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Can Realize**

**Your
God-given Dream**

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Sincerely,

Jim Collins

Founder: Beyond Positive Thinking Ministries

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Introduction

You were created to have fellowship with God through the process of realizing your God-given dream. Your dreams are simply God seeking expression through you. You came into this world as 100% pure potentiality, and God would not give you a dream if He didn't also give you the potential to make your dreams come true.

The way you make your dreams come true is by learning how to tap into the force that created the universe. The way you tap into the force that created the universe is by accessing God's ability and experiencing God's power. The way you access God's ability and experience God's power is by learning how to live by faith and walk in love according to who you are in Christ.

The idea for this book came as I was reading the New Testament book of Galatians. I noticed two scriptures that contained very similar wording, Galatians 6:15 and Galatians 5:6.

**For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision
avails anything, but a new creation.**

- Galatians 6:15 (NKJV)

**For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision
avails anything, but faith working through love.**

- Galatians 5:6 (NKJV)

Both of these verses start the same way, but they each have a different ending. Galatians 6:15 ends with the words: "a new creation." Galatians 5:6 ends with the words: "faith working through love." Therefore, we could say that a new creation

lives by the principle of faith working through love. Another way to say it would be: A new creation person lives by faith and walks in love.

This is to be the lifestyle of every new creation person – living by faith and walking in love. This is the way God originally designed the human race to function, but as a result of Adam’s sin, the human race lost the ability to live by faith and walk in love. However, through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, God has restored that ability in the new creation.

A new creation person lives by faith and walks in love.

When you tap into the force that created the universe, the power of God is released into your life. As you live by faith and walk in love, God’s ability shows up to help you realize your God-given dream. When God’s power and ability show up in your life, your life will never be the same again!

Living by faith and walking in love can expedite the realization of your God-given dream!

You are “in Christ”

It is of utmost importance that you understand what it means to be “in Christ.” To be in Christ means you are part of a supernatural community – the royal family of God. And now, as a child in God’s royal family, God’s protection and provision belong to you. *God’s Master Success Book* illustrates this experience in 2 Corinthians 5:17.

(When I speak of *God’s Master Success Book*, I’m referring to the #1 best-selling book of all time – the Holy Bible, which is the Word of God.)

**Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.
- 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV)**

This Scripture refers to being born again spiritually, which means receiving the life and nature of God. The life and nature of God equals the DNA of God. When you become a new creation (when you are born again) the spiritual part of you receives the DNA of God. The DNA of God (the life and nature of God) is called eternal life. Eternal life is the life and nature of God that is imparted to a person’s spirit at the new birth making them a new creation.

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It is the life and nature of God that makes a person a new creation. This new creation person has spiritual union with Deity. The old sinful nature of spiritual death has passed away, and now this new creation person has a

new nature of spiritual life called eternal life.

Eternal life is a present possession, not something that is obtained at a future date. Eternal life does not begin after physical death. Eternal life begins at the new birth and continues for eternity. Eternal life starts here on the earth the moment a person becomes a new creation. Receiving eternal life is a supernatural experience that occurs during the rebirth of every child of God. A born again Christian is one who has received eternal life; one who has received the life and nature of God.

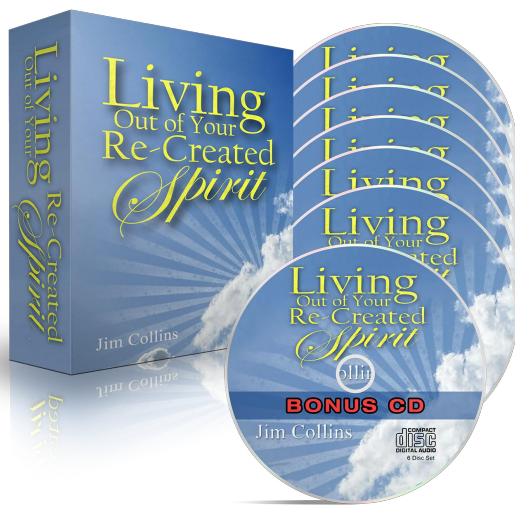
When you become a new creation, failure and defeat are replaced with success and victory. When you become a new creation, poverty and lack are replaced with prosperity and abundance. When you become a new creation, sin and sickness are replaced with righteousness and health. Fear is replaced with faith. Worry and anxiety are replaced with peace. Depression is replaced with joy. Anger is replaced with love. Bitterness and resentment are replaced with forgiveness. Death is replaced with life!

