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Dr. Randy Lane Bunch, down 80 pounds since January 6, 2020

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First Word: Doors Opening Wide For Connecting Point TV

God has been good to Connecting Point Communications in so many ways. We never saw the enormity of what God would do, nor the doors He would open to us when we began what we thought would be a ministry to primarily address the challenges to Christianity in the increasingly secular West. Now, several years in, international doors have opened in a way we could have never anticipated.

For a couple of years, we have been conducting Skype crusades with the help of friends in Pakistan who provide the “boots on the ground” for follow-up and Bible distribution. Ours has been a relatively small part of the overall picture. We preach and supply a little funding as we are able, but the real work is done by those who do all the leg work both before and after the event. Still, in two years there have been 2,000 or so who have come to Christ and hundreds of testimonies of healing and miracles. We’ve seen practitioners and even teachers of black magic come to Christ after witnessing miracles of healing that only a risen Savior can perform, and we still get a thrill every time we see

those faces looking eagerly at us on the screen as the connection is made to a crowd half a world away.

As thrilling as this is, and will continue to be, the fruit we’ve seen through our television broadcast, *Connecting Point*, has eclipsed anything we could have imagined. This week, we got the report that 726 souls have come to Christ through the broadcast in the month of August so far, along with 16,228 prayer requests. In the month of July (our first broadcast month), we saw 422 saved, meaning that in these two months, we saw as many saved through the TV broadcast as we saw come to Christ in a year of doing Skype Crusades. Praise God!

In addition to this station out of Pakistan which reaches into 182 nations to the world, we are also broadcasting out of India as well as America. We are hearing back from nations such as India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Iraq, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Malta, Spain, and Japan. This is only the beginning, and we are so grateful to God for the lives that are being changed. All glory to God!



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I don't know anyone who does not want to be as healthy as they can be. Many even have the needed motivation, whether it's simply to be able to move better, live without pain, play with the grandkids, or improve their quality of life and longevity. What many lack is the mechanism - the program - to empower them to lose the needed weight and get healthy.

This was certainly the case with Maria and me. We had dieted, tried all the trendy programs, and done various forms of exercise over the years but couldn't seem to find the right program to fit our lifestyle and produce long-term change.

Fortunately, we found what we needed to get healthy ourselves, and now we are helping others to get healthy as well. For me, this was a spiritual issue. Too often in the church, we act as though we are only spiritual beings to the neglecting of soul and body

health. As one who was appearing before millions of people around the world through our television broadcast, I felt very conscious of how

I was presenting myself as a representative of Christ. It's hard to preach "self-control" to others, for example, if there are areas of one's own life that are out of control!

Between my wife and I, we have lost over 130 pounds (a whole person!) and feel so much better. My acid reflux, heartburn, hurting knees and back are all a thing of the past, and exercise is decidedly easier with 80 unwanted pounds gone!

I want to encourage you, too, to take charge of your health. Few things impact the quality of life more. As a certified health coach, we'd be honored to help you reach your goals! Email us, at info@connectingpc.org for more information about how you can begin your journey to a healthier you!

**Beloved, I pray that
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all things and be in
health, just as your
soul prospers.
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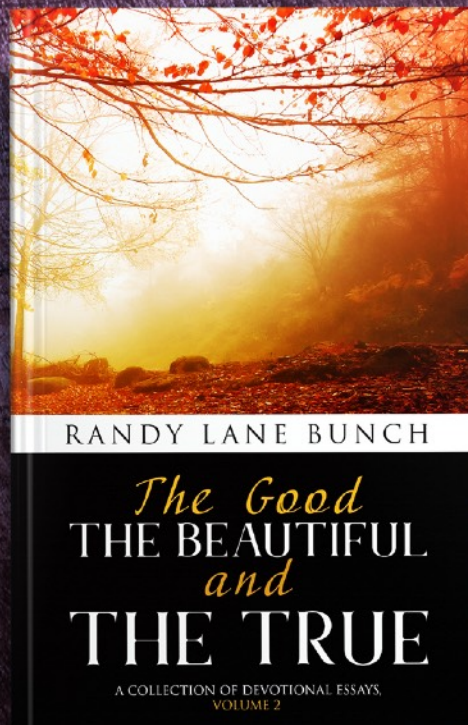
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An Uncontainable Wind

Dr. Randy Lane Bunch



The wind blows where it wishes,
and you hear the sound of it, but
cannot tell where it comes from
and where it goes. So is everyone
who is born of the Spirit.”
John 3:8 NKJV

From the Day of Pentecost to the present time, there has never been a time when there was not a move of the Spirit of God, perceived by some but missed by many, breathing fresh life into the Church and challenging religious, governmental, and cultural systems which stood opposed to the work of God. It's the same today. Our job is not to try to control that wind but to catch it and allow it to revive the Church of our day.

