

# FAITH

and Not by Sight



**Living Faith**  
CHRISTIAN CENTER

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### Calendar of Events

**March 16-19, 2021**  
Joint College of Bishops

**June 4-22, 2021**  
Philippines Conference



### Living Faith Christian Center Mission Statement

Our mission is to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom throughout the world, and train Believers how to live independent of this world’s system and have dominion over it. To provide Believers a word of encouragement, hope and to aide in the development of their faith. Also, to teach Christians who they are in Christ Jesus and how to live a victorious life in their covenant rights and privileges.

We are called to lead people to Christ, to encourage and provide spiritual guidance, to the place where we will operate proficiently in the biblical principles of faith, love, healing, prosperity, redemption and righteousness, and to the place where we can share those principles with others.

We are called to assist Believers in becoming rooted, grounded and established in the Word of God by teaching them to give God’s Word first place in their lives (Colossians 3:23, Psalm 112).

### Service Times & Contact Information

Sunday Morning Worship Service @ 8:30am

Tuesday Noon Day Bible Study @ 12:00pm

Tuesday Night Bible Study @ 7:00pm

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**Bishop A. L. Downing and Lady Inza Downing**

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and the recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord” Luke 4:18-19

### Speaking Engagement Request

If you would like to invite Dr. Downing for a speaking engagement, the contact info is:

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# Words of Encouragement

## How To Receive The Supernatural Into Your Life

Bishop Dr. A.L. Downing

The first thing you must have is vision. What is the vision that you have? What do you want to do? If you don't have a vision, you're just wandering and hoping that something will happen. Without a vision you don't have any guidance or direction. In Habakkuk 2:2 from KJV...it says, "And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tablets that they may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it, because it will surely come, it will not tarry". The Messenger Bible says, And then God answered: "Write this. Write what you see. Write it out on big block letters so that it can be read on the run. This vision-message is a witness pointing to what's coming. It aches for the coming-it can hardly wait! And it doesn't lie. If it seems slow in coming, wait. It's on the way. It will come right on time." But, you need to write it down. Have a vision of where you are going, what you want to accomplish. Proverbs 29:18 says, "Where there is no vision the people perish". Where there is no vision, you perish. Be specific Oprah Winfrey over 30 years ago was talking about vision and writing it down. She had what she called a "vision Board." It's where she wrote down her vision for her life and what she wanted to do and accomplish. Now she's a billionaire. Steve Harvey heard about it. He wrote down his vision and developed a vision board and now look at him. All I'm saying is write the vision down.

The second thing you must do is understand what the Supernatural is. The supernatural is not natural. It's not normal. So, if it's not natural and it's not normal and it's supernatural then it's something beyond natural abilities. It's something you can't do with natural abilities. It is beyond your scope of operation. We have defined it as God's **SUPER** on our natural giving us Supernatural abilities to do what we could not do, before we got His super on our natural. . But, what is God's **SUPER**?. It is God's Creative **POWER** demonstrated in Genesis chapter 1:26ff...when He created everything that was created out of nothing. When He called the light into existence, when He made the sun, moon and stars and the Garden of Eden. Its God's **SUPER** shown when He made man from the dust of the earth. And He made man watch this...in His image and likeness, And watch this...gave him, man, dominion over the fish of the sea, and the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over... watch this. over **ALL** the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God's **SUPER** is God's **POWER**, His **UNLIMITED POWER** and **ABILITY** engulfing you, covering you to give you His ability to do what you can't do with your natural ability. Its God's Super on your natural giving all the power and ability to do whatever He has called you to do. The thing you have to do is move yourself out of the way. Because this is beyond you. This is **SUPERNATURAL**. You can't do the supernatural with natural abilities. There is nothing natural about what God has called you to do. Watch this, God has called you to the extraordinary. Don't be afraid, don't run, your God is well able. Just move you out of the way and know God is doing a New and Bold thing with you and in your life. God's **SUPER IS** His Natural. We had that before the fall

## HOW TO RECEIVE THE SUPERNATURAL INTO YOUR LIFE cont...

of Adam. Adam walked in the garden with God. Adam and Eve walked naked and did not know it. When Adam and Eve sinned that's when the fall happened. But, everything that was lost was **RESTORED** when Jesus came and defeated death, sin and the grave. Man was put back into a right relationship with God.

