

Spirit Led Witnessing

**A Group of true Stories
With some unusual circumstances
Attached to them**

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The book is great. I think this is your best. Many churches have concluded that the lost have chosen to be lost and they no longer share the Gospel with them. This book demonstrates that the harvest fields are indeed white already to harvest and that if we are sensitive to the Holy Spirit we will lead many to Jesus. From the White House to the “out house”, no place is off limits for Pastor Dawson. –**Art Manke, Pastor/Evangelist**

I met Dawson several years ago and have enjoyed great conversations with him. He is a man of God that is passionate about the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We come from different theological perspectives but I admire and respect His heart to share the Gospel and with that we have kindred hearts. This book reflects his heart and his willingness to be used by God. Read this book and you will be refreshed and inspired to go out and preach the Gospel to every creature. Read this book and you will be encouraged to walk in the Spirit to seize those opportunities! “So, as much as is in me, *I am* ready to preach the gospel...” **Romans 1:15 –Pastor Joseph DiDonato, Faith Baptist Church, Greenfield, MA**

I have known Dawson since high school days. He has always had a burning desire to share the gospel with others. I have continued to watch him as we have served together in ministry over these past 40 plus years. We now have come full circle with his retirement as he and Jeannette are back with us in our church. There’s not a week that I don’t receive a call, Pastor here’s a name and number of someone I just lead to the Lord, will you follow-up on them? This book will share with you not only the many ways to witness to individuals but the hunger of those in the world for someone to share the story of Jesus with them. I encourage you to read this book! **Pastor Ernie Spears, Full Gospel Assembly of God, Hughson, Ca. Pastor Spears is an Executive Presbyter of the Northern California/Nevada Assemblies of God Churches.**

This book was inspiring. My Dad has a unique gift from God to lead the lost to the Lord. It is nice to hear about real life instances in this day and age, where God has really touched someone's life. Reading this book is a good way to realize that God does speak to us and we need to be willing and open to what he is saying. **John Mark Wheeler is the second son of Dawson Wheeler. He lives in Gill, Massachusetts.**

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Forward by Leroy Lebeck

The Lord declared “The harvest is the end of the age”. Dawson Wheeler is reaping thousands of souls in this harvest today. This book will encourage each of us to do the same, with the power of the Holy Spirit. We can become "laborers together with God". He said, "If I be lifted up, I will draw all men to Me." I encourage you to read Dawson's latest book, "Spirit Led Witnessing".

Pastor Leroy Lebeck

Introduction

By Rev. Dawson Wheeler

Spirit led witnessing can happen at the most unlikely and most importune times. Don't count out an unlikely moment to witness because it seems like the wrong place or the wrong time or the wrong situation. It may be politically incorrect and it might be flat embarrassing seemingly but it may be Gods time. It's not always the most convenient time to witness but it may be orchestrated by the Holy Spirit. The reason that I am bringing this out is, because at times, the Holy Spirit has led me in some very unusual ways and at the most unlikely times to talk to someone about Jesus and they were wonderfully saved.

I'm reminded about Jesus who "must needs go through Samaria" in John 4:4. Samaria was a place the Jews bypassed because there was so much hatred against them. They would much rather walk further and bypass Samaria rather than to go through Samaria. Just to let you know that the town they went to was called: "Sychar", which means: "Town of drunks and liars", yet Jesus was led to go there by the Spirit and hundreds were eventually saved through Jesus' obedience. It wasn't the most likely or the most popular place to be going to.

And also I think of Philip in Acts 8:26 when the "angel of the Lord spoke unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south...which is desert..." No doubt this was the leading of the Lord and that the Holy Spirit had a lot to do

with this (See Acts 8:29, 8:39) too. In fact the word angel here means messenger, and it could have meant the Spirit of the Lord too. But what I want to bring out here is that in the natural, it wasn't the most opportune time to be going down to a desert place. After all, God had been using Philip in Samaria, in one of the greatest revivals Samaria had ever experienced. Actually, it was started by our Lord himself in John, chapter 4. It was such a great move of God that the church in Jerusalem and the apostles had heard that Samaria had received the word of God, that they had to have Peter and John come down to help Philip with the revival there (Acts 8:14). Acts 8:5-8 says that the people were responding to Philip's ministry: "hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits...came out of many that were possessed with them...and many were healed...and there was great joy in that city." This doesn't seem like a "likely" time to leave a good situation, does it? And yet the Lord was leading Philip to go down to Gaza which is desert because He had other purposes in mind, an Ethiopian leader who needed to be saved, and according to tradition would bring great revival to Ethiopia when he would return there. History tells us that Ethiopia had one of the greatest moves of God there ever was in the early church, and tradition tells us that it was this Ethiopian eunuch who led the way for it. God knows what He is doing, even though it may look foolish in the natural!

