

There is an old chorus entitled "The Word of God" it goes like this:

"The Word of God. We'll stand upon the Word of God.

'Twas the Word our fathers fought for, 'Twas the word our fathers died for,  
The Word of God, We'll stand upon the word of God,

Though the foes of the Lord may scorn His Word, We'll stand upon the Word of God."

The world our grandfathers lived in had different standards then we seem to have in modern society. Men used to take pride in their work, if it was not up to par they would do it over again.

There were standards of behaviour, a man's word was his promise. Today, commitments are quickly made and even more quickly forgotten. Honesty, mutual respect and consideration for others were the norm. Now days it seems that everyone is scratching, screaming and scrambling to get what they desire no matter the cost to those around them.

We live in a very self-centered age where it seems people set their own personal standards and corruption and guile have invaded every level of our society.

I am not a simple romantic when I say the former days were better. I have no argument with scientific progress and bettering our standards of living, **but not at the expense of abandoning the moral standards of life!** I observe our general population, and concluded that, as a society, we have morally and spiritually done just what Solomon advised against when, he said, in Prov. 22:28, "*Do not remove the ancient landmark with your fathers have set.*"

I also get the impression that we desperately need men like Naboth, the owner of a vineyard, listen to his challenge and response in 1 Kings 21:3 "And it came to pass after these things that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard which was in Jezreel, next to the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. So Ahab spoke to Naboth, saying 'Give me your vineyard, that I may have it for a vegetable garden, because it is near, next to my house; for it I will give you a vineyard better than it. Or, if it seems good to you, I will give you its worth in money.' And Naboth said to Ahab, 'The Lord forbid that I should give the inheritance of my fathers to you!' It was against the law for land to be transferred out of Tribal ownership. Naboth would neither break the law nor surrender the standards set by his father. And he paid for it with his life.

There are very few people these days whose convictions for right and righteousness go deep enough that they will stake their lives on it. But it is more and more apparent that our society desperately needs people of conviction who will bring back the moral standards of righteousness and justice for which our fathers so adamantly fought and died; standards which are clearly outlined and often detailed in the Word of God.

My prayer for us today would go like this: "O God! Give us more people whose lives centre around living according to your standard." I could do with some improvement myself, what about you? It always starts with one, will you join me?

## CHRISTIAN SPORTS EXTRAVAGANZA

The week of August 20 saw the return of our Christian Athletic Sports Extravaganza. Former athletes such as Paul Hornibrook, Chris Hornibrook, Tom Al, Tim Witters, Steve Harrison, and Mike Washburn joined young athletes from the city to help them learn the skills of baseball, football, and basketball.

We had a great turnout and would like to once again thank all of those who participated, the coaches, Grace Baptist Church, and First Wesleyan Church for letting us hold our camp there, and the City of Fredericton for the use of Prospect Field.. We hope to see the return of many of the young athletes and coaches next year!



## GALA EVENT

The I AM Ministries Gala Event will be held at the Lord Beaverbrook Crown Plaza Hotel on October 11, 2007. Keynote speaker will be Dave Kemp and entertainment will be provided by Beka Thiessen. Tickets are \$75.00. You can find out more information by calling 458-1940.



### **Dave Kemp- The Automotivator**

Dave Kemp is best known as the automotivator for his work with auto manufacturers and dealers. His reputation extends across North America as someone who can fire up a sales force and create a better buying experience for their customers.

Having experienced the highs of business success as Canada's youngest Ford dealer without family money and the lows that come with tilting against corporate windmills, Dave discovered the challenge of rebounding off the mat when life floors us. He speaks to us on the challenges we all face as Christians, on the road to a more meaningful relationship with Jesus. Going deep and soaring higher is the theme of his talk.

Dave is a business entrepreneur and the author of 'Just Looking,' a guide to professional sales leaders. He has also written the booklet "The Blessing of Giving" and provides churches with seminars on "The Blessing of Giving" and "What You Do Counts!"

Dave has been a supporter of I AM Christian Ministries for many years.

### **Beka Thiessen**

Growing up in St. Stephen, Beka started piano lessons at the age of five, receiving her certificate of Grade 10 piano from the Royal Conservatory of Music upon graduation from high school. She graduated from Canadian Mennonite University in Winnipeg, in 2006 with a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Biblical and Theological Studies and minoring in English Literature.

Writing songs since 1999, Beka has composed the balad "Training to fly" for the Gala.

## THE MASTER'S PROGRAM

I AM Ministries has recently come into a partnership agreement with Bob Shank and The Master's Program out of California to bring the program to Atlantic Canada. The Master's Program mentors Christian leaders who have a desire to clarify their Kingdom Calling and to maximize their lifetime impact in terms that will count for eternity.

Also involved in this partnership is former New Brunswick Resident Chris Hornibrook, who leads a similar program out of Sherbrooke, Quebec. Chris says "The Master's Program helps Christian leaders make the transition from their primary career- the work they are *paid* to do- to a life that includes the pursuit of their calling- the work they are *made* to do. This middle- of- life transition is the second- most difficult transition in life, overshadowed only by their initial decision to follow the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. I want to focus my life's energy on helping people make the transition from living a life of *success* to a life of true *significance*."

We look forward to raising men up for the work of the Kingdom in Quebec, the Maritimes, and all across Canada.

## MEN'S RETREAT

Paul will be the theme speaker at a Men's Retreat at Green Hill Lake Camp from February 16<sup>th</sup> to the 18. The theme of the retreat will be "You are here for a time such as this"


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## FUTURE EVENTS

Gala Event	October 11, 2007. Tickets \$75. Call 458- 1940 for more information.
Hockey Chapel	Starts in October 2007 and goes to March 2007.
Prayer Team	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month.
I AM Alive CD Assembly	Last Friday of every month.
Men's Retreat	February 16, 17, 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2008. Greenhill Lake Camp.
Mission Quebec	2008. Dates to be finalized.

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