AN UNCONTAINABLE WIND

In every move of God down through the generations, men have tried to capture and institutionalize what God was doing. Like Peter on the Mount of transfiguration, they have wanted to set up camp around a moment rather than follow the Master. Jesus did not stay on the mountain but proceeded on to the cross, passed through the tomb, and rose victorious over death, hell, and the grave.

Still, Jesus did not stop, nor has He ever ceased to move. He ascended, sat down, and has been moving throughout history through His body, the Church. One cannot circle the wagons around any one expression of God's power and contain Him. The Spirit of God is like the wind and cannot be contained. However, we can set our sail and harness His power as we catch the current of what He is doing in our time. There is nothing quite like riding the wave of God's power. However, waves do not last forever. The skilled surfer rides it into shore and casts his gaze to the horizon to see what is coming next. Like the sons of Issachar, we need to be men who have "understanding of the times" so that we might recognize what God is doing in our time (see 1 Chronicles 12:32).

Those who have set up shop around a single expression of God's presence and power often find themselves in opposition to the next thing God does since they have built their careers, reputations, and ministries on a particular expression of God's presence. Even in the twentieth century, as one move of God after another visited the earth: Azusa, the Healing revival of the 50's, the Charismatic Renewal, etc., those who enjoyed God's power in one season often found it difficult transitioning away from the familiar ground of the present move into the next. In the light of this, the Lord once said to me, "It's better to be a private in what I'm doing than a general in what I did." If God cannot find those who have walked with him in passed moves to lead His people into the next, He will go outside the institutions men have made to find a bug-eating, camel-skin wearing prophet, a shepherd boy, or a scared farmer threshing wheat in a winepress to lead His people to triumph. It's just like God to do that.

While we might prize our education, institutions, and the vast resources our organizations have amassed, Church history is full of stories of God moving outside all of that to raise up a hungry group of people whose only source of inspiration were the pages of the book of Acts. Sadly, it was often those powerful institutions which persecuted those hungry for a fresh expression of God's power. Today, we are seeing unprecedented miracles around the world in nations like Iran, Pakistan, China, and all over the global south, yet, unbelievably, there are those who still hold to the tired, worn, and powerless idea that the day of miracles has passed. Rather, what has passed is the relevance of the old wineskins such faithless believers are still trying to twist to wring out one last drop of life.

Even good men have missed the signposts of change and failed to recognize the hand of God moving outside their cloistered walls.

If it sounds like I'm against denominations, I'm not. I just don't believe God ever started one. God starts movements as hungry men risk everything to follow His direction, even when it goes against the conventional wisdom of established Church leadership. Movements do not care about by-laws, forms of order, or denominational hierarchy. They are free of all such earthly limitations and are more often than not found by the riverside rather than in the temple. Men try to saddle and ride them to the shed where they

can be stabled, returning again to the barn to find only bit and bridle while the wild thing they've tried to contain has broken its bonds and is riding free. "Aslan is not a tame lion," as C.S. Lewis would tell us, and the and bright wind of the Spirit of God cannot be contained any more than the sun can be reversed in its course. We can cooperate with God, but we cannot control Him. Why in the world would we try?

There is nothing wrong with structure. Paul gives us guidelines for the operation of spiritual gifts. However, they are not for the purpose of bringing God into order but ourselves! Also, scriptural guidelines speak with authority to the Church while the viewpoints of prominent leaders, while they are to be respected, do not carry the same weight. I appreciate and venerate the Church Fathers, but I follow the scriptures. Even good men have missed

the signposts of change and failed to recognize the hand of God moving outside their cloistered walls.

