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## “GOOD NEWS” This Fall

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## IT'S FALL, Y'ALL!

It is a beautiful time of the year. While we enjoy the beauty of God's creation during this season, we continue to pray for healing both in the United States and around the world. As we watch the leaves—of differing shades of orange, brown, and red—fall from the trees, may the greatest reminder to us all be that God is still on the throne. The Lord has not left us alone. We must embrace the power and revelation of the Word of God to guide us through times of great challenge. This issue of Restore concerns equipping us for this season and the season ahead, while taking moments to pause and reflect. You can catch your breath with Diane as she shares her love of baking, or copy and color a page of "Give Thanks." In all, we hope that you are greatly encouraged. Go ahead and start a log fire, or pull up a blanket, and take the time to read this Restore copy. May each article fill your heart with the wonder and power of God's love. Enjoy!

*- Elder Jeff & Cheryl Cook*

P.S. Don't forget to share this issue with family and friends through our online pdf, which is available at our website, or share some great feedback with us at [www.heavenlycmin.org](http://www.heavenlycmin.org).

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# God Has Not Given Us Fear by Phyllis Clemons

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**Imagine you have a gift that can touch the multitudes of people. The gift has excellent value. It is essential for the expansion of a nation. It has an intense radiance with the potential to release human souls from prisons of darkness. The Lord bestowed this gift on you at birth and, over the years, a family member, friend, or associate helped cultivate it.**

There is, however, one problem because this gift is dormant. It is a flickering spark that is barely audible and hardly visible. It is hiding underneath the tumults of life's challenges, opposition, and negative self-talk. The gift longs to be visible and bold; instead, it is shaded by fear.

Fear can present itself in numerous ways. For example, there are the fear of rejection, fear of warfare, fear of hardship, fear of failure, fear of standing up for truth, and fear of repercussions, along with the fear of loss.

According to the apostle Paul's final letter to Timothy, "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV).

Timothy had a gift, but his gift needed to be ignited into the likeness of a bonfire. The gospel message was required to go forth in boldness and clarity. The gift had the express purpose of expanding the nation through belief in Jesus Christ. In so many words, the apostle said, "Timothy, you cannot keep silent."

Fear (cowardice) would hinder the gift's mobilization. An unused gift possesses a fading glory, and it cannot benefit the holy nation or bring God the glory. Timothy was extremely aware of the apostle's suffering as a servant of Christ, but he knew about Paul's endurance and commitment to the mission of saving souls, as well. Timothy may have been thinking about this fact as he read the letter. The apostle's strong encouragement to Timothy was using his gift and not allowing fear to deter him.

What gift is inside you? What does the Lord want you to do with it for the sake of the gospel? To whom is your gift directed? Are you actively engaged in its fulfillment? If so, fantastic! If not, I pray that the Holy Spirit will guide you and empower you to start to do so. Whether you are actively engaged or just beginning, fear will undoubtedly attempt to extinguish the valuable gift inside you. However, you can conquer the fear because God's great power, the same power that raised Jesus from the dead, is working toward you. (Read Ephesians 1:15-23.)

Fear frequently stands between a flaming and life-changing gift. May we all allow God to heal our brokenness, elevate our faith, and help us to persevere in the furtherance of the gospel. Remember that there is a powerful gift inside you.

# BAKING WITH DIANE THIS FALL

Baking is my passion. My favorite time for baking is early in the morning, when everyone else is still asleep. It is quiet and peaceful, and I am alone, doing what I love - baking, which brings me so much joy. Not to mention that the smell of banana bread or a pound cake baking in the oven is quite comforting and usually wakes everyone up, LOL. Baking makes me feel alive and good inside. I love baking for my family and friends. Being able to share the gift God gave me with others is an honor. Nothing gives me more pleasure than offering baked goods to someone who enjoys them! Most importantly, I feel blessed to be able to share my passion for baking with my children, nieces, nephews, and grandchildren. So many memories were made while baking cookies and cakes. They are memories that I will always treasure, and I hope they will cherish them, too.



by Diane Scott

"Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another"  
(1 John 4:11 NIV).

## PLANNING AHEAD FOR CHRISTMAS?

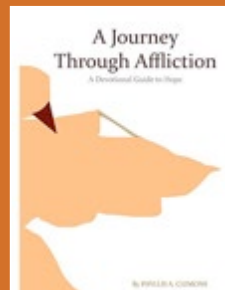
Check out these stocking stuffers and books to encourage family and friends



### Releasing the Favor of Prayer in My Life

*Cheryl Cook*

The power of prayer, experiencing peace, understanding the anointing, and the power of walking in love are all introduced in this handbook.



