

“86 Age & 99 Age”

Genesis 16-17

1/01/23

Today, we'd like to see the title of “86 Age & 99 Age” in the book of Genesis 16 -17.

To Online Word's people, *through MP3 or YouTube Channel*, on the earth, we'd like to suggest the 3 expositional Questions. ([_____ Maranatha Worship Songs](#). Videos are seeable upon the click on the website). *YouTube Channel is not Available in China, Iran, Germany, etc. where only MP3 is available*

Q1. In 16:2, “So Sarai said to Abram, ‘See now, the LORD has restrained me from bearing *children*. Please, go in to my maid; perhaps I shall obtain children by her.’ And Abram heeded the voice of Sarai,” what does it mean in the context? And what can we learn from here?

Q2. In 17:1, “When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, ‘I *am* Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless,’” what does it mean? And how can we apply it to our lives?

Q3. In 17:11, “and you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and you,” what does it mean? And what can we learn from here?

(Background for context of this text on Daily Bible Reading and Studying Weekly Book Basis)

In the last time, God's covenant with Abram was made in Genesis 15:4-6, “And behold, the word of the LORD *came* to him, saying, ‘This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir.’”⁵ Then He brought him outside and said, ‘Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them.’ And He said to him, ‘So shall your descendants be.’”⁶ And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness,” God accounted Abram's faith to Abram for righteousness.

TEXT: NKJV [KJV]

Inductive Explanation in context & syntax

<p>Chapter 16</p> <p>¹Now <u>Sarai</u>, Abram's wife, had borne him <u>no children</u>. And she had <u>an Egyptian maidservant whose name was Hagar</u>.</p> <p>² So Sarai said to Abram, “See now, the LORD has <u>restrained me from bearing children</u>. Please, <u>go in to my maid</u>; perhaps I shall obtain children by her.” And <u>Abram heeded the voice of Sarai</u>.³ Then Sarai, Abram's wife, <u>took Hagar her maid</u>, the Egyptian, and <u>gave her to her husband Abram</u> to be his wife, after</p>	<p>16</p> <p>1= ...Sarai...no children...an Egyptian maidservantHagar (when Abram went down to Egypt in a famine in the Canaan land, Sarai got Hagar. Abram was 85 age in light of verse 15, “86 years old.” <i>Gen 12:10</i>¹)</p> <p>2=Q1 (a wife who did not have a child may have given her maidservant to her husband for a child to become an heir between her and her husband; it was the custom of that day, but it was the work of flesh. It was the lack of faith to fulfill God's promise, “from your own body shall be your heir,” <i>Gen 15:4</i>.)</p>
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¹ *Gen 12:10* Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to dwell there, for the famine was severe in the land.

Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan. ⁴ So he went in to Hagar, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress became despised in her eyes.

⁵ Then Sarai said to Abram, "My wrong be upon you! I gave my maid into your embrace; and when she saw that she had conceived, I became despised in her eyes. The LORD judge between you and me."

⁶ So Abram said to Sarai, "Indeed your maid *is* in your hand; do to her as you please." And when Sarai dealt harshly with her, she fled from her presence.

⁷ Now the Angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur.

⁸ And He said, "Hagar, Sarai's maid, where have you come from, and where are you going?" She said, "I am fleeing from the presence of my mistress Sarai."

⁹ The Angel of the LORD said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit yourself under her hand." ¹⁰ Then the Angel of the LORD said to her, "I will multiply your descendants exceedingly, so that they shall not be counted for multitude."

¹¹ And the Angel of the LORD said to her: "Behold, you *are* with child, And you shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, Because the LORD has heard your affliction.

¹² He shall be a wild man; His hand shall be against every man, And every man's hand against him. And he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren."

¹³ Then she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, You-Are-the-God-Who-Sees; for she said, "Have I also here seen Him who sees me?" ¹⁴ Therefore the well was called Beer Lahai Roi; observe, *it is* between Kadesh and Bered.

¹⁵ So Hagar bore Abram a son; and Abram named his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. ¹⁶ Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.

The lack of faith caused the consequent problems of flesh – Hagar's despising Sarai, 16:4, Sarai's blaming Abram for the despising, 16:5, Sarai's dealing harshly Hagar, 16:6, etc. Because God is almighty, Gen 17:1, God doesn't need human help, here Sarai's suggestion of the custom and Abram's acceptance; But humans need His help. The Lord is my helper!)

