word of God prophesies exactly the opposite. We are already experiencing the greatest harvest of souls in the history of the Church,

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and no great falling away from the faith will ever occur. So where did this idea come from, and why do so many still teach it? First let's look at 2 Thessalonians 2:3 *Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition.* Look carefully at what the Apostle Paul is really saying. First of all the words translated "falling away" (apostasia in the Greek) in verse three are not preceded by the word "great", and neither are they followed by the words "from the faith." I have to believe that if God wanted to say a "great falling away from the faith", He would have said it.

In fact, if we move forward only a few pages, Timothy 4:1 says, *"Now the Spirit says expressly that in the latter times SOME will depart from the faith."* So there is no justification for teaching a great falling away from the faith, especially when the Bible clearly says that only some will do so. If you are using an NIV Bible, you may be confused by a very poor translation in Matthew 24:10. The NKJV says *"and many will be offended."* The NIV says mistakenly many will fall away (or depart) from the faith. The Greek word used here is "scandalazo". The most accurate reading of this passage would say "And many will be scandalized" there are no Greek manuscripts, including those used for the NIV, that include the words "from the faith", so that rendering in the NIV was added at the discretion of the translators. Scandals have been frequent among

prominent ministers over the last few decades. Once again, the words of Jesus are perfectly accurate.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-8, please note the context of the chapter as described in the first verse. The Apostle Paul is helping us distinguish between our Lord's second coming, and the rapture of the Church *"Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (His second coming to the earth to rule and reign) and our gathering together unto Him (the rapture of the Church) we ask you (vs 2) not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, that the day of Christ (His second coming) had come. (vs 3) Let no one deceive you by any means for that day (the day of Christ's return, His second coming) will not come unless the "falling away" comes first (in Greek translated "apostasia").* The word apostasia simply means "departure", and since it is not followed by the words "from the faith" as we read in 1 Tim 4:1, it makes more sense, in the context of these three verses, to translate it as just "departure" meaning the departure of the Church, the same as "our gathering together unto him" in verse one. So the Apostle Paul is simply telling us that the second coming could not yet have occurred, as we can still say today, because the departure of Church, which must come first, has not yet happened. It's after the departure (of the Church) that *"the man of sin is revealed. The son of perdition (the Antichrist) who will be destroyed with the brightness of His (Jesus' second) coming (vs 8).*

So now that we have established that there is no great falling away in scripture, where do we find the great end time harvest so apparent already in many nations (and eventually including all) of the world today? This is in fact the time of the fulfillment of more Bible prophecy than any other time in history. God desires that all men be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:4), and in fact tens of thousands are doing that every day. Each day in heaven the angels rejoice more and more as the ever increasing end time harvest comes rapidly to fulfillment. The days the prophets spoke of and longed to see are upon us. As Isaiah 2:2, Micah 4:1, Daniel 2:35, Psalm 22: 27&28, Joel 2:18-32 and other prophecies clearly tell us, all the nations of the world have begun to run to the kingdom of God. The great end time harvest is here! All of the signs tell us that Jesus is coming soon!

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# Caring for the Least of These

By Renuka Frank

In India Mark Anderson Ministries is very successfully reaching out to children living in the slums, orphans and destitute girls by showing them the love of Jesus.

**Karishma Daycare Center** has 30 girls in the age group of 5-11 years. All the girls are slum dwellers. We feed them everyday and give them basic education. When these girls turn 15 years they join the sewing school.

**Karishma Sewing School** runs 2 1/2 sessions each year. Each session has about 22 girls, 15 years and older. Learning to sew has really helped the girls to earn a living without leaving their homes. The tailoring shops of the area know about the sewing school and regularly provide the girls with work. Since we began the sewing school about 700 girls have passed through it.

The Daycare Center and Sewing School have only Hindu girls, but sharing the love of Jesus with them through these outreaches has helped us build a very good relation with them and their parents. Often they share their

problems with us and we pray for them and teach them to pray for themselves as well.

**Karishma Girls Home** currently has eight girls. Upon my return to India in the end of July four more girls are coming to live with us. Thereafter due to lack of space we cannot take in any more girls. We are trusting God for finances to complete the top floor. It has already been started. Some of the girls are orphans, some destitute and a couple just given up by their parents. Our youngest is 5 years and the oldest is 14 years. The girl's attend school and are doing extremely well in school. They are at the top of their grades.

We have regular Bible studies with them. They love to sing and are part of the church choir. The girls were recently blessed with laptops by **Shira Evan's** ministry. They love their laptops and the new world it has opened up to them. The older girls are being taught to cook and help out in the kitchen.

Once they graduate, if a relative wants to take them home they are free to go. The orphans and those who stay back will go through college education and then Mark Anderson Ministries will find a way to settle them in life.

## Time is Slipping CD, featured album of the week on [www.indieheaven.com](http://www.indieheaven.com)

Mark's new album *Time is Slipping* will be featured album on [www.indieheaven.com](http://www.indieheaven.com)

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Check it out! You can hear samples of the entire album and purchase the album or individual songs. Also go to 'Fan Faves' and vote for Mark's song *Time is Slipping*. This will help give the album more exposure.



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## Mark & Sharmila's Upcoming Schedule

**July 26** Renuka Frank sharing briefly at Chapel at River Crossing  
**Jackson, WY** (307) 733-7770 10 am

### **Lima, Peru Trip August 12-24, 2009**

Our family will be returning to Peru in August to minister on the streets of Lima. God has opened some wonderful opportunities of ministry as a result of the recent release of my album **'TIME IS SLIPPING.'** A leading Peruvian Pastor listened to my album and loved it. Now he wants Dan Scott (my lead guitarist) and I to appear on radio and a Television program when we come. He would also like us to do two training sessions on music and worship.

The main events for us in Lima: starting first with visiting local mayors for three days and youth ranging from 16 to 28 years old. We will share with them how to succeed in life and sing a few songs. We will conduct evening training seminars in conjunction with a number of churches. The main event August 21-22, 2009 will be an outdoor mini-concert along with preaching and praying for the sick. This outreach will be geared towards the youth and unsaved.

Go online to: **www.gracetelevision.net** for the June 22nd show.  
See Mark on Encounter Program with Peter Youngren (archives Mark Anderson)

**October 4** River of Life Ministries **Casper, WY** (307) 267-1566 10 am

**October 22-24** Youth concerts **Agra, Uttar Pradesh, INDIA**

**October 26-31** Open Air Campaign & Conference  
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