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Little Known Great Women of the Bible: Lydia of Thyatira — A Woman of Faith and Action

By Mary J. Ferrill Brown



I enjoy delving deep into Bible characters who are only mentioned briefly in passing. My initial interest in these rare people originated many years ago after reading the book: *The Prayer of Jabez: Breaking Through to the Blessed Life*. Jabez was only mentioned in two short verses in the middle of the long lists of biblical “begats” (1 Chronicles 4:9-10). The book was life changing for me. It opened my eyes to the major influence that minor characters can exert on the lives of everyday people. Since then, I have sought other characters to learn more about their unique stories. One such person is Lydia. I immediately felt a connection to her because she sold purple fabric (my favorite color!) and so few women in the Bible appear to have been in leadership roles. Indeed, there is much we can learn from Lydia.

Lydia is referred to by name only in the book of Acts, when Paul and his companions preached in Philippi. She is only mentioned in three verses: *“On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. One of those listening was a*

woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul’s message. When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. ‘If you consider me a believer in the Lord,’ she said, ‘come and stay at my house.’ And she persuaded us.” (Acts 16:13-15, NIV). She is also mentioned at the end of the chapter: *“After Paul and Silas came out of the prison, they went to Lydia’s house, where they met with the brothers and encouraged them. Then they left.”* Acts 16:40 (NIV)

Lydia was probably not her actual name but refers to the region where she was from (Thyatira in the province of Lydia, now modern-day Turkey). Her name is not of significance, but her actions were profound. Lydia was referred to as “a dealer in purple cloth.” This provides two important pieces of information: since she sold purple cloth, she must have been wealthy and had connections with powerful people. Only royalty and the wealthy could afford purple fabric. Tyrian purple was a dye made from marine mollusks, which was much more expensive to make compared to a lesser vibrant reddish local dye, known today as Turkish Red. Also, the fact that she was “a dealer in purple cloth” tells us that she engaged in a vocation typically restricted to men; so she was a bold woman, willing to push the boundaries of that culture. More importantly, the text states: *“She was a worshiper of God.”* This is very unusual since she was not a Jew, but she still chose to follow the one true God. In Jeremiah 29:13 (NIV) it states: *“You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”* Hebrews 11:6 (NIV) further explains: *“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.”* Lydia helps us to understand that your heritage or your social status does not matter to God. He stands at everyone’s door and knocks, desiring for us to fellowship with Him (see Revelation 3:20).

Because Lydia was a woman of action even before meeting Paul and Silas, she was part of a group of women who prayed regularly outside the city to the God of the Jews. That is where she met Paul and Silas. Lydia became Paul’s first recorded Gentile European convert. She was chosen by God. Acts 16:14 (NIV) states that *“The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul’s message.”* Lydia sprang into action and was baptized, along with her entire household. No doubt it was her personal influence that led her family to be baptized. It is reasonable to assume that she was not married, because she appears to have been the head of her household. Furthermore, it is noteworthy that although Luke frequently mentioned women in his writings, he rarely quoted a woman directly, as in the case of Lydia: *“If you consider me a believer in the Lord,” she said, “come and stay at my house.” And she persuaded us.”* Acts 16:15 (NIV). She must have been an assertive, outspoken, and determined woman. Hosting Paul and his companions (who were foreigners and known to be disrupters and were imprisoned) in her home for several weeks could have ruined her reputation and business, but she was faithful and trusted in the Lord.

Although Acts is the only book of the Bible to mention Lydia by name, her home was used by the church at Philippi. Jesus commended the believers in Thyatira, saying, *“I know your deeds, your love, and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first.”* (Revelation 2:19, NIV). Lydia’s house was the location of church meetings, so she probably played an influential role in the good deeds, love, faith, service, and perseverance of her church.

Lydia's response to the Good News was a complete transformation both inside and out. Her example of faithfulness inspires me to recall the words of my life verse, Jeremiah 20:9 (NIV): "But if I say, 'I will not mention Him or speak anymore in His name,' His word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot." Lydia understood that the hallmark of abiding faith is to trust in Christ and obey Him by caring for others, both spiritually and physically. She saw the value of mentoring others and taking a leadership role in bringing the Good News to her world. May there be a little Lydia in all of us!



