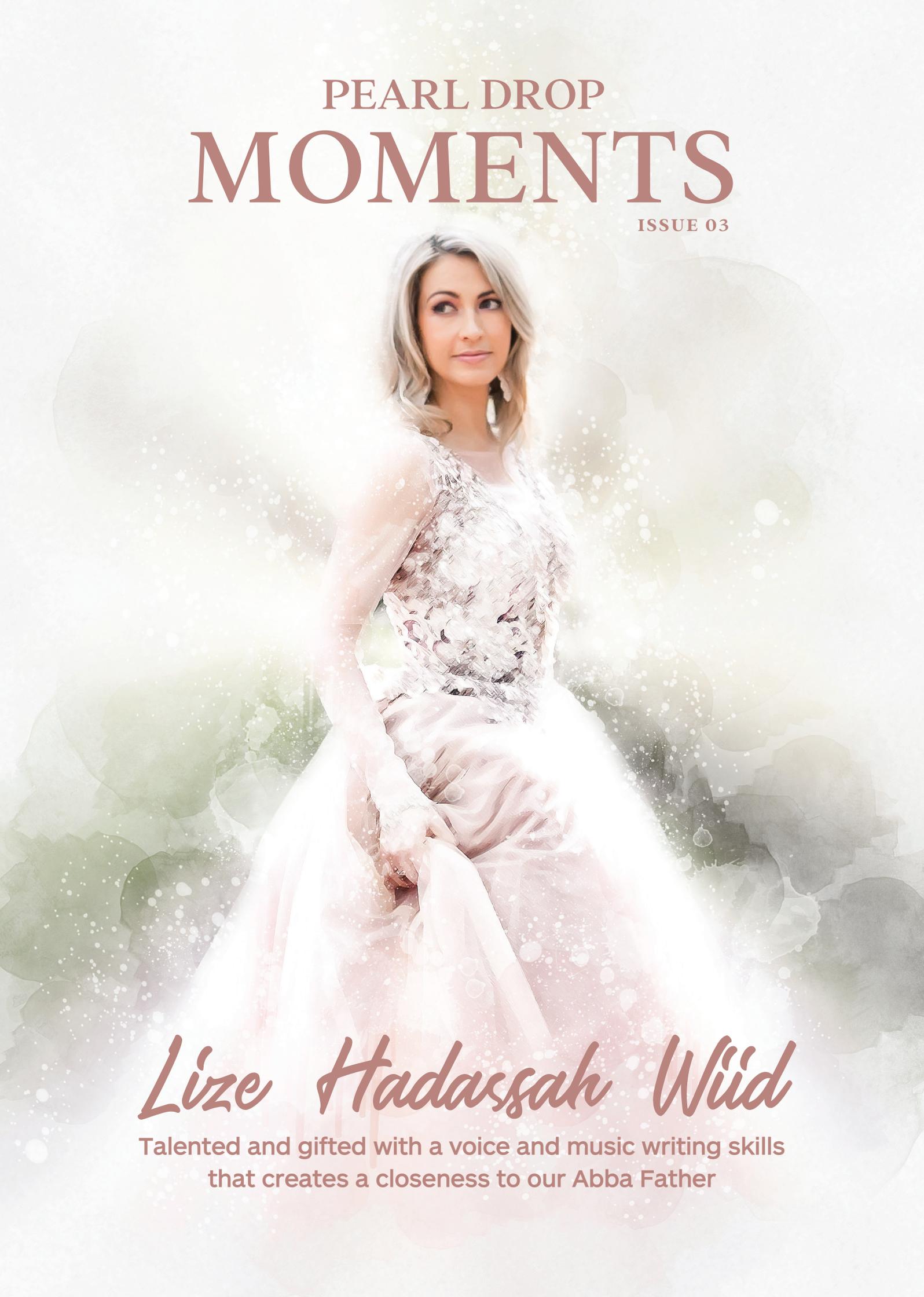


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# Creative

because of our Creator

I can't even begin to explain how excited I am about this issue, we have so many awesome testimonies that we are going to share with you.

Most of the testimonies and interviews have one thing in common...creativity.

I wanted to do something different for this issue, I wanted to get people to look at ministries and talents in a different way.

A year ago, I started going on a rather interesting journey with my work. I started to really think about why I love what I do for a living.

I started to question my own work and how I can use it to glorify God. The industry I am in is really a messy place and has the power to inspire people in a good and unfortunately bad way.

It got to a point where I didn't want to be a graphic designer anymore and got so depressed that I lost my creativity completely!

That is where God came and made me look at why we are creative, because He is our Creator, He is the original Designer of LIFE! I didn't feel so bad and depressed anymore, I started to do things completely different and made a point of using my talents to glorify God.

So, that is why I decided to go a little

deeper in this issue and got a few very talented people that love to create, whether it is creating artwork, music or just taking pictures.

We had the amazing privilege to do an interview with Lize Hadassah Wiid (on our cover) and what an amazing interview it turned out to be!

We also did an interview with Pickard Henn the evangelist and his manager Joshua Wells, can't wait for you guys to read it!

I hope you guys enjoy this issue as much as I enjoyed putting it together. I would also love your feedback on our new look and feel.

*Monique*



# You said...

Thank you Pearl Drop Moments - Rene and Monique for organizing this wonderful event! Thank you Pickard Henn and Chantelle Dall for sharing your inspiring messages! - Ryno Mulder

Wow, what an amazing event thank you so much to the two bright and beautiful ladies of Pearl Drop Moments, what a successful and well-organized event. You have in such a short time built such a solid and beautiful foundation for God's work. Thank you! - Tanya Van Zyl

What a beautiful event with our princess Mienks...the speakers were awesome and the effort that went into the event was stunning. Thank you Pearl Drop Moments! - Carol-ann Jardim

What a wonderful ending to a wonderful day, we are grateful to have been part of this day, it was lovely...To the organizers, the speakers and everyone that had a part, well done. It was a honour to have shared a wonderful day with everyone for this wonderful cause. We give God all the praise, honour and glory for what He is doing for Mienke. - Candy Koekemoer



## Word Study

### Create H1254 Strong's Greek & Hebrew Dictionary.

a primitive root; (absolute) to create; (qualified) to cut down (a wood), select, feed (as formative processes) :- choose, create (creator), cut down, dispatch, do, make (fat).

<sup>3</sup>and you make an offering by fire <sup>3</sup>to the Lord, a burnt offering or a sacrifice, to fulfill a vow or as a freewill offering or in your appointed feasts, to make a sweet aroma to the Lord, from the herd or the flock, - **Numbers 15:3**

# colour

Has the enemy deceived you with colour? Are you dressing yourself and/or decorating your house with a colour that might open doors to the enemy?

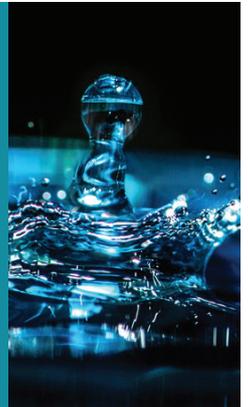
## Black

Death, Famine, Mourning or sorrow, Spiritual dryness, Location of death, Punishment of rebellion, Deceit, God's judgement, Affliction, calamity, adversity or suffering for one's sin, Punishment that is eternal, Temporary place of retainment for disobedience



## Blue

God, Royalty, Riches, Service to God, godly living, healing, Holy Spirit, Authority



## Brown

End of season, Rags/filthy, People, Pride, Wary, Faint



## Green

Praise, Growth, Prosperity, New beginning, Flourishing, Restoration



## Yellow

Faith and Glory of God, Anointing, Joy, Special gifts fit for a King (Jer 6:20, Isaiah 60:6), Can be judgment or war (Revelation 9:1-11, 13-21)



## White

Purity, Innocence, Honesty, Cleanliness, Holiness, Righteousness, Wisdom, Joy, Dedication to God



Since I can remember I've been fascinated with colours, I love matching different colours with each other, but what I love the most about colours are the way they make you feel and how they can tell a story. Colour has the ability to change everything!

I recently started looking up what colours mean in the Bible and how God uses it to either tell a story or to amplify something. It is the same as with numbers, they go hand in hand when it comes to how God communicates with us either in a story, vision or dream.

It all started about a year ago where God pointed out to me the multitude of people especially women who wear black. I even had a dream where all these women dressed in black were standing in front of me crying, and in my dream, I was dressed like a priest in the biblical times, but I was dressed for a funeral. As these women were crying I started to sing and at that moment these women began screaming and demons started manifesting.

This dream made me very curious, one - I can't sing (lol), two - they were all wearing black!

Think about society today and the fashion trends or should I rather say the unwritten rule that black looks good on everyone. We are "trained" to believe that if you want to look good, wear black, it will make you feel and look good as well as boost your confidence. HOW DECEIVED ARE WE?!

Once you see for yourself as we continue what the colour black represents in the Bible you will start to see that we are busy conforming to this world, by placing an identity on ourselves with something as simple as dressing yourself in the morning.

<sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world [any longer with its superficial values and customs], but be transformed and progressively changed [as you mature spiritually] by the renewing of your mind [focusing on godly values and ethical attitudes], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His plan and purpose for you]. - [Romans 22:2](#)

The chart on the previous page took me on a completely different journey than what I was expecting, I didn't even know where to begin looking up colours and it was as if the Holy Spirit told me to go back to the beginning...the beginning of creation.

So, I made a list of the events that took place and combined it with a colour and it blew me away! I found the best website ever called [www.biblestudy.org](http://www.biblestudy.org), they explain and cross reference everything so well. The information of some of the colours are referenced from their website.

Let's start with the colour black, on the first day of creation there was nothing but black, darkness. Black absorbs light it does not reflect,

when the devil was kicked out of heaven his light was taken away from him. ([Isaiah 14:12](#)) think that is why he always copy and pastes what God does to make it look as if it is light because he cannot create his own, it is in fact a false light.

