

**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FOR SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST  
VOLUNTEERS, PASTORS, EDUCATORS AND LEADERS**

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There are two components to the seminars of *Healing Stream Ministries*:

1. **The Victory over the Beast seminar** – designed to teach believers how to become spiritually healthy followers of Jesus Christ by taking the three angels' messages as God's medicine for their own lives. The best protection against the beast is the genuine worship of the Lamb.
2. **The Leadership Development seminar** – designed to influence others to become disciples of Jesus Christ in the reaping of the gospel harvest.

**The Victory over the Beast seminar consists of the following four sessions:**

<p><b>1. Singing in the Courtroom</b></p> <p>The Good News about the Judgment</p>	<p>Look upon Revelation chapters 4 &amp; 5 as the proceedings in the heavenly courtroom where a last will and testament (the everlasting covenant) is being 'probated' in order that we may receive the benefits to which we are entitled because we are legitimate heirs of God because of Christ's redemptive work.</p> <p>Overcoming Satan's lies:  <i>You will be inspected and you're not good enough.</i>  <i>You will never make it.</i>  <i>God is not for you, but against you.</i></p> <p>Replacing Satan's lies with God's truths:  <i>The Lamb is inspected and declared worthy by the witnesses in heaven's courtroom.</i>  <i>The basis for your salvation is the redemptive work of Jesus Christ.</i>  <i>Both God and Jesus are for you.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Build Your Life on These Incontrovertible Facts of Faith  <i>"Because of Christ's redemption  I am a new creation of infinite worth. I am deeply loved,  I am completely forgiven, I am fully pleasing,  I am totally accepted by God, I am absolutely complete in Christ."</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>God the Father, who is for us, sent His Son Jesus Christ  to be with us, to die for us to give salvation to us,  that the gift of the Holy Spirit might be in us  so the sufficiency of God's resources which are beyond us  may flow through us to overcome all that is against us.</i></p> <p>Join now the singing in heaven's courtroom through your genuine worship of the Lamb.</p>
<p><b>2. The victory over the beast</b></p> <p>How to Protect Yourself Against Satan's Identity Theft</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To set you up for the final deception, Satan first seeks to steal your identity. because He knows that... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• your identity is like the operating system of a computer. Satan wants your life to 'crash.'</li> <li>• your spiritual immune system is found in your identity. Satan wants to infect it with the virus of his lies.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. False identity: <i>What you do determines who you are.</i>  True identity: <i>Who you are determines what you do.</i></li> <li>3. Two kinds of self-worth:  Your worth = your <i>performance</i> + <i>others' opinions about that performance.</i>  Your worth = <i>what God says about you.</i>  Your worth = the price paid for your redemption.  The search for identity is not to discover who I am, but it is to discover <i>whose</i> I am.</li> </ol>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. In earth’s final conflict Satan seeks to steal the identity of Jesus Christ through the work of the “beast.” Experientially, the beast is anything which is a substitute for the saving work of Christ.</li> <li>7. The best and <i>only</i> way to overcome the beast is to <i>worship the Lamb</i>. Go to heaven’s open courtroom (Revelation ch. 5), and there learn to worship the slain Lamb.</li> <li>8. The great controversy is all about worship. The best protection against the worship of the beast is the genuine worship of the Lamb.</li> <li>9. When we worship the Lamb we discover our true identity. Our identity resides in worshipping God as Creator and Jesus Christ as Redeemer .</li> <li>10. When we worship the Lamb you receive the identity of the Lamb. When we worship the beast (any substitute for the saving work of Christ) we receive the identity of the beast – the image, name, and number of the beast.</li> <li>11. Accept all the benefits of the sufficiency of our new identity.  “<i>The Father gave all honour to His Son, seating Him at His right hand, far above all principalities and powers. He expressed His great joy and delight in receiving the Crucified One, and crowning Him with glory and honour. And all the favours He has shown to His Son in His acceptance of the great atonement are shown to His people. God loves them as He loves His Son. .The seal of Heaven has been affixed to Christ's atonement. His sacrifice is in every way satisfactory. In Him mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. The Father embraced His Son, and in this included all who receive Him.</i>” (E.G. WHITE , Bible Echo, May 22, 1899).</li> <li>12. To win the victory over the beast is to... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• discard our false identity.</li> <li>• to identify with Christ’s <b>victory</b> at the cross. Because He won, we also are winners!</li> <li>• to live our lives <b>programmed</b> by our new <b>identity</b></li> <li>• to enter into all the <b>privileges</b> of our new <b>identity</b>.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Finding the Beast in Unknown Places</b></p> <p>How to detect the hiding places of the beast in your own life and in your own church.</p>	<p>A study of Luke 4:16-30. Why was there an outbreak of <i>bestly</i> behaviors in Jesus’ hometown synagogue on the Sabbath day when Jesus presented the message there? +</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Definition of Idolatry</u>: The attempt to control your life through worthless pursuits when you do not believe that God is doing His job. Idolatry is to abandon your God-given identity and search for an make-believe identity based on your own accomplishments.</li> <li>2. The congregation in Jesus’ hometown synagogue in Nazareth knew of the identity of Jesus as the ‘carpenter’s son.’</li> <li>3. By His reading of Isaiah 61 Jesus gave Scriptural evidence for His Messianic identity: “<i>The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed me...</i>”</li> <li>4. The synagogue worshipers cherished and <u>protected</u> their identity as God’s special and chosen people. Their identity as such had become their idol.</li> <li>5. Jesus challenged this false and <u>exclusive</u> identity by His reference to two Old Testament incidents that showed God’s working <i>outside</i> the Jewish nation.</li> <li>6. The Sabbath-keepers in the synagogue in Nazareth expressed bestly behaviors as they tried to kill Jesus because He challenged their identity expressed in the <u>exclusiveness</u> of their idol.</li> <li>7. Idolatry is to put God in a box, and to live inside that box and to guard it against all intruders.</li> <li>8. When Jesus said that the work of the Messiah was “to set at liberty the captives and to open the eyes of the blind” He addressed people who were in bondage to their idols of parochialism and exclusivism. In their blindness they rejected the identity of the One who had come to set them free from their idols and they tried to kill Him.</li> <li>9. When we find our <u>identity</u> in our idols, we become just like our idols, and we exhibit the “image” of our idols.</li> <li>10. In Satan’s kingdom no one doubts the <u>identity</u> of Jesus. The demon-possessed man in Capernaum affirmed the identity of Jesus (Luke 4:34).</li> <li>11. Jesus as our Messiah will always challenge our false identity as found in our pet idols.</li> </ol>



