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See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse—the blessing if you obey the commands of the Lord your God that I am giving you today; the curse if you disobey the commands of the Lord your God and turn from the way I command you.... — Deuteronomy 11:26-28

hen I drive down the highway, painted lines on the pavement provide helpful guidance. A dotted white line lets me know that if the lane of oncoming traffic is clear, I can pass other cars. A solid line means no passing is allowed. The highway department is not trying to take away my joy in driving. The lines on the road are intended to keep me safe, and keep others safe, while I'm on my way to my destination.

In a similar way, as we live and travel down life's road, we can push the boundaries God has established. But we do so at our own peril. If we go outside His "road markings," the likelihood is that we will get hurt, as well as hurt other people. At the very least, we will experience life on a lower level than He intended. The alternative is to take God at His Word, stay within His boundaries, and trust Him to know what's best for us.

Let's consider some of His road markings.

- When God says to have no other gods before Him, He knows that other gods—such as money, fame, sex, pleasure, power—will enslave you.
- When God says not to create and worship

idols, He knows that behind them are demonic forces who will weaken you, deceive you, and suck you into evil attitudes, words, actions, and thoughts that you had no idea you were capable of having or saying or doing.

- When God says not to misuse His name, He knows that unless you reverence Him, you will not have even the beginning of wisdom with which to live and make your decisions.
- When God says to set aside one day in seven in order to focus on Him, He knows that such a lifestyle will help keep your faith anchored and remind you that the world doesn't need your effort to continue spinning.

Every opportunity Anne had during her book tour was richly blessed, whether an online interview, a television appearance, a radio conversation, a written article, or a speaking engagement. Pictured above is the Sunday morning worship service at Times Square Church in New York City that Pastor Carter Conlon graciously gave for Anne to deliver the message on the Holy Spirit. Dozens of people responded to the altar call to invite Him to live within them as their Constant Companion.

- When God says to honor your parents, He knows it will lead to a richer, fuller, longer life.
- When God says not to murder, He knows that human life has a high value. Yours and theirs.
- When God says not to commit adultery, He knows sexual betrayal destroys a marriage bond and cracks the foundation of a nation.
- When God says not to steal, He knows that if we want others to respect us and our possessions, we need to respect them and their possessions. Without mutual trust we cannot have safe, healthy relationships.
- When God says not to lie, He knows that integrity is foundational to a successful life and a strong society.
- When God says not to covet, He knows the danger of never being content with what we have, whether it's a spouse, a home, or a job. We will be dominated by greed that demands more and more until we are insatiably unfulfilled.<sup>1</sup>

This simple and incomplete rationale for heeding God's road markings illustrates that His practical, divine directions for living are for our own good. And while you may be questioning what the Holy Spirit has to do with what is in essence the Ten Commandments given by God to Moses, we may benefit from being reminded

that the entire Bible is "God-breathed"—divinely inspired by the Holy Spirit, both Old Testament and New Testament.<sup>2</sup>

When you or I go outside His directions for living—His road markings—we wind up with less than God intended us to have. This begs the question, What if you have gone outside God's road markings? What if you have hurt yourself or someone else and now want to live according to God's directions? The first step is just to tell Him. Be honest.

o at the beginning of this new year, whether you have been living in ignorance of His directions or in rebellion against them, tell Him what you have done, where you are, and that you want to live as He directs. Then start reading your Bible. Study it, love it, and live by it. God the Holy Spirit is your helper. Your strengthener. Your counselor. He is just waiting for you to turn to Him and give Him the freedom and authority to bring order out of your chaos.

For His Glory,

Message adapted from Anne's new book, *Jesus in Me*. Released October 2019.

