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## Dedication

**T**o the Lord Jesus Christ who saved me, refines me, empowers me and emboldened me to write this book. And to the many reader/viewers: may you bless multitudes with your kingdom impact.

*“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name, the Father will give you.” ~ John 15:16*

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## Preface

# The Back Story of this Book

**H**i, I'm Patty Sadallah, the Author of Clips that Move Mountains. I wanted to share the back story of this cool and exciting book and let you know a bit of what God is up to.

I had been writing a video blog for more than a year using short clips from mainstream Hollywood movies through Wingclips.com. The site has hundreds of short clips organized by movie title, theme and Bible verse. The 2- to 5-minute clips were fun, inspiring, thought provoking, and made for easy writing.

On January 24, 2012, I got a call from a friend who had just read one of my blog articles. She mentioned that she liked my writing style and encouraged me to write a book. I had set out to write many books in my life, but always for the wrong reasons. I was a busy person so I thanked her and I remember saying, "*If God wants me to write a book, He will make it abundantly clear.*"

***Four hours later, God made it abundantly clear.***

That night I was laying in bed and all of the sudden, I just got a flood of images, words, pictures and movies, rushing in my mind. I was lying awake just trying to process all of this for a few minutes and then I realized I needed to get up and journal it out. I wrote for about 2 hours.

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The first thing that God gave me was the name of the book, ***Clips that Move Mountains.*** Then he gave me the map image with compass points North, West, South, and East and the words "*territory of impact.*"

I knew it was supposed to be a book with videos being played inside of it. Seeing video and copy together is common on websites and even for my blog, but I had never seen that kind of book. I had no idea where to begin.

## **What is *Clips that Move Mountains*?**

It was on Valentine's Day when God revealed to me that this book was really a love story. It was about the transformational nature of the love of Christ. Read on for the miracle of that story!

Every single believer has a calling and ministry right where they are. This is their territory of impact. The model that God gave me to write about shows how to expand your territory North, West, South, East, and most importantly, Center.

- North- Growing your Faith in Christ
- West- Overcoming Life's Challenges and Finding Forgiveness
- South- Leveraging Life's Circumstances to Share your Faith and Light
- East- Using your Gifts to Help Others and Advance the Kingdom
- Center- Living the Abundant Christian Life

Expanding your territory while you are here on earth will result in a life of abundance, kingdom impact and multiplied blessings for eternity. God can't accomplish your purpose without your cooperation, and lots of Christians rob themselves of this abundant life and impact by not hearing or answering God's specific call for their lives.

There are inspirational stories from my life and others who have found their callings and have had miraculous impact. There are 23 clips in this book not counting the promotional videos in the Feature Filmmaker section in the back of the book. Many of them are from films that are based on true stories and are really inspirational.

The life application sections will challenge you to go deeper with a journaling capacity so that you can write inside the book and save it as your own.

### **God's MUCH bigger vision**

Being asked to write this book was a humbling and exciting calling! It is the strongest calling I've ever had in my life. When I started on the journey with this book, I thought that this was just me and God working together. About a month after the initial download from God, I was praying and God revealed to me that millions of readers/viewers would be blessed by this book. I had been thinking much smaller than God on this one! But, God made it clear that the video book project would be a ministry multiplier for Christian filmmakers, the cover artist, and other helping Christian organizations. So, not only can you enjoy these clips, read about them and journal your own insights as part of the experience, but please visit the Featured Filmmaker and Other Artists section at the back of the book. There you can read about the talented ministries of these artists and filmmakers, and view more clips and trailers about the films. I pray that you will be as inspired as I was by these films and that you will want to rent or buy them to share with others.

Why did God choose *me* to write this book? I have no idea. But I am really grateful. Just like you, I am an ordinary person with specific gifts and passions. I have been an Organization Development Consultant for 30 years. I help people and organizations facilitate forward movement toward desired goals. I call myself the "Dream Partner Catalyst" because my passion is to move people and organizations toward their dream visions and futures. I have done this

with nonprofits and faith-based organizations for 23 of my 30 years' experience. Coaching people on finding their God-given callings has been a passion of mine for the last several years.