	<p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment:</b> “Do not take God’s name in vain.”</p>	<p>Beware of abusing God’s name for it is the source of your identity, sufficiency, and protection. Cease from all god-playing.</p>	<p><b>His name</b></p>
	<p><b>4<sup>th</sup> Commandment:</b> “Remember the Sabbath day, the 7<sup>th</sup> day, to keep it holy.”</p>	<p>Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. The assurance of your salvation is found in resting in the completeness (7<sup>th</sup>ness) of His creative and redemptive work for you.</p>	<p><b>His number</b></p>

**2. The Leadership Development seminar**

consists of the following components.

- **Identity** – Who are you?
- **History** –
  - His history:** Jesus Christ replaces your past, flawed history with His perfect history. The gospel is always about Christ’s history – His life, suffering, death, resurrection, ascension, intercession, and coming again.
  - Your history:** Where have you been?
    - The processing of your timeline.
    - What lessons have you learned?
    - How Jesus wants to heal the painful parts in your life.
- **Testimony** – What is your personal testimony growing out of the recounting and processing of your past history?
- **Destiny** – What is God’s calling on your life?
- **Intentionality** – How are you going to get there?

<p><b>SPIRITUAL ILLNESS</b></p> <p>Disappointment Discouragement Disillusionment Brokenness Dysfunction</p> <p>God often gives His most powerful and hopeful messages to people who have experienced intense disappointments.</p>	<p><b>The early Christian church had its birth in a disappointment, 31 A.D.</b> <i>“We were hoping it was He who was going to redeem Israel...”</i> (Luke 24:21).</p> <p><b>God’s cure for this disappointment –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An encounter with Jesus through Bible study (Luke 24:27).</li> <li>• The opening of their eyes to see Jesus in the Old Testament Scriptures (Luke 24:27).</li> <li>• The opening of their eyes to see Jesus in person (Luke 24:31).</li> <li>• The continual willingness to grow and learn.</li> <li>• An intense desire to share with other disappointed disciples about Jesus <i>“Did not our hearts burn within us...”</i> (Luke 24:32).</li> </ul> <p><b>The Seventh-day Adventist Church had its birth in a disappointment, October 23, 1844.</b></p> <p><b>God’s cure for the disappointment –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The opening of their eyes to <i>see Jesus</i> ministering in the Most Holy place of the heavenly sanctuary. The vision of Hiram Edson on the morning of the disappointment.</li> <li>• The opening of their eyes to heavenly realities in Daniel and Revelation, as motivated and amplified through the visions of Ellen G. White, December 1844. This gave hope to the scattered flock.</li> <li>• Bible study and prayer led to seeing their experience of discouragement in the light of Scripture (Revelation 10:9-11).</li> <li>• Their continual willingness to grow and learn.</li> <li>• The opening of their eyes to God’s mission for them – <i>“You must prophecy again...”</i> (Revelation 11:11).</li> <li>• The discovery of their <i>mission</i> and <i>message</i> as found in the three angels’ messages of Revelation 14:6-12.</li> </ul>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>God’s cure for disappointments: the courage to hope again.</b></p> <p>The Seventh-day Adventist church became a world-wide movement through the three angels’ messages as God’s medicine for their disappointment and discouragement. We have gone <i>far and wide</i> into the world with these messages – now it is time to go <i>deeper</i> and <i>internalize</i> these messages to change our lives from the inside out.</p> <p>The book of Revelation was written to give hope to the early Christians who faced severe discouragement.</p> <p>Always interpret Revelation in light of the original audience to whom it was written.</p>	<p>More than 150 years after the great disappointment, Adventists are now faced with another series of disappointments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Disappointment with Jesus</u> – He has not returned in His 2<sup>nd</sup> coming, and we are still here.</li> <li>• <u>Disappointment with the church</u> – “if we know so much Bible truth, why is there so much conflict within our church?” So many have tremendous assurance that they are members of the right church, but very little assurance that God personally loves them and that their sins are forgiven.</li> <li>• <u>Disappointment with ourselves</u> – “if I believe in such a perfect doctrinal package, why do I still have so little assurance of salvation? If we have so much truth, why can’t we get along with each other?”</li> </ul> <p>We may <i>neuter</i> the three angels’ messages...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• when we merely cherish them as ways to impress others with our orthodoxy and doctrinal correctness.</li> <li>• when we major in talking to ourselves about ourselves—“we have the truth,” “we are right,” “aren’t we wonderful?” [denominational pride] – while we fail to notice the intoxicating effects of the sin-disease in our own lives.</li> <li>• when we have more to say about the beast than about the Lamb.</li> <li>• when the results of our evangelism becomes a means to boost our personal self-worth identity.</li> <li>• when we focus only on the <i>convenient truths</i> of the three angels’ messages.</li> </ul> <p>When we preach <i>and</i> practice the <i>undiluted</i> three angels’ messages, here are some possible results.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We would major in making prominent the great center of attraction, Jesus Christ. Thus we would have more to say about the Lamb than about the beast.</li> <li>2. We would humbly continue to search the Scriptures so that the Holy Spirit could expose our own dysfunctions and sinful strategies.</li> <li>3. We would seek to diagnose the presence of the hidden traits of Babylon and the beast in our own lives.</li> <li>4. We would take the three angels’ messages as God’s medicine for our own lives before giving these messages to others.</li> <li>5. Just as God used disappointment to stretch the early Advent believers, could He not also use whatever disappointment you may be facing to stretch you that you may discover and know His magnificent purpose for your own life?</li> </ol> <p>We can powerfully amplify the proclamation of the three angels’ messages by bearing authentic personal testimonies to the power of the Lamb in overcoming all the possible viruses of both Babylon and the beast. We are not exempt from the influences of Babylon, “for all nations have drunk of the wine of her fornication” (Revelation 14:8).</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>IDENTITY</b></p> <p>The roots of our identity are found in God’s covenant, the everlasting gospel, where, before the foundation of the world, the Father and the Son inscribed their saving intention for us individually in the Lamb’s book of life.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>GOD’S COVENANT APPEAL</b> <b>The 1<sup>st</sup> angel’s Message – the Everlasting Gospel</b></p> <p><b>The foundation for spiritual health</b> is found in the everlasting gospel, God’s covenant offer of salvation through the redeeming work of Jesus Christ.</p> <p><b>The 1<sup>st</sup> angel’s message</b> is God’s prescription for salvation: You don’t have to work to earn your salvation, because salvation is His gift to you. The <i>everlasting gospel</i> is His commitment, based on the intention of His loving heart before the world began, to save all who will come to Him trusting in the sufficiency Christ’s death as full atonement for their sins. Through the gospel, God restores our identity as His very own children, and thus debunks the lies of Satan regarding our identity and self-worth.</p>

