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Set Apart for God's Purpose

***"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born, I set you apart..."***

Jeremiah 1:5

by Rita Langeland

Jesca was nine years old and living at Treasures of Africa Children's Home in Moshi, Tanzania, when she had a vivid dream. In the dream, she saw herself outside on the grass, sitting in a circle with other children from the orphanage. Suddenly an angel appeared in the sky, picked her up and flew her away from the circle, disappearing out of sight. The dream ended abruptly.

When she awoke, she remembered the dream clearly but had no idea what it meant. She told some of the other children she lived with, but they laughed, and some accused her of trying to be a bigshot. Then she shared the dream with one of the orphanage staff, and she was told to hold that dream in her heart.

It was only a few years later, at the age of 12, that Jesca found herself on an international flight headed away from Tanzania, jetting through the skies toward America. Then she remembered her unusual dream.



Early one morning, a farmer found a young child in his field, cold and hungry. The man asked her if she knew her name. She could only tell him her first name, Ester. She was three years old. The man contacted the authorities, and the police came and took her to the Social Welfare office in Moshi, Tanzania.

I first saw Ester at an orphanage in Moshi, when I went to meet with a Social Worker to discuss the medical needs of another child we were planning to help. As we waited on a bench outside the orphanage office, little Ester walked over to me and sat on my lap. The Social Worker smiled. "That little girl just came here a few days ago," he said. "We were going to send her to you (Treasures of Africa Children's Home) but it was an emergency, and you guys take too long to decide before accepting a child!" he chided with a smile. (We always prayed about each child before agreeing to take a child in.)

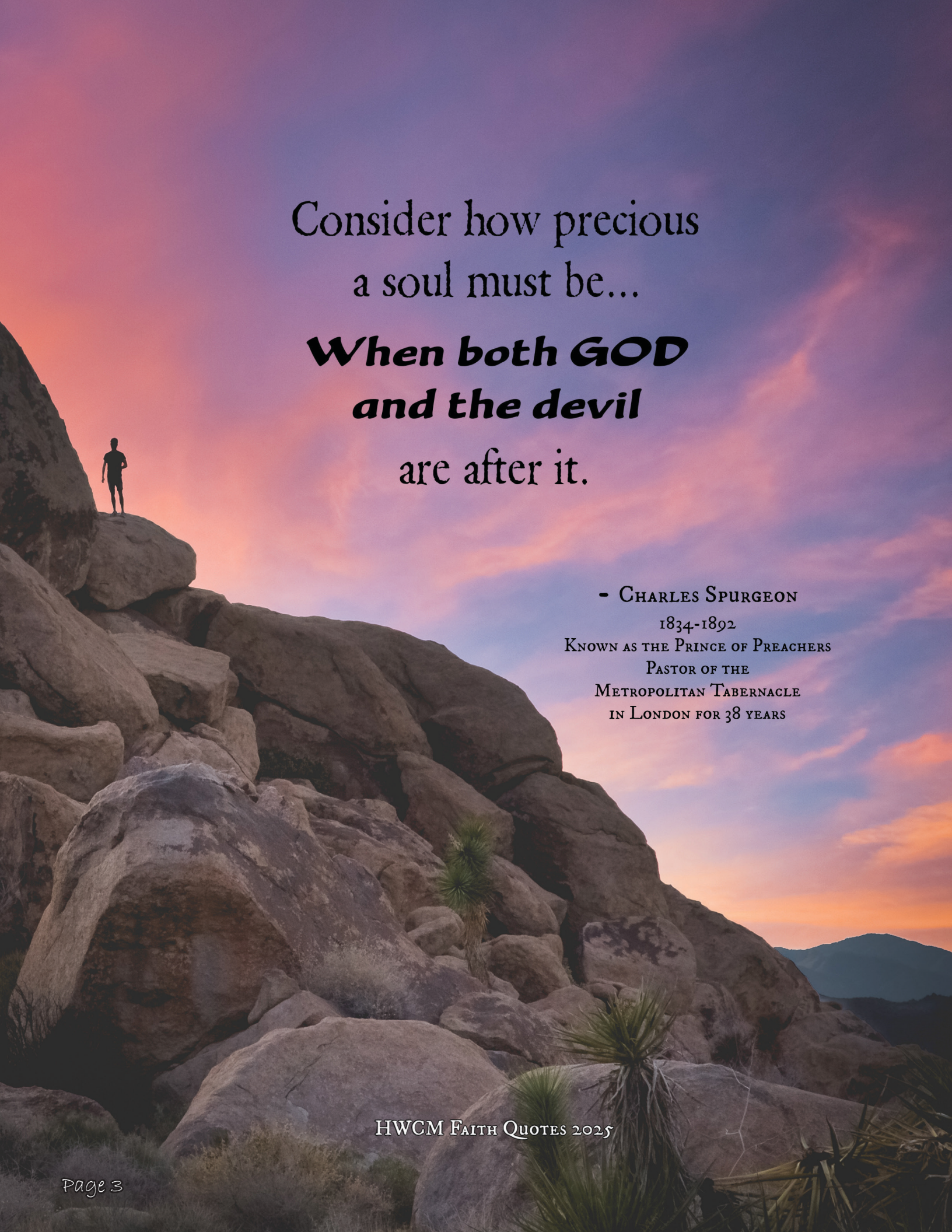
Less than 30 minutes later, after finishing the meeting we had come for, I was walking toward the car when I heard the voice of the Lord speak very strongly to me. "You need to fight to get that little girl to Treasures of Africa. If you do not, the trajectory of her life will not be what I want it to be." I was stunned. Never before had the Lord spoken so strongly (almost sternly) to me about any of the children we had taken into Treasures of Africa. But I sensed the seriousness of this command, and I immediately went to work on that assignment. It took some weeks, but eventually, Ester was transferred by the Social Welfare office to Treasures of Africa Children's Home. That was more than nine years ago.

