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Newsletter of Anne Graham Lotz

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“Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone...”

-- Acts 12:7

Two thousand years ago, an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and revealed to him that the young woman he was betrothed to, Mary, was pregnant. As shocking as that news was to Joseph, it was even more astonishing to be told that Mary was still a virgin because the baby did not have a human father. He had been conceived by the Holy Spirit. The angel further instructed Joseph to give Him the name Jesus, because He would save His people from their sins. (Matthew 1:18-21)

How grateful this AnGeL is, not only to have the privilege of announcing that the Savior has come, but to have the blessing of personally benefiting from it. The blessing was magnified in a unique way while writing *Wounded by God's People*. As I wrote about Hagar and the way some of her wounds were inflicted by those she had wounded, I saw sin in my heart and life that I hadn't known was there. I have not only been wounded, but I have been a wounder. It's just that I can clearly see the way others wound me, while I'm almost blind to the way I wound others.

This blindness to my own sin was illustrated humorously on the day that my two brothers, two sisters, and I had lunch with our father. It was the first time we had all been together at the same time with him since Mother's funeral six years ago. All of us treasured the rare moments of fellowship and conversation, not knowing when we would have the opportunity again.

Towards the end of our lunch, I asked Daddy if he had anything he would want to say to us. He replied that he would say something when all of us were present. To which I said, *Daddy, we are all here*. To which he replied, *Where?* I said, *Daddy, right here*. Then I pointed out each sibling around the table...Ned and Bunny were on one side, Gigi was at the other end in Mother's chair, and Franklin was beside me. We all laughed, then Daddy said that years ago he had been sitting outside with Mother and Gigi, when he was bitten by tiny little



My family in the living room of my father's house. From left to right behind Daddy, in birth order: Gigi, me, Ruth (Bunny), Franklin, and Ned. The inscription seen in the background on the fireplace mantle that at one time was a diving board, is *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God in German*.

bugs. He recalled Gigi had described them as No-See-Ums. Then he laughed as he said that's what we were around the table...No-See-Ums. We laughed with him because Daddy has macular degeneration, a disease that blurs vision by causing a blind spot. In spite of the latest medical treatments, including frequent injections directly into his eye, he has lost the ability to focus.

I also have a form of macular degeneration. It's a disease that has not affected my physical sight, but it has affected my spiritual vision. I have blind spots so that I have a hard time seeing my own faults. My own sins seem to be in the "no-see-um" category.

I've found that when I'm hurt, it's easier to focus on the faults of others. It seems to be almost an instinctive reaction to wounding, and a very convenient defense mechanism: *It's not me. It's them! And even if it were me,*



spot, while it takes courage to open my eyes and allow the Light to penetrate the darkness and shatter the deceptive self-image I have of myself.

But that same Light also reveals to me the Baby wrapped in swaddling clothes...growing into the Lamb who died for me...shedding His blood to wash away all of my sin. The “big” ones and the “little” ones. The obvious ones. And the not so obvious ones.

This Christmas, for His birthday, I am giving the King my No-See-Ums.

For His glory,

Anne Graham Lotz

One of the most exciting projects undertaken through our ministry has been to hold Just Give Me Jesus in women's prisons. Using the full DVD version from Augusta, GA, that includes the music of Babbie Mason and Fernando Ortega, as well as Sheila Bailey's prayer session, Angela Stanley and Linda Horton have facilitated what we believe to be genuine revival behind iron bars! At the Leath Correctional Institution in Greenwood, SC, when the invitation was given following the message on the Cross, 79% of the women present went forward to repent of their sin and get right with God!

what I did to them wasn't as hurtful as what they did to me. So it's still them! But could the wounding I've received be in response to wounds I've inflicted?

And so I have asked God to shine His Light into the deep recesses of my heart where I rarely go. The corners and crevices where cobwebs of sin cling, and hinder the free flow of His Spirit. I have asked Him to reveal to me what He sees.

Could you also be suffering from spiritual macular degeneration? While focused on “them” are you blind to your own pride, arrogance, anger, resentment, name-calling, vengeful digs, schemes for revenge, or vicious gossip disguised as prayer requests? Are these attitudes working for you and making you happy? What are you really living for? Instead of living your life to the glory of God, are you driven by a desire to get even, vindicate your actions, prove someone else wrong, justify your opinion, expose the other person? Is it time for you to consider your own part in the wounding?