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You now have a new life, and your new life (as a child of God) is characterized by who you are, what you have, and what you can do because you are in Christ Jesus. You can start saying “I am” “I have” and “I can” affirmations as outlined in *God’s Master Success Book*. Saying the following affirmations reinforces who you are, what you have, and what you can do because you are “in Christ.”

- I am a child of God.
- I have God’s protection and provision.
- I can realize my God-given dream.

When a person is born again they receive the life and nature of God into their human spirit and they become a child of God. As a child of God, you now have a new nature, and two of the characteristics of this new nature are faith and love. You are now ready to live out of your re-created spirit.



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Once you're born again, the rest of your Christian life is learning how to manifest in the physical realm what is already real in the spiritual realm – what already exists in your re-created spirit. Manifesting in the physical realm what already exists in your re-created spirit is called living out of your re-created spirit.

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Living by Faith

God's Master Success Book talks about faith in Hebrews chapter 11. Hebrews 11:1 tells us what faith is. Hebrews 11:3 tells us what faith does. Hebrews 11:6 tells us how faith lives.

Hebrews 11:1 tells us what faith is:

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

- Hebrews 11:1 (NKJV)

According to Hebrews 11:1, faith is the substance that makes what you see out of what you don't see (faith is the substance of things hoped for). Faith gives substance to your God-given dream. The only evidence you need is the picture you hold in your mind of you in the process of realizing your God-given dream (faith is the evidence of things not seen). The thought-image of you realizing your God-given dream is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen.

Now let's apply this to the promises of God and receiving all the benefits of your salvation.

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There are two applications of New Testament faith: Faith applied to receive Jesus and faith applied to receive God's promises – faith to receive salvation and faith to receive all the benefits of your salvation. Receiving Jesus equates to receiving

salvation; receiving God's promises equates to receiving all the benefits of your salvation.

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Faith is the assurance that your mental image will become a reality. Faith is the proof that your mental images will manifest in the physical realm. Say this: "I must see myself the way God sees me; I am saved, healed, and delivered." Now say this: "I must see myself realizing my God-given dream."

In its most basic definition, to live by faith means you live independent of the sense realm. You conduct yourself by faith and not solely by what you see or how you feel. This is confirmed in:

**We live by faith, not by sight.
- 2 Corinthians 5:7 (NIV)**

The word “sight” refers to the five physical senses; therefore, living by faith means we should not conduct ourselves solely by what our five senses indicate. Living by faith means living independent of the sense realm. The statement, “We live by faith, not by sight,” means we should not govern ourselves solely according to the sense realm. The sense realm includes what we see and how we feel; therefore, we are to live by faith and not solely by what we see or how we feel.

You ask, “Pastor Jim, if we don’t govern ourselves according to the sense realm (according to what we see or how we feel), what are we supposed to govern ourselves by?”
Answer: You are to be governed by your belief in God and His promises as outlined in His Word.

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The spiritual battle is between you living by faith and you living solely by what you see and how you feel. Living by faith means you respond to life with the Word of God instead of just reacting to your circumstances.

The spiritual battle is between what the Word of God says and what is happening in the sense realm of your life (in the form of your circumstances).

Now let’s read Hebrews 11:1 from the Amplified Translation:

Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].

- Hebrews 11:1 (AMP)

Notice the last phrase: “Faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses.” To live by faith means to accept something as real fact even when it is not revealed to your five senses. Living by faith is an attitude that believes it has something before the five senses give confirmation. As believers living by faith, we can be confident that the fulfillment of God’s promises is in fact a reality in our lives before we experience those promises in the realm of our five senses. You can be confident that the realization of your God-given dream is in fact a reality in your life before it is manifested in the physical realm.