I may not know why God chose me to write this book but I know that it is about falling in love and committing or recommitting your life to your one true love, Jesus Christ. And it's about increasing your impact for Christ. Because the more we closely align our lives with the Lord, the more he will use us for his great purposes.

You may be reading this book because you just want to learn more about deepening your own relationship with God or, because God has called you to disciple others in the faith. You may also have just gotten it because of the video clips and you wanted to see what it was all about. God will meet you right where you are and move you closer to him.

My purpose to write this book was ordained by God. My prayer is that you will find yours along the way by reading this book. I pray you will be blessed and transformed by Clips that Move Mountains. I hope that this book makes you think, laugh, cry, pray and serve the King with more effectiveness!

~Patty Sadallah

## **About the Movie Clips and Book Instructions**

God is creative and loves technology. This video book was entirely His idea! Why did he come up with this crazy book concept? Because if a picture can be worth a thousand words then a thought provoking movie or video clip can be worth a million words. I guarantee you will remember the messages of the clips more than anything I have written about them.

Every clip is part of a film project that was created for its own purpose. God is interweaving those initial stand-alone projects with the purpose of this book project. Each clip was selected by God. I prayed over each one. If God would give me the inspiration to write about them, then I knew that they were on God's list!

God is using these movie clips to help instruct us all in the way to a closer relationship, forgiveness, opportunity and impact for the Kingdom. Seeds planted in our lifetime can bloom beyond our wildest imaginations for generations to come.

## **QR Code Instructions**

If you have a smart phone, you can watch the videos by scanning the QR code boxes with any free QR code scanning app. I use QR Reader, and it works great. However, searching for QR code scanner in your app store will give you a variety of other options.

Scanning the code will lead you to the video streaming site. With a steady hand, hold the scanner box guidelines over the QR code. It will vibrate or ping when the link is found and the website will pop up. Simply look for the triangle at the center of the video and click it. The film will load on your phone. Holding your phone horizontally will give you a bigger film image.

If you don't have a smart phone, the URL for each film is located directly below each film image. Simply type that site address into your web browser and you can watch the films on your computer or tablet. Type web addresses carefully as they are case sensitive.

## Clip Disclaimer

The clips play from links connecting to a variety of different websites. Some are coming from the filmmakers own websites, others from clip hosting services. I share this because, if you have technical difficulties playing one of the clips, the problem is likely with the streaming organization. They may be having trouble with their site or with this clip in general. My advice is to try it again a bit later. I do apologize in advance for technical frustration you may experience viewing any of the clips. Some of the QR codes in this book may not always operate. If links have broken since publication, they are fixed on the book website. If you have continued problems with a specific clip, please let me know by emailing [Patty@ClipsThatMoveMountains.com](mailto:Patty@ClipsThatMoveMountains.com) or going to the *Glitches and Fixes* page of the website, [www.ClipsthatMoveMountains.com](http://www.ClipsthatMoveMountains.com) and filling out the glitch form. For the easiest way to watch the films in this book, please go to the book website above and visit the *Paperback Film Links* tab. All films are listed by book page number, clip name and are hyperlinked for your convenience. Problems are fixed on that page within 24 hours of notification.

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# INTRODUCTION

## Love, Miracles & Impact

**G**od had given me the assignment to write the introduction section of this book, but I was confused. I had only been working on this book for a couple of weeks and personal experience told me that the introduction is something that you write last, not first. God was teaching me a lesson with this book about total surrender. I found that if I only did what God asked me to do, nothing more and nothing less, I could move forward. But, if I tried to do things my way or in my own timing, I would get stuck. God's process is different than mine and yours!

I was learning to go with God's flow. His ways are much wiser than ours, *1 Corinthians 1:25*, "For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength." I was driving home after a church program and I knew that I had to finish the Introduction that day because it was my daily assignment from God. So, I prayed that God would tell me what he wanted me to write about and he brought to mind my salvation experience and a special letter.

### The Beginning of my Love Story

When I was in college, I had a boyfriend named Fred, whom I worshiped. He was a Christian, and I wasn't yet. But, he was EVERYTHING to me. It was the tail end of freshman year and we had been together since the beginning of the year.

I was a member of a campus club that was having a planning retreat at a camp one weekend. Maureen was older than me and was assigned as my roommate for the weekend. We talked all night about God's love and his free gift of salvation. In the wee hours of the morning, I accepted Christ.

