

John Newlin Ministries, Inc.

- realizing the power of a life in Christ-



During our recent visit in Tulsa, we stopped at Oral Roberts University. That's the prayer tower in the background that operates 24 hours a day. We thought you might like to see it. Early in our ministry God used Oral Roberts and this university to confirm his call to me in several ways.

THE GOD OF SECOND CHANCES

Suddenly without warning a person loses a job he has had for years, and there are no prospects for a new one. It's not his fault, but it's a giant problem. Or a marriage fails. A divorce is imminent. Or a young woman goes off to college, using funds she and her parents have worked to put together for years, and then she realizes she can't handle the work there – she's flunking out. Or a teenager cannot find any group of friends in which to fit socially.

Problems like these may seem like the end of the world personally, but they are hardly uncommon. Probably every human being has experienced what seems like a catastrophic blow at some time in life. It may indeed be caused by sin, such as having an affair outside a marriage that leads to divorce. But many of these problems are not the result of sin, other than the fact that this is a fallen world. People lose their jobs because of a poor economy. And then they may lose their houses because they can't pay the mortgage. Some marriages break up just because the wrong people got married. Maybe they didn't ask God for guidance when considering a marriage partner. There are many more such pits, such as becoming a drug or alcohol addict and the horrors that result. There unfortunately seem to be almost an endless list of such difficulties in this world.

In any event, if you or a friend or family member are in such a difficult place in life currently, you or that other person are not alone. One other thing – **God is really good at working in such a situation.** Turn to him and ask for his help. He's ready to start right now. After all, he is the God of now. Now is the day of the Lord's favor, now is the day of salvation – not next week or next year (see 2 Corinthians 6:2). **God operates in the now.**

GOD IS THE GOD OF SECOND CHANCES! Thank God! If not, we would have no hope.

The Bible is full of people who needed and received second chances. Think for a moment about Jonah. You can read all about him in a very short book near the end of the Old Testament. It will take about ten minutes.

One day Jonah is called by God to go to the great city of Nineveh and warn the people there. Nineveh is a wicked city – God himself says that. What is Jonah’s reaction? He gets on a ship and sails for Tarshish, which many today believe was in Spain. That was like going to the ends of the earth. Jonah is going as far away as he can. Why does he not want to go to Nineveh? Well, the people there are not Israelites. They are enemies of Israel. Maybe he is frightened also. Maybe he doesn’t know how to do what God said.

Jonah runs away from God! He disobeys God! Out at sea God brings a violent storm. To his credit, Jonah tells the sailors to throw him overboard, which reluctantly they finally do. When he falls into the sea, God has a great fish (not a whale) swallow him. (No one can run away from God. If I get on a space ship and go to the moon, when I get there and want to speak to God, he will be there.).

In the fish Jonah prays, and God has the fish spit him up on the shore. Then God tells Jonah to go to Nineveh and do what he said the first time. This is a **second chance for Jonah**, who has run away from God and disobeyed him. Jonah goes to Nineveh and preaches to them. And the Ninevites believe God! They begin to fast. The King believes God and he calls a fast. God sees all this and spares Nineveh.

There is more to this book of Jonah, but the point for us here is that God gave a second chance even to a man who blatantly disobeyed him. God will do that for you too if you will let him. Do you remember when Peter asked Jesus how many times he should forgive a brother or sister who sinned against him? Seven times? Jesus replied not seven times, but seventy times seven – that’s 490 times.

We have a God of second chances. Just think: all humanity needed a second chance, and God gave us one through Jesus Christ and what he did (The new CD shown on page 3 has much more on this subject.).

DON'T FORGET OUR BLOG!

I know I don’t get to add new articles to our blog as often as I would like, but I do add a few. There is a new one on the blog now that focuses on the current environment (“IT’S NOT THE ECONOMY”) and was sent out by email to all those who have given us their email address. You can read it by clicking on John’s blog in the menu column on our web site.