Just because something is not revealed to the five physical senses does not mean it does not exist. Say this: “Faith makes invisible things real.” Faith is the proof that what you cannot see will become a reality in your life. Faith does not wait for the five physical senses to confirm the Word of God in your life because faith knows that God’s promises are trustworthy. Now say this: “God’s promises are trustworthy.”

God’s promises include all the benefits of your salvation. Salvation is so much more than just going to heaven when you die, but that is what religion has reduced

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it to. The Greek word for salvation is “soteria.” Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible defines it as including healing and deliverance. Vine’s Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words

defines salvation this way: Inclusively, to sum up all the blessings bestowed by God on men in Christ through the Holy Spirit.

God's promises include salvation, healing, and deliverance; and salvation, healing, and deliverance belong to you in Christ. The role of the Holy Spirit is to manifest all the benefits of your salvation, including your healing and deliverance. The Holy Spirit is also one of God's promises. Galatians 3:14 says that we receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. The promise of God (the Holy Spirit) manifests the promises of God (all the benefits of our salvation).

The secret to receiving God's promise (the Holy Spirit) and God's promises (including salvation, healing, and deliverance) is to adopt an attitude of living by faith in the truth of God's Word. Faith is the receptive power of your re-created spirit that takes what God offers you in His Word. The proof that you will receive is based on the integrity of God's Word. Living by faith means accepting God's Word as the source of truth for your life.

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Faith declares that God's Word is true in my life today. I must trust God that what He says in His Word is true. Trusting God equates to accepting God's Word as the source of truth for my life.

Hebrews 11:3 tells us what faith does:

By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

- Hebrews 11:3 (NKJV)

According to Hebrews 11:3, faith creates something out of nothing. In other words, the spiritual realm can influence the physical realm.

There are two sources of information: the physical realm we can see and the spiritual realm we cannot see. The things which are visible refer to the physical realm; the things that are not seen refer to the spiritual realm. According to Hebrews 11:3, the spiritual realm (that which is not seen) created the physical realm (that which is visible).

Question: What made the entire universe and everything in it? Answer: The Word of God released by faith. “By faith... the Word of God...” What keeps everything in the universe going? Answer: God’s Word released by faith.

Sweeping statement now: If the spiritual realm created the physical realm, doesn’t it just make sense that the spiritual realm can change the physical realm?

The spiritual realm created the physical realm; therefore, the spiritual realm can change the physical realm.

Question: Do you have an unfavorable situation in your life? Can you see it? Know this: It’s temporary and subject to change. Do you have an unwanted condition in your life? Can you feel it? Know this: It’s temporary and subject to change.

2 Corinthians 4:18 says that the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal. Say this: “If I can see it or feel it, it’s temporary and subject to change.”

The intimation here is that even though we are living in the physical realm (in these physical bodies), there is a spiritual realm we can live in (by faith) that will influence the physical realm of our lives with the presence and power of God.

Now it is up to you to apply spiritual truth (God's Word) to the unwanted conditions and unfavorable situations in your life.

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Even though you live in a physical body, you do not have to conduct yourself solely according to your five physical senses. You can live by faith according to who you are "in Christ." You can let "who you are in Christ" live through you instead of just reacting to your circumstances all the time. We need to transfer our expectations from what we see and how we feel all the time to an internal revelation of who we are in Christ. We need to transfer our expectations from the sense realm (in the form of our circumstances) to the realization of our God-given dreams!

Hebrews 11:6 tells us how faith lives:

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

- Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV)

According to Hebrews 11:6, there are two aspects to faith: faith that God exists (faith in God), and faith that God will reward you (faith in God's promises). Living by faith means trusting God and His promises. The beginning point of faith is believing in God's character; He *is* who He says He is. The end point of faith is believing in God's promises; He will *do* what He says He will do.