Very often, these moves of God have gone out of their bounds like a raging river at flood-tide due to the misguided reactions of men, and to be sure, there have been times when wildfire (to mix my metaphors) has scorched and burned rather than warmed and revived. Even the best of revivals have had their casualties. However, if we are not at times willing to risk the wildfire, we may find that we are left cold in the safety of dead institutions with little or nothing left to fight off the chill of encroaching darkness. Indeed, there are sad moments in history when these institutions became the darkness itself, having long left behind the Spirit that one animated a now cold, dead religious corpse.

There is ever a fresh wind blowing, and no organization need feel trapped behind man-made

borders when the Spirit moves beyond them. Old wineskins can be renewed, and any denomination can experience a new birth or fruitfulness if they are willing to break camp and follow the cloud. We have His Word as our plumb line and His Spirit to lead us. Besides this, there are good, seasoned men among us who have learned to move from wave to wave and can help us to recognize when He is on the move in our midst. God always works through leaders, whether ordained by institutions or called from the wilderness.

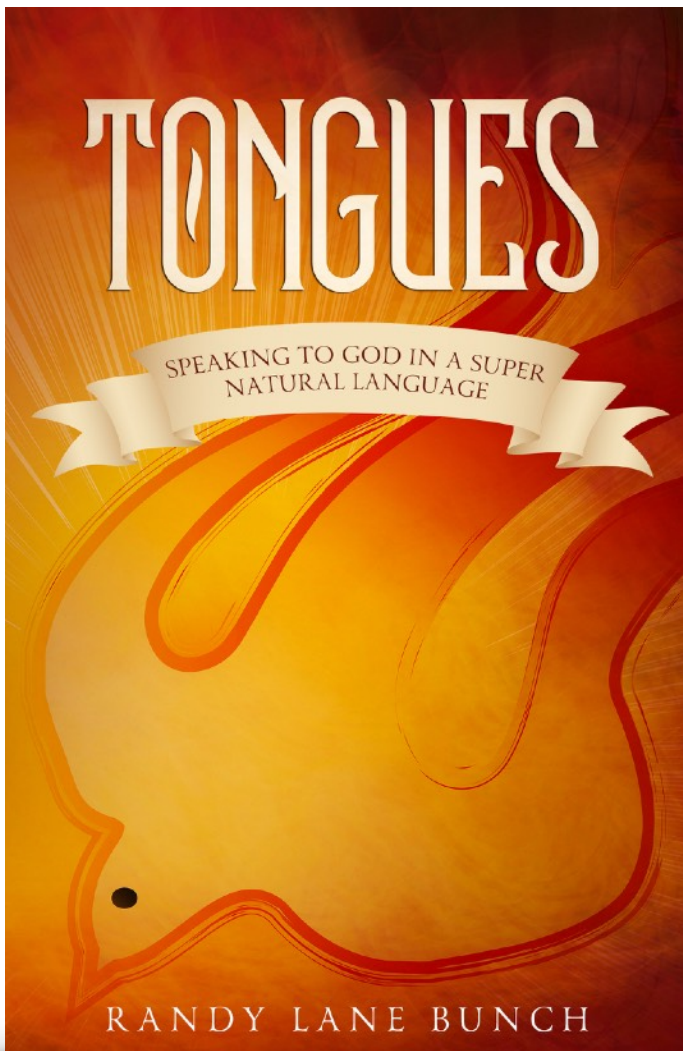
With hearts hungry for His presence and power and a world to win, we cannot fail to hoist our sails aloft to catch the fresh and living wind of His Spirit in this hour. There is a world to reach and daylight is quickly failing. As the Master said, so must we also say, "I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work" (John 9:4).

CLEAR TEACHING ON A CONTROVERSIAL SUBJECT

There is perhaps no subject that has suffered more abuse than speaking with other tongues, and yet it holds the promise of great spiritual blessing, both to the individual believer as well as to the body of Christ in general. Sharing from both the Word of God and his own experience, Dr. Randy Lane Bunch helps to shed scriptural light on what has been for many a confusing issue.

If you have had questions on this important Bible subject, this book will help to answer those questions and give much needed insight as to how to have God's power in your life.