How about when Paul and Silas wanted to preach in Asia and Bithynia? The Spirit suffered them not to go. The Spirit was not leading them in that direction (Acts 16:6, 7). The Spirit was leading them to go to Macedonia. Didn't

God love the Asian people or the Bithynian's? Of course He did, but the Spirit at this time wanted them to go to Macedonia. Later we see Paul going to Asia and there was a great move of God there, so that: "all they that dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus...and God wrought special miracles by the hand of Paul" (Acts 19:10). You have to remember who is directing us. Is it us or the Spirit of the Lord? He's the boss, so we need to be alert and sensitive to what He is doing and leading us in. Be bold enough to be Spirit Led rather than self directed.

So what I am attempting to do is to put a group of true stories together of people who I have led to the Lord at the most inopportune times ... Surely, these were not the ideal times to talk to them about Jesus in the natural, but it was led by the Spirit.

But witnessing is not just about the most unlikely or inopportune times. It's also about allowing the Holy Spirit to show you the opportunity of the moment. Seeing the opportunity is a big part of witnessing but then to act on the moment that God gives you is critical. You can miss the Spirit's timing by seconds and lose the opportunity. I remember being at a service area for gassing up my car and eating and I was buying some food, when a guy said "Hi" to me. I said "Hi" back and left it at that. Many times the Holy Spirit will give us a hint about an opportunity. If we are alert enough God can use this moment to lead someone to Christ. I was in a hurry and my head was somewhere else at the time. I got my food and left, headed for my destination. Then all of a sudden it dawned on me that this guy had taken the initiative and said "Hi" to me. I thought,

Oh no! He said “Hi” to me, and now, moments later it was too late. He had gone his way and I had gone mine. I didn’t know what rig he was in or who he was and the opportunity was gone forever! I just was not being sensitive enough. That moment still “haunts” me. I had an opportunity that I missed and the moment was gone. I asked God to forgive me, but the moment was gone. I learned from that to seize the moment. You can miss it if your not walking in the Spirit.

Dawson and Jeannette



Chapter 1

Elio Triana

How many know that **the restroom** is not the most likely place to have church? This is not the place that you would normally talk to people about Jesus! We were leaving Sacramento, California for some Evangelistic meetings in Massachusetts on Thursday, April 26th and would end up that day in Nevada. We were in our motor home and needed to empty the holding tank at a dump station. We stopped at a gas station to get some gas, and I had to go to the restroom. I needed to use their booth. Getting settled a guy barges through the door and said “Excuse me”. He then backed out and took the booth next to mine. I said: “Sorry, the lock is broken”. He just laughed and said that’s OK. We were both sitting down then and I asked him if he was a trucker? He said yes. I then asked him if he knew if there was a dump station around. He said that he did and gave me directions as to how to get there. It was just a few more miles to the east off Highway 80 which was right on our way. I then asked him if he knew Jesus. He kind of stuttered and after telling him how important it was to receive Christ and giving him some scripture I asked him if he would like to receive Christ. He said: “Yes”. I had finished my business and then I asked him to meet me outside and I would pray with him and he said: “OK”. I waited until he came out of the restroom and I motioned and said to him, lets go outside and I will pray with you. I asked him to pray with me out loud and that I would lead him on how to receive Jesus. He said: “OK”. During this

time, I took a picture of us together and gave him one of my website cards which is:

“dawsonwheelerministries.com” and told him a little bit about it. He then thanked me and took off. I told Jeannette what happened and we both rejoiced together and said: “Praise God”. We then went down the road, and incidentally found the dump station and then went on our way, Eastbound on Highway 80. That was on a Thursday. On the following Monday, we had made it to Demoinis, Iowa, five days later, and I received a call from him. At first I didn’t know who it was and he began to explain to me that I was the one who prayed with him and he was so excited. He said: “I have not been able to get you out of my mind and I just had to call you and thank you for leading me to the Lord”. He then went on to say that he had gone to church Sunday and was so happy. He couldn’t quit thanking me, over and over and over. I just rejoiced with him and asked him if he could write his testimony down and mail it to me. He said he would. I told him that I was so happy that he had gone to church and I told him to also do the bible studies that I had on my web site and listen to the sermons and he said that he would. His name was Elio Triana. Is that incredible or what? God is awesome. You never know what He is going to do or how His Spirit is going to lead you. You just have to be willing to flow with His Spirit and He will lead you! I will continue to follow up on him. Here is a picture of us at the gas station:

Elio and Dawson



Chapter 2

Lonnie Cohen

Jeannette and I had been on a tour to Israel and visiting the “Holy Lands”, as well as some other countries too. We were having a great time a great time. While in Israel we were impressed with the military might that Israel had while there. We saw and heard the great F16 jets that flew over head in perfect formation and the number of soldiers that were dressed in their uniforms and carrying weapons. They also had the new “Lavi” jets that developed speeds of 1220 miles per hour (MPH), and climbed at 50,000 Feet per minute (FPM). That was pretty impressive. There were hundreds of soldiers everywhere we went. I remember at the “Wailing wall” in Jerusalem the great number of soldiers there. Israel at the time was especially having trouble with the discontent of the Palestinians on the West Bank of the Jordan area. We had to go through there one day on our tour bus and they always go through your luggage pretty thoroughly and it sometimes takes hours of waiting before they release you to travel again. We had 180 people in our tour group then. Israel takes very seriously, anyone coming or going into Israel because of all trouble they have had. They do allow you to look around but do keep a close eye on you. It can be a little intimidating. This was one of those days that took a lot of time. With all the time we had, I had a lot of time to just look around. There was a Jewish soldier who was sitting in a certain protected “bunker”. I began to talk to him. His name was Lonnie. He was heavily armed and dressed in uniform of

course. I began to talk to him and eventually I got to the question: “Are you a Christian?” He said no and that he was a Jew. As I witnessed to him I thought of all the scriptures in the Old Testament that taught about the Messiah. They do believe in a Messiah that is to come, a Christ that is coming to save them from their sins. They just don’t believe that Jesus Christ was the Messiah but many of them do believe that Jesus was a good man. The bible in John 5:39 declares: “Search the scriptures: for in them you think you have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.” The scriptures mentioned in this verse was referring to the Old Testament, as none of the New Testament was written as yet, although we know that the New Testament are scriptures and this verse does apply to us as scripture as well as the Old Testament. There are actually 333 prophecies of the first coming of the Messiah found in the Old Testament and since the Jews believe only in the Old Testament, there is ample proof about the comings of the Messiah and what He would be like. All 333 of them were fulfilled in Jesus! I told him that and began to give him some of the examples of scriptures out of the Old Testament. I gave him one of the scriptures found in Micah 5:2 which says: “But you, Bethlehem Ephratah, though you be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel, whose goings forth have been from old, from everlasting.” We all know that Jesus was born in Bethlehem and from the Tribe of Judah. (Matthew 2:4) There are many other scriptures, some of which says that the Messiah would be sold for 30 pieces of silver (Zechariah 11:12,13)(Mathew 26:15), silent when accused:

(Isaiah 53:7)(Mathew 26:62-63), His hair of his beard would be plucked off (Isaiah 50:6)(Mark 14:65), His hands and feet pierced: (Psalms 22:16)(John 20:27), Soldiers would cast lots for his coat: (Psalms 22:18)(Mark 15:24), Not a bone to be broken: (Psalms 22:18)(John 19:33), Given gall and vinegar: (Psalms 69:21)(John 19:29), and numerous other scriptures. As I shared with him some of these Old Testament scriptures, which the Jews use for their bible, he was impressed! The scripture is very powerful in witnessing and I can't stress the importance of how powerful effect it has on people when you use it properly in your witnessing. Paul said: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth: to the Jew first, and also to the Greek (Gentile). For then is the righteousness of God revealed..." (Romans 1:16, 17) The scripture has a profound effect on a person when you are witnessing to them. Don't underestimate it! I then asked this soldier if he knew any of that. He said no. I then told him that every scripture regarding the Messiah was fulfilled in Jesus Christ. He was undeniably shaken by all of this and then I gave him some other scriptures about receiving Christ. By the time we were done, He was ready to accept Jesus into his heart and as the Messiah and I prayed with him. He was wonderfully saved on the West Banks of the Jordan River! Praise the Lord! What a savior!

Chapter 3

Mediterranean Sea and Other Places

On the plane, while in route to visiting other countries or other places, I have led several other people to the Lord. One was a business man who lived in Madrid, Spain. Two were airline Hostesses when we were traveling back from Massachusetts. Another was a man on a plane that was traveling from Sacramento to Los Angeles and the following Sunday, he ended up at the church I was preaching at, with his Feonsa and he had already led her to the Lord and brought her to the services! Unusual places! The Hostesses getting saved was very unusual. They asked me to lead them to the Lord. In this case, I had been on vacation at my sons in Massachusetts. Jeannette and I were flying back on the plane from Hartford, Connecticut to California. I had just received my first copy of the book I had just written and was reviewing it. A very unusual thing happened. One of the Hostesses saw me reading and it attracted her. She said: "Can I read that book when you get finished with it?" I told her that it was a book that I just got a proof copy of it, and that it was the only one I had. She said: "I will be very careful with it and will return it very quickly." So, I consented and lent her the book. The name of the book was: "Miracles Of Soul Winning". Within an hour or so she brought the book back and said: "Can I get saved too?" I said sure. So I got up and we went back to the back of the plane and we prayed together. She got saved right there! Then she asked while looking at her friend, another Hostess, "Can she get saved too?" I said to

her friend: “Would you like to receive Christ too?” She said: “Yes.” So I led her in prayer and she got saved too. Then I got pictures of them and advised them to get in a good church somewhere. We all rejoiced together! Wow! What a savior!