Today, Ester is 12 years old, attending Liberty Christian Academy in Lynchburg, Virginia and in the sixth grade. She is an excellent student and a member of the Middle School cross country team. She is on a trajectory I could never have imagined for her nine years ago.



Jesca and Ester

Both of these girls, clearly have the hand of the God upon their lives – set apart for a purpose that is yet to be revealed. Jesca is now 16 and a sophomore in high school at the same school with Ester, Liberty Christian Academy, and she is also an excellent student. None of this would have been possible without the support of the donors to this ministry. God uses the generosity of His people to accomplish His purpose in the lives of these precious "Treasures of Africa." Thank you for being part of an ongoing miracle in their lives!

A person is silhouetted against a vibrant sunset sky, standing on a large, craggy rock formation. The sky transitions from a deep purple at the top to a bright orange near the horizon. The foreground is filled with more large, weathered rocks and some green yucca-like plants.

Consider how precious
a soul must be...

***When both GOD
and the devil
are after it.***

- CHARLES SPURGEON

1834-1892

KNOWN AS THE PRINCE OF PREACHERS

PASTOR OF THE

METROPOLITAN TABERNACLE

IN LONDON FOR 38 YEARS

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Help Us Inspire Others

Watch and Share
Our Missions Video

by
David Langeland
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Hidden with Christ Ministries

Sometimes, it takes just one small, courageous step to set into motion a wave of transformation that reaches farther than we ever imagined.

Today, we invite you to take part in something truly meaningful by watching and sharing our missions video - a testament to the lives being transformed through your generosity.

This video is more than just a story; it's a window into the heart of our mission. You'll witness firsthand how lives are being changed in Tanzania through the work of Hidden with Christ Ministries and bringing hope where it is so desperately needed.

By sharing this video with friends, family, and your wider circles, you can multiply the impact of our work. Every share is an invitation — a chance to inspire others to join this vital cause. Together, we can create a ripple effect of generosity and begin reaching far beyond our small circle of HWCM supporters.

We encourage you:

- ▶ Take a few moments to **watch our missions video "BEYOND BORDERS"** (it is 4 minutes in length)
- ▶ Then take a courageous step - **share the video** on social media, through email, or in conversation to help us reach new hearts who haven't heard about our work

Let's inspire others together and help change more lives in East Africa!



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"Beyond Borders"

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When
"BACK TO SCHOOL"
 is a
Miracle



Awadhi - born with profound deafness - no known family - in Vocational School to become a Baker.