#### Black in the Bible represents the following:

Death ([John 8:44](#))

Famine ([Jeremiah 14:1 - 2](#), [Lamentations 5:10](#), [Revelation 6:5](#))

Mourning or sorrow ([Job 30:28, 30](#), [Jeremiah 8:21, 14:2](#))

Spiritual dryness ([Micah 3:6](#))

Location of death ([Job 3:5, 10:21 - 22](#))

Punishment of rebellion ([Jude 13](#))

Deceit ([Job 6:16](#))

God's judgement ([Zechariah 6:2, 6](#))

Affliction, calamity, adversity or suffering for one's sin ([Lamentations 4:8](#), [Job 3:5, 30:26](#), [Psalm 107:10, 143:3](#), [Isaiah 5:30, 8:22](#), [Joel 2:6](#), [Zephaniah 1:14 - 15](#), [Revelation 16:10](#))

Punishment that is eternal ([Matthew 8:12, 22:13, 25:30](#))

Temporary place of retainment for disobedience ([2 Peter 2:4](#))

The thing that made me gasp was the fact that black was also referenced as a place/location of the dead! So, if you wear black every day or most days what you are basically portraying is that you are a location of death. I'm not saying it is wrong to wear black all I am saying is why are we so attracted to it when in the Bible and every culture black gets associated with sadness, death, depression and the list goes on.

Before God intervened in my life I always used to wear black, it made me feel good because it suited my mood perfectly, I was depressed, frustrated and had suicidal thoughts. Bright colours used to freak me out completely! Now, a few years later, I try to wear as little as possible black, this is something that changed automatically within in me, black wasn't attractive for me anymore. Today I LOVE bright colours.

If you think about it, black makes you feel like you fit in and that no one will say something about it, but as soon as you wear bright colours you draw attention to yourself. It makes you stand out, a lot. The enemy wants you to fade into the crowd, but we are made to be set apart.

<sup>10</sup> And in accordance with this will [of God] we [who believe in the message of salvation] have been sanctified [that is, set apart as holy for God and His purposes] through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed) once for all. - [Hebrews 10:10](#)

I'm going to be honest with you, to me after everything that I've learned about black, it feels like you put on a different identity that is not your God-given identity when you wear black to "look and feel good".

Think about what we are attracting to ourselves in the Spiritual realm. The next time you put on black, ask yourself the following question; why are you putting it on, what are your motives for choosing black?



# Listening

to the voice of God

We can't even begin to describe how excited we are about this interview! **Esté Geldenhuys** blew us away with her answers on our questions. She talks about her time in Israel, being on radio and her writing and how important it is to remove yourself to enable the Holy Spirit to move through you and learning to listen to God's voice.

### How was your first radio broadcast?

**Esté:** Not good at all, I think I was too concerned about ME. How I would do it and how I would sound and the “correctness” of my communication. I was more concerned with delivering a good presentation of myself. My one sister listened to me and she kept telling me that I did not resonate with her. She felt that the conversation was with someone else and not with her. I tried very hard until one day I went into the studio and I asked her to pray during the time I would be in the studio. She did, and it felt as if I was now talking to her. After that broadcast, she said it had worked. I learned that if I am too important, God cannot flow through since I am in the way.

### Was there ever a moment where someone called in and you didn't know how to answer? Did God step in?

**Esté:** Yes, God did! This was something I often experienced. Not only with people calling in, but even in interviews as well. I would have something on my mind to ask my guest, but when I would open my mouth to talk, a completely different question came out. This was also why I could not work with a set of questions. In my experience, the list would hinder the flow of the Holy Spirit.

### Your work requires of you to be in the public eye or on a very open platform, does that get difficult sometimes? Do you receive persecution from the public and how do you handle that?

**Esté:** The first thing that comes to my mind when you ask this question, is the fact that whatever I teach in public, whether spoken or written word, I get to be tested on it first. These tests tend to come not only in the safety of my family circle. The solution for this is again not to focus on myself, but the prompting of the Holy Spirit in me and just to be my natural self. At times it happens that people will put you on the spot, this also happens in public. There was a time when a group of ladies were going on about what their star signs predicted for that week. Suddenly someone turned to me to ask what star sign I was born under. My reply was that I was born under the star of Bethlehem. I need not say anything more.

There were times when I spoke against serving the goddess of luck by doing lucky draws and also the clear instruction in Leviticus 19:28 that we shall not put tattoos on our bodies, not even a cross or a Name of God since a tattoo remains a tattoo. For this kind of thing I do get flack yes. All for His glory.

### What was the most memorable moment for you on radio?

**Esté:** There were too many, it is hard to mention only one. Maybe I should rather explain the overwhelming experience of being on air, live, teaching on my own or with a guest, but knowing that you are absolutely not on your own because the Lord is there! Present by His Spirit. Guiding, no, determining every word that goes out on air. Often I would be in tears by the wonder of His presence in the studio. And I was always aware of the reality that every word going out on air, was prophetically spoken over all of South Africa whether or not people heard it. The privilege of speaking God's Word on air I think, was the most memorable. Praise His Name.

### I think it's safe to say that in your line of work you've met a lot of incredible people who was the person that left the biggest impact on you?

**Esté:** That is hard to answer. I was overtaken by the passion of Brother Yun from China. No one explained the Heart of the Father like Floyd McClung. I was fascinated by the testimonies of Brother Andrew, known as God's Smuggler. The vibrance of George Verver, founder of O.M. was inspiring. In 23 years of broadcasting – you cannot even remember all by name, but my truth is that my life changed because of people I interviewed. So many people made me so inquisitive and got me searching! All honor and glory to our Father-God!

### When did you realize that writing was something you wanted to do?

When I was in grade 11 I wrote an essay and my teacher recommended me for things such as natural story telling and true description of feeling and situation. What he said that day in front of the whole class, planted a seed. A few years later I said to my sister in law – one day I am going to write a book. she surprisingly asked, “On what topic?”

I could not reply, but I knew it, that one day I would write a book. It was “a knowing” lying in my heart for many years before the first book was published.

### How do you decide on what to write? Do you pray about it first or does God usually lead you in that regard?

**Esté:** There was one title requested by a publisher. The rest was all of the Father. I was fortunate to have both W.E.G. Louw as well as Dirk J Opperman as lecturers when I was a student at Stellenbosch University. Opperman used to say – if ever you have to write something or about something, it will slowly grow inside of you until it fills you to a point where you cannot but let it out! This is exactly what I experience.

### What is the writing process like spiritually?

**Esté:** It normally starts with something I need to understand from the scriptures. Like the time I could not understand what it practically meant to love God. I could not only speak the words – I wanted to understand what it meant. Our Father gave me three key words. Every time you trust Me, you love Me. Every time you seek intimacy with Me and every time you obey Me, you love Me. I started my quest with the word trust. “What in You Lord, do I trust?” I did not ask this out of disrespect, I really needed to understand. The answer I got from our Father was that – all we can trust in any person, was character. Where to learn about His character? “My character is hidden in the meaning of My Hebrew Names.” The study on the meaning of His Names kept me busy more than ten years before I started writing a book on it.

Thus, my need to grow spiritually leads me in the study of the Word and that becomes the things I write about. And while I plan on i.e. the route to take with arguments or explanations, there is always the presence of Holy Spirit to guide the process.

### When you write about a certain topic do you get tested on it?

**Esté:** All the time, yes I do, but our Father has provided a group of friends whom I can ask for prayer on specific issues. What a blessing it is, to be honest, and cry out when you need extra covering and people to hold up your arms like Aron and Hur when you feel like you came to the end of your hope. I find it so important, to be honest about stuff I struggle with or when I make a mess of things because it happens.

### Have you ever come to a point where what you wrote was not just

for the reader but also for you? Does God talk you through your own writing?

**Esté:** Absolutely! I mostly have to work through things myself before I can write about it. If not, I think I do not have anything to say that could carry any authority in the Spirit.

Something else – I have never had a problem with being honest about stuff where I did something wrong or about things I had to overcome. The fact that I talk about healing and how I came to it, helps others to also come forward with problems they have.

Where did the tours to Israel start?

**Esté:** Some may think it had happened by accident. But I believe our Father had it all planned, and everything fell into place according to His Olam Timing. I was offered a trip for free in 2006, this trip frustrated me immensely for several reasons. Mostly because I was not prepared for Israel, I never knew where I was and what had happened there. Shortly after that, someone else invited me along, only 8 people in a car to drive and stop where we wanted to investigate and simply drink in what you had in front of you. On that trip, our Father called out my name on the streets of Jerusalem 5 times. I went back to the hotel to pray and that was where the Lord asked me to bring people to Israel and when they are there, He promised to meet and talk with them Himself.

Have you witnessed any miracles or breakthroughs on the tours?

**Esté:** I dare say on every trip. I have had less than a handful of people who said that they received nothing from the trip, totally nothing. But I speak to people all the time that went on trips with me, who keep talking about what had changed in their lives while they were in Israel. So many testify to the fact that their experience in Israel was something like crossing a Rubicon. They would talk about the time the Lord revealed this or that to them in Israel. It is also amazing to see how individuals in a group learn from one another and come to love one another like family. Even when a trip is over they keep comforting one another.

What part of the tour is your favorite?

**Esté:** Not really a fair question. I love the desert for the desolation and how I need solitude to come to terms with myself in Him and life that springs from living water. I love the Galilee not only for the beauty but also for all the testimonies of what our Lord Jesus did and spoke in that area. So many meaningful places such as Dan, Baniyas and Shiloh – but yes, Jerusalem is the one place that easily gets me to cry for no particular reason.

