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Dealing with the Root of Pain

By Jim Richards



Identifying the root cause of any problem is the secret to the swift healing of an acute problem and avoidance of new outbreaks. The reason we repeat so many of our painful issues both emotional and physical is we seldom deal with the root problem. When a problem gets bad enough to prevent us from continuing in life as we know it, we get help. But most of the time we do not get help to solve the problem; we just do something that reduces the symptoms... the present-ing problem.

When we had a clinic we always knew clients would come in with two problems: one they wanted help for and one they wanted to avoid. The problem for which they wanted help was the one that was causing them pain. The problem they wanted to avoid was the root problem. The root problem usually required a lifestyle change. It seems in every area of life people want to end their problems without actually having to make any life changes. Sadly, nothing in life works that way!

A person with acid reflux wants you to help them find relief for their heartburn, but they don't want to stop eating the poor diet that is the root of the problem. I've had people with high levels of stress, insomnia, and concentration problems who wanted to feel more relaxed and sleep better but they refused to go to bed early enough to get the sleep they needed. Then to add insult to injury they drank stimulant drinks all day. Everything about the world's system from church, to government, to medicine says, "Don't solve the problem, just take our magic fix!"

Man's problem started in the Garden. The road to his destruction was pretty simple. He listened to lies until they started making sense. Before long he no longer believed he was who God said he was. He continued in a conversation that caused him to imagine he was somehow missing out on some wonderful aspect of life. At the root of this was a distrust that said obeying God is not really the way to a great life. He subsequently made a decision to become god of his own world by seizing the capacity to know good and evil independently of God (Gen. 3:5).

Ascertaining good and evil in any manner other than the basis of God's Word is always an act of defiance, an act of unbelief, and somehow related to our root problems. The word "know" when speaking of good and evil is a pretty broad word. It can mean to know in the way a man "knows" his wife. One of the concepts is to ascertain by seeing or observation. This is where we get into the general idea of judgment. In judgment we use our five senses and our mind to determine if something is good or evil independently of God's Word.

Before man fell he was a living soul (Gen. 2:7). After the fall he became flesh (Gen. 6:3). The soul is that part of being that translates input into thoughts and emotions. Before the fall man was a living soul. The word for "living" is related to the word "life." In other words, his thoughts and emotions were under the influence of his spirit, breathed into him by God. But after the fall his thoughts and emotions became dominated by his flesh, i.e., his five senses. Now that man excluded God from His role of Lord over his life, he judged good and evil by what he saw, heard, felt, tasted, and smelled... the flesh!

Matthew 7 teaches us that judgment is absolutely forbidden for those who choose to follow God. This refers to judgment in any form. However, in Matthew 7 Jesus speaks specifically of judgment about others. But, be sure of this, the subject of judgment is far broader than what He is addressing in this passage and its effects on our life are more far-reaching. This text simply deals with judging others.

In attempting to get people to recognize when they are judging others and recognize its terrible pain-inflicting symptoms I sought to address it in functional terms. If we don't put it in more functional terms we will easily deceive our-

selves into thinking we're not judging when, in fact, we really are. When I assume to know **why** anyone is doing anything I will not use the words good and evil. I don't say what they are doing is good and evil. Instead, I mask it in "why" they are doing what they are doing. Why may be because they want to hurt me or it may be because they love me. But I am still, at the root, determining good or evil. And it is that judgment that determines the way their behavior affects me.

Jesus made it as plain as possible; with the *measure you meet it is measured back to you*. In other words, how you measure it is what determines how it comes back to you. He did not say "according to their intention," He did not say "if it is meant for evil," He did not say a host of things that could lay the responsibility on them. He said **when you judge it comes back to you based on how you measure it** out. Whether we ever use the words "good and evil" that is exactly what we are doing. We are observing outwardly and judging whether their (inward) intent was good or evil. But that is best understood when we attempt to determine why they did what they did.

