

GOSPELTRUTH

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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 favoured Joseph, obvious in the coat of many colours 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 recognise 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 fulfil 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 have done some things on his own, he kept serving and depending upon God.

CHECK OUT THIS MONTH'S FEATURED PRODUCTS!



See the enclosed order
form for more details.

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 full teaching. My free booklet offer this month is *Introduction to Lessons from Joseph*. I've also got the complete *Lessons from Joseph* teaching in CD, DVD, USB, and full-size book format. To order, go to awme.net/LessonsJoseph, call our UK Helpline at **+44(0)1922 473300**, or just complete and return the enclosed form.

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 recognised 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.

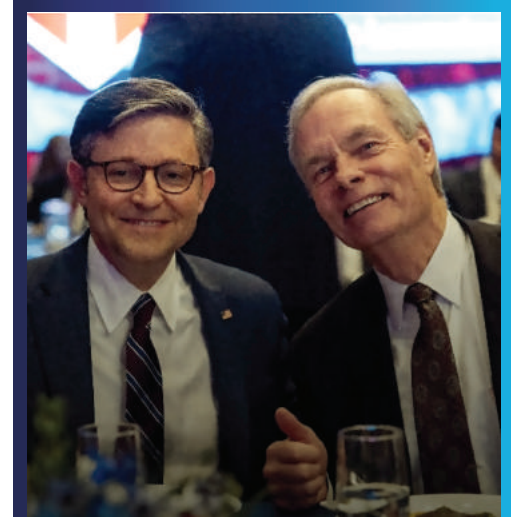
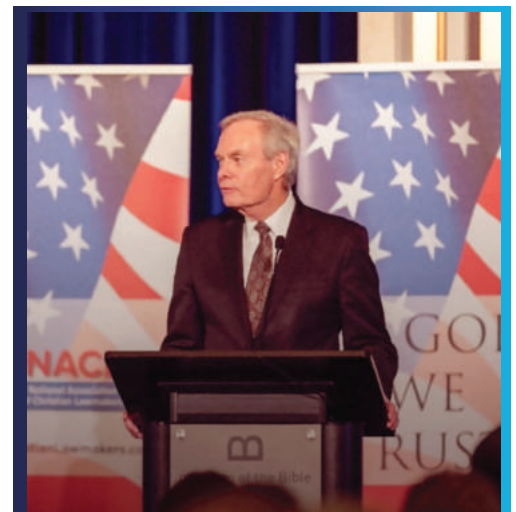
—Andrew Wommack

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!** Never miss out!

Quotations edited for length and clarity.



WHAT IF YOU COULD INCREASE YOUR GIVING, Without Giving More!

You, our Partners and friends, have been giving so faithfully to the ministry. But what if there was a way that you could increase your financial gift to the ministry, without reaching into your wallet for more? Gift Aid allows you to do just that. We want to take away any confusion you may have about Gift Aid and instead, help your donations to go further so that more and more lives can be touched by God's unconditional love and grace.

One of our Partners had been giving to the ministry for many years. He signed a Gift Aid declaration form believing that his donations were being increased through the UK Government by 25%. However, when he spoke with the ministry, he discovered that his giving was disqualified from any potential Gift Aid.

This Partner had a Product Partnership; a donation made in return for goods. We helped him to understand that his Product Partnership did not qualify for Gift Aid, and also incurs V.A.T costs to the ministry. With this knowledge, our Partner decided to change to a Grace Partnership and since then we have been able to claim 25% on his giving.

We know Gift Aid can cause some confusion. Therefore, we want to defeat those myths you may have about Gift Aid so that the ministry can go farther and deeper with the gospel.

Defeating the myths about Gift Aid

Myth 1: A Gift Aid declaration must be signed for each individual donation.

Truth:

This is not the case. Once you have signed a declaration, it remains valid until it is cancelled; so, you only need to sign once and then let us know if you wish to cancel.

Myth 2: I am not eligible as I am self-employed or a pensioner.

Truth:

Neither of those circumstances necessarily apply to Gift Aid. Gift Aid can be claimed if tax is being paid on income and most people still pay tax when receiving a pension or if they are self-employed.

****Please do be aware that the tax you pay must be greater than the donation you make. For example, the Government will not allow us to claim £5 in Gift Aid if they have only received £2 in tax.**

Myth 3: It's just not worth the trouble for small donations.

Truth:

A gift of £10 becomes £12.50, which is £2.50 more at no extra cost to the taxpayer. If a thousand people gave just £10, then the Government would be adding £2500 to those funds.

The UK is blessed to have this valuable resource available, and we welcome and encourage all our friends and Partners in the UK to explore this as an additional giving option to Andrew's ministry.

Call us today on +44 (0)1922 473300 Mon-Fri 8am-9pm.