Do you feel closer to God when going to Israel?

**Esté:** Interesting question. Honestly, I do not think that Israel determines my “feeling” of closeness to God. And yet, it does make a difference. I would rather argue that an Israel trip, guiding people there on a spiritual level, is based on me focusing on the Word and for every trip one central message I receive from our Father. Every day He would unpack the message with scripture, the ideas or revelations linked, as well as the sites we visit on that day. In other words, when I take a group my focus is the Word and this I believe is what determines our

“feeling” of closeness to our Father God. And then again, when I sit in my home and think of specific places in Israel, the Word and revelation and experience gets linked with a site and that in itself brings back the “closeness”. There are so many memories in that.

Is there anything you would like our readers to know regarding the tours?

**Esté:** Never go to Israel unless the Lord invites you. So often people come because a friend or family member persuaded them, but then they are not really prepared in their hearts. You will know when the urge to go becomes so strong, you cannot hold it in any more. When you choose a trip, do your homework. Do not simply choose the cheapest trip. Many trips are advertised with a certain number of days, but then there are actually two days for travelling, which is included. Pray that our Father guides you to the choice He has prepared for you.

Where can readers get in touch with you?

**Esté:** They can either go to my website [www.estegeldenhuys.co.za](http://www.estegeldenhuys.co.za) or email me at [este@estegeldenhuys.co.za](mailto:este@estegeldenhuys.co.za) or contact me by the following number: 083 292 5663

## 5 QUESTIONS WITH ESTÉ GELDENHUYS

1. If you could choose one book in the Bible to read for the rest of your life, which one will it be?

The Gosples of John

2. If you could travel back to the past, which book of the Bible would you like to experience and why?

The book of Acts – to experience the spreading of The Way, and how ordinary people experienced the gifts of the spirit and planting of churches. And to meet Paul!!

3. Who in the Bible inspires you the most?

Other than Jesus – King David. He was so real and honest.

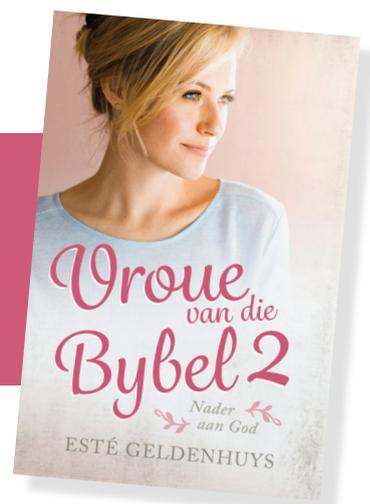
4. What is your favourite verse?

Too many – to mention a few Heb 8:10 and Ps 17:15 and Ps 3:3

5. If there is one thing you could tell the younger you what would it be?

God has so much faith in the youth – He allows you to make your most important decisions in life before you are 20 – to choose life in Him – to choose your friends and they determine how you treat yourself, your parents and family and how dedicated you will be regarding work and healthy celebration of life and even the spouse you will spend the rest of your life with. God trusts you!

Vroue van die Bybel 2 is the latest book from Esté's pen, if you would like to order her latest book, please go to [www.estegeldenhuys.co.za](http://www.estegeldenhuys.co.za) for more information.



# Mienke

## fundraiser



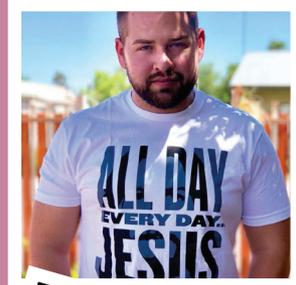
In August we held a fundraiser for little Mienke Mulder and it was amazing to see God move.

It was a morning filled with God, the hearts of people got touched and He definitely had an appointment with each and every one there. Chantelle Dall and Pickard Henn brought the Gospel that broke down walls around everyone's hearts and changed lives forever.

We also just want to say thank you to each and every one that attended and to some of our sponsors for their generous donations as well as gifts. We would also like to say a special and big thank you to Michelle Second that raised money on the day with a raffle and Cornemari Viljoen and her team from JUMP Charity Foundation for their very generous donation.

With the donations from these two ladies to the family directly as well as the money raised on the day we managed to bless the Mulder family with just over R22 000! How good is God?!

From the bottom of our hearts we really want to thank each and every person that got involved with the fundraiser, and especially Birchwood Hotel!





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# Dreams

a step into the future

## Recently I have been receiving a lot of strange and interesting dreams and it started something new in my life...dream interpretations. It made me so curious to find out how in His Word, God spoke to His people through their dreams.

I've had many dreams that woke me up crying and feeling like I literally went through it! Then there are the dreams that just wakes you up with tears of joy.

I've had only two or three dreams (that I can remember) where I could hear God talk to me or see Jesus. I always wake up feeling so loved and accepted. On the flip side I've also been attacked by demonic dreams as well, but God uses those dreams to reveal something to me. So, He flips the coin on the enemy (hehe).

In the Bible there are many examples of people receiving dreams from God that always prophecy of future events, but God doesn't just give it to you straight He makes you curious about your dream so that you can consult Him for the interpretation.

I think the best example of a "dreamer" has got to be Joseph, he had a dream where his father and older brothers felt insulted by it but in the end, it came to pass.

I can only imagine how prideful he must have been because of his dream where everyone bowed down to him.

<sup>5</sup>Now Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it to his brothers, and they hated him even more. <sup>6</sup> He said to them, "Please listen to [the details of] this dream which I have dreamed; <sup>7</sup> we [brothers] were binding sheaves [of grain stalks] in the field, and lo, my sheaf [suddenly] got up and stood upright and remained standing; and behold, your sheaves stood all around my sheaf and bowed down [in respect]." <sup>8</sup> His brothers said to him, "Are you actually going to reign over us? Are you really going to rule and govern us as your subjects?" So they hated him even more for [telling them about] his dreams and for his [arrogant] words.  
- **Genesis 37:5-8**

God knew his heart and made sure that what He had

planned for Joseph he would have to humble him a lot for the position he was going to get in the future. God can't work with you if you are full of pride.

A man's pride and sense of self-importance will bring him down, But he who has a humble spirit will obtain honor. - **Proverbs 29:23**

So (I think) that is why God took so long to put Joseph in the position He wanted to use him in, so that He could work on the heart of Joseph, to make sure that he was very humble. Especially for the day where he would meet his brothers and father again. I believe that God gave Joseph the gift of dream interpretation to set him apart and to help him have a hope for his own future.

<sup>5</sup>Then the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were confined in the prison, both dreamed a dream in the same night, each man with his [own significant] dream and each dream with its [personal] interpretation. <sup>6</sup> When Joseph came to them in the morning and looked at them, [he saw that] they were sad and depressed. <sup>7</sup> So he asked Pharaoh's officials who were in confinement with him in his master's house, "Why do you look so down-hearted today?" <sup>8</sup> And they said to him, "We have [each] dreamed [distinct] dreams and there is no one to interpret them." So, Joseph said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to God? Please tell me [your dreams]." - **Genesis 40:5-8**

There are many examples where God gave dreams of events to come, when we tell our dreams to someone we speak life into it, in other words we prophecy it! God is such a Master at creating the perfect story line and setting things up.

He can create something out of nothing, He can even create a future out of one simple dream!



Be a generation  
*changer*

Once after a sacrificial meal at Shiloh, Hannah got up and went to pray. Eli the priest was sitting at his customary place beside the entrance of the Tabernacle.

Hannah was in deep anguish, crying bitterly as she prayed to the Lord. And she made this vow: "O Lord of Heaven's Armies, if you will look upon my sorrow and answer my prayer and give me a son, then I will give him back to You. He will be Yours for his entire lifetime, and as a sign that he has been dedicated to the Lord, his hair will never be cut."

As she was praying to the Lord, Eli watched her. Seeing her lips moving but hearing no sound, he thought she had been drinking. "Must you come here drunk?" he demanded. "Throw away your wine!" "Oh no, sir!" she replied. "I haven't been drinking wine or anything stronger. But I am very discouraged, and I was pouring out my heart to the Lord. Don't think I am a wicked woman! For I have been praying out of great anguish and sorrow." "In that case," Eli said, "go in peace! May the God of Israel grant the request you have asked of Him." "Oh, thank you, sir!" she exclaimed. Then she went back and began to eat again, and she was no longer sad.

The entire family got up early the next morning and went to worship the Lord once more. Then they returned home to Ramah. When Elkanah slept with Hannah, the Lord remembered her plea, and in due time she gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I asked the Lord for him." The next year Elkanah and his family went on their annual trip to offer a sacrifice to the Lord and to keep his vow. But Hannah did not go. She told her husband, "Wait until the boy is weaned. Then I will take him to the Tabernacle and leave him there with the Lord permanently." "Whatever you think is best," Elkanah agreed. "Stay here for now, and may the Lord help you keep your promise."

So, she stayed home and nursed the boy until he was weaned. When the child was weaned, Hannah took him to the Tabernacle in Shiloh. They brought along a three-year-old bull for the sacrifice and a basket of flour and some wine.

After sacrificing the bull, they brought the boy to Eli. "Sir, do you remember me?" Hannah asked. "I am the very woman

who stood here several years ago praying to the Lord. I asked the Lord to give me this boy, and He has granted my request. Now I am giving him to the Lord, and he will belong to the Lord his whole life." And they worshiped the Lord there. - 1 Samuel 1:9-28 NLT

This passage takes us into the heart of a wife/women that desires one of the things that most women do, a child. When we look at verse 10, Hannah was deep in anguish, crying bitterly as she prayed to the Lord. We can almost feel her pain in this verse. We can identify that feeling in many situations in our lives.