When we judge good or evil we determine the intent. When we take the next step in judgment to determine why, we have now determined significance. The significance we give to anything determines its power over us... how it is measured back to us! In fact, it is the significance I attach to the actions of another that causes it to become an offense or cause for stumbling. We don't lament what people do as much as "**why** did they do this to me?" It is the significance of their actions that breaks our heart. There are certainly plenty of times others seek to cause us pain. Their intentions are evil. But the sad truth is most of our offenses have nothing to do with their intent, only our judgment!

Forgiveness, which is sending away the offense (pain), cannot be accomplished as long as we hold to our judgments. The reason so many believers are stuck in unforgiveness is their stubborn refusal to release their judgments. Even when the person says they intended to hurt us, we still don't know what was really driving them.

I was a runaway. I left home at 14. I checked out of school and hitchhiked to a nearby city to live with my uncle and aunt. As soon as the school year was over my parents made me come back home. It wasn't long until I was out the window and hitchhiking to Alabama. I didn't go back home until I was 18 when I went back for a visit. That night my stepfather broke into the room and attempted to kill me by stabbing me in my sleep.

People often ask if I had difficulty overcoming this type of abuse; but the truth is, I didn't. I was angry at him. I knew he wanted to drive me away from my mother. It was all pretty simple. I hated him and he hated me. There was no deep complex meaning. Then when I got saved I forgave everyone who wronged me. I didn't want that in my life. Later on I found out some horrible things that happened to him when he was a boy. His father tried to kill him with an axe. Like so many of us, his life was so filled with hurts he really didn't know why he hated me or why he really did what he did. It is amazing what can happen to us and leave very few emotional scars if we do not compound the issues with our judgment.

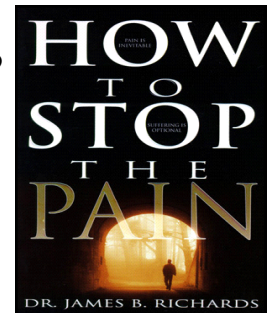
The root cause of most of our life issues goes back to the original sin (that which causes us to see and experience ourselves as less than God says we are): our own determination of good and evil. While my bestselling book, *How to Stop the Pain*, only deals with the pain of personal judgment between people, it is important to realize the issues are much deeper than this. The original sin was man's rejection of God as Lord and the proclamation of man as his own lord and self-ruler.

At the root of anything that is not working in our life there is an issue with the Lordship of Jesus. God has purchased all that we need for life and godliness. It is legally ours, but few people follow Jesus into the Promised Land. All of the struggles of the children of Israel in the wilderness are a type and example to us. The land has been given but we must follow Jesus, our Lord and Shepherd, on a moment-by-moment basis to be led into what is ours. Too many "Christians" have believed on Him as Savior but never confessed (from the heart) Him as Lord. Unless He is Lord He cannot lead us into the life we have been promised.

When we see any truth and are not willing to trust and follow it, we are actually judging God's Word and His intentions. When I choose my way over His way I am saying my way is good, His way is evil (a source of pain, sorrow, distress, etc.). All of God's laws were written on your heart when you were born again. This word for "laws" is more than just the rules. It is all of the commandments, all that God said or implied. In other words, it is the logos of God. When we resist His Word we resist the Holy Spirit, we resist our open heart, we resist grace, and we resist righteousness because we do not believe His Word is the path of life.

Every day we deal with different issues, some big, some small. But there is resistance to surrendering our opinion to Him. Our opinion, the way we see things independently of His Word, is linked to our identity. To give up our opinion is to die to self! The writer of Hebrews explains that it is the *fear of death that holds us in bondage all our lives* (Heb. 2:14-

Matthew 7 teaches us that judgment is absolutely forbidden for those who choose to follow God.



Reaching the Next Generation

By Jim Richards with Seth Adgate

One of the shortcomings of every movement has been its failure to reach its own children. If the Church could discover how to reach our own children we would grow exponentially into the greatest influence in the world. Instead we spend our time and energy trying to reach the last generation that the Church lost!

I am convinced most pastors are willing; they just don't always have the tools and the knowhow. That's why it is important to find people who have the gifting, knowhow, and successful track record to help us. I don't know about you, but I don't speak the language youth speak today. I don't like or understand a lot of the music. That means I am already disqualified on two of the three most important factors for reaching any group. 1. We must speak their language. 2. We must utilize their music. 3. We must know where they meet. This is all about culture.