<p><b>Our identity in Jesus Christ...</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>determines what we do (not visa versa).</li> <li>debunks the lies of Satan.</li> <li>provides the God’s programming for our lives (His image, name, and number).</li> <li>enhances our spiritual health.</li> <li>develops inside of us an immunity to all of Satan’s deceptions, i.e. his attempts to steal our identity.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>False identity</u>: What you <i>do</i> determines who you are.(Satan’s lie)</li> <li><u>True identity</u>: Who you <i>are</i> determines what you do.(God’s truth)</li> </ul> <p>Our identity in Christ is the source of our self-worth-worth as based on our identity in Christ.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>False self-worth</u>: Your performance + the opinions of others about that performance.</li> <li><u>True self-worth</u>: What God says about you, based on <i>creation</i> and <i>redemption</i>. “Christ paid an infinite price for us, and according to the price paid He desires us to value ourselves.” EGW</li> </ul> <p>Because of Christ’s death at Calvary’s cross, you have been given a secure new identity in Him. Therefore, you will be able to declare, with positive assurance, the following incontrovertible facts about your identity–</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;"> <p><i>“Because of Christ’s redemption, I am a new creation of infinite worth. I am deeply loved, I am completely forgiven, I am fully pleasing, I am totally accepted by God. I am absolutely complete in Christ.” (Robert McGhee)</i></p> </td> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;"> <p>The everlasting gospel is all about Jesus Christ: <i>I believe in Jesus Christ, Who is the FULFILLMENT of God’s promises to me, Who is the MESSIAH, the Son of God, my Savior, Who LIVED for me, Who DIED for me, Who AROSE from the dead for me, Who ASCENDED to intercede for me, and Who shall RETURN for me, and I am HIS forever.</i> (James Ayars).</p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p><i>“Because of Christ’s redemption, I am a new creation of infinite worth. I am deeply loved, I am completely forgiven, I am fully pleasing, I am totally accepted by God. I am absolutely complete in Christ.” (Robert McGhee)</i></p>	<p>The everlasting gospel is all about Jesus Christ: <i>I believe in Jesus Christ, Who is the FULFILLMENT of God’s promises to me, Who is the MESSIAH, the Son of God, my Savior, Who LIVED for me, Who DIED for me, Who AROSE from the dead for me, Who ASCENDED to intercede for me, and Who shall RETURN for me, and I am HIS forever.</i> (James Ayars).</p>
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<p><b>Our identity resides in God’s covenant-election of us</b></p>	<p>The covenant tells us that long before the cross was erected on Calvary’s hill, the cross was already erected God’s heart.</p> <p><b>Covenant salvation</b> – salvation is God’s gift to me and received only by faith.  <b>Contract salvation</b> – by my own works I can bargain for God’s favor.</p> <p><b>Covenant salvation</b> – <i>God help the helpless</i>. This gives us solid assurance of salvation, and develops in us the <i>fruit of the Spirit</i>.  <b>Contract salvation</b> - <i>God helps those who help themselves</i>. This develops in us the <i>works of the flesh</i> as we ‘try harder’ to earn salvation and to impress others.</p>		
<p><b>The attacks of Satan on your identity</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your identity is like the <i>operating system</i> of a computer. Satan wants that operating system to crash. Continually, he attempts to invade the <i>root sectors</i> of our identity with his lies. Replacing the lies of Satan with the truths of the gospel will securely guard us against all the lies of the enemy.</li> <li>Your spiritual <i>immune system</i> is found in your identity. Destroy this immune system and your life is open to all the attacks of the viruses of the enemy.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Protecting your identity</b> Spiritually healthy people will possess a solid sense of personal identity as found in a covenant relationship with God, initiated by God Himself.</p>	<p><b>Enhancing spiritual health.</b> These responses to the everlasting gospel will enhance our spiritual health and enhance your protection against Satan’s attempted “identity theft” of your identity.</p>		

<p>This secure personal identity is enhanced by these responses to God’s everlasting covenant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Fear God</i> –</li>   <li>• <i>Give Him glory</i></li>   <li>• <i>the hour of His judgment</i></li>   <li>• <i>Worship</i> is an affirmation of our dignity and identity as found in God as our Creator. Such worship is His custom-designed protection against all of Satan’s attempts to steal our identity and diminish our God-given self-worth.</li>   <li>• Thus understood, genuine Sabbath-keeping is truly a celebration of both our <i>identity and dignity</i>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Fear God</i> – for the fear of God is a healthy fear that guards us against all unhealthy fears that would damage our lives and steal our joy. The ‘fear of God’ overcomes all other fears, including fear of punishment, fear of failure, fear of the judgment, and fear of the future. The fear of God also protects us against any fears that would set us up for the allurements of god-replacing idolatries, because we do not believe that our God is big enough to handle our lives. Faith is the refusal to let fear program our lives. What is your fear? When your fear becomes, in your mind, too big for God to handle, you set yourself up for idolatry, seeking a replacement-god who can control your life according to <i>your</i> wishes. When a fear becomes that great you have made that fear greater than God. You have reduced the size of your god, and that makes you a child of a lesser god. Such fears will eventually set you up for the deceptions of both Babylon and the beast.</li> <li>• <i>Give glory to Him</i> for glorifying Him is God’s antidote to pride and self-sufficiency, which are the root problem of our Babylon-like and self-focused attempts to make our lives work <i>without</i> God. God is most glorified when we are most satisfied in Him.</li> <li>• The judgment teaches us about God’s desire for justice in the entire cosmos. By holding us accountable for our conduct, the judgment teaches us about the high value God has placed on us. By our <i>doing of justice</i> (Micah 6:8) God wants us to participate with Him in His saving work. The redemptive work of Jesus Christ enables us to stand secure and without fear in the judgment.</li> <li>• <i>Worship Him</i> – for the genuine worship of the Lamb is the best protection against the worship of the beast, which is any substitute for the saving work of Jesus Christ. This includes all do-it-yourself methods of salvation. Genuine worship is the heaven-designed way whereby God supplies your life with the sufficiency of His resources as you serve Him with your praises. The security of our identity is found in the worship of <i>one God only</i>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Let worship become...</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the realization and restoration of our original identity.</li> <li>• our participation in Christ’s history.</li> <li>• the receiving of the benefits of Christ’s victory, dispensed upon His ascension into the heavenly courtroom. We do not come to the courtroom as defendants on trial, but as legitimate heirs entitled to the covenant benefits of our inheritance.</li> <li>• the realization of genuine self-worth derived from Christ’s worth – “<i>Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.</i>”</li> <li>• our joyful satisfaction with the greatness and sufficiency of our God.</li> <li>• our joyful witness to others about delight in our God. To magnify the Lord is to brag about Him.</li> </ul>
<p><b>HISTORY</b></p> <p>Because of Christ’s redemptive work, God now gives us credit for Christ’s history.</p>	<p>With His precious blood He blots out our <i>old history</i> with all our sins, flaws and imperfections sins our past, and then He then replaces our old history with His own perfect <i>new history</i> based on the accomplishments of Christ’s life, death, resurrection, and ascension. Through baptism we are dead, buried, risen, and ascended with Christ. Our identity is securely anchored in our legal position in Christ, being seated with Him in heavenly places. The enemy Satan cannot touch that identity.</p>

## OUR PAST HISTORY

as revealed in the processing of our personal timelines.

