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# Voice



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**BORN AGAIN**

**Father Cedric Pisegna, C.P.**

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Welcome to the Winter edition of Full Gospel Business Men's **VOICE USA**. 2022 has been an exciting year as we celebrated the 70th Anniversary of when Demos Shakarian received THE VISION which has inspired men and women all over the world to share God's Love. Be sure to read the 70th Anniversary report in this issue.

One of the World Convention speakers was Fr. Cedric Pisegna, a Spirit Filled Catholic Priest, who is on fire with the Love of Jesus. You will enjoy reading his testimony along with other testimonies from Kurt Warner, Sergio Oseguera and Jerry Schmidt. "And they overcame him (the devil) by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death." (Revelation 12:11)

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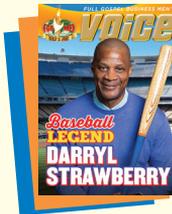
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Matthew 22:37-39

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- Training – equipped for every good work
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# 70th ANNIVERSARY WORLD CONVENTION REPORT

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**H**otel Marriott Anaheim, California was the site of the FGBMFI 70th World Convention Anniversary.

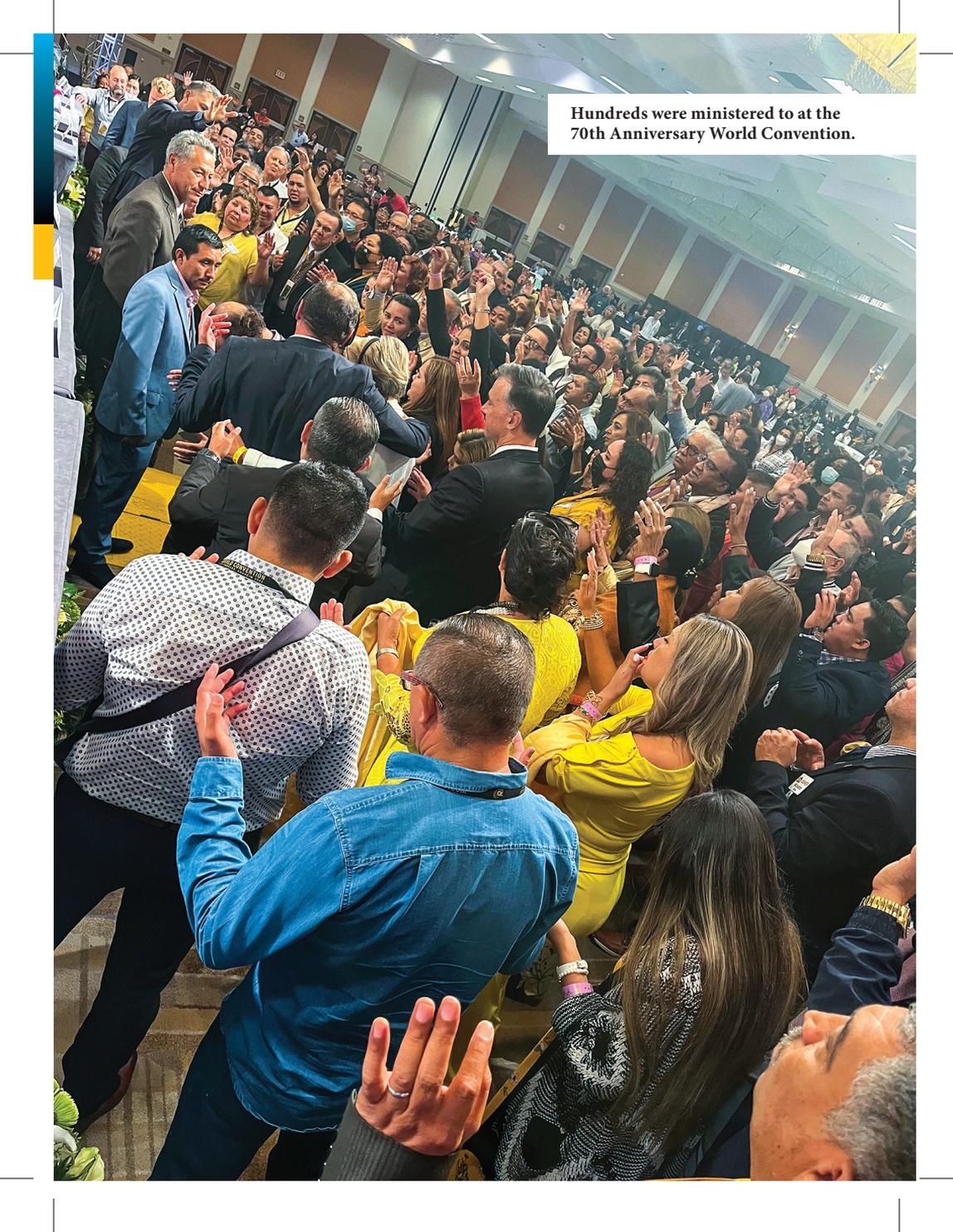
As we celebrated the 70th anniversary of the original vision to Demos Shakarian, numerous countries were represented as the Holy Spirit moved amongst the FGBMFI participants.