I want to introduce you to someone who is getting results reaching and developing teens into disciples of the Lord Jesus: **Seth Adgate**.

The Faith Movement, The Azusa Street Outpouring, The Healing Movement, and The Pentecostal Movement are all major movements that affected and shaped Christianity as we know it. It seems everyone I meet is sitting on the edge of their seat full of anticipation for the next great movement! Like every movement, we often miss it because it doesn't look like what we've seen in the past. I think this movement will be different from anything that has come before. I fully believe we are on the brink of the next movement... And I believe **teenagers are the ignition**.

Today's Millennial (those born from the mid-80s until 2000) is a teenager different than the world has ever known. And contrary to what media and our own adult peers have told us about them, they are passionate, they are creative, they are driven, and they are unconventional in every way. There's no "box" for them, no pattern of predictability, and no limit to the talents they possess. They have all the makings of becoming the next movement that today's mundane Christianity is crying out for... **if we reach them**.

They are the most un-churched generation of all time. They come from divorced families and many of them are not living with a biological parent at all. They can come in the form of a clean-cut football player or a girl with gauged ears and an arm sleeved with tattoos; but one thing is for sure: they stretch our thinking and challenge our patience because they can appear closed off and emotionally vacant. And because of the plethora of challenges they present the Church, as a whole, has given up on them. The problem is not that they don't want Jesus; the problem is we haven't known how to present Jesus in a way that is desirable and understandable to them. Because we haven't understood their needs we haven't known how to present the message!

When Paul challenged Timothy to set an example even in his youth of speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity, Paul was doing more than giving him an executive order. He was recognizing the tremendous impact Timothy's young life could make. He was seeing what Timothy couldn't see in himself. Just like Paul, we have to see past the external barriers and see what God sees in them. They are the future leaders of America and the Church! Paul was calling forth a movement through the life of a young man; we can do the same thing!

As a pastor or minister you probably feel very out of touch with the next generation, but I know you have the passion and willingness to look past stereotypes and preconceived ideas and reach into their lives. Like anyone gifted to be a pastor, you are hungry to mentor them and show them the love of God! You know they're worth it! But like most adults you're not sure how to focus that passion to get the desired results. That's where I come in. ***This is my calling and passion!*** I have a window into the next generation and I want to help you make this connection. I want to help you invest in your teens.

Besides what this brings to their lives, you can't imagine what they will bring to your church. At Family Bible Church our teens are involved in ministry. Teens want to serve. They want a purpose. They want to be participators, not spectators. Teenagers are looking for someone to lead them - someone who will believe in them that they can believe in and, in turn, can follow and support. They will move your church to the cutting edge. They love to serve as lighting technicians, sound technicians, nursery workers, ushers, greeters, and camera crews. **They are waiting for you to believe in them.**

I want to help you "jump start" a movement in your church. **I want to invite your teens** to be a part of day one of the next movement. At **MOVEMENT**, Family Bible Church's Summer Youth Retreat, your teenagers

March Testimonies!

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH FREE ONLINE!

These were awesome teachings and I am going to let my bible study group know about this so that we can go over these foundational truths. ~RJ~

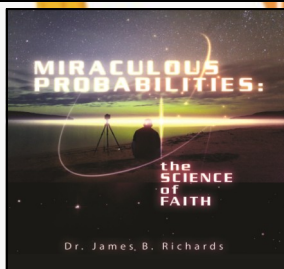
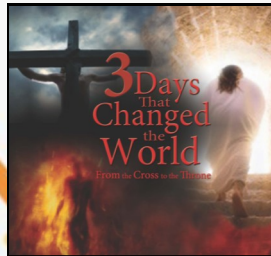
Thank you! Thank you! for sharing this class for free....it was SUCH a blessing and so transforming. I have been a Christian all my life and NEVER have I understood these foundations until now.

May you continue to be blessed with the gift of teaching the truth! ~KK~

Three Days that Changed the World!