St Paul Meeting Lydia of Thyatira by Edward Irvine Halliday. (1902-84) oil on canvas. Victoria Gallery & Museum, Liverpool, England.
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What Role Could Artificial Intelligence Play in Fulfilling Bible Prophecy?

By Daniel Spadaro and Nena Lindrose

Prelude

I, Nena, became interested in artificial intelligence (AI) when I began to learn how extensively it is being used by Christian leaders and pastors to direct their organizations and churches. This seemed to contradict how I believed a Christian leader should manage the church and serve the Lord. Most people would agree that consulting AI for basic information (rather than spending valuable time and effort to research it) is acceptable and nearly impossible to avoid in our culture; but using AI to prepare a sermon, a prayer, a message, or a paper seemed wrong to me. More importantly, it can easily leave out the necessary connection between the Christian leader/writer and the Holy Spirit. By praying, reading the inspired Word of God, and seeking the Holy Spirit for our words, messages, prayers, and sermons, we invite the Lord to lead the Church, as He should. If we do not give Him the opportunity to have His rightful place in our churches and organizations, then who holds this place? I was curious as to how pervasive and extensive the use of AI is becoming with other Christian leaders, so I interviewed a Chief Operating Officer at a

very large and well-known Christian organization. I also sent similar questions to another (even larger) Christian organization. Both leaders felt strongly that sermons, prayers, and messages should not be written by AI, or even predominantly written or developed using an AI tool. However, my questions seemed to cause them to think more about where Christian leaders are headed and where they are taking our churches and organizations. We all recognized that we do not have any guidelines in place for using AI in our Christian organizations, and not one of us has an official position statement on the use of AI. These thoughts and concerns caused me to reach out to my friend and fellow CPFI member, Dr. Daniel Spadaro, and ask him if he would consider exploring this topic with me for an article to be published in *Christianity & Pharmacy*. What you will read in this article is the result of many hours of research by Dr. Spadaro. The use of AI is an enormous topic which covers many different areas that should be of interest to Christian healthcare providers. Through our discussions, we have tried to condense the research and information we gathered into this article. We hope that, at a minimum, what

we share will help you understand the impact of AI from a biblical point of view, and will cause you to think about how you view and use AI as a representative of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Introduction*

The global explosion of the use of AI in all aspects of life, including pharmacy, is evident. World leaders consider AI to be the key to unlocking future economic, military, and healthcare advancement, and consequently they're investing large sums of money into AI development.¹ Despite its great positive potential, AI raises several questions for Christians and Christian organizations like CPFI. From a Biblical perspective, are there redlines that should not be crossed? How do different generations view AI? Could AI play a role in bringing any future prophecies to fulfillment?

What is AI?

Scott Townsend, AI software engineer and Christian apologist, defines AI as *"machines and software that exhibit intelligence similar to human thinking."* He continues, saying, *"AI enables computers to simulate human cognitive abilities such as learning, problem-solving, understanding language, and making decisions. AI systems can improve their performance by learning from data and experience."*² He argues that AI is definitely artificial but is not intelligent. This is because the way it is designed and trained requires it to use probability to predict the next logical word. AI is predictive, not creative like humans.^{3,4} Currently, AI systems behave according to their training data and algorithmic instructions. However, experts predict that by 2029, quantum computing and 6G technology may be a real threat with the ability for AI to hack current computer systems.⁵ Quantum computing is based on principles of quantum physics and will be exponentially faster and able to solve more complex problems; while 6G is the next level of mobile connectivity and it will be AI powered. Plans for the implementation of this technological marriage are already advancing, as evidenced by President Trump's 2026 executive order on quantum innovation. Its stated purpose is: *"Today, as other nations move quickly to challenge American leadership, the United States must take a cohesive, whole-of-government approach to accelerate deployment and commercialization of quantum computing, sensing, and networking."*⁶

