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### Calendar of Events

#### Singles Retreat

Before You Say "I Do"  
Postponed Date TBD

#### May 12-13, 2022

Joint Coalition Prayer Conference  
Speaker: Dr. Tony Evans  
May 12th @ 7pm  
May 13th @ 11am & 7pm  
Columbia Convention Center  
Columbia, SC 29201

### 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.

### 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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*"For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16 NKJV*



**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 Bishop Downing for a speaking engagement, the contact info is:  
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# Words of Encouragement

Pushed Into Your Purpose

Genesis 41: 39-41

Bishop A.L. Downing

39 “And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, “Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art:”

40 “Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou.”

41 “And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.”

This story has always intrigued me, because I grew up in a home with five boys and no girls. We had a great relationship with each other. We played with each other. We went to other places in the community with each other. We would sit down and eat our meals together as a family. However, sometimes it would be just the four of us (the older one had moved away to New York). So I'm trying to picture what Joseph must have felt when his brothers threw him into the pit. I think there are some questions you have to ask yourself.

**Can you handle Joseph's Brothers?:** “Now Israel loved Joseph more than **all** his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colors. And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than **all** his brethren, they **hated** him, and could not speak peaceably unto him. And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it to his brethren: and they **hated** him yet more. I think it's safe to say, Joseph's brothers didn't like him. They didn't like the coat of many colors because of the symbolism it represented. It represented that Joseph was loved by their father more than they were. It represented favoritism. The brothers didn't like what was **ON** Joseph. Then Joseph had a dream that his brothers and parents would bow down to him. And he told them the dream and they hated him more. Joseph Brothers are not just relatives. They can be anybody who don't like your coat of many colors that's **ON** you. Your coat symbolizes the **ANOINTING**. They don't like it when God shows you favor. They don't like it when you get promoted. They don't like it when you're the supervisor. So now Joseph's brothers are plotting against you. They're working schemes to bring you to your demise. They're smiling at you and calling you brother, but they don't like you. And now you make the mistake in telling Joseph's Brothers your dream, and they hate you even more. You can't tell everybody your dream, especially Joseph's Brothers. Joseph's Brothers are envious of you. They're jealous of you. They want to see you **FAIL**. They don't want you to succeed nor do they want to see your dream come to fruition. Don't expect them to rejoice with you or celebrate you or the God in you. Joseph's Brothers don't like you. But, can you handle Joseph's Brothers?

## Words of Encouragement cont...

**Can you handle the Pit?:** The Bible says, “And they took him, and cast him into a pit.” Use your imagination and see Joseph in a pit. A pit that usually has water but it’s empty. There he is sitting in that hole in the ground... alone. There’s no doubt he’s frightened. He’s confused and he’s disturbed about what’s going on. He’s probably wondering what’s going to happen to him. Wondering if he will see his father again. There he is in a pit. He may reminisce over his life and ask how did I get myself in this situation. Joseph’s own brothers threw him in a pit. His own flesh and blood and then, the Bible says, they sat down to eat. They’re eating like nothing has happened. Joseph is in a pit, but they’re eating, while Joseph was in the pit. I believe he thought about his **DREAM**.

The only way out of the pit is to remember your dream and praise your way out. You will have to praise God for the dream like it has already come to pass. Remember the enemy is not after you. He’s after your **DREAM**, that **VISION**. He wants your “coat of many colors” that’s on you. In other words he wants the anointing that’s inside of you. You have to remind yourself and tell the devil you will not die and he can’t kill you because you have a dream that must come to pass.

Listen, you may be in a pit and don’t see no way out. You may feel rejected by your brothers and sisters. You may feel alone. You may feel betrayed by friends. And you may be asking yourself how long will I be in this pit and will I ever get out? But I want you to know that as long as you have a dream, you will come out. Don’t you let Satan kill, steal or destroy your dream. Remember what the psalmist said in Psalms 23, “we walk through the valley of the shadow of death”. We don’t stop there and build a house. Then he said in Psalms 84, we go through the “valley of Baca’...but we go from strength to strength”. The valley nor the pit can destroy you unless you allow it. Another writer said, “weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.” I don’t know how long you will be in the pit. But I know if you keep praising God and don’t forget your dream it won’t be long before you’re out of that pit.