Chapter 4

On the Phone

I have led a number of people to the Lord on the telephone...people who I have never met before. I will give you a couple of examples. One was Singing Star. I had just bought a new Dell computer. It was called an Inspiron. Anyway, I was having some problems with it and so I called one of the Techs that Dell provides to help me resolve the problems. When I called, I got a hold of a guy who lives in Chandigerh, India. He was a Resolution Expert for the Dell International Services. He was also a college graduate. Singing was very helpful to me and had my problems resolved in very short order. He was very friendly and open. I got to talking to him and brought up the Lord Jesus. He claimed to be a Hindu. As I talked to him about what the scripture says about Jesus, He became very interested in what I was saying. While talking with him I asked if he would like to receive Christ and forgiveness of sins and he said: "Yes". We prayed and he received Christ. It seemed like a very strong decision. I called our headquarters in Springfield, Missouri and asked them for a contact I could make in India, to follow up on this decision. This is something I always do when I lead someone to Christ. They gave me a missionary to get in touch with and I wrote to them to contact him. Also, he is on Facebook and we keep in touch there. Wow! What a Savior!

And then there was the guy who I led to the Lord over the phone, who lived in New Mexico. Pastor Kenneth Schmidt, a pastor who lived in Grand Junction, Colorado told about a guy who called him and got the wrong number. The guy was quite irate and Ken began to talk to him and ended up leading him to the Lord and the guy started coming to his church and eventually became a board member at the church! I never forgot that story. I thought that was awesome. What happened to me with the guy who lived in New Mexico was that I was calling one of our friends there, a woman by the name of Silvia Martinas. Her and her husband, Patrick were people who I had led to the Lord in our last church and she had a separate phone from Patrick. Anyway, when I phoned her I was phoning the wrong number and didn't realize it. I called several times and left messages for her. A guy called me by the name of Michael Tobin and said that I had been calling the wrong number and just wanted me to know that. I thanked him and then began to talk to him about the Lord. I told him that it was not an accident that he had called me and why. After giving him some scripture and giving him some of my testimony, he was ready to receive Christ and prayed for salvation with me over the phone. Wow! What a Savior!

Chapter 5

Clifford Yeager

There was a guy in our church in Fortuna, California who was on my board by the name of Al Yeager. His father's name was Clifford Yeager and he was about 80 years old. The problem was that his father was not serving the Lord and was quite rebellious about the things of God. Al was very concerned about him because of his age and his attitude. He had prayed for him for years to surrender his heart to the Lord and seemed pretty discouraged about the fact that he wasn't serving the Lord. He just commented to me that his dad was a hard case and wanted me to pray for him. I said I would. He lived in McKinleyville which was about 30 miles away from Fortuna. I told Al that if he came down to see him to let me know and I would like to come over and talk to him. Al said: "Good luck". Several weeks went by and one day Al mentioned to me that his dad was at his house. I said: "I will be right over". When I got there Al introduced me to his father and said that he had to do something outside, which would take about 5 minutes. He left us both in the house by ourself. In 5 minutes or less Al came back into the house. His father was crying and had given his heart to the Lord. I had just finished praying with him and he had received Christ! He looked at his son while crying and said: "I just got saved". Al was ecstatic. How could this be? How could he get saved in such a short time? And yet it was true. The Holy Spirit can move in short order just as well as in a longer time. We must remember though, to give Him all of the

glory. “It is not by might or by power but by my Spirit says the Lord of Hosts”. (Zechariah 4:6) I can’t count all the people that I have led to the Lord in 5 minutes or less! Dozens! And did it stick? Did they serve God afterward? Many of them did. Sometime that’s all the time that I had with them. Isaiah 59:1 says: “Behold, the hand of the Lord is not shortened, that it cannot save...” God is mighty to the pulling down of strong holds! Wow! What a Savior!

