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Spring Commencement



Founders' Day

6 JUNE

6/9

Night of Worship

6/12-16

YFN Week 1

6/19-23

YFN Week 2 / KFN Week 1

6/26-30

YFN Week 3 / KFN Week 2

7 JULY

7/3-7

Spanish YFN

7/14

Night of Worship

7/17-20

Preteen Impact
(10-12 years old)

8 AUGUST

8/11

Night of Worship

8/14

CFNI Opening Rally

SAVE THE DATE

Voice of Healing
Conference 2017
SEPTEMBER
14 - 16

CFNI HEALING LEGACY CONTINUES

• *By Michelle Ofori-Ansah*

Christ For The Nations was founded from the fires of healing evangelism, and this fire still burns. Not only do we have the yearly Voice of Healing Conference (this year Sept. 14-16), but we also foster an atmosphere of healing through The Healing Place, our Bible school, CFNI, and a biannual Healing Seminar/Night of Healing. Here is one testimony of a CFNI student who was healed through the power of the Word and the CFNI healing legacy.

“My name is Chris Aguilar and I am studying in the Children & Families Major. Since I have entered into my last year of CFNI and into a new position as Assistant Director of Kids For The Nations, I have had frequent attacks to my health. At the start of Spring 2017, I was experiencing a fever and extreme difficulties digesting food and liquids—I couldn't even hold down water.

“Over the course of the next several days, I tried to continue to maintain ‘business as usual,’ commuting to school and planning the KFN camp in the afternoon, believing it was just the flu. However, each day that I tried to work on a no caloric intake, I was only pushing my body further toward decline. I was losing about one to two pounds per day and had to spend the next couple of weeks in and out of the hospital because of severe dehydration. All tests proved inconclusive, and the sheer fear of what the condition might be began to bring me down. People were praying for me, and my wife was immersing me in the water of the Word, but nothing seemed to be changing the situation.

“At the end of my third week of not being able to eat or drink, a friend gave me a Healing Scriptures CD, read by Freda and Ginger Lindsay. I began to get determined that whatever the devil was trying to do, he was not going to succeed. I looped the CD on my computer for 48 hours until the words were not only in my mind, but they were deep in my spirit. The very next day I started to hold down liquids. I began to get some mobilization in the days that followed, and by the weekend, the Word spoken over me again and again, had built so much faith that I was eating again. I have had no problems since that time, and I am looking forward to not only finishing my last semester well, but also experiencing a banner year for KFN!”

This testimony is just one of many that we see here at CFNI. Come and be a part of what God is doing and register today for the Voice of Healing Conference at cfni.org/vohc2017.

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CFNI AND THE LINDSAY LEGACY

PASSING THE TORCH TO THE NEXT GENERATION

• By Dennis Lindsay

LEGACY



CFN'S TWELVE FOUNDATIONAL PILLARS

When Joshua was about to lead the Israelites into the Promise Land, Moses gave him a directive. "When you cross over, take twelve stones and inscribe upon them the rules for blessings and curses. And when the next generation asks the question, 'What is this memorial all about?' explain the blessings and the curses" (Deuteronomy 27:2-4).

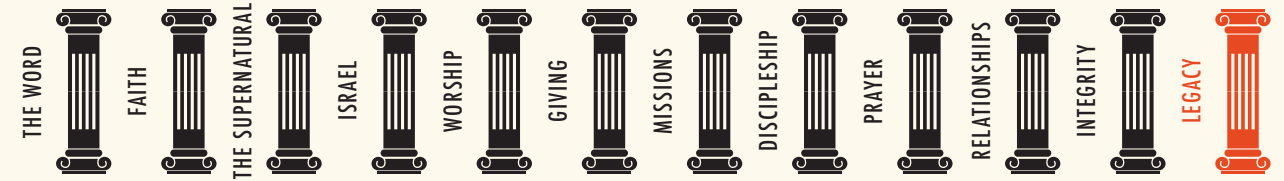
This is what I believe legacy is all about, and why it is strategically significant to pass on God's initiative to the next generation. This is why we have established the 12 foundational pillars at CFN as a memorial of remembrance for the staff, the student body

and all the visitors who come to CFN. Through my parents, God founded the 12 foundational pillars that have guided us and provided the blessings of the Lord on this ministry.

"We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the LORD, about His power and His mighty wonders" (Psalm 78:4).

SPIRITUAL INHERITANCE

Spiritual inheritance is given freely to those who have withstood the trials and tests of adversity, put in the time, and paid the price. It is freely given by one's spiritual forefathers.



This means it is not to be spent on ourselves; it is given for building God's Kingdom. We are to take what is here and pass it on to the next generation. Revivals often die and moves of God dwindle to nothing because they become "fatherless" or are not stewarded sufficiently.

WONDER: THE FOOLISH PLAN OF GOD

Consider the Christmas story. Imagine Joseph, the husband of Mary, saying: "Why me, a simple man of trade, and why Mary? She's just an ordinary girl—and a baby in a stable? I'm not one to second guess what angels have said, but this seems strange."

It also seems strange that Jesus grows up in obscurity, finally comes out of the "shadows" at age 30, gathers a mixed-bag of followers, who desert Him at the moment of His greatest need. He's buried by a rich friend after his battered body perishes. A rag-tag group of frightened men and a few weeping women are his closest friends. Bizarre!

Later, after rising from the grave, He commissions this crew of misfits to take the message of His life, death and resurrection to the whole world. They are called to live sacrificially and overcome evil with good. Yet, they turned the world upside down. This story seems so unbelievable, like so many of our own.