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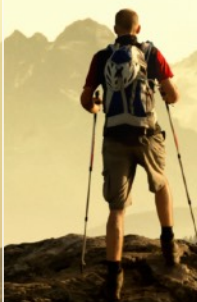
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THE IRREPRESSIBLE GOOD NEWS

Dr. Randy Lane Bunch

Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you... (2 Thessalonians 3:1)

Mark Twain was reported to have once humorously quipped, "A lie can travel halfway around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes." So it would seem. We know the reality is that bad news sells, and drama and conflict usually lead to better ratings than tales of the uneventful happenings in the world. In fact, we are so inundated with bad news that the occasional "feel good" story at the end of the evening news is likely to elicit genuine tears as we cling to the hope that there is still some good in the world.

In reality, there is only good in the world because God is at work in the world. Were we to be bereft of his presence and the hope that we have in Christ, there would indeed be no cause for rejoicing anywhere. Apart from the good news of the gospel, man can only

look forward to the certainty of judgment. The buildup to the end of all things has begun, and we who live in this time are truly witnesses to history in the making. For many, this will be a time of terror and fear, but to those who hope in Christ, it is the time in which we are told to lift our heads in anticipation for our redemption (see Luke 21:25-28). For those who have eyes to see and ears to hear, the cryptic prophecies made by Old Testament prophets are coming to pass with chilling accuracy before our very eyes, from the realization of the nation of Israel reassembling like so many dry bones in their ancient homeland, to the blood red moons Joel predicted hundreds of years before Christ walked the earth. These things are given as a witness, not only to the fulfillment of God's end-time plan, but as proof to the credibility of the witness of scripture.

When one considers that the sixty-six books of the Bible were penned by more than forty authors over a period of roughly fifteen hundred years, the coherency and unity of the message are incredible. In Isaiah, chapter 53, we see the shadowy prefiguring of the suffering Servant, while in the gospels we see the blood-red reality of His crucifixion. In Numbers we see Moses lift up the brazen serpent so that all who are bitten in the camp may be healed, while on the cross we see the anti-type of that image raised up so that all who look upon Him might be saved. We see in the Exodus the bleeding of the Passover lamb, the innocent suffering for the guilty, while at Calvary we see the Lamb of God taking away the sins of the world. All the images, sacrifices, and prophetic writings testify to redemption's story, of God coming down to earth that the way to heaven may be opened for sinful men.

For generations the greatest story ever told has crossed the seas, leapt over walls, passed through barbed wire, and slipped through borders to lift the hearts of the oppressed, give strength to the faint, and restore sight to the blind. That story of redemption inspired Handel to write his *Messiah* and moved Michelangelo, Dante, and countless others to create their immortal masterpieces of art and verse. More than any other figure in human history, the looming figure of the Son of Man has ennobled men, delivered captives, lifted the lowly, and given hope in the midst of hopelessness. While His detractors have been many, he has outlived them all to remain the most influential figure in all the world. Countless faithful believers, willingly to pay the ultimate price, have suffered persecution and even perished while carrying this imperishable message of good news to the lost. Still today many suffer as they worship God and His Son, Jesus, whom He sent to save us all. They do so because they know their hope will outlive this life here below, and that their ultimate reward is awaiting them in eternity.

This is a living word that no man, government, or ideology can stop, and indeed, as Christ declared, the gates of hell have been unable to prevail against His Church. The scriptures testify to that Kingdom

yet to come to earth, and which has already come to dwell in the hearts of believers. It is a Kingdom that cannot be assailed or conquered, whose King has already triumphed over His foes. It is a Kingdom into which all may freely enter, but into which we can only find access under the shadow of the cross. This Kingdom has no address and yet it can be found on every continent and every nation, while its ambassadors run to carry its message of emancipation from the bondage of sin to wherever men are found. This is the good news that through Christ our captivity has been turned, and the way to tree of life has been reopened.

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If you are reading this, that message has now come to you. The gospel is not a call to better or reform oneself through personal effort or religious ceremony, but to surrender all attempts to earn God's favor and simply trust in the Savior who paid our debt and made forgiveness and salvation available. God's desire is for you to not only receive this new life for yourself but to become a Kingdom carrier, sharing in both word and deed the reality of the transformative power of the gospel with those whose hearts

are hungry for the eternal realities of peace with God and purpose for life. In doing so, you become part of that living story that continues to change lives today, from the remotest jungles of Central America to the skyscrapers of Manhattan, from the Sub-Saharan deserts of Africa to the marbled halls of power.

