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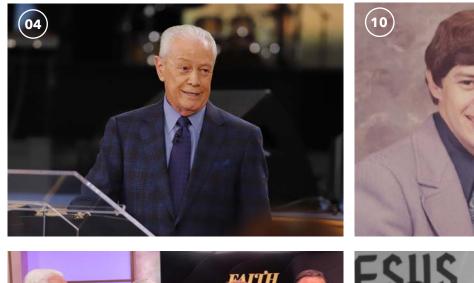
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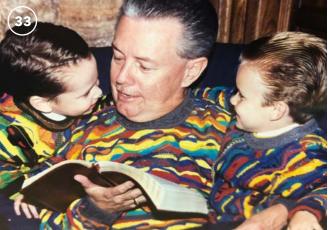
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# ALASTNG INPRESSION

**JERRY SAVELLE** 

hat do you want to be remembered for? What impression has your walk with God made on others?

The Apostle Paul tells us in his writings to the Christians in Corinth, "You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everyone." (2 Corinthians 3:2 NIV). The Message Bible puts it this way, "Your very lives are a letter that anyone can read by just looking at you."

This means that someone is always watching how you live, how you talk, and how you react to challenges, even when you don't know that they are watching. **What message are you leaving them?** As believers, our lives are writing a story for others to read. What story is being written?

In 1 John 2:6 (NIV), we read, "Whoever claims to live in Him must live as Jesus did." The Amplified Bible translates it as, "Conduct himself in the same way in which [Jesus] conducted Himself." The Message Bible says, "Ought to live the same kind of life Jesus lived." In other words, Jesus' life is the standard for how we should be living our lives. And yes, He has set the bar high, but it's our responsibility to do our absolute best to follow His example. Think of it as establishing our legacy—what your children and your children's children, as well as friends and associates, will remember you by.

You may never make a mark on the world that everyone will remember like Billy Graham or Oral Roberts did, and your name may never be written in history books or even Christian journals, but you do leave lasting impressions on those around you—those you go to school with, those you work with, and those you go to church with. What do they think when they hear your name mentioned?

Listen to what Paul said to the believers in Colossae, "since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love which ye have to all the saints" (Colossians 1:4). Faith and love! Is that what others see in you? Is that the first thing they think of when they hear your name? Do they think this of you: "They're always obedient to God, they're always endeavoring to please Him, they always put God first in everything they do"? Or do they think, "Well, you just never know whether they'll be up today and down tomorrow; they're never really that consistent. They talk about living by faith, but they seldom demonstrate that they're actually doing it."

You may not realize it, but you are making an impression on somebody. The impression you make can "build a bridge to God" for someone, or it can "drive a wedge" between them and God. It's been said, "You have one chance to make a first impression but a lifetime to make a lasting impression." The truth is you are setting an example for someone every day.

Paul was so confident that he was making a positive impression on others that he was bold enough to say, "Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do." (Philippians 3:17 NIV). The Amplified Bible puts it, "Follow my example and observe those who live after the pattern we have set for you."

The Book of Hebrews tells us, "That ye be not slothful but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises" (Hebrews 6:12). I'd like to add this statement, Not only should we follow these kinds of people but become one of those people so others can follow your example.

Here's the kind of example that God wants you to become to others: "*Who stay the course with committed faith and then get everything promised to them*" (Hebrews 6:12 MSG).

Committed faith—this is what others should see in you. They should see a "never give up and never turn back" attitude in you. This is what Paul saw in the believers in Thessalonica: "... having received the word in much affliction...ye were examples... every place your faith to Godward is spread abroad..." (1 Thessalonians 1:6-8).

Look at The Message Bible: "When the Message we preached came to you, it wasn't just words. Something happened in you. The Holy Spirit put steel in your convictions.

You paid careful attention to the way we lived among you and determined to live that way yourselves. In imitating us, you imitated the Master...Do you know that all over the provinces of both Macedonia and Achaia believers look up to you? The word has gotten around. Your lives are echoing the Master's Word, not only in the provinces but all over the place. The news of your faith in God is out. We don't even have to say anything anymore—you're the message!"

The Passion Translation says, "People are hearing about your strong faith." That should be the legacy of every believer!

In one of Paul's letters to Timothy, he admonished him to "...be the example they need to see by being faithful and true in all that you do...remain strong in your faith" (1 Timothy 4:12, TPT). Remaining strong in your faith is one of the greatest things that you can do to be an example to others. Jesus said that we are "The light to the world...let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:14-16). The Message Bible says, "You're here to be a light...shine!"

#### Here's my question to you: After you are gone, will the life that you lived down here still be making an impact on others? What will they remember about you?

If I should die before the rapture, I want my family to put on my grave, "*He finished his course, he kept the faith, and quitting was not an option.*" (2 Timothy 4:7)

The way you live your life has eternal significance. Your daily actions, words, and choices are constantly being observed by those around you. Whether you realize it or not, you are preaching a sermon every day with your life. Your faithfulness, your love, your consistency in walking with God—these are the things that leave a lasting impression.

#### LIVING EPISTLES

In 2 Corinthians 3:2-3 (NIV), Paul expands on the idea of believers being living letters: "You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everyone. You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts."

Here, Paul emphasizes that our lives are not just ordinary letters but are written by the Spirit of the living God. Our conduct, our character, and our commitment to Christ are the ink and paper of these living epistles. When people read the story of our lives, they should see Jesus reflected in every chapter and verse.

#### THE STANDARD OF CHRIST

To walk as Jesus walked means to embody His teachings and His character in our daily lives. Philippians 2:5-8 KJV provides a vivid picture of the humility and obedience of Christ: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

Jesus set the ultimate example of servanthood, humility, and obedience to the Father. We are called to adopt the same mindset and to let His example guide our actions and attitudes.

#### A LEGACY OF FAITH AND LOVE

Faith and love are the cornerstones of a lasting legacy. Galatians 5:6 (NIV) tells us, "For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love." Our faith is made effective through love. This means that our belief in God should be demonstrated through our actions of love toward others.

Paul commended the Thessalonians for their work of faith and labor of love. (1 Thessalonians 1:3) These two virtues are inseparable and are the foundation of a life that makes a lasting impact.

## BEING A LIGHT IN THE WORLD

Jesus calls us to be the light of the world. This is not a suggestion but a mandate. In John 8:12 (NIV), Jesus says, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." As followers of Christ, we carry His light within us. Our lives should shine brightly, dispelling the darkness around us and pointing others to the Savior.

#### **CONSISTENCY IN FAITH**

One of the most significant ways to leave a lasting impression is through consistency in our faith. James 1:6-8 warns against being double-minded and unstable in all our ways. A consistent walk with God demonstrates to others that our faith is genuine and steadfast; it shows that we are not swayed by circumstances but are anchored in the truth of God's Word.

#### PERSEVERANCE AND PATIENCE

Hebrews 12:1-2 (NIV) encourages us to run our race with endurance: "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us *run with perseverance the race* marked out for us, fixing our eves on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

All the believers who have gone before us are now cheering us on to keep running the race. Perseverance in the face of trials and patience while waiting on God's promises to be fulfilled are powerful testimonies to those around us; they show that our faith is not just for the good times but is resilient and enduring through every season of life.

