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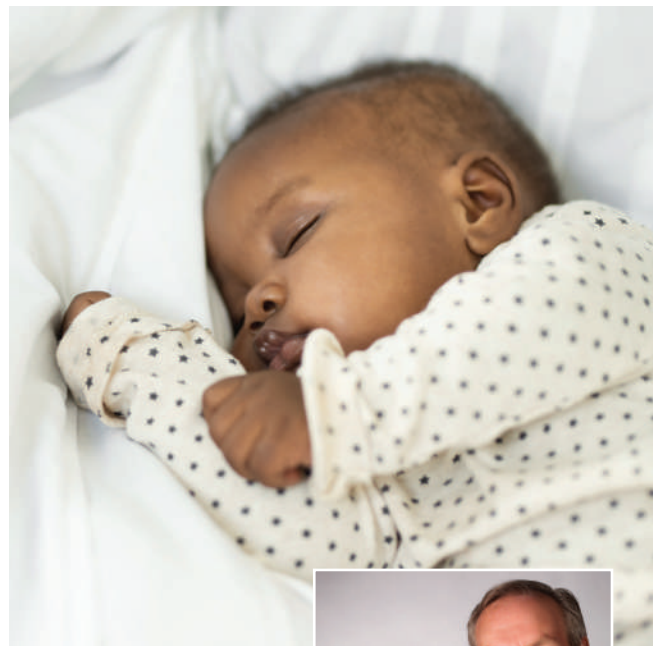
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As we approach the forty-eighth anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision to legalise abortion in the USA, I'm reminded of something that happened in Colorado a few years ago. The Colorado House of Representatives was honoring the ninetieth anniversary of Planned Parenthood. They had invited a young woman to come and sing the national anthem. She had cerebral palsy and as she sang, the mood became very emotional. Many representatives sang along with her.

Afterward, one representative got up and began to tell the young woman's story. Suddenly, the mood completely changed. The young woman, named Gianna Jessen, was the survivor of a saline abortion, and it was the saline abortion that had caused her to have a disability. So, as they were celebrating Planned Parenthood, they put a personal face on abortion and what it does to people.

After being accused of playing politics, the representative who had shared

Gianna's story responded by saying, "It's not about politics. It's about people."

And that's exactly one of the main points I want to get across about abortion—it's about people, not politics.

A baby is a person. A baby is not just a part of a woman's body, but has its own DNA, heartbeat, blood type, etc. A baby is an entirely separate human being. One of the things the Bible has to say about a baby in the womb comes from Psalm 139:13–16 (NIV):

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

From these verses, we learn that God knew everything about us while we were still in the womb. Every detail about us—our hair color, our eye color, our personality, our traits, our talents—was established from the moment of conception.

Of course, a person's talents have to be developed through education and training, but you cannot put in what God has left out.

When the Supreme Court decided to allow abortion back in 1973, the justification was that the baby was just a part of the mother's body. This is flawed reasoning, but the point is at the time, people didn't understand much about the development of a baby. We didn't have the science and the ultrasound technology that we do today, which prove what the Word of God already told us.

Looking at the science, a baby's development in the womb is nothing short of miraculous. By day twenty-two, a baby's heartbeat and bloodstream have begun.

Leviticus 17:11 says,

For the life of the flesh is in the blood.

By the fifth week in the womb, the baby is forming a backbone, a spinal column, and the nervous system. The liver, kidneys, and intestines have begun to take shape. By week six, brain waves are detected. By week seven, the baby's eyelids, toes, and nose are forming, and the baby is swimming. At only eight weeks, every organ is in place, bones begin to replace cartilage, and fingerprints begin to form. Keep in mind, fingerprints are a big part of how we identify someone as an individual. It's just incredible how a baby develops in the womb in just a few weeks.

Whether you go by the scientific evidence or what the Bible says, it's clear that a baby in the womb is its own separate person and nobody has the right to take his or her life.

Some of you may agree with what I'm saying, but still wonder, *What does this have to do with me? I'm not going to have an abortion.* What it has to do with you is that it's up to each one of us to stand up for the lives of babies, because they can't do it for themselves. It's up to you to lovingly speak the truth about abortion. It's up to you to support government officials who oppose abortion. And it's up to you to support pregnancy care centres so people have somewhere to turn for hope and help and to know that there's a blessing in choosing life.

One of the things you can do is watch the *Gospel Truth* on 18th-22nd January, when I interviewed Janet Porter. She has helped introduce The Heartbeat Bill in twenty-nine states and it has been passed in ten states already. These bills have been challenged and are making their way up to the Supreme Court. We are going to see *Roe v. Wade* overturned in our lifetime and Janet is a big part of making this happen.