In the United States, "Back to School" season evokes a range of emotions from relief to excitement. Many parents welcome the structure it provides for their kids, and most students are eager to see friends again after the summer break.

But for some students in Tanzania, being enabled to go "Back to School" is nothing short of a miracle in their lives.

The students you see on these pages headed back to school in Tanzania last month. All the boys pictured here – have absolutely no



Maria - in her final year of Secondary School - came to TOA as a newborn after her mother died in childbirth along with Maria's twin.

family to care for them or help them continue their education. All of them have faced loss – either through death or abandonment. All were brought to live at Treasures of Africa Children's Home at a young age and are now living with Christian foster families.

Only Maria, has living relatives, but she also came to live at Treasures of Africa as a newborn baby, just hours after her mother died in childbirth. Her father, though alive, is severely disabled and was unable to care for her as an infant. He has never been able to provide for her. Maria stays with an adult sister during her breaks from boarding school.



Jeremiah - abandoned - no known family - learning disabilities - in Vocational School to become a Baker.

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Brian - 2nd year of Secondary School - lost his parents at a young age - no known family.

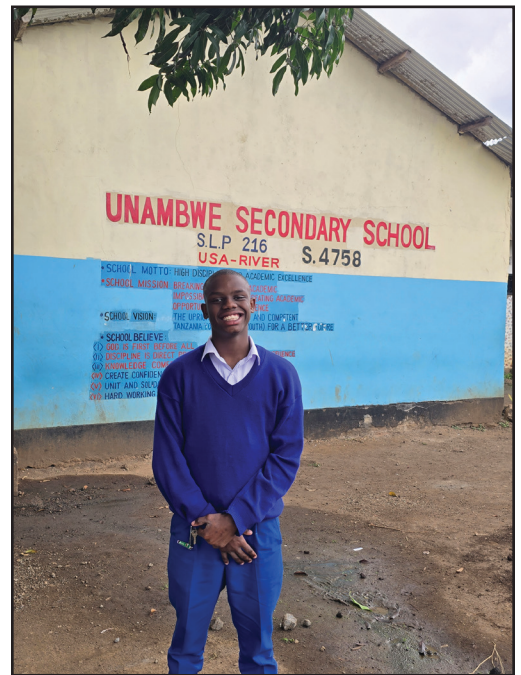
Generous donors to the Treasures of Africa KIDZ Education Fund are the reason these students are receiving the miracle of education in Tanzania. Where would they be today without the financial help which enables them to attend school? Statistics indicate that orphaned and abandoned children (without intervention) are at significant risk of ending up in dangerous and potentially life-threatening situations just trying to survive. This includes such things as forced prostitution, criminal activity, drug use and suicide. Additionally, they have little hope of ever completing Primary School.

We are so thankful for all who have helped – and continue to help – these “treasures” to have a genuine hope for their future. You are a part of their story – taking them by the hand - from tragedy to triumph!

Please encourage others to give generously to the Treasures of Africa KIDZ Education Fund and CHANGE A CHILD’S LIFE FOREVER!



Michael - 1st year of Secondary School - lost parents at a young age. No other relatives able to care for him.



Samuel - 1st year of Secondary School - abandoned at age 3 - no known family.



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Lucy: Defying the Statistics in Tanzania

Tanzania is a beautiful country, filled with exotic African wildlife. The many Wildlife Parks which protect these national treasures, draw several million international tourists each year. As a result, tourism is one of the top employment sectors in Tanzania. The well-respected College of African Wildlife Management is located in Mweka, Tanzania, on the slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro. Students come from surrounding East African countries to study at this well-known college to prepare themselves for employment in the exciting field of Wildlife Tourism.

In November 2024, we had our first graduate of this prestigious college from among our Treasures of Africa KIDZ Project students. Emmanuel, a young man who spent six years as a resident of Treasures of Africa Children's Home, was our first to graduate from Mweka. Now, we have another student, Lucy, who is currently studying at Mweka and has just completed her first year of college. As a young woman, she is defying the statistics of the Wildlife Tourism field, which has been primarily dominated by men. Lucy is also a former resident of Treasures of Africa Children's Home, having lived there from the age of 5 years to 18.

We asked her to share something with our readers about her time in college. In response, she wrote this short story about one of her first experiences in the "field" with fellow students, as they researched animals and plants in the National Parks.