When I got back from that weekend, I was excited to share my decision with Fred. He had some news for me too. He told me that all weekend, he had gotten the sense that God wanted him to break up with me. He didn't know why, but felt strongly that he needed to do it. I was devastated.

I immediately called Maureen and she told me that she was expecting my call. God had told her that Fred was going to break up with me and she had a letter for me. It was a letter from God about how he needed to be my first love. It was exactly what I needed. Maureen worked and prayed with me for several months teaching me from the Bible and helping me learn more about God.

Just when I was feeling better, I called Maureen on the same number that I had been calling

her for months and a strange guy answered the phone. He said that they didn't know who Maureen was and that they had that number all year. I was confused. I searched for her contact information in the school registration office and could find no record of her. It seemed like she didn't exist. Had God used an angel to lead me to him? I have always thought so. *Hebrews 13:2* says "*Don't forget to show hospitality to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it!*" I never saw her again, but I look forward to seeing her in heaven some day and then I will know for sure.

I had that dog-eared letter for years, and gave copies of it away to many people who had broken hearts and needed to know that God loved them. A part of me thought that Fred and I would get back together when we were both spiritually ready. But, that wasn't God's plan.

George and I married 7 years later. As soon as I moved into our newlywed home, I lost that letter. It had been in my Bible all that time, and then suddenly, it was gone. I was heartbroken. It had become one of my treasured possessions. I had guessed that I lost it because God felt like I didn't need it anymore. But I have thought of it often. It had been lost to me for 25 years.

So, I'm back in the car asking God what he wants me to write for the introduction and he brings to mind this letter. I remember asking him out loud, "God, are you planning on putting that letter in my hands again after all of these years?" I was filled with glory bumps of anticipation. I had looked for it on the Internet over the years a few times and I was never able to find it.

I prayed that God would let me see that letter again and if he did, I would absolutely include it in the book. So, I came home and typed into the Google search bar the only words that I remember from that letter "I am God. Believe it and be satisfied." THERE IT WAS, right in front of me, the exact letter that I had 32 years ago. "*Take delight in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.*" – *Psalms 37:4*

I have no idea who posted it on the Internet originally. The Internet reference amuses me because it said the letter was "originally posted on an online blog." God had given it to me in 1979, long before the Internet was even conceived. Still, there may be someone who received it even before me, so who knows when God originally brought it to earth. Whether Maureen was an angel or not, she certainly was the messenger that gave this precious letter from God to me and here it is for you now...

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Everyone longs to give themselves completely to someone — to have a deep soul relationship with another, to be loved thoroughly and exclusively. But God, to a Christian says:

"No, not until you are satisfied and fulfilled and content with being loved by Me alone. I love you, my child, and until you discover that only in Me is your satisfaction to be found, you will not be capable of the perfect human relationship that I have planned for you. You will never be united with another until you are united with Me — exclusive of anyone or anything else, exclusive of any other desires or longings. I want you to stop planning, stop wishing, and allow Me to give you the most thrilling plan existing — one that you can't imagine. I want you to have the best. Please allow Me to bring it to you. Just keep experiencing that satisfaction knowing that I AM. Keep learning and listening to the things I tell you . . . You must wait.

Don't be anxious. Don't worry. Don't look around at the things others have gotten or that I've given to them. Don't look at the things you think you want. You just keep looking off and away up to Me, or you'll miss what I want to show you.

And then, when you're ready, I'll surprise you with a love far more wonderful than any would ever dream. You see, until you are ready and until the one I have for you is ready, I am working even this very minute to have both of you ready at the same time. Until you are both satisfied exclusively with Me and with the life I have prepared for you, you won't be able to experience the love that exemplifies your relationship with Me...and this is perfect love.

And dear one, I want you to have this most wonderful love, I want you to see in flesh a picture of your relationship with Me, and to enjoy materially and concretely the everlasting union of beauty and perfection and love that I offer you with Myself.

Know that I love you utterly, I am God. Believe it and be satisfied."

I hope that it speaks to your heart like it did mine more than 30 years ago! This was the beginning of many miracles that God showed me through the process of writing this book.