This woman is stronger than horse radish. She will encourage you. She challenged me. I felt like a "whimp" compared to her tenacity and boldness. She will get you fired up and motivated to get on board and let's stop this holocaust of the unborn.

The Lord has blessed me to help start and support four pregnancy centers in our area, which have saved untold babies lives over the last thirty-five years. We actually had a newspaper article credit our centres with cutting the abortion rate in one county by 50 percent and decreasing the abortion rate in Colorado by one-third. Praise the Lord! Your monthly support of AWM is making this possible.

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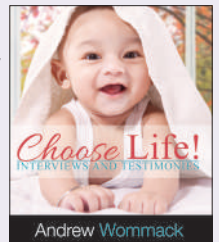
We love you,

Andrew and Jamie

Choose Life! INTERVIEWS AND TESTIMONIES

Do you know where you stand on the issue of abortion? If you don't, now is the time to find out.

The *Choose Life! Interviews and Testimonies* USB contains stories of people who have survived abortion and shows how abortion affects our lives. If we as believers don't stand for what the Bible has to say about life, we are inadvertently empowering the unbelievers to establish policies that will affect us and future generations. Learn more at **awme.net**



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Healing Through Love and Forgiveness

When Connie Weiskopf was diagnosed with breast cancer, her heart needed healing as much as her body. Her friends advised her to find out everything doctors had to say about cancer. However, the Lord told her she needed to find out everything He says about healing.

Connie had much shame and guilt over the three abortions she had in the past. She doubted whether she was forgiven. "I was thinking on the abortions that I had done . . . [and that] I'm one of the worst sinners out there," Connie says. Her heartbreaking story began with terminating a pregnancy after being raped at gunpoint. Everybody around her said that having an abortion would solve her problems. She found it did not—instead, it created inner turmoil. Her heart hardened, leading to two more abortions later.

Harbouring guilt and shame affected Connie physically. She believes the emotional and physical consequences of abortion caused her cancer.

Connie knew she had to face her guilt. One day, she felt God say to her, *You don't believe I've forgiven your sins. How will you believe Me for your healing?* She then studied everything God did at the cross for her. Andrew's teaching helped her see the truth of who she was and what was included in Jesus' atonement.

Connie went to hear Andrew give a message on grace and faith that touched her heart. She received prayer from Andrew and felt the power of the Holy Spirit upon her. After this experience, she went in for surgery to have her cancer removed. Miraculously, doctors discovered the cancer was completely gone.

Since her healing, Connie has ministered to other women in difficult situations. She recently opened a pregnancy centre in Boulder, Colorado—the Boulder Pregnancy Resource Center (BPRC)—just a few doors down from where the first late-term abortionist in America operated.

With what she's been through, Connie is able to compassionately counsel the women who come to her centre. For example, she recently had one woman come in at eight months pregnant. Her family wanted her to terminate the pregnancy, but Connie and her team ministered to her. "At our centre we have hope and we have support for as long as they need us and she [the woman who was eight months pregnant] said to us, 'this is the first time I've ever had hope' . . . and she just gave birth to that baby." Last year, eighty-six women gave their lives to Christ at BPRC.

In addition to helping women, BPRC also ministers to men affected by abortion. Through the work of Connie and others, pregnancy resource centres in the U.S. now outnumber Planned Parenthood clinics, evidence that the body of Christ is responding positively, instead of just cursing the darkness.

Thank you, partners. You are helping us share the truth about forgiveness, healing, and the sanctity of life. Together, we are bringing God's love to a hurting world. To learn more about Connie's healing visit awmi.net/ConnieWeiskopf.



Taking Ground as Men of God



God created mankind to subdue the earth (Gen. 1:28). So, most men have a natural desire to take ground. Unfortunately, that desire doesn't always translate into reality.

There are several reasons why.

One is a **lack of good coaching**. The probability of success is always higher with a seasoned mentor or coach. We see in sports that teams who win championships are typically led to victory by experienced coaches.

That's why Paul—the apostle who took a lot of ground for the Gospel—admonishes, *"Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample"* (Phil. 3:17).

Another reason is a **lack of peer support**. The pressure to portray a certain image of masculinity sometimes leads to self-dependence and a reluctance to reach out for help. But it is apparent that no one ever wins a championship alone. It requires teamwork.

While it's easy to feel like no one understands your unique circumstances, Paul shows otherwise. In 1 Corinthians 10:13, he said, *"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man."*

As members of the body of Christ, we were designed to help each other grow (Eph. 4:16). And that's what the **2021 Men's Advance** conference, themed "Taking Ground," is all about.

On 11th-13th March, mature men of faith will share their experiences of overcoming setbacks and taking ground as men of God. Speakers include Andrew Wommack, sportscaster James "JB" Brown, and retired Super Bowl-winning NFL head coach and current analyst for NBC's *Football Night in America* Tony Dungy.