**Can you handle being sold by your brothers?:** Joseph is taken from the pit and sold for twenty pieces of silver. Jesus was sold for thirty pieces of silver. I don’t have time to get into all of that at this time. The scripture says, the brothers said, “Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmaelite’s, and let not our hand be upon him; for he is our brother and our flesh. And his brethren were content. Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmaelite’s for twenty pieces of silver: and they brought Joseph to Egypt.” They were or called themselves getting rid of their problem. But the thing that bothers me is they had the audacity to say, “**and let not our hand be upon him; for he is our brother and our flesh. And his brethren were content.**” Their hands were upon him. How could they do all of that and have the nerve to say, “for he is our brother and our flesh?”

Can you handle being sold out by others? People will sell you out for **NOTHING**. And you will go around wondering why they did that to you. Why did they spread something you told them in complete confidence?

## Words of Encouragement cont...

Why did they betray your love, betray your trust, and betray your devotion and commitment?

What did they get by selling you out? Let me answer again...**NOTHING**. Why did they do it? Because, they're Joseph's Brothers and they **DON'T LIKE YOU**.

**Can you handle Potiphar's House?:** Joseph is now in Egypt, where he is a slave. He is sold to Potiphar. Potiphar was an officer of Pharaoh, a captain of the guard and a man of substance. Joseph found grace in the eyes of Potiphar. Genesis 39:2 says, "the Lord was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man", *verse 3* "and his master saw that the Lord was with him, and that the Lord made all that he did to prosper in his hand." Joseph had distinguished himself until Potiphar made him the overseer of his house. He left everything in his hands and didn't worry about anything. Because he knew the Lord was with Joseph.

In Potiphar's house you have to be watchful of temptation. Potiphar's wife of all people came to him and wanted him to be intimate with her. However, Joseph refused her. He said to her, how I can do this to my master who has trust in me and has committed everything in my hands? And besides that, how can I do that to my God? But the Bible says, she kept after him day by day. Every day she would try to tempt him to be intimate with her. But every day, he would refuse her. I don't know if he was tempted or not. It may have been hard on his flesh, because she's coming after him every day. But he would not give in to that temptation. Joseph was a man of integrity and character. In Potiphar's house there is temptation.

Also in Potiphar's house you have to be watchful of the lies. When Mrs. Potiphar (if you will) couldn't get him to be intimate with her, she lied on him. One day as he was doing his work and no one was in the house, she caught him by his clothes and asked him to be intimate with her. Again he refused and pulled away and left his garment in her hand as he fled out. She yelled for the guards of the house and told them Joseph had tried to sleep with her and he ran out when she yelled. She repeated that lie to Potiphar. Joseph didn't do anything with or to her. In Potiphar's house lies were told on you for no reason at all. Joseph was only fulfilling his duties and working as unto the Lord. The enemy will not only lie on you, but he will make a scene. Notice, she yelled out for the guard or men of the house. The enemy wants to make a scene about you, over you and cause a commotion about you. He want to stir up and cause controversy around you. Mrs. Potiphar forgot because of Joseph they ate well, their household was prosperous. Potiphar was happy that he had least to worry about. She was willing to tell a lie and throw all of that away and more. Be careful of the unseen traps in Potiphar's house.

**Can you handle being in Prison?:** It's one thing to be in prison when you're guilty, but it's a different story when you're in prison and you know you're innocent. I know people when they go to prison saying they're innocent. But, then there are those who have served fifteen or twenty plus years in prison only to have a DNA test prove they were innocent the whole time. While Joseph was in prison, the warden of the prison placed the other prisoners in his hands. Don't fool yourself. You know there were those who had been in prison longer than

## Words of Encouragement cont...

Joseph, who are now envious of him because he's in that position. They have been in prison longer. They have more seniority. They have more experience and they have been waiting for that position to be available. Now other prisoners are hating on him, jealous of him and not cooperating with him. But the Lord was with him.