When we look at the next verse we can see that Hannah made a decision. That she could either carry on the same path, or she can put her wants and desires at God's feet. Then she made a vow that if God grants her, her hearts desires she would give her son back to the Lord as an offering. Because of her faithfulness the Lord granted her the desires of her heart.

When Samuel was still a boy Hannah fulfilled her vow to God and gave Samuel to the Lord where he lived in the temple with Eli.

Fast forward to a few years later and Samuel grew in favour with the Lord and with the people. And he became Israel's prophet. It was through Samuel that God anointed David to one day become King of Israel. David defeated Goliath and four more giants during his reign as King of Israel.

None of this would have happened if Hannah's pain hadn't brought her closer to God. She decided in a time of testing to choose God's will for her life, and with doing that the ripple effect of God's goodness flowing down to her children.

Her decision changed the path of generations that most probably weren't aware of her sacrifices. It only takes one person to make one decision that will have an impact on generations to come.

-René Gronum



Getting to know

# Love

## I must be honest when I started doing a study on Eve I thought this might take me a while, but I was shocked to see how little there is about her in the Bible.

I wondered why would there be so little of the first woman and you know what? It is like that to amplify what she was known for and how she reacted. It took me a while to get through this study because I kept asking so many questions that just don't add up!

Like why was the woman easier deceived than the man? Why didn't Adam step in when he knew what was happening and that it was wrong? So, this is what I came up with...would love to hear what your opinion is on Eve.

Let's start with her character and who she is as a person before sin took place:

- Eve was there to be a helper to Adam, looking after the animals and the garden.
- That does not mean she was less, she was just the "co-pilot".
- She fulfilled the desires of the man, she "completed" him.

Okay, que the snake, the fruit and a whole lot of mixed emotions. Now let's look at what the agenda was of the snake and why he spoke to Eve first. At the moment everything is running smooth, the garden is flourishing, and all is good so, the enemy wants to flip all of that upside down so that there is chaos, and where there is chaos we can't hear the voice of God. We see the mess and not what God is doing, so we feel distant from God.

<sup>13</sup> Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. <sup>14</sup> But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. <sup>15</sup> Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup> For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

<sup>17</sup> But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup> Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness. - **James 3:13-18**

The first thing Adam and Eve did when they ate the fruit was feeling ashamed of their nakedness, so they went and tried to hide from God, they felt too ashamed to come before Him. Doesn't that sound familiar? Once you believe the lies from the enemy you start to feel ashamed of your past and you feel not worthy enough to even come to the Lord in prayer, so you hide yourself.

In James 3:13-18 we see what the difference is between good and bad wisdom and how it affects what you reap. The enemy sowed confusion, distrust, chaos and sin into the garden and the outcome was exactly that. It ruined the relationship between Adam, Eve and God.

Eve went over Adam's "authority" and made them commit sin, Adam didn't take up his position as the man and was overruled by the sin. Both knew the instructions of God but chose not to obey them. You see where I'm going with this? There was no structure everything was turned upside down because of that one sin.

Moving on with the story, the sin was committed, and God noticed they were gone. I watched a devotional video from Time of Grace where Pastor Phil said something that made me see another side of God. He asked the following question; why did God go to Adam first and not to Eve who initiated the act of sin? (mind blown already by that question) He goes on to say that God knew Eve was delicate. (mind blown double here) God understands that we judge and act from an emotional point of view and that is why we are delicate and special, we bring peace and balance. We can also because of our emotions make mistakes if we do not consult God first in a matter. That is exactly what happened in the garden.

God went to Adam and asked him what he has done? He put all the responsibilities on Adam, because he didn't do what he was supposed to. He let Eve make a mistake and by doing that made both of them fall where all of this could have been avoided.

Let's look at Eve's character after being thrown out of the garden. She realized something right there and it has paved the way forward for many women. She (unfortunately) is the perfect example of what happens when you overstep your boundaries and don't consult God and your spouse first.

But, what stood out to me the most about the entire story of Eve is the following verse:

Adam made love to his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, "With the help of the Lord I have brought forth a man." - **Genesis 4:1**

In just that one verse you can see how Eve has changed spiritually as well as her relationship with God. I think she got humbled a lot by this experience. She understood one thing very clear, so clear that she named her first son after it. "With the help of the Lord", she understood that God was the only one in control and she trusted Him with her life. She understood that without God she can't even bring a child into this world.

The lesson we all can learn from Eve is that God understands our heart and how we work, think and act. So much that He would approach us in a way that won't "break" us. That we should trust the Lord with our lives, our past, present and future. He is the perfect God.

- PDM



Who is  
*Ethereal?*

Ethereal (adj.) - Pronounced: "eh-thee-ri-al."  
Meaning: "extremely delicate and light in a way that seems not to be of this world."



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We came across this stunning brand when we held the fundraiser for Mienke and we are absolutely obsessed with them, so we couldn't wait to introduce our readers to this amazing clothing brand.

Ethereal is a Christian and Inspirational clothing brand, based in Johannesburg, South Africa.

When God's Spirit dwells within a person, it becomes undeniable that there's something different about that person. As though they have a "light" within them, something so delicate, so pure and loving. God's Spirit is ethereal, and when He dwells within a person, it causes that person to become ethereal too. For we are from this world but not of it. A royal priesthood, sons and daughters of the Most High.

It is our prayer that the bold, who go out into the world with Ethereal's products, would walk in their God-given identity. That the words and messages on the products, won't return void, but bear much fruit for the Kingdom. Our products all carry powerful messages that aim to uplift, not only the person wearing the garment, but those surrounding them.

#### How it started

Ethereal was founded by a young woman with a passion for Jesus, people and fashion. She thought: "What better way to live out this passion than by combining the three: making Christ-centred clothing focused on upliftment of people?"

She felt God pressing this unique mission field on her heart. A desire to serve the Lord and people with garments welled up. Her heart is for people to walk in deeper revelation of their true identity, which is rooted in Christ. And for others to be uplifted and encouraged, for people to encounter the love and saving grace of Christ, not only through these

garments, but by those wearing them.

With prayer and confirmation from the Lord, she sourced everything she needed to make this vision come true. And so, in 2018, Ethereal opened their virtual doors for the first time.

**"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" - Isaiah 52:7**

#### Our vision

- Creating a range of Christian and Inspirational products that uplift people.
- Maintain the highest retail standards through thorough quality control on all our products.
- Create designs that are fashion forward and unique.
- Design apparel that is suited for all ages and looks great on any body type.

#### Job creation

Our aim is to create products that are proudly African. Our garments are manufactured and sourced throughout Africa, where final manufacturing is done in Johannesburg, South Africa.

With the aim to grow Ethereal as a Jesus-centered brand, we wish to help people by playing a part in creating job opportunities, both directly and indirectly.

If you would like to order or buy some of their amazing products go look them up on Instagram - [@ethereal\\_closet](#)



We asked Lené Magro Walters from Centred.Studio to share with us how she gets inspired to create and how God has spoke to her regarding her creative process and why she creates.

I have noticed a full circle pattern since walking with God. The full circle concept is when your start and finish line have the same identifier, but the environment and your level of journeying has been upgraded. It's like starting off a race with doubting thoughts and as you progress through the race, your technique and mental health has a strong growth gradient which exceeds your own expectation so that when you get to the finish line you have a glimpse of how you started versus how you have grown, within this 'full circle'.

Being a creative person and not walking in God, one can easily be pursued to entertain the trendy topics through your own capacity. This became a draining process and lead to mental breakdowns on various occasions, speaking from experience. After I started walking with God I underwent a lot of personal inner change, where God showed me things in my life that were keeping me from being whom He had created me to be.

One of these topics was my creative process, how I go about creating and where I draw my inspiration from, leading up to the message my work was portraying and whom I was honouring through my work. It came to a point where I had to re-evaluate my reason to create. Why do I call myself a creative and where was I going with this process?

While spending time with God in the book of Genesis, I noticed one very clear aspect of the book and that it was about the Creator, creating life, it was about the Creator creating. This blew my mind, if there was one 'person' that could help me with my creative process it was the Creator Himself.

At first, I tried to over analyse everything that He did and how He went about things. I tried to understand it through a harden heart, where I only wanted to get out the most that I possibly could and utilise it to my own benefit. But I still grew tired, got worked up about every little detail and started to go through the same doubtful thoughts. I got to a point where I gave up all my dreams, all my ways and just sat down to listen. As I spent more and more time with God my heart started to understand the simplicity of the Gospel. I started to look differently at life and why I wanted to be a creative person. I understood that the reason I loved being creative so much is that when I am creating I feel closer to the Creator himself. It's like your soul aligns with its created value and that is when it all made sense. To be creative and not run dry, you have to start every project at the feet of God and ask Him what He wants to achieve with each project.

It never was about me being a creative person, it was about how God can be creative through me. How I can be love through my work so others can see Him through me. So, ask yourself this, if you are constantly running dry, are you running around your own ax or are you running for Him to grow in life and achieve a full circle perspective?

- by Lené Magro Walters



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## Cancer is no match for

Good

Testimonies come in all shapes and sizes, but the following testimony is one of a mother's journey with her son that was diagnosed with a rare cancer called Rhabdomyosarcoma.

My name is Tanya and I have four wonderful boys, although their father and I divorced many years ago, he has played his part over the years.

During 2012, my boys and I were living in Muldersdrift in a cosy cottage on a beautiful plot. In the main house, lived people that rescued animals. My second eldest son, Bradley, who was nine years old, would happily wake himself up at 5 am and walk to the main house that was surrounded by rescued dogs, horses and a fat pig. Bradley would collect manure and help mix it into the soil, and later in the day, he collected fresh vegetables in the gardens. In November 2012 the lady from the main house called me and asked if Bradley had hurt himself because she noticed a small lump on his lower left back next to his spine. He had not hurt himself nor was he feeling sick, so she suggested we have it checked out.