#### ENCOURAGEMENT TO OTHERS

Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV) reminds us to encourage one another: "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

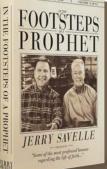
Encouraging others and being part of a community of believers is crucial. Our presence, our words, and our support can strengthen the faith of others and help them to continue their walk with God.

#### A FINAL THOUGHT

In closing, consider the legacy you are leaving. Reflect on how your life is impacting those around you. Strive to live in such a way that when people think of you, they think of your uncompromising faith, your unconditional love, and your steadfast commitment to God.

Remember the words of Jesus in John 15:8 (NIV): "This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples." Let your life bear fruit that glorifies God and leaves a lasting impression on this world.

After you are gone, may the life you lived down here on earth continue to make an impact on others. May they remember your faith, your love, your perseverance, and your light. And may your legacy point them to the One who gave His life so that we might have eternal life.



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## **LEGACY** The Love of My Life & Our Prayer of Petition

"For He (God) established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children: That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born, who should arise and

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declare them to their children. That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments."

Psalm 78:5-7

Did you know that it's important what you share with your children?

In Psalms 78:5-7, God commanded His people to share the testimony of Israel and His commandments to the generations to come that they might set their hope in God. That tells me there is significance in what we pass down from God to our children. One of the greatest things I can think of that my husband left us is a rich legacy and a clear understanding of **"The Prayer of Petition."** Since the very beginning of our ministry, our two daughters, Jerriann and Terri, were involved in each Prayer of Petition we brought to the Lord, all the while learning what it was and how to operate in it.

Even when they were just toddlers and were incapable of writing their own names, we would write out our Prayer of Petition for the things we were believing God for as a family. Our little girls would scribble their hearts' desires in agreement, earnestly believing that God would make it so.

Now, our daughters have families of their own, beautiful children and grandchildren, with whom they share their own Prayer Petitions. This is a heritage of faith that has been preserved for five generations currently living today. What a great, faithful, glorious God we have and serve!



When Jerry and I chose to pursue our calling in the ministry, Jerry shut down his automotive business, which left us with a lot of debt as a result. In the natural there was no way we could pay back everything that we owed. It was too much money, and we didn't know what to do. We were bound by lack of finances, and we felt hopeless.

If there was anything that we needed to learn how to do right, it was to learn how to pray. We made a decision to turn to God's Word and began to study extensively on this topic. We bought every bit of material we could get our hands on that could teach us how to pray. As we devoted time to learning about the most efficient way to pray, we discovered that the quickest way to get results for an impossible situation was through the Prayer of Petition.

In the past, Jerry defined the Prayer of Petition as "a formal request that you create and write down based on facts found in God's Word about *His will*, "God's Word is His Will! The Prayer of Petition is a prayer that you carefully and diligently prepare before you present it before God. It's a prayer that you offer in confidence and thanksgiving. It's a prayer that brings about powerful results. It's one thing to just pray all the time, but it's another thing when we





start seeing the results of our prayers.

When Jerry and I started out in our own ministry those 55 years ago, we had to learn how to rely on God for everything. As we studied God's Word, certain scriptures stuck out to us. As we meditated on these scriptures and included them in our Prayers of Petition, we began to experience their life-changing qualities.

I would like to share some of them with you today:

It is vital to take the time to study God's Word and find scriptures pertaining to what it is that you have need of.

• Philippians 4:19, "But my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

• Hebrews 4:16, "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of Grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

• Genesis 18:14, "Is anything too hard for the Lord?"

Webster's Dictionary has four definitions for the word petition, which are as follows:

A request, supplication or prayer; but chiefly and appropriately, a solemn or formal supplication; A prayer addressed by a person to the Supreme Being, for something needed or desired.

 $2^{\rm A}$  formal request for supplication, verbal or written; particularly a written supplication.

 $3^{\rm The \ paper \ containing \ a \ supplication \ or}$  solicitation.

**4** To make a request to; make supplication to superior for some favor.

It is vital to take the time to study God's Word and find scriptures pertaining to what it is that you have need of. Only after Jerry and I finished our studies and research did we construct our Prayer of Petition. As you begin to build your own Petition, use the scriptures I have shared with you.

The very first Petition that we ever wrote was titled "Petition for Debt Owed."

This is the very prayer we included in it:

Father, we come boldly to the throne of grace, that I may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need according to Hebrews 4:16. Jesus said in John 16:23, "And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you." Therefore, I come before you in the mighty name of Jesus.

Your Word states in Philippians 4:19, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." I have need of (this is where we inserted the amount of money we needed) for the purpose of paying off the debt that we owe in our business. I am doing this to be in harmony with your Word, which says in Romans 13 :8, that I am to owe no man anything but to love him. I am asking you in the name of Jesus to supply that need.

How you do it is not my concern, because right now I cast the care of it all on you, according to 1 Peter 5:7.

Father, I know in order to reap a financial harvest I must first sow a seed.

I have three dollars, which is all I have to sow in order to put this spiritual law of giving and receiving in operation. In Luke 6:38 you said, "*Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom.*" Your Word also states in Mark 11:24, "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

Therefore, on this day, February 9, 1972, at 2:35 PM, I believe my need is met.

I now offer praise and thanksgiving because 1 John 5:14-15 says, "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us." Since I know you hear me, then I know that whatever I ask and have desired of you in this Petition I have. Therefore, Father, I thank you now even before I can see it. I believe that my need is met, and I thank You for it in the name of Jesus!

Fourteen weeks after penning our first Prayer of Petition, every debt that we had in our business was paid off! Thank you, Jesus!

I can't even begin to tell you the miracles that God has brought about in our lives as a result of praying the Prayer of Petition. It works every time it is put to work!

I'm so thankful for the wonderful example my husband was to me, and I will be forever grateful for the legacy he left our family. I hope this article blessed you as much as it did me in preparing it.

Please consider getting Jerry's book on "The Prayer of Petition." I have only scratched the surface of the knowledge that is in that book, and I believe that it will be a great tool and a blessing to your life.



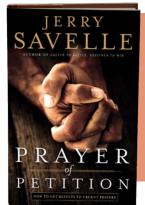
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## Vhat Pve Learned FROM My Parents

#### Jerriann SAVELLE

I was only six months old when my dad started working in ministry back in 1969, so I've been privileged to have a front row seat (literally) to my parent's "adventures in faith." One of the things I appreciate most is the way they taught my sister, Terri, and I about faith as they themselves were learning to live by faith.

I've learned that if we want to live under God's blessing, then there are three things we must do:

#### WE MUST STAY IN FAITH WE MUST BE CONSISTENT WE MUST LIVE TO GIVE

My sister and I saw our parents in action behind the scenes, and what we consistently saw was their faithfulness. When mom and dad were believing God for something particular, they included us in those faith projects. We learned to use and apply our faith with theirs. They have exemplified consistency throughout the years, which, I believe, is essential for experiencing the blessing of God.

In the early days, my parents had absolutely nothing, but they learned to be consistent, even when it looked as if nothing was changing. They believed God was working on their behalf, and they just had to stay faithful and consistent to His word.

Proverbs 28:20 says, "a faithful man will abound with blessings." To be faithful means "to be loyal, constant, and steadfast." This definition is an accurate representation of my parents.