In prison he has a crowd of other prisoners he's responsible for. In the pit he was alone and only had himself to care for. He's in prison charged with a crime that he did not do. He's innocent. Joseph is in prison, but he refused to allow prison to get in him. Because he knew the hand of the Lord was upon him. When the baker and butler had their dreams and God gave Joseph the interpretation of those dreams, I believe it stirred up his own dream that he had years ago. He knew then, that he could not die. Why? Because he had a dream. You may be in a pit, you may be in Potiphar's House. You may be in prison, but wherever you may be, don't you die until your dream comes to pass. Not until you fulfil everything God has called you to do. Not until you have reached your destiny. The prison's not your destiny. It's only a stop on your way to your destiny. Remember you're innocent. You're innocent because of what Jesus' blood has done for you on Calvary. So you can't stay in prison. There's about to be a prison break on your behalf. You're coming out.

**Can you Handle the Palace?:** The Bible says, "And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art: Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou". And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See I have set thee over all the land of Egypt." (Genesis 41:39-41)

You may say, Joseph got to the Palace by interpreting Pharaoh's dream, which was all a part of God's plan. But how will I get to the Palace? Well you got to deal with Joseph's Brothers. Don't run from them or be afraid of them. You got to deal with the pits that will come. There will be more than one pit. But you won't stay in the pit. You got to know folks will sell you out. Then be careful of the landmines in Potiphar's House. And know that temptation will come your way and lies will be told on you. But don't be concerned about it. Don't be upset when you're placed in prison and you know you're innocent. Maintain your integrity. Keep showing that you're trustworthy Do the right thing when the wrong thing is being done to you.

Listen, everything you have gone through has been preparing you for the Palace. The Bible says in Psalms 37:23, "the steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord." Your steps have been ordered. You may have fallen along the way, but it's alright, the Bible says in Proverbs 24:16 "A just man falleth seven times and rise up again." So get back up. You may not see how things are going to work out. You may think you have missed the mark or that you're too far behind and you'll never reach your destiny. The Bible says, in Romans 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love the God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." The things you have gone through were designed to get you to the Palace.

## Words of Encouragement cont...

Now that you're in the Palace let me ask you one final question, what are you going to do?

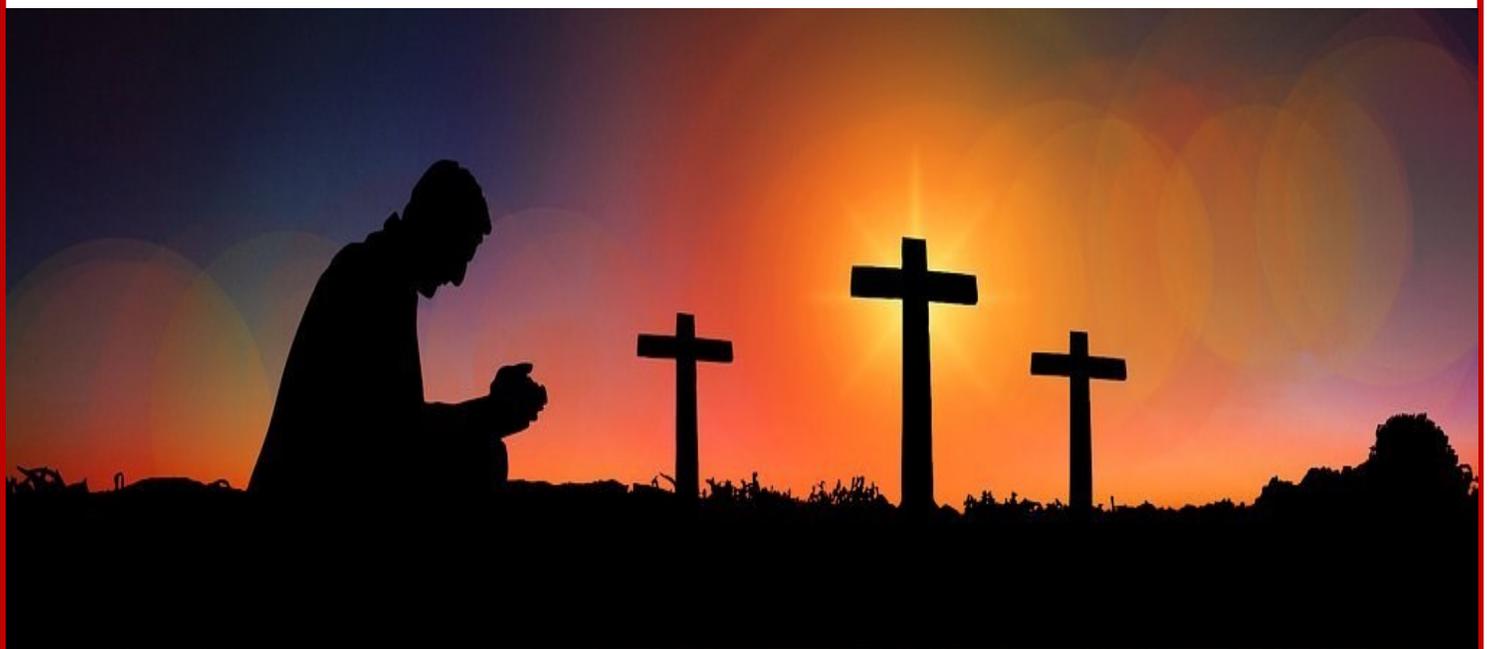
Now that you're in the Palace and second in charge, let me caution you. Don't forget to help Joseph's brothers. I know they did you wrong. I know they don't like you. I know they resent the anointing on you. But you know it was the anointing that kept you. Remember they're your brothers and your sisters, don't forget them.

