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INTERVIEW

WITH JENTEZEN FRANKLIN

HOW DID YOU AND CHERISE MEET?

I'd been traveling on the road with my brother Richie for 3 years preaching at revivals, but after a time he got married and we decided to go our separate ways, so at 25 years old I was preaching on my own. I was speaking at a camp that she was attending as a camper, and I knew there was something special about her. After camp was over I introduced myself and mentioned that I would be in Atlanta soon and that she should meet me there. Well, she ended up meeting me, and that's when we started dating.

DO YOU HAVE ANY GOOD STORIES FROM YOUR DATING YEARS?

Yes! The night I told her I loved her, we'd been dating for a while and I knew that I wanted things to keep moving forward. So I told her that I loved her, and at first she didn't say anything back! Complete silence. I thought I might have completely misjudged the relationship, so I started backpedaling a bit, but she finally interrupted me and said that

she loved me too. It turns out that her mom and aunt had told her that I would tell her that I loved her that evening, but she hadn't believed them. So when I said those words to her, she was in complete shock!

HOW LONG HAVE THE TWO OF YOU BEEN MARRIED?

We've been married for 27 years now.

TALK A LITTLE ABOUT HOW YOU BALANCED YOUR MARRIAGE, RAISING A FAMILY AND PASTORING A CHURCH.

You just have to set priorities. I haven't always been great with that, but I feel that I've always let my family know that they have the priority. You don't have to pin the family against the church, as some would say. We've never experienced any negativity with this and my children have all grown up inside the church.

I do think it's important to guard what you say about the church though. Just as you would with any secular job, you have to learn how to not bring it up every night at the dinner table or in every conversation – learn how to turn it off sometimes. Planning non-negotiable things like vacations and birthday celebrations into my schedule has also helped in this area. Also, having Cherise and all the kids involved in the ministry throughout the years has been extremely helpful. Whether it's helping out at the church or traveling on the road with me, they feel included in every aspect of what I do.

DID YOU HAVE ANY IDEA THAT YOU WOULD HAVE A BIG FAMILY?

No, but my mother came from a family of 27 children,

and I grew up in a family of 5 siblings, so I guess we were sort of destined to have a big family.

COULD YOU HAVE EVER IMAGINED THAT GOD WOULD DO ALL THAT HE HAS DONE IN YOUR LIFE AND MINISTRY?

No, but I always believed God could do something significant in and through my life. I always encourage people to dream big and follow God's dreams for their lives – you could be dreaming about one thing, but his plan is so much bigger and greater than anything you could ever imagine!

HOW IMPORTANT IS TELEVISION IN REACHING THE WORLD WITH THE GOSPEL?

Television is critical because it can go to areas that we can never go physically. Plus, it's a fulfilment of prophecy because when the gospel is preached into all the world, the end will come. It helps us to reach people who speak different languages across the globe that we wouldn't otherwise be able to reach.

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SPOTLIGHT DEVOTIONAL

by Alan Bullock

WHEN THE WORLD SEEMS LIKE AN ILLUSION

To me, February is about love, and love is the spiritual prescription the Father provides us with to counter the problems we encounter on life's journey.

The Father's love fills the void, the hole in the soul and gives us courage for the road ahead. The Father's Love requests we all gather where Loving Life, Loving Self, Loving People, and of course, Loving His Son Jesus intersect. Heaven's love creates a desire to "do justly, act kindly, and walk humbly" (Micah 6:8).

God's love strengthens us to step beyond "self" and create sacred space for those who are lying wounded on the road to Jericho. The Father's love grants us strength and the fruit of grace to help others when it would be easier to pass them by – through us; He pours in the oil and the wine! The self-denying Redeemer's love will be with us throughout our pilgrimage on this earth (1 John 4:7-8). Above and beyond our basic physiological and human needs is the need to be loved, accepted and protected by God. If all others should forsake us, He is there for us (Deutoronomy 31:8).

As our love for God and others grows deeper and wider, it gives us a consciousness of resting within the Father's heart.

Should you find yourself in turmoil, spent and frayed, remember – our Father's paternal heart is a refuge, a fortress, and a loving sanctuary for those in need (Romans 5:8).

When the world seems like an illusion and empty of meaning, God has an ocean of love for ALL His children – and that, dear friend, is more love than any Valentine could ever give.

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FROM JONI LAMB

February is the month for love, and with Valentine's Day just around the corner, you may be anticipating a special gift from your sweetheart. But while the chocolates, cards and flowers are nice, it's important to remember what the true meaning of love really is.

So often in our culture we are led to seek love in the wrong places. Out of a desire to feel needed and wanted, we tend to gravitate towards an unhealthy form of "love."