5= ...My wrong be upon you....I became despised in her eyes...(in flesh, Sarai initiated to arrange Hagar to Abram for a child the expected result, but Hagar despised Sarai the unexpected result. We often blame others for unexpected result caused by our wrong, rather than admit our wrong and seek His forgiveness and His wisdom to resolve the result)

7= ...the Angel of the Lord...her by a spring of water in the wilderness...(God's appearance in the Old Testament time is called as Theophany; the spring is called as the well of the God who sees, i.e., Beer Lahai Roi, 16:14 – called as Zamzam Well in Saudi Arabia by Arab people)

9= ...Return to you mistress, and submit yourself under her hand (To avoid our problems doesn't solve them, but to face them and to ask the Lord the wisdom to solve them may solve them)

11=(the son by Hagar through flesh, not through promise, was called as Ishmael, which means the Lord has heard your affliction)

12= ...be a wild man...against every man....against him....dwell in the presence of all his brethren (The Arab people today are descendants of Ishmael. Today much of battles are around the Arab people, who mostly reside in Middle East area)

15-16= (Abram 86 ages got Ishmael by Hagar the bondwoman through flesh, not through promise or covenant)

<p>Chapter 17</p> <p>¹When Abram was <u>ninety-nine years old</u>, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I <u>am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless.</u></p> <p>² And I will make <u>My covenant between Me and you</u>, and will multiply you exceedingly.” ³ Then Abram fell on his face, and <u>God talked with him</u>, saying: ⁴ “As for</p>	<p>17</p> <p>1=Q2...99 years oldAlmighty God; walk before Me and be blameless (God kept silent for 13 years from 86 age to 99 age, waiting for showing His nothing impossibility, Almighty God-- El Shaddai, to Abram; because we may puff up or boast a thing that we received from God as if we had not received it; In the preposition, “before,” to walk before God is to live in consciousness of God’s presence; to walk in the Lord is to live oneness between you and the Lord; to walk with God is to have fellowship or communion with God; To walk after the Lord or to follow the Lord is to live as His servant; We should walk or live so in order to be blameless, perfect, or righteous; To be blameless, perfect, or righteous is not to have already apprehended or attained it but to live by faith according to the Spirit; i.e. the Spirit Led Life in the Whole Counsel of God leads to the Blameless/ Perfect/ Righteous Christian just as Jesus at the time of each meeting the Lord in heaven <i>1 Cor 4:6-7; Col 2:6; Gen 5:24; John 1:43; Mat 5:48; Phil 3:7-9; Phil 3:12-14; 1 Cor 9:27; Rom 7:18; Rom 8:4; Rom 8:6-7; Rom 1:17²</i>)</p> <p>2= ...My covenant between Me and you...(God’s covenant was God’s unilateral promise to Abram’s doing the circumcision, 17:10 –God’s promise parts (1) many descendants “exceedingly fruitful” 17:6; (2) many nations“ “kings...from you” 17:6; (3) His covenant with his descendants “everlasting</p>
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² *1 Cor 4:6-7* Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively transferred to myself and Apollos for your sakes, that you may learn in us not to think beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up on behalf of one against the other. ⁷ For who makes you differ *from another*? And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive *it*, why do you boast as if you had not received *it*?; *Col 2:6* As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him; *Gen 5:24* And Enoch walked with God; and he *was not*, for God took him; *John 1:43* The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, “Follow Me.” *Mat 5:48* Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect; *Phil 3:7-9* But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. ⁸ Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; *Phil 3:12-14* Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. ¹³ Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, ¹⁴ I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus; *1 Cor 9:27* But I discipline my body and bring *it* into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified; *Rom 7:18* For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but *how* to perform what is good I do not find; *Rom 8:4* that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit; *Rom 8:6-7* For to be carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace. ⁷ Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be; *Rom 1:17* For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.”

Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations.

⁵ No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations. ⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷ And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you. ⁸ Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.” ⁹ And God said to Abraham: “As for you, you shall keep My covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations.”