This book is all about God's love story with you and me. In fact, the whole point of God creating people in the first place was his love. He created the heavens and the earth and everything in it just so he could create people to have a relationship with. He gave us free will so that we could choose to love him back. God desired an intimate relationship with his people so much that he sent his son Jesus to show us the way and to redeem us so that we could spend eternity with him in heaven. My prayer is that you will fall in love or deepen your love for God in the process of experiencing this book.

### **Miracles are Signs of God's Love and Power**

As remarkable as it is that God decided to bring Jolene back from the dead after 1 hour; that is not the biggest miracle of this family story. Anthony had accepted Christ 15 years before the accident, but had allowed his faith to go dormant. So much so that the people closest to him didn't even know that he was saved. He had let his faith be hidden, even to himself.<sup>1</sup>

Jolene had been dead for 45 minutes after a horrible car crash and the doctors and trauma nurses were exhausted from trying to get her back. They tried to convince Anthony that she was gone and that reviving her now would leave her vegetative. He could not accept that his fiancé was dead. Anthony dropped to his knees, raised his arms and prayed out loud nonstop for about 15 minutes. His children were confused; they had never seen dad pray like that before.

After being dead for a little more than an hour, the machines monitoring Jolene's vitals sprang to life. Jolene was back. After some time in a coma and a few months of paralysis, Jolene slowly but surely regained her functioning. Jolene awoke to a new Anthony; one who was on fire for God, much different than the man she had known. It didn't take long for Jolene to accept Christ as her Lord and Savior, and she has been transformed too. God had saved Jolene physically and then spiritually.

Everyone was shocked and surprised at the change in Anthony. He had been transformed by the love and grace of Jesus Christ. People surrounding Anthony began to accept Christ too: his two daughters, their baby sitter, and Jolene's best friend. Anthony's transformation and impact for Christ was the bigger miracle.

Miracles, signs and wonders are all over the Bible. *Psalm 77:14* says, "You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples." But, is God still performing miracles like the one that Anthony prayed for today? Absolutely, much more that you may realize! The power to do miracles comes from the Holy Spirit and when the will of God and the faith to pray bold prayers line up, God shows up in mighty ways. God uses miracles to display his glory, power and might all for his good purposes.

Jesus instructs us about the power to do miracles in *Matthew 21:19-22*, when he curses a fig tree,

*"18 Early in the morning, as Jesus was on his way back to the city, he was hungry. 19 Seeing a fig tree by the road, he (Jesus) went up to it but found nothing on it except leaves. Then he said to it, 'May you never bear fruit again!' Immediately the tree withered. 20 When the disciples saw this, they were amazed. 'How did the fig tree wither so quickly?' they asked. 21 Jesus replied, 'Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and it will be done. 22 If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."*

And when Jesus healed the demon- possessed boy in *Matthew 17:19-20*, "Then afterward the disciples asked Jesus privately, "Why couldn't we cast out that demon?"<sup>20</sup> "You don't have enough faith," Jesus told them. "I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it would move. Nothing would be impossible."

Hmnn... I wonder where God came up with the title of this book. I pray that you will have the faith to move mountains as you progress on your journey to a greater understanding of the power and promises of God. This power is accessible to EVERY believer. Yes, even you!

### **Pray for Rain- Clip from Faith like Potatoes**

Angus Buchan is no stranger to miracles. Miracles have surrounded him since his spiritual rebirth in 1979. He was a hotheaded white African during a time when racial tensions were heightened by the pressures of life farming in a poor South African region during a horrible drought. Faced with ever mounting challenges, hardships and personal turmoil, Angus quickly spiraled down into a life consumed by anger, fear and destruction.

It was not until he heard the honest witnessing of a man who seemed just like him who had found peace and joy in Jesus Christ that Angus gave his life to Christ. Immediately, he had an unquenchable hunger and thirst to know God and spent many hours reading The Word and praying. Learning about this Jesus, his Savior, Redeemer and Friend was a consuming passion.

Angus believed God. He didn't just believe IN God. He believed God. For every promise he read about in the Bible, Angus trusted God to be who he said he was.

