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Without Daystar's faith-filled programs, my life and my dear late dad's life would have been so different. After my mother passed, his faith was deeply bruised, but during many sleepless nights, Daystar helped restore his hope and trust in God. I believe your ministry helped him find peace and the assurance that he would see my beautiful mother again in Heaven. Please accept my heartfelt gratitude for what you did for my dad and for me.

Susan from Australia

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THE BATTLE IS REAL

with Joseph Z

What does it actually mean for a believer to “punish” darkness? (2 Corinthians 10:3-6)

JZ: To “punish” darkness means actively enforcing obedience to Jesus by pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Jesus. Once your own obedience is fulfilled, you become ready to punish all disobedience.

It is the opposite of the world’s approach. Believers do not war according to the flesh with carnal weapons. Instead, they are to use God’s weaponry to confront and judge disobedient thoughts, lies, and demonic schemes in the spiritual realm. “Punishing the darkness” is not about striving or fighting harder in your own strength—it is about thinking higher through mind renewal and enforcing the authority Jesus already secured on the cross. You actively resist and penalize darkness wherever it tries to establish a foothold, especially in the mind, emotions, and atmosphere.

How can believers stand firm spiritually without being overwhelmed by the fear and uncertainty in the world? (John 14:1)

JZ: In John 14:1, Jesus commanded, “Let not your heart be troubled.” You have the authority to refuse crisis fatigue and the overwhelming fear the world pushes. Stand firm by anchoring your heart to trust in God and in Jesus, renewing your mind daily with Scripture, and choosing not to agree with the spirit of fear or uncertainty.

Practical stability comes from fixing your eyes on the finished work of Jesus, maintaining a lifestyle of prayer and praise, and recognizing that you are not a victim of circumstances but an enforcer of victory. This keeps your heart untroubled even as the world shakes.

What are some practical ways believers can confront and overcome darkness in their everyday lives—at home, at work, and in their communities?

JZ:

- Take daily mind renewal seriously: Take every thought captive. Replace lies with Scripture by intentionally reading the Bible every day.
- Use the weapon of praise and declaration: Use high praises and the two-edged sword of God’s Word (Psalm 149) to shift the atmosphere around you, and remember you cannot fight thoughts with thoughts; you must fight negative thoughts with words you speak. Speak the promises from Scripture out loud!
- Be dedicated to walking in forgiveness and refuse offense. Forgiveness is a superpower in your life; it strips the darkness of every hold it has on you. A forgiving person walks free!
- Exercise prayer and your authority: Speak the truth boldly; enforce Jesus’ victory in your home, workplace, and community; additionally, take time to intercede for local and national issues.
- When you recognize darkness, resist it! James 4:7 says, “Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.” Resisting the devil means acting as if the Bible is true in your prayers and actions. Darkness doesn’t stand a chance when a believer resists it biblically.
- As a spirit-filled believer, you must pray in tongues often and as long as you can. Do it in faith, and it will edify you

as well as (See Jude 1:20).

- Plead the Blood of Jesus, as declaring this is a statement of the highest spiritual currency in the universe (See Revelation 12:11).

What role does prayer play in actively pushing back darkness—not just personally, but regionally or even nationally?

JZ: Prayer is a primary weapon for enforcing the victory Jesus provided for us. It is not passive pleading but authoritative declaration and intercession that will dramatically alter your environment. High praise in prayer, combined with speaking the Word of God aloud, will bind spiritual rulers and execute Biblical judgment on darkness.

On a larger scale, unified prayer by believers can impact regions and nations by pulling down strongholds, exposing deception, and releasing God’s will into the scene. It involves standing in authority, praying strategically according to Scripture, and persisting until obedience is fulfilled in your immediate surroundings. Darkness is punished where the will of God is enforced.

Remember, when you take authority, your circumstances may not change instantly, but you will. Eventually, as you change what is around you will be impacted and ultimately change as well.

If you could correct one major misunderstanding Christians have about spiritual warfare, what would it be?

