

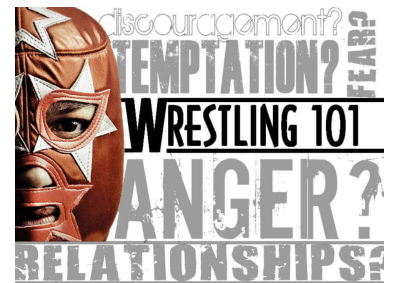
Volume 17 Coming Soon in 2012. Series include:



Light

Four-part series **Light**: No one can deny the power of light. It draws our attention upwards to a starry night, it guides us through dark places, and it is a prominent part of nearly every celebration, including the birth of Christ. This series will look at the exciting truth that Light has come to earth! It was at the beginning of all things, and can be seen shining in believers today.

Five-part series **Wrestling 101**: If you're alive and breathing there are some big fights you have been facing or will soon be up against. This series looks at four of the major cage matches of life. They will be hard fights, but the good news is that with a little coaching and a clearer view of the fight, you'll be able to take your stand in the ring. And, if you fight, you are guaranteed the win! Before you get into the ring of life, there are a few key pieces of information you'll need to remember for a victorious outcome.



HANG ON!

Your Answer Is Just Around the Corner

Being led by the Holy Spirit is one of the most amazing and frightening things I do on a regular basis. The amazing part is when you know you have heard the voice of God on a situation and it brings such a confidence and a peace. The scary part is when you have nothing in the natural to confirm or give evidence that it is really going to happen. So here is my word of

encouragement to you . . . “HANG ON!” Maybe you thought some things were going to happen in 2011 and they didn’t, don’t give up. God doesn’t operate on a calendar system like we do. Maybe the Holy Spirit has spoken some things in your heart about an upcoming transition or change in ministry. HANG ON, it will happen in His perfect timing. The answer you are looking for may be just around the corner.

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What do you do between, “What I hear.” and “Look it’s here?” The thing that fills the gap is faith and obedience. That marvelous belief and trust in God with nothing to stand on except His written Word or the spoken Word in your heart. By faith you have to begin to move, make decisions, and take steps out of obedience. Many people hear the direction of God for their lives . . . yet few ever see it fulfilled. Why, because they allow fear of the unknown to stop and defeat them. Obviously the devil doesn’t want you to attain what God has for you so he tries to convince you to not take that step but to let go of the dream in your heart.

At the beginning of 2011 it became VERY clear to me that our church was to move from our current lease facility when the contract would expire on December 31st. In February this seemed like an easy task. Find a building to buy or lease to become a permanent home for our church. I contacted a commercial real estate friend and the search was on. I looked at building after building. There were several I thought we could swing a deal to purchase, only to be denied the financing. I began to feel like Goldilocks, “This building is too small. This building is too big. This building is too far . . . and on and on.” I knew I had heard God speak and I had stepped out in faith by looking and even announcing to our church that in 2012 we were moving! When October came around and no building was in sight those words began to haunt me. “What if we can’t find a building?” Then our current landlord came and wanted to verify that we did not want to extend our lease because he had another tenant who wanted the building. I told him we were done as of December 31st. A battle was beginning to rage from the voice of the flesh versus the voice in my heart. Fear would attack. Faith would counter attack. “What in the world are you going to do?” would plague my mind. My heart would respond, “God has a perfect plan for us!”

I must confess when November rolled around and we didn’t have a building in sight, the stress started to mount. But I knew I had heard the voice of God. Ephesians chapter six came to life, “. . . and after you have done everything to stand. Stand firm then.” Then one phone call in early November opened a door that was previously closed. Four weeks of negotiations, meetings, and delays finally a signed deal with us taking occupancy . . . guess when? You got it January 1, 2012! The perfect size, right in line with our budget, and located off of a major thoroughfare, a perfect “next step” for our church.



What is the dream or vision within your heart? Have you been tempted to give up or let go? Have you stopped pursuing it? HANG ON to what God has spoken to you! Your answer is just around the corner. It will come to pass. Maybe not in your preferred time table, but it will happen! Begin to take the faith steps of obedience and put action to your faith.

Quench the thirst of a generation!

Pastor Dean

Just For Fun

A little boy was attending his first wedding. After the service, his cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?" "Sixteen," the boy responded. His cousin was amazed that he had an answer so quickly. "How do you know that?" "Easy," the little boy said. "All you have to do is add it up, like the Bishop said, 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer."

A boy was watching his father, a pastor, write a sermon. "How do you know what to say?" he asked. "Why, God tells me." "Oh! Then why do you keep crossing things out?"



After the dedication of his baby brother in church, little Johnny sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That pastor said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I want to stay with you guys!"

Terri asked her Sunday School class to draw pictures of their favorite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Kyle's picture, which showed four people on an airplane, so she asked him which story it was meant to represent. "The Flight to Egypt," was his reply. Pointing at each figure, Ms. Terri said, "That must be Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus. But who's the fourth person?" "Oh, that's Pontius - the pilot!"

A little boy was sitting with his grandfather as he read him a story. From time to time, he would take his eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. He was alternately stroking his own cheek, then his again. Finally he spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?" "Yes," he answered, "God made me a long time ago." "Oh," he paused, "grandpa, did God make me too?" Yes, indeed," he said, "God made you just a little while ago." Feeling their respective faces again, he observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"



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