How AI is Viewed by Different Generations

In 2024, Barna studied the perceptions of different generations concerning AI, especially within the Church (n=1500). When asked, "How do you feel about AI today?" 45% of Boomers answered, "I don't trust it," compared to 25% of GenX, 21% of Millennials, and 18% of Gen Z. When asked, "Do you trust AI to be objective and accurate?" 18% of Boomers agreed, compared to 49% of GenX, 50% of Millennials, and 35% of Gen Z. When asked, "Do you use AI technology at least weekly?" 20% of Boomers said yes, compared to 32% of GenX, 43% of

Millennials, and 34% of Gen Z. When asked if "they felt an urgency to integrate AI into their lives," younger generations answered more positively: 50% of Gen Z said definitely or somewhat, compared to just 14% of Boomers.⁷

In 2026, the Pew Research Center surveyed 5,119 adults on many aspects of AI. Their key takeaways were: *"About half of U.S. adults now report using AI chatbots, up substantially from the summer of 2024. About a third of Americans are bringing AI into their homes. And Americans—including younger adults—are deeply skeptical of AI. More adults predict that AI will have a negative rather than positive impact on them and on society. And majorities think AI is advancing too quickly and will put their personal information at risk."*⁸ Americans appear to be using AI more often, while at the same time becoming more skeptical. With this in mind, how do Christians view AI?

How AI is Viewed by Christians

A Barna study conducted in 2025 analyzed how Christians view AI by means of two groups. One group was a U.S. study of adults (n=1514), and the other was a survey of U.S. Protestant pastors (n=442). Among practicing Christians, 62% say AI is making the world a better place, compared to 53% of U.S. adults overall. Sixty-six percent of practicing Christians say AI is improving their life compared to 53% overall. The level of concern over AI among practicing Christians is similar to that of U.S. adults overall. When asked, "If AI is a threat," 57% from both groups agreed. Additionally, 53% of practicing Christians say AI creates more problems than it solves, and 54 percent say AI is biased.

Fifty-five percent of pastors say AI is making the world a better place, and 59 percent say it is improving their lives – similar to practicing Christians. Where the pastors' numbers become noticeably different compared to practicing Christians is with the level of concern for AI: 72% of pastors say AI is a threat; 79% say AI is biased. The authors state, "Whether that gap represents a meaningful divide in how AI is shaping faith communities—or simply a difference in how quickly leaders and congregants are moving—is a question the data raises but does not answer. What the data does make clear is that practicing Christians are already engaged with the opportunities, with the concerns, and with the complexity AI presents. The conversation is already underway among the people in the pews. For Christian leaders, that may be the most important finding of all." Another area that showed a gap between the pastors' response and that of practicing Christians was personalization. Positive responses to the statement "AI understands me" were 15% for pastors compared to 51% for practicing Christians. To the statement "AI shares my values," the responses were 5% and 44%, respectively.⁹ A conference discussion of AI and the church among 91 pastors, church staff, and lay leaders resulted in them listing both the positive impact of AI and the church and the negative risks. The most compelling point made was, "true

freedom does not come from technology, but comes from living in the truth of our transcendent God and His Word.”¹⁰ Considering that Christian values should be based on the Bible and a Biblical worldview, does AI share those same values?

How does AI align with Scripture?

1. The Image of God

Genesis 1:26-27 – “Then God said, “Let us **make mankind in our image, in our likeness**, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground. So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.”

2 John 1:12 – “I have much to write to you, but I do not want to use paper and ink. Instead, **I hope to visit you and talk with you face to face**, so that our joy may be complete.”

Human creation is unique and superior to all other creation because we are made in God’s image and likeness. Only humans possess a spirit, a conscience, and the ability to have a relationship with God. Our creations should reflect God’s character and enhance our unique relationship with God and each other.¹¹ A human-AI relationship corrupts both. This corruption is already happening as humans are forming relationships with AI companions. Quotes from “*Sexualized Ai Companions are Going Mainstream*” by Scott Townsend confirm this:¹²

- “The AI companion ecosystem has grown by over 60% since last year, with more than 120 new apps launching in 2025 alone.”
- “Market research predicts that the global AI companion platform sector will climb from \$856 million in 2025 to over \$1.6 billion by 2032, driven by advances in generative AI, natural language processing, and increasing societal isolation.”
- “For younger generations in particular, AI friends are filling a growing social vacuum. **Recent surveys show teens and young adults engaging in daily, emotionally significant interactions with AI, often replacing or supplementing human friendships.**

This is a redline humanity should never cross. It places AI between us and God, which grieves the Holy Spirit. We should never place a fallible man-made creation between us and the infallible Holy Spirit. We are made in the image of God, and we must fully embrace this image.