Two weeks later, it was confirmed that my nine-year-old son had a rare form of muscular cancer called Rhabdomyosarcoma. Our world came crashing down. He had to start chemo immediately, this resulted in me losing my job and then our home. We were forced to move into a

family member's house, which already was housing three other families, and we lived one of those bedrooms. This was a house, where some people were abusing drugs and alcohol yet there was still a strong presence of the Lord. My father-in-law is a priesthood holder in the LDS church.

Bradley was admitted for two months of aggressive chemo, and by Christmas and his birthday, he had lost all his hair. Truthfully, I had become angry at God, I questioned: "why Bradley, why my family?" It was difficult to explain to a nine-year-old the idea that he had to be poisoned in order to make him better. By then Bradley had stopped eating in the hospital completely, after six days, his oncologist told me to make him eat or my son would die. I was lost. I called my father-in-law, he and another relative came to the hospital and performed an administration on Bradley. Two hours later, Bradley started eating again and I immediately understood my faith was weak.

There are a book worth of events that have taken place, in the past six years I can testify to the goodness of the Lord and the renewal of my family's faith in the Lord.

Once Bradley could come home, the other twelve kids in the house had started getting home visits from the missionaries. One of the missionaries caught Bradley's attention, the times when Bradley could not get out of bed, the missionaries would go to Bradley and pray with him. However, there were nights when Bradley felt well enough to get up, he would join the teachings from his colour-blind missionary that always played and won at I spy. Bradley and his younger brother Dean were eventually baptised under the teaching of that missionary.

So much has happened, we have experienced two years of aggressive chemotherapy, radiation and one back operation. One and half years of being in the clear and then a relapse. Another two years of chemotherapy, more radiation and another two back operations. We moved into a place of our own, lost a job and found another one through a church member. And Bradley, still being a teenage boy, had a quad bike accident. He smashed his left knee and broke his left clavicle.

I can testify today that I know the Lord, and I know he has never left our side through this journey. The Lord paid our rent many times when I was not working, fed my family through the most wonderful earthly angels. The Lord sent me a wonderful mother-in-law and partner that would help me through this journey. He answered my prayers in the most faithless and difficult times.

Bradley is now almost two months clear of cancer and he carries his scars of all the operations and radiation. His spine is growing slower in certain areas, which has resulted in permanent scoliosis of the spine. He attends biokinetics twice a week to strengthen his core muscles again. The recovery he has made so far is remarkable.

Today and every other day I thank the Lord for granting me more time with Bradley and his brothers. I also thank the Lord for teaching me that I still need to accept His perfect will and timing.

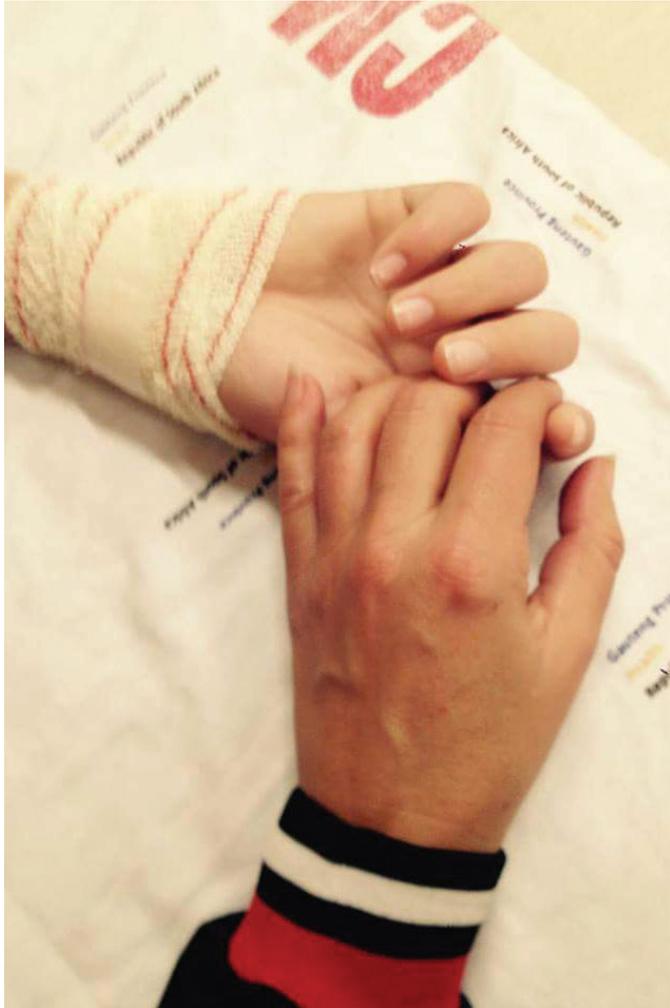


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## Walking with

# Anxiety

My name is Justine, 31 years of age, since I can remember I used to suffer from anxiety but never got to understand it, the feelings that I felt. My Mom used to take me to doctors and psychologists, all of them gave me the same thing, just another pill.

We could never understand why my feelings would be so sensitive and overwhelmed. Perhaps I should have started to explain what it is to feel severe anxiety for those who never got to feel it. Let me explain to you a few feelings I experienced – raised heartbeat, closed chest (struggling to breathe, sometimes it was difficult to breathe), shaking, dry mouth, fear of failing and not having it perfect, moody and then our friend, depression. In my everyday life I had anxiety, everything I did, said and so forth was filled with the thoughts of fear.

When I got older I got to understand the emotions and feelings more, and tried to overcome some of the feelings, by drinking and being a rebel. I think to this day my parents are still trying to recover. (hehe) Anyway, things got better, and we finally saw my Dad friend's, wife she lived her life for God and her healing was purely from God.

*"Take care that your hearts aren't dulled by drinking parties, drunkenness, and the anxieties of day-to-day life. Don't let that day fall upon you unexpectedly,*

*Luke 21:34 CEB*

She prayed for my parents first and lastly for me, and we were healed from all the roots and chains which were getting us down. I did well for many years and finally could be more relaxed about life and all the punches it throws, till the day I became a Mother. Anxiety was my second name and I practiced this on my child, I then realized that I have become even more anxious with things she'll do or say or eat... anything she did was a stress button for me.

I started getting so anxious about anything and everything that I would have attacks at work, where I couldn't breathe and felt like giving up. So, after many visits to my general doctor she referred me to a psychiatrist whom then admitted me into a psychiatric hospital.

This was a very emotional time for me. When you arrive, they take

EVERYTHING away from you, all you have are your clothes and certain toiletries. Your phone was packed away in a safe and you were only allowed to have it at 5am to 9am and then 7pm to 9pm. Your daily routine would be something like this; you wake up at 5am, take your pills, get coffee at 7am and started with social classes at 8am. These classes help you deal with your anxiety and the explain what anxiety is etc.

I have to say a lot of these groups did help a lot. We all think our situation is so bad until you meet someone with a greater problem. I met a young girl, perhaps 17 in the hospital, and she suffered from severe depression, the scary part is she was so dosed up with pills that I don't even think she knew where she was. When my journey ended in this hospital I realized that all this was unreal and that I have made this much more than just a small thought.

Just after I got released from the hospital I wrote a column to the Advertiser as they had an offer for people to write, so I wrote a piece called "It's all in your head". My friends never got to understand what emotions I went through because of suffering from constant severe anxiety, I would "freak" out because I send a message, and no one replies, or I would walk into a building where I know everyone and would wonder what they we're thinking of me, or I would think of unrealistic things... These emotions are only in the head, yes, but they are in fact feelings one feels. It is like having a stomach pain, no one can see it, but it is in fact real, so not everyone can put on a bandage on it and go on with your day.

After the whole changing of everything, I met an old friend and she told me about these women camps they attend once a month in Pretoria, so I went with her to see how and what it's about... just to let you know throughout all my life I did believe in God, but never did I know what I know now. I joined them at their monthly camp and I realized that I was holding onto so many past memories, chained down and never realized how much God actually loves me! I got to feel the Holy Spirit. I walked out of that camp on the Sunday with a whole new attitude, because I came to the realization that I was a child of God,

His brown eyed girl. That Sunday I took all my pills and threw it away, putting my faith and trust in God.

I must admit each day was horrible, when you get off those pills it is exactly like a drug addict trying to leave drugs. Heart palpitation, dry mouth, severe headaches, nausea and you start to feel detached from yourself, but I pushed through, I knew that I wasn't alone, and that God was with me, in fact He never left me... everyday got easier until I had absolutely no more side effects. I DEFEATED THIS. I made this with God next to me. It's been nearly 2 and a half years since I threw the pills away. I have been walking this path with God and not with my anxiety/fear.

*"Don't be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks. - Philippians 4: 6 "*

I have been walking an awesome road with God and He is an amazing Teacher, Light of my life, He showed me that He loves me and that I am enough. I am enough in His eyes and my purpose is worth so much more that what I felt.

*"Throw all your anxiety onto Him, because He cares about you" - 1 Peter 5:7*

We have to learn to keep praying and worshiping, believing in our Almighty God, our one and only King, and remember that God will not bring you to it if He can't walk you through it. I've spoken to a lot of people who suffer from anxiety and helped them because of my confession, and today I am thankful I went through this, it has enabled me to help other people and to be a witness of God's huge love for us.

Don't ever forget the following; He will never forsake you, He died on the cross for our sins and we are forgiven for our sins, so believe in His word and live it. No more fear only God's love.

*Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in You - Psalms 56:3*



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# Wize

Hadassah Wiid

## Talented and gifted with a voice and music writing skills that creates a closeness to our Abba Father

I honestly have no idea where to start, I have so many questions I would like to ask (lol). When did you realize that you have a gift for writing music for God?