Some of those questions hurt, don't they? I know because I have asked them of myself. It can be comfortable to keep my eyes shut when the Light of truth reveals my blind



As part of the media promotion for Wounded by God's People, I was given several strategic opportunities in Toronto, Canada, that included secular and Christian television. 100 Huntley Street invited me to video tape two messages and two interviews on Wounded, and one interview on Heaven... all before a live studio audience. Although it was “staged” for broadcast, the Holy Spirit moved in our midst, evidenced by the tears and tenderness on the faces of the people present.

¹ Adapted from *Wounded by God's People*, Anne Graham Lotz, Zondervan, Grand Rapids, MI, September 2013, Chapter 6, p.91-93.

Bible Study: The Light Still Shines

Two thousand years ago on a dark and starry night outside the little town of Bethlehem, the midnight sky was split by a laser beam of light in the form of an angel who announced that the Messiah, the One who would save His people from their sins, had been born! The shepherds followed the angel's directions, and found the Light of the World wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And the Light still shines today.

Read 1 John 1:1-11

I. THROUGH A PERSONAL ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS 1:1

- **Make a list of phrases from the Gospel of John 1:1-5 that describe who the Light is. Put each into your own words.
- **Who was John? Matthew 4:18-22
- **What other personal encounters with Jesus during the three years as a disciple did John have that you can remember? Give references.
- **What three encounters would have been especially etched on John's memory? Matthew 17:1-8; John 19:25-27, 20:19-20
- **When did the Light first penetrate your life? When have you personally encountered Jesus? Write out your testimony as if you were sharing briefly with someone who is not saved.

II. THROUGH A POWERFUL ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS 1:2

- **Instead of a second-hand experience or hearsay, what difference do you think John's personal encounter with Jesus made to his testimony?
- **Describe the power of a personal encounter with Jesus in John 4:28-30, 39-42; 2 Peter 1:16-18; Luke 22:54-62 with Acts 4:13.
- **If you have had a personal encounter with Jesus, what difference has it made in the way you set priorities? In the way you schedule your day? In the way you share your faith with others?
- **What phrase is repeated in 1 John 2:3, 13, 14, 3:1, 4:6, 7, 8? From these verses, list some of the evidence that should be demonstrated in our lives as a result of knowing God through a personal encounter with Jesus.
- **Which of these would your spouse or best friend recognize in you? Which ones are missing?

III. THROUGH A PURPOSEFUL ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS 1:3-4

- **As a result of his personal, powerful encounter with Jesus, what purpose did John have? v.3; John 20:30-31
- **Describe the personal, powerful encounter Saul of Tarsus (who became Paul the Apostle) had with Jesus. Acts 9:1-6
- **As a result, what purpose did Saul/Paul have? Philippians 3:7-10
- **What are three implied results that should impact our lives following a personal, powerful encounter with Jesus in v.3-4?
- **Match each result with one of the following verses: Acts 4:18-20; Luke 24:36-53; Acts 8:4-8, 16:22-34; Romans 15:30-32; Acts 15:27; 1 Thessalonians 2:19; Hebrews 12:2.

- **Do you have a clear sense of purpose as a follower of Jesus? If not, why not?

IV. THROUGH A PURIFYING ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS 1:5-9

- **What are some primary characteristics of light, and how do they apply to an encounter with Jesus? v.5
- **What do you think darkness represents in v.5-6? See Acts 26:18; 2 Corinthians 6:14; 1 John 2:9.
- **What does the light represent in v.7? See John 3:19, 8:12.
- **What phrases refer to the No-See-Ums... the sin in our own lives? Give verses.
- **Write out the practical steps you would tell someone to take who can't "see um."
- **What would you tell someone who can see their own sin? v.7, 9; Romans 3:23, 6:23; Ephesians 1:7; Acts 13:38; 1 John 2:12
- **From v. 6-10, how does John describe the difference Jesus should make in our lives?
- **How does Paul also describe this difference in Ephesians 2:1-7? 12-13? 4:17-32? In two columns, list the contrasting characteristics of those who walk in darkness and the characteristics of those who live in the Light. Which list most accurately describes you?

The best way to see the sin, the No-See-Ums, in our own lives is to have a personal, powerful, purposeful, purifying encounter with Jesus...every day! So...turn on the Light! Ask God to shine it into the deep recesses of your heart and mind. Be courageous and look at what is revealed there. Then join me, this Christmas, in giving the King, for His birthday, our No-See-Ums.



In response to my request for you to let me know how you are using our resources,* one of you sent in this picture. Heaven: God's Promise for Me, was used to present the Gospel to children in Tanzania. We continue to hear of children who pray to claim Heaven as their home by putting their faith in Jesus in response to reading this book!