Dr. Richards' teaching has really been a blessing....a missing piece of the puzzle, if you will. I have been listening to "Three Days that Changed the World," for the last month...so much to re-learn...working on persuading my heart...so excited!!!

~TC~



Miraculous Probabilities: The Science of Faith

WOW!

I have just finished your 8 part series, *Miraculous Probability: The Science of Faith*. I have been waiting for years for someone to

say the things you share. I knew that this was the way I should act but never did anyone ever tell me this. I have felt inside myself that "something was wanting to explode open." Thanks from Vancouver, Canada!

Impact Team,

I am 72 years old and 3 years ago I suddenly found myself with bowel and ovarian cancer. The surgeon told my family I would not come off the operating table. My bowel had perforated and there was cancer throughout my system.

Long story short... I lived through those days with determination and the presence of God. God gave me Psalm 23 and 3 John 2 as scriptures to hold on to.

After 6 Chemo treatments that were supposed to be 1 1/2— 2 years maximum to live, they found the cancer markers were not readable.

They talked me into 6 more treatments and then I left the program. To date the cancer markers are the same. I have to report every 8 weeks. They can't work me out but want me back in Chemo, but I won't do it again.

I am not well but I believe that I am totally healed and have always stated I will re-grow bowel that has been removed.

This is the journey I have embarked on.

Jim's teaching has given me a challenge and hope. I woke this morning realizing that the child and adult that lived in fear and sickness all of my life is the area to overcome. To actually feel "well" is a new thought.

We have never been medical. Since a teenager I have gone to natural medicine and chiropractic practitioners.

I am so excited and greatly enjoying what is now "life" to me from the teachings. ~EK~

Hi!

I got the Impact Magazine in my e-mail today. What a nice surprise that you have the weekly sermons on so we can listen to the ones we missed.

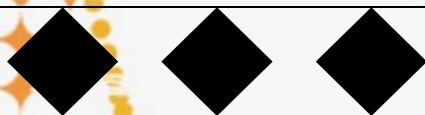
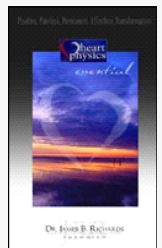
What a generous and huge gift you are sharing with the world. Your teachings have changed my life from condemnation to peace.

Thanks again for the peace and hope in my life. ~DD~

I was born again in 1984, and have struggled so much over the last 25+ years. I never understood anything so clearly before, which made it so easy to [back] slide, especially since I couldn't understand WHY it was so difficult to maintain my relationship with God.

Between your CyerChurch, the first of the Heart Physics CDs, and the free Foundation of Faith class, I am trusting my heart and writing on my heart in a wonderful new journey with the Lord, and have many more fruit of the Spirit attributes appearing. Sixty years of shame, fear, guilt, and confusion - all melting.

God Bless you for your ministry. It has brought me real hope again. ~E~



Reaching the Next Generation (con't from pg 4)

will experience love, acceptance, and ministry in a way that's easy for them to connect through live music, team building, new friendships, and personal ministry that is sure to kick-start a spark in them that will carry on through eternity. Jump in... **and start a movement.**

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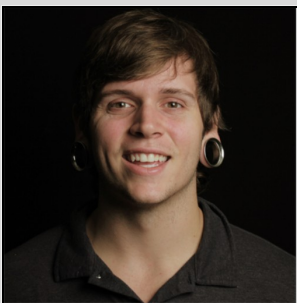
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Seth Adgate



Seth and Lori married in August, 2008. After Bible College at Christ for the Nations Institute in Dallas, Texas, the two returned to Eustis to join FB Church staff full-time as youth pastors. One look at Seth and Lori and it's easy to see why our youth are drawn to them like the magnets they are.

Seth wears several hats around FB Church. He is one of our media pastors and manages our filming department. He is instrumental in being a creative mind behind FB Church's visual outreach methods, using his talents to produce videos to get the Gospel out in relevant ways around the world.

Seth enjoys playing guitar, DSLR filmmaking, staying active, and spending time with his family.