“Unite. Rise. Shine.” (Isaiah 60:1) was the theme of the historic convention. Certainly, unity was experienced by all with the extreme presence of the Holy Spirit. July 14-16, 2022 saw many hundreds converge in Anaheim for the anniversary convention.

Great times of fellowship, worship music, outstanding speakers, and intense personal ministry were experienced by all.

Kenneth Copeland, Cash Luna, Father Cedric, Gene Bailey, Mario Garcia Olvera, and Mike Postlewait joined many national and international delegations to bless and inspire the men and women of the Fellowship.

The World Convention Prayer Teams had been praying for months for the spiritual success of the Convention. The vision given originally to Demos Shakarian was shared in many ways as we celebrated 70 years.

A high-angle, wide shot of a large, diverse crowd of people gathered in a large, brightly lit hall. Many individuals have their hands raised in the air, suggesting a religious or celebratory event. The crowd is densely packed, filling the frame from the foreground to the background. The lighting is bright and even, highlighting the variety of clothing and the collective atmosphere of the gathering. The perspective is from an elevated position, looking down into the crowd.

Hundreds were ministered to at the 70th Anniversary World Convention.



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Vangie Shakarian shows off the original rug where Demos received the vision.



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Chinese delegation blessed the convention.



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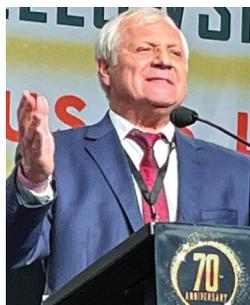
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# Catholic Priest BORN AGAIN

Father Cedric Pisegna, C.P.



## CATHOLIC PRIEST BORN AGAIN

I was ordained as a Catholic priest in 1991 and had the honor of sharing my story before the large assembly at the 70th annual World Convention International Conference in Anaheim in July 2022.

Brought up Catholic, from a family of five, like most teenagers, I found Mass boring and fell away from Church after I was confirmed in the 8th grade. After high school, I went to college majoring in business. I lived the life of a college student —dating, drinking, and having good times.

### The Gory

I met a girl at the University of Massachusetts, and I ended up getting her pregnant. I was devastated because I had my whole life in front of me and I didn't want to get married and have children at age 18! I still remember the day she and I talked about our options. We were sitting in McDonald's and as we discussed having an abortion I thought, "What is the chance there really is a God anyway?" Little did I know about Psalm 14:1 which states, "The fool says in his heart, "There is no God.""

We went through with the abortion as have over 63 million or so over the last 49 years in the U.S. alone. Thanks be to God—Roe v. Wade has been overturned by the Supreme Court! Let us pray for each state to continue outlawing abortions. Some months after the abortion, I broke up with this

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girl. But I was devastated inside. I had abandoned the God of my youth and was experiencing the loneliest, lowest point in my life. I felt guilty and ashamed of the person I had become. I took my own child's life out of convenience. I cannot put into words how isolated and down I felt.

## The Glory

One day I got the insight to try God. I thought, "Maybe God would forgive even what I had done?" But I had mixed feelings and thought, "How dare I even think of coming back to God. God wants nothing to do with me." I didn't know the Bible as I do now and all of the plenteous places where God is merciful and forgiving, the God of the brokenhearted. The prophet Micah states, "God casts our sins into the depths of the sea"!

I simply began reading the Bible. Here I was, an 18-year-old young man with no Biblical background. Where did I begin? In the first Gospel, Matthew. I noticed that all the words Jesus

spoke were in red. I cut out the black and white of the Old Testament and went right for the red.