*“We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history.”* Ellen G. White

In His wisdom, God created us with the ability to sense pain. Jesus is always knocking at the door of human pain. Find the pain, and you will discover the door where God is knocking. The core source of the pain is the place where God wants to start working in your life now.

Jesus came to  
*heal the brokenhearted and to set the captives free.*

Start the processing of all personal pain and sin according to the principles of Luke 4:18, 19 in order to experience freedom from the bondage of our past painful experiences through Jesus Christ.

Detect where both the principles of Babylon and the beast have been operational in our own lives.

Discover where sin has been hiding behind a façade of personal woundedness, amplified by a victim mentality.

*We nurse our wounds,  
we curse our wounds,  
we rehearse our wounds,  
but we cannot reverse  
our words until we let  
Jesus heal them.*

**To be able to sing the song of Moses and the Lamb (Revelation 15:1-4), we can now start practicing for this song through an honest processing of our own individual timelines now.**

This song has its Old Testament roots in Deuteronomy 31:14 – 32:43, the covenant song as dictated by God to Moses, of God’s own record the timeline and history of the Israelites in their wilderness wanderings. Afterward Moses placed the words of this song in a scroll *beside* the ark of the covenant. When this covenant scroll was found under the reign of good King Josiah, it led to revival. Since the lyrics of such a song consist in a processing the events of your own personal experience, here are some suggestions you may find helpful.

1. Start writing a timeline of your own life – from your earliest memories until now.
2. In what ways do you sense God’s leading through everything – both the good and bad? Were there times when He seemed to be absent?
3. What is God’s track record in your life for showing His covenant-faithfulness to you personally?
4. Recall your negative and painful experiences. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal areas where you may still harbor resentment, bitterness, and unforgiveness toward others. And then get on with the work of forgiving others, as well as confessing your own wrongdoings toward others.
5. Write out whatever lessons you have learned from your painful experiences. Also write out those special areas where God is still working on you.
6. Discover where you have pursued with a whoring heart the attractions of Babylon – designer deities made in the image of the unfulfilled covetous expectations of your own heart. God wants you to dismiss the harem, and to love Him only.
7. **Discern where the symptoms of the sin-disease of both ‘Babylon’ and the ‘beast’ have invaded your life.** [Note: there may be a great deal of overlapping between the symptoms of Babylon and the beast].

- Looking for love in the wrong places
- Depending on others to fill my cup
- Spiritual adultery – god-replacing strategies
- Trying to make a name for myself
- Pride, inability to receive correction
- “Me first” attitudes
- Performance-generated self-worth (self-worth = my performance + the opinions of others)
- The abuse of love
- Escape from pain
- Bondage (bitterness, unforgiveness, addictions)
- Confusion
- Detect the negative emotions/behaviors of Babylon and beast-like living (circle all that apply): fear - anger – self-pity – bitterness – pride – self-sufficiency – worry – unforgiveness - self-absorption
- Spiritual and religious bullying – [exhibited in Nebuchadnezzar and the Pharisees].

- Antichrist principle - substituting my own works for Christ’s redemptive work
- Salvation as a do-it-yourself project
- Blasphemy – trying to do Christ’s work for Him
- Idolatry
- Making gods in my own image
- Self-righteousness
- Self-sufficiency
- Self-justification
- Doubting my position and identity in Christ
- Unbelief in the sufficiency of Christ’s atoning work
- The abuse of power
- Force, fear, threat intimidation, control, coercion, manipulation, persecution
- Salvation by trusting anything (church membership, good works, comparison with others etc.) other than Jesus Christ.
- Using the methods of the beast to do the work of the Lamb.

