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# N O W The Rest Of The Story

By Pastor Ken Benson, Eagle Heights Church  
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National Board Member, Former IMA Chairman

## Bible Lesson: Joshua 1:1-9

A few months ago the well known commentator Paul Harvey passed away. He was well known for his very unique voice and his opening and closing statements, **“Now the rest of the story.”**

So many times we are overwhelmed by what is taking place in our lives, and that is especially true today. But I believe we have to know the rest of the story to understand that God knows all about it and that He provides the provisions and the answers.

God gave Moses **“a sign.”** which was proof that what he experienced was a divine manifestation and not a dream. To Moses it was a reminder, a memorial, or a symbol. But the word can also mean a miracle of God, a wonder that demonstrates His power & presence.

*1. “Blessed (happy, fortunate, prosperous, and enviable) is the man who walks and lives not in the counsel of the ungodly (following their advice, their plans and purposes), nor stands (submissive and inactive) in the path where sinners walk, nor sits down (to relax and rest) where the scornful (and the mockers) gather.*

*2. But his delight and desire are in the law of the Lord, and on His law (the precepts, the instructions, the teachings of God) he habitually meditates (ponders and studies) by day and by night.*

*3. And he shall be like a tree firmly planted (and tended) by the streams of water, ready to bring forth its fruit in its season; its leaf also shall not fade or wither: and everything he does shall prosper (and come to maturity). Psalms 1:1-3 AMP*

God’s Provision is outlined in the five “C’s” given to us in our text found in **Joshua 1:1-9:**

### 1. THE COMMAND: “BE STRONG”

He repeated this three times in this encounter. He didn’t say think about it, NO! It was a command. This is so vital in the day that we live. This is not a race for the weak. So much of the Christian walk has been a breeze, but we are now going to find out who the strong really are.

### 2. THE COURAGE: “AND BE OF GOOD COURAGE or BE COURAGEOUS.”

It was for Joshua’s encouragement, and God repeated these words three times as he did to be strong. The people later affirmed Joshua using these precise words echoing elements of God’s charge to Joshua.

*Joshua 1:18 “Whoever rebels against your command and does not heed your words, in all that you command him, shall be put to death. Only be strong and of good courage.” NKJV*

The instructions to Joshua to be **“very courageous”** do not address military matters at all. This might seem surprising given the battles ahead. But his success depended more on his spiritual state and his degree of obedience to God than on any military strategy. The spiritual demands preceded the martial ones.

**Reminder:** “Courage is not the absence of fear; it is the mastery of it.”

John Wesley said, “Give me 100 men who fear nothing but sin, and desire nothing but God, and I will shake the world. I care not a straw whether they be clergymen or laymen; and such alone will overthrow the kingdom of Satan and build up the Kingdom of God on earth.”

### 3. THE CALMNESS: “BE NOT AFRAID”

*“He has not given us a spirit of fear, but of a sound mind.”* Calmness is the farthest thing from the minds of people in today’s situation. (See NOW Pg. 4)



Rev. Ken & Ruth Benson



Dr. Tim Warner

# Chairman's Corner

## Divine Direction for the IMA; Part 2



### Make the Vision Clear!

Last month we considered the first part of the above scripture "Write the vision" as it pertained to God commissioning us to (1) Move Forward. In this article I would like to enlarge on the divine calling God has given to the IMA and how we can personally respond to our corporate vision. Here again is the overview of this series:

**Move forward**

**Make the vision clear**

**Mobilize the**



**next generation**

**God gave us our name** and it provides us with tremendous vision. Our founder was given the corresponding letters [IMA] prophetically long before we had members or was organized as an official entity with the US government. Let us consider the reality of this vision; keeping the statement clear, to the point, and applicable to every member. Please reconsider our official name as it pertains to our corporate vision:

**International** [makes our vision]:

**GLOBAL-** That is, we are a "great commission" alliance of ministers who view the world as broken, hurting, and needing to be reconciled to God through our Lord Jesus Christ. (See MT 28:19).

**MOBILE-** This speaks of "missions-on-the-move." We not only see the need, but also are equipped by the Holy Spirit to reach out cross-culturally, multi-generationally, and by actively supporting missions and missionaries.



