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From the desk of  
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Dear It Is Written friend,

I am a believer in Jesus ***because people prayed for me.*** As a young adult, I read a book that changed my life. I phoned directory assistance, got a phone number for a church in the city, and called and arranged to meet the pastor. On my first day at church I met a young woman who told me something that amazed me.

“You’re John Bradshaw?” Sue asked.  
“You’re Wayne’s brother?” I was astonished. 12,000 miles from home, here was someone who knew my brother. It turned out that Sue had once been one of my brother’s nursing students.

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“We prayed for you,” Sue told me. “Wayne told us his younger brother was searching for God. He said you were asking questions about the Bible and about faith, trying to make sense of it all. We prayed for you again and again.” ***Of course I came to faith in Christ. People had been praying for me!***

Remember the last time you heard an amazing story about an answer to prayer? What did it do for your faith? How did it change your own prayer life? Our next ACTS 20:21 series is called Connect and begins August 9. ***In partnership with churches all over North America, we are inviting communities together to connect with the source of almighty power through prayer.*** It’s our last lead-in series before a full-message evangelistic meeting in October. You can watch Connect at [iiwconnect.com](http://iiwconnect.com).

As is often said, prayer changes everything. And yet it seems as though we’re missing something. At It Is Written, we hear from people all the time who tell us their prayer life is flat. They tell us it seems their prayers are never answered. That’s why we’re holding Connect. ***Please join me in praying for this series.*** I’d like to invite you to attend the series, and I need to ask you for your financial support for this extremely important initiative.

Let me give you an up-to-the-minute story about the power of prayer. Last year, after much planning and prayer, church leaders in northern Mexico partnered with Escrito Está, the Spanish-language ministry of It Is Written, to challenge church members to be involved in witnessing for Jesus through a comprehensive evangelism program. Children were invited to participate, and **many children completed online courses to become preachers**. Parents prayed day and night asking God to use their children as messengers of hope.

In one area, 31 children preached simultaneously for four weeks. Initially, 36 people were baptized, but that number tripled after a few weeks. Incredibly, most of those baptized were adults.

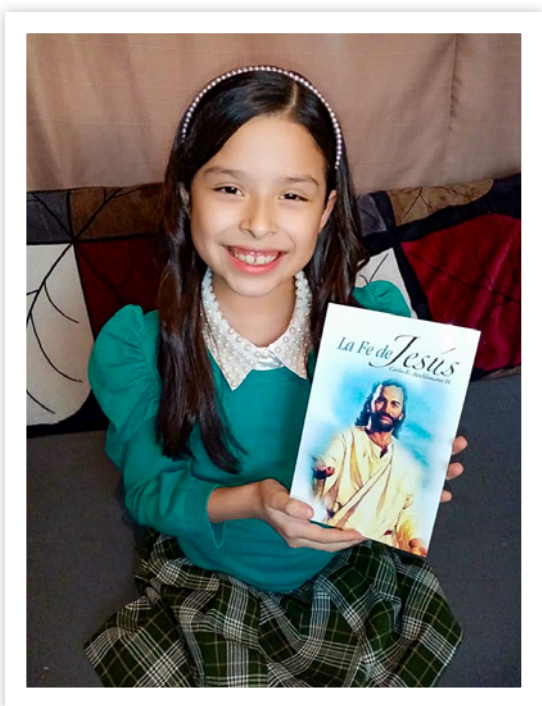


Nine-year-old Wendy was one of the child preachers. Wendy not only preaches, but also sells Christian books, sings, and gives Bible studies (supervised by her parents and supported by their prayers). When the pandemic struck, Wendy recorded Bible presentations and uploaded them to the internet. She made video calls to follow up with interests, among whom was Vanesa, a 30-year-old businesswoman. As a result of Wendy's prayer-powered ministry, Vanesa accepted Jesus as her Savior. **Vanesa and Wendy were baptized together at the end of the evangelistic series**. Fifty preachers, including some adults, led 585 people to make decisions

for Jesus. They were baptized in a single day in churches, rivers, lakes, and even bathtubs. And that number rose to 1,320 baptisms within a week!

This is what happens when people pray! And that's the reason for Connect. We know that people everywhere are wanting to pray more effectively, understand the will of God for their lives more clearly, and make sense of the difficult times in which we are living.

I want to invite you to be an integral part of Connect. It's a short series designed specifically so you can invite your friends. We will take six nights to delve into the science and power of prayer. As we focus on the God who answers prayer, I know heaven is going to move in a powerful way. I believe with every fiber of my being that if we take hold of what will be shared during Connect, **God will truly change everything!** The gospel will go to



*Wendy worked diligently during the pandemic to bring others hope in Jesus.*

the world in answer to prayer. The latter rain will fall in answer to prayer. People will be converted in answer to prayer. Prayer changes things!

In March 2020, when the country shut down, God opened up the way for It Is Written to hold a major series of virtual meetings called Hope Awakens. Attending those meetings was a man I'll call Malcolm who had given up his faith in Jesus and stopped attending church about 30 years earlier. Also 30 years ago, **a ten-year-old girl started to pray for him**. Over the years, she would occasionally ask mutual friends if they had heard how Malcolm was doing, but no one knew.

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She had no idea that Malcolm had accepted an invitation from an old friend to watch Hope Awakens. After the series, a Bible worker at a rural church following up on Bible study requests asked a church member to visit a man who lived two hours away. Despite the distance, the church member volunteered to visit Malcolm and drop off the first It Is Written Bible Study lesson. That first visit turned into weekly, four-hour round-trip visits as the church member gently helped to heal wounds and lead Malcolm back to Jesus Christ. Malcolm began attending church, and before long he was baptized.

A year later, across the country, a forty-year-old business woman listened intently as a visitor shared an amazing story. He said that following Hope Awakens, he began studying the Bible with a man who lived two hours from his church. As the details of this story unfolded, she realized what God had done: **the prayers she began praying when she was just ten years old had been answered**.

I wonder what thirty-year-old prayers will be answered as people participate in our next series, Connect. A parent's prayer for a child? A wife's prayer for her husband? A teenager's prayer



*Vanesa and Wendy were baptized together.*



*Malcolm at his baptism after watching Hope Awakens.*

for a best friend? “Prayer is the key in the hand of faith to unlock heaven’s storehouse, where are treasured the boundless resources of Omnipotence” (*Steps to Christ*, 94). ***There is nothing heaven will not bestow, no resource it will not employ to reach this world for Christ.***

Those “boundless resources” are eternal valuables like forgiveness, faith, hope, and love. They are also the financial resources this ministry needs to share the gospel through this series. I would like to invite you to partner with us in giving others the tools they need to connect with Heaven. In addition to advertising costs, there are filming, design, production, and broadcast expenses that will make or break the success of this opportunity.

***Please join me in Connecting the world with the fullness of our Father’s blessings*** through this next series. Your prayers and support are needed and will make an eternal impact.

Praying with you,



Pastor John Bradshaw  
President, It Is Written

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P.S. This is one of my favorite verses: “If you ask anything in My name, I will do it,” (John 14:14). In Matthew 7:7, Jesus said, “Ask, and it will be given to you.” We are going to explore the power of prayer in a series called Connect. The last mini series before our full-message evangelistic meetings in October, Connect is designed to help people access the power and presence of God. You are an essential part of bringing this series to countless people around the world. Thank you for your help to make this message an eternal reality in so many lives.

# Connect

Unleashing the power of prayer in your life.

**Begins August 9, 2021**

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