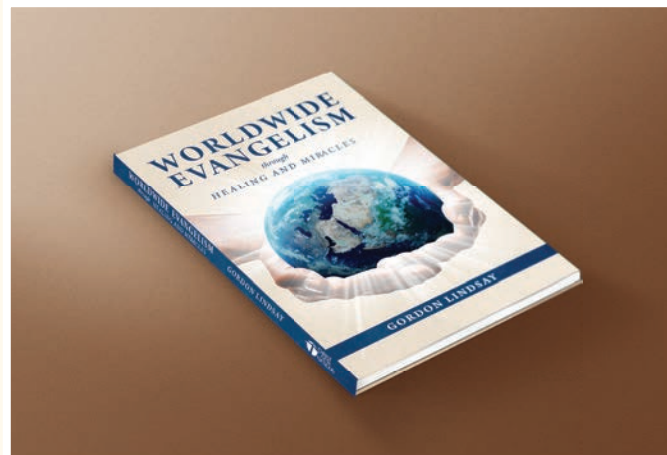
A WOMAN TO LEAD FOR 40 YEARS

Many were filled with wonder and apprehension when God chose my mom to lead Christ For The Nations. She carried the torch for 40 years after Dad suddenly and unexpectedly graduated to Heaven. With a German, Lutheran background, a Foursquare college degree and a Pentecostal, Texas heart, she learned to bark orders—kind of like when Jesus' mother gave orders at the wedding in Cana. Yet, Mom had a grandmother's heart and a heart after God. As a result of her dynamic management and leadership, the ministry took on exponential growth.

2015—The 13-volume set of *The Bible Training Series* for Associate Bible Schools was published.



2015—The book *World-Wide Evangelism Through Miracles and Healings* by Gordon Lindsay was republished after being out of print for 60 years.



2015—Marilyn Hickey received the 2015 Freda Lindsay Award.



2015—51,000 books from the *Salvation: The Biblical Foundations Discipleship Series* by Gordon Lindsay were downloaded in 186 nations in MP3 and PDF.





WHY ME, LORD?

Today, one might ask, “Why me, Lord? Why do you love me, Lord, and how could you ever use me to touch others?” When I think about myself in my early years of becoming President of Christ For The Nations, I am reminded that I had no formal training for this position. The Holy Spirit spoke to me, saying, “I know you don’t have any experience, but as long as you remember that, I will use you, bless you and provide a team of individuals who can lift and hold your arms up. I am filled with wonder why God selected me—the youngest of three children—to carry on this ministry.

The prophetic words continue to confirm my appointment in light of my doubts. Yes, I am filled with wonder, but I know it is just for a season, a short assignment. I serve while watching affirmations unfold

that God is even preparing my three children for appointments, if they choose to accept.

PASSING THE TORCH

I’m blessed. I have an honored and respected family name. I have been handed a well-established ministry. All my life I have been exposed to the power of the supernatural. My parents worked laboriously and sacrificially. My inheritance came at no cost to me. Having served as President and CEO of Christ For The Nations for over 30 years, I realize I have been given the opportunity to bless future students and equip them for the ministry. I have been mentored and trained by a number of elders, and a General in the Lord’s Army—my mom.

Now, I am currently mentoring my children who have the legacy, heritage

and call to continue serving in the ministry my parents founded. All three of my children were born and raised on CFN’s campus, graduated from CFNI and worked for the ministry as they were growing up. I believe I’m preparing them for leadership roles when the appointed time arrives, and they follow in their grandparents’ footsteps.

My oldest daughter, Missy, with a Doctor of Ministry (D. Min.), has a prophetic gifting and teaches with me. Hawni, my second daughter, has her Master of International Business Administration (MBA) and has the gift of management, much like my mom and my wife’s mom, who established our campus bookstore and managed it for 25 years. Hawni helps us strategize and organize key events as she has time. Our son, Golan, with his Master of Business (MBA), has become CFN’s Chief Operation Officer. After 30+ years and 101 weekly logistical meetings, I have been partially replaced by Golan. His newlywed spouse—Krissia (a CFNI grad)—has her degree in law and hopefully will be assisting with legal issues. They have given Ginger and me our first grandchild. She was named after Mom, Freeda.

It is interesting to see the strengths I believe God has given each of my children. Missy’s is righteousness and holiness, Hawni’s is excellence and professionalism and Golan’s is justice and compassion, and with his wife, Krissia, involved in law, we have a double dose of justice, along with her giftings.

Now, I am blessed to spend more time with God—praying, writing, teaching and reading His Word. My hobby of Creation Science is blossoming unimaginably. That is what I remember my dad doing every time I went into his room—praying, reading, writing another book or preparing a message.

Legacy is passing the baton to the next generation. Building a bridge for these younger warriors will enable them to carry on the ministry, to impact their generation for the cause of Christ. I look forward to what God will continue to do at Christ For The Nations with the next generation of leaders. 🏹

“Good people leave an inheritance to their grandchildren” (Proverbs 13:22).

2016—Joni Lamb became the recipient of the 2016 Freda Lindsay Award.



2016—Youth For The Nations (YFN) started New York satellite Youth For The Nations camp.



2016—Spanish Youth For The Nations camp celebrated 15 years of impacting Spanish-speaking youth from all over the world.



2016—The Voice of Healing Conference had the largest attendance in history—over 1000!



THE IMPACT OF A GENERATIONAL BLESSING

• *By* Kathy Giske

CFNI students are not only benefiting from the academic and spiritual training, but they are also becoming recipients of a family's generational blessing that is being stewarded by the Lindsay family.

"I will make My name to be remembered in all generations"
(Psalm 45:17)

Kathy Giske is a longtime friend of CFNI, a minister and missiologist. After she spoke at CFNI in March 2017, she was in prayer about CFNI and felt God speak something to her heart about CFNI's legacy. Here is what she heard.