As I read, I quickly came upon Matthew 7:7: "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Wow, did that verse strike me. That was one of the first times I ever heard God speak to me. I was not a Biblical scholar, but this obviously meant that I should pray. In retrospect, Matthew 7:7 from the Bible changed my life! I began praying for wisdom and understanding. As I did, the little faith I had in God began to grow. Faith comes by hearing, and little did I know, but as I was reading, I was "hearing" and my faith growing.

Little by little, I began surrendering my life to Jesus Christ. I continued praying and turned away from swearing and other known sins. Some nine months later (nine months is a long time without much happening!) something happened that revolutionized

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my life. Jesus touched me! I was born-again! I had what I call a “Near Death Experience” even though I wasn’t sick. (Actually, I had two of these experiences, each about a month apart.)

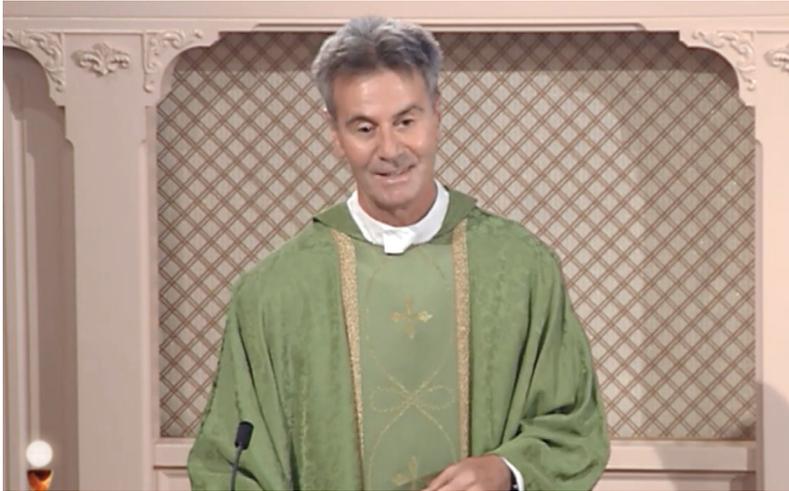
In these dramatic experiences, I was taken up to heaven and stood before God’s glorious throne. I wasn’t allowed to see God’s form, but I did see a luminous embracing light. I was bathed in God’s glory which is His pleasure and electricity that flowed all through me. I also experienced love that was intense, affectionate, and overwhelming. Jesus himself was also present. He stood beside me, put his arm around my shoulder and I heard, “I will protect you.” (Like Job: I know my redeemer lives!) God himself spoke to me telling me I was going back to my body and must change my life. I wrote about these experiences in vivid detail in my book: *Death: The Final Surrender*.

I woke up from these two experiences (both were very similar) and wept like a little baby. I was literally reborn and just like an infant I cried and sobbed.

### **Be a Light!**

Now I had a quandary. My predicament had to do with Church. Which one should I join? I found Catholicism anonymous and boring. I had been filled with the Holy Spirit and wanted something alive! I began to explore other denominations such as the Baptists, Methodists, and Pentecostals. While each had its own giftedness, each was also lacking. I wasn’t sure what to do or where to go. I wanted to be involved somewhere ...

*Something happened that revolutionized my life. Jesus touched me! I was born-again!*



Father Cedric Pisegna, C.P. preaching live on EWTN.

Right about that time, I came across a motto that became a word of knowledge for me:

*“Better to light  
one candle than to  
curse the darkness.”*

I realized that I was cursing the darkness existing within the Catholic Church. Big, anonymous, boring, dull, and unengaging. Instead of leaving it for something more inspiring, God was telling me, “Cedric, stay and make a difference. They need to hear what you have to

say about rebirth, salvation, and a relationship with me.”

I held nothing back. I went all in. I committed myself to God as a religious (Passionist) professing my vows to proclaim the Passion, poverty, chastity, and obedience 37 years ago. In addition, I was ordained a priest 31 years ago. I live in a Christian community. We share all things in common and pray and minister together as a community, much like the early apostles.

## Make a Difference!

I now preach the Catholic version of a Protestant revival (called a parish mission) in the Catholic church. For over 30 years, I have travelled from church to church trying to help people come into a personal relationship with Jesus, receive salvation, and be filled with the Holy Spirit. I have preached in just about every state in the U.S., as well as in Canada.