MY ADVENTURE

By Lucy Tuombe Lupindu

As students of MWEKA COLLEGE OF AFRICAN WILDLIFE, we embarked on a thrilling journey to explore the majestic Mkomazi National Park and the scenic Arusha National Park. Our group was filled with excitement and anticipation as we set out to spot the incredible animals that inhabit these parks.

The Unexpected Encounter

As we ventured deeper into Mkomazi National Park, our joy turned to pure adrenaline when we encountered a massive bull elephant. It began charging towards us, trumpeting loudly! We quickly sprang into action, following the safety protocols we'd learned. The elephant's thunderous footsteps grew closer, and our hearts raced as we navigated the vehicle to create a safe distance.

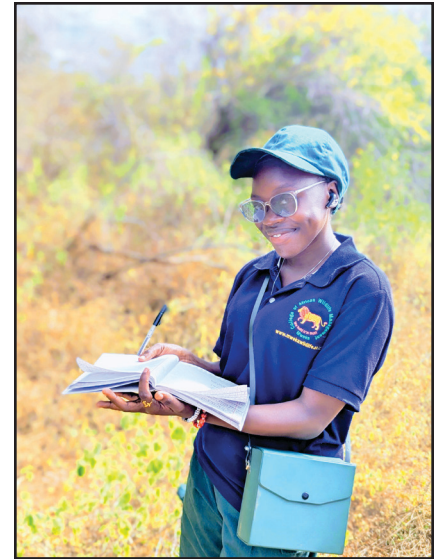
Lost in the Woods

After that close encounter, we continued our journey in Arusha National Park. However, our GPS device suddenly ran out of battery, leaving us lost in the dense forest with no clear direction to follow. The sun began to set, casting long shadows across the forest floor, and we realized we were on our own. Panic started to set in as the darkness gathered, and a heavy downpour drenched us. The rain pounded against us, so that we could see nothing ahead of us, due to the reduced visibility.

A Night to Remember

As we navigated through the storm, our fear turned to determination. We worked together, using our knowledge and skills to find our way back to safety. Finally, after what seemed like an eternity, we spotted a glimmer of light in the distance – our campsite. Exhausted but exhilarated, we stumbled out of the vehicle, grateful to have made it through the adventure.

Despite the challenges, our wildlife adventure was an unforgettable experience. We learned valuable lessons about teamwork, quick thinking, and the importance of being prepared. As we shared stories around the campfire, we couldn't help but laugh at the absurdity of it all – the elephant chase, the GPS failure, and the torrential rain. It was a night we'd never forget, a testament to our resilience and camaraderie.



Editor's Note:

Lucy's story of studying at Mweka College of African Wildlife Management is a perfect example of a child in Tanzania completely defying the national statistics on education. The average education level in Tanzania is 7th grade, which represents completion of Primary School. Because school in Tanzania is not "free" as it is in the United States, many children (especially those in rural communities) do not have the opportunity to receive even a basic education because of the family's financial lack. Additionally, in order to attend Secondary School (high school), a child must be fluent in English. Primary schools are taught in Kiswahili, and this presents an immediate barrier for Primary School students to advance to Secondary. Essentially, only those students who have attended private Primary Schools where they are taught in English, have the chance to continue studying at the Secondary School level and beyond.

The donors to Hidden with Christ Ministries' TREASURES OF AFRICA KIDZ EDUCATION FUND give an indescribable gift to impoverished and orphaned Tanzanian children. TOA KIDZ are sponsored to attend private schools where they learn English and are prepared for advanced education. Lucy has received this life-changing gift of education through our generous donors since she was five years old.

Please consider becoming a donor to our TOA KIDZ Education Fund – it will change the trajectory of a Tanzanian child's life – like Lucy's – forever! You can donate online at our website, through VENMO or by scanning the QR code below.