¹⁰ This *is* My covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: Every male child among you shall be circumcised; ¹¹ and you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and you. ¹² He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised, every male child in your generations, he who is born in your house or bought with money from any foreigner who is not your descendant. ¹³ He who is born in your house and he who is bought with your money must be circumcised, and My covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. ¹⁴ And the uncircumcised male child, who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that person shall be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant.”

¹⁵ Then God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶ And I will bless her and also give you

covenant” 17:7; and (4) the land of Canaan given 17:8)

5=...Abram, but your name shall be Abraham....I have made you a father of many nations (new named Abraham before the birth of Isaac means “a father of many nations.” God inserted the Hebrew letter “H” into the name of Abram. The letter “H” is made with the sound of “RUACH” the Hebrew, which means breath or spirit; So, Abraham signifies the life after the Spirit, from the life after the flesh – Abram by Hagar. For example, Israel means the prevailing one through struggle with God. His prevailing came by stricken by God. It signifies “governed by God” the life after the Spirit, from the life after the flesh --Jacob the heel catcher *Gen 2:7; Gen 32:25-28³*)

10= ...Every male child among you shall be circumcised (the duty of Abraham and his descendants’ part of that covenant is to circumcise)

11=Q3 ...circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins...a sign of the covenant between Me and you (to cut foreskin signifies the death of the life after the flesh and then the new life after the Spirit; so, the physical circumcision alone without keeping the word of God or the law of God is meaningless; For example, water baptism signifies that (1) to merge into water is the death of old life or the death of the life after flesh and (2) to rise up from the water is the life after the Spirit – on the Pentecost day after Jesus’ resurrection -- or the new life in Christ; It’s new creation regardless of race, gender, age, wealth, education, or whatever. All about Jesus! *Rom 2:25-29; 2 Cor 5:17⁴*)

15-16= ...Sarai...Sarah shall be her name....a mother of nations (the new named Sarah, just before Isaac’s birth, means “a

³ *Gen 2:7* And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being [soul]; *Gen 32:25-28* Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob’s hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him. ²⁶ And He said, “Let Me go, for the day breaks.” But he said, “I will not let You go unless You bless me!” ²⁷ So He said to him, “What is your name?” He said, “Jacob.” ²⁸ And He said, “Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed.”

⁴ *Rom 2:25-29* For circumcision is indeed profitable if you keep the law; but if you are a breaker of the law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision. ²⁶ Therefore, if an uncircumcised man keeps the righteous requirements of the law, will not his uncircumcision be counted as circumcision? ²⁷ And will not the physically uncircumcised, if he fulfills the law, judge you who, *even with your written code and circumcision, are a transgressor of the law?* ²⁸ For he is not a Jew who is *one* outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh; ²⁹ but *he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God; 2 Cor 5:17* Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, *he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*

<p>a son by her; then I will bless her, and she shall be <u>a mother of nations</u>; kings of peoples shall be from her.”</p> <p>¹⁷ Then Abraham fell on his face and <u>laughed</u>, and said in his heart, “Shall <i>a child</i> be born to a man who is <u>one hundred years old</u>? And shall <u>Sarah</u>, who is <u>ninety years old</u>, bear <i>a child</i>?” ¹⁸ And Abraham said to God, “Oh, that Ishmael might live before You!”</p> <p>¹⁹ Then God said: “No, <u>Sarah your wife shall bear you</u> a son, and you shall call his name <u>Isaac</u>; I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, <i>and</i> with his descendants after him.</p> <p>²⁰ And <u>as for Ishmael</u>, I have heard you. Behold, I have blessed him, and will <u>make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly</u>. He shall beget <u>twelve princes</u>, and I will make him <u>a great nation</u>.</p> <p>²¹ But <u>My covenant I will establish with Isaac</u>, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this set time next year.” ²² Then <u>He finished talking with him</u>, and God went up from Abraham.</p>	<p>mother of nations”; The letter “H” is inserted into Sarai, signifying the life after the Spirit – see verse 5)</p> <p>17= Then Abraham ...laughed100 years old?Sarah....90 years old? (If it had been a laugh of unbelief, then God would have rebuked him as He did Sarah; This laugh was a laugh of astonishment/joy, not a laugh of unbelief, as Paul stated “not being weak in faith....a hundred years old....not waver at the promise...fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform” – unlike Sarah “Is anything too hard for the Lord?” <i>Rom 4:18-25; Gen 18:12-14</i>⁶)</p> <p>19= ...Sarah your wife shall bear you a son...Isaac (Isaac mean “laughter” – signifies a laugh of astonishment/joy, supernatural birth, or miraculous birth)</p> <p>20=...as for Ishmael...make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly....12 princes...a great nation (Ismael descendants are listed in Gen 25; today, there are a lot of Arab nations; God did not forget Ishmael. Although he was not to Abraham’s heir, he would also be the father of a great nation <i>Gen 25:12-16</i>⁶)</p> <p>21= ...My covenant I will establish with Isaac (God’s covenant is established through Isaac by Sarah the freewoman, not Ishmael by Hagar the bondwoman, nor by the flesh <i>Gal 4:22-26</i>⁷)</p>
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⁵ *Rom 4:18-25* who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, “So shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹ And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰ He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, ²¹ and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. ²² And therefore “it was accounted to him for righteousness.”²³ Now it was not written for his sake alone that it was imputed to him, ²⁴ but also for us. It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification; *Gen 18:12-14* Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, “After I have grown old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?”¹³ And the LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, saying, ‘Shall I surely bear *a child*, since I am old?’ ¹⁴ Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son.”