### A Journey Through Affliction

*Phyllis Clemons*

Contained within the fire of affliction is grace for the process. Coming out of the fire are redeemed hope, renewed strength, greater glory, and one of the greatest miracles – the miracle of a life being transformed into the likeness of Christ.



### 31 Days of Praying for Our Children

*Cheryl Cook*

Someone prayed for me. What can happen when we answer the call to pray for the children God has placed in our lives? Join me in this 31-day walk through Scripture and prayer to experience the Lord at work in all of our lives, especially in those of our children.



### Masters of the Marketplace

*Phyllis Clemons*

A road map to enhance your understanding of the privilege, the burden, and the blessing of representing the kingdom and serving the Lord in the marketplace. Readers will be led through some guiding principles for successful impact. If you think your place of employment is just a career, you may want to reconsider those thoughts. You have been positioned to represent the kingdom.

Books by Phyllis Clemons are available at [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)  
Books by Cheryl Cook are available at [heavenlycmin.org](https://www.heavenlycmin.org)



# 7 Acts of the Apostles We Can Follow Today

by Cheryl A. Cook

## 1. EXERCISE OBEDIENCE

Upon Jesus's resurrection, He instructed the disciples to stay in Jerusalem until they received the promise of the Father. They received the Holy Spirit through their obedience. Are you seeking God for something today? Find out what the Word has to say about it. Steven K. Scott shares his personal learning in his book, *The Richest Man Who Ever Lived*, which is a study about Solomon and the book of Proverbs. He yielded good results every time he followed the wisdom taught in Proverbs. However, he experienced a negative outcome each time he strayed away from his understanding. According to the apostle Paul, what we have learned we need to "put it into practice" (Philippians 4:9). Our obedience will yield fruit.

## 2. HAVE PATIENCE

A home is built over time. Children learn and grow in school for twelve or more years. If we live for any reasonable amount of time, we learn that some things happen more quickly than others do. On the day of Pentecost, fifty days after Jesus—our Passover—had resurrected, those who were gathered received the promise of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said, "Wait until you be endued with power from on high" (Luke 24:49). They obeyed the Lord. What are you waiting for God to do in your life today? James 1:4 reads, "But let patience have her perfect work that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." It is coming to pass as surely as the Word says. Let us wait in patience.

## 3. ENGAGE IN PRAYER

Great prayer is at work in the second chapter of Acts. Who was praying? The eleven apostles, women, Mary the mother of Jesus, and Christ's brothers. A total of 120 followers of Jesus gathered together. Their obedience, patience, and continual prayer of one accord and of one mind brought them to Christ's promise: the great outpouring of the Holy Spirit. "Prayer changes everything" is a way of saying, "When you seek God with your whole heart, you will find Him." Let us keep praying together of one accord.

## 4. BE A WITNESS FOR CHRIST

When those who heard the sermon that Peter delivered on the day of Pentecost inquired about what they should now do, Peter explained, "Repent, and be baptized, every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Three thousand souls were added to the church that day. Let us also be ready to provide an answer of the hope that is within us (1 Peter 3:15). We can share our hope in Christ with the world around us.



## 5. TAKE COURAGE

How do we face persecution? When Peter and John had joined themselves with God's children in the fourth chapter of Acts, they lifted up their voices in prayer to God. Here is a portion of that prayer: "And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word" (Acts 4:29). The chief priests and elders had threatened them to not teach, nor speak in the name of Jesus. They looked to God, just as we should do, and they requested help. Need courage? You will always find it in the Lord.

## 6. SPEAK TRUTH

Let's review two accounts of Peter and John together in the book of Acts as they were found sharing Truth:

1. In the fourth chapter of Acts, a lame man was healed because Peter spoke truth: "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk" (Acts 3:6).
2. When the religious leaders told Peter and John to not speak or teach in the name of Jesus Christ, they responded with these words: "Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges!

As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:19, 20).


In boldness, and without fear, they shared Truth even with those who did not want to receive it. They continued to pray and witness in Truth, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and we can, as well!