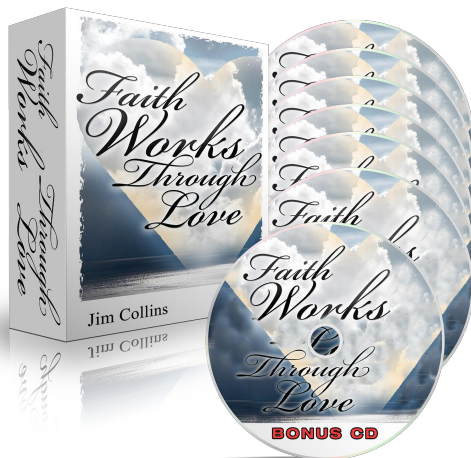
One of the ways we live by faith is when we trust God by believing that He will fulfill His promises even though we do not see those promises manifesting yet. Faith believes in God, and living by faith trusts God to perform His Word in your life.

Trusting God's faithfulness to perform His Word is the same as accepting God's Word as the source of truth for your life. Living by faith starts with loving God's

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Word by making it the source of truth for your life. You do not love God anymore than you love His Word. Living by faith means loving God's Word enough to put it into practice in your life.

Here is our summary statement on living by faith: Living by faith enables you to become everything God says you are, to possess everything God says you have, and to accomplish everything God says you can do.



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Walking in Love

We have talked about living by faith; now let's identify why walking in love is so important. I am going to give you three reasons why walking in love is so important.

Why is walking in love so important? Reason #1: Walking in love makes your faith work. Faith works by love, and if you are not walking in love, your faith will not work. The phrase "faith working through love" (in Galatians 5:6) means that love is what makes faith work.

In other words, if you do not walk in love, your faith to receive (all the benefits of our salvation) will not work. For example, if I am believing for my healing, but I am

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harboring unforgiveness, I may have to wait for my healing to manifest. If I am believing to be free from some addiction, but I do not see myself the way God sees me (as the holy and righteous new creation I am), I may have to wait for my deliverance to manifest. Whatever we are believing (God) for, if we are not walking in love (if walking in love is not a priority), we may have to wait longer than we need to for what we are believing for to manifest. Faith (to receive) works through love.

Everybody wants to minimize the problems, challenges, and obstacles they face in life, and the following scripture shows us how we can experience that reality.

And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

- 1 Corinthians 13:2 (NKJV)

Notice the last half of the verse: "...and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing." Your faith will not work without love. Yes, your faith can move mountains, but if you do not have love, then in God's eyes it does not make any difference.

The word "mountains" in this verse refers to the problems, challenges, and obstacles in your life. If you had all the faith needed to remove the problems, challenges, and obstacles from your life, but were not motivated by love, you would have accomplished nothing. You could have the special capacity to trust

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God in every situation, but if you do not practice walking in love, you are a useless nobody (as the Amplified Translation so poignantly puts it). Unless you walk in love, your faith will always be shallow and ineffective.

Why is walking in love so important? Reason #2: God is love, and you are a new creation filled with the divine nature. Love is God's nature, and you now have the nature of God living within you.

To elaborate on this truth, let's read a scripture that contains the phrase: "walk in love."

And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us.

- Ephesians 5:2a (NKJV)

Notice the phrase “walk in love” (Ephesians 5:2). According to this verse, we are called to walk in love. We are called to love others. How? “...as Christ also has loved us...” Question: How did Christ love us? Answer: Unconditionally. We are called to love people unconditionally because that is the way God loves us. God proved His love for us by sending Jesus, and because Jesus is alive today, God continues to love us unconditionally.

We are called by God to love people unconditionally. Why? Because that is the way God loved us (and that is the way He continues to love us). God loved you so much that He gave His Son to die for you (John 3:16). God loved you so much that while you were still a sinner – displaying enmity toward God – Christ died for you (Romans 5:8). Agape love (unconditional love) is the kind of love God showed us through Jesus, and it is the kind of love He continues to show us because Jesus is alive today.

**Walking in love
means loving
people
unconditionally.**

Our love for others must come as a response to what God has already done for us. Do you understand what Jesus did for you enough to love people unconditionally? Do you appreciate what Jesus did for you enough to forgive those who seem to continually hurt you, disappoint you, and let you down?