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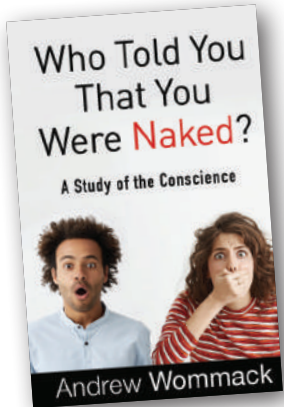
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BOOK EXCERPT FROM *WHO TOLD YOU THAT YOU WERE NAKED?* by Andrew Wommack



"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.

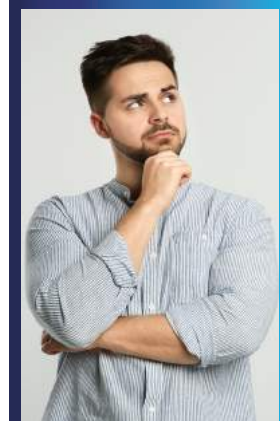
Why did Adam and Eve need a conscience after they disobeyed?

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:

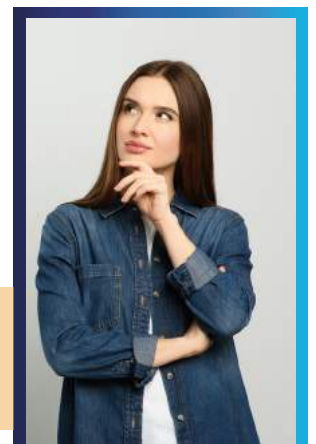
And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

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 awme.net/shop!



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 realise 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** to watch *Life Foundations* with Carrie Pickett Monday–Friday at 12am and 12pm, British standard time 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. 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.

"It was a wonderful experience being among more than 3000 brothers and sisters at the Grace & Faith 2023 Conference in the UK. It has absolutely changed our lives to know our true identity in Christ, and to be able to stand on the finished work of the Cross. Thank you friends and partners for enabling us to attend this conference for free."

—Theo and Ilse G.

"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.

"For five years, I had been suffering with a back issue. In addition to that, my psoas muscle was strained and I had been in pain



for two months. I decided to call the UK Helpline and the phone minister stood in prayer with me. I received a word to stand on the truth that God had already healed me and to keep confessing his truth. Four days later, I had the first good night's sleep I'd had in a while, and I woke up with no pain! After three days living pain free, I decided to call the Helpline back to testify about the goodness of God."

—Mick.

"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 realised 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.

We are here to pray with you! Call our UK Helpline at **+44(0)1922 473300**.

Testimonies edited for length and clarity.



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 fulfil the unique call on your life.

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



Rick McFarland graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1991 with a degree in marketing. He later earned a master's in biblical studies at Charis Bible College. For sixteen years, Rick served as a singles' pastor in Tulsa, Oklahoma, before becoming the Senior Pastor of River Rock Church in Colorado Springs. He also serves as an Adjunct Instructor at Charis Woodland Park.

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 demeanour 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).

Realising 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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WHAT TO EXPECT AT

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ARMI is a unique partnership committed to providing resources to help like-minded ministers succeed in a spirit of excellence and to draw from the experience and expertise of both the AWM and Charis Bible College staff. Join the ARMI session and get connected.

23 MAY 2024

15:30 - 18:00 Registration & Resource Area
18:00 - 18:30 Worship with Charlie & Jill
18:30 - 19:00 Welcome
19:00 - 20:30 Andrew Wommack

24 MAY 2024

09:00 - 10:00 Registration & Resource Area
10:00 - 10:30 Worship with Charlie & Jill
10:30 - 11:00 Ministry Updates
11:00 - 12:00 Pastor Duane Sheriff
12:00 - 12:30 Break
12:30 - 13:30 Mike & Carrie Pickett
13:30 - 14:30 Lunch
14:30 - 15:30 ARMI Session
15:30 - 17:00 Free Afternoon
17:00 - 18:00 Partner Session
18:00 - 18:30 Break
18:30 - 19:00 Worship with Charlie & Jill
19:00 - 20:30 Andrew Wommack

25 MAY 2024

09:00 - 10:00 Registration & Resource Area
10:00 - 10:30 Worship with Charlie & Jill
10:30 - 11:00 Ministry Updates
11:00 - 12:00 Pastor Duane Sheriff
12:00 - 12:30 Break
12:30 - 13:30 Mike & Carrie Pickett
13:30 - 14:30 Lunch
14:30 - 16:00 Charis Graduation
16:00 - 16:30 Break
16:30 - 17:00 Charis Information Session
17:00 - 18:30 Free Afternoon
18:30 - 19:00 Worship with Charlie & Jill
19:00 - 20:30 Andrew Wommack

CHARIS BIBLE COLLEGE GRADUATION & INFORMATION SESSION

Celebrate with Charis Bible College Students who have truly understood that preparation time is never wasted time.

Is there a sense of unfulfillment in your life, as though God has more for you? Charis Bible College guides you through the Word to develop your relationship with God and transform your life. Countless Charis Bible College graduates have truly experienced their lives being changed through the Word of God, and are now going out and changing the lives of others. You could be next! Change your life. Change the world.