<p>By doing an honest assessment of our individual <b>timelines</b>. God wants to equip us to become spiritually healthy leaders</p> <p>As we construct our personal timelines, God wants us to...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• praise Him for all His blessings, even events that we may not consider blessings.</li> <li>• acknowledge and confess personal wrongs and sins.</li> <li>• recall painful experiences, woundedness, and brokenness, and ask for God’s healing of these through identification with Christ’s sufferings at the cross.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. Discern and discard all <i>false christs</i> of your own making in which you have trusted. A false christ may not be an object or a person, but a way of thinking the displaces Jesus Christ to second place in your worship and trust.</li> <li>9. Give your life to Jesus Christ as you trust that every sin is covered by the blood of the Lamb, and that the only sure basis for your salvation is found in His covenant faithfulness. <i>Faithful is He who promised it, and who will also do it</i> (Hebrews 10:23).</li> <li>10. Visualize through your sanctified imagination that you are standing there before the throne singing the song of Moses and the Song of the Lamb, and thank Him in advance for the assurance found in His word that you will be there.</li> <li>11. Believe that God will even now use this processing of your own experiences to lead others to salvation in Jesus Christ. Consider the possibilities that God will powerfully use you like never before, and that through this process you will develop a powerful personal testimony to lead others to Him. The story of the woman at the well shows that God wants too use the healing of our personal pain as the basis of our witness for Him. <i>“Our confession of His faithfulness is Heaven’s chosen agency for revealing Christ to the world”</i> (EGW – DA347).</li> </ol> <p>In our timelines, look for any evidences of a Babylon-like style of living, which breaks the covenant of our heavenly Husband by looking for love in the wrong places. Salvation and spiritual health can only be restored when you come out the bondage of...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• all God-replacing idolatries by which we seek to make a name for ourselves in order be the managers of our own lives.</li> <li>• any sin that takes away our freedom to be all that God wants us to be (bitterness, unforgiveness, self-pity et cetera).</li> <li>• our dependence (intoxication/addiction) on our idols of possessions, people, places, position and power to satisfy our deepest needs. <b>We damage our identity in Christ</b> when we depend on our idols and our idolatrous strategies to cover, escape and/or compensate for the pain of our past woundedness. Detect where you have become addicted to idols (especially religious ones) in order to escape pain and to gain a sense of personal significance.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Detect also the presence of the Babylon and the beast viruses in your local congregation.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>The Babylon virus</u> – James 4:1-4 <i>“Where do wars and fights come from among you... You adulterers and adulteresses...”</i></li> <li>• <u>Beastlike behaviors</u> – Galatians 4:15 <i>“But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another.”</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>Jesus’ prescription of the everlasting gospel to heal your life of all the damage and brokenness of sin.</b> Luke 4:16-18, Isaiah 61:1-4.</p>	<p><u>Jesus’ Prescription to bring His healing to all our brokenness:</u> <i>“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised”</i> (Luke 4:18, 19).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>The gospel</u> –The Good News that Jesus offers you abundant life to set you free from all past woundedness, brokenness, unforgiveness, and bitterness arising from your own sins or the offenses of others.</li> <li>• <u>The poor</u> - the helpless, those without resources, those are at the end of their ropes, facing impossibilities whose self-fix methods have not worked.</li> <li>• <u>Heal the brokenhearted.</u> Jesus can heal your wounds. He has experienced everything you go through, being touched with the feelings of our infirmities. He can replace cherished inner lies with His truths in our inward parts. The healing He offers is substantial and permanent (John 8:32,36).</li> <li>• <u>Proclaim liberty to the captives.</u> You can make a jailbreak through the for-</li> </ul>