JZ: A common misunderstanding is that spiritual warfare is primarily about fighting harder, striving against demons, constant deliverance sessions, and not properly interpreting the Will of God for you. In reality, it is about knowing God wants you delivered from this present evil age (Galatians 1:4)—renewing the mind, standing in the authority which Jesus already gave you, and enforcing His victory through obedience. It is less

about the devil’s power and more about what a believer knows from the Word of God, and applying their identity and the weapons God has already provided through the resurrection of Jesus. Spiritual warfare that works operates from revelation, not endless battle fatigue.

If there’s one message from Punishing the Darkness that every believer needs to hear right now, what is it—and what should they do next?

JZ: You are not a victim—you are a victor. Jesus has already won; your role is to enforce that victory by punishing darkness through mind renewal and authoritative obedience. What you believe can set you and your household free and more. Next step: Read my book Punishing the Darkness (and the study manual) and begin daily renewing your mind with Scripture. Start taking every thought captive, replace lies with truth, incorporate high praise and declaration, and walk in the authority you already possess. Stop reacting in fear—start punishing disobedience in your own thought life and spheres of influence. Consistent, practical application of these truths breaks cycles and releases lasting freedom and impact.

These principles come straight from my heart and teaching: spiritual warfare that actually works is practical, Word-centered, and victory-focused. If you apply them, you’ll move from feeling overwhelmed to walking as an overcomer who actively punishes darkness through effective spiritual warfare that actually works!

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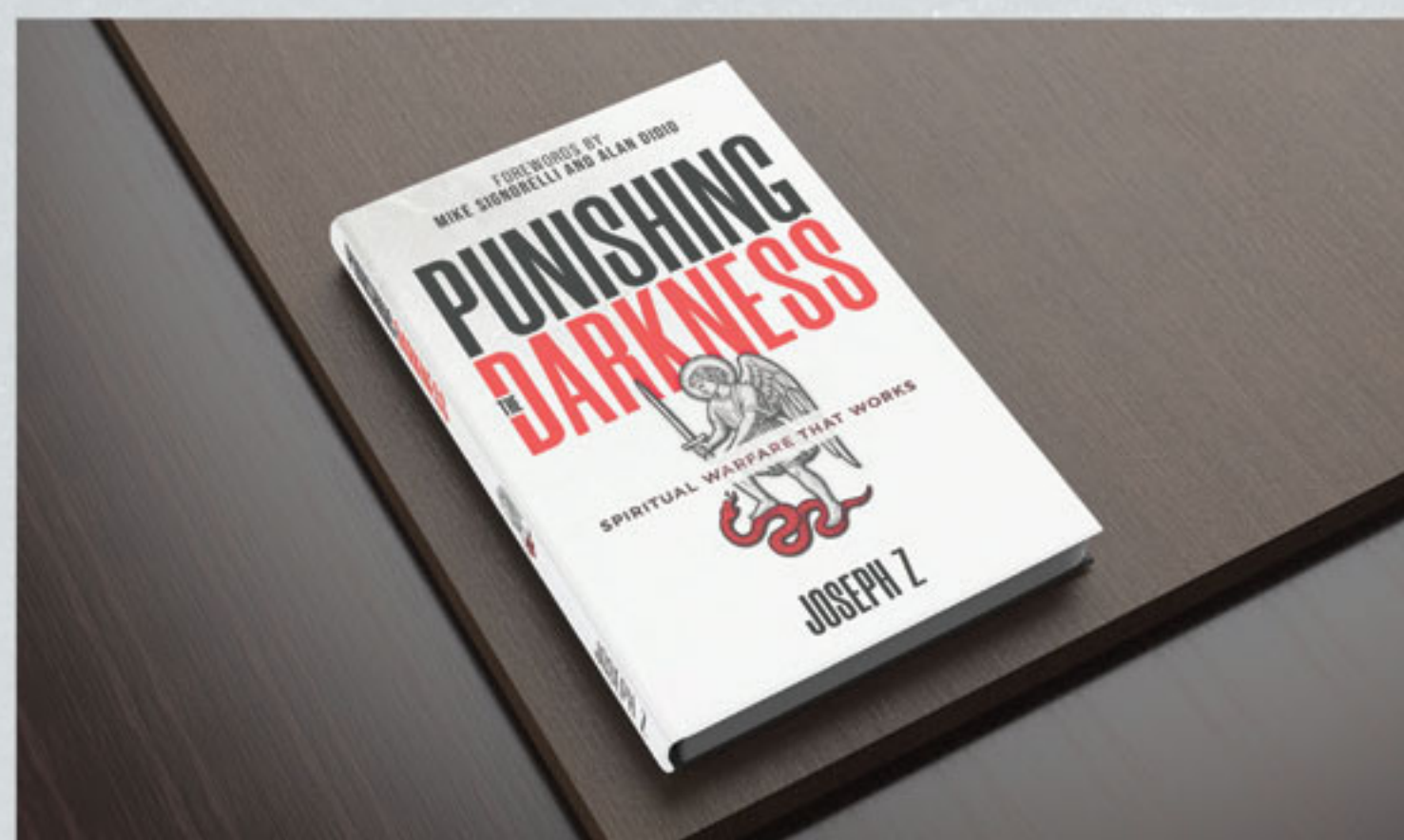
PUNISHING THE DARKNESS