“I had a choice: I could believe the lies of the devil, in which case I was on my way to suicide, or I could believe in the promises of God, and be taken through my time of trial.” ~ Angus Buchan, *Faith like Potatoes: the Story of a Farmer Who Risked Everything for God*

One of the first miracles Angus experienced as a new believer in Christ is depicted in this clip from *Faith like Potatoes*, about the true story of his life. Angus prayed for rain during a severe drought to stop a fire that threatened to take his farm.

#### Pray for Rain



<http://www.godtube.com/watch/?v=WYLPGGNX> 2

Angus began quoting the Scripture promise *out loud* to God found in Matthew and Mark. *Matthew 21:22*, “If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer,” and reinforced again in *Mark 11:24*, “Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”

Then Angus began to pray for rain.

*There is power in prayer. When men work, they work. But when men pray, God works.”* ~ Angus Buchan.

Potatoes need a lot of water to grow. It doesn't make sense to plant them in the dust of a drought dried land. People thought that Angus was crazy for wanting to plant them. When he was questioned about this decision Angus answered, “The condition for a miracle is difficulty, however the condition for a great miracle is not difficulty, but impossibility.” He believed God for this miracle and God loves to answer bold faithful prayers.

Potatoes are a wonderful metaphor for faith because they grow underground. When you can't see the progress toward your goal or when the progress is hidden from your view, you still have to trust God. Angus planted those potatoes in the dust and it didn't rain during that drought season. There was no reason to believe that potatoes would grow in that 4-month drought. But on harvest day, there was a bumper crop of potatoes the size of double fists! God is glorified when we believe him for great miracles. He delights in showing up to answer bold prayers!

Angus Buchan can't stop sharing about the saving grace of Jesus Christ and the ripple effect is rocking heaven! He is a powerfully effective Evangelist in Africa. In 1980, Angus and his wife Jill started Shalom Ministries. The main purpose of the ministry is to go out and preach in South Africa and Africa. It began with only 40 people and grew exponentially. By the sixth conference more than 200,000 gathered and by its seventh and final conference the following year (2010), it seated more than 400,000. Since the completion of the conferences, other believers have

been inspired to hold similar events.<sup>3</sup>

For some, like me, spiritual growth is slow and gradual. God grabs you by the heart and you change one day at a time. Others are more like Jamie Grace, who in 2012 at age 20 is the youngest Grammy nominated Christian Contemporary artist. She accepted God's gift of grace as a small child and ran boldly with it at a young age. Her music and delightful personality are contagious. I don't know why, but most days her songs are stuck in my head!

And others are more like Anthony. They accept Christ, but at least for a while, don't let God truly change them. Then God gets their attention abruptly and they are never the same. Unfortunately, many people who have accepted Christ's salvation can live their entire lives keeping their gift a secret and are robbed of the fullness in Christ that is theirs by way of inheritance as a child of the Living God.

It took me 30 years to be bold enough to lead a ministry and another 2 years for God to give me the assignment to write this book. It took a life changing crisis for God to change Anthony Lakota from a man who kept his faith hidden to a man who is on fire for sharing the Good News of God's amazing grace. Angus was a man at the end of himself who saw the hope in another man's victory. However God gets your attention, the common denominator is a consuming passion to share the truth and promises of the Living God.

God still does miraculous things through and because of faithful ordinary people who believe him for his promises. In fact, every believer in Christ, even you and me, can be surrounded by miracles too. All we have to do is believe God for his promises.

This book is a love story; yours with Jesus and mine with Jesus. Are you wondering when your love story begins? Keep reading and watching the clips in this book and it is my prayer that you will meet and fall in love with Jesus too and be ready to pray the salvation prayer found in the Center chapter of this book.

## **Ordinary People/Extraordinary Impact**

What do Angus Buchan, the Apostles, and you and I all have in common? We are all ordinary people. Even though the Apostles were able to do miracles as great as Jesus did when he was on the earth, that didn't make them super human because it wasn't them actually performing those signs and wonders. *Acts 19:11, "God gave Paul the power to perform unusual miracles."* And *Hebrews 2:4 "And God confirmed the message by giving signs and wonders and various miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit whenever he chose."* The power comes from the Holy Spirit; the very same Holy Spirit that lives in the hearts of each and every believer of Jesus Christ.