<p><b>For the healing of all brokenness and pain, receive the covenant benefits of the work of Jesus Christ at His cross made available through His intercession in the heavenly sanctuary.</b></p>	<p>giving and healing power of Jesus. Lies of Satan that have held you captive can be removed. Your entire life can be reprogrammed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Recovery of sight for the blind</u>: Your blind spots are removed. You see God, yourself and others from a new perspective. You see God working out good in the midst of pain. (Romans 8:28).</li> <li>• <u>Set at liberty the oppressed!</u> You can be free!</li> </ul> <p>Discern all the ways that Jesus suffered and was wounded, and identify your sufferings with His sufferings. Take full advantage of all the covenant-benefits of His sacrifice, made available to us from Christ’s ministry in the heavenly courtroom.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>“with His stripes we are healed”</i> (Isaiah 53:5)</li> <li>• <i>“that I may know Him and the fellowship of His sufferings”</i> (Philippians 3:10).</li> <li>• <i>“for in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted”</i> (Hebrews 2:10).</li> <li>• <i>“for we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need”</i> (Hebrews 4:15, 16).</li> </ul>
<p>To “come out of Babylon” is to come out of all bondage and to experience genuine freedom in Jesus Christ.</p> <p>To “come out of Babylon” is to let go of the addictions to our pet-idols.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>To come out of Babylon</u> is to let go of all bondage and addictions to our idols, and to experience genuine freedom in Jesus Christ.</li> <li>• <u>To come out of Babylon</u> is to let Jesus fill our cups and heal all our wounds, so that our lives are no longer programmed by our dependencies on the protection of recurrence of our wounds.</li> <li>• <u>To overcome the beast</u> is to discover our true identity in Christ’s redemptive work on the cross and in the heavenly sanctuary, as we let go of all the lies of Satan that have become strongholds, damaging our lives. We worship Jesus Christ as the only authorized and anointed Savior there is, trusting that He is sufficient for all our needs (Philippians 4:13, 19).</li> </ul>
<p><b>The results of an honest processing of the timeline of your own life.</b></p>	<p>Your timeline reveals...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• your identity</li> <li>• your priorities</li> <li>• your values – what have you lived for?</li> <li>• the position of God in your life?</li> </ul> <p>Is your life in alignment with God’s purposes?</p> <p>What are the areas in your life you need to bring into alignment with God’s purposes?</p> <p>How has the gospel changed your life, your values, relationships and your priorities?</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DESTINY</b></p> <p>In the light of your <b>identity</b> and the processing of your past <b>history</b>, what is God’s calling for your life now?</p> <p>Your new life will now become a living and joyful testimony growing out the presence of these covenant blessings in your life:</p> <p><i>Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.</i></p> <p>In the light of your restored identity and the processing of your personal past timeline, what is God’s calling for your life now?</p>	<p><b>An understanding of your secure Biblical <i>identity</i>, accompanied by an honest processing of the events of your own <i>history</i> will result in a dynamic re-focusing on God’s <i>destiny</i> for your life in order that the rest of your life will be your best life.</b></p> <p><b>You will experience the joy these covenant blessings in your life:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The patience of the saints</i> – accepting difficult situations and people without giving God a deadline to remove them. You can confidently trust Him because He works all things together for good to those who love Him (Romans 8:28).</li> <li>• <i>Keep the commandments of God</i> – not to earn salvation, but to protect God’s gift of salvation to you, already provided through His everlasting covenant. You will keep the commandments, not as a list so brag about your keeping of rules by which to earn salvation, but as expressions of genuine love to both God and others.</li> <li>• <i>The faith of Jesus</i> – as you confess that your salvation does not rest on your performance of the terms of a contract, but is solely based on fully trusting in Christ’s covenant faithfulness. Through faith you visualize God’s calling on your life.</li> </ul> <p>An understanding of your secure Biblical identity, accompanied by an honest processing of the events of your history will result in a dynamic refocusing on God’s destiny for your life that the rest of your life will be your best life, as you develop a living testimony to influence others to become disciples of Jesus Christ.