Sadly, we live in a society where faithfulness is a rare thing. Nowadays, if people don't see results by the end of the week, they quit, give up, and begin looking for instant results or gratification somewhere else. But my parents demonstrated a lifestyle of faithfulness – in times of need, in times of plenty, in times of want, in times of abundance. They were faithful to God and faithful to His word no matter what.

Quitting was never an option. My dad always used to say, "quit and do what?" Every dollar that has ever come into either Jerry Savelle Ministries International or their lives personally was a dollar they believed God for, used their faith for, and stood on God's word for. They refused to waver or compromise.

I believe that the blessing my parents have flourished in is directly linked to their lavish giving; they truly lived to give. Mom and dad determined years ago that whenever God blessed them, they would never hoard that blessing upon themselves; instead, they would be a blessing to others. I've watched them do this time and time again for many people.

I was taught to tithe and give; this has become part of who I am because I saw it demonstrated in our home. I've learned that when you have a financial need, you don't use up your last dollar; you sow it to God. When you put God first, He always meets your need. Jesus said in Luke 6:38, "give, and it will be given to you." This is a vital key to living the blessed life.

Because of my parents' example, anytime I have had a need in my life the first thing I do is sow a seed. Then, I mix my faith with that seed, remain faithful, and watch God do exceedingly and abundantly above all I can ask for or think (see Ephesians 3:20).

When you see someone living a blessed life full of success, peace, health, and prosperity, you want to know what they're doing so that you can do the same. My parents' decision 56 years ago to stay in faith, be consistent, and live to give began with a single choice: they made God's word final authority in their lives.

I like the way Hebrews 6:12 reads in The Message translation: "be like those who stay the course with committed faith and then get everything promised to them." I encourage you today to stay the course with committed faith and begin to watch God pour out on your life blessings beyond anything you can imagine!



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y dad had so many classic teachings that impacted people around the world. I want to share with you five steps I've learned from my favorite preacher and hero, Jerry Savelle, on what to do between saying "amen" when you pray and "there it is" when the prayer is answered.

#### **F.** FOCUS ON A DREAM

Dad taught me to not only dream but to **put a demand** on **my faith for impossible-looking dreams.** I'm known for teaching people how to make vision boards and dream books, but my dad wrote prayer petitions. Since I was a little girl, I watched my dad write out what he called a petition, specifying exactly what he was asking God for.

In the beginning, my parents were in need of everything, but they began to take God's Word literally and write the vision for what they needed.

When they bought a house in Fort Worth, we needed furniture for nearly every room. So, Mom went shopping to get a vision (we didn't have Pinterest back then), and then wrote down the price of each piece she desired. What was she doing? She was writing the vision and making it plain.

Then, my parents would write their petition. Dad would even have my sister and I sign it, showing that we were in agreement and joining our faith with theirs. They presented the list to God in prayer while backing it up with scriptures like John 16:23, "Lord, You said You will grant us whatever we ask in Your Name.' We are asking you to fill this house with furniture." And I watched God bring it in every single time.

That marked me for life. Dad taught me that you have to see your dream with the eye of faith first.

You can do this too. Take some time to sit quietly with God and just dream. *What is it that you desire?* Be specific. Get detailed. What is the cost of your dream? I heard a minster say, "What if Jesus walked in your house and asked, 'How much money do you need to get out of debt?' If you can't answer Him, you're not serious about getting out of debt." That could be said about any dream.

Get focused on your dream. Proverbs 23:7 says, "Whatever a man thinks in his heart, so is he." In other words, what you think about, you bring about.

#### A. ASK GOD TO FAVOR YOU

You can't help but think of Jerry Savelle when you hear the favor of God. He'd say "I don't know why I'm God's favorite child; I just am." He walked in more favor than anyone I've ever known. But he also declared it and expected it. He ingrained in me how to expect the favor of God.

**One definition of favor is to endorse.** When an author writes a book, they typically ask someone who has a lot of influence to endorse it. When they endorse your book, it gives you more credibility.

The world almost never heard of the book Rich Dad, Poor Dad because author Robert Kiyosaki couldn't find a publisher for it, so he published it himself. And he sold 48 books! Four dozen! So how do we know about it? He got invited to a little show called Oprah, she endorsed the book, and it sold 100,000 copies overnight. Now, it has sold 26 million copies. Why? Because he got endorsed by someone with a lot of influence.

Well, the Creator of the universe has endorsed you!

Here's the key: Job 22:28 says, "You will also decree a thing, and it will be established for you; and the light of God's favor will shine upon your ways."

There is a connection between declaring favor and experiencing favor. In other words, **His favor is available**, **but you must declare it and call on it.** Which leads me to the next point I've learned from my dad...

#### I. INVEST IN SOME DUCT TAPE.

I always loved it when my dad would share stories from his beginning years of walking with the Lord. In one story, He was listening to his copies Kenneth Copeland's faithbuilding messages so much that he'd nearly worn the tapes out. He had grown significantly from where he started but still had questions. He asked Mr. Copeland, "I believe that God supplies all of my needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus, but how do you talk God into meeting your needs financially?"

Mr. Copeland laughed and said, "You don't have to talk God into anything. The same Jesus who purchased your healing on the cross is the same Jesus who purchased your prosperity too."

Confused, Dad continued, "But how do I get to the place where God supplies my needs?"

Mr. Copeland bluntly said, "Jerry, your problem is your big mouth." Then, he turned around and walked off.

Dad could not believe the audacity of Mr. Copeland. When he got home, he looked at those tapes, picked up a big seven-inch reel, walked outside, and said, "Here's what I think of you, Mr. Copeland!" Then he rolled the reel down the street!

Just when he was about to grab another tape to roll down the street, he heard, in his spirit, the Lord say, "Son, there goes the answer to your problem."

Dad said, "Lord, did You hear what he said to me? He

said that my problem was my big mouth! I've been watching my words. Why would he say that about me?"

Dad never forgot what God said next. "I'm about to give you supernatural recall. I keep a record, son. Everything you said has been recorded, and now I'm going to play back what's come out of your mouth since you first asked Me to meet your need."

His words began to replay in his mind, how one day he would pray, "My God supplies all my need according to His riches in glory," but under pressure, he'd say, "Am I ever going to get out of debt? We are broke."

That's a double-minded man. The Bible says a doubleminded man is unstable in all his ways, and that man can't expect to receive anything from the Lord.

#### Dad discovered that one of the best things you can do when you're believing for a breakthrough is invest in some duct tape.

In other words, if you can't speak the Word, tape it up! Shut it up!

My dad called it the Vocabulary of Silence! Put your hand over your mouth every time you feel like talking contrary to God's Word. Refuse to let it come out.

Every miracle you experience in your life is connected to the words of your mouth. It's a two-step process: **Stop speaking negatively and start speaking positively.** 

#### T. THINK ABOUT YOUR SEED MORE THAN YOUR NEED

The law of seedtime and harvest was the greatest spiritual law my dad ever taught. Dad said, **"With faith in your heart** and seed in your hand, there's nothing Satan can do to keep your dream from manifesting."

I watched my parents literally give their way out of poverty. Dad would say, "When you're experiencing your greatest need, sow your greatest seed."

If a farmer was down to his last carrot seed, he wouldn't hold on to it. He would get it in the ground as fast as possible. He wouldn't look at the field, pray for God to give him carrots, and expect carrots to appear without sowing a seed. Dad would say, "If you're down to your last dollar don't dare spend it, sow it." The whole earth revolves around this principle: Have a need? Sow a seed. It's a spiritual law.