In addition, God opened the door for me to have a platform of television and radio! I am the only minister to be on the three major Christian networks (TBN, Daystar, and the Catholic EWTN) at the same time! My goal with media is to have a “church without walls.” We need to reach beyond the walls of the church to connect with the “Nones.” Those are the people who have no Church affiliation. The way to reach them isn’t to expect them to come to us, we must go to them. TV, radio, and the internet are the way to reach them. In addition, I want to inspire Christian believers to become their best and realize their potential.

My approach with the media ministry is not to try to make people Catholic, although after studying and being immersed in Catholicism, I do believe we have the fullness of truth. Rather, I am trying to help people find Jesus, receive eternal life, and be baptized in the Holy Spirit. It is up to each person to determine for themselves where they want to get involved.

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Ecumenism is what I love about Full Gospel Businessmen. Its members proclaim the full Gospel, and they are interdenominational. We respect each other's traditions and stress where we agree. We don't argue about doctrine but strive for communion. First and foremost, we proclaim a personal relationship with Jesus, Salvation through the cross, and Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

If you have any Catholic friends who have "religion" but need salvation, direct them toward my ministry. I have written 25 books and have many DVDs and CDs that can help them. Share with them about my weekly broadcasts on TBN (Sundays at 7 am ET), Daystar (Sundays at 1 pm ET), and EWTN (various times.) My ministry also has a YouTube channel, FB, and website: [www.frcedric.org](http://www.frcedric.org). My books and resources are available online or by calling 844-328-4372.

If you are Catholic and frustrated because you want to reach out, try coming to your priest with my books and resources and starting a book study. Since I'm on EWTN, your priest may agree to this outreach. ■



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# GOD HAS TRANSFORMED OUR LIVES!

**Sergio Oseguera, California**



I was born in the southern part of Honduras and I did not have the pleasure of meeting my mother. They say that she died when I was 2 years old. At the age of 10, I decided to emigrate to the center of Honduras, the main city of Tegucigalpa. Living on the street for a while, I then found a relative from my Godfather's family. I stayed there for a few years. At the age of 14, I decided to emigrate to the United States alone. It cost me to reach the border between Mexico and the United States.

I stayed living for three years also on the street, with no support from any family members. I was used to living on the street so there in the

city of Los Angeles was no exception. I lived in a park. I finally found a job, but there were some bad influences on me, as usual. It was my destiny. I became one more gang member in the city of Los Angeles. It felt like family since always in my life I had felt alone, abandoned by the world.

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I started to work in the gang and of course, it did not bring me any benefit. I did not know what I had gotten into, but I did feel that for the first time in my life I had found my family, passing time. I was becoming one of the leaders of the gang.

But, I was arrested for attempted death at a house that I had nothing to do with. I was in jail for more than a year for a crime that I never committed. They took me to the jury and at the first hearing they declared me innocent. I tried to begin to change my course in life.

Since I was a restless person, I decided on weekends to go out dancing in the clubs. One night I went to pick up some friends at the club and there was no one there. What had happened that two gangs had fought two hours before of which I didn't even know about. I arrived at the place I returned with a friend who had been driving.

Near the disco, I waited for the light to turn green when another car pulled up next to me. They asked us what we wanted. We were a gang and my friend was watching them. He didn't say anything that he belonged to any gang.

They took out a gun and started shooting. In the first

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shot, my friend died and they fired five rounds. I didn't know what was happening at the time. With tears, I thought about my children and a grudge in my heart. The police arrived and they investigated me to really find out what had happened and they let me go. I was cleared of any wrong-doing. Two days later, with a lot of grudge in my heart, I did not know what to do.



Sergio and his wife, Margot.

For the first time in my life, I looked for God and asked Him to help me because of everything I was going through without knowing God, just because I had heard that He was good.

The following week, I met my wife and my life began to take a big turn. In 2007 I met the FGBMFI Organization. I began to fall in love because I heard great testimonies of how God got men out of all their problems and that was what I needed. I began to serve the Lord for the first time in my life together with my wife. I went to a training of the organization that really helped me. I opened my heart a lot and let Jesus Christ dwell in my heart.

I began to see great miracles in my life and peace filled my heart.

I began to see great miracles in my life and peace filled my heart. For the first time in my life, I realized that God had me here in the United States for a great purpose after being a person who had no principle for God. I have a lot of value. I love the United States since I have lived here for almost 30 years and with 17 years

belonging to this beautiful organization.