You don't have to perform a miracle to do something that you simply would never be able to do by your own strength. God's plans for you are big. They are much bigger than you and I would ever shoot for on our own. In our own flesh, we would never be able to accomplish them. But in God's power, as *Philippians 4:13 reminds us, "We can do all things through Christ who gives us strength."*

God has a plan for you. His Word promises it. *Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* God actually has one big plan that intertwines all of us. The next video clip will show you how.

## God's One Big Plan: Strangers clip

We may not think about it often, but our lives intertwine with others without our even being aware. *Strangers* is a short film that demonstrates that reality.

Strangers



<http://www.ignitermedia.com/products/2201strangers> 4

How cool is it that our stories intertwine like that without us even having an idea that there is a connection? One day in heaven I believe that God will show all believers these connections and we will be amazed at the unseen impact that our faithful interventions have had on others.

People need Jesus for all kinds of reasons. Some need to find him so that they can find forgiveness and let go of horrendous injustices in their past. Others have been the perpetrators of horrible hurts on others and desperately need to forgive themselves and change into better people. Some just feel lost and need God's direction; they know that there is a purpose for their lives and just feel like nomads wandering hopelessly. Others respond to the well-lived life of a Christian influencer and just want to have what that person has to live a life of abundant joy and satisfaction.

The point is that ALL of us need God's love. There isn't a person on this planet that hasn't sinned save for Jesus Christ. So, each of us needs the love of God and every one of us can and will become a better person with the power of the Holy Spirit if we let him in and let him do a good work in us.

I love that this clip not only showed a variety of people who needed Christ of very different reasons, but it also showed that the method for reaching people is as different as the people themselves. Some people respond to one-on-one conversations with transformed believers who can speak the truth in love. Some accept the gift of salvation because they heard someone's life-changing testimony at a church service on TV or the Internet. Some are drawn by the Holy Spirit while reading the pages of the Bible or another Christian book. And still others are brought to their knees in a moment of desperation and reach to God for help.

It's important to note that it is actually the Holy Spirit who completes the transaction. It's not you or me. So we don't want to take the credit for someone's salvation decision. We all play our part in the process in our own ways. Some help to prepare hearts for accepting the free gift of

salvation by answering questions about Jesus or the Bible. Others have the privilege of leading someone into the kingdom, as so many did in this clip. All roles played along the way are as important as all others. Every one of us is gifted in different ways and God uses every believer uniquely to help people find their way to Jesus. The East chapter will cover lots of ways that you can use your gifts to honor God and have eternal impact.

Being a Godly example is a critical way that we can help direct people to the Father. Christians who live hypocritical lives do major damage to the cause of leading people to Christ. While no one is perfect this side of heaven, if you are a publically professed Christian, your behavior may be the only Bible that people ever read. So be aware that people are watching you. *Romans 14:21 New King James Version (NKJV)*, “21 It is good neither to eat meat nor drink wine nor do anything by which your brother stumbles or is offended or is made weak.”

Our impact is not limited to our own lifetimes. Little prayer warrior grannies from centuries ago are still reaping their multiplying impact. Until the day that Christ returns and it's time for us to have our final judgment with the Heavenly Father, our impact is still being racked up. I think the Apostle Paul will be quite surprised on that day when he sees how many people are in the kingdom because of his faithfulness. He could have never predicted that his letters to those small home churches on three continents would become the majority of the New Testament. Or that the Bible would eventually be translated into every tongue and shared in every nation for untold generations so that multitudes would be able to learn how to have a relationship with a Holy God.

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We are all connected by God's one big plan. God's plan includes all of us. He can do his will without you, but you miss an unimaginable list of blessings if you don't participate with his perfect will for you. *Luke 11:33*, “No one lights a lamp and puts it in a place where it will be hidden, or under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, so that those who come in may see the light.” If God has blessed you, share it with people and see what God will do with your faithfulness!

## **Your Promised Land & The Territory of Christian Impact Model**

Some years ago, I attended a Beth Moore Bible study entitled *The Inheritance*.<sup>5</sup> As always, I learned a lot from Beth's relatable style and in-depth Biblical analysis. The point of the entire program was that when you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, you become a child of the living God. All children of the living God are entitled to a great inheritance. The term “promised land” is used more than 300 times in the Bible referencing promises of this great inheritance. I can't do justice to her study in these few paragraphs, but they are important background to the Territory of Christian Impact Model and why it's relevant to this video book.