When God formed Adam and Eve, His intention was to create a family that walked with Him and emulated His creativity and goodness on the Earth, thus creating a legacy that would extend from one generation to the next. History reflects that, when one generation faithfully carries out its God-given mandate, God frequently continues their legacy through that family's lineage, resulting in a generational blessing.

King David is an example of this. He used his God-given mantle of authority to faithfully carry out his mandate. After his death, Solomon continued to build on his father's legacy, but his assignment had a different expression—that of building the temple,



versus winning battles to establish Israel's territory. When I observe the Lindsay family, I see this principle at work. Most training and academic institutions, Christian or otherwise, are usually founded by benefactors who desire to build an academic legacy for future generations. **While Christ For The Nations seeks to offer academic excellence, its mandate is to also invest in future generations, creating Kingdom-minded warriors who influence culture in their respective sphere of influence.**

Gordon and Freda Lindsay faithfully executed their God-given mandate through the vision of Christ For The Nations. When they were promoted to glory, their mantle passed on to Dennis and Ginger and the rest of the Lindsay family. But just like Solomon's assignment took on a different expression, the mantle on the current Lindsay family also took on a new expression in keeping with the current move of God's Spirit on the Earth. Meanwhile, Golan and Missy are now

moving through the ranks to establish their place in the CFNI vision for their generation. As each Lindsay generation picks up the baton to continue Gordon and Freda's legacy, they are perpetuating a generational blessing that impacts all who associate with CFNI. This includes staff, students, board members and financial partners.

When students register to attend CFNI's training programs, they are not only benefiting from the academic and spiritual training, but they are also becoming recipients of a family's generational blessing that is being stewarded by the Lindsay family. This is what makes CFNI unique from other institutions. When God's people recognize how He manifests His blessing through generations, and are open to receiving it, it creates an added dimension of richness for their lives that honors God and His people. May God continue to richly bless the Lindsay family, and all who associate with Christ For The Nations. 🙏

2017—Quarterly Night of Healing meetings begin, with a goal to continue the impact of the Voice of Healing Conference throughout the year.



2017—The 2017 Freda Lindsay Award was given to Bishop Anne Gimenez.



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G O D W A N T S Y O U W H O L E

• *By* Dennis Lindsay

My father, Gordon Lindsay, used his gift of writing to document the supernatural revival of healings and miracles that took place in America in the 40s and 50s. Being a healing evangelist himself and having witnessed hundreds of miracles, he wrote a number of books and articles on Divine healing. As many of you may know, Christ For The Nations was born out of this healing movement and was originally called The Voice of Healing.

My father strongly believed that “it is Satan who oppresses people; it is Christ Who delivers them.” At Christ For The Nations, we continue to impart this truth to others. One of the ways we do this is through our annual Voice of Healing Conference. The essence of this conference can be described with one word — “WHOLENESS.” God wants you WHOLE, not only in your body, but also in your soul (mind, will

and emotions). At The Voice of Healing Conference, we establish a biblical foundation for healing, hear amazing testimonies and experience the Holy Spirit’s powerful healing anointing.

Our last VOH Conference had the largest attendance in history—over 1,000 people gathered from all over the country to be healed, refreshed and equipped. God moved in a mighty way, especially among people who were dealing with suicidal thoughts and self-injury. During the conference, many were delivered from depression, anxiety, bitterness and even testified that their cutting scars were supernaturally removed!

This year, we expect even greater things! Ginger and I don’t want you to miss out on this life-changing experience, so be sure to register for The Voice of Healing Conference today! We hope to see you there!

“He Sent His Word And Healed Them” (Psalm 107:20).

Meet The 2017 Voice of Healing Conference Keynote Speakers



Sandra Kennedy

Dr. Sandra Kennedy is the founder and president of Sandra Kennedy Ministries, as well as the founder and Senior Pastor of Whole Life Ministries in Augusta, Georgia. She is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and is ordained by the Southern Baptist Convention. Pastor Sandra established The Healing Center, where the Word of God is exalted for healing. Now, healing teams are trained to minister the healing power of God’s

Word and go into over 16 hospitals. **God gave Dr. Kennedy a mandate to “Grow up the Body of Christ and teach them victory.”** This mandate is evident in every facet of her ministry—through her teachings, television programs, books and conferences. She has authored numerous books, including, *Preparations for a Move of God, Proving God and The Magnificent Word of the Lord.*



Peter Horrobin

In 1986, God first challenged Peter about the healing ministry, through the restoration of an old car. God said to him, **“You could restore this broken car, but I can restore broken lives.** Which is more important?” After praying into this vision for sixteen years, the work was founded at Ellel Grange in the North of England, as a training and ministry center in healing

and discipleship. Since then the work has expanded around the world. There are now Ellel centers or teams ministering in over 35 different nations. Peter is the author of numerous books, including *Healing Through Deliverance, Forgiveness: God’s Master Key, Healing for the Victims of Accident and Trauma and Living Life God’s Way.*



Billy Burke

With only days to live, Billy Burke’s grandmother discharged him from the hospital and took him to a Kathryn Kuhlman healing service. His grandmother prepared him saying, “When she touches you, you will be healed.” This is exactly how it happened. At nine years old, Billy was healed, and God introduced the “Healing Jesus” ministry to Billy. After years of traveling around the world to minister to

people, God has used Billy to impart faith that brings great miracles. These healing signs and wonders manifest physically, emotionally and in creative miracles, too. **Billy believes the heavens are being opened to release a greater flow of miracles than the world has ever seen.** Billy’s television program “Miracles Today” is based upon Mark 10:27, “Nothing is impossible with God.”