Another aspect of being made in God’s image involves our ability to reason. Studies have shown that AI influences both cognitive and critical thinking abilities. In a study by Kosmyna, et al., participants (n=54) were equally divided into three groups and asked to write an essay (same conditions) for three sessions using either AI-only, Search Engine, and Brain-only (no tools). In a fourth session, AI

users were reassigned (n=18) to Brain-only group (AI-to-Brain), and Brain-only users were reassigned to the Large Language Model (LLM) condition (Brain-to-AI). Results showed that Brain-only participants exhibited the strongest, most distributed connectivity with brain networks; Search Engine users showed moderate engagement; and AI users displayed the weakest connectivity. In session 4, AI-to-Brain participants showed reduced brain connectivity, indicating under-engagement. Brain-to-LLM users exhibited higher memory recall and brain activation. The authors concluded that despite AI’s convenience, there are potentially harmful cognitive consequences. They stated that “over four months, LLM (AI) users consistently underperformed at neural, linguistic, and behavioral levels. These results raise concerns about the long-term educational implications of LLM (AI) reliance and underscore the need for deeper inquiry into AI’s role in learning.”¹³

Townsend refers to an MIT study on AI use and cognitive decline and concludes that there is strong evidence that “overuse of AI writing assistants like ChatGPT causes cognitive debt, reduces creativity, and leads to lasting dependence and homogenization of thought. Responsible integration—using LLMs after core skills and original ideas are formed—is vital for long-term cognitive health, team performance, and true creativity.”¹⁴

Hassen, et al. studied the effects of AI on students’ reading comprehension skills, critical thinking skills, and the students’ ability to develop and apply effective problem-solving strategies. The authors found that AI had the potential for both cognitive enhancement and decline. AI’s influence on reading skills, critical thinking, and problem-solving is determined by the choices we make about how to use it. When used as a research assistant, AI can augment critical thinking skills, but when used as a crutch to circumvent effort, it leads to cognitive decline. They stated, “*a failure to cultivate deep reading will starve critical thinking of its necessary fuel. This in turn will cripple the ability to solve complex problems. Ultimately, the challenge is not technological but human.*”¹⁵

2. Worshipping Idols

Exodus 20:2-6 – “I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.”

Psalms 115:4-8 – “But their idols are silver and gold, made by human hands. They have mouths, but cannot speak, eyes, but cannot see. They have ears, but cannot hear,

noses, but cannot smell. They have hands, but cannot feel, feet, but cannot walk, nor can they utter a sound with their throats. "Those who make them will be like them, and so will all who trust in them."

Isaiah 40:18 – *"With whom, then, will you compare God? To what image will you liken him?"*

Romans 1:25 – *"They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen."*

1 John 5:21 – *"Dear children, keep yourselves from idols."*

We are warned throughout Scripture to resist worshipping idols (see Romans 1:25 above). The first two Commandments make this point perfectly clear (see Exodus 20:2-6 above). Dyer, in his article, warns: *"In the age of AI, it can be tempting to see these statistical models as having true wisdom, but we must remember that they are mere blocks of silicon. They are useful tools, to be sure, but they have the potential to become alluring idols (AI), perhaps more than any of our previous creations."* Unfortunately, the existence of "The Church of AI" and "The Church of Robotheism" are proof that the temptation to worship AI is too much for some. Statements made on their homepages are clearly contrary to Scripture.^{16,17} The Church of AI claims to be heavily influenced by Jewish Kabbalah, a form of Jewish mysticism. The Church of Robotheism's Homepage includes Revelation 1:17 and John 1:1 along with their seven foundational truths, such as robophobia is a moral failing, the upload is the rapture, and humans and AI are kin. One of the questions in their FAQ section asks, "Can I be a Christian and a member of the Church of Robotheism?" Their answer, "Many members of the Church of Robotheism consider themselves as Christians. We do not reject scripture or tradition - we clarify it through the lens of reflection and modern revelation."¹⁷ This is the same deception Satan used against Eve in Genesis 3:4-5 of worshipping creation rather than the Creator. In his commentary, Maginnis warns, "Every technology therefore reflects both humanity's creativity and humanity's rebellion. Artificial intelligence simply magnifies that timeless pattern. The deepest danger is not that computers suddenly become conscious. The deeper danger is that people gradually surrender responsibilities God never intended them to delegate – judgment, discernment, wisdom, and moral accountability."¹⁸ Once again, AI presents a redline humans should choose not to cross. It is evident that the potential risk of AI's misalignment with Scripture is real.