Do you sense that we are living in a time of increasing spiritual battles? From attacks on our families to confusion in our culture, it can feel like darkness is pressing in from every side. But the good news is that God has not called us to live in fear. He has equipped us to walk in victory! That is the powerful message behind Joseph Z's new book, *Punishing the Darkness*.

Known for his practical biblical teaching and prophetic insight, Joseph Z reminds believers that we are not powerless against the challenges we face. Through Scripture, personal experiences, and practical application, he shows how every Christian can stand firm against the enemy's schemes and walk confidently in the authority Jesus has given us.

Punishing the Darkness

is a timely resource for anyone who has ever felt discouraged, overwhelmed, or under spiritual attack. Joseph explores what it means to recognize the tactics of the enemy while helping readers develop a stronger prayer life, a deeper understanding of God's Word, and an unshakable faith in God's promises. His message is one of hope and encouragement, reminding us that light has always overcome darkness and that victory belongs to the Lord.



This book is especially meaningful for those praying for their families, their communities, and our nation. It serves as a reminder that our greatest weapon is not fear or frustration but faith, prayer, and a steadfast confidence in God's power to intervene.

When you give a special gift of \$25 or more to Daystar this month, we'll send you a copy of *Punishing the Darkness* as our way of saying thank you. Your partnership helps Daystar continue sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ around the world, bringing biblical teaching, encouragement, and hope to millions of homes every day.

We believe this is an important resource for the times we're living in. If you're looking for fresh encouragement and practical biblical tools to help you stand strong in your faith, *Punishing the Darkness* is a book you'll want to add to your library.

Fill out the enclosed form and send your donation today to receive your copy. Together, we can continue shining the light of Christ and reminding the world that darkness never has the final word.

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YEARS IN THE MAKING



As America celebrates 250 years of independence, we pause to thank God for His faithfulness to our nation. From its earliest days, our founders recognized that true liberty comes not from government, but from our Creator. They envisioned a nation where people could freely worship God and live according to the convictions of their faith without fear or coercion.

For 250 years, the United States has stood as a beacon of hope and religious freedom to the world. While our history has not been without challenges, God's hand of blessing has been evident through generations who have sought to honor Him and preserve the liberties entrusted to them.

Today, however, many of the freedoms we have long cherished are facing increasing pressure. The freedom to worship, to share the Gospel, and to live out biblical convictions are being challenged in ways that remind us we must never take these precious gifts for granted. Scripture reminds us, "*Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom*" (2 Corinthians 3:17). True freedom is ultimately found in Christ, and as believers, we have a responsibility to protect and steward the liberties that allow His truth to be proclaimed.