The third thing you must do is **ASK**. The scripture says, Jabez called on or cried out to the God of Israel, saying or asking, Oh that you would bless me and enlarge my territory. Let your hand be with me and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain. And God granted his request. Jabez made a **BOLD** request of the Lord. Jabez realized he didn't have anything to lose by making such a request. His name already meant pain. The bible says he was more honorable than his brothers. Why? We don't exactly know, but it's reasonable to think or say that he asked for something and believe God for something that his brothers didn't. God didn't create you to be like everybody else. He made you unique and special. He designed you for a purpose. What if you're not receiving from God because you haven't **ASKED** God. Look at James 4:2-3 "You want something but you don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. **You do not have, because you do not ask God.** When you ask, you do not receive because you ask with the wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. It's not that God doesn't want you to have it. He says, first you don't have because you don't ask. And then when you ask you ask with the wrong motives. Why are you asking for the things you that you are asking for? If it's because of desires it's ok. He said He would give you the desires of your heart. But, it's not to be flaunting in the face of others. What if you're not receiving because you're not asking? You want to play it safe and ask for the small things. And not the **BIG BOLD** things. Not the big homes, you think that is for the Jakes, Dollars, Tyler Perry or movie stars. But my Bible tells me in Matthew 7:8 "For **EVERYONE** who **ASK** receives; the ones who seek find; and to the one who knocks, the door will be open. I think I'm **EVERYONE**. God is waiting for you to ask. In James 4:2-3 they didn't receive because they didn't ask. And because their motives were wrong. Not, because God couldn't and wouldn't give it to them. He was waiting on them to ask. What if He's waiting on you to ask. Because He said in Psalms 84:11..."no good thing will I withhold from those who walk upright before me". And we just read...to everyone who ask they receive. I read where the man of God prayed and asked God to let the sun and moon stand still and the moon stopped until the battle was over. You got to ask.

When you ask God for the **SUPER**, for Him to bless you and to enlarge you. You have to leave it to Him and **TRUST** Him in how He's going to get you where He's taking you. Let me encourage somebody. See you have your vision and it's ok. But, He may not take you the way you think He ought to take you. The Word says in Isaiah 55:8 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord." Let me give you some examples:

He gave Joseph a dream a vision...but He had to let his brothers turn on him,, put him in a pit Let him be sold into slavery. Taken into Egypt where they worship other gods. Worked as a servant in Potiphar house.

## HOW TO RECEIVE THE SUPERNATURAL INTO YOUR LIFE cont...

Lied on by Potiphar's wife, he was placed in a prison. **DO I HAVE ANY JOSEPH'S OUT THERE?** You feel like you been sold out and abandoned?

When He got ready to bless Abram...He told him to **LEAVE**. Leave his father's house. Leave from the familiar and go to a land that He would show him. Abram left. The Bible says, not knowing where he was going but, He trusted God. All Abraham had was a Word from God. But, he was fully persuaded on what God had promised him He would fulfil it...even in his old age. **DO I HAVE ANY ABRAHAM'S OUT THERE?** You feel like you're on a journey and wandering and all you have is a Word and a Promise.

And what about Job, When God got ready to increase him. His sons and daughters were killed,. His servants were killed. His livestock died. He had sores from his head to his feet. His wife told him to curse God and die. His friends told him, he must have done something wrong to be in that condition or that situation. **Do I HAVE ANY JOB'S OUT THERE?** You're feeling lost and alone and wondering if you done something wrong? I stop by to tell you, stop blaming yourself and know that your steps are being ordered by the Lord. It may not look like it, but I'm telling you, you're on your way to fulfilling God's call on your life. If others had to deal with what you're dealing with. They would have lost their minds a long time ago. But the reason you're able to hang in there is because God has put his **SUPER** on your natural and you don't have your strength and might. You have the **SUPERNATURAL** on you. So, you can say, it's not by power or by might but by the Spirit of...God. Because God has enabled you, He has empowered you. You may feel like Joseph...but can I tell you Joseph rose to be 2nd in Command. You may feel like Abraham, but can I tell you what they said about him..."the Lord has blessed my master greatly, men and maidservants, cattle and all livestock." You may feel like Job, but can I tell you when it was all said and done the Bible says, the Lord gave Jobs twice as much as he had before.

Write the vision down. Make your vision **BIG** and **BOLD**. Jabez wasn't afraid to ask, Joshua wasn't afraid to ask. And what about Jesus? He spoke to the storm and told it to "Be still. He went to the grave and told a dead man to get up. He went to a pool where a man had been for 38 years and told him to get up and take his mat and walk, He told another woman that had spent all her money and was still bleeding, after she touched him...your faith have made you whole. Don't you be afraid. You have His super on your natural. You're made in His image and likeness and the Bible says, the same spirit that raised Jesus from the dead is in you. You have that anointing. You have that power. You have to use it. Don't you run from the devil, don't run from the fight, don't you cowered down, don't move backward another step It's time for you to stand your ground and know who is inside of you. The Lord of Lords is in you. The King of Kings is in you. You have Yahweh, Elohim inside of you. The Great **I AM** is in you. Your battles have already be fought and won. You already have the victory. Don't you be afraid, besides the battle is not yours. You just stand still and watch and see the salvation of the Lord.

## HOW TO RECEIVE THE SUPERNATURAL INTO YOUR LIFE cont...

God is telling you to **BE BOLD** and let His **SUPER** operate in your life.

Let His Super be manifested in your home, on your job, in your community. You got to open your mouth and decree a thing.

**ASK For it...BELIEVE for it RECEIVE IT...Be BOLD BE DARING...God's got this.**

Inza and I are so thankful that you're part of this ministry. We want you to know we never take your kindness and generosity lightly. And we want you to know we are praying for you and your letters and testimonies mean a LOT to us. Also, we thank you for your faithful and generous support.