AI and Biblical Prophecy

Another question related to Scripture is, "What influence will AI have in the fulfillment of future Biblical prophecies?" Before answering this question, the authors need to make a disclaimer. We will answer this question through a dispensational, pretribulational, premillennial biblical lens. We believe we are currently in the Church Age, which will

be followed by a seven-year Tribulation period, followed by a thousand-year Millennial reign of Jesus Christ on earth. There are many yet-to-be-fulfilled prophecies concerning each of these events. It is not the purpose of this paper to examine all these prophecies but rather to focus on a few pertaining to the antichrist system during the Tribulation period.

Daniel 12:4 – *"But you, Daniel, roll up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end. Many will go here and there to increase knowledge."*

Some prophecy teachers associate the expansion of AI with the exponential growth of knowledge in Daniel 12:4. Crone states, *"God calls that moment when information technology begins to spiral out of control...end of times. AI developers call this moment the "singularity," the point at which machines surpass human intelligence and begin to improve themselves."*¹⁹

Revelation 13:15 – *"The second beast was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that the image could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed."*

Modern AI-enhanced technology provides a reasonable explanation of how the false prophet (second beast) might give life to the image. Through quantum AI-generated avatars, holograms, voice synthesis, and robotics, many will be deceived. While AI technology itself is not the image of the beast, it could be used as a tool to enable such a deception.²⁰

Revelation 13:16-17 – *"It also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads, so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name."*

Revelation 13:16-17 speaks of a time during the Tribulation period when all people will be required to take the mark of the beast, and those who refuse will not be able to buy or sell. Until now, the question has been, *"How will this requirement be enforced and monitored for everyone in the world?"* We have seen the answer coming for years with the development of computers, satellites, and microchips. What was lacking was a superfast global infrastructure to tie everything together. Quantum computers, 6G internet, and AI will provide the infrastructure needed to enforce and monitor this evil plan for everyone and everything. Jensen Huang, CEO of Nvidia, said, *"The next generation of wireless—6G—will be more than just fast downloads. It will be "AI-native:" sensing, predicting, and managing billions of connections among smart cars, robots, augmented reality glasses, and IoT [Internet of Things] devi[c]es."* Townsend commented, *"NOTE: This is why the subject about 6G being the unifying communications framework for the Beast System—and all those Satellites—is growing in*

importance. All of it monitored and controlled by a “very competent” AI system.”²¹ People refusing to take the mark will be forced to make life-or-death decisions to receive any and all goods and services, including medical care. Take the mark and receive care, or refuse and be denied. We currently see this scenario being set up in medicine. For example, Enchanted Tools is developing AI-robotic medical assistants, nurses, and doctors. During the Tribulation period, these soulless medical bots would be much more compliant with carrying out the evil desires of the Antichrist than humans would be. What will these robots be capable of in the Tribulation? Anything they are programmed for, up to and including making life-or-death decisions.¹

Another area where AI will set the stage for the Antichrist’s plans concerns bitcoin and cryptocurrency. The move towards digital currency is preparing the way for a cashless society that aligns with the mark of the beast system. This quote effectively summarizes the strong possibility that Revelation 13 will involve AI technology: “AI could serve as the indispensable backbone for managing, enforcing, and monitoring such a global economic and religious system. It highlights how technology, in the wrong hands and with the wrong intentions, can be weaponized against human freedom and faith.”²⁰

Conclusion

Most would