



◆ The Anchor ◆



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Happy NEW YEAR!!



From The Pastor's Desk Pastor Bill Adams

2009 is here! I hope and pray that you have a spiritually prosperous year. None of us knows what

lies ahead but we can be sure it will be full of obstacles and opportunities that will challenge our spiritual abilities. In this month's issue, as we enter the new year, I'd like you to consider Joseph and the dreams God gave him in Genesis 37:5-9. These two dreams depicted how God, through Joseph, would miraculously and mercifully care for the nation Israel in the future national famine it would face. I believe God places dreams and desires upon our hearts of things we can do for Him. When it's a God-given dream, we must be diligent, dedicated, and determined to see God's desires accomplished. Joseph needed to do three things in order to see his dreams come true.

HE HAD TO PREVAIL

Nothing in his family background could have predicted that Joseph would have been chosen to carry out such God-given dreams. Joseph was the child of Jacob, a polygamist, who had four wives that rivalled each other. Joseph had ten stepbrothers born to three very competitive mothers. Joseph lost his mother when he was young, and Joseph's father favoured him because he was the son of his old age and the first child from Jacob's first love. This only brought bitterness and hatred from his brothers. Such a background could

have produced a dysfunctional personality. But Joseph prevailed over such adversities. He did not let these prevent what God had put into his heart. In 2009, God may select you for some special work that would glorify Him. He may lay some spiritual desires upon your heart that will accomplish His will in your life or use your life, like Joseph's, to touch others for Him. Like Joseph, you must prevail over hardships and handicaps that will try to hinder the progress of your dreams.

HE HAD TO PERSEVERE

Joseph's life was full of unexpected twists and turns – from the pit, to the

prison, to the palace. While the first 30 years of Joseph's life are significant for their pain and their pinnacles, he lived for 110 years. He prospered for 80 years after his deliverance from prison because of his perseverance. He took the high road for the long haul. R.H. Macy failed in retailing seven times before the success of his New York store. After Henry Ford II fired Lee Iacocca, Iacocca could have remained despondent, but instead, he accepted the challenge of leading the bankrupt Chrysler Corporation. Bill Boeing's first airplane failed so badly that he had to enter the furniture business to keep the first business afloat. To see your God-given dreams come true in 2009, you will have to endure defeat and discouragement, fear and failure. Joseph's dreams were not dropped just postponed and paused because of his persistence and perseverance.

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HE HAD TO BE PLIABLE

Joseph was flexible with every roadblock and setback he encountered. He rolled with the punches. His dreams never disappeared even when they were delayed. He willingly did not live in his homeland and consented to work among the heathen in Egypt in order to fulfill the dreams God gave him. He accepted the mistreatment and misunderstanding. He never criticized or complained to God. In fact, Joseph named his first child Manasseh, meaning "God hath made me forget all my toil" (Genesis 41:51). His second son named Ephraim means, "God hath caused me to be fruitful" (Genesis 41:52). To see the fruit of his dreams, Joseph was pliable with all the toil that God had allowed into his life. We must be soft clay in the Master's hand – mouldable, flexible to His will. You may not have the relationship you want; you may not have the home you want; you may not have the family support you want; you may not have the health, the job, the finances, etc. that you want, but be pliable. Let the Lord work out His dreams through your life in 2009.

Joseph's dreams provided the compass that oriented his life through breathtaking ups and downs. He was driven by his dreams and desires. These caused him to prevail, to persevere, and to be pliable. His dreams saved and helped many people. If you ask, God will probably give you some dreams/desires in 2009 that would glorify Him and accomplish His awesome purposes through you. But for your dreams to come true, you'll have to climb out of the pits and break out of the prisons that will stand in the way.



GOOD TIDINGS

Christmas Open House

On Saturday, December 6th, a good number of families braved the snow and enjoyed an evening of fellowship together at the Adams' annual Christmas season open house!

Christmas Cantata

On Sunday, December 14th, we held our annual Christmas Cantata before a huge crowd. With a full choir singing and with over 30 young children acting, the sanctuary was filled with praise for the birth of our Saviour. Thanks to all who helped make this service so special.