**NOBLE-** We believe that "**the integrity of the upright shall guide them**" (Prov 11:3); that our ministers be holy, honest, and of noble character.

**Ministerial** [focusing on]:

**MINISTRY-** We love "the ministry" and especially the One who called us to it. We see a variety of callings, giftings, and endowments from our Creator and rejoice to see ministry in motion to grow the Kingdom and build the church.



**MINISTERS-** Our forte is not only ministry, but more importantly, the *minister*. Everything we do in the IMA, from the Home Office, to district functions, to publications, to the National Conference has the minister in mind.

**MINISTERIES-** The Holy Spirit works through people to both touch God and reach people. We recognize the "five-fold" ministry (Eph 4:11); believe the "gifts of the Spirit" are relevant for this present generation (1 Cor 12); that all ministries whether pastoral, missions, chaplaincies, evangelistic, music, administrative, Christian education, or outreach to children, youth, and elderly - have their place as legitimate, God-ordained ministries in the Body of Christ.



**Association** [built upon]:

**TRUST-** Unlike many denominational or religious systems that are motivated by fear, dominated by hierarchy, and integrated by tradition; the IMA stands as a relational alliance of ministers joined together in the unity of the Spirit.



**GIVE AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU**

**STRUCTURE-** Though the IMA is not dictatorial, yet we do have meaningful and purposeful structure that makes us functional, orderly, and capable to reach every member, church, and minister. Having organized districts helps ministers relate well in designated areas with like-minded brethren.

**NETWORKING** – A key to our continued success depends upon our willingness to network together in Kingdom work. Sharing our resources will empower every member to reach their maximum potential as independent, yet networking ministers. That little word *give* makes quantum leaps forward when networking with fellow ministers of the IMA for the sake of the Gospel and advancing the Kingdom of God!



# THE HOME OFFICE

Dr. Paul W. Todd, Administrator

## MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

**DISTRICT REBATES:** Did you know that since 1992, 30% of New Member Fees and 10% of your Annual Renewal Fees are returned quarterly to the Districts? I happily take credit for this action since it took place while I was Chairman of the Board. Usually, the members are not aware of how much is sent to their district.

The recent increase in the fees has also increased the amount sent to the districts significantly. There are eleven (11) districts that received rebates in the first quarter of 2009. This is the largest rebates of the year because of the renewals. The Home Office sent nearly \$8,000 from the General Fund to the districts for the last two quarters.

**40 YEAR AWARD WATCHES:** When a member has renewed for 40 years, it is the IMA's custom to award them with a watch. This year we are recognizing missionary to the Philippines Rev. Sheldon Dwyer and Rev. Floyd Seigler, of Tok, Arkansas.

**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING PROTOCOL:** Anyone attending the Annual Business Meeting who wants to bring business to the floor may do so by abiding by the following policy adopted by the National Board. *"All business brought to the floor of the National Conference must be presented to the National Chairman by Wednesday noon before the Business Session on Thursday morning in order to be placed on the Agenda. New Business items will not be accepted from the floor during the Business Session."*

**POLICY & PROCEDURES:** The current Policy & Procedure Handbook is available on the IMA Web Site at the bottom of the Home Page by using the username and password on your renewal letter.

## HOLY LAND 8 DAY TOUR

**DEPARTING SEPT. 1, 2009  
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**HOST: Pastor Rick VanHoose**

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## By Rev. Roy Peterson, Missions Director

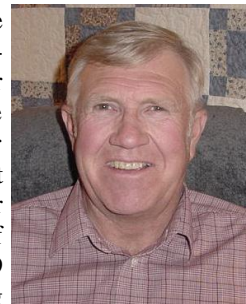
We are living in unprecedented times. Who would have ever thought that we would hear the President of the United States say that we are not a Christian nation? We are seeing many signs of the soon return of the Lord. Apostle Paul wrote in I Thessalonians 5:1 "But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write you." We need to stay focused on doing the Lord's will by reaching out to the lost in these trying times.