Today I consider myself one of the happiest people on earth, I want to say a little prayer for you and I like that you repeat.

*Heavenly Father at this moment I declare myself a sinner and I ask your forgiveness for my sins and at this moment I declare you as my Lord and Savior of my life all this I ask in the name of Jesus Christ—Amen.*

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Fire Teams go out and spiritually minister to people they meet.

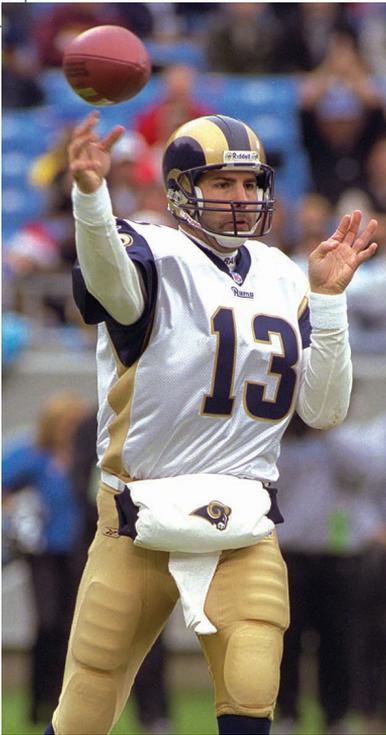
**Sergio Osegura** is the FGBMFI USA leader of the Fire Teams. As he and his friends bring multitudes to Christ, he realizes why he does this: for the love of souls!

Fire Teams consist of individuals from different states in the USA. and various walks of life who have fully surrendered their lives for the sake of the Gospel.

Sergio reminds us: "The harvest is great. but the workers are few, it says in Matthew 9:37. The time to throw away or move walls has arrived for our state, in a practical and direct way the souls of this world are snatched and placed at the feet of Christ.

"When we go out to the streets, we visit businesses, offices to share the change of life, how God has transformed our lives and that of our families in different areas such as: Relationships, families, and finances."

To become involved in the Fire Teams, contact Sergio at:  
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# FIRST THINGS FIRST

**Kurt Warner**  
**Super Bowl**  
**XXXIV and XXXVI**  
**QB, St. Louis Rams**

“**F**irst things first, I’ve got to give the praise and the glory to my Lord and Savior up above, thank you, Jesus!”

As I told that to the 80-plus million television viewers after our Super Bowl win on January 30, 2001, I realized that this was my chance to try to give back to God what He gave to me. I think that was a huge turning point in my life. There was no going back at that point. I had made the decision I wanted to

make under fire; and now I had to hold myself accountable for it. And everyone out there was going to hold me accountable.

However, I wasn’t always that bold as a witness for Christ. I was raised in a religious home. My mom went to church every Sunday; and she drug me right along with her. I went to a religious school. I thought I was pretty good. My life was in order. I thought that as long as I made more good decisions than

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I made bad decisions; as long as I talked to the people that nobody else talked to, I'd give them the time of day and shared with them, I was doing all right. That's all I needed. God just wanted me to be a nice guy and make good decisions.

I was in high school at this time and the coach asked me to switch from wide receiver to quarterback. I didn't like the position of QB at first, but I wanted to give it the old "college try". All of that was great until I got into an actual game. Practice is fine, but in the game, a bunch of guys came at me to try to kill me. It was not real appealing to me. I would leave the "pocket" and dance around to avoid the tackles. So my coach designated "Kill Kurt" drills to try to keep me in the pocket. I quickly learned how to stay in the pocket.

When I moved onto college, the slower my walk with God became. The less impact God had on my life. God was there if ever I needed Him. I went to church every once in awhile

when I felt if I needed a little "pick-me-up". It was at this time that I met my future "off-field coach" and wife, Brenda. She came right out and asked me if I had a relationship with Jesus. Yeah, when I needed Him, He was there. My thought was: "Well, my faith is between me and God. We're fine." But I saw that if I wanted to stay with her, I was going to at least look into this "relationship thing" with Jesus.

Brenda was like my old high school coach – she wanted me to stay "in the pocket", too. Whenever she was asking me those tough questions, I was always trying to change the subject. She put her own version of the "Kill Kurt" drill on me. She would sit me down and say, "Okay, we are going to talk about this." She was like saying to me, "I dare you to stay in the pocket and try to find the real answers to this?" I knew I could step up to this challenge. I would win it, just like I won on the football field. No problem. After all, I am very competitive.

