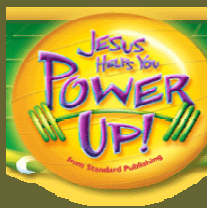


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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2004
August 2 – 6
7pm – 9pm



Pastor Phil Thomas

What’s it going to take in this confused world to be a real man? Unapologetically and proud to be a Christian man! And if you can say that, unfortunately you are a rare bread and hard to find. Manhood is facing a serious crisis. The very idea of manhood and the relevance thereof has taken a real beating. And what’s more interesting is that the political and social atmosphere has become an excuse for many men not to take their divine role of leadership serious any more. But the real crisis has nothing to do with the current societal climate, as chaotic as it may be. The crisis of manhood is a spiritual one!

We have misappropriated what God has said about manhood. And we have misconstrued God, and how the world works. Yet we try to make the world work according to our faulty views and

WHERE MY BROVAS AT?

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get surprised and disappointed when it doesn’t!

But can we slip back to basics for a moment? Because the answer to the spiritual crisis is really theological. The apostle Paul put it this way, “I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ” (I Cor. 11:3). God has designed creation to function by means of a chain of command that has nothing to do with value but everything to do with function and order. Not a popular view these days but certainly a theological truth!

In the God-head the Father calls the shots and the Son obeys. When Paul says that Christ is the head of every man, he’s talking to Christian men. Therefore, for believers, authority flows from the Father to Christ, and from Christ to man.

Then Paul says that the man is the head of a woman. This is what I believe is God’s

covenantal chain and the way authority is supposed to flow in creation. That’s what Genesis 2 supports. It says that God created the man and then the woman. It’s not a cultural thing for Paul, it’s divine order!

But the crisis is as a result of men breaking God’s chain by abandoning, to a great degree, their role of spiritual and marital leadership. The culture and yes, even the church, has contributed to the breaking of God’s divine chain of order. The result is that today’s men know little about biblical manhood and biblical leadership. Therefore we are not properly equipped to give our sons an example to follow, and their generation becomes further pushed into crisis until everybody is calling wrong right and right wrong!

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Love Walk

Part I – by Gina O’Neil

“**T**hough I speak with the tongues of men and angels, and have not love, I am become as sounding brass, or tinkling cymbal.”

These opening words to the 3rd chapter of 1 Corinthians ring familiar for many of us. I know that to walk in love conquers all things. Moreover, I want to obey the Lord by following His most important rule. But how can I love those with whom I am barely acquainted, much less those that I do not even know?

It was only when I sought the Lord regarding this that I received the best degree of love. However, the love I held was conditional. It was only when I reached the end of myself and relinquished myself to God’s leading and power, did I receive the breakthrough. God showed me love. He always had. However, this time I paid attention.

The first of God’s demonstration occurred one day as I took a moment to recline on my couch. Half asleep, I suddenly experienced a sense of joy, love and peace, all at once. Its intensity instinctively caused me to lift my head and glance about the room, as it seemed I wasn’t alone. Once I felt assured that there was no reason to be afraid, I reclined again and continued to rest, while the feeling lasted.

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LOVE WALK

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This occurred a second time one evening following church. I wondered what the Lord might be trying to tell me. It had escaped my memory the prayer I had sent up regarding my love walk.

The third revelation really hit home and challenged what I heretofore had believed. It happened when I saw the movie, "The Passion of the Christ." This film was like no other and was the most important film I have ever seen. It challenged me because it amplified what I had knowledge of, but discovered that I personalized on a limited basis. This film afforded me an experience of what Christ must have went through (and likely more than the film portrayed). As I watched, I experienced great sorrow and repeatedly said within my heart, "I'm sorry that you had to go through this, Lord. Lord, I'm so sorry." At one point, I even watched the character of Jesus buckle to his knees and I absently said, "Stay down, Jesus," even though I knew He wouldn't. And of course, Jesus stood up again. Instantly, these words came; He couldn't have bought me if He did. Now, my aforementioned apology of "I'm sorry, Lord," has been turned into a resounding "Thank you, Lord."

Christ's words in Luke 15:9-17 ring with renewed meaning. Jesus indeed willfully laid down His glory, with purpose. He bought me, with the price of His precious blood. Until now, I had experienced crippled self-esteem. Now, I am fully qualified by Christ. God gave His Son and took His wrath for sin out on Him and Jesus obediently, willingly considered me well worth the "Passion." Through the experiences and demonstration of the film, God had patiently answered my prayer.