Chapter 6

Patrick and Silvia Martinas

Patrick and Silvia was a young couple who came out to our church services one Sunday morning. I talked to them afterward and they both received Christ as their savior. The unusual thing about their conversion was the way they responded to salvation and the truth of the Gospel. They had been living together as man and wife for at least two years and were not married. They already had a little girl by the name of Natalia. When they discovered that it was wrong to be living together without being married they decided to not sleep together until they were married and so Patrick slept by himself on the couch in his front room. They told me they wanted to get married and within a week or so they bought a marriage license and I married them in my home. They were both thrilled with Jesus and their new life in Christ. I believe they wanted to start working for Christ with the children and realized that they could not do this in our church until they were married. They were so anxious to work for the Lord and do His work. Soon, Silvia started working with children in our church and Patrick began to witness to his friends and family too. After reading the book on "Miracles of Soul Winning" that I wrote, Patrick decided to start witnessing to a lot of his relatives and friends systematically and within a short time he had led over 40 people to the Lord, including his Father and mother and brothers. As he progressed in the Lord, I had him to speak in our church and eventually they did some fill in work for Pastors who needed for them to fill

their pulpit on a Sunday. Also, while they were with us on Sunday, Silvia took over the Children's Church and ministered to children. Silvia also led friends and family to the Lord. It's exciting to see young people so enthusiastic about serving the Lord like they have.

Patrick and his father John at Men's Retreat



Chapter 7

Rick and Trudy Ingrim

While pasturing a church in Alderpoint, California there was a couple who were pretty hard cases. They were living together as husband and wife but were not married. They also had a little girl born to them. They were mixed up with daily dope and alcohol. Rick also was a thief. I remember him telling me that one night that he planed a robbery at the local bar. He was able to unlock the back door so they could have access to the liquor and things stored in the back. He then started a fight at the bar as a distraction. Another guy was in on this with him and while the fight was going on his buddy was helping himself to a lot of liquor and goods which they later split. At any rate Rick was a thief. He got in a fight one day and he beat a guy up pretty bad. One day I saw him riding a horse in front of the church and I called to him to come over by the church. He ignored me at first but I was pretty insistent. He finally came over by the front of the church and I began to talk to him about Jesus. I told him that Jesus could forgive all of his sins and that He needed Jesus more than anything else in this world. You could see the Spirit start to move in his life as I witnessed to him. After talking with him for a while I asked him if he would like to receive Christ and forgiveness of sins. He said: "Yes I would". We began to pray together, as I helped him to pray. While still praying with him he suddenly grabbed his chest and began to holler and cry: "Oh! Oh! Oh....." He got louder and louder continuing to grab his chest and crying: "Oh! Oh! Oh.....!"

He acted like he was having a heart attack. I cried to him: “That’s Jesus!” “Its Jesus!” He finally quick crying and was gloriously transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit. He went home and led Trudy to the Lord. The following Sunday they both were in church with their little girl and they asked if I could marry them. Within a few days I performed the ceremony. Rick and Trudy’s testimony was far reaching and God used it to save many of his friends. A little later Rick came to me and told me he had to make some thing right with some people who he had offended. One was the store owner who he had robbed and broke up the place. He weighed this very carefully because admitting this might put him behind bars. After praying about this he decided to go to the man and tell him what he had done. The man was stunned at his confession and told him that he would forget the matter, especially after seeing such a dramatic change in Rick’s life and he let him off. Even though the gentleman let him off, Rick made arrangements to pay him back, which he did in full. Wow! What a savior!

Chapter 8

Edgar and Judy

While pastoring the church in Fortuna, there was a couple that started coming to church occasionally by the name of Edgar and Judy. Neither one of them was saved but they continued to come occasionally to church. Edgar was really into motorcycling and he had a new Yamaha 250 enduro motorcycle and I had recently bought a Yamaha 450 enduro motorcycle. He said to me that we ought to go riding one day and we arranged a date to go. We chose a beautiful route that was just south of Rio Dell called Monument Drive. It took us up to about 3000 feet or less and you had a beautiful view of the ocean and much of Humboldt Bay and a view of Fortuna as well. We were on the top of the mountain, a road that skipped across the very top of the mountain and on the south side it sloped down into another little valley and a river at the bottom of the hill. We decided to take that route and after crossing the bridge at the bottom of the hill we decided to stop and rest a while. I began to talk to him about receiving Christ and gave him a few scripture. He was very open to the Lord and when I asked him if he would like to receive Christ and ask God to forgive him of all of his sins he said: "Yes". We prayed together and the Lord saved him. When he got home he told Judy what he had done and she questioned him about how sincere he was about it. He said that he was sincere about it. She maintained her position to not make a decision regarding her relationship with Christ, at least not yet. Within a few weeks though, Judy did accept Christ

and you could see the joy of the Lord on both of them. God uses many things to win the Lost. This time he used a motorcycle ride. There were other things involved of course like the invitation to come to our church in the first place by a woman in our church by the name of Doris Osborn. If Doris had not invited them they would probably not be saved in the first place. So God uses many things to reach out to people. He is awesome!!!