Christmas Eve Service

On Christmas Eve many came to church on a wintry evening to prepare themselves to celebrate Christmas.



Know Your Bible

David Kapuan

"Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me..." 2 Timothy 1:13

As we start the New Year, we must also start our faith with knowing and believing Bible basics!

We should believe all 66 books of the Bible to be the inspired, only infallible authoritative Word of God, and that God has preserved it for the English speaking world in the AUTHORIZED KING JAMES VERSION (1611).

This is a heavily loaded statement but we should believe it with all our heart. As the saying goes, "the truth is out there", and it really is - it is God's Word. So we need to know if we really do have **His Words** when we read our Bible. There are many English versions out there and not all of them agree with each other. The devil is a liar and has gone to the earth's end to try and confuse the people of God (because God is certainly not the author of confusion!) I will try to "clear the air", so to speak, and make sure people who read this know where Vaughan Baptist Church stands when it comes to the Word of God.

66 BOOKS

We believe that the complete body of God's Word is contained in the canon of 66 books. We reject all the Apocrypha books. Whatever "ancient

scrolls" may have been found or may still be found, good or bad, right or wrong, cannot complete or shed more light on the Bible as we have it now. The 66 books of the Bible do not contain less or more than what God wants to reveal to man. The Bible is complete in these 66 books. In fact, the Bible warns against adding to or deleting from God's Word - Rev. 22:18-19 *"For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."*

INSPIRED
meaning "God breathed"

2 Tim. 3:16 *"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."* 2 Pet. 1:21 *"For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."*

Every word of the Bible is God breathed. All books are inspired. It doesn't matter what so called "Bible scholars" say, we believe in an **"every word"** Bible. Matt 4:4 says *"It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."* If we cannot find an English Bible that has ALL of God's Word, then God is a liar because He says that we need to live by "every word" that comes from God. But we know God cannot lie so we do have all the inspired, God breathed Word of God.

INFALLIBLE
meaning "without errors or mistakes"

Psm. 12:6-7 *"The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever."* Psm. 119:128 *"Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; therefore I hate every false way."* Psm. 119:160 *"Thy word is true from the*

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THE VBC PICTURE GALLERY



Missionary to Nicaragua
Alan Sanchez
 Sunday, January 11
 Evening Service

Annual Church Business Meeting & Officer Election
 Sunday, January 25
 Evening Service

Baptisms
 Sunday, February 1
 Morning Service

Marriage Enrichment Fellowship
 Saturday, February 7

✝ Please keep praying for open doors in our property search!!

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 beginning: and every one of they righteous judgments endureth forever." Prov. 30:3 "Every word of God is pure..." Matt. 5:18 "For verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled."

The Bible, as we have it today in the King James Version, is completely without errors or mistakes. God, in his infinite wisdom, knew that man, in his sinful state, would try to find all sorts of

Our Schedule of Services

MINISTRIES ON SUNDAY

Sunday School	for all ages	10:00 am
Morning Worship		11:00 am
Evening Service		6:00 pm

We have fully staffed and supervised nurseries at all services.

MINISTRIES ON WEDNESDAY

Bible Study and Prayer Meeting		7:00 pm
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We are an Independent Fundamental Baptist Church, located in the heart of Woodbridge, Ontario, Canada. The Church is located 10 minutes north of Metropolitan Toronto and 20 minutes from Toronto Pearson International Airport, and only a 40 minute drive from downtown Toronto.

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excuses to doubt His Word and rebel. One way would be to doubt the veracity of His Word by insinuating that the Bible contains errors or mistakes. So the Bible itself verifies that there are no mistakes in the Word of God. There cannot be any, because if there were, how would we know where the errors are? It would be a matter of individual interpretation and man can choose which part to believe and which part not to. If there were mistakes in the Bible, then we have no "King" or authority and would have an excuse to do what WE think is right like Israel in the past - 1 Judg. 17:6 "In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes." But we do have an infallible Bible and God has made sure that there are no errors or mistakes in it.

To be continued...