Now that you're in the Palace and second in charge, don't forget to reach down and give a hand to help those in the pit. It's lonely and they feel all alone, but help them to remember their dream.

Now that you're in the Palace and second in charge, don't forget to help Potiphar's wife. I know she tempted you and I know she lied on you and she caused you to be thrown in prison. But now that you're in the Palace help her.

Now that you're in the Palace and second in charge, don't forget to help the former prisoner that promised he wouldn't forget you when he got out of prison, but he did. Don't hold it against him but help him.

Now that you're in the Palace and second in charge let me ask you again...What are you going to do in the Palace. Do what Joseph did. He took care of the people. He fed the people. Take care of God's people and feed them. Do what Joseph did. In everything he maintained his integrity and kept his character in line with God's word.



## Words of Encouragement cont...

### *Testimonials:*

*Pastor, I want to thank God for His faithfulness. My daughter was working at a certain restaurant and due to the virus work was very slow. She was working, based on tips. She applied for a job at a "high end" restaurant where you receive a salary, plus tips. Well, she text me and told me she had received an email informing her that she did NOT get the job. I sent her some words of encouragement via text to not give up, God's got this, not to worry. A little while later she sent me a text message with a photo attached of a voice mail message that she had received from the company that had sent her the email. It seems they had tried to call her and for some reason she did not hear the phone ring so she didn't get the call so it went to voice mail. After she had read my text messages she went about her day and later on went back to her phone and saw that she had a missed call and a voice mail was waiting for her. Now the email said that she did NOT get the job but the voice mail said that they reviewed her resume and that she checked all of the boxes and they wanted to know when she could come in to start the onboarding process, to please give them a call back. THEY WANTED HER TO START IMMEDIATELY! Pastor I know that was the Lord. Don't tell me He isn't always working on our behalf. You just have to trust Him. Don't count Him out.*

*D.A.*

*Pastor I want you to know my wife and I have been listening to your messages and putting things into action. We have been giving our tithes and spending time in the Word. We had been believing God for a house. We had looked at several homes, but could never settled on one or if we did it would be sold, before we could offer a bid on it. We were so disappointed. But then God gave us the home that we so desired and at a price lower than we expected and a better community! We have closed on our home and moving in! I thank God for His faithfulness.*

*V.C. K*

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*I want you to know that Inza and I love you and are so thankful for your support and that you're a part of this ministry.*