Courage to Be Me

By Jim Richards & Jimmie Bratcher



Sadly most people will not fulfill their dreams or reach their life goals. It will not, however, be because of a lack of ability or knowing what to do. Most people will fail at their dreams because they fail at life. And they fail at life because they will not be who they really are. They will spend their life trying to be someone else. They will either mimic someone they admire or they will allow others to mold them. If people would learn to be who they are in Jesus they would not only find a happy, easy life, they would discover how to have success that fits them.

For years I have had the opportunity to watch the lives and ministries of many of my friends unfold into something effective and unique. They weren't unique because they did something different; they were unique because they did something *authentic*. They were true to themselves within the framework of a life submitted to the Lordship of Jesus. They died to *self*; that is *self* as they knew it outside of Christ. When we die to our idea of who we are and allow our true, authentic identity to emerge, we become the best version of "us" possible.

Following are a few lines from Jimmie Bratcher and then a brief interview.

JB. It has taken me a lifetime to become myself and be comfortable in my own destiny. Why is it that the thing we were created to do is so hard for us to accept? The thing that has been programmed into our DNA gets swept aside and replaced with a thin, crusty shell, a mere shadow of who we were created to be. To me it is a shame that we have created this façade instead of allowing ourselves to be ourselves. Here is a short excerpt from my journey that hopefully will help you with yours.

I have wanted very few things in my life; to be a husband, a father, and now a grandfather. I am very content and fulfilled in all of those roles. But since I was 12 years old I wanted to do one thing: be a guitar player. Early on I allowed drugs to take that dream away, but then I came to Jesus and the Church took it away. What? "You can't play that kind of music and be saved" they told me, so I set it aside for 20+ years. Throughout all of that time I played but it wasn't me. I played some kind of music but not what burned in my soul, not what I was created to play. Out of my passion to please what I thought was God I played music that someone else said was appropriate.

Some would say "Well, it was all part of God's plan," and for sure the time wasn't wasted. "My steps were ordered of the Lord" and His favor and blessing on my life are a constant part of the Covenant that He has with Jesus. I raised my kids and learned business. I gave my all to serve the Church. But now looking back I see the real underlying motivation was not faith. It wasn't confidence and trust in God. It wasn't faith in His calling on my life. It was something else. Looking back, I wish I could have been asked these questions:

JR. The following questions reflect many of the things Jimmie had to face to live his unique destiny. The one thing they all have in common is it took courage. At each point in his journey he had to make the decision to follow God in his heart or follow people.

JR: Can you do what you're doing for the rest of your life? And be happy?

JB: These two questions are what started it all for me. I was in a very successful ministry position and one day I heard these two questions and I knew right away there was a change coming. My answer to the first question was "yes," I was successful and good at what I did. But when I heard that second question I had to face the fact that I would live with a deep amount of regret in my life for not facing and pursuing the dreams in my heart.

JR: What is it that really burns in your heart?

JB: For me it's not about the music, it's about the people I can influence. Yes, I love to play music but I know that it is a tool that helps me reach people - and you know God is into people, big time!

JR: Why doesn't this look like normal ministry?

JB: This may have been one of the hardest things I have had to face. "I am different," but then so are you! It isn't hard for God. He made us all different and considers it to be "very good." But people so badly want you to fit into their box. I did it for years and was really good at it, but still, in my heart I had to face the real me screaming to get out and finally say, "It's okay for me to be me and be different."

JR: What kept you from following your heart?

JB: I have known since the start what God's plan was for my life; yet, I never thought I was enough or had enough to make it happen. I bought into the original lie that there must be something more, something that I didn't have, and at the core of it all is fear, plain and simple. I was afraid to allow myself to be myself.

JR: Why did it take so long?

JB: Like it or not we are all looking for a path - that course in life that leads us into our destiny. Simply put, I just got some bad advice from the leaders in my life. They meant well; but all they could speak from was their life experience. Their advice rang louder in my hearing than God's plan in my heart. I thought they held the key to my success and advancement. Yes, I needed guidance in my life, but not the kind that would be louder than my own heart leading me to be true to who I am.