Worship by Ana Paula Valadão, CFNI graduate

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FREDA LINDSAY AWARD 2017

Bishop Anne Gimenez Becomes the 2017 Freda Lindsay Award Recipient



• By Maria Erokhina

The annual Freda Lindsay Award was created to honor women like “Mom” Lindsay, who follow the call of God, overcoming opposition and cultural stereotypes. Freda was truly a pioneer during a time when women were not welcome in ministry. Her leadership skills, administrative prowess and tenacity made Christ For The Nations what it is today. This year the award was given to Bishop Anne Gimenez, a beautiful, petite woman with tremendous faith.

The ceremony started with Mike Massa’s rendition of a song, composed by Freda Lindsay. The audience followed him as he sang, “Lord, make us one today. Lord, make us one, we pray. Then all the world will

say that we love Jesus. For that’s the only way we can fulfill your prayer. Lord, make us one today.”

Then, the CFNI student body, staff and guests were presented the story of “Mom” Lindsay, who used to say, “We need to look out beyond America into the rest of the world. There are too many people who are onlookers, but God is looking for those who will make themselves available.”

Dennis Lindsay, the youngest son of Gordon and Freda Lindsay and President of CFN, stated that the three “signature marks” of his mother were daily Bible reading, love for Israel and world missions.

Next, Anna Kendall and Alta Hatcher, members of the award committee, introduced Bishop Gimenez to the attendees. They thanked her for the seeds that she and her late husband John had planted in America by starting the Washington For Jesus rallies in 1980 and doing other impactful things for God’s Kingdom in the U.S. and around the world. Prophet Cindy Jacobs (who is also a part of the committee), prophesied over Bishop Gimenez, saying that the seeds she has planted will sprout with new Esthers, Deborahs and Ruths, and that her grandchildren will receive the double portion of what she’s walked in.

After that, Bishop Gimenez shared her inspiring story. Her journey in ministry started at 16 years old, on October 16, 1949, when she received the baptism in the Holy Spirit through Freda Lindsay’s teaching in a healing crusade. Since then, she knew that she was called to preach the Gospel. She recalled, “At that time, in order for a woman to be in ministry, she had to be married, or she had to be able to play the organ and sing.” But Anne thought, “I am neither married, nor gifted in music.” Then she heard the sweet voice of the Holy Spirit say, “I didn’t call you to play the organ. I called you to play on the heart strings of men with the Word of God.”

Anne and John Gimenez planted over 500 churches around the world and founded Rock Church, a mega church located in Virginia Beach, Virginia, as well as a ministry for drug addicts, unwed mothers, the homeless, Rock Christian Academy and Rock Bible Institute. Bishop Gimenez has been involved in TV ministry for many years and wrote several books, including *Upon This Rock, Whose Kingdom Is It Anyway?*, *Beyond Tradition*, *The Emerging Christian Woman*, *Marking Your Children For God*, *Born To Preach* and *Resurrection Life Now*.

This joyful 84-year-old woman, who is currently working on two new books and “doesn’t see retirement in her future,” went through a near-

death experience two years ago. The doctors told her daughter that her mother had a heart attack and wouldn’t live through the night. Ann’s daughter asked people to pray, and as those prayers were uttered, she watched the numbers on the monitors in the ICU change! As soon as Bishop Gimenez got out of the hospital, God told her that He would send her around the world—and this is exactly what happened! Since then, she’s preached the Gospel in Japan, Korea, Thailand, Liberia, Fiji, India and many other places.

Someone once asked Bishop Gimenez what it meant to be a woman in ministry, and her answer was: “**If you can hear the voice of the Holy Spirit and stay anointed (not allowing distractions and attractions to steal your anointing), you can do anything God tells you to do—and it doesn’t matter if you are a man or a woman.**”

Anne Gimenez accredits her success in the Lord’s work to the impact of Freda Lindsay’s ministry on her life. She said, “Everything I do is connected to Freda Lindsay’s ministry; I am her downline.”

At the end of the award ceremony, Devi Titus (another representative of the award committee) stated, “One of the greatest gifts God can give you as you prepare for ministry is the gift of example.” We are truly grateful to be impacted by such amazing women of God as Freda Lindsay and Anne Gimenez! 🙏



Bishop Gimenez at the Washington For Jesus rally

MELODY OF

Love

CFNI 4²ND LIVE WORSHIP RECORDING

• *By Maria Erokhina*

Music is powerful. It accompanies us through joy and pain, victories and loss. Music can reopen old wounds and yet bring healing, it can kindle a flame in one's heart and cause tears to flow, drive a soul toward hopelessness or fill it with hope—all within moments.

Zephaniah 3:17 says, "The Lord your God in your midst ... He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing."

Have you ever heard God sing to you? On February 10, Christ For The Nations captured this unique, pure, beautiful sound coming from the Father's heart in our new worship album, *Melody of Love*.

CFNI starts every day with worship. During our morning chapels, countless students have had life-changing encounters with God. These encounters revealed their destinies and lit a fire in them that they now spread in the nations by serving as missionaries, church-planters, standing up for justice and being the voice of truth in the marketplace. Phil King, CFNI student and one of the worship leaders featured on *Melody of Love*, said, "This live recording was an extension of what we experience every day in chapel. The whole reason we hit 'record' was to capture it and send it out."



Melody of Love is a compilation of 13 songs, most of which were written by CFNI students and alumni. Gabriel Allred, Phil King, Maddy Hunt, Jordan Stewart, Hannah Holland, Robert Quintana, Faith Schneider, Kiplin Batchelor, Stephen Azan and others, in cooperation with a featured guest, Leeland Mooring, brought this project to life. The creators of the album said that it took a miracle to prepare for the recording in a short period of time. They recall, "We would often sit down together in faith and pray, 'Lord, we're recording in a few weeks. We need songs.'" Time after time, God gave them words and melodies.