Judy and Edgar



Chapter 9

Paris France

When we were in Paris France we went up in the Eifel Tower to get a good view of the city. We were also escorted around the city to see some of the sites. I remember at one point on the tour there was a shortage of bathrooms and I needed to use one. Finally I found an outhouse with about 10 men waiting in line to use it and I got in line. The Lord pointed out a man in the line about 3 ahead of me that I was supposed to witness to. I argued about it in my mind saying to myself that he probably didn't even know English and tried to dismiss it...like God is this the proper place? The Spirit continued to press me about it and so I got his attention. He did know English! I asked him if he would wait for me after I finished and that I wanted to talk to him. He said he would wait. When I came out he was waiting for me and I began to talk to him about Jesus. After giving him some scripture I asked him if he would like to receive Christ and he said he would. We bowed our head and I led him in the sinner's prayer. It's amazing. What a Savior!

Chapter 10

Highway Patrol

While pastoring a church in Chowchilla we lived in a house about 3 miles away from the town, out in the country. We were surrounded by cotton fields and one day I was left without any transportation. I just wanted to witness to somebody and so I prayed that God would send me someone to tell them about Jesus. Lo and behold, I see this California Highway Patrol coming down our dusty road that stretches for about a quarter of a mile and ends up at our house in the country. I stopped him and asked him if I could help him. He said no and that he was just checking things out. Before long I was talking about Jesus and how to receive Christ. He had not made that decision and I asked him if he would like to receive Christ and he said: "Yes". We prayed together and he opened his heart to the Lord right there. Isn't God good? He even brings them to you.

California Highway Patrol



Chapter 11

Blue Lakes Restaurant

I was with a group of ministers one day. The ministers were all ordained ministers. We got together once a year to go and visit some of the other ministers of our section and check up on them to see how they were doing and hopefully try to encourage them and have prayer for them. This took several days, as our Redwood section was spread out over several hundred miles. We would try to visit 3 or 4 churches and pastors each day. The district paid our expenses of meals and gas mileage. We were having lunch one day at the Blue Lakes Restaurant in Blue Lake. A waitress came over and welcomed us and took our order. When she left I looked at our ministers and said: "That woman is open to Salvation". Dee Neher and Jerry Heyne were the ministers that were with me. Dee said to me: "How do you know?" I told her: "I just know!" The Spirit had told me. The bible says in 1Corinthians 12:6-10: "And there are differences of operations, but it is the same God which works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit in everything. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; to another faith...gift of healing...working of miracles...prophecy...discerning of spirits... tongues... interpretation of tongues...dividing to every man severally as he will." I believe that God has given to me the word of knowledge and discerning of spirits to enable me in soul

winning. I immediately got up and went over to her as she was turning in her food order. I asked her if I could talk to her for a few minutes and she said yes. Within a few minutes she opened her heart to Jesus and had received Christ. She was open to the Spirit, just like the Spirit had shown me and was saved as I brought to her the Word of God. I give to Him all of the glory. Paul said in 1 Timothy 1:12: “And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry.” He is our enabler and the bible says that he has made all of us Priests. Revelation 1:6 says: “And has made us kings and priests unto God...”

Chapter 12

Adam Haro

When we moved to Turlock, California, we needed to get into a gym to have some regular workouts. There is a place in town by the name of Brenda's. It is a well known gym in the area. We went down and asked about joining the gym. They assigned us to a counselor by the name of Adam Haro. After signing us up I began to talk to Adam and asked him if he was a Christian. He said no but he had been thinking about it. I gave him some scriptures and went over them with him, especially St. John 1:12: "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the children of God..." I asked him if he would like to receive Christ and what that entailed. He said yes I would. I prayed with him and he received Christ. Praise the Lord! What is neat also was that his wanted to serve the Lord too and this helped them to make a more solid decision about serving the Lord. They are making arrangements now to be in church on a regular basis. To God be all the glory!

Dawson and Adam



Chapter 13

Martin Ramirez

In Turlock, where we live, there is a “Flea” market that they have every Tuesday. It covers 20 acres and they even charge to park near it. They have had it for years. You can get some pretty good deals there. You can buy just about any thing that you can think of there. I was looking for a “Dish” antenna for my motor home and there was actually a “Dish” truck parked there and a guy selling the “Dish” plan for prospective customers. His name was Martin Ramirez. I asked him if he had any portable dish systems for an R.V. and he said he did. I also needed a tripod to mount it on and he had one of those too. I made a deal with him and told him that if he would bring it over to my house afterwards that I would pay him. He brought it over afterwards and I paid him and began to talk to him about receiving Jesus and forgiveness of sins. Then I asked him if he would like to receive Christ and he said “Yes”. I prayed with him and he did ask Jesus into his heart and asked God to forgive him of all of his sins. He was saved on the spot. Praise the Lord!