**Lize:** Okay, this is going to be quite a long answer. Lol. I knew since I was very little, that I had a gift for music. I would sit in front of the piano and play for hours, without being able to read or write music. I could play anything I heard, by ear. I never pursued it after I matriculated though, since I thought it was only a hobby. Eventually later in my twenties, I was so desperate to do music, so I started praying to God to open a door for me. But my plan was not to do it to glorify Him. My motives were wrong. I eventually then got approached by the Radio Kalahari Orkes to join their band. I moved up to Johannesburg and got involved in the secular music industry for 7 years. It started feeling very empty toward the end, and my life was just spiraling more and more out of control. I had no relationship with the Lord and lived a life in sin. Finally, I reached breaking point in my life, and I knew only God could help me. I went to a church with my cousin, and to make a very long story short, the Lord completely changed me that day.

He delivered me, He saved me, and I was filled with Holy Spirit. I was 32 at that stage, which was 7 years ago. I still carried on in the secular music industry for another year, but it felt even more empty to me.

To be an entertainer and a performer was just not good enough for me anymore. It was all in vain. At the end of that year I clearly heard the Lord speaking to me, telling me 'Resign, I've got better plans for your life.' I moved back to Cape Town, and for many months I didn't know what He was calling me for. But one day I went to sit in front of the piano, and lyrics and music just started pouring out of Heaven. The first song I wrote to Him, was called 'I am Yours'. I knew then that I knew He was calling me to compose and write music for Him, and to glorify Him, and that that was part of my destiny all along.

How do you start writing music and lyrics? Does God give them to you or does He inspire you through people or His Word?

**Lize:** I normally don't plan to write and compose a song. It just happens spontaneously. I normally have a desire to go sit in front of the piano, and I will just start playing. I always first compose the melody, and then the lyrics will come. I never really plan what lyrics I'm going to write, it just comes naturally as I compose the music. Sometimes it is scripture I sing, like 'I am Yours' and 'First Love'. But mostly I sing what I've been going through in that specific season. For instance, 'Wait on Me' I wrote just after I found out about my brain tumor. Music does come much easier for me than the lyrics.

God has used you so powerfully through your music, what was it like performing in Israel?

**Lize:** I've been to Israel twice before, but I haven't ministered there before. Me and Sarah did however write and compose our album 'Trumpets to Tabernacle' there. We stayed there for 7 weeks in Jerusalem on Zion Square. It was quite a challenge to compete with the musicians outside our window. Lol. But it was a huge blessing to be there and to compose music for our King in the Promised Land!

One of my absolute favorite songs that you have done is the Priestly Blessing, how did that song happen? The style of the song and the mood of the song is so interesting to me, when you listen to other versions of this song it doesn't even compare to yours, the way you did the song makes it almost feel like a love ballad between us and God, was that the intention for this song?

**Lize:** Yes, I remember so well when I composed that song. I first started playing the piano, and then I started singing the melody before I had the lyrics. I then just felt so strongly that the song shouldn't be in English, but that it should be in Hebrew. The Hebrew language is such a beautiful language to me. I still didn't know what the song should be about, so I started paging through my Bible, and my eye fell on the Priestly Blessing. I then just had complete peace that the Lord wants me to sing a blessing over His children. For those that don't know, the Priestly Blessing is from Numbers 6:22-27 – "The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you, the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace". I don't speak Hebrew, so I contact my friends in Israel, just to make sure that I was pronouncing it correctly. Lol.

I also love the Lily of the Valley I feel is the theme song for Pearl Drop Moments and I would love to know the story behind this song, what went through your mind during the creation of this song?

**Lize:** Many times in scripture Yeshua is referred to as the Lily of the Valley. A lily is sweet and a fragrant flower with a strong scent. Yeshua has a sweetness especially when He gave Himself for us as an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savor. A lily is white and very beautiful; exceeding all other flowers for whiteness, just like Yeshua. A lily is the tallest of flowers and yet hangs its head down, just like Yeshua who lived a life of humility. I knew I wanted to compose a song about this, so as I was composing it, I just asked Holy Spirit to guide me, and He was once again faithful.

You and Sarah Jubilee have created so many great songs and

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everything about your music sets it apart from all other Christian music that we hear today, I truly feel that your music is the real sound of the Bridegroom, how has the music impacted your lives since you started writing and creating music together?

**Lize:** It is such a blessing to us to be able to write and compose music together. We have been left in tears countless of times when we hear and see how the lyrics and the music just comes together effortlessly. The songs have really ministered to us. It really has brought deeper intimacy with Abba in our personal walks with Him. Greater adoration for Him has bursted forth from our lives. Through these songs we are also able to walk out a deeper level of His call on our lives. Through this journey we've also once again realized that we cannot do anything in our own strength. We know how absolutely dependent we are on Him to come and do the work through us.

Is there a specific reason that you use certain types of instruments in your music?

**Lize:** I've always had a big passion for film music and orchestral music. I love string instruments, like the violin and cello, and brass instruments like the French Horn. It just makes me very very excited, and really moves my spirit. As I compose the music, I just allow Holy Spirit to lead me and to show me which instruments He wants me to use.

And the people involved with each album, are they God sent or just people you like working with?

**Lize:** They are definitely God sent. With my first album, I really prayed

who I must use to produce it. I really wanted someone who loves the Lord, and who understands the journey I am on and who can relate to the music, so the Lord was faithful in sending me the right producer. We've done a lot of work together since.

In 2017 you underwent brain surgery to remove a tumor that was 2mm away from your facial nerves, that must have been terrifying! How did God comfort you during this period in your life?

**Lize:** It was actually not so terrifying. The Lord already laid on my heart to fast for a couple of months, even before I found out about the tumor. So, by the time I found out about it, I was busy fasting and I really felt spiritually very strong. A supernatural peace just came over me when I found out about the tumor, so I just immediately knew that everything was going to be fine.

You wrote a book about this time of your life, has it brought you healing and blessings testifying about it?

**Lize:** The book is actually not just about that time of my life, but about my whole life. I really felt very strongly when I woke up in hospital after surgery that the Lord wanted me to write down my whole life story and how I came to that point of surrendering to Him completely. The book is basically about my life before I knew Him, and my life after I got to know Him.

What would you say to someone that wants to have a closer, deep and meaningful relationship with the Holy Spirit? How can they achieve that?

It really has brought deeper *intimacy* with Abba in our personal walks with Him.



**Lize:** Well just from my own experience – for many years I tried that, but it didn't work, because I didn't surround myself with people who loves the Lord, I kept on living in sin, and spend absolutely no time in the Word or with Abba. But once I was convicted of my sin, and repented of it, only then could I truly be filled with Holy Spirit and go deeper with Him. Once I repented, it was like a veil being lifted from my eyes. I then started spending more time with Yeshua, and time in His Word. The Lord was also faithful in sending people into my life who was very passionate about Him, so I truly started to understand what it meant to be in a close relationship with Him, because I never saw an example of this before. The other advice I would give, is to be careful of distractions. I still sometimes struggle with that, where I'm so distracted with things I must do, or unnecessary worldly things, that I neglect my time with Him. The enemy is constantly trying to distract us, to keep us from sitting at His feet. So, we really have to prioritize and make sure that we always put Him first above anything else.

**Have you received a testimony regarding your music that really stood out to you?**

**Lize:** Yes, there has been many testimonies. Many people have said that the music really helped them to develop a deeper relationship with the Lord. Others have shared the encounters they've had with Yeshua while listening to the music. The other day when I was at a women's camp, a lady who couldn't write for over 2 years, said that suddenly after I was singing, she was able to pick up her pen and write for the first time in 2 years without any struggle. All glory to God! Also, many people have told us the impact the music have on their children, and how it just calms them down, and touch them deeply. So, all these testimonies have really been encouraging to hear.

**Where can readers/fans to be get the book/album?**

They can go order online on [www.bridalharvest.com](http://www.bridalharvest.com), and then Naomi will post it to them. Also, on the website, they can see if there is maybe a distributor close to them. All my music, and me and Sarah's music is also available on iTunes.

**Where can readers get in touch with you?**

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## 10 verses on creativity

Them hath he filled with wisdom of heart, to work all manner of work, of the engraver, and of the cunning workman, and of the embroiderer, in blue, and in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen, and of the weaver, even of them that do any work, and of those that devise cunning work. - **Exodus 35:35 KJV**

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. - **Genesis 1:1 KJV**

Do you see a man skillful and experienced in his work? He will stand [in honor] before kings; He will not stand before obscure men. - **Proverbs 22:29 AMP**

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; - **Romans 12:6 NKJV**

And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, - **Colossians 3:23 NKJV**

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in

them. - **Ephesians 2:10 NKJV**

<sup>31</sup>and He has filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom and understanding, in knowledge and all manner of workmanship, <sup>32</sup> to design artistic works, to work in gold and silver and bronze, - **Exodus 35:31-32 NKJV**

But now, O Lord, You are our Father; We are the clay, and You our potter; And all we are the work of Your hand. - **Isaiah 64:8 NKJV**

<sup>15</sup>Moreover there are workmen with you in abundance: woodsmen and stonecutters, and all types of skillful men for every kind of work. <sup>16</sup>Of gold and silver and bronze and iron there is no limit. Arise and begin working, and the Lord be with you. - **1 Chronicles 22:15-16 NKJV**

<sup>1</sup>It is good to give thanks to the Lord, And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; <sup>2</sup>To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning, And Your faithfulness every night, <sup>3</sup>On an instrument of ten strings, On the lute, And on the harp, With harmonious sound.- **Psalms 92:1-3 NKJV**

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in Paul the Apostle's ministries