The title track, *Melody of Love*, was birthed as a result of such prayers and collaboration. It started with the line that Leeland played: "I hear you singing over me a melody of love." Maddy Hunt, David Moore and Phil King contributed their ideas and this beautiful anthem about God's unstoppable affection for His children was created. It starts with the words, "You have searched and known me, set Your eyes upon me. I am undone ..."

Another song, *Burn Spirit of God*, that quickly became a favorite among CFNI students, was literally born in the shower. Phil King was getting ready to go to bed after a long day, when God dropped into his heart, "Burn Spirit of God, come fill my lungs with praise. Burn Fire of God, come seal my heart with a flame." This song talks about offering ourselves as a living sacrifice to God and placing our lives on the altar where His fire sets us ablaze.

Incredible Love was written by two friends, Kiplin Batchelor and Stephen Azan, former CFNI students who now serve on staff at Christ For The Nations. They prayed and asked the Lord to give them a revelation of His love. Kiplin recalls, "As we were exploring the theme of love in the Bible, we were astonished to realize that love had existed before Adam and Eve met in the garden. We exist because the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Who are love, said, 'Let's create ...' That's where these lyrics came from—'Before the universe was formed, the Trinity sat

enthroned in Love ... Love has always been, and love will always be ...'

"This song carries the message of God's incredible, selfless, timeless love that is not defined by gender, skin color, the level of your education or social status. This *love* gave His life for you, and it still pursues you, even when you're at your worst."

Some of the songs in this album came from deep places of overcoming and finding healing. Jordan Stewart was raised in a Christian home and was faithfully serving God, while keeping a terrible secret that impacted every part of her life. At five years old she was molested in the school bathroom. She confesses, "I was broken and depressed. I even contemplated suicide a few times."

One night Jordan decided to get honest with the Lord about the things that caused her so much pain. Right then she felt an urge to go to the piano, and *Take Us In* came forth. God used this song to speak healing and restoration over her life. Over the years, Jordan has seen it minister to many people, helping them experience salvation and deliverance.

"Nine years ago, I was singing *Take Us In* from brokenness. Now I'm singing it from freedom. This song reminds me of what God has done for me. It says, "You have broken the divide and You silence every lie, You trade our shame for robes of white."

The two themes in this album are God's passionate pursuit of our hearts and our response to His call. Both are tied closely together—when we taste God's goodness, "Fill me, send me, I'll go" becomes our willful choice and a joyful response.

Phil King says, "When I was a little kid, I used to hold the globe and weep over it, saying, 'God, use me to touch the nations of the Earth.' I felt such a strong,

supernatural, fiery love for them. On the night of the recording, when we sang all these songs about going out and touching the nations, laying down our lives for the Great Commission, it was amazing to see CFNI students coming from over 60 countries to worship together. It was a dream come true."

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• *By* Kiplin Batchelor

“But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, who would betray Him, said, ‘Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?’ This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it” (John 12:4-6).

Judas said a good thing! Feeding the poor is kind, noble and praiseworthy. Who would not be impressed by such thoughtfulness for the less fortunate in society? To an undiscerning person, Judas is—at this time—a champion of social justice and a lover of the poor. However Jesus, Who always sees much deeper than what worshippers advertise, saw the hidden deceit behind Judas’ beautiful facade. Judas spoke with apparent compassion, but the truth is, while Mary bowed before Jesus in vulnerable and selfless worship, Jesus’ treasurer stood tall in self!

We often don’t think of a worship setting for something like this, but how many times do people say beautiful words that are intended to impress others, so they are perceived to be more than they really are? Judas could have kept silent as a mere observer in the room, but he opened his mouth and revealed his hidden deceit in the midst of worship. He not only wanted money, he wanted to appear good to Jesus and the influential crowd of Pharisees at dinner.

Judas is a humbling reminder that the stench of a wrong motive can be present while the fragrance of worship fills a room; Judas is a timely reminder that a worshipper’s heart can shift from Jesus the Divine treasure and be preoccupied with earthly Roman coins while doing ministry. He is a reminder that one’s proximity to Jesus doesn’t guarantee or equate to intimacy—we can be in the same room with Jesus, but our heart can be a thousand miles away. **The difference between Mary and Judas is the difference between impressing people or loving Jesus, and all true worshippers must crossover to loving, if worship is truly worship.**