⁶ *Gen 25:12-16* Now this *is* the genealogy of Ishmael, Abraham’s son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah’s maidservant, bore to Abraham. ¹³ And these *were* the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to their generations: The firstborn of Ishmael, Nebajoth; then Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam, ¹⁴ Mishma, Dumah, Massa, ¹⁵ Hadar, Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. ¹⁶ These *were* the sons of Ishmael and these *were* their names, by their towns and their settlements, twelve princes according to their nations.

⁷ *Gal 4:22-26* For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman. ²³ But he *who was* of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise, ²⁴ which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar— ²⁵ for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children— ²⁶ but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all.

23 So Abraham took Ishmael his son, all who were born in his house and all who were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house, and circumcised the flesh of their foreskins that very same day, as God had said to him. 24 Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. 25 And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. 26 That very same day Abraham was circumcised, and his son Ishmael; 27 and all the men of his house, born in the house or bought with money from a foreigner, were circumcised with him.

23= ...circumcised the flesh of their foreskins that very same day....(after being convicted of God's commandment to circumcise, Abraham did that very same day without hesitation, in verse 26 also, as we observe his immediate obedience to the Lord like Paul Acts 16:9-10⁸)

Note: Most Christians say the Bible is important, but rarely study every word in the Bible and commit it to the Lord. So, it's better to study it and live accordingly after the Spirit for the Lord (2 Tim 2:15). This online word for global crusade in effect develops from the expositional sermon (KJV), into spiritual transformation in daily love fellowship with the Lord throughout the Bible Study (NKJV) -- *All Scripture Expository Study from verse by verse Inductive Studies* -- of which application is the Discipleship and Spiritual Formation, closer to the image of Christ. We think that "Any human opinion is not really important rather than what God says. So, the best commentary on the Bible is the Bible per se. But the opinion to make us understand God's Word is acceptable (2 Corinthians 10:5)." Further, for the application, a life or spiritual experience might be helpful to understand how to apply an understood word in the text column, but it is temperately used like Paul, because nobody should think above that actual experience (2 Cor 12:6, Jeremiah 23:28).