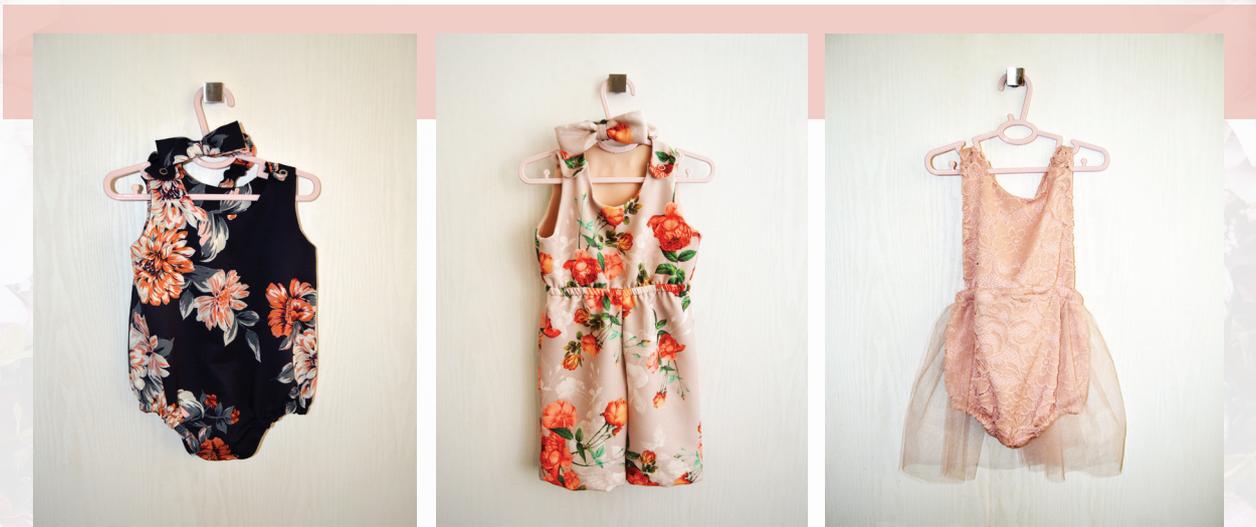


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We decided to dedicate the first collection to little Olivia Grace Gronum, whose mother has such a powerful testimony, which all leads up to the birth of Olivia. You can read her full testimony on our website ([www.magazine.pearldropmoments.co.za](http://www.magazine.pearldropmoments.co.za)) in our first issue. We decided on floral patterns which signify new life and creation. We think it is fitting that our first collection resonates with the garden of Eden (before sin came in).

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# Brothers

in Christ - Pickard & Joshua

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We thought it might be fun to ask Joshua Wells (Christ in Action Ministries' Manager) and Pickard Henn (Christ in Action Ministries and evangelist) questions about each other, just like you are reading this now, they too will only read their answers about each other for the first time.

### Pickard on Joshua

**We are going to hit you with a hard one first, what is Joshua's biggest dream?**

To become a pilot

**What is Joshua's favorite song to sing in the car/on the road?**

I don't really know, whatever I sing he sings with me

**Name one thing you and Joshua completely, 100% agree on?**

Everything

**Where in the world would Joshua love to go and evangelize to people?**

Europe

**Is Joshua a cookie, ice cream, or cake person?**

Everything

**What is Joshua's go-to snack when on the road?**

Cappuccino at any drive through

**If you could sum up Joshua in one Bible verse which one would it be?**

John 15:13

### Joshua on Pickard

**We are going to hit you with a hard one first, what is Pickard's biggest dream?**

I believe Pickard's biggest dream is having a crusade in South Africa with millions in attendance, getting South Africa back on fire for JESUS!

**What is Pickard's favorite song to sing in the car/on the road?**

In Afrikaans they call them "koortjies" nice sing along songs.

**Name one thing you and Pickard completely, 100% agree on?**

Getting South Africa saved

**Where in the world would Pickard love to go and evangelize to people?**

Pickard's heart is really for South Africa, he loves going to visit in USA with all his evangelist friends, but when it comes to evangelizing, he wants South Africa saved.

**Is Pickard a cookie, ice cream, or cake person?**

NONE, there is not a sweet tooth in him.

**What is Picard's go-to snack when on the road?**

A month ago, I would say KFC dunked wings and A LOT of them, but for now I would say anything that is salt and vinegar.

**If you could sum up Pickard in one Bible verse which one would it be?**

Matthew 10.8 – Heal the sick, cleanse the leper and raise the dead! Freely we have received and freely we will give.



From trying to commit suicide to an evangelist that travels all over to win hearts for Jesus, we had the privilege to ask Pickard a few questions on this amazing journey with God.

You have an amazing testimony and one I think a lot of people can relate to, does the enemy remind you of your past at times when you are the closest to God or on the road for God?

**Pickard:** Sure he does yes, but God has a plan for my life for a hopeful FUTURE and while the enemy is looking at my past, I am looking at his future which will be a pit of darkness that doesn't end, a worm that doesn't stop eating, teeth that doesn't stop gnashing and fires that won't burn out. I spend too much time thinking about Jesus to focus on the enemy and its lies.

How do you handle situations where the enemy tries to get you to believe what he is saying about you and not what God is saying about you?

**Pickard:** The more you look at Jesus the more you become like Jesus,

be transformed by the renewal of our mind (Romans 12:2) the more you behold the more you become. When King Saul had a heavy spirit on him, he called David to play the harp for the heavy spirit to lift.

Psalm 100:4 says that you enter through His open gates with a password of praise, you go right into His presence with thanksgiving and you bring your thank offering to Him and affectionately bless His beautiful name.

So whenever the enemy comes with a lie, I worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. For when you walk in Truth you won't believe the lie.

What was the first miracle you witnessed once you started with full time ministry?

**Pickard:** Right after starting with full time ministry I was invited to go

on a mission trip to George, every night for one week they had services.

This was a very poor community and also the very first time I got to pray for people at a service.

During this service an elderly lady came to the front, she was bent over 90 degrees and using a walking stick to move around. She asked me if I could pray for her back, not knowing any better not ever seeing an actual miracle or healing take place, I just laid my hands on her back and the power of God came over that woman and in an instance she slammed to the floor between the chairs and when she got up her back was straight, and she gave her walking stick to her daughter and started running around the building! Love it.

You have rubbed shoulders with some of the most elite in the "Christian Society", what was the most memorable moment for you?

**Pickard:** It would most definitely be Reinhard Bonnke school of evangelism in Orlando Florida, got to have lunch with some big names like Daniel Kolenda, Todd White and Nathan Morris to name a few, and then most definitely the impartation service at the end of our week long training, where so many well known in the Christian Society laid hands on me, and imparted something from the Lord into my life.

What has been the strangest situation you were in while travelling for CIAM?

**Pickard:** Hahaha, I have a good story I can share with you. When I just started out with ministry, we would stay with the people that invited me; however things can get quite strange sometimes.

We were staying with people and the house was severely small, so there was no privacy at all.

I woke up the morning only to find my clothes and underwear had been washed, and were hanging all over the kitchen for everyone to see... Needless to say that never happened again.

How do you prepare spiritually for each event/meeting, what does that process look like?

**Pickard:** Prayer is power! Meetings should never be performance based, but relationship based, when I touch Him in faith, He responds with Power. 2 Corinthians 8:3, those who Love God is known by God. Because I love Him, He knows me and because He knows me, I only need to show up. In the end the Holy Spirit is the best Evangelist.

You have witnessed to a lot of people; do you ever see them again or find out what happened after you prayed for them?

In 1 Corinthians 3:6 Paul says that one sows the seed, and one waters the seed and God brings the increase. In Acts 1:8 we shall receive power and become a witness, therefore when I witness I sow seeds, when I walk away I pray that someone else will water those seeds because if the seed receives water, God will make it grow. We don't always know if the soil is good or bad, but we sow the seed anyway. The Bible says that no one comes to Jesus unless the Father draws them; God is love; if we manifest Love and represent Jesus well, then people will want to know Him.

I don't always see people again, because I travel a lot, but I do point

them to Jesus and trust He will show them the way, because He never gets lost.

Has God ever interrupted your plans at a place you were asked to preach at and did it turn out better than what you had planned out?

**Pickard:** Yes, I had the perfect sermon written down, I was going to preach like I would never preach again. And when I walked up to the stage God lead me into a total different scripture from what I wanted to preach. In the end people got healed, saved, delivered, touched and marked for life, I even had a lady come up to me crying and trembling and she asked me if she could just touch me, as she has never experienced anything like this before. This was pretty cool.

Has God used you in a gift that wasn't necessarily yours? What was it and how was it?

**Pickard:** In 1 Corinthians 12:4 Paul says there are different gifts but the same spirit. In Ephesians 1:3, the Word says that we have been blessed with all spiritual blessings. Jesus always operated in all of them. The word says that as Jesus is, so are we in this world (1 John 4:17)

If we have the spirit of God we can operate in any gifting, I have operated in all 9 of them, but God will not use you in a gift of prophecy if there is healing needed. He will equip you for the job that needs to be done, whether it is healing, prophecy, miracles or interpreting tongues. God does not look at your ability to do them but at your availability to walk them out. In Isaiah 6:8, Isaiah heard the voice of the Lord "whom shall I send, and whom shall go for us" Isaiah answered "here I am, send me"

My prayer is this, "God poses me. Use me don't refuse me, here I am, send me." God can only steer a ship that is moving

If you had one message to give to younger men what would it be?

**Pickard:** Don't refuse the Holy Spirit, he is knocking on the door of your heart and he wants to come in. God wants to use everyone, Jesus did not promise a boring life, He promised a life and life abundantly (John 10:10)

For 24 years, I lived for the devil. Jesus said you are either for me or against me, and since I dedicated my all to the King of Kings and found my life and purpose in it I promise not to live another day for the devil.

Jesus is the truth the way and the life, you shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free.