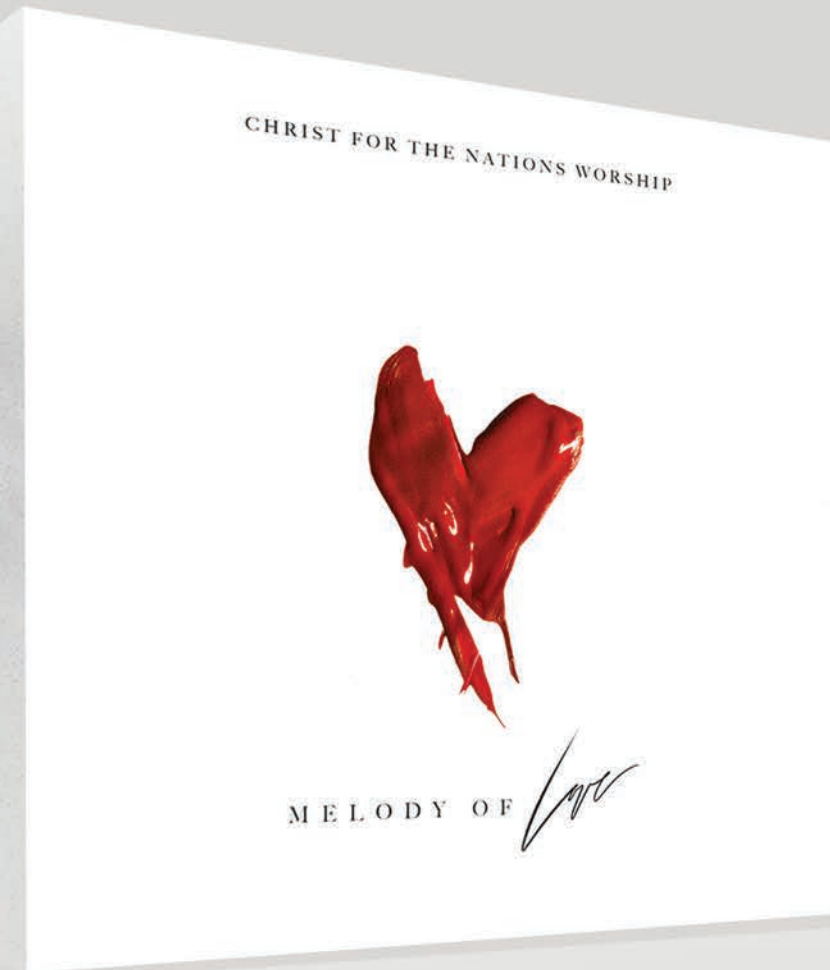
Judas cheapens an opportunity to worship! Although his words may have impressed those who were close enough, it must have been disheartening for Jesus to hear his own inner-circle-follower market a great idea

and a lovely self image—yet, all the while concealing theft, misappropriation of funds and betrayal. Unfortunately, Judas missed an incredible moment to join Mary in selfless worship at Jesus’ feet! Instead of being a participant who captures and seizes a moment in extravagant worship, he became a subtle, undermining critic! Like Michal who labeled David’s worshipful dance as undignified, Judas labeled Mary’s worshipful gift as a waste. What led him to think Jesus wasn’t worth a year’s salary? I have come to realize that those who struggle with God’s worth always struggle with worship. These are always the first to criticize and attack those who pour out all at the feet of His Majesty.

What is equally powerful in this story and many others in the Bible is that Jesus is not afraid, offended or incensed at His children displaying varying expressions in worship. The God of simple and quiet reflective moments in silence before Him is also the God of the exuberant and passionate worship. When He told the religious group to leave Mary alone, He allowed her to be unconventional, undignified, unrehearsed and unperturbed by her elitist environment, her terrible past and by the propriety that filled the room. Real worship kills self image, and it must do so, or we will see ourselves more than we see Him when He shows up.

Simon the Pharisee entertained Jesus over a meal, and Judas was distracted, but Mary bypassed all the pretentiousness and superficiality at the dinner and made worship her priority. One man invited Jesus to a meal, but one woman worshipped Him at that meal—there is a big difference! We must go beyond entertaining Jesus in our lovely auditoriums and actually worship without thinking our passionate expressions are too much. Mary saw her opportunity to worship Jesus, and she took it. Will you do the same? Don’t miss out on your opportunity to worship Him! 🙏

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Worship

AT A HIGHER LEVEL

• By **LaMar Boschman**

Recently, a well-known worship leader and CFNI graduate came to me with tears in her eyes. She said, “God has blessed me with favor and notoriety in my country. Young people see that and tell me they want to be famous like me. But I tell them I began as a worship leader in my local church; I just wanted to lead people into God’s presence.” Many young, aspiring musicians have the wrong impression of what worship is. Perhaps they have not been taught worship’s true essence. There is more to experience in worship than what we have today.

HIGHER GROUND

In my spirit I hear the Lord’s Bride cry out for a higher level of worship, where time passes quickly in His Eternal presence. It is worship beyond mortal music making and an encounter with celestial music makers in Heaven. It is a realm beyond the worship rhetoric of men and closer to worship lyrics of seraphs. It is a place where your spirit takes wings, and you hear the lyrics that cherubs sing.

There is a higher place of worship where singers lay prostrate and musicians fall upon their guitars crying, “Holy, Holy, Holy!” At this level, the worship of the people overpowers the performance on the platform. It is where worshipers sing outside the arrangement and musicians color outside the lines, because they see the Lord high and lifted up! It is about Jesus singing to His Father in the midst of His people, and we join His song.

It is a realm where Heaven and Earth kiss and signs and wonders break out, revealing that God is among us in power. It is a realm of worship where we don’t want it to stop, we feel so satisfied and content.

GOING HIGHER

Have you experienced that higher worship? Do you long for it? Do you know how to get there? I ask because some leaders or believers don’t. They might have tasted it. Enjoyed it. Wanted more of it. Prayed for it. But do they know what spiritual principles took them to that dimension?

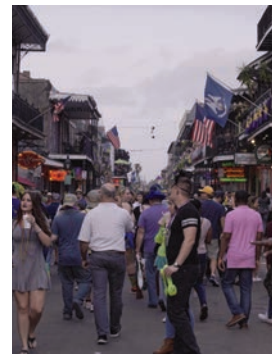
I have discovered three things that will take you to a higher level of worship.

- 1** Look up! The worship in Heaven is perfect, just like God likes it. Explore Heaven’s worship music—its characteristics, dynamics and content.
- 2** Study the principles of worship and music in the Bible. Take a course on the theology of worship or music and learn from the over one thousand mentions of music in the Bible.
- 3** Seek God in worship and prayer. Ask Him to show you the higher realm of worship. Without exception most revivals occurred as people hungered for God and waited on Him in song. In other words, when renewal comes, so do higher levels of worship and music making. 🎸

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True Light Shines

MARDI GRAS INVASION 2017

Mardi Gras, a French phrase that means Fat Tuesday, was originally used to describe the practice of eating richer, fatty foods before Lent, a spiritual time of cleansing, which involved a 40-day fasting observed before Easter. Over time, this celebration in New Orleans has become a time of indulging in unrestrained immorality, alcohol, drugs and witchcraft.