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Your Personal Testimony</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“this is my story, this is my song”</i></p> <p>Your personal identity in Christ, as you have processed your timeline according to the principles of the gospel, will now become the source your personal testimony.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony”</i> Revelation 12:11</p>	<p><u>The Power of Your Personal Testimony:</u> “We are to acknowledge His grace as made known through the holy men of old; but that which will be most effectual is the <i>testimony of our own experience</i>. We are witnesses for God as we reveal in ourselves the working of a power that is divine. Every individual has a life distinct from all others, and an experience differing essentially from theirs. God desires that our praise shall ascend to Him, <i>marked by our own individuality</i>. These precious acknowledgments to the praise of the glory of His grace, when supported by a Christlike life, have an irresistible power, that works for the salvation of souls.”- <i>The Desire of Ages</i>, p. 347.</p> <p><i>“He has made us kings and priests to His God and Father”</i> (Revelation 1:6).</p> <p>God has set before us opportunities to become <i>spiritual leaders</i> of His people.</p> <p><u>Definition:</u> A spiritual leader is any person who through his/her testimony positively influences others to also become disciples of Jesus Christ.</p> <p><u>What is a spiritual need?</u> It is any human need for which we point individuals to the resources of the Lord Jesus Christ in heavenly places as we become intercessors in directing people to those resources.</p> <p>We engage in God’s work according to the model of Jesus’ prayer in John chapter 17. <i>“I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given me to do”</i> (John 17:4).</p>

<p><b>The ultimate purpose of our testimonies:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God is most glorified when we are most satisfied in Him.</li> <li>• To glorify God by making others glad in Him, and</li> <li>• to secure through the worship of Christ the establishment of God’s justice in the entire universe.</li> </ul> <p><i>Great and marvelous are your work, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, you king of saints.</i></p>	<p><i>“I in them, and you in Me, that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have set Me, and have loved them as You have loved me” (John 17:22). Unity is not uniformity (5BC 1143). The test of Christian leadership is not an ueviating lock-step conformity, but a loving unity of fellowship with one another in Jesus Christ that accepts and transcends the reality of our diversity. “We cannot then take a position that the unity of the church consists in viewing every text of Scripture in the very same light. (11MR 265). “The most convincing argument we can give to the world of Christ’s mission is to be found in perfect unity...In proportion to our unity with Christ will be our power to save souls (Our High Calling, 170).</i></p> <p><b>Worship is Our Witness to Others about the Greatness and Justice of our God</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>In corporate worship we edify others in the congregation.</u> <i>“I will declare Your name to my brethren. In the midst of the assembly I will praise You” (Psalm 22:22), “Let them exalt Him also in the assembly of the people, and praise Him in the company of the elders” (Psalm 107:32).</i></li> <li>• <u>In worship we give a joyful and contagious witness to attract others</u> to our wonderful God who is BIG enough to handle anything. To worship is to make others glad in God. <i>“My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; the humble shall hear it and be glad” (Psalm 34:2), “He has put a new song in my mouth – praise to our God; many will see it and fear, and will trust in the Lord” (Psalm 40:3),</i></li> <li>• <u>In worship we bear living testimonies to our children and future generations about God’s covenant faithfulness.</u> <i>“One generation shall praise Your works to another, and declare Your might acts” (Psalm 145:4,5), “We will not hide [God’s works] from their children, telling to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and His strength and His wonderful works that He has done” (Psalm 78:3,4).</i></li> </ul>
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**Taking the Three Angels' Messages as God's Medicine for our Lives Today**

**The First Angel's Message**

**The Everlasting Gospel:** Today I thank God for His everlasting covenant, the intention of His heart before the world began to save me through the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ. I hereby declare that because of Christ's redemption, I am a new creation of infinite worth. I am deeply loved, I am completely forgiven, I am fully pleasing, I am totally accepted by God. I am absolutely complete in Christ.