One of the things that I learned in Beth's class is that the “promised land” included three things: God's Presence, Property and People.<sup>6</sup> In the days of the Old Testament, the focus of the inheritance was external riches.

- **The Presence of God:** *Joshua 1:9*, “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

- **Property:** In the Old Testament days, property was physical land the Israelites were promised after God rescued them from Egypt. And after Jesus' resurrection, the focus of "promised land" shifts to more internal riches. Since the Holy Spirit dwells within each believer, we now have power to live the abundant Christian life of victory. This is described as the "Fruit of the Spirit." *Galatians 5:22-23, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."* In all cases, satisfaction comes with productivity. Land can't bear fruit without hard work and people can't bear fruit without hard work. So, this side of the cross, our promised land is our Christian impact.
- **People:** *Genesis 2:18, "The Lord God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."* God wants us to live in families and communities. He wants us to work side by side with others and He knits together all of us in one big plan. God has a team in mind to help us accomplish his plan for us.

If we want to reach our promised land today, we must live out the big plan that God has promised for each of us with the power of the Holy Spirit. Our heavenly inheritance is based on it. What happens here on earth will affect your final resting place in heaven. If you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, you will live in heaven forever. We are saved by faith and not by works. But if you live a life purposed to serve God and do his will, then you will have much better accommodations when in heaven. If you accept Christ and live your own way, don't follow His perfect plan for you and keep your Savior a best kept secret, your heavenly house will still be nicer than anything you can imagine. But, it will be less that the more faithful people's eternal residences. Jesus instructed about this in the parable of the three servants.

*Matthew 25:14-30 New Living Translation (NLT)*

#### Parable of the Three Servants

14 *"Again, the Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone. 15 He gave five bags of silver[a] to one, two bags of silver to another and one bag of silver to the last—dividing it in proportion to their abilities. He then left on his trip.*

16 *"The servant who received the five bags of silver began to invest the money and earned five more. 17 The servant with two bags of silver also went to work and earned two more. 18 But the servant who received the one bag of silver dug a hole in the ground and hid the master's money.*

19 *"After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money. 20 The servant to whom he had entrusted the five bags of silver came forward with five more and said, 'Master, you gave me five bags of silver to invest, and I have earned five more.'*

21 *"The master was full of praise. 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together! [b]'*

22 *"The servant who had received the two bags of silver came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two bags of silver to invest, and I have earned two more.'*

23 *"The master said, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!'*

24 *"Then the servant with the one bag of silver came and said, 'Master, I knew you were a harsh man, harvesting crops you didn't plant and gathering crops you didn't cultivate. 25 I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth. Look, here is your money back.'"*

26 *"But the master replied, 'You wicked and lazy servant! If you knew I harvested crops I*

*didn't plant and gathered crops I didn't cultivate, 27 why didn't you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.'*

*28 "Then he ordered, 'Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver. 29 To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away. 30 Now throw this useless servant into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'*

OK. So, we have established that our promised land is living out the plans God has for us and our heavenly inheritance is connected to whether we do that or not. We have established that we have God's presence and people to help us. That goes a long way to saying *what* leads to an abundant Christian life. The question on the table now is *how* do we get there?

When I was journaling the download from God about writing this book, He popped this compass model back into my mind. I had learned something similar from Beth Moore in the Inheritance class. At first I only saw the North, West, South and East of the model. The compass was a metaphor for the Promised Land. I remember seeing it and asking out loud, "But, isn't this Beth's model?" God reminded me that he gave it to Beth in the first place. It would take a month for God to give me the Center part of the model and reveal that this book is a love story. It took more than a year for the puzzle pieces to come together and make the details of what he actually wanted me to write about clear.

God gave me the Territory of Christian Impact Model as an adaptation of Beth Moore's diagram in her Inheritance Bible study as a roadmap for you in this video book. It answers the question: HOW to live the life that God has planned for you.

Each of the next five chapters will address a component of this model. We will begin at the center and then work counterclockwise around the model and wind back up in the Center again. This entire model represents your land. To the degree that you can stretch yourself:

- **North** by growing your relationship with Christ,
- **West** by overcoming life's challenges and finding forgiveness,
- **South** by leveraging life's circumstances to share your light and faith, and,
- **East** by using your gifts to bless others and advance the Kingdom, you will push the land boundary of your abundant Christian life larger and larger. This will lead to a more productive and fulfilling life now and a much bigger eternal reward in heaven.