## 7. UNITE WITH OTHER BELIEVERS

From the day of Pentecost, to the prayers held by Peter and John with other disciples, we see believers uniting as one to accomplish the work God has given to us. We see believers fellowshiping and breaking bread together. They were praying with one mind. What does this look like for each of us personally? Are we making sacrifices to help the growth of the kingdom of God? We are called to be one body in Christ. We may be many members, but there is power in our unity. Let's keep endeavoring together as we follow the teachings of the apostles in ways they learned and demonstrated their faith in God. We can do the same and watch the world be changed by the power of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



# THE WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE



In 2 Corinthians 10:4, Paul instructs the Corinthian church what fighting the enemy requires. When you enter a battle with the enemy, it is all about who has the best strategy, best weapons, best soldiers, and best leaders. The best strategy is connected with the leaders. Are your leaders God-fearing ones? Do they pray for directions from the Lord and seek His counseling? If so, there is an extremely good chance that your strategy will be the best one, and you will win the battle. On the other hand, chances are you will not win the battle if your leader is trusting his weapons, strong men, and ability.

Likewise, 2 Corinthians 10:4 reads that it is not about who is physically the strongest, or who is the most educated and trained for the battle, because our war is a spiritual one. This fight will demand prayer and the Word of God in action. David told Goliath that “you come to the battle with a sword and shield, but I come in the name of the Lord.” The name of the Lord is a strong tower. The righteous run into it, and they are saved. During the battle of Jericho, the walls were high and wide, but praises to God and the shout brought them down and handed the Israelites the victory. In addition, King Jehoshaphat and the children of Israel were outnumbered three to one but, when they started to praise the Lord, the enemy turned on one another, and they won yet another victory.

You are in the battle today if you are a Christian. Do not rely on your own strength, intellect, affiliations, or associates; your trust is in the things of God. His promises are true. Prayer and praise will win the battle—spiritual warfare. Do not enter the battle with a physical sword when all you need is a slingshot and a few stones. Put on the entire armor of God: truth, righteousness, the gospel of peace, faith, and the helmet of salvation. The battle will be yours with weapons such as these!



I will give you the **keys**  
of the kingdom of heaven;  
whatever you **bind**



on earth will  
be **bound** in heaven  
and whatever you



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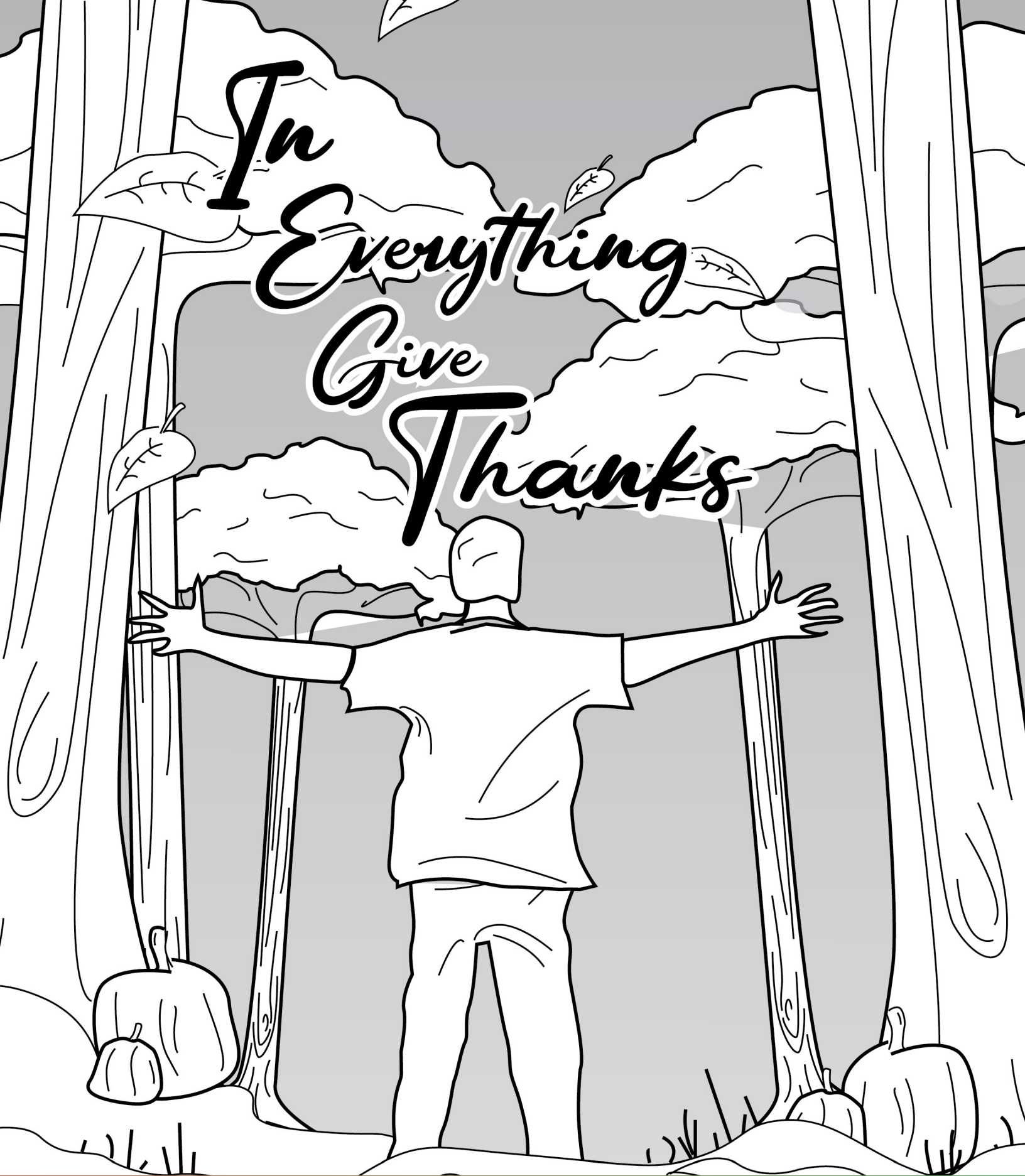
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Matthew 16:19