See Part II in the next edition of High Times!!

Strength for the Journey

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2004 Men's Conference
August 26th - 28th, 2004

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But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

WHERE MY BROVAS AT?

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Listen I'll be the first to tell you how much I appreciate the sisters that are godly women and gifted in the church, in the home and in society as a whole. We'd be in worse shape without them. But if I can us some bad English for a minute to get your attention: "Where My Brovas At?" Because Satan has successfully detoured many of us men and duped us into pouring most of our energy and attention into other areas of interest that feed our male ego to the extent that our culture is in shambles, especially among the generation following us! Let's get back to basics! Let's get back to God, and rediscover that Christ likeness and manhood are synonymous! Let's embrace God's idea of a real man! Here it is:

- 1. A real man has a spiritual legacy to leave behind (Job 29:1-5)**
- 2. A real man earns respect (Job 29:7-10)**
- 3. A real man is a man of mercy and justice (Job 29:12-16)**
- 4. A real man is a man of stability (Job 29:18-19)**

My brothers if we start today we can turn some situations around, and our families, and our society will follow! The world is looking for a real hero! It's God's man, and it can be you. Join us for our men's conference 2004 and hear more! And let God give you **Strength for the Journey!**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2004

Jesus Helps You Power Up - God is Able to Build You Up. (Acts 20:32)



High Energy VBS with Eternal Impact!

August 2 – 6

7pm – 9pm

(Dinner served each night)

This year's Vacation Bible School program provides biblically-based, powerful lessons that will have a lasting impact in children's lives.

- **Love One Another**
- **Accept One Another**
- **Serve One Another**
- **Comfort One Another**
- **Forgive One Another**



Upcoming Events

July

14 – Pastor Thomas, Guest Speaker at Mt. Olive Holy Evangelistic Church, Baltimore, MD, 7:30pm

10-11 – Annual Fellowship with First Baptist, Pearisburg, Dr. Michael Bratton

18 – Annual Fellowship with St. John Christian Community Church, Baltimore MD 4:00pm

25 – Youth/Teen Graduation Service 4:00pm

30-31 – Multi-Media Event

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Isaac Marion
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August

1 – Pastor Thomas, Guest Speaker at GMCC, Manassas, VA 4:00pm

2 – 6 – Vacation Bible School, 7:30pm

7 – Annual Church Picnic @ Bull Run Park

8 – Pastor Thomas, Guest Speaker at New Hope Trinity Bible Church, Falls Church, VA 3:30pm

13 – 3rd Annual Back to School Jam 7:30pm

15 – Pastor Thomas, Guest Speaker at Zion Temple, Baltimore, MD 6:00pm

26 - 28 – Annual PCIF Men's Conference 9:00am

29 – Annual Men's Day Service 4:00pm

Weekly/Monthly Schedule

Sunday

Sunday School 9:30am

1st Sunday – Communion 4:00pm

Morning Service 11:30am

Children's Church 11:30am

4th Sunday – Sunday School Breakfast 8:30am

Monday

2nd Monday – Deacon's Meeting 7:30pm

Tuesday

2nd Tuesday – Overcomer's Ministry 7:00pm

Wednesday

Evangelism/Outreach Class 6:30 – 7:30

Prayer & Bible Study 7:30pm

Youth Bible Study 7:30pm

Thursday

Minister's Development Institute 7:00pm

Friday

1st Friday – Men's Ministry Fellowship 7:30pm

3rd Friday – Women's Ministry Fellowship 7:30pm

4th Friday – SOULO (Singles) Fellowship 7:30pm

Saturday

1st Saturday – CMMC (Couples Ministry) 2:00pm

1st & 3rd Saturday Praise Team Rehearsal 12:00pm

2nd Saturday – Mass Choir Rehearsal 12pm

4th Saturday – Youth Mass Choir Rehearsal 12:00pm

4th Saturday – BASIC (Teen Choir) Rehearsal 2:00pm

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FROM THE EDITOR:

THANKS TO THE SAINTS IN PEARISBURG, VA WHO PREPARED A WONDERFUL FELLOWSHIP FOR US. THE DAY AT THE PARK WAS A SPECIAL TREAT FOR US AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO DOING IT AGAIN SOME TIME. HOW ABOUT THAT BASKETBALL GAME...THE OLD GUYS RULED AND PASTOR BRATTON WAS VOTED “MVP.” AS ALWAYS WE HAD A WONDERFUL TIME IN THE LORD ON SUNDAY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL NEXT SPRING!!

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