One time, my dad was in desperate need of some financial breakthroughs at the ministry, and he said, "Lord, we need this financial miracle now!" The Lord said, "When

you get to your meeting, I want you to give your van to a missionary there." Dad replied, "Lord, I'm telling you that we desperately need a breakthrough today." But every time he talked to the Lord about his needs, the Lord would tell him to give something else.

It got to the point where Dad wanted to stop talking to God about his needs! But he eventually obeyed God, and within days, his need was met.

God was teaching him this powerful principle: **We are need-minded**, **but God is seed-minded**. In fact, the Lord once said to him, "Son, I gave you two gifts in the book of Genesis: authority and seed. You can determine your own destiny by the seeds you sow."

Galatians 6:7 (PHILLIPS) says, "A man's harvest in life depends entirely upon the seeds he sows." The harvest you are enjoying today is a direct result of the seeds you've sown up to now. Every time we have big financial needs in our ministry, my first thought is to sow a seed. Last year, we needed a breakthrough after the devil tried to ruin our women's conference in Washington D.C. In response to that attack, I decided to sow a significant seed. We had big needs, so we sowed big seeds. Guess what? In the same month we sowed our big seeds, we broke a record in donations on our website. If you're experiencing your greatest needs, sow your greatest seeds.

**Remember, delayed obedience is still disobedience.** Always obey instantly so the devil can't talk you out of it.

#### H. HAVING DONE ALL TO STAND, STAND!

My dad called himself "Jerry 'having done all to stand, stand' Savelle." He would say, "When you go from 'how long do I have to wait' to 'how long am I willing to wait', your breakthrough won't take long."

I like what Joseph Lanier said, "We will fight until hell freezes over, and then, if we have to, we'll fight on the ice." We will not give up!

Another thing my dad would say is, "Stop focusing on what you're going through; focus on what you're going to."

Galatians 6:9 (TPT) says, "Don't allow yourselves to be weary in planting good seeds, for the season of reaping the wonderful harvest you've planted is coming!"

Think about this: **Every seed has a gestation period.** I read that an elephant is pregnant for almost two years! The animal is so large that it takes a long time for the baby elephant to develop, and elephants only give birth to one baby per pregnancy. A dog, on the other hand, is pregnant for only 63 days and can give birth to between 5-8 puppies.

Imagine the elephant and the dog having a conversation. The dog says, "I don't think you're pregnant. I gave birth after two months. Something is wrong with you." The dog gets pregnant again and again, giving birth every several months. Two years later, the dog comes back to the elephant with 30 puppies following. She says, "I know you're not pregnant now. I've given birth multiple times."

The elephant says, "Here's the difference: the reason you've given birth so many times and I'm still pregnant is because what I'm carrying is not something small. I'm

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Like my dad said, **"When you feel like giving up the most, that's always an indication your breakthrough is just about to happen."** God's timing is always right.

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## CARRYING ON THE VISION OF MASS DISCIPLESHIP

#### **BUILDING BROTHER JERRY'S HERITAGE**

**Brother Joe McCroskey** 

My adventure with Brother Jerry began forty-four years ago in a moment of prayer. The Holy Spirit told me and my wife, Joyce, to leave our home and my profession of banking and business in Oklahoma to come and serve Jerry and Carolyn Savelle in Fort Worth, Texas.



Since that time, I have learned to live by faith and trust God to fulfill the vision Brother Jerry laid out for several areas. Throughout the years, my heart filled with joy to see each part of that vision being fulfilled all over the world. In 2015, Brother Jerry gave Patty Gordon and I the task of building his Discipleship training course. He wanted this to be a course that would be able to go on well after he went home to be with the Lord. I never thought Brother Jerry would go before the Rapture, but on April 15th, 2024, he officially changed locations from here to Heaven.

#### THE TASK FOR US, HOWEVER, DID NOT CHANGE.

He laid out the vision, which has been very successful, and we became his mouth and feet.

The revelation of **MASS DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING** is a major part of the vision from the Lord for Jerry Savelle Ministries International. In 2015, the development of today's 2-year online Bible school began, and it eventually opened in February of 2019. Brother Jerry's heart was to disciple all people, especially pastors who go on to train their congregations.

We also began a 1-year discipleship Bible school program for classroom settings in churches in the U.S. and all over the world. Both these avenues of discipleship continue to fulfill the vision of making disciples of Jesus, or what Brother Jerry called **"MAKING WINNERS IN LIFE"**. Students that are taking the courses come out of it completely changed, and many of them don't hesitate to share the significance of that change.

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in Ethiopia started with 50 of the top pastors and leaders in that area, who have now since graduated. Those 50 pastors represented every single person in their churches, so **OVER 100,000 PEOPLE HAD THE POTENTIAL TO BE IMPACTED** by this first class of the discipleship program. After that class, Ethiopia has had 145 graduates who have completed the 1-year Bible school. How many people will they disciple with what they have learned?

Another area we have used for discipleship is the decision to bring many of Brother Jerry's early books back into print – some in several different languages - and distributing them in different countries. We have taken several of his early writings and outlines, like the Basic Bible Principles, Faith Energizers, and his Minister's Manuals, and created simple curriculum to train people in churches, Bible schools, prisons and beyond in the Word of Faith.

Currently, we are in the process of updating and creating new curriculum

for the continued education of students and graduates all over the world to help spread Brother Jerry's vision of making winners in life.

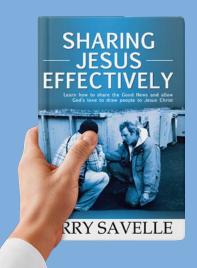
We also continue to send lessons from Brother Jerry's teachings to our partners, leaders, and friends that can be used anywhere in any way. Other than the information we receive from each school, we have no idea how many disciples have been trained with Brother Jerry's materials, but the potential number of lives touched is limitless. In Tanzania, over 1,400 pastors have graduated from our 1-year Bible school.

#### HOW MANY HAVE THEY AFFECTED AND TRAINED SINCE THEN?

Just as Brother Kenneth Hagin's legacy continues even though he has been in heaven for years, we believe and pray that Brother Jerry Savelle's legacy will go on and on. Our team that travels all over the world will continue to start new schools that preach the Word of Faith to set people free and deliver them from bondage – this was Brother Jerry's vision. His homegoing will not change the breadth of the ministry, and we are working to make his materials more available than ever before. As we step into in this new chapter of the ministry, think about the part you have to play in the Kingdom of God.

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# LEGACY

#### A HERITAGE OF FAITH

#### Justin Bridges

Several years ago, Annette and I were asked a question by John Bendixen, JSMI Africa Director and Pastor of Heritage of Faith in South Africa. He asked us this: **WHAT DOES LEGACY MEAN TO YOU?** Upon hearing his question, two words came to mind and out of my mouth, *"The Mission and the Message."* I shared that legacy is about continuing to carry out the mission and the message of Jerry Savelle Ministries International that began many years before. I answered that question almost five years ago, not thinking of the place we would find ourselves in as a ministry today. Since the day Dr. Savelle entered his eternal reward, I think daily on my answer to that question. What is legacy? Of course, we miss Dr. Savelle, but we also know that the **MISSION AND THE MESSAGE MUST CONTINUE.** Jesus is coming soon, and making winners in life is as important now as it ever was. Our ministry and the multitudes of people connected with us must know that it's time to continue the **LEGACY**.