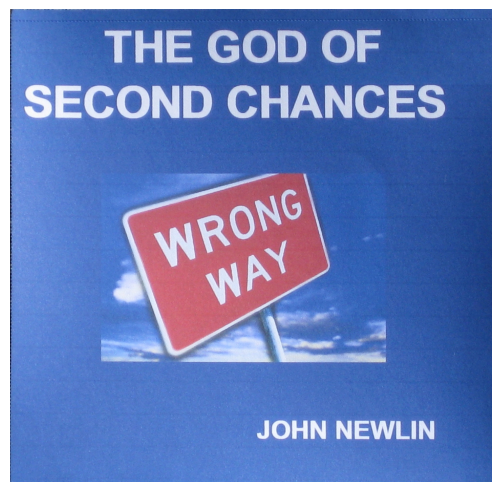
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NEW CD: THE GOD OF SECOND CHANCES



All of us at times have needed a second chance. Whether by our own sins or just from circumstances outside our control, we have found ourselves in deep trouble. Maybe it's losing a job and not having any prospects in a difficult economy, or maybe it's a marriage breaking up. Maybe it's terrible relationship problems in a family. God is good at all times, and he is very good in those situations. If you will but turn to him and ask for his help, he will work with you to move forward. There is no shame in needing a second chance. All humanity needed a second chance, and we got that through the Son of God, Jesus Christ. Moses, David, Jonah, Elijah, Peter, so many people in the Bible needed a second chance. For all who need this or know someone who does, this CD is for you.

A PERSONAL NOTE

This ministry has operated for quite a few years now – offering a free monthly teaching newsletter to anyone who requests it, producing and offering numerous teaching CDs available for any contribution (and sending one free if a person cannot make a donation), holding teaching meetings and healing services, producing and broadcasting in several markets the weekly television program ***DARE TO BELIEVE!***, and offering newsletters, articles, handouts, and even some television programs over the Internet. It has been some journey.

Every week the bills come in, just as in a business or in a person's private life, and we must pay them. This is God's ministry, and it operates guided by the Holy Spirit every day. But the bills are part of the world, and we must pay them. So we do. We don't get involved in a new project unless it is clear that the funds will be there, that it is something we should do. And if and when the funds are not available, we cut back or pull out of areas.



Many are the people who have been impacted by this ministry. I'm so grateful and so in awe. I've quoted examples before, throughout the US. And throughout the world. Requests come in from India, from Germany, from Ghana. It is amazing. You may not know, but we have been sending Bibles and CDs to young middle and high school students in Ghana who request them, evidently getting in touch with the ministry by the web site. The packages in this picture are all labeled and ready to go to Ghana. Earlier this year a person in India sent an email in response to one of the television programs he watched over the web.

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We frequently receive requests to come to Africa, to India, to Pakistan, to other countries to minister, or requests to partner with local ministries there. So far we have not traveled there as God has been clear about the focus of the ministry up to now and what we are to do. It's what you see us doing.

This year he is directing us on to other things as well. Still, the overall objective is: **John, tell them who I am and that I am coming soon.** And he is, thank God, he is. After all, it's time, isn't it?

I thank all of you who are involved in the ministry for your prayers, your participation, and your financial contributions. Without that we could not operate. All these many bills are paid by the funds received from donors like some of you. If you are not donating and you are receiving, please consider making a donation. We hope to move the ministry to more and more cities and countries – in person and on television, but that takes funds. I know we are presenting truths of God most people have never heard. And I know these are hard times. I can tell by the effect they are having on some of our partners. But I also know God loves a cheerful giver and that he blesses those who give to Jesus and to the Kingdom. Help us take the message God has given us to the big cities and the small, to the world. Read Galatians 6:6 to think about what you might do.

May you live in the blessings of God always. And have a Happy Thanksgiving!

John

DON'T FORGET!!!!

WATCH DARE TO BELIEVE! EPISODES ON THE MINISTRY WEB SITE!

Many episodes of our ***DARE TO BELIEVE!*** television program are available through the ministry web site, www.johnnewlinministries.org, and more are being added regularly. Click on the video section on the home page and you will see the list of available episodes. Then click on your choice and watch. Many episodes on healing have already been added, as well as several on the return of Jesus and other subjects. Refer others who are seeking to go to these programs and watch! Anywhere in the world. People have reached us in far distant lands through the web site. If someone is seeking healing, for example, they can watch the healing programs to learn all about what Jesus did for them and how to receive, and they can even download healing scriptures, keys to receiving, and other such items from the menu column.

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