As I said before, this book is a love story; yours with Jesus and mine with Jesus. The moment that God grabs your heart is the beginning of your love story, and what you do and how you allow it to change your life is your love story. It is also a roadmap for how to increase your territory of impact for Christ. When you grow North, West, South and East, your Center will grow too. You will experience the abundant Christian life in greater proportion and your land of promise will increase on earth as it is in heaven.

The model will guide us on our journey to increase our territory of impact for Christ. We will first look at what it takes to fall in love with Jesus and how to surrender your life to him. Then, we will look at all it takes to truly grow your relationship in Christ. We will move on to how to overcome the challenges of life with the help and strength of the Almighty God. We will learn how to be the moon and reflect God's grace and light in everyday circumstances. And finally,

we will learn how to use our God-given gifts to accomplish God's purposes in our lives.

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## **Discipleship**

This book is about impact for Christ. None of us will truly know what our impact was in this world until Judgment Day. Think about it. The Apostle Paul encountered Jesus on the road to Damascus and it changed his life.

Paul spent the rest of his life making sure that as many people as he encountered would know that Jesus was the Messiah, the Only Way. Jesus changed Paul's life and he could change your life too if you accepted his free gift of grace. Paul traveled, preached and wrote letters to "churches" and people that he encountered. God revealed a lot of himself to Paul. But, I bet you have never thought about something that God didn't reveal to him.

God never told Paul, 'by the way, in hundreds of years, I'm going to make sure that a bunch of Christians pull together some key God-breathed messages that I have given to you and a handful of prophets, and they are going to make them into the New Testament and this will be joined with the Torah. I'm going to have them call it the Holy Bible and it will be one story from beginning to end, more consistent than any other written work. It will be translated into every language and spread to every nation in the world so the millions and millions of people will hear the Good News of the Gospel and be saved. Your ministry, Paul, will reach thousands of years past your death.' I hope I get to see Paul's face when he learns that reality on Judgment day!

Your impact is NOT limited by your own lifespan.

If you are a Christian, you have your own story about how God met you and changed your heart. Did he change your life? The degree to which you answer that question is the work of this book. Keep reading and watching the clips in this book and it is my prayer that you will meet and fall in love with Jesus too and be ready to pray the salvation prayer found at the end of this book.

Salvation is a free gift, but it is not cheap. Nothing has ever been more costly. We are robbing ourselves and countless others if we don't make the very most out of this life to advance the Kingdom.

This book is about falling in love and committing or recommitting your life to your one true love and it's about increasing your impact for Christ. It is a "how-to" book for growing that special relationship with God and how to become more like Christ each day so he can change you into the person you were created to be. Because the more we closely align our lives with the Lord, the more he will use us for his great purposes.

You may be reading this book because you just want to learn more about deepening your own relationship with God. Or, you may be reading because God has called you to disciple others in the faith and this book can be used for you to help others. God will meet you right where you are and move you closer to him.

This is a journey, and I am happy that you have decided to come along side me because

this book is also about legacy and God's amazing weaving of individuals and passions and projects into one beautiful story.

I hope you will take the time to do the Life Application Study homework at the end of each section of this book. You can write your answers to the study questions right into your book and resave it as your personal discipleship book. You will be blessed to see what God has for you in the Living Word as you go deeper in study with this book.

Let's get going!

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## Life Application: INTRODUCTION

1. Think about your first love. Describe how you felt being in love. Reflect on how you spent your time, what you treasured about that person and what made you happy in that relationship.

2. Share what you learned about God from the love letter that He gave to us.

3. Share about a miracle you've been close to — either in your own life or someone else. What were the circumstances that made you consider it a miracle? Reflect on how God was at work in that situation. What do you think it took for Angus Buchan and Anthony Lakota to believe God for their miracles?

4. What did you take away from the *Strangers* clip? Can you see yourself in any of those characters? Can you think back on a time that God was using you in a small way that made a difference in someone's life without you being aware of it at the time? Share a time when someone was reaching out to you.