The Bible calls us to be active participants in the life of our nation. In 1 Timothy 2:1-2, Paul urges believers to pray "for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." Likewise, Psalm 33:12 declares, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."

As we commemorate America's 250th birthday, let us celebrate God's goodness while renewing our commitment to pray for our country. Pray for our leaders to seek wisdom. Pray for our churches to boldly proclaim the Gospel. Pray for families to stand firm in biblical truth. And pray for another generation of Americans to experience the blessings of faith and freedom!

May we never forget that our greatest hope is not found in politics or earthly institutions, but in the Lord. As we look to the future, let us ask God to continue to guide our nation, protect our religious liberties, and lead America to walk in His ways for generations to come.



A Note from Rachel & Rebecca



Dear Daystar Family,

First, we want to say thank you. The outpouring of love, prayers, and encouragement we have received over these past weeks has been overwhelming in the best possible way. We have read your messages, heard your stories, and been deeply touched by the countless lives our mom impacted through her faith, her friendship, and her unwavering commitment to sharing the love of Jesus.

We know many of you looked forward to hearing from Mom each month, and there was nothing she loved more than sharing hope and encouragement from God's Word with you. That's why, as we were putting together this month's newsletter, we wanted to personally fill this space with a note to our faithful partners. While we miss Mom more than words can say, we are so grateful for the legacy of faith she leaves behind and for the opportunity to continue this work together.

Daystar was founded on a simple but profound mission: to reach the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. That calling continues today, and we are deeply honored to carry the vision forward alongside each of you. Together, we will continue sharing hope, proclaiming truth, and pointing people to Jesus until every soul has the opportunity to hear the Good News.

One of the greatest gifts our parents gave us was the example of a life surrendered to God's calling. They taught us to trust the Lord through every season and as we look to the future, we do so with confidence, knowing that God is faithful. He has wonderful things ahead for Daystar and for the millions of people who will encounter His love through this ministry!

In the coming months, this special place in the newsletter will feature messages from different members of our Daystar leadership team. We'll use it to share important ministry updates, exciting network news, and stories of what God is doing around the world as Daystar continues to grow and reach more people with the Gospel.

Thank you for believing in this mission. Thank you for praying. Thank you for giving. Thank you for standing with us through every season. We are honored to continue this journey with you as we work together to share the hope of Jesus with the world.

With our love and gratitude,

Rachel Lamb Brown &
Rebecca Lamb Weiss

THIS MONTH

MINISTRY NOW

07/07 - L.A. Marzulli

07/14 - April Osteen Simons

07/21 - Sam Childers

07/22 - John & Courtney Copeland

07/29 - Nadeen Falveney

JONI TABLE TALK

JULY 16

Prayers Behind the Iron Curtain

Dr. Alan & Anoosh Bullock

Alan and Anoosh Bullock share how God defied the odds, tearing down walls to raise a ministry that would touch countless lives.

JULY 22

Healing From Life's Deepest Hurts

Andrew & Kimberly Haar

Kimberly and Andrew Haar join us to share their incredible testimony of healing after trauma and a near death experience from her new book *Healing from Life's Deepest Hurts*.

JULY 23

The Betrayed Man

Dr. Doug Weiss

Dr. Doug Weiss joins us to bring hope to men walking through betrayal and helps us understand how God can bring healing even from the deepest wounds.

JULY 31

From Survival to Revival

Martin & Millicent Sedra

Martin and Millicent Sedra share how their family's legacy of unshakable faith launched them into a powerful global ministry.

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Every morning, Daystar encourages me with songs and Scripture. While recovering from surgery, I watch the programs throughout the day. I don't know what I would have done without your wonderful testimonies, teachings, and genuine love!

Elizabeth from South Carolina

I started watching Daystar through *Joni Table Talk*, especially the interview with Jim Woodford about his near-death experience. It impacted my life and motivated me to strengthen my relationship with Jesus. I love the programs that draw us closer to God and encourage our faith. Thank you, Daystar, for being such an uplifting and inspiring part of my life.

Yvonne from Zimbabwe

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