We would love to hear your testimonies. Send your testimonies to:

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### How You Can Get Involved...

- Pray about our upcoming events and that we will pay the remaining mortgage off quickly.
- Become a faithful partner and contributor of the Ministry.  
Make contributions payable to: [A. L. Downing Ministries, P.O. Box 291808, Columbia, SC 29229](mailto:ALD@aldowningministries.org) or go to the ministry's website: [aldowningministries.org](http://aldowningministries.org). All contributions are tax deductible.

# more Words of Encouragement...cont

## Living an Extraordinary Life as His Masterpiece!

Rev. Melinda Hunter

God wants you to live an extraordinary Life as His masterpiece. Let me define extraordinary and masterpiece via the Google dictionary. Extraordinary is defined as above the ordinary, very unusual : very different from what is normal or ordinary. : extremely good or impressive. Masterpiece is defined as 1 : a work done with extraordinary skill especially : a supreme intellectual or artistic achievement. 2 : a piece of work presented to a medieval guild as evidence of qualification for the rank of master. These words are the focus words for this message. The scriptures and impartation shared here will give insight on how you can live an Extraordinary life as Gods Masterpiece. In Jeremiah 29:11 & 14, it reads, <sup>11</sup> For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. <sup>14</sup> I will be found by you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you to the place from which I cause you to be carried away captive. I will again do an amazing thing for these people -- an absolutely **EXTRAORDINARY** deed!

God sees you as being a blessing; successful and extraordinary to fulfill your purpose while on this earth. Therefore, see yourself the way God sees you. You have already been given the power and authority to live with an anticipation of expecting God to bless you as you are doing a great work for the kingdom. As you represent him, know that you have been favored by God to live your life with the extraordinary working in your life. At the same time, remember, we must ask God for forgiveness daily for knowingly and/ or unknowingly sins. We must do this, so that we are always walking upright while on this earth. Once we ask for forgiveness, we will be given favor through grace to live an extraordinary life. Living an extraordinary life gives you peace in all things. An extraordinary way of life has favor beyond your imagination. Be encouraged that your blessings are waiting on you. So make the decision to speak living an extraordinary life is my focus everyday of my life. You have the right to confess, claim, believe and receive the fact that you have been chosen to live an extraordinary life.

We have been created by the **MASTER** to be and see yourself as a **MASTERPIECE!** Ephesians 2:10 “For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.” Know that your gift of salvation connects you to the Master for the purpose fulfilling your assignment! As Gods masterpiece, see yourself as highly blessed overflow in your life and daily walk. As his masterpiece you have the right, power and authority to live your life without limits. Many say that the sky is the limit. Notice this, when we actually pay attention to that; we know that the sky is limitless. When you think about the sky, when you are on an airplane and looking out the window; you will notice that the airplane is going higher and higher. The airplane can even go through the clouds, taking you above the clouds. Going above

## **GOT FAITH? NOW LET'S KEEP BUILDING ON IT cont...**

the clouds makes the travel and sight to go forward with a clear vision. What am I saying? You can actually see yourself living an extraordinary life as Gods masterpiece! You can actually see yourself not stopping, moving forward and rising above any cloud regardless to what that cloudiness looks like. This means his plans and blessings for you are limitless. You should expect great things to take place in your life daily. Why? Because you are an extraordinary person living a extraordinary life for an extraordinary God! You are more than a conqueror and you are unstoppable when you embrace the extraordinary person that you are!

Remember you are a **MASTERPIECE LIVING AN EXTRAORDINARY LIFE!!!!**

Take a moment and listen to “Unstoppable” by Koryn Hawthorn.

Peace and blessings  
Rev Melinda Hunter





## *Lady Downing Thoughts for the Month*

**“Even when God is silent he is arranging things for you!”  
#StayInFaith #TrustHim**

**“You are not living to please people.  
You are living to please God.”**

**“Darkness cannot drive out darkness,  
Only light can do that  
Hate cannot drive hate;  
Only love can do that.”**

**“We know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love  
God and are called according to His purpose.”**

**“Replace the negative people in your life with Positive People who really want to be there.”**

**“Goliath was a giant in the flesh but David was a Giant in the Spirit. You Have a David  
Inside of You!!!”**

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# Living Faith Christian Center Sunday Worship Service

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### OUR PROGRAM

Living Faith Ministries School of Theology (LFMSOT) offers the following types of Certificates, Diplomas, and Degrees.

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The Audit Program is for those individuals attending for their own personal spiritual growth. Audit students must attend all lectures and read all text books. Audit students will receive a Certificate of Attendance for each 30-credit hour program completed.

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A Diploma in Theology is awarded to students who successfully complete their designated first-year program for academic credit (30 credit-hours total).

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A Bachelors Degree is awarded to a student who successfully complete their designated fourth-year program for academic credit (120 credit-hours total)

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A Masters Degree is awarded to students who successfully complete a minimum of 36 credit-hours above the Bachelors Degree Program for academic credit.

#### DOCTORAL DEGREE

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