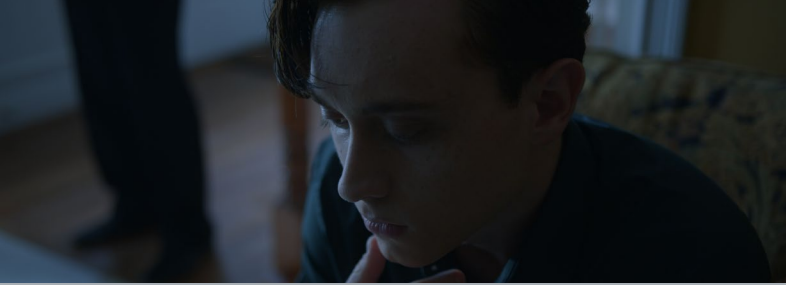
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**GIVE THANKS | COLORING ACTIVITY**



## ALAN II UPDATE

# ALAN II

## THE RULERS OF THE AIR

After a successful 2019 festival run and early 2020 release, the story of ALAN continues! We are now in early pre-production and fundraising for ALAN II, slated for production in mid-2021. An exclusive trailer was produced this past August, and will be released later this year during two special event screenings of ALAN.

In November and December, there will be a unique website experience that will allow visitors to stream the first ALAN film from a brand-new website, as well as donate to support ALAN II.

There will be new behind the scenes interviews, and a very special sneak peek at the end of the film, for ALAN II. Heaven Bound Films is expanding the team to craft this new story and promote our slate of films, please keep us all in your prayers as we move forward into the new year!

To stay on top of news with ALAN, follow our Facebook page!



# A Prayer for Our Nation

*by Cindy Batson*

**Father, we come before Your holy throne, and we bless Your glorious name. There is none like You in all the earth, and nothing comes close to You. You are the God of wonder, and we stand in awe of You and Your great mercy over us and these United States. As Your servant, Moses, interceded over Your people, we come before You bowed low and intercede for America.**

Your church has failed miserably to be the city on a hill that You have called us to be. We have been silent to the sins that have overtaken the nation. FORGIVE us, O God! We are powerless, weak, and ineffective. FORGIVE us, O God! We repent for the sins of abortion, racism, human trafficking, pedophilia, hate, rage, murder, idolatry, rape, fornication, lying tongue, covetousness, unforgiveness, foul language, lack of honor toward all authority, slander, failure to pray for our leaders, and not keeping Your Sabbath day holy. We repent and ask You, holy Father, to cleanse us and this nation. Against You, and You alone, we have sinned. FORGIVE us, O God! We request mercy and that You would stay the hand of the wicked one. Let Your Holy Spirit burn over every church and home and ignite a hot passion and hunger for You. Baptize Your people with the spirit of anguish about which Your prophet, David Wilkerson, preached. Let Your burdens weigh our hearts down to seek Your face and pray like never before. Transform us, and help us to die to self that we might live for You.

We speak death to every virus and plague and declare that it will bow in the mighty name of Jesus. We declare that everyone affected will recover. We speak peace for our cities, suburbs, and rural areas and declare that the blood of Christ cover the land. You, Father, are so much greater than all this evil. Be glorified once again, and bring a great harvest of souls!! May Your plans and purposes be established in the name of Jesus!!