I knew I had to make a choice. It was time to “buy into” this philosophy or I just would have to go on my own way. I found a scripture in Ephesians, “By grace you have been saved, through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is a gift from God. Not by works, so that no one can boast.” Ouch. It spelled it out in black and white right there in the Bible. It is not about me. It’s not about the choices I am making. It’s not about how good a person I am. But this is a free gift from Jesus. It’s about what He has done for me; not what I would do for Him. It was at that point where I decided to make that investment. I decided to turn my life over to Jesus. I decided to “buy into” His philosophy.

I decided I was going to step into Jesus’s pocket. I was not going to be running around, trying to do it my way. But now it was going to be God’s way.

I thought that the next day, I was going to run to the mirror, and I was going to be different. I was going to see a halo above my

head. Something is going to be different. I’ve changed. I’ve given my life over to Jesus. So I ran to the mirror that next morning and – nothing. It was the same old me. I didn’t look different. I didn’t feel that much different. I thought, “Well, what’s the deal here.” I thought that I was not going to have to go through any struggles anymore. It is going to be easy. Jesus is in control now and He is going to take care of everything.

Shortly after I decided to make this investment, I was hit with the most difficult thing I could ever imagine or that I have ever been through in my life. Brenda’s parents were killed in a tornado. We had been dating for a long time. How does this happen now that Jesus is in control of my life? I thought it was going to be easy from here. But it was at that point that I realized that He does not guarantee that it is going to be easy. He does not guarantee that every pass I throw is going to be a touchdown. He does not guarantee that every time you drop back, you are not going to

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get hit. But He does guarantee that He is going to be there with you. As difficult as that situation was, it was at that time I realized that the easy part was asking Jesus to come in and accepting Him as the leader of my life. The hard part was going to be dealing with the pressure in the pocket.

I decided that was the key to my position, the key to playing QB, the key to being in God's pocket is how you handle the pressure. When you are a pocket passer, the one thing that is good and the one thing that is bad about that, is that everybody knows where you are going to be. They know you are not going to be moving out of the pocket. They know you are going to be standing back about eight yards; and your offensive line loves it. But the defensive line loves it, too. They know right where I am going to be. And right where they need to come after me.

To me, it is the same way as being a "pocket" Christian. I want people to know where I stand. In every situation when

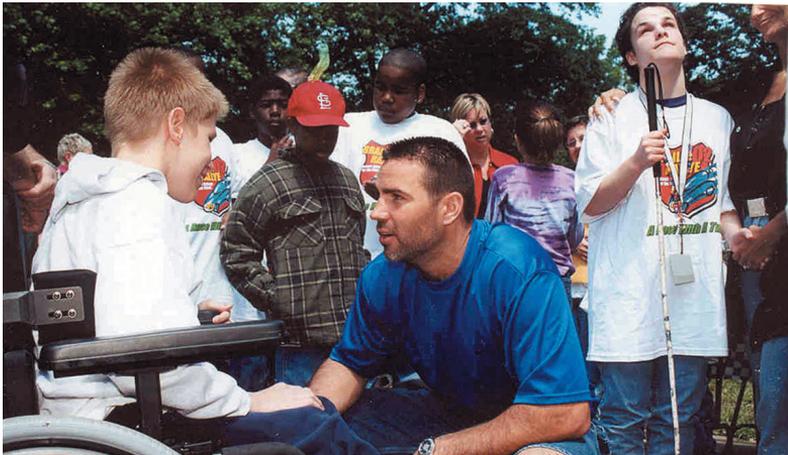


Kurt Warner "staying in the pocket."

the blitz is coming, when it's fourth down, when we have to score to win the game, I want people to know where I stand. I want Jesus to know where I stand, no matter what I am faced with in the pocket.

Here is what I do to have success in the pocket:

**1. Preparation.** You have to be ready before something happens. You have to be ready to respond. We constantly do pocket awareness drills in football. That is what we have to do in life. It is not always going to be a clean shot. Sometimes you are going to have to move



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around. The best way to be able to do that is to be prepared and aware. I know what Jesus wants me to do. I get into prayer every morning, “Jesus, show me what you want me to do in each situation.” I have to be ready for the attacks of the defense, attacks of the enemy. I spend hours and hours of time watching film and seeing how the defense is going to attack me. We have to do the same thing with the enemy in life.