It is easy to become pessimistic, cynical, and even despondent as we see the terrible things that are happening in the world. Indeed, there is great darkness in many places, but we do not lose heart as though God has gone out of business. He is at work in the world today, and the gospel is still finding an audience in the hearts of men. One day the tattered curtain of space and time will fall away, and we will step into that eternal reality which is our great hope, and from which we will never depart. Until then, we who believe can know that just on the other side of that veil are the millions of believers who have preceded us into glory, cheering us on as we take the irrepressible good news of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth.

TESTIMONIES: NEWS FROM AFAR!

As we've shared, in addition to our broadcast aired out of Pakistan which takes us into 182 nations of the world, we also broadcast out of India. Here are some of the recent testimonies from that network!

Seetha, Madurai (Name/Location)

I had bleeding problem for more than 3 years. I lost all hope going back and forth to many hospitals and spending so much. I was watching Dr Randy's message. This message was so personal to me because I was going through the same issue. I could imagine how she could have felt 2000 years before. But Jesus said YOUR FAITH HAS SAVED YOU. This word from Dr. Randy penetrated into my heart. I started believing the word and healing of Jesus. Now my bleeding problem is almost healed. I do not have much problem. I am going through a very small medication. But Jesus has healed me. Thanks for the message.

Balu, Bengaluru

Due to the Corona virus lock down, my financial status became very ill and adding to that I lost my job. I could not imagine what will be my future was. With wife and 2 kids, my future became dark. I was literally trembling. I had no one to help me. The situation around was so worse. I heard this message of faith from Dr. Randy. Actually he was giving a message on healing and faith. But I wanted my finances to be healed. So, I started saying, "Jesus can heal my finances." The next day I got a call from a new company. I had a telephonic interview. For a great surprise I got a 40% increase from the last salary I drew. God Is so good. Thanks for the message.

Minila, Trivandrum

My son did not have job for the past 4 years. He was in depression because of a tragedy that happened few years before. Our whole family was in sorrow because of this. We saw Dr.Randy's message and started following him. Our attitude and the way of seeing situations changed. My son is 100% alright. We started speaking faith and things changed. My son at present had got an online job temporarily . Please keep in your prayers so that he may get a permanent Job.

Sathish, Trichy

I was suffering from a cyst in my throat. I desperately needed a miracle from God. Dr.Randy's message made me to go closer to God and ask him healing with Faith. I did that. Spoke faith over my situation. Now its been 3 weeks, Doctors are searching for my

cyst. No operation but my cyst has gone. Faith made me whole. Healing can be received by faith. Thanks Dr.Randy.

Rajamoni, Chennai

My Son Victor was affected by corona virus and was taken to the government hospital and admitted there for 15 days. Every day we did not have good news from the doctors. That time only we saw the faith and healing message of Dr.Randy. We know that God heals, but we lost hope. After seeing the message we regained faith and pronounced healing over my son. My and my wife joined hands together and prayed with faith. A person in the next bed who was admitted with my son died, but God healed my son and he is back home. Thanks.

Sebastin, Thiruvallur

My wife was found CORONA positive. She was admitted in the hospital. I usually follow Dr.Randy message, so I started praying about her fever and cold. Within 5 days her test results became NEGATIVE and after a week of examining she was discharged for the hospital. She and every one in our house are good. Thanks.

FINANCIAL PROVISION

Today in our Zoom (meeting), a pastor from very remote area which is 3 hours journey from my place was joined in our Zoom meeting. Pastor, as you prayed for financial blessing, they received it! For 2 years they have been waiting for a bank loan and it's been pending. Soon after completing our Zoom meeting, they called me and said that the Bank officer call them and told that to come to Bank and receive the money tomorrow! They are very much happy and blessed by your prayers pastor...

HEALING FROM COVID-19

Yesterday, a pastor from Eluru called me around 11 pm at night and told me that he's calling from Quarantine Zone room. He and his father both are (were) covid positive, and for 5 days they in are in the hospital. Yesterday, they attended in our meeting (on Zoom), and joined with us in prayer. While he's in prayer, a Hand from above came near to him and touched him on his forehead. By faith he said He's healed, and this morning again they asked to test them both. Their result is Negative...All Glory to God!

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