#### THE MISSION AND THE MESSAGE

The MISSION is "to go into all the world and preach the gospel." As a ministry, we see this as "TO GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND MAKE WINNERS IN LIFE." That is what the word of God did in Dr. Savelle's life, and after seeing it happen firsthand, he realized that GOD IS A MASTER OF MAKING CHAMPIONS OUT OF NOBODIES.

The MESSAGE is the word of faith because *FAITH IS THE VICTORY THAT OVER- COMES THE WORLD* (1 John 5:4). It is through this life of faith that we walk in the new covenant BLESSINGS, the FAVOR of God, the POWER of God, and a life that goes from GLORY TO GLORY

#### THE CHURCH LEGACY

Heritage of Faith was born in the heart of Carolyn Savelle in September of the year 2000 while Dr. Savelle was ministering in South Africa. One night as Mrs. Savelle slept, she was suddenly awakened by a presence. She opened her eyes to see Jesus standing before her. As she looked into his eyes, she heard these words, *"There are hurting people in your community, and I want you to love them for me."* Shortly afterward, when Dr. Savelle arrived home, she sat down with him and told him everything she had experienced. Out of *quick obedience*, Heritage of Faith Christian Center was founded, with its first church service taking place on October 8th of that same year. Twenty-four years later, I can say with certainty that we are still fulfilling that mandate to LOVE hurting people in our community. I remember asking Dr. Savelle, "How do we help hurting

people?" I thought he would respond by saying we meet their needs, or we pray for them. Instead, he responded with an answer that has stuck with me all these years later. He took out his Bible and turned to Mark 6:34. Then he read this: "And when Jesus came out, He saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion (LOVE) for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd. So, he began to teach them." After that verse, Dr. Savelle told me the answer to my question was the WORD. Yes, you help people when you can, you feed them, you pray for them, but YOU MUST REALIZE IT IS THE WORD THAT WILL BRING TRUE TRANSFORMATION TO THEIR LIVES.

#### **ALL ABOUT FULFILLING** THE VISION

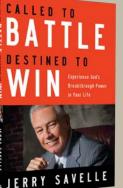
The Word of God tells us in Habakkuk 2:2-3, "Write the vision, make it plain on tablets that he may run who reads it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time." I believe the vision of JSMI and Heritage of Faith is just as much in its appointed time now than it has ever been. Dr. Savelle often taught from Philippians 1:6, "He that began a good work in you will complete it ... " Paul was not just referring to an individual but the calling upon the entire church of Philippi. It is time for each of us to complete the work that has been

started. As church staff, we are working with a sense of urgency like we never have before, we are choosing to stand strong with Mrs. Savelle, and we will continue to carry the vision that was established many years ago. I have come to the realization that vision is not something that can be done, it is something that MUST be done! Jesus had a burning desire down on the inside of him to fulfill the Father's vision, which we can clearly see in John 9:4: "I must work the works of HIM that sent me while it's still day." This burning desire must be buried deep inside each of us; IT'S NOT TIME TO SIT BACK AND COAST. NO! This mission, this message, and this vision have not changed! There is still a community to reach, there is still a message to declare, there is still a harvest to reap, and brandnew buildings waiting to be built. It's time to lift up the name of Jesus! I believe Heritage of Faith Christian Center is here for such a time as this. We are a ministry that is focused on the last days, based on a vision Isaiah had. Isaiah 2:1 -3, The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. 2 It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up

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above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, 3 and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."

Annette and I are so humbled and honored to have this opportunity to be the pastors of Heritage of Faith Christian Center. We are so grateful to have such an amazing team around us, and we will continue to serve Mrs. Carolyn with passion as she progresses into this Legacy of Faith. WE WILL SEE THE FULFILLMENT OF DR. SAVELLE'S PROPHETIC WORD FROM 2024: A Year of Progressing, Advancing, Experiencing Promotion, and Seeing Our Highest Expectations Fulfilled. I can honestly say that God is doing something amazing in the ministry and in our church family, and it's only getting stronger. Yes, we have had many great things happen in the last twenty-four years, but it will not compare to what we are stepping into next. As Dr. Savelle has said throughout the years, "THE BEST IS YET TO COME!"



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#### **ERIC DEATON**



With over 55 years of ministry worldwide, Dr. Jerry Savelle had many great messages, but one of the subjects he was most known for was the Favor of God. He wrote more books and put out more resources on God's favor than any other minister in our generation. Pastors all over the world would introduce him by saying, "*Please welcome, Dr. Favor*."

Dr. Savelle practiced what he preached. He did not just write books and put out resources on favor; he lived it! The Favor of God was so evident on his life. For example, he stood before kings and presidents of nations.

He also got a chance to meet and minister to countless celebrities and professional athletes. There were even some that he personally mentored. It was amazing to hear the stories. Tom Landry, Bart Starr, Archie Moore, Wendell Tyler, Roberto Duran, and Mr. Universe were just a few of the people he met and with whom he associated. One time he was even seated at the table next to President Ronald Reagan.

He would always say that any and **EVERY BELIEVER SHOULD BE EXPERIENCING THE FAVOR OF GOD.** However, not everyone does; just like not everyone walks in the blessing and not everyone walks in the healing that Jesus provided for us. It is ALL received by faith because we believe God, believe His word, and believe His prophets.

#### ADVENTURES IN FAITH



I remember a time where I was flying with Brother Jerry on his plane. During this flight, I began to tell him about some of the challenges that I was currently facing. He listened very patiently, and when I finished, his response was simply, "Yeah, but you have favor." It was so simple, yet so profound. I thought to myself, "I have favor... I have favor. I HAVE FAVOR!" That truth changed my life that day because it settled down in my heart.

#### THERE ARE SO MANY BENEFITS TO FAVOR AND SO MANY WAYS THAT WE SEE THE FAVOR OF GOD MANIFEST IN OUR LIVES.

Here are **TEN THINGS** Dr. Savelle taught us

that the favor of God can do in our lives. You can find this list and further teaching about it in his book "The Favor of God."

#### **FAVOR PRODUCES THE FOLLOWING:**

- 1. SUPERNATURAL INCREASE AND PROMOTION
- 2. RESTORATION OF EVERYTHING THE ENEMY HAS STOLEN
- 3. HONOR IN THE MIDST OF OUR ADVERSARIES
- 4. INCREASE IN ASSETS, ESPECIALLY IN LAND AND REAL ESTATE



- 5. GREAT VICTORIES IN THE MIDST OF GREAT ODDS
- 6. RECOGNITION, EVEN WHEN WE SEEM THE LEAST LIKELY TO BE SELECTED
- 7. PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT
- 8. A GRANTING OF OUR PETITIONS
- 9. A CHANGE OR REVERSAL OF POLICIES, RULES AND LAW

## 10. PROTECTION FROM SOME BATTLES, AS GOD WILL FIGHT FOR US

If you look at these ten benefits of favor and then reflect back on your life, you will find that you've experienced some, if not all, of these things. With that in mind, now you can march forward by faith believing for these things to happen in your life every day. Brother Jerry made it a habit of waking up and thanking the Lord for the Favor of God on His life each day, saying things like, "Lord, grant me favor everywhere I go." or "Lord, let me be in the right place at the right time with the right people."