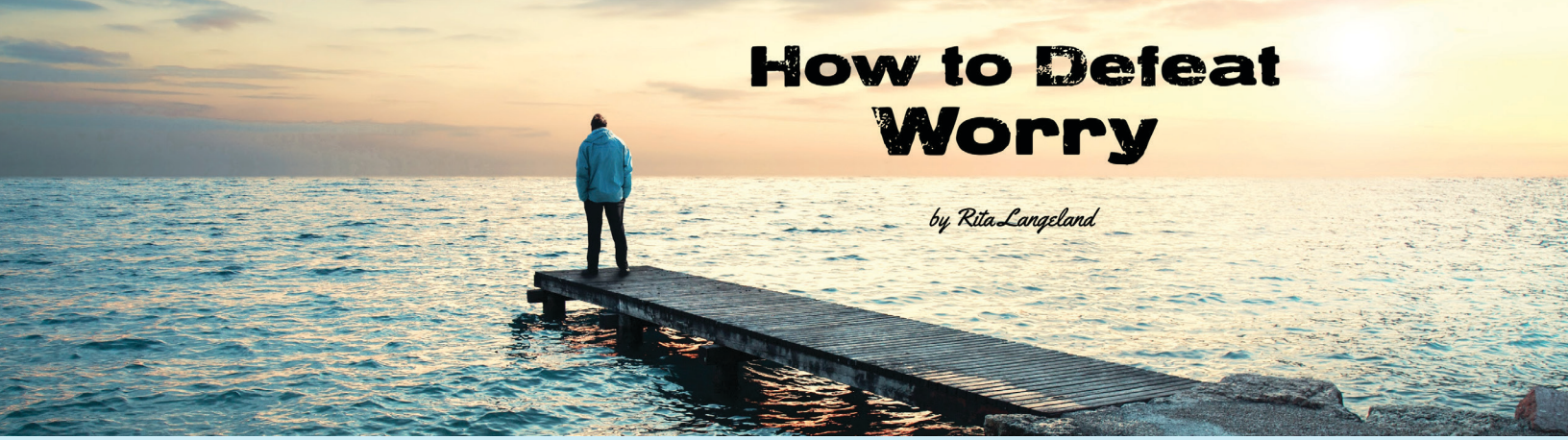
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How to Defeat Worry

by Rita Langeland



We live in an era in which we are inundated with information on a minute-by-minute basis. Never in the history of the earth has there been such instant access to news of events occurring all over the globe. Often this “news” is negative and intentionally framed by reporters in a shocking manner to grab the attention of more viewers or readers. Repeated exposure to such media content can lead to anxiety, as it often incites fear about the future. So, is it possible to live in these times without being assailed by constant worry?

Before answering that question, let’s examine some Biblical injunctions regarding this issue of worry:

1. Jesus told His disciples, **“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life...”** (Matthew 6:26 NIV)
2. The Apostle Paul wrote, **“Do not be anxious or worried about anything...”** (Philippians 4:6 Amplified Bible)
3. The Apostle Peter wrote: **“Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.”** (1 Peter 5:7 NLT)

These scriptures clearly demonstrate it is NOT God’s will for His children to live a life dominated by worry and anxiety. In fact, Jesus forbid His disciples to worry about their lives. But for many people, that command seems impossible to obey due to the ever-increasing pressures of modern life.

Corrie Ten Boom, the Dutch watchmaker who saved the lives of many Jews being hunted by the Nazis during WWII, made an insightful observation about worry. She said, **“Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow; it empties today of its strength.”** I would add that persistent worry can also incapacitate people, preventing them from taking steps to resolve the very situation they are so concerned about.

The truth is that **WORRY IS AN ENEMY** bent on destroying you! It is not helpful or “a necessary part of life” as some might contend, instead it is draining and paralyzing. It will not “help you” get things done, it will prevent you from making needed progress in your life. But practically speaking, how do you live in a pressure-filled world without allowing worry to dominate you like a wicked slave master?

The good news is that God’s Word (the Bible) not only commands us to avoid worry – it also provides biblical keys that will enable us to do so. Consider these two keys to defeat worry:

1) OFFLOAD THE BACKPACK

During the first month of our marriage, my husband, Dave, a great outdoorsman, decided to share one of his favorite activities with me – backpacking. Though my family had gone on many camping vacations throughout my childhood, we had never carried all that we needed for the experience on our backs while hiking for miles. Initially enthusiastic about this new adventure, I discovered after a few hours and several miles, that snappy looking backpack had grown oppressively heavy. To this day, I can remember the incredible relief I experienced when we finally stopped, and Dave helped me offload that backpack by a beautiful stream of gently flowing water. Carrying a load of worry is like hiking with that heavy backpack. It goes with you everywhere until you have someone help you “offload” the burden. We find crystal clear instructions on what to do with worries, cares and anxieties in Psalm 37.