You will have the opportunity to fellowship with other men who

understand your aspirations and challenges and also learn about who God created you to be. Expect to receive tools to help you in your finances, relationships, and more.

Previous attendees at the Men's Advance conference had this to say:

“Men's Advance has had a huge impact on me every year that I've come. If you're struggling with anything . . . or having trouble with your relationships, this is a great place to come and get a touch from God.”

— Chris D., Hays, KS

“There's no preconceived macho demonstration going on. It's all understanding that Jesus is the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords.”

— Richard H., Forrest, IL

The Men's Advance conference is **free** and open to men of all ages! So, join others who gather every year for coaching, camaraderie, and a life-changing encounter with God.

For accommodations, go to **awmi.net/Lodging**. And go to **VisitCOS.com** to check out all the fun things to do while you're in the Pikes Peak Region.

Take ground with confidence! Visit **CharisMensAdvance.org** to find out more and register today.

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Get Your Zeal Back in the New Year

By Carrie Pickett



About Carrie Pickett

Carrie Pickett is the Assistant Vice President of Charis Bible College and Director of the Global Training School. She has a passion for God's Word and teaching the truth. She spent sixteen years ministering in Russia and leading a Charis campus before returning to the United States to serve at the main Charis campus in Woodland Park, Colorado. She and her husband Mike have two children, their "missionaries in training."

Have you ever thought about whether you are living with zeal? Romans 12:6–8 (NKJV) says, *"Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them...he who leads, with diligence."* The English Standard Version says, *"He who leads, with zeal."* Reading this led me to consider the importance of zeal.

Many of us have this dynamic that we get so busy, we lose our zeal for the Lord. However, we have to understand that **being busy doesn't mean we're zealous**. Zeal is also not just being excited or loud about something.

Zeal happens when you are focused, and you know you're at the right place at the right time.

Zeal is when you have a depth of God's Word inside of you and you're uncompromising.

Galatians 6:8 (NKJV) says, *"And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."*

It's really easy to be busy doing good things. That's why we need discernment and a relationship with God. When you look at all the good things in your life, **you will need the Holy Spirit to show you what is best.**

Recently, I looked at everything I was doing, and I felt God say to me, *You've lost your zeal*. I realised that I was spread so far that I was busy all the time. So, I started praying and said, "Okay, Lord, what needs to be passed off, what needs to be delegated, how do I get focused again?"

The thing is, there are seasons of your life. **We need to learn to recognise the season we're in.** Often, we want to be in a different season, and sometimes our vision will push us to dissatisfaction of where we are now.

We've got to get to a place of being absolutely zealous and focused about this season—not dreaming and planning for the next ones. Yes, the Holy Spirit can show us what is to come. He can prepare us for that, but it's our obedience, right now, in this season that matters. Because the fruit that's going to take place in this season, what does it do? It starts laying seed for all the future things.

So, let's become people that are zealous for God. **Let's get laser-focused on what we're supposed to do and get radical about letting go of things that are not for this season of our lives.** Learn more about Charis Bible College by visiting DiscoverCharis.com.



Psalm 119:105

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Many believers would agree that reading the Bible is important. Finding the time to study, or understand the Word, however, may be a hindrance for some. The Charis Daily Live Bible Study, with the help of our partners, is providing practical insight into the Bible so that no one must grow in the Word alone!

Prior to COVID-19, Andrew held live Bible studies once a week on Tuesday evenings. Now, the Charis Daily Live Bible Study is broadcast five days a week, Monday through Friday. Times are staggered so that audience members can tune in across time zones. Streaming is offered on various platforms.

As an interactive live stream, viewers can chat with others from around the globe and engage in a Q&A session once the lesson has ended. They can sign up to receive free notes and weekly reminders for the teaching. Additionally, viewers can find archived studies on our website!

Teachers include Charis Woodland Park instructors, plus stateside and international Charis Directors. Participants can expect diversity in teaching and to get a sample of what Charis Bible College students receive during their studies.

In May, during the COVID-19 lockdown, Andrew Wommack and Carrie Pickett hosted the first Charis Daily Live Bible Study with Charis Woodland Park instructor Wendell Parr. He taught on foundational truths and the importance of getting back to the basics in the Word. This is what the online community had to say about the live stream:

I so appreciate Wendell Parr and the stability that he brings. Going back to the basics and building a strong foundation on the Word . . . so simple yet so powerful. I love the simplicity of his study built on the Word and the Spirit.

— Audrey M.

Thank you for making your messages even more available!

— Paula O.

Thank you Charis Bible College for the extra time and Word so that we can be edified.

— Stephen M.

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