However, the Bible gives us a very clear example of what true, real love is supposed to look like. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 says, "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."

Jesus demonstrated this "1 Corinthians" kind of love for us when he chose to die on the cross to save us from our sins for all of eternity. Regardless of whether or not you have someone special to celebrate Valentine's Day with this year, remember that Jesus loves you more than

any person ever could, and he will never leave your side. Choose to focus on Him in this season, and share His love with those around you!

WATCH JONI ONLY ON DAYSTAR

Joni: Table Talk Mon - Fri, 2 a.m., 7 a.m. & 8:30 p.m. EST Daystar.com/Joni

PARTNERS IN ACTION

FREEVIEW LAUNCH

With the support of you, our faithful partners and viewers around the world, Daystar is reaching more people with the Gospel message than ever before! Just last month, Daystar launched on Freeview – the largest TV system in the United Kingdom, reaching approximately 72 percent of the U.K.'s population with the Gospel on Channel 73.

Along with Daystar's carriage on Freeview, Daystar is also available in the United Kingdom on BSKYB, reaching 9 million homes, and Freesat, reaching 2 million homes. This means that Daystar is reaching the majority of the U.K.'s 26 million homes with the Good News of Christ!

Thank you, partners, for continuing to support Daystar's expansions and advancements across the globe. For more information on this exciting launch, please visit Daystar.com/Freeview.

FIND OUT HOW YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE AT Daystar.com/Blog





FROM THE DESK OF MARCUS LAMB

Dear Partners & Friends,

Freeview is the largest multi-channel provider in the **United Kingdom.** Daystar was the first and only Christian TV Network to be carried by **Freeview**, which was back in 2011. (We later made a strategic decision to go off.) The good news is that Daystar re-launched on **Freeview** last month on Channel 73. That is millions and millions of homes!

Foxtel is the largest multi-channel provider in **Australia**. Daystar will be the first, and only, world-wide Christian Television Network to be on *Foxtel*. The launch is this month and will add several million more homes to our reach.

Plus, we are supposed to launch on *Bell/Five* Cable in **Canada** this month to several million more homes! God is certainly up to something.

That's why being faithful to your pledges is so very important. It is <u>all</u> about souls!

Heart for the World starts Monday, February 2. We will have several first-time Heart for the World guests like: Prophet Brian Carn, Pastor Denny Duron, and Dr. Mike Smalley, plus favorites like Rabbi Jonathan Cahn!

Please tune in and do what Jesus said, "Watch & Pray!"

I hope you will **prayerfully** consider renewing your monthly pledge, or make a new one-time gift to help Daystar preach the Gospel to the entire world.

ATTENTION!!! Joni & I are taking another trip to **Israel**, **November 5 – 13, 2015.** I am personally inviting you to go with us, or meet us there. For more information call **1-800-929-4684** or if you live outside the United States, contact us through www.Daystar.com.

Joni & I love and appreciate you very much. Would you please start praying for Daystar and our family on a regular basis? That will be powerful.

Yours For Christian Television,

Marcus D. Lamb Founder – President

P.S. Be sure and send in your **prayer requests** and we will pray!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCUS & JONI

Feb 10 Sean Lowe

Feb 11 Rick, Tanya and Pierce

of Scaly Adventures

Feb 24 Larry Stockstill

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JONI TABLE TALK

Feb 16 The Doctor is in! Don't miss

Dr. Doug Weiss as he joins Joni and the ladies for an informative

Table Talk on tips for "Lust Free Living." You don't

want to miss it!

Feb 17 Discover the keys to breaking an

addiction as Dr. Doug Weiss joins Joni and the ladies once again to talk about about the principles of "Recovery."

Daystar.com/Joni

DAYSTAR ISRAEL TOUR -

Join Daystar for an unforgettable journey through the Holy Land this coming November as we visit some of the most sacred and beautiful locations in Israel! For more information, and for ways to register today, visit Daystar.com/IsraelTour

VALENTINE'S DAY -

Don't forget about Valentine's Day! Remember to celebrate all of the love in your life!

- Cheryl from Memphis, Tennessee

"I just want to say that Daystar is my secondary church, and all of your programs bless me beyond measure! God talks to me through your programs. I am a partner and believe in Daystar and what your network is doing to further the Kingdom of God! I am also thankful that Daystar partners with Israel, what good ground to sow into!"

- Kathy from Citronelle, Alabama

[&]quot;I called in asking for prayer for a new job. Today I got a new job! Thank God and thank you for all of your prayers for me and others. The prayers of the righteous avail much. God bless!"