Also, fear is a huge factor in why I took so long. Until I was ready to act in spite of my fear, I was trapped. Oliver Wendell Holmes said, "Courage is about doing what you're afraid to do. There can be no courage unless you're scared. Have the courage to act instead of react."

JR: What's different about your new album?

JB: First and foremost, this album goes deeper into my roots than any of the other albums. It isn't a gospel album but it contains topics that are Bible principles spoken in parables. It conveys biblical truth but not in "Christian-ese" or with chapter and verse. It is spoken in common language. As Mark 12:37 says, "The common people heard Him gladly."

JR: What were the challenges in creating this album?

JB: In the past I always had to be overly conscious of the Christian Community while trying to write something that would reach the lost. This created limitations in my effectiveness with both groups. In this album I decided to simply speak to the people who are outside of the system.

JR: What were your fears about doing it this way?

JB: The Church has not really been effective at reaching beyond its walls; not because they don't want to, they just don't know how. Ironically, because they don't understand what works they often resist (or even attack) what does work.

JR: What are the repercussions if the Church doesn't understand what you're doing?

JB: Pastors understand pastoring, that's their gift. But sadly, most don't understand evangelism. So, well-meaning, caring pastors who really want to reach the world put their money and efforts into projects that seldom reach beyond the church walls. This means that most of the ministries that are actually reaching the world outside of the church walls don't have the needed finances or spiritual support to effectively reach the world.

JR: Where is the money going to come from?

JB: Like it or not, it takes money to do everything. And living by faith for a vocational minister is code language that means "no salary, no benefits." That is why I wrote the song *Honey in the Rock*. "It's easy when you see there's something but will you do when there's nothing? All I know is there's honey in the Rock." We have to look at the promise more than the problem. He is always faithful. A friend of mine says, "It preaches by the mile and lives by the inch" and that is the way it feels many times to live by faith. The funds to do the work come from everywhere. Thankfully, there are many wonderful believers who "get" what I'm doing. There are believers and pastors who know what it takes to reach this group of people. With the help of those who have the passion, and the funds we create, all the pieces come together.

To do something this innovative I have to be open. I can't limit God by just thinking the funds will come from one stream. I trust Him for creative ways to make sure the message is not stopped from going out because of the money. This is all part of the challenge in being authentic. There is no system to work; you just trust and follow God!

JB. So it has taken me all my life to get to this point where I feel like I am being true to the original plan God had for my life way back when I first started following Him. So, I have just released a new album titled "*Secretly Famous*" that's different than anything else I have ever done - different in that it is closer to the plan than anything else I have ever attempted. As I said, I didn't write this album for Church folks. Yes, Church folks will like it, but they may need an explanation as to why it isn't like everything else they hear. I wrote it for people who don't know Jesus. I want to get their ear for a moment and maybe plant a seed in their heart. So we're going fishin' in the big pond.

I requested help from the music industry's best to create "*Secretly Famous*" and all of them eagerly accepted. The album's official release date was March 5th and during that week we received placement on 130+ radio stations around the world that are at this moment playing "*Secretly Famous*." Millions of people are hearing the music and the message. Millions are having the seed of the Gospel planted in their hearts. I am reaching more people and will walk through more new doors with this album than all that I have ever done.

Our first CD Release Party was March 8th at the world famous Knuckleheads Saloon in Kansas City. The first show sold out very quickly and we had to add a second show that also sold out. Some of the most prestigious magazines in the music world are writing very favorable reviews about the album and we are seeing more activity online than ever before.

Now that I have discovered how to be true to who I really am in Jesus, I am able to reach the world I have always longed to reach!

JR. There are several interesting factors that history reveals about effectively reaching your generation. The first three factors are cultural: You have to understand the language people use. You have to play the music they play, and you have to go where they meet. This is why John Wesley and other great revivalists used to change the

words to popular tavern songs. They gave the people music they knew with words that would touch their heart. Some of the Psalms were even put to the music of Philistines. The second factor is the most frightening. Few people have effectively won their generation and maintained the acceptance and support of the Orthodox Church. The Church tends to fear what it doesn't understand.