In my quest to gain this same revelation of favor, I came across Exodus 33. Moses was asking God how he would know that he had found favor in God's sight, and the Lord answered him in verse 14 by saying, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." The NLT says, "I will personally go with you, Moses, and I will give you rest." GOD WILL PERSONALLY GO WITH YOU!

When you understand that God's presence goes WITH YOU, you can face any situation with a confident expectation that the outcome will be in YOUR FAVOR. We see throughout the Word of God that **GOD'S PRESENCE CHANGES EVERYTHING.** 

The same presence that was with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the fiery furnace, protecting them from harm, is the same presence that is with you and me. It was the same presence that was with Daniel in the lions' den. It is the same presence that guided the Israelites through the Red Sea. Hallelujah! The presence of God changes everything. Psalm 97:5 declares, "*The mountains melt like wax at the PRESENCE of the Lord*." Think about that.

Just recently, I was driving on a long-distance trip, meditating and praying about these things all along the way. As the day went on, I stopped at a high-rise hotel in downtown Nashville for the night. I checked in at the counter for my standard king room, was promptly given my room key, and headed up the elevator toward my room. My room was

placed on the 32nd floor of the hotel at the end of the hall.

When I opened the hotel room door, I was surprised to walk into a hallway and did not know which way to go. To my left was a huge living area filled with couches, a table, and a desk situated next to several large windows framing the skyline of Nashville and its surrounding area. I had been upgraded to the Presidential Suite at the hotel! Now that's the Favor of God!

The next morning, I envisioned Brother Jerry sitting at that desk by the window with the beautiful view of the city and writing notes as the Lord spoke to him.

Consequently, I sat down at that desk, gazed out over the skyline, thanked God, and began writing this article.

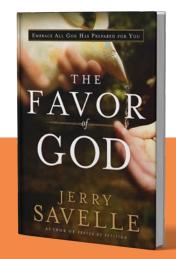
I had just experienced the Favor of God in a huge way (This was #7 on Dr. Savelle's list - Preferential Treatment). This room upgrade was on the Jerry Savelle level of favor and was an indicator to me that **BROTHER JERRY'S LEGACY OF FAVOR WILL LIVE ON.** It will live on through you and me and anyone else who chooses to believe in it.

God's promise to us is the same as it was for Moses. **WE CAN EXPECT FAVOR BECAUSE GOD WILL GO WITH US AND GIVE US REST.** We can rest in His favor because He is with us and in us. If you are associated with this ministry, you can rest assured that the same Favor that Moses experienced and the same Favor that Brother Jerry experienced is the same Favor you can experience.

Thank you, Brother Jerry, for teaching us about the Favor of God.

We will declare with our mouths that we live in the FOG (Favor Of God) everyday! WE WILL CONTINUE TO CARRY ON THIS LEGACY OF FAVOR ON THE EARTH UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN IN HEAVEN!

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When Dr. Savelle transitioned to heaven, we received many wonderful and sweet comments from so many precious people that his life and ministry touched. The testimonies that were shared were amazing and almost innumerable. Each one of us has had powerful encounters with the Word that he preached or the anointing he imparted. *He left such a rich heritage for us all.* Through the truths he knew from the Word and experienced in his walk with God, he openly shared and guided us all into inheriting the promises. As I now look ahead to the road before me, I will take with me so much of what he taught and will look for opportunities to share it with others. Much like his iPod collection of messages by Kenneth Hagin, Kenneth Copeland, Oral Roberts, and T.L. Osborn, I have added Dr. Savelle's messages to my iPhone. As the Bible says, "Imitate those...who inherit the promises." If it worked for him, it will work for me! (JSMI will always have them available online as well!) Dr Savelle's messages are so timely and timeless. I will never tire of them. He preached and taught the unchanging, eternal Word, and it always proved to be compelling and encouraging.

As more than one person reached out to say, "Dr. Savelle is now part of the great cloud of witnesses cheering us on." But of course, he was always cheering us on. Isn't that part of what we loved about him? He truly represented a father in the faith, as his godly correction and guidance, in and out of the pulpit, was always out of his great love for us and desire to see us win in life.

In October of 1981, Dr. Savelle received a visitation from the Lord because *God wanted His people out of financial bondage*. The message he received on sowing increased his life. It revolutionized his life. And he wanted it to affect others how it had affected him. It was a message he never stopped preaching - or doing.

Dr. Savelle was one of the most giving people I know. He would consistently declare, "*I live to give.*" He was a man who believed in seed, time, and harvest. He and Mrs. Carolyn learned a long time ago that they were born to be blessed AND born to be a blessing, and that is exactly how they have lived.

He truly "lived to give". I cannot tell you how many times I tried to bless him, but he wanted to bless me instead. He just could not, not give. That's just what love does. *Love gives.* And Dr. Savelle loved – a lot!

His message of sowing greatly impacted our family. My husband took this message to heart, and God showed him that *we are to be blessing dispensers*. *Always ready to dispense good*. As we do, more will be added to us – to further dispense. We are like gumball dispensers. If they get low, they will be refilled. So keep dispensing!

Our son has followed in his dad's footsteps, who followed in Dr. Savelle's footsteps. They are (all three) some of the biggest and free-est givers I know. All three of them show their love by giving. I would guess, rather confidently, that Dr. Savelle never went a single day without giving. There is love and faith in that. Think on that. That's how I want to live.

Dr. Savelle had also learned to *be a quick giver*. I have often remembered his stories of the times he did not give quickly and what happened and what God said. Those stories impacted me. I am so thankful that he honestly and openly shared them so that I could learn from them.

He shared with us how God asked him one time (after letting days go by without giving what God had instructed him), "Is that how you want people to give to you when you have a need?" I am sure that felt like a punch to the stomach, but he never forgot it – and neither have I. Our giving meets needs.

Dr. Savelle wrote of his concern about people coming to meetings and taking prosperity

principles as a get-rich-quick scheme instead of first developing a relationship with God. Matthew 6:33 was always at the center of his walk with God, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." He always wanted people to trust in God and pursue God, not worrying about their needs. **God is faithful.** 

Dr. Savelle emphasized trusting in Jesus instead of riches. He taught on the rich, young ruler and how sad it was for him to walk away from Jesus. He would say "you can have things but don't let things have you." He always emphasized that prosperity is for being a blessing. His greatest joys say, "The man began to prosper, and continued prospering until he became very prosperous" (Genesis 26:13). I love a good line like that!

Dr. Savelle was so good at teaching on harvest. He kept it so simple by saying things like, "If you aren't seeing the harvest you want in your life, check your seed." He always tried to get across to people that you cannot harvest if you have not planted any seed. "A man's harvest in life will depend entirely on what he sows" (Galatians 6:7, Phillips NT Translation).

I saw the harvest in his life; he was one blessed man! But *the size of the harvest should tell you something about the seed*. I also saw the seed he planted; he was one continuous,

## THAT'S JUST WHAT LOVE DOES. LOVE GIVES!

were being used by God to meet the needs of others, especially because it often proved to the receiver that God hears and provides.