Commit your way to the Lord [roll and repose each care of your load on Him]; trust (lean on, rely on, and be confident) also in Him and He will bring it to pass.

(Psalm 37:5 Amplified Classic Bible)

After discovering this verse many years ago – I have used it successfully to deal with worries that have assailed my mind. Whether your worries are financial, family, relationship related, health issues, legal troubles, school, job or career concerns or the future in general, this scripture instructs us to “roll...each care of your load on Him...” I made it a practice to see myself taking every care and worry and stuffing it into a backpack which I then marched into the presence of God. There I saw Jesus compassionately removing the backpack off my shoulders and I left it there with Him. I would pray, “Lord, You said to roll each care of my load on You...and I am doing so now by faith. And with your help, I am leaving it here and I will not pick it up again. I trust that You will bring to pass whatever is needed to deal with these concerns according to Your promise in Psalm 37:5.”

2) REPLACE YOUR SCREEN SAVER

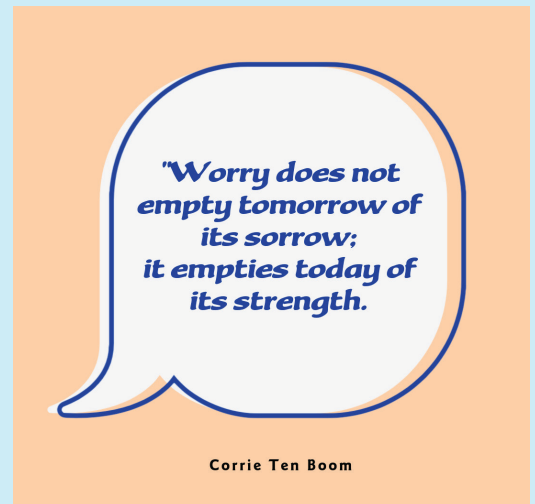
When you open your computer do you find an image you did not intentionally place there? Screen savers are often images preprogrammed by the operating system and unless you open the settings on your computer and intentionally change it, that image will keep showing up on your screen when the computer is idle. You may not like being greeted each morning by a photo of a pack of wild hyenas or geometric figures dancing across the screen, yet they will keep appearing until you do something to change it.

Many people are confronted by an image of the “worst case scenario” assaulting the screen of their imagination every morning. The thing they greatly fear or worry about is continuously “popping up” in their mind’s eye as soon as they awaken. If you are going to have victory over worry you must change the “screen saver” in your mind. This scripture instructs us in what to do:

Casting down the imaginations, and every high thing that is exalted against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ...

(2 Corinthians 10:5 GNV)

Do not believe the lie that you cannot do anything about the thoughts that “pop into your mind.” You can choose to do exactly what this scripture instructs and thereby get victory over the assault on your mind. It is a battle – but you can win it. When a fearful, worrisome or anxious thought comes to your mind trying to paint a picture of inevitable disaster, take authority over it in the name of Jesus. Speak to it – “According to 2 Corinthians 10:5, I cast down this fear-filled imagination in the name of Jesus and I refuse entrance to every thought that stands against the knowledge of God, and I bring into captivity every thought in my mind to the obedience of Christ. As promised in Isaiah 26:3, I will see myself walking in perfect peace because I trust You and I fix my thoughts upon You, Lord!”



You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!

(Isaiah 26:3 NLT)

You will have to repeat this process again and again because your adversary, the devil, is relentless in his attempts to defeat believers through this sin of worry. But you will win the battle if you diligently utilize these two scriptural keys. I can testify to the effectiveness of these Biblical methods in my own life and ministry. As one of my own heroes in the faith used to say, “I have passed up some tremendous opportunities to worry!” Dealing with the financial needs of the ministry for almost 25 years, I would have quit a long time ago if I had not learned to “cast all my cares upon the Lord.”

Casting the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully.

(1 Peter 5:7 Amplified Classic Bible)



As for God,

His way is perfect:

**The Lord's word
is flawless...**

*He shields all who
take refuge in Him.*

**Psalm 18:30
NIV**