While lust is not able to satisfy a human heart and leaves it broken, empty and craving for more, God's love gives true fulfillment, healing and purpose. Last February, a group of 103 CFNI students and staff invaded the streets of New Orleans during the carnival in order to share this love and shine the light of Christ in the midst of darkness and perversion. Here are some of the testimonies.

■ GRACE KOTTAS, CFNI STUDENT

"It's hard to describe what the Lord did at Mardi Gras in just a few words. I saw the broken, lost and forgotten experience what it means to be adopted, chosen and celebrated by a good Father. As I was ministering to others, God was revealing His love as a Father to me in a way that will never allow me to 'get used' to the gospel message again."

■ TAYLOR WILSON, CFNI STUDENT

"As I stood on Bourbon Street with a sign that said, 'You were born beautiful,' a girl came up to me. She hugged me with tears in her eyes. I prayed with her, and her heart was filled with the love that could only come from Jesus Himself. I'm thankful that I had the opportunity to be a vessel that was used by the Lord to touch her and many others. God showed me that having a lot of anointing is great, but having His love is even better."

■ HEATHER CHEATHEAM, CFNI STUDENT

"One of the guys our group encountered was very intellectual; he asked us difficult questions. While we were sharing Jesus with him, I saw that his heart was softening. Later, he told us that in the past six months, he had been approached and asked if he knew Jesus four times. That day he accepted Jesus Christ as His Lord and Savior! I loved this trip, and I would definitely do it again!"

■ ARELY LARA, CFNI STUDENT

"Before Mardi Gras, I had never been exposed to that type of environment. At first, I was extremely fearful. After my teammates prayed over me, I found the courage to step out and share words of knowledge with the people I encountered in the streets. I saw many people touched by the Lord in a powerful way and set free from their bondages!"

■ LINDSEY EVERETT, CFNI STUDENT

"The Mardi Gras trip has completely changed my heart toward people and has given me compassion for the homeless community. We loved on people, and that really opened the door for us to share the Gospel with them."

■ SCOTT HINKLE, EVANGELISM MAJOR DIRECTOR

"It was quite an amazing outreach! Each morning, a time of prayer and instruction helped to prepare our team for the mission of the day. As this army of compassion went to the streets of the French Quarter, God touched many, many lives. Divine appointments were fulfilled daily. Every day our teams prayed with hundreds of people to receive Jesus and their emotional and physical healing. The power of Christ set people free. This took place on the streets, right in the middle of a city-wide party that was overflowing with drunkenness, occultism and perversion." 🙌



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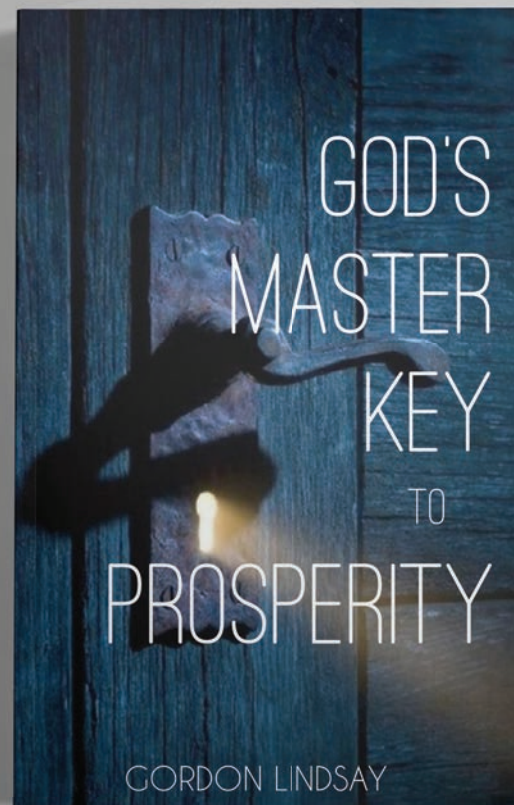
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Abstinencia

• Por **Hugo Martinez**

La abstinencia sexual hasta el matrimonio es el plan divino para guardar tu vida. Noten lo que dice 1ª de Tesalonicenses 4:4

<<Que cada uno aprenda a controlar su propio cuerpo de una manera santa y honrosa.>>

Lo que está diciendo aquí Pablo a los de Tesalónica es: ustedes tienen que aprender cómo tener su propio cuerpo de modo responsable delante de Dios. Hay otro pasaje bíblico que quiero citarles porque es esencial aquí; se encuentra en 1ª de Corintios 6:18

<<Huid de la fornicación. Cualquier otro pecado que el hombre cometa, está fuera del cuerpo; mas el que fornicación, contra su propio cuerpo peca>>.

¿Qué quiere decir esto? Quiere decir que cuando tú participas en una relación sexual fuera de los límites de un matrimonio de amor y de pacto, tú estás pecando contra tu propio cuerpo. Alguien escribió una carta a Josh McDowell que apareció en su libro titulado <<¿Por qué esperar?>>, en esta carta ese hombre decía lo siguiente: <<Pecar en contra de tu cuerpo quiere decir que uno pierde el respeto por su cuerpo y por el cuerpo del otro con quien se acuesta. Una vez que uno pierde el respeto por su propio cuerpo, cada vez es más fácil ceder a la indulgencia (permiso para pecar) en relaciones sexuales promiscuas. Su actitud y práctica hace que este don divino se vuelva prácticamente como si fuera un apretón de manos.>>



Perder el respeto nos lleva a una noción torcida del amor y nuestra definición de amor se empieza a centrar en lo físico, uno queda atrapado en la ilusión engañosa de buscar amor en una relación sexual. Tenemos que aprender que las necesidades de seguridad, compromiso y unidad alcanzan niveles primordiales; estas necesidades no pueden ser suplidas por las necesidades de amor que da el mundo. Dios creó esas necesidades emocionales y esa es la razón por la cual una jovencita siente la necesidad de que la abracen. De igual manera esa es la razón por la cual un joven tiene el deseo de estrechar en sus brazos a la persona que ama de una manera protectora y hacerle sentir lo mucho que la quiere.