Forgiveness is the highest form of love. The concept of total forgiveness goes like this: Sometimes we have to forgive those who betray us over and over again. People may betray us over and over again, but we are still called to forgive them... over and over again. The reason for this is because we are new creations filled with the divine nature of God’s love. Simple concept? Yes. Easy to apply? No way!

Sweeping statement now: Walking in love is only possible with the help of the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit who empowers you to love the way God loves – unconditionally. Unconditional love includes forgiveness, and the Holy Spirit is the power of God that enables you to forgive others. Jesus confirmed this in:

22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

- John 20:22-23 (NKJV)

Jesus is saying here that the first thing the Holy Spirit would do is help people forgive. The deeper meaning is that if we refuse to forgive, we are in jeopardy of limiting the power of God in our own lives. You have the power of the Holy Spirit (living within you) to help you walk in love by forgiving others.

As followers of Jesus, we are called to be as perfect as God in the way that we love. God does not lower the standard to accommodate our old sinful nature. Instead, He gives us the power (in the person of the Holy Spirit) to keep His righteous standard of walking in love. God’s way is the way of love; therefore, we can seek to love others as completely as God loves us.

**Walking in love
sums up what it
means to be
obedient to God.**

Why is walking in love so important? Reason #3: Walking in love is the key to effectively dealing with people, and in order to realize your God-given dream, you are going to have to get along with other people. This is confirmed in Galatians 5:14.

For the whole Law [concerning human relationships] is complied with in the one precept, “You shall love your neighbor as [you do] yourself.”

- Galatians 5:14 (AMP)

Really understanding what it means to love your neighbor as yourself is the key to enjoying successful human relationships.

Question: Have you received God’s love for yourself personally yet? Walking in love effectively starts with loving yourself enough to receive God’s love for yourself personally. The degree to which you receive God’s love for yourself is the degree to which you can effectively love others. God wants you to use the love He has for you as your motivation to love others. This is what it means to love your neighbor as yourself.

**Receiving
God’s love
motivates us to
walk in love.**

Your love for yourself and others should be based on who you are in Christ. God sees you according to who you are in Christ; therefore, you should see yourself according to who you are in Christ. God loves people according to who they are in Christ; therefore, your love for people should be based on how God loves them – according to who they are in Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:16 admonishes us to see and relate to people from a spiritual perspective, not solely from a physical perspective.

Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh.

- 2 Corinthians 5:16a (NKJV)

We have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view.

- 2 Corinthians 5:16a (NLT)

We are no longer to see people solely from a physical perspective. We are to see them and relate to them from a spiritual perspective – according to who they are in Christ. We are no longer going to love people solely according to what they do; we are going to love them according to who they are in Christ.

This is how faith relates to loving others. You should no longer view people according to the sense realm with all their failures and mishaps. You view people (by faith) according to the Word of God. You no longer see people according to their carnal, fleshly tendencies. You see them as the victorious, more than conquerors that they really are.

Our faith (aimed at people) contains the power that can cause them to live up to their potential (in Christ), and this “faith power” is released when we walk in love by seeing them (and responding to them) according to who they are in Christ.

This does not mean that your love is to be blind or naïve. When you love, you may recognize problems and failures in people, but you never lose faith in their potential. God never gives up on someone because He knows that His love can change that person for the better. This is to be your attitude as well; you believe the best of people by seeing them the way God sees them, and then responding to them according to who they are in Christ.

Walking in love unconditionally means responding to people instead of reacting to them; responding to them according to who they are in Christ instead of reacting to them according to their old sinful nature.

Sweeping statement now: God loves us unconditionally; people love us conditionally, and therein lies one of the greatest challenges of life. One of the greatest challenges of life is trying to get people to change by motivating them through fear – by reacting to them (based solely on what they do) instead of responding to them with God’s love. *God’s Master Success Book* says that perfect love casts out fear; therefore, the way to motivate people to change is to believe the best of them by seeing them (and responding to them) according to who they are in Christ.

Walking in love believes the best of people by seeing them (and responding to them) according to who they are in Christ.

When people lose the motivation of love, they become critical of others. They develop a critical judgmental attitude – a self-righteous attitude of pride that continues to judge people when they miss it and sin. This is what happens when we only see people’s faults instead of seeing them as the new creations they really are.