**2. You have to have trust and faith.** The Bible says, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not on your own understanding.” We have to trust the position that God puts us in. God is always there at the right

time where I need Him to be. I can always trust Him.

**3. The decisions that we make under pressure.** We know the pressure is going to come. It’s how I respond, when getting blitzed, that determines how successful I am going to be as a quarterback. Are you going to be able to make and to handle the decisions when the pressure is on to take you to the next level?

**4. How we respond to being knocked down.** After losing the Super Bowl in January, 2002, our coach spoke to us, “The important part is – where do we go from here? Is that the end of the high times? Or are we going to grow and increase?”

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Are we going to get better from this point?”

Once I step into the pocket and let people know where I stand, people expect me to respond to those tough situations. They are watching. Some want to see me fall. Some want to see me succeed. But they are watching.

It all depends upon a few crucial decisions that you make. In the huddle, I could be hurting. I could have pain. But all it takes is a simple bit of encouragement or excitement to affect all the people that are in that huddle with me. In life, I've come to realize the same thing, all it takes is a good response to a negative situation.

I invite you to step into God's pocket. When I made that decision to accept Jesus, I knew from that point forward, that I had access to Jesus at anytime, and that nobody could ever take that away from me. (See page 30). I can take that with me forever. Nobody can ever take away my Super Bowl ring. I was the champion. Also, no one can ever take the statement

away from me: Jesus is the Lord of my life!

Step into the pocket to gain the greatest victory you will ever gain on knowing, for the rest of your life, nobody can ever take that away from you! ■



**Kurt and Brenda Warner** have four children. The Kurt Warner FIRST THINGS FIRST FOUNDATION is dedicated to impacting lives by promoting Christian values, sharing experiences and providing opportunities to encourage everyone that all things are possible when people seek to put “first things first.”

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# FROM THE BAR STOOL TO THE BIBLE SCHOOL

JERRY SCHMIDT, FLORIDA



**A**s a child I grew up on a farm in northern Minnesota. It was common for me to go to the bars with my parents, drink pop and eat chips while they socialized with their friends. That was just our way of life. I followed their pattern and became an alcoholic as a teenager.

After high school I joined the Navy and became a hydraulics mechanic on jet aircraft. I made one tour of VietNam. When I got out of the Navy, I became a journeyman carpenter and eventually a general contractor in the building trades.

My grandmother however was a Holy Ghost prayer warrior who took me to church as a baby, held me up to the Lord, and dedicated me to Him. The Lord spoke to her and said, “Out of all your grandchildren, this one will serve Me.” I had no idea about this until after I got saved.

## FROM THE BARSTOOL TO THE BIBLE SCHOOL

I spent many years running from God, spending my time and money on things of the world, and living for the devil. I always felt the presence of the Lord and knew my grandmother was praying for me, but I did not want to surrender.

My life was miserable, and I was losing everything. While driving from one bar to the next, the Lord spoke to me and said, "If you keep on this same path, you will end up in Hell!" I didn't want to hear it and continued to the next bar and drank till closing. I tried to shake off those words that the Lord had spoken to me, but I couldn't.

One evening I decided to drown my sorrows. I went to a bar that I was familiar with and sat there drinking shots of whisky with a beer chaser all night till closing. I got off that bar stool to go home and I was still sober. I thought to myself, "What is wrong with me, I can't even get drunk!"

I knew that the Lord was dealing with me, and I had to make a decision. When I got home, I got down on my knees and I cried out to the Lord and said, "Okay Lord, I give up. I will do anything You say. I ask You to help me, and to forgive me in Jesus' name." Amen! That was the extent of my prayer. I didn't know how to pray but I remembered the words of my grandmother and that I was supposed to pray in the name of Jesus.

I spent three days just crying like a baby and allowing the Holy Spirit to do a cleansing in my heart. I didn't know totally what had happened to me, but I knew I was delivered. There was a change on the inside of me, and my desire for alcohol was gone.

I went through rehab and remembered my grandmother talking about her friends Demos Shakarian and Oral Roberts, and the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship. She would be invited

to their dinners at their homes and to attend their meetings whenever they had them.

I looked for a chapter in my area and was exposed to the move of the Holy Spirit. The men in Full Gospel were my lifeline and support group. They supported me and kept me out of the bars.

Shortly after I was introduced to FGBMFI, I went to Rhema Bible Training Center, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, for two years and then to Victory World Missions Training Center, Tulsa Oklahoma, for one year. I went from the bar stool to the Bible school.