Te preguntarán ¿De dónde salió todo eso? Sin duda, esas necesidades fueron creadas por Dios en nosotros, y fueron creadas para que sean suplidas en una relación personal. En una relación en la que hay confianza y existe la protección del compromiso mutuo, donde ambos van creciendo, no solo en su capacidad de relacionarse el uno con el otro sexualmente, sino también en sus vidas emocionales y espirituales. Siempre que se quita este aspecto del lazo matrimonial, la relación se pervierte hasta el extremo de producir problemas que le siguen por el resto de la vida.

Lo que yo quiero decirles a los jóvenes a través de este artículo es que Dios les ama y quiere lo mejor y solo lo mejor para sus vidas. Él no está diciendo que el sexo es malo o es sucio, está diciéndoles que Él lo creó para cierto tiempo y lugar en sus vidas. Si ustedes violan ese tiempo y lugar, se privarán del gozo que Dios quiere que tengan. Dios es muy bueno con nosotros. Él ha provisto el medio para darnos placer y unión total mediante el sexo, pero también nos ha dado límites dentro de los cuales disfrutar la plenitud de su don. Él nos ha dicho que esperemos hasta el matrimonio porque nos ama y quiere que tengamos vida en abundancia..

Cuando escogemos ignorar a Dios, nos abrimos por mano propia a todas las consecuencias que ya hemos mencionado. Dios se preocupa por la seguridad de sus vidas, Él no quiere que queden

infectados por alguna enfermedad que los pueda marcar por el resto de sus vidas, o que les haga imposible tener hijos. Él quiere que conozcan la seguridad que acompaña a su plan divino.

No hay en lo absoluto sexo seguro fuera del matrimonio. Si alguien les dice lo contrario, les está mintiendo. Todo experto que ha estudiado este asunto sabe que los porcentajes de todas las medidas preventivas son tan bajos que causan vergüenza. **NO HAY EN LO ABSOLUTO SEXO SEGURO FUERA DEL MATRIMONIO.**

La facultad de medicina de la Universidad de Texas realizó un estudio minucioso de 11 casos de transmisión del VIH sida y su conclusión fue la siguiente: en lo que respecta a la transmisión del VIH sida, la única prevención real es no tener relaciones sexuales con alguien que tiene o pudiera tener sida. ¡No existe otra manera! Pruebas como estas nos confirman que no hay sexo seguro fuera de los límites del pacto matrimonial.

Por lo tanto, Un joven activo sexualmente, lo único que está haciendo es jugar a la ruleta rusa. Ya que toda persona que tengan relaciones sexuales con este joven estará exponiéndose a cada una de las otras personas con quien este individuo se haya acostado, ya que los gérmenes de cualquier infección que puedan tener, pasa a su cuerpo mediante el acto sexual.

Dios quiere protegerte de eso. Él no es un Dios cruel que está sentado allá en el cielo y que esté diciendo <<El sexo es divertido de modo que no pueden hacerlo>>. Dios no es así, Él sabe que solo hay una manera de protegerte de las enfermedades de transmisión sexual y es la abstinencia antes del matrimonio. 🙏

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GOD IS MOVING IN MEXICO



Tumbala, Mexico

Amid the gorgeous landscapes of southwestern Mexico lies the town of Tumbala. Most of its inhabitants are farmers who strive to earn their living by growing corn, beans, coffee, bananas and other crops. The percentage of illiteracy in the area is significantly higher than the rest of the country. Many people in Tumbala lead lives that are filled with much drudgery, with little hope for change.

When the Gospel came to Tumbala, it brought joy and freedom to all who received it with an open heart. As the number of believers grew, a local church was planted. Through the CFN Native Church program, the congregation was able to complete the building that is now being used for worship services.

When that church was built, wonderful things began to take place: new souls were won to the Lord, and the congregation opened two new mission centers in the state of Chiapas to continue spreading the Good News in the area.

We've received another amazing report from a church located in Rancheria Sandial, Tabasco, Mexico. This church was also roofed with the help of CFN partners. The church members, who thank the Lord for their miracle building, testify to incredible things happening through their prayers—they've seen people healed of various conditions, including gastritis, high blood pressure, sterility and a tumor in the throat. Since the church was roofed, five new families have come to the Lord, and several people have been baptized in water and filled with the Holy Spirit. The congregation has also established two mission centers in the state of Tabasco.

Wayne Myers, the facilitator of the CFN Native Church program in Mexico, commented, "After giving 61 years of our lives to this nation, it blesses us to see the Gospel advance at a pace hitherto unknown in Mexico. In the past years, many believers have given their lives for Christ in this nation. Several years ago, a pastor was burned alive in a very fanatical village. On more than one occasion, I would also have been a martyr, if it wasn't for the prayers of many of our intercessors.

Years ago, the congregations were small, generally composed of the poorest of the poor, meeting in little buildings with oiled cardboard roofs, which offered no resistance to the stones that were often thrown at them during their service

"Never in all of my years in this nation have I seen such openness to the Gospel; many congregations are being formed at all levels of society. Years ago, congregations were small, generally composed of the poorest of the poor. But now, large churches are being constructed in the centers of towns and villages. Hallelujah!"

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