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“Taking a Stand for Liberty” Conference

The recent “Taking a Stand for Liberty” conference, hosted by CFAR and held at historic Gunston Hall on September 29-30, was a huge success. Conference speakers Peter Marshall, David Vaughan, Stephen McDowell, Doug Anderson, and Dan Noel provided a unique educational experience currently denied in our public schools. Peter Marshall opened the conference on Friday night saying he was there to give us a “charge from God” and he did. We learned the true meaning of liberty as understood by our forefathers. We also learned that America needs a rebirth of the Declaration of Independence – a government founded on a national statement of faith. Attendees were reminded that our national creed says who we are and who we intend to be, and that America is the only nation founded on that idea. Our forefathers restored the Sovereign, establishing God-given rights, such as “All men are created equal,” and set forth the purpose of government as being to secure those God-given rights, not bestow them.



David Vaughan, Peter Marshall, Doug Anderson, Dan Noel, Stephen McDowell

Three Components of CFAR

The Center for America Reclaimed (CFAR) was founded to help fulfill the three main priorities for restoring our nation. First, is the need for intercessory prayer on behalf of our nation; second, is the need to educate Americans about our nation's Christian heritage and the foundational principles our forefathers established; and third, is the need to help those with a God-given call to restore America, to walk in that calling. This newsletter seeks to serve those at work within this third component.

Eight Steps to Walking into your God-given Destiny

By Dan Noel

God has a divine call upon every person. For you to pick up this newsletter or read it on-line, may very well mean that the call of God upon your life includes being a part of God's great plan to take America back to her Christian roots and see America fulfill her God-given destiny. Doing so is a process that involves following eight essential steps. First, the Word of God must be seen as paramount in our life. Second, we must meditate upon the Word of God to produce right thinking. Third, as our thinking is regenerated, it produces right emotions. Fourth, as our emotions are regenerated, it leads to right decisions. Fifth, right decisions produce right actions. Sixth, right actions develop into right habits. Seventh, our right habits develop Godly character. Finally, our Godly character determines our destiny.

It all starts with the Word of God. In John 1:1 we see that *"In the beginning was the Word...."* If God starts with the Word, then we must start with the Word. We must individually spend time in the Word to get the Word from God. In I

Peter 1:23 we see, *"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."* Our born again experience came from the Word of God, as we were born of the incorruptible seed of God. His seed is inside us producing incorruptible fruit after His own seed within us.

To succeed in God's plan for our lives, the Word must be given first place in our life. As we see in Joshua 1:8, *"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe and do all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."* Once again, we see that the Word must have preeminence in our lives.

I also want to draw your attention to another vital point. Do you think that just by meditating on the Word of God day and night, that God will make you successful? Many think that, but look carefully at the verse in Joshua 1:8. It says, *"then thou shalt make thy way prosperous...."* It is still up to us to be prosperous and to fulfill our God-given destiny. Unfortunately, the world is filled with Christians that meditate on the Word, yet do nothing with it. They

remind me of the old expression, “They are so heavenly bound they are of no earthly good.” That is why we cannot afford to stop there. We must meditate on the Word and then be wise and take the Word of God that has been given to us and do what it directs. As the Word says in Luke 4:18-19, *“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, and recovering of sight to the blind, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.”*

The Word calls people to action. You may ask, what does this have to do with the Center for America Reclaimed (CFAR)? Everything. CFAR is about taking the steps necessary to restore America for Christ so she fulfills her God-given destiny to be a lighthouse of the Gospel to the world. A Christian nation is one where it is easier for people to preach the gospel, easier to heal the broken-hearted, and easier for the recovery of the sight of the blind. Imagine, if you will, public schools where teachers are allowed to voluntarily pray for students when asked, and where students are free to pray for one another and their teachers. I recall a time when my son, while in the 5th grade, prayed for his teacher and told her it was God’s will to heal her. Mightily surprised she was, and healed she became. She told us so. Out of the mouths of babes. Oh, what America can be. Oh, what she will be!

We are to sow the Word continually. The Word acts as seed that determines what increases. Some people tithe for years without increase and that can be for different reasons, but one of the main reasons is they do not sow the Word. We have to read the written Word of

God (logos) and receive the Word of God for ourselves (rhema) that is illuminated and revealed to us. The revealed Word is power. Once you have the revealed Word of God for your life in an area, it produces results like a tsunami. God simply overwhelms anything that would stand in the way of the Word performing with total power. Facts change in moments to line up with the truth of the Word that never changes. The Word is truth and is the highest form of reality. Whatever you do, be sure you have the revealed Word of God to back it up. Meditating in the Word to get the revealed Word of God for yourself will change the way you think.