Many of the missionaries have informed me that both churches and individual supporters have cut their support or even have dropped them completely. We have been able to increase the support for our IMA missionaries in the past year, but we need everyone's help to maintain our missionary budget. I know that not all of the IMA membership can attend the 2009 National IMA conference which is being held in Evansville, IN this year on September 21-24, but we can all participate by contributing funds that will be used to help support our missionaries this coming year. I would like to see everyone in the IMA get involved in supporting our IMA approved missionaries.

There are two key words that I would like to emphasize. The first word is "ONE". Romans 12:5 says, "So we being many are one body in Christ, and everyone members one of another." Together as IMA members one of another we can do great things for missions. The second word is "TOGETHER". I Corinthians 3:9 says, "For we are laborers together with God...." Working together as IMA members we can be part of God's plan to reach the lost.

I encourage each of you to pray for our missionaries and pray about what God would want you to give towards the IMA general mission fund this coming year. You can send in pledges or checks to the IMA headquarters at 5201 W. Homosassa Trail, Lecanto, FL 34461-9117 or if you are planning on attending the 2009 National Conference you can make your commitment at the conference on Wednesday during the mission service.

Remember that in these last days we can do great things for Christ when we unite TOGETHER as ONE with our IMA brethren to support our missionaries both in prayer and by giving financially so they can continue to reach the lost for Christ throughout the world.



## MID-SOUTH DISTRICT CONFERENCE

**JULY 16-17 2009**

**METRO CHRISTIAN CENTER**

**Marietta, Georgia**

**Pastor Mary Mayfield**

**Rev. Wayne Mays, District Chairman**

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**Pastor William J. Pollock**, Apostolic Christian Tabernacle, Niles, Michigan went home to be with the Lord on May 16, 2009. He was a member of the IMA for 25 years. He had served as a member of the Missions Committee. We send out deepest condolences to his wife Rev. Sherry Linda, their family and the church. East Central District Chairman James Hightower and other IMA officials participated in the funeral services.

**Pastor Gurnade Brown**, Rev. Gurnade Brown, retired pastor of Faith Farm Tabernacle, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, went home to be with the Lord Thursday May 21, 2009. His wife Bonnie passed away in 2008. Bro. Brown was living in Winston, Georgia. He was a member of the IMA for 40 years. He served on the IMA National Board, Florida District Board and was Florida District Chairman for several years. His son Rev. Mike Brown, Okeechobee, Florida is also a member of the IMA. Bro. Gurnade was originally from Indiana.

**Rev. Gary Hendricks**, Evansville, Indiana, went home to be with the Lord on Monday June 1, 2009. He was the founder of the Adam II Alcohol and Drug Abuse Ministry. He was an ordained member of the IMA for 27 years. We send our deepest condolences to his wife Bea and the family.

**Pastor T. Patricia "Pat" Hutsell**, Harvest Ministries Church, Elkhart, Indiana, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, June 3, 2009. Her husband Pastor Lowell Hutsell preceded her in death on December 14, 2008. She was a member of the IMA for 21 years. She had served on the IMA Missions Committee. We send our deepest condolences to the family and the church.

**Mr. Tim H. Popoff**, Terre Haute, Indiana, the husband of, IMA member, Pastor Karol Popoff, Sugar Grove Community Chapel, Farmersburg, Indiana, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, May 20 2009. We send our deepest condolences to Pastor Karol, the family and the church.

(NOW FROM PG. 1)

But as children of the most high God we live by different circumstances. God is in charge and we don't have to be afraid or fear.

**4. THE CONFUSION: "NEITHER BE DISMAYED"**

Why? Because when the mighty Amorite Kings were captured he said, *"Do not be afraid, nor be dismayed; be strong and of good courage, for thus the LORD will do to all your enemies against whom you fight."* Josh 10:25 NKJV

**5. THE COMPANIONSHIP: "...THY GOD IS WITH THEE"**

*"FOR THE LORD THY GOD IS WITH THEE WHITHERSOVER THOU GOEST"* Again, God's great promise to Moses, "I will be with you" is now given to Joshua. We are just as important as Joshua and Moses was to the Lord.

And for all of us that are God's children that are in this world but are not a part of this world, we have the most powerful and victorious assurance that the world has no concept, and that is, **"Be strong, be courageous, don't be afraid, also don't be dismayed, because the Lord thy God is with us wherever we go and wherever we are."**

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