Many times it is not the devil that is causing our problems; it is simply people not walking in love. Many even want to blame their troubles on God, but many times our troubles come simply as a result of people not walking in love. The apostle Paul said it this way (in Galatians 5:15): “But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!”

Now I want to draw your attention to the scripture reference listed for Galatians 5:14, which says, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” The reference is from Leviticus 19:18.

Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord.

- Leviticus 19:18 (NIV)

Now wait just a minute! There is more to this verse than just the phrase, “love your neighbor as yourself.” Notice the first part of the verse: “Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone.” This means: “Forget about the wrong things people do to you, and don’t try to get even.” Part of loving others includes an attitude of forgiveness, and an attitude of forgiveness includes not bearing a grudge and not seeking revenge.

Question: God has forgiven others, but have you forgiven them? Next question: God has forgiven you, but have you forgiven you? This is what it means to love your neighbor as yourself – receiving God’s love and then sharing God’s love.

Notice the last four words in Leviticus 19:18 – “I am the Lord.” “I am the Lord”

Walking in love trusts God by extending forgiveness to everyone.

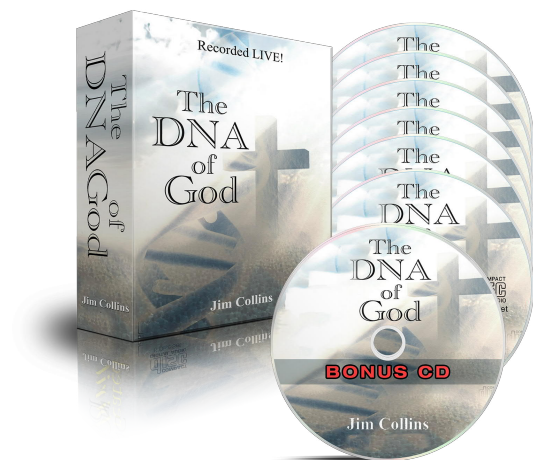
means God is going to fight your people battles for you... if you will walk in love by maintaining an attitude of forgiveness; if you will walk in love by keeping your heart free from bearing grudges and seeking revenge.

Romans 12:19 admonishes us never to take revenge because God says He will avenge us. “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord. Proverbs 20:22 says

it this way: “Don’t take it on yourself to repay a wrong; trust the Lord and he will make it right.”

God loves us enough to fight our people battles for us. He loves us enough that we can be assured that when we bless those who sin against us, He will in turn bless us. God will make it right... if you will trust Him by extending forgiveness.

Forgiving yourself and others is a key ingredient to your success. Forgiveness could be the key that unlocks your full potential.



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Conclusion

Faith working through love means that a new creation person (someone who claims to be born again) lives by faith (in who they are in Christ), and walks in love toward other people (unconditionally).

Why are living by faith and walking in love so important? Answer: Living by faith and walking in love make God's power effective in your life.

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I want to encourage you to live by faith and walk in love. Faith and love are not separate; they work together. Living by faith and walking in love can expedite the realization of your God-given dream.

In closing, I want to share some thoughts on seeking God's hand (faith) without seeing His face (love). Seeking God's hand refers to faith (what can I get from God). Seeking God's face refers to love (I love God for who He is, not solely for what He can give me). Many today are seeking God's hand without seeking His face. Many follow Jesus, not because of who He is, but for what He can do for them. Sadly, many today only focus on God for His blessings. They are only interested in God when they need something, when they want something, or when they are going through a hard time.

Seeking God's hand (faith) without seeing His face (love) is incomplete; it leaves a void in the relationship. Seeking both God's face and God's hand produces something more personal – fellowship with God. Seeking both God's face and

God's hand would be living by the principle of faith working through love, and living by faith and walking in love makes God's power effective in your life.

Living by faith and walking in love allow you to tap into the Force that created the universe, and as you tap into the force that created the universe (as you live by faith and walk in love), the power of God is released into your life to help you realize your God-given dream. Your life will never be the same again!