<sup>1</sup> Exodus 20:3-17

<sup>2</sup> 2 Timothy 3:16

## DVD Messages to Share this New Year



Leaving a Godly Legacy in an Ungodly World - #365DVD - \$25.00 www.annegrahamlotz.org/products/leaving-a-godly-legacy-in-an-ungodly-world

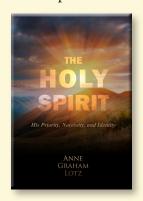
From the Billy Graham Training Center at The Cove | August 2019

Join Anne and her daughter, Rachel-Ruth, as they encourage you to leave a godly legacy in an ungodly world. Taken from the Old and New Testaments, these messages will challenge you to remain fired up about Jesus and reignite your first love for Him as you draw inspiration from

Biblical examples. As you choose to live a faith-anchored life... as you drive the stake of your faith deep down in the Word of God alone... these messages will challenge you to remain faithful, fired-up, and focused on Jesus.

The Holy Spirit: His Priority, Necessity, and Identity - #366DVD - \$20.00 www.annegrahamlotz.org/products/holy-spirit-jesus-dvd-message

This powerful, thrilling three-message DVD set launches the viewer into a greater understanding of the mysterious third person of the Trinity. It includes the Priority of the Holy Spirit from John 1:1-18, the Necessity for the Holy Spirit from Romans 6-7-8 and the Identity of the Holy Spirit from John 16:5-15.



### Intercession

### **PRAISE**

\*For God's strength as Anne resumed a full schedule of ministry after her cancer treatments.

\*For the fullness of God's blessing on Anne's most recent book, *Jesus in Me*, and for the testimonies we have received. God has used it to make a lifechanging impact.

\*For the intensive media tour for *Jesus in Me* that broadened the outreach of the challenging and encouraging message that anyone and everyone can experience the Holy Spirit as a Constant Companion.

\*For the hundreds who attended Anne's seminar at The Cove last November, and for the almost one thousand people who joined by live stream.

#### **PRAYER**

\*For the Holy Spirit to breathe His life into Anne's writing of a new gift book.

\*For God's blessing of exceptional fruitfulness in Anne's speaking, writing and media opportunities in the year 2020.

\*For God's wisdom as Anne prayerfully decides what commitments are in His perfect will and plan for her.

\*For the March video taping of the Bible Study curriculum to accompany *Jesus in Me*.

\*For the Lord to undertake in every aspect of the transition for a new data base system for the ministry.

### Bible Study: Directions for Living

#### Read Exodus 20:1-17

\*Give a phrase from each of the following verses that underscores the source of our life's directions: Exodus 20:1-2:

Deuteronomy 5:12, 15, 16, 22, 32-33.

\*What gives God the right to establish directions for life in 2020? See Genesis 1:1.

\*Write out each of the ten commandments in your own words.

\*Match each of the following phrases with one of the commandments: God is to be honored; human life is sacred; God is to be preeminent; mean what you say and say what you mean; relationships are important; sex has limits; God is to be followed; God is to be worshipped; be content with what you have; honesty is the best policy.

\*How closely are you following God's directions for living?

\*What encouragement do you receive from the following Scriptures as they relate to following...or failure to follow...God's directions?
Romans 3:23, 6:23; 1 John 1:9;

1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Hebrews 10:19-22.

\*What practical steps will you take today to start following His directions more closely?

### **Itinerary**

### **FEBRUARY**

- 5 CALIFORNIA, Santa Barbara Leadership Luncheon
- 8-9 CALIFORNIA, San Diego Maranatha Chapel: Simulcast
- 16 MARYLAND, Columbia Bridgeway Community Church
- 21 MISSISSIPPI, Jackson Evening with Anne and the Gettys, First Baptist Church
- 28 TENNESSEE, Nashville National Religious Broadcasters Convention

#### **MARCH**

27 NORTH CAROLINA, Winston-Salem — NC Baptist Missions Conference, Calvary Baptist Church

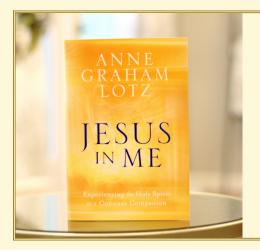
### **APRIL**

17 FLORIDA, Orlando – BGEA Rapid Response Chaplains and Samaritan's Purse Disaster Relief Volunteers Conference

### **MAY**

4 TEXAS, Austin — Governor Greg Abbott's Prayer Breakfast

7 GEORGIA, Atlanta — Cobb County Prayer Breakfast



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