Martin and Dawson



Chapter 14

Amelio Sanchez and Others

While pastoring a church in Fortuna, God began to deal with me about the Spanish people. He told me that He was calling the Spanish people. I believe this with all of my heart. I'm sure He is calling everyone, but I felt that God gave me a special sense of this in my Spirit. Since then, I have led dozens of Spanish people to Jesus, as you can see in this book but God has literally given me hundreds of other people too.

I was in the Safeway store doing some grocery shopping one day and an unusual thing happened to me. I was walking down an aisle and kind of in a hurry, when I went around a family shopping. As I went past them, the Spirit of God like grabbed my shirt and literally pulled me about face! I've never had that happen to me before. I could literally feel this. When I looked at the gentleman I introduced myself and noticed that they were Spanish. His name was Amelio Sanchez. He had his wife with him and 2 or 3 children. I began to talk to them about Jesus and receiving Christ and then asked them if they would like to receive Jesus and they said yes. We bowed our heads and they all received Jesus right there in the aisle. I rejoiced with them and got their names and address and phone number. They lived in Fortuna. I then told them that I was going to have a Spanish Pastor call them by the name of Benito Alejandre, to contact them, since he was a Spanish pastor who I had a lot of confidence in. I had done this with Benito several times and some of those people that I

led to the Lord started going to Benito's church. I felt that he could have a bigger impact on them than myself and so referred them to him.

One day I was going to go to some garage sales and I stopped at a corner that "garage sellers" used to stick their sign's up on Newburg and Fortuna Blvd. and I met a guy by the name of Magill Cortez. I talked to him about Jesus and he received Christ right at that pole. I then called Benito and he followed up on him. The last time I heard he was going to Benito's church. Praise the Lord!!! You never know what to expect when the Lord is leading you. Follow His Spirit and you will have a fruitful soul winning ministry! Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost and in Acts 1:8 it says: "But you shall receive power, after the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and you shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem and Judea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the world."

Chapter 15

Richard and Marie Thompson

When I was pasturing in Fortuna, I would go occasionally to the “Burger King” or “McDonalds” for some coffee and just hang out. I found something very profound: What I discovered that was profound was that you couldn’t win anyone to Jesus unless you were around people! You can’t win anyone to Jesus if there not there! So I would just go down and hang out and listen to the Spirit. If He said something, I was there to listen. When in Burger King one day, I passed by a man who was sitting at a table alone, eating a hamburger. The Spirit spoke to me to go to him and ask if he was OK. He said that that was the last thing he would eat before killing himself. I said: “May I sit down with you?” He said: “Yes”. I began to talk to him and ask what the problem was. It was a marriage that went bad, and some other domestic problems, and some physical issues. He had cancer in its last stages. His name was Richard Thompson. I began to talk to him about Jesus and as I did, you could see some hope come back into his situation. I talked to him about receiving Christ and it wasn’t long before I asked him if he would like to receive Jesus into his heart. He said he would. We prayed together and rejoiced with his decision. He started coming to church and he had a miraculous healing. God healed his cancer completely. The doctors couldn’t even find a trace of it. God also put his marriage back together and I was able to lead his wife, Marie, to the Lord too. God straitened his problems out. He began to tithe and serve

God. It was awesome! After he was saved for a while, he felt that they needed to move back to Oregon, which he did, as there were some things that he needed to take care of there. The last I heard was that he was serving the Lord and doing great. God is an awesome God. People's life's are so messed up. They need to start serving God and God will start fixing their situation. All praise to our God. He is good!

Chapter 16

Four Teenage Boys

I was holding some special meetings in Northern California at Smith River. I took my motor home and on the back I had strapped on my bicycle. I love to ride a bike and so I try to get my exercise with it on a regular basis. One day I took a long bike ride, about 10 miles, out in the country. It was beautiful looking at the pastures and mountains and scenery. Also watching the cows. On my way back, as I got into town, I saw a bunch of boys walking down the road with their fishing poles and holding a string of fish. That caught my attention because I never saw a river close by that you could fish from and these boys were coming from an area that didn't have any place to apparently fish at. I stopped and began to talk to them and asked them where they got the fish. They began to describe where they had been and I thanked them for the information. Nice string of fish, I said. I then asked them if they had ever received Jesus into their heart and they said no. I gave them some scripture and told them how important it was to ask Jesus into their heart and ask Him to forgive them of their sins. Then I asked them if they wanted to receive Jesus. They looked at each other and one said yes. I looked at the others one at a time and I said: "How about you?" Each one shook his head affirmatively and I said I will help you to pray. Pray after me out loud. They said OK. We prayed. I said: "Do you understand what you've just done? You have taken Jesus into your heart. Each one said that he understood. I then invited them to church. It

was great. I then got their names and told the Pastor about it. God is good! I have found that young people are receptive to the Gospel. You do have to be careful because they are minors and you are an adult. I was out in the open though and I felt it was pretty safe to talk to them publicly. Anyway, teenagers and children are pretty open to the Gospel. Normally if the parent is around I ask them if it's OK to talk to them. You have to use wisdom with each situation.