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- Pray about our upcoming events and that we will pay the remaining mortgage off quickly.
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## *Lady Downing Thoughts for the Month*

**“Faith doesn’t always take you out of the problem, Faith takes you through the problem. Faith doesn’t always take away the pain, Faith gives you the ability to handle the pain. Faith doesn’t always take you out of the storm, Faith calms you in the midst of the storm.”**

**“A smile is sometimes a mask. Be kind to everyone you meet. You never know how your words and actions pierce a person’s heart.”**

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

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

**“You are Stronger now because you did not give up then.”**

**“God doesn't care what you're not. He cares who you are. You are His. When He adds His extra to your ordinary, nothing is impossible for you.”**

**“In case you're wondering how long you should hold on, the answer is: Hold on until YOU WIN!...God is faithful to perform His Word.”**

**“God does not expect you to never make mistakes. He just expects you to learn from them when you do. Forgive yourself and move on!”**

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## 2022 "THE RE-UP" 2022

*"Renew your mind, body and spirit, let's start anew in 2022"*

The RE-UP Check List

- Renew** ✓
- Recover** ✓
- Revive** ✓
- Reload** ✓
- Refresh** ✓
- Refocus** ✓
- Restore** ✓
- Reassure** ✓
- Reset** ✓
- Redeem** ✓
- Resilient** ✓
- Reevaluate** ✓
- Rewrite** ✓
- Readjust** ✓
- Refill** ✓
- Reclaim** ✓
- Rejoice** ✓
- Remember** ✓



**"Let's Re-Up in 2022!!!"**

# Breakfast Around the WORD

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17



*With Prophet Saxton*



# JOINT COALITION PRAYER CONFERENCE

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## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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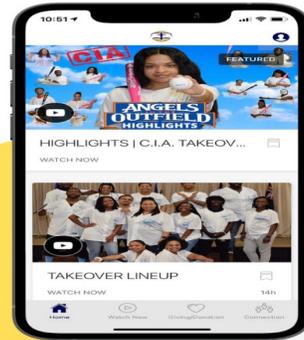
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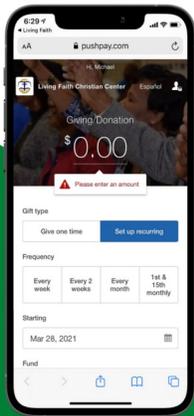
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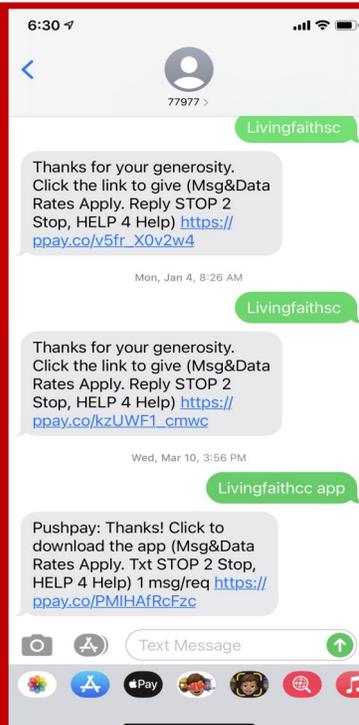
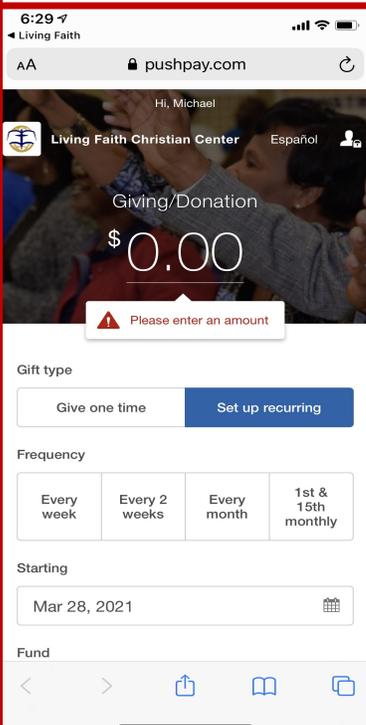
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