* Visit www.annegrahamlotz.com/blog/2013/aug/multiplying-ministry/

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WAKE UP TO THE MESSAGE - See a description of this audio product under the "Praise and Prayer" section in this newsletter.	340CD	_____	\$ 6.00	_____
JUST GIVE ME JESUS LIVE - Anne's three revival messages and interactive Bible study workshop recorded live in Augusta, Georgia September 21-22, 2012.				
CD audio message	337CD	_____	\$ 15.00	_____
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A WAKE-UP CALL For God's People - Originally offered by simulcast on 9/11/11, Anne and Joel Rosenberg sound the alarm for the Church in these two messages.				
CD audio messages	325CD	_____	\$ 10.00	_____
DVD messages	325DVD	_____	\$ 15.00	_____

More Video Bible Studies

PURSUIING MORE OF JESUS Leader Kit - A six-session DVD Bible study from the teaching chapters of John's Gospel. Includes four video seminars, two video workshops, plus a workbook with Leader's Guide.	310	_____	\$149.95	_____
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GOD'S STORY DVDs - A five-session DVD Bible study on Genesis 1-11 including a video "how to read the Bible" workshop + four video messages.	140DVD	_____	\$ 25.00	_____
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Praise and Prayer

PRAISE

- **For the strong release of *Wounded by God's People* that has given Anne opportunities to present God's love through national media, live and in person, in Toronto, New York, San Diego, Colorado Springs, Dallas, and Virginia Beach.
- **For the incredible doors God is opening for us on-line, and for bringing Hope Reed on staff to manage this arm of our ministry.
- **For the planned launch of our new weekly radio program, *Living in the Light*, at the end of this year, to be aired on WPTF-AM in Raleigh, NC; WMIT-FM in Asheville, NC; and WFGW-FM in Knoxville, TN.
- **For the opportunity to participate in a new on-line, digital gathering place for Christian resources, where Anne's messages have the potential to reach many more hearts for Jesus.

PRAYER

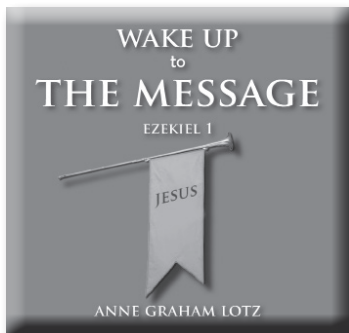
- **For the outpouring of God's blessing on all who attend *Filling Up to Overflow* at The Cove, November 14-17; for each participant to have a fresh encounter with Jesus and leave a more committed, competent disciple.
- **For strength to equal our days as we embark on new, unfamiliar avenues of ministry: radio, social media, web ministry, and online teaching and training.
- **For God to pour into Anne His thoughts and insights, with the words to clearly express them, as she writes, speaks, and records so that everything is glorifying to God and life-changing for others.



In a beautifully remodeled theater in Blowing Rock, NC, I had the privilege of leading 400 members of the Samaritan's Purse staff in a spiritual retreat. It was a personal joy for me to serve some of God's choicest servants by sharing with them how to read God's Word in order to hear His voice. I then gave a message that described Isaiah's response to disaster, with a call to return to the Cross, repent of our sin, and recommit ourselves to service.

- **For Anne's energy, stamina, and grace to fulfill all her ministry and family responsibilities.
- **For God to abundantly supply our financial resources during this time of transition from ministry on-the-road, to ministry on-line and on-air.

Wake Up to The Message



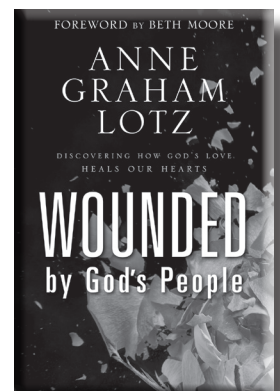
In our zeal to reach people with the Gospel, using drama, mimes, videos, self-help seminars, sports, music bands, along with a host of other creative things that even include wine tastings and beer bottling, could we be in danger of missing the message? Based on Ezekiel 1, Anne challenges preachers, teachers, and church leaders to stay focused on Jesus, keeping Him central to all that we say and do.

#340CD *Wake Up to The Message* - \$6

NOW AVAILABLE...

Have you been wounded by someone in the faith? While the pain may be unbearable, it's not insurmountable. Journey with Anne to the source of all healing and discover how God's love heals our hearts in *Wounded by God's People*.

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