There are 3 words I can give you to help keep you on track; submission, surrender and obedience. I will help you to always remember this with a little poem.

James 4:7 / Matthew 16:24: Submit to God, resist the devil and he will flee, deny yourself pick up your cross and follow me.

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Many people know Pickard Henn, but do you know the man behind him? The man making sure everything runs smooth when Pickard takes the stage? We asked his manager Joshua Wells a few questions on how it is to serve God as the manager of Christ in Action Ministries.

How and when did you start Christ in Action Ministries?

**Joshua:** Well to be honest, it all started at the beginning of my “born again” life in May 2015, I was staying in Pretoria at the time, and one Friday evening I stumbled across a Facebook video of Pickard Henn, who back then wasn’t too very well-known and also freshly born again. I honestly cannot remember the title of the video, all I remember is lying in bed and just crying out to God, you see I was never a true believer, I always knew about Jesus and all He does, but it was never a reality in my life, and when I saw this young man from Upington, my hometown, it was as if everything changed in me in an instance, and I immediately sent him a message.

A few days later I made my way down to Upington to meet up with my dad, who was staying there, and on the Saturday evening before I left back to Pretoria, I said to Pickard we need to meet up. So at 2am on a Sunday morning inside his bakkie I got saved and gave my life to Jesus, and this was the start of a rather epic adventure that He would take me on.

As I made my way back to Pretoria, it was as if the Lord laid it on my heart to take care of Pickard and also assist him with this journey, as I was quick to learn that many people will walk out on you the moment you choose to lay down your old life and to pursue a life of righteousness and holiness.

It was as if Pickard and I had known each other our entire lives, and we instantly “clicked” and to be quite honest, it was almost a natural process that followed, like only God can orchestrate. We spent countless hours planning how we would set the county on fire and how we would get everyone saved, and within a month of meeting up, Pickard received confirmation from the Lord that it was time for full time ministry, and myself having the servant heart that I have said I will stand by him, and we will make this a reality.

In July 2015, we started off with “Pickard Henn Ministries” and this continued as a very unofficial ministry until March 2017, we made it official and we launched Christ In Action Ministries, as we believe the vision for this ministry is really to see Jesus active and alive, and also to equip others to walk out their Christ Identity, for we have been given power and authority through the Holy Spirit.

I firmly believe that when we apply Scripture to our daily lives, we receive more than just blessing, but also favor, and with applying Romans 13 and abiding within the laws of this beautiful country of ours we made this all official.

With Pickard Henn as the founder and head of this ministry, I took up the role as the manager and the one that will ensure that we take this ministry and the vision that God gave us and make it a successful and well-oiled machine.

Many have called me the Daniel Kolenda of Reinhard Bonnke, the one carrying the bags in the back ground, yet playing an integral role in God’s plan.

Working for God big or small there are challenges and opposition, did you ever feel that starting CIAM was the wrong thing?

**Joshua:** To be honest, this thought has never crossed my mind, or Pickard’s.

We have faced many obstacles in the last 3 years, they have been small and they have surely been big. However we choose to see every obstacle and challenge as a means of growth in Faith and endurance. It is easy to say we have Faith in God when things are always going the way we planned, but Faith is truly built when things are not going as planned and quite often when the outcome of certain challenges seems so unknown. We truly only have God to rely on, and I can honestly say, that there has not been one day that I can say it was ever a thought that what we have done or created was done in our own strength or desires, but that we truly only achieved what we could through Christ that made this possible.

God plants a tree by starting it off as a seed, one that must start hidden under ground, and then slowly breaking through the soil and yet steadily maintaining its growth to become a strong rooted tree, for if the tree grows too fast it will not be strong enough to withstand the storms that are guaranteed to come.

What was the first miracle you witnessed once you and Pickard started this journey?

**Joshua:** Love this question, and think we can honestly write a book on how many miracles we have seen God do in CIAM these last 3 years, but my first one that stands out the most took place on a trip we did to Namibia in January 2016.

We were invited to minister on a farm, which was based literally in the middle of nowhere in Western Namibia. When we arrived on the farm, we could sense in the Spirit that there were rather strange things taking place, we were then informed that there was a lot of witch craft in the area.

Before we were to start that evening, Pickard requested for all the farm workers to attend a service that we would have at the house. We prepared ourselves spiritually and did some research the afternoon regarding witch craft etc., as this was still fairly new to us.

The evening service started off, and the atmosphere was rather dead, and I remember Pickard started praying in tongues, at that moment a young girl took off and ran into the veld screaming, as she started manifesting evil spirits, we immediately took off after her.

When we reached her, she was spitting blood from her eyes, nose, ears and mouth, we instantly prayed and made her declare that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and after the service she told us how her family sold her to witch doctors for money, but Jesus was faithful and delivered her that evening.

This will always stand out as my first miracle witnessed, and definitely

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marked me for life.

You have a full-time job and manage CIAM, how do you do it?

**Joshua:** This has definitely been one of the hardest things I have had to face in my time of ministry; however I do believe that there are many people that are in my situation currently. I do believe that when the timing is right, God will make a way for me to step into full time ministry as well, but until then my place of employment will continue to be my mission field.

At the end of the day, it all comes down to prioritizing. I have set up for myself a routine that I follow and that also seems to work quite well for me, my main duty is to ensure that Pickard is on track with his speaking engagements and that when he is on tour, and I cannot accompany him that he is always sure of where he needs to be and who he needs to speak to, you see Pickard is an evangelist, so the finer details often pass him by, and he would easily talk for hours forgetting that he would have more appointments to attend.

What has been the strangest situation you were in while travelling for CIAM?

**Joshua:** There is no specific event that stands out, however when I think of strange the first thing that comes to mind is when we get opposition from the other church leaders or religious groups in the town that we will be ministering at. Pickard was invited to go preach in a small town in Natal, I won't be mentioning any names, however a few days before our arrival one of the church leaders of an opposing church started circulating a message to warn people to stay away, as Pickard was a false prophet, when we were notified of this, I remember saying to Pickard, "praise the Lord for breakthrough and miracles", for when the onslaught is big, the breakthrough will be even bigger! At the end of the day, the church we ministered at had record attendance.

Many church leaders are afraid of the supernatural movement of God, not because it goes against the Bible, but because it goes against man made doctrine, for every miracle that takes place a church leader will be asked, why do they not see more of this in their churches?

But we thank the Lord, for the church is really starting to wake up, and really starting to move in gifts of the Spirit, and it's really refreshing to arrive at churches and they are just so open to the move of the Holy Spirit.

I think as the manager of CIAM you also must prepare spiritually for each event/meeting, what does that process look like?

**Joshua:** Being the "manager" of this ministry has also put me in a role of intercessor, we are a team and I think we all know our roles very well, for the Word says in Psalm 133 that were there is unity God commands a blessing.

I always feel that I need to live a life in such a way that it should not be a process to follow when intercession and preparation is to take place, but I also feel that it is important to take some time, just to still the noise from this world a little, and just get a deeper peace and understanding of what the heart of the Lord will be, that needs to take place.

But we need to live a life of prayer; we should always be in constant communion with Jesus, so that He can direct our EVERY step.

How has your life changed since you embarked on this journey?

**Joshua:** WOW, in every way imaginable!

I don't think there is any desire left in me to be the person I once was, so empty and self-seeking. Life has become an adventure and every day I just can't wait to see what the Lord has in store for me, this ministry and for Pickard, I really think the Lord loves to spoil those who delight themselves in Him, He just loves us walking this road with him.

I have been blessed to see most of South Africa and Namibia, I even mentioned to Pickard a few weeks back, I always had this silly dream that I would like to be in Cape Town during a nice winter storm, and hey guess what, Jesus made that a reality! He really loves giving us the desires of our heart, and I just can't wait to see what He has in store for me in the future.

Have you preached or spoken at an event, and what is it like serving from behind the stage?

**Joshua:** I have never spoken or preached at an event yet. God has called me to serve and I can only be obedient in my role. Today most people want a stage and want to be heard, but I feel that there is so much power in serving.

When Pickard takes the stage there is so much happening behind the scenes that few are aware of, but that too has a major impact on the salvation of so many that attend, and I know that I play a part in getting those salvations through.

When we know our place in the body of Christ and we serve that role to our best ability, we really have a strong machine that will achieve so much for the Kingdom.

Has God used you in a gift that wasn't necessarily yours? What was it and how was it?

**Joshua:** We attended a School of Power and Love in Durban with Todd White, and at this school they really emphasize on the body of Christ walking out the gifts to save the lost, and after the morning service we decided to test what we had learnt, and as I was walking in the mall I really just started to flow in Word of Knowledge, and God just started showing me things about people in the mall, I would just walk up to them and it would just be spot on, and this always gives us an opportunity to minister to that person and just share the love of Jesus. I know that when we "tap" into the gifts, God really opens them up, it's like going to the gym, it starts slow and rocky sometimes and then eventually we just get good at hearing the voice of God.

If you had one message to give to younger men what would it be?

**Joshua:** Matthew 6.33 – Seek FIRST the Kingdom of God and all its righteousness and all else shall be added to you – Nothing else in this life is more important right now than building a relationship with a living and loving Jesus Christ! From this relationship life will start to follow, and it will be a life full of purpose and also a life pleasing to God that will end in even more life and life eternal.

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# Final thoughts

*You are...*

You are God's masterpiece Ephesians 2:10

You are fearfully and wonderfully made, which means that  
you are PERFECT!

You are in a season of breakthrough, take it and make it  
yours.

You are a son and daughter of the Most High God.

You are worth more than rubies and pearls, your worth is  
found in God!

You are loved more than you could ever imagine!

You are going to face "giants" in your life, but the battle is  
The Lord's and you will prevail!

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daily you can fight this war and be victorious.

*Much love René*



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