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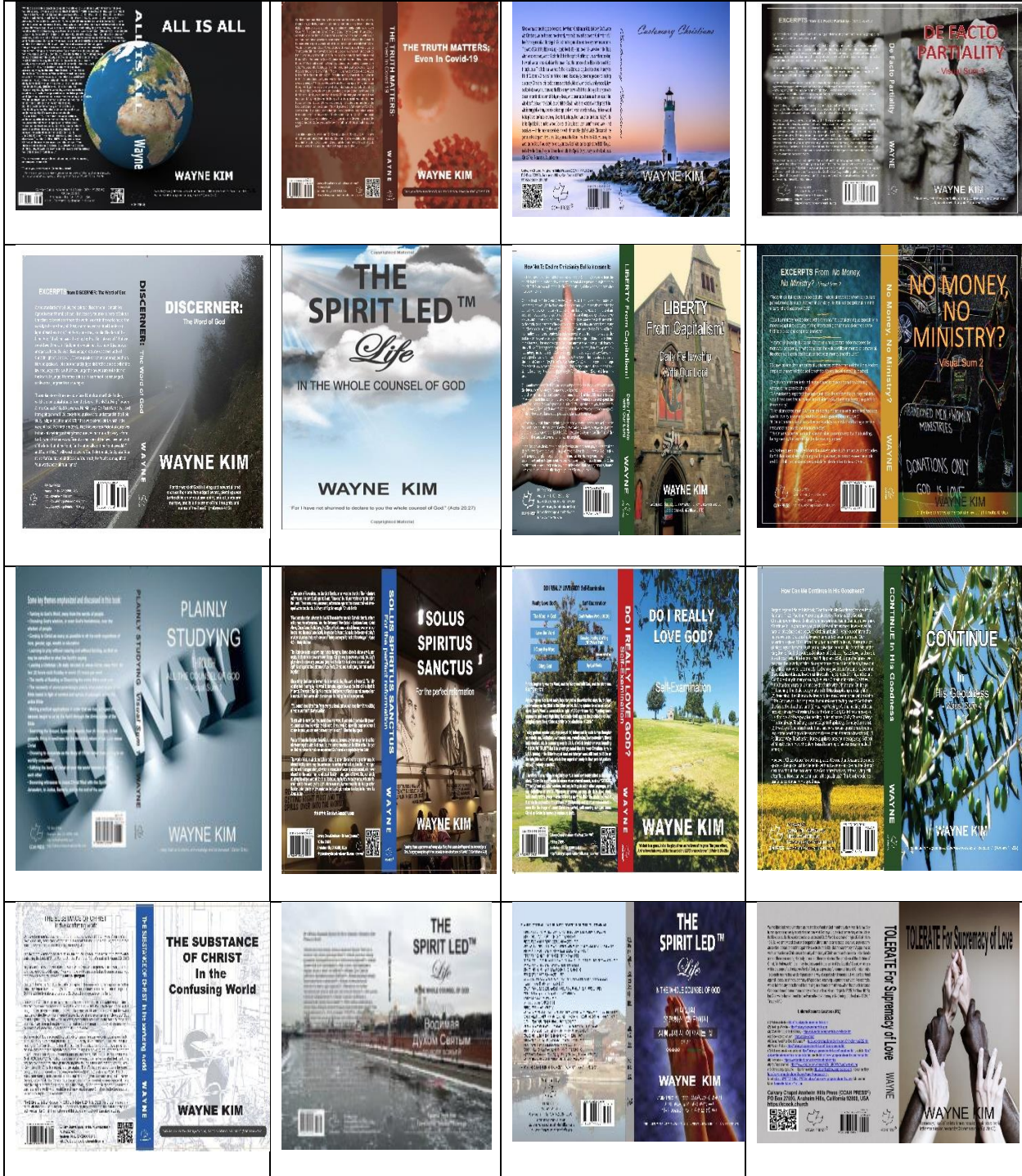


Thank you everybody. Come to Jesus!

⁸ Acts 16:9-10 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them.

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“How sweet are Your words to my taste, Sweeter than honey to my mouth!” (Psalm 119:103).



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Pray for Calvary Chapel Missions Conference 2023

OPEN DOOR (January 4-7, 2023)

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“I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name” (Rev 3:8).

Dear Friends,

I would like to invite you to the 2023 Calvary Chapel Missions Conference on the campus of Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa.

This year, things will look a little different, as we will be kicking off the conference on Wednesday afternoon, January 4, and concluding on Saturday afternoon, January 7.

Our theme is an Open Door, taken from the letter of Jesus to the church in ancient Philadelphia. To them he said, “Behold I set before you an open door that no one can shut.” As we look around at our troubled world, we see the devastation of war, the psychological effects of a worldwide pandemic, political unrest, economic instability, and a whole set of other things that have unsettled the lives of many. This unsettling has sadly led to much anxiety, but it has also produced a new openness to spiritual things in people all over the world.

We have been hearing story after story of how God is at work in places that we would never have dreamed of just a short time ago. It seems the Lord is truly opening doors no one can shut. Once again, we will gather with this threefold purpose:

- Strengthening those who are presently doing the work in fields far and wide,
- Encouraging supporters who remain at home to continue their support, and
- Inspiring a new generation of men and women who will, in faith, step through the doors the Lord has opened.