One of the most memorable Biblical principles on prosperity that Dr. Savelle preached was sowing in famine. This message comes from Genesis 26. It is one of my husband's favorites. God told Isaac to stay right where he was during a famine and that God would be with him and bless him. It says that Isaac sowed in that land and received a hundredfold. (That's my God!) It goes on to unstoppable giver. So, guess what? The harvest was always coming in. Good lesson.

*God trusted Dr. Savelle to give.* He would give financially to people he had just met on a flight or a waitress in a restaurant or children in church. He would give whenever and wherever God told him.

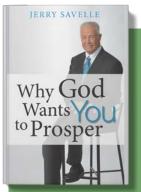
Finances aren't the only thing with which God trusted him though. God brought him before kings, professional athletes, and countless hurting people because God could trust him to give the Gospel.

## YOU CAN HAVE THINGS BUT DON'T LET THINGS HAVE YOU!



In Dr. Seuss style: He would give in a plane; He would give in the rain. He would give to a king; He would give if it stings. He would give in the morning; He would give without warning. Shirts, suits, or ties. December or July. He was never short seed. And God used him indeed! I am so thankful to have walked with this man of God. His legacy of living to give left a lasting impression on me and will certainly live on through our family and many others.

Thank you, Dr. Savelle, for the life you gave, the love you sowed, and the lessons that led us into the extraordinary.



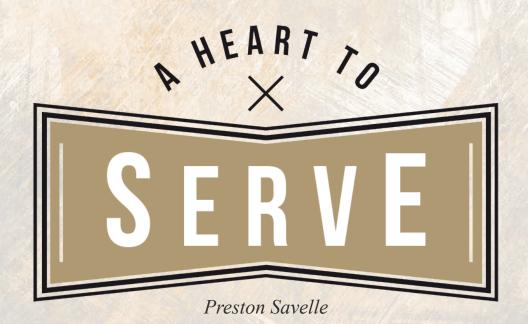
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Hello, partners and friends of all of us here at JSMI! I consider it a great honor to be sharing with you in this Legacy Edition of our Adventures In Faith Magazine. To be honest, this was not a road I ever expected to be going down. In fact, if you had told me a few months ago that I would be working at my grandparents' ministry I wouldn't have believed you. BUT GOD! All of our best laid plans pale in comparison to God's ultimate plan (Isaiah 55:8, Romans 8:28), and it brings me great joy to be a part of such a faith-filled organization.

When I sat down to write this article, I began to think about my grandfather. Jerry Savelle was many things to many people, and there could be an extensive list made of all his admirable qualities. His loving nature, kind disposition, witty sense of humor, and so much more went back and forth across my mind, but the one attribute that stood out to me above all others was this: HIS SERVANT'S HEART.

Ever since my grandfather surrendered his heart to Jesus on

February 11, 1969, he made it his life mission to serve the will of God and all that it entailed. Throughout his years of ministry, he always made it a priority to do everything he could for God and for His people. WHEN YOU LIVE A LIFE OF SERVING GOD AND SERVING OTHERS IT SHOWS. Ever since his passing, I've heard story after story from people whose lives were forever changed by his example. Whether through his preaching, missions and outreaches, or his giving, I believe Jerry Savelle made a lasting impact that will continue to affect change well beyond his lifetime. But where did it all start? With a decision to serve.

I believe this heart to serve is best exemplified in my grandfather's relationship with another great general of faith: Brother Kenneth Copeland. I thank God for the part Brother Copeland played in my grandfather's life; if it wasn't for him, there's no telling how different my life and the lives of the rest of my family would be. Time and time again I have seen my grandfather's heart to serve Brother Copeland through his words and through his actions. I never heard him speak a negative word about his friend and mentor, and whenever Kenneth Copeland needed him, Jerry Savelle was there. I believe that it was this lifestyle of honor and service that caused favor to follow my grandfather throughout his life, all the way up to his promotion to Heaven. Proverbs 11:24 says, "One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty." I can honestly say that many of the good things I experience in my life today came as a direct result of my grandfather's decision to give everything he had to God and God's people.

But what does this mean for us? Did the opportunities, blessings, and favor stop with him? No, I don't believe so. Though my grandfather had his own unique path laid out before him by God, it all started with the one thing I've been alluding to since the beginning of this article: a heart to serve.

The definition for the word serve is to perform duties or services for a person or organization, to be of use,

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or to comply with the commands or demands of another. I believe my grandfather fits the bill when it comes to his service to God, but how do we measure up? ARE WE GOOD SERVANTS OF GOD? What does it take to be one? I believe the TWO KEY INGREDIENTS FOR BEING A GOOD SERVANT TO GOD ARE LISTENING AND OBEYING.

For all of those who have ever eaten at a restaurant, I'm sure you've had your experiences with good service and bad service. Recently, my family and I decided to eat at a popular fast-food restaurant (for which I will not name). When I ordered with the cashier, I made a point of repeating my order, my She calls to the crowds along the main street, to those gathered in front of the city gate:

"How long, you simpletons, will you insist on being simpleminded? How long will you mockers relish your mocking? How long will you fools hate knowledge?

Come and listen to my counsel. I'll share my heart with you and make you wise.

I called you so often, but you wouldn't come. I reached out to you, but you paid no attention."

If we believe that God is the source of all wisdom (Proverbs 2:6, Daniel 2:20, James 1:5), can you imagine how so much more. All these things were very serious, and (thankfully) Jesus had the appropriate response to each of them. What I find interesting are the moments mentioned in the Gospel where He had to find time to get alone and pray (Mark 1:35, Luke 4:42, Matthew 14:13 & 23). Luke 5:16 even says, "He would withdraw to desolate places and pray." This verse shows us that Jesus had a consistent habit of seeking God completely by Himself. But why did He do this? Because PRAYER IS AN EXPRESSION OF OUR DEPENDENCE ON GOD, and Jesus knew that He needed every bit of what His Father could provide. In Matthew 26:36-46, we can clearly see the importance



wife's order, and our desire to eat at the restaurant instead of eating to-go. You can imagine my surprise then, when a to-go bag was tossed onto our table, filled with two orders that were completely wrong! I'm happy to say that my wife and I hold no ill will for that restaurant or its employees, but you would be hard pressed to try and get me to eat there again. Isn't it frustrating when it feels like your voice isn't being heard?

Well, let's take a look at Proverbs 1:20-24 (NLT):

Wisdom shouts in the streets. She cries out in the public square. frustrating it would be to have your own children ignore what you have to say, especially if what is said has the capability to greatly enrich their lives? Unfortunately for many, they are like the crowds of people absent-mindedly passing by wisdom in Proverbs 1:20-21. Most people feel that they don't have the time to stop and listen to what God has to say. With the expectations of our jobs, the needs of our families and friends, and so many other obligations, who has the time?

During Jesus' time here on Earth, there were a lot of needs put on him from the people that were around him: deaths of loved ones, healing from disease, freedom from demonic oppression, and Jesus put on His prayer time in the garden of Gethsemane. Despite the immense pressure he was under, which included the crucifixion and everything that would follow, notice what Jesus said at the end of each of those prayers: "Not My will, but Your will be done." Jesus was always actively listening and receiving instruction from God, and this is what enabled Him to do all that He did in the Earth. If Jesus thought it was important to take the time to listen to God, shouldn't we as well?