Your thoughts line up with what God says and thinks. WOW! There’s a thought. I recall when I first became a member of a “full-gospel” church, the wise pastor kept praying for himself and the congregation to perceive things the way God perceives them. Can you imagine seeing things the way God sees them? Can you imagine seeing your challenges the way God sees them, seeing the solution to your problems the way God sees it, or seeing a healing coming the way God sees it? Can you imagine prospering the way God sees prosperity? Face it, we serve a God who thinks gold is asphalt. Some people may need \$50,000 to fulfill their God-given ministry, whereas some may need \$5,000,000,000 to fulfill their ministry. Is that too much for God? I think not. However, we must line up with the Word. III John 2 tells us, *“...I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.”*

Now you need to know that man is made up of three components and each section has three elements. The three main parts

of man are the soul, body, and spirit. Your soul is comprised of your mind, will, and emotions; and this teaches that you will prosper to the degree that your soul (thinking) prospers, and that requires lining up with the Word. The soul is normally self-focused, however we must line it up with the Word. Another part of man is the body comprised of your blood, five senses, and bone structure. The body is normally world-focused and, if not yielded to Christ, is a major seedbed of trouble. Finally, and actually the most important part of man is his spirit – the inner man; comprising the communion or the worship of God, intuition or the knowing of God, and conscience or knowing right and wrong. The spirit is God-focused. The body reaches out to the world, the soul reaches inward, and the spirit reaches outward toward God.

For now, let us concentrate on the soul and realize III John 2 tells us we will prosper and be in health to the degree to which it prospers, that is to line up with the Word of God. As the Word says in Proverbs 23:7, “*for as he thinketh in his heart, so is he....*” Our heart is where decisions are made. So, how is our thinking today? Another good question is who is influencing our thinking? Is it the Word of God, or is it the world and/or ungodly people? Sometimes we may have to get away from people that would drag us down. In Genesis 12:1, God told Abraham, “*Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father’s house, unto a land that I will show thee:*” Now, I am not advocating that you get up and move. Nevertheless, you need to have wisdom to seek and hear the Word for yourself. Please see your Pastor before moving. You have to know its God and not the flesh. Too many Christians do foolish things

without having heard from God. However, you do have to protect yourself from negative and ungodly people. For example, when someone is coming out of a drug or alcohol addiction, they must sever those relationships associated with it, and stop visiting the old “hangouts.”

You must ask yourself, who is influencing your thinking? Many times your own tongue leads to your downfall. Proverbs 6:2 tells us, “*thou are snared with the words of thy mouth, thou are taken with the words of thy mouth.*” You may not be walking in your destiny because of that little red thing in your mouth that is flapping and controlling the way you think! Control your tongue to line up with the Word of God. When I hear myself saying something negative, I literally say, “I rebuke those words in the name of Jesus. Forgive me Father, those words shall not come to pass.” Then I profess a Godly word and thank God.

When we speak of operating in the flesh, we mean more than bad behavior. It also includes bad thinking. You think it before you do it. Thinking that opposes the Word and love of God is opposition to God. For example, thoughts like, “You’re average” is from the pit of hell. God doesn’t make average. Similarly, thoughts like, “God may heal you someday,” is from the pit of hell. God already healed you. You simply need to appropriate it. God is not in time. Time was made for man to have a measurement. Everything you ever need was provided at the foundation of the world. God knew everything you would ever need and it’s all waiting for you to appropriate by the Word in faith. Go to the Word and get the Word for yourself. That revealed Word of God has power.

Even a partial verse, spoken in faith, can move mountains. The power of the Word is so awesome. Real faith is faith in the love of God. As it says in I Corinthians 13:1, *“When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.”* A man thinks of love and walks in love. It is your power to overcome evil with good.

Another major area where Christians need to watch their thinking and speaking is murmuring. In Deuteronomy 1:26-27, we are told, *“Notwithstanding ye would not go up, but rebelled against the commandment of the Lord your God: And ye murmured in your tents and said, Because the Lord hated us....”* Do you have roast pastor for lunch after church? Do you murmur against God’s anointed and expect a blessing? What are you thinking? What are you saying? Do you know God loves you, that you are the apple of God’s eye (Deuteronomy 32:10)?

Meditating on the Word of God causes your thinking to line up with the Word of God. Then, your right thinking will cause your emotions to line up with the Word of God. Emotions [E-Motions] are feelings inside you that cause you to decide to move in a certain direction. Emotions are a gift of God for you to have, not for them to have you. They can guide people in a satanic direction or a Godly direction.

Although you have emotions it is important that your emotions do not have you. Jesus gave us an example at Gethesmane where you see in Mark 14:34 that His *“soul was very sorrowful...”* and yet He moved forward. It’s obvious that Jesus had

emotions, but His emotions did not have Him. You have God-given authority over emotions to keep them in check. That is not to say you should not be stirred to make decisions to do what the Holy Spirit is directing. Get a wildfire zeal for what God has put in your heart. Be passionate. Allow the Word to stir your emotions to the point you make Godly decisions.