Looking forward to all the Lord will do among us as we gather to seek his will and wisdom for the days ahead.

Blessings,
Brian Brodersen
Senior Pastor, Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa.

Pray for Pastoral Training of Asia (PTA) and its missionaries.



Pastoral Training of Asia

Ministering to Ministers

Dear Calvary Pastor,

December 2022

TEARS HELD BACK Speaking at March of Faith Church was deeply difficult as Pastor Robinhood had gone to heaven due to covid. We have been friends for over 35 years. When I saw his widow, it was incredibly difficult to control my emotions. Very similar was the situation when I spoke at Calvary Chapel, as our close friend and Board member Sol is in heaven, his son and grandkids sat in the front row. We visited and prayed with Betty his widow. On top of this was the death of a beloved grandson of a friend. This all seemed to come together as I sat during worship. Then to add to the emotional tempest, the brother leading worship shared a stirring testimony with tears. I prayed for strength and asked Shonda to pray for me. With God's help I was able to preach without falling apart.

LEADERSHIP SEMINAR Great response as pastors and church board members enjoyed topics such as Administration, Church budgets, Managing Church Conflicts and Getting and Keeping Volunteers. Attorney Ben Lim, board member and friend shared in the teaching. The venue was our very own PTA Mission Center roof deck, nice, comfortable, and breezy. Excellent feedback.



PHILIPPINES: NENE LOVES THE PEOPLE! Nene came to live with us when she was 13. We had her mom, who worked for us, and her 3 sisters lived in the Mission compound. Her Mom was a widow and extremely poor from the mountains near Mt. Canlaon (a smoking volcano). The girls went to school and helped after school. We put 3 of them through college. Nene worked for World Vision for many years, and when they relocated, she started working for Social Services. She helps the poor in the remote mountains travelling hours every day on rough roads, many of the areas are homes of the communist rebels. God has blessed Nene with a heart for the hurting. Lord bless her! Pray for Nene!



Nene never married, sacrificing as she worked to support her nieces and extended family

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3 WEEKS IN INDIA, 3 WEEKS IN PHILIPPINES NO SICKNESS COME BACK TO L.A. AND GET COVID!!

That's right healthy as can be, come through LAX and got covid! Welcome Home! First time to get the virus, this is not a regular flu but an engineered evil intentionally released on the entire world. One good thing this points to is, **Jesus is coming back soon!!!**

50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE! A couple of happy Jesus People. We were so happy we didn't even know we were poor. We both fellowshiped at Calvary Chapel of Costa Mesa starting in 1969. For Shonda, losing her eyesight has been and still is a painful trial yet it has brought us closer together as we lean on Jesus.



50 YEARS OF MINISTRY I started as the Youth Pastor at the Evangelical Free Church in Laguna Hills, CA. Shonda and I had the first baby in the nursery, little Rebecca. Our youth group grew to about 50 kids and we went witnessing in Laguna Beach every Saturday. God richly blessed and much fruit remained.

MISSION PROJECT: NEW COLOR PRESS!!! It has been 5 years with our newest printing press. It is only a one-color press and our most popular tract is a color tract. Each side takes 4 times though the press which slows down production (only 16,000 tracts in 2 weeks). Our tracts are in demand and people are getting saved from them. We are asking you to Pray that we might get a new 4 Color Press. This would be a major upgrade and we could be more efficient with time and product which would allow us to meet the demand. The cost \$160,000. This would be our 5th and best offset printing press that we could use to win countless souls to the Kingdom of heaven. **Please Pray and Give!**

JANUARY/FEBRUARY TO THE PHILIPPINES AND THE THAI/BURMA BORDER. We are excited and blessed to look forward to this trip. Incredibly the Philippines has lightened up the extremely difficult covid rules. We were hoping to go into Burma, but our friends there advised against it as the situation under the military takeover is not good. **Please pray** for Burma and God's blessing, provision, and protection.

PLEASE PRAY AND SUPPORT Indeed these are the last days, yet so many have not even heard once about Jesus. We need your help, please consider PTA, we would be most grateful.

BRING A SHORT-TERM TEAM TO THE PHILIPPINES! We have great contacts and a nice place to stay. Email us for information. People's hearts are very open.

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