**As a child of God, fully acquitted and adopted into His family, I will...**

- **fear God:** The power of the fear of God overcomes all other fears – fear of failure, fear of punishment, fear of the judgment, and fear of the future. I reject the lies of Satan that I must by my own good works earn salvation to avoid punishment. I accept the truth that Christ's atoning death for me is sufficient to save from all sin.
- **give glory to Him for the hour of His judgment is come.** Because of Christ's gift of salvation, I need not fear the judgment. Therefore, I give glory to God because He has provided an Advocate who took my place and who presents me faultless before God's throne. I repent of detracting from God's glory by my own attempts to earn salvation, which is His free gift to me. I acknowledge that legalism can be the adherence to standards for the purpose of exalting myself. With Paul I declare *"God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of Christ my Lord"* (Gal. 6:14). I will also seek to give Him glory through unity with, and love for fellow - Christians (John 17:20-26). I believe that God is most glorified when I am most satisfied in Him.
- **worship Him who made heaven and earth** as I rest on the Sabbath-day as His sign of the security of Christ's gift of completed salvation for me – a true celebration that I am not saved by my own works, but by His work. I accept the truth that worship is the God-ordained way whereby the fullness of heaven's resources flows into my life to fill me to overflowing. When I worship I give a deposition (testimony) to declare my agreement with the witnesses in heaven's courtroom that...*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor and glory and blessing.*

Jesus Christ can only receive these as I give up on my own idolatrous attempts to obtain these by my own strategies. Thus worship is God's appointed path for the de-centralization of self, and for the fullest realization of a solid self-worth that comes from 'Christ-worth.' To worship is to serve God with my praises and the needs of people with His sufficiency. I will daily come before Him to receive the fullness of the benefits of His covenant, His 'last will and testament.'

**The Second Angel's Message**

Because Christ so loved me that He gave Himself for me, I no longer fear rejection. Because I am fully accepted in Christ, I renounce Babylon's seductions of spiritual adultery, evidenced by looking for love in all the wrong places, trying to fill my cup from fountains that do not satisfy. To "come out" of Babylon means that...

- I repent of the spiritual adultery of idolatry.
- through the power of the everlasting gospel Jesus sets me free from the bondage of pride and self-sufficiency.

- I come out of bondage to all god-replacements, idols, golden calves and sacred cows, to walk in freedom in Christ.
- I believe that Jesus Christ came to "heal the brokenhearted and set the captives free" (Luke 4:18,19), and I ask Him to heal all my hurts and fix all my broken places (Luke 4:18,19).
- I come out of the bondage of bitterness and unforgiveness by forgiving others as God has forgiven me. I give up my right to hurt those who have hurt me. Through the power of Christ I break all strongholds of Satan over me as I escape the prison-like cycle of resentment, resistance, and rejection, which leads to rebellion, to experience genuine freedom.
- I reject Satan's lies about God and about myself, and I replace these lies with God's truths that set me free.
- I give up my dependence (addiction) on possessions, people, places, position, and power to satisfy my deepest needs.

As I receive the gift of the Holy Spirit by faith, God pours His love into my heart. Because I experience the security and joy of being His special treasure, I will, therefore, not need to look for love in the wrong places.

**The Third Angel's Message**

I accept the truth that only the Messiah, Jesus Christ, God's Son is qualified to save me. I, therefore, reject all false christis, impostors masquerading as being qualified and competent to save. I will worship Jesus Christ as my only Savior and Lord. I believe that the genuine worship of the Lamb (Jesus) is the best protection against all manifestations of the beast. I choose not to seek personal significance and identity through substitutes (idols) that do not satisfy. This means that...

- No longer will I seek to control others, nor will I use the methods of the beast (force, fear, threat, coercion, intimidation, manipulation etc.) to do the work of the Lamb.
- To prevent Satan from gaining a foothold in my life, I will let go of anger and forsake wrath, lest his footholds become strongholds that hold me captive.
- I will worship the Lamb as all-sufficient Provider and all-powerful King, and trust Him for everything, relinquishing control through daily surrender to Him. When I worship the beast, I become beast-like. Any idol (substitute or replacement for Jesus Christ) will eventually become a 'beast' that will destroy me and damage the lives of others.

**I will express my dependence on God's covenant by...**

- **the patience of the saints as well as patience with the saints,** as I accept difficult situations without giving God a deadline to remove them. I will trust God that all things work together for good to those who love Him (Romans 8:28).
- **keeping the commandments of God,** not to earn salvation, but to protect the free gift of salvation already provided through His covenant. I will not take pride in my law-keeping, but I will use the law a diagnostic tool to daily show me my need of a Savior.
- **the faith of Jesus** as I confess that my salvation does not rest on my performance of the terms of a contract, but it is based on fully trusting in Christ's covenant faithfulness.