A decision is the open door to reality. When you make a Godly decision, heaven will back you up, and the devil is powerless to prevail. For example, when you decided to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, heaven rejoiced and hell had a pity party. I am sure it was quite embarrassing to whatever demons had been assigned to you when they had to explain their total dismal failure once again to the power of the spoken Word of God to save, heal, and deliver. When you make a decision to fulfill that inner voice speaking of a God-given destiny, once again heaven rejoices and hell trembles. The thought of another giant for God being released in the land has to give great fear to the master of fear, great torment to the master of torment, and great pain to the master of pain. Heaven backs up those quality decisions to follow Christ. If the devil can not stop your decision to accept Christ, then he can not stop any decision you make to follow God’s best plan for your life.

Your decision moves Jesus to action. Yes it is true. In Mark 5:21-24, we see that many people were gathered around Jesus. One of them Jairus, got close enough to fall at his feet and ask Him to come pray and lay hands on his daughter so that she would be healed and live. Jesus went with Jairus without even saying a word. Jairus’ decision to seek Jesus literally resulted in Jesus walking

with him. Then along the way the woman with an issue of blood for 12 years said, *"If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole."* (Mark 5:28) Jesus immediately turned toward the woman and asked, *"Who touched my clothes?"* (Mark 5:30) Then seeing her and hearing her faith, told her in Mark 5:34, *"Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace and be whole of thy plague."* Here are two decisions back to back that both turned Jesus. It appears the ministry of Jesus is directly in response to those who make a decision for life. So make a decision and stand on it. Angels are arranging things now. God is setting it up, arranging things, closing and opening doors to provide exceedingly and abundantly above what you are even asking or thinking according to the power that works in us. (Ephesians 3:20) Your decisions will dictate your actions, just as Jairus and the woman both made decisions to get Jesus' attention, and then acted upon those decisions.

James 1:22 directs us, *"...be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."* In James 1:25, you see that the doer of the Word is blessed. Quite frankly, Jesus is an action hero, as should you be. Just do it.

What has God told you to do? What is the plan? Habakkuk 2:2 tells us to, *"...Write the vision, and make it plain upon the tables, that he may run that readeth it."* So, write out your plan where you will see it daily to follow through with what you heard from God. Your actions will then cause the plan to be fulfilled as God sees and weighs your actions. As promised in Isaiah 1:19, *"If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land."*

Now as God raises you up to fulfill your God-given destiny, it is important that you examine your love walk lest you fall into traps to be just another noise in the world. Luke 6:27 commands us to love our enemies and do good to them that hate us. That's a love action on your part to pray for them and love them realizing they are hurt people that need the gentle saving grace of Jesus. If you act carnally, then you are responsible for what comes upon you. Everything you do becomes a seed. As the golden rule teaches in verse 31, *"And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise."* So, as you act, check out your actions and overcome evil with good. (Romans 12:21) Also, as the Word teaches in Romans 12:18-19, *"If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men...avenge not yourselves."* A peaceful response opens the way for God, so bless yourself by blessing someone else. Love never fails.

The actions you take consistently become your habits. Take note of what you do. What you do determines what you are developing. If someone lies consistently, they become a habitual liar. If someone starts slacking off they become lazy. If someone sows to the world they become worldly. Similarly, if someone starts consistently praying and meditating on the Word, they will develop that habit pattern. If someone starts turning to the Word first when a crisis appears, then dependence upon the Word will become a lifestyle. If we start responding in love to worldly situations, that becomes a habit pattern that delights the Father, as we walk in His commandment. So take time to examine your actions. Are they developing into Christ-like habits? Stop any destructive actions and build upon Godly actions to develop habits that glorify God.

Your actions will determine and produce your character. Character is what people have come to expect from you. It is doing what is right to prosper the people you come in contact with. You will never go higher than the limitations of your character. Character is who you are all the time. It is the motive for doing what you do. Character is a choice and character should line up with the fruit of the Spirit – love. Furthermore, we are to be the same all the time, not putting on a God mask on Sunday for church and then being mean as the devil on Monday. So, check out your real character and honestly examine if it glorifies Christ. If not, then spend more time meditating in the Word. Extensive time in the Word will change your self-image to become more Christ-like from the inside out. Also, listen with an open heart to your local Pastor's messages. The ones that hurt a little are life to those who accept them and health to their flesh. Be man/woman enough to allow the Pastor to step on your toes when needed. He does it in love and His only motive is to see you succeed in God beyond your wildest imagination, and he knows that the inside has to be right before the outside goes forward.

Your character today is the result of choices you made by putting the Word first place in order to produce right thinking, and then right thinking producing proper emotions, that lead you to right decisions. Your quality decisions then result in right actions that produce Godly habits, that became your character.

Finally, your character leads you into your destiny. If you do the first seven steps, you will arrive at your destiny in abundance, to the full, and to the overflow. (John 10:10 amplified) That destiny is different for every person. God has a different definition of success for each individual. Each individual has God-given desires of the heart, things that really stir his or her heart and passion. I encourage you to go for it so you can live fully in your destiny.

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