The second key to experiencing a true life of service to God is obeying whatever He tells you to. It's not enough to simply listen, but are we going to follow through on our end of the bargain? When I think of obedience, my mind always goes back to two iconic Bible characters: Saul and David. When Saul was king of Israel, he had many opportunities to prove His obedience to God. Instead, he often made choices for himself. An example of this was an act of disobedience that would eventually cause him to lose his position as king. In 1 Samuel 15, the prophet Samuel came to Saul with a Word from the Lord: the time had come for Israel to defeat their old enemies, the Amalekites. God wanted everything and anything connected to Amalek

"What is more pleasing to the Lord: your burnt offerings and sacrifices or your obedience to his voice? Listen! Obedience is better than sacrifice, and submission is better than offering the fat of rams."

Our obedience to what God has told us outweighs any mortal effort to try to please him. Compare this response to the actions of David. Time and time again, and often in times of great pressure, David chose to do exactly what God told him to do. His loyalty to God gave him the ability to slay Goliath, survive constant persecution from Saul, triumph in countless battles, and eventually led him to be king of Israel. And even in his failure with Bathsheba and Uriah in Samuel 11-12, he was quick to repent and make things right between himself and God. Despite his shortcomings, David will forever be known as "the man after God's own heart" (1 Samuel 13:14, Acts 13:22).

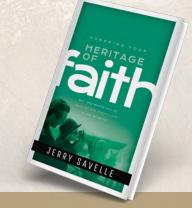
I believe that my grandfather was a man after God's own heart. He was a man that served God faithfully, and because he did, the blessing followed him every day of his life. DUR GREATEST DESIRE SHOULD BE TO FULFILL THE CALL OF GOD FOR EACH OF OUR LIVES, BUT IT WILL ONLY HAPPEN IF WE CHOOSE TO LISTEN TO HIS VOICE AND OBEY WHAT HE SAYS. Make the decision to truly serve God today. If you do, I guarantee that your life will never be the same. God bless!



#### to be destroyed.

So, off the Israelites go to war, and they have a great victory against the Amalekites. But, at the critical moment, Saul decides to disobey God. Instead of destroying everything like he was supposed to, he keeps King Agag of the Amalekites alive, as well as a number of sheep and cattle. Samuel is furious when he hears this, and openly confronts Saul. Saul tried to defend himself, saying that these things were kept aside for a future sacrifice to God.

That's when Samuel says this in 1 Samuel 15:22,



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# LEGACY

#### **BILL & GINGER HORN**

Where do we begin when talking about Dr. Jerry Savelle? We've had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Savelle minister the Word of God ever since we were first filled with the Holy Spirit; he was our "father in the faith". The first time I (Bill) heard him speak was at a convention center in Winston-Salem, NC in 1983. My wife (Ginger) coaxed me to initially go hear him, but he immediately caught my attention with his stories, life experiences, and connections to the Word of God. His words and the way in which he shared them were so impactful and meaningful to me. After hearing that first message, I said to myself, "I could serve a man like that."

Over time, our lives became more connected to Dr. Savelle through our first decision to partner with his ministry in the early 80's. Twenty years later, in the year 2000, we finally got to meet and talk with Dr. Savelle in person. Shortly thereafter, we joined his motorcycle outreach ministry, **Chariots of Light Christian Bikers**. Little did we know what God had in store for us (Ephesians 3:20 AMP, "Beyond our wildest dreams"). Those years of traveling with and learning from this man of faith were truly a blessing.

In 2006, my wife and I were given the honor of becoming the Directors of Chariots of Light as an extension of Jerry Savelle Ministries International. After accepting the position, I remember telling Dr. Savelle, "Sir, I believe this connection with you is eternal for us." Throughout the years, I knew he had heard a lot of promises from other people. But when I saw the look on his face, I could tell that what I said meant something to him. Now look where we are in 2024! I can say with certainty that Dr. Savelle has reached his greatest destination of eternal glory. Even though he is no longer with us, we have decided to continue with this legacy of faith. More than ever before, we are determined to carry the torch he has passed on to us.

Nothing can take away the wonderful memories and conversations we have had with Dr. Savelle. Truly, it's been one of the greatest honors of our lives to serve him. We've learned so much from his teachings, but more importantly, we also learned how to live a Christ-like life by his example. He touched lives all around the world and his legacy will only continue to grow even stronger. He

#### HE NEVER QUIT, AND HE TAUGHT US NOT TO BE QUITTERS EITHER!

never quit, and he taught us not to be quitters either! He was the most generous and loving person we've had the pleasure to ever meet even when things seemed to be going wrong, Dr. Savelle never showed it. He was a man who kept working his faith in love. When individuals did him wrong, his final decision was to always protect others instead of himself. He lived his life by the Word, and we learned by his example that faith works by love.

We often think about the many seeds he sowed and acts

of kindness he displayed to us and others. He was the one who taught us how to live our life by faith and to enjoy the life of faith. God was involved in every part of his life, and it was evident he made God's Word his priority.

I can't begin to count the wonderful experiences we shared together, but I know for sure that the Holy Spirit will bring new life to all those experiences as we carry on with his legacy.

What an honor and privilege it was for us to have

the opportunity to walk with Dr. Savelle personally. I compare it to the personal experience the disciples had with Jesus. Even as He ascended into heaven, Jesus left examples for His followers to think back on. Jesus' last command was to go into all the world, and I know Dr. Savelle would say the same thing if he was here now. So, go! Don't quit, because it's time to go to another level in Jesus.

I don't think anyone knew what Chariots of Light would become, but one thing is certain: God always has a



plan, and He birthed that plan into Jerry Savelle, causing Chariots of Light to become one the largest recorded avenues for getting souls saved in this ministry. As Dr. Savelle would say, and we agree, "The best is yet to come."

Currently, the number of people who have received Jesus Christ through Chariots of Light is well over **600,000 people**, with over a million people personally being ministered to. Through the ministry's efforts, millions of souls are coming to Christ as we continue to fulfill the vision God birthed in Dr. Savelle's heart. We are so grateful and honored to be in this great company of faith that God has chosen to carry on this part of Dr. Savelle's legacy.

One thing that has always propelled us to go to the next level was the confidence and trust that Dr. Savelle had in us. He was a man who believed in people just like Jesus believed in his Heavenly Father and in His followers. Dr. Savelle loved people, cared about people, and believed in people. Part of the vision of Chariots is a passion for God and a passion for souls, and that was evident in the life of Dr. Savelle. A trait like that only comes from God, and when you acquire it, it enables you to show those around you the piece of God lying within each one of us! Dr. Savelle always made a point of showing integrity, honor, and respect to all those who he ministered with and to.

God has joined us together for eternity to fulfill our God-called destinies! So, today and forevermore, we choose to honor Dr. Jerry Savelle. We respect and love him dearly and look back at all the wonderful times we had with fondness. **Our** desire is to continue to press towards the mark, to know God in an even better way, and to fulfill the calling of God's great commission! We are endeavoring to GO and run the race that is set before us! We are advancing and progressing! Dr. Savelle's influence changed our lives forever and enabled us to help change others' lives. Everywhere we go we have eternity on our minds, and we will never stop sharing God's love and shining our lights. Philippians 2:15 says that we will be blameless and harmless, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom we shine as lights! Chariots of Light WILL shine on!





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