I was asked if I wanted to teach in a new Bible school in Haiti that Pastor Billy Joe Daugherty started, and I said yes. I was to arrive in January 1997. I found out that I could park my vehicle at Christian Retreat in Bradenton, Florida. I was on the way to Haiti when I met my beautiful young wife, Linda. She was going



**Bible School graduates in Haiti.**

through the Institute of Ministry school and was part of Gospel Crusade at Christian Retreat. We developed a relationship by email. The Lord's hand was in all this, and He had a plan for our lives.

After we got married, I became the director of the Bible school in Haiti, and we lived there for a while. We went on and started more Bible schools in Haiti, Dominican Republic, Cuba, Jamaica, Panama, United Arab Emirates and Canada. We have graduated over 7,500 students in the Bible schools. Many of the students have started churches on their own and in their own country, reaching people for the Lord where you and I can't go.

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Caring for orphans in Haiti.

In the past few years, we have held leadership training seminars and working with orphanages and providing humanitarian aid in Haiti. My focus is the leadership training and salvation of souls.

Over the years I was able to lead both my mom and dad to the Lord and my sister and brother-in-law. All four of them are in Heaven today! Thanks to grandma's prayers.

On January 19, 2021, my wife Linda graduated to Heaven. I went through a very hard time, the worst that I ever went through. I miss her so much. I wanted to do something as a memorial in her honor. I decided to build a church in Haiti and

dedicate it to the Lord in her memory. As I write this, we are about 80 percent done. The seeds that we have sown will bear fruit from generation to generation. I thank the Lord for the time that we spent together. She will always be remembered.

If God can take a drunk from a farm in northern Minnesota and change his life to accomplish all this, just think what He can do with you! God Bless!

“Ask of me and I will give you the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for your possession.” Psalm 2:8 ■

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Jerry and Linda Schmidt

# SALVATION PRAYER

to have a personal relationship with Jesus

Please pray this prayer out loud and start a new life in Christ:



*Dear Heavenly Father,*

*I come to You in the Name of Your Son, Jesus. I admit that I am separated from You because of my sins and I want to be right with You. Thank you for forgiving me of all my sins because of what Jesus did for me...“who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.” (1 Peter 2:24)*

*The Bible says “that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” (Romans 10:9-10) I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. I believe that Jesus was raised from the dead for my justification. I confess Jesus as my Lord & Savior.*

*I am now saved! Thank You Father God! Thank You Lord Jesus!  
Thank You Holy Spirit!*

# PRAY TO RECEIVE THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

**Receiving the Baptism of Holy Spirit is an enduement of power for service.** A difference in our service for Christ should be seen after we're baptized with the Holy Spirit.



On the Day or Pentecost, Believers were gathered together in a house when they heard what sounded like a rushing mighty wind. It filled the house where they were gathered. Scripture tells us that they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking with other tongues (Acts 2:1-4).

This experience is called being filled with the Holy Spirit. John prophesied, *"I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance; but he that cometh after me ... shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire."* (Matthew 3:11)

You received The Holy Spirit when you accepted Jesus as your Lord & Savior by FAITH! You received the gift of salvation by FAITH. So begin to pray ... *BY FAITH, I have received the Holy Spirit. Thank You Father God that the Holy Spirit dwells within me, because Jesus promised He would in His Word* (John: 14:16-17). Now expect to speak in tongues, because believers spoke with tongues on the Day of Pentecost. And thank God, YOU will, too, as the Holy Spirit gives utterance. You will be blessed, strengthened and empowered as the Holy Spirit prays God's perfect will through you.

Notice, you must believe that you have received the Holy Spirit first, and then you will speak in tongues!



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In 1952, God gave Demos Shakarian, our FGBMFI Founder, a vision of a lost and hurting world and what YOU and the Body of Christ are to do. It is as fresh today as it was then. 12 weeks of discovering what Jesus wants from YOU, and the Body of Christ, as Lord in this season. It is not a conventional school to train the mind or teach skills for a profession. It is a form of prophetic impartation so that YOU can be more RESPONSIVE to Jesus as Lord by the Holy Spirit to do the same miraculous works Jesus did.

*"The person who follows me in faith, believing in me, will do the same mighty miracles that I do—even greater miracles than these because I go to be with my Father!" John 14:12 (TPT)*

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