Jimmie Bratcher not only knows how to effectively present God's love to a hurting world, he helps churches and pastors become more effective at serving their own community. If you like Blues, you'll love "*Secretly Famous.*" If you don't like Blues this is music you can play for your friends that will open the door to great sharing.

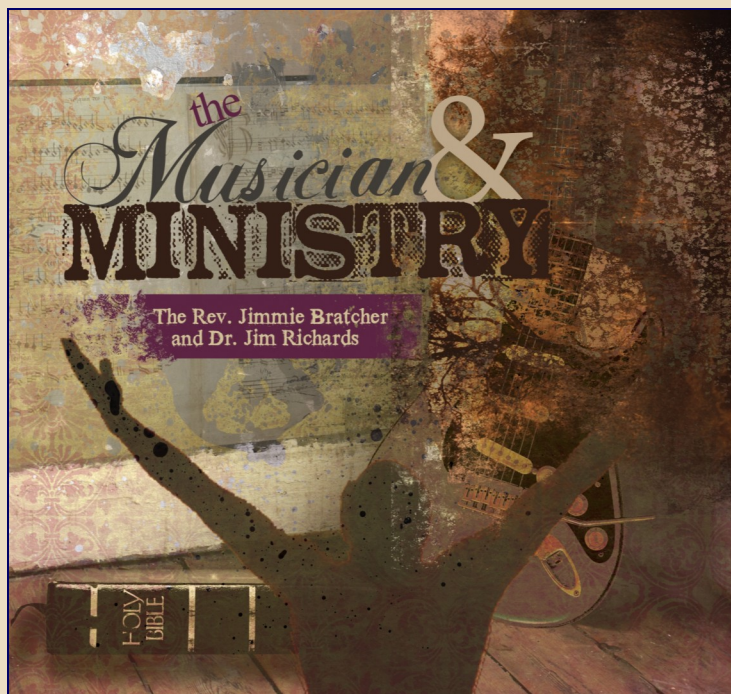
To download or order the CD "*Secretly Famous*" click here. Be sure and check out the special series for musicians and worship leaders by Dr. Jim Richards and The Rev. Jimmie Bratcher, "*The Musician and Ministry.*"



There is probably no role as essential to ministry yet as misunderstood as that of the musician. The Bible presents music as one of the most powerful tools for influencing the soul; yet with all its value and power, the musician may be one of the most misunderstood roles in the body of Christ!

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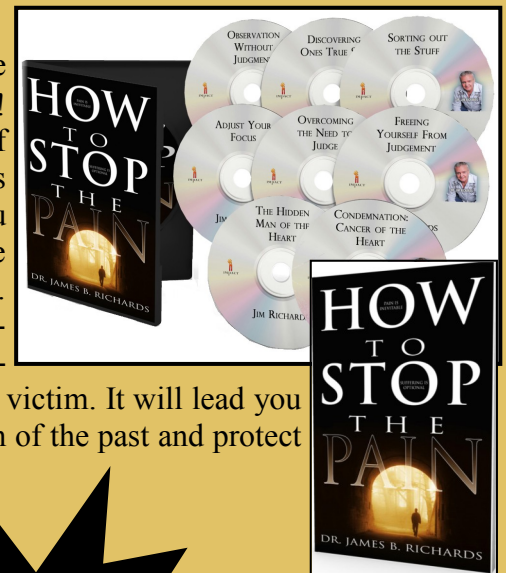
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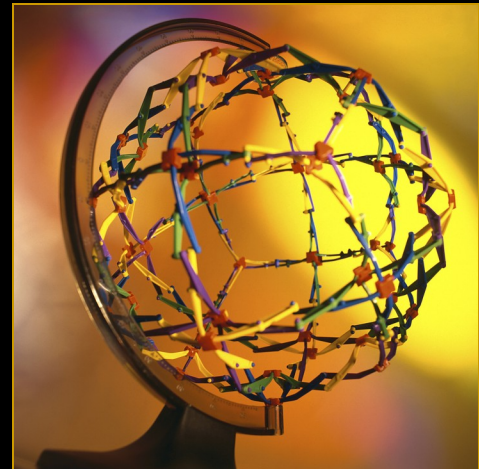
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