Chapter 17

Two Bus Drivers

I started a church in Susanville, California and called it the Susanville Evangelistic Center. God gave us quite a few souls there. It was an independent church and was nondenominational. I later merged it with the Assembly of God church in Susanville. While pastoring there I had to get some extra work to live as the church was young. We had about 15-20 people. I got a job driving the school bus for the grammar school and high school. I actually led a number of people to the Lord on the bus, kids as well as their parents. When it was found out that I was witnessing at a public school, I was confronted about it over the radio system that buses used to communicate with other drivers as well as the principles of all the school districts in Lassen County, which would include dozens of people. One guy who wanted to put me on the spot was named John he was a bus driver too. One morning he called me and said: "Hey Dawson. I understand that you led some kid to the Lord on the bus and his parents as well." I didn't admit to it but just replied with: "Is that so?" Nothing more was said but the whole county knew it, as many were listening. God protected me. Well, I had been praying for several of the drivers and kids. I drove the big Thomas buses that held about 80 kids. Pick up a bunch of kids after they have been cooped up all day in school and go down the road at 55 Miles per hour. On top of that don't have any adult supervision either and no seat belts for the kids. Then let one set off a firecracker while your going down the

highway! That happened to me! LOL. Any way it was something else. I had been praying for two bus drivers that were also the bus mechanics. One day I saw them struggling with a bus that they were under and having a terrible time trying to fix it. It had to do with the transmission. Both were under the bus squirming and grunting, trying to make this part fit. The Spirit of God said: "Now" is the time to ask them if they will pray for salvation. I got down on my knees under the bus and crawled to them. They said: "What are you doing?" I said do you want to be saved or not? They looked at me like I was crazy, and then said: "Here and now?" I said yes. They said: "Well, OK." I said I would help them to pray and to repeat after me, as we are praying to God. They said: "OK" and began to pray after me. Both men were wonderfully saved! Why then and why there? I don't know. All I know is that it was God's timing and it worked. If I had done it some other time, they may have not responded...I don't know. All I know is that God's Spirit is in charge and we need to be led of the Spirit. All praise to the Lord! He is awesome!

Chapter 18

The Hemingway Family Vacuum Store

We live in a Motor Home for half of the year, while doing revival meetings and special Evangelistic efforts. Also we have it parked at one of our sons house and get to visit our kids and grandchildren on the East Coast for half of the year then we go back to California for the other half of the year and see our other children and grandchildren on the West Coast and do special meetings as well. We needed a small vacuum that would not take up a lot of room and so we found a little hand held Hoover vacuum which worked out great. One of the belts broke while we were at my sons home in Gill, Massachusetts and it needed to be replaced. As I look back on this, I can see that the whole thing was a setup by God. My vacuum belt seemed to break for no reason. If you look at it, the broken one, it looks new! That is except it is broken in the middle?? When I went down to the shop, I forgot my broken belt and I guessed at it. At that point, there was just Chris there. He was Kellie's husband. I brought the belt home and put it on our little Hoover but the belt was too big. It ran but didn't fit right. It needed to be skinnier. But I didn't get around to going back for another belt for about a week. When I did, Kelley and Chris were there and Samuel. When I got there I had the broken belt and returned the other belt that didn't fit right. They couldn't seem to find the right belt and finally all three were going through the belt bag as kind of a united effort to find the right one. After finding the one that would seem to fit, they were all together and I asked if

they were Christians. Kelley kind of stuttered and finally said no, that she hadn't reached that point yet and I asked if she would like to pray and she said yes. Chris her husband was encouraging this very much and said: "We have needed to do this for a long time." I said that I felt that this was ordered by God and he affirmed that. I said to Kelley, come here and give me your hand and I will pray with you. She did. I went through a prayer, asking her to repeat it out loud and began to pray. Chris joined our hands with his hand and they both began to pray after me, asking for forgiveness and receiving Christ. After we got done Chris looked at Samuel and said: "Come over here. You need to pray this prayer too." Samuel came over and joined our hands too and I went through the prayer a second time. They both received Christ. Then I told them about church and they all three said they would be there Sunday morning. Yea God!! I they asked them if it was OK to take their picture and put it in my new book. They said yes and Chris took our picture. This all happened this morning. Here is a picture of them. It was all orchestrated by God so I could lead them to the Lord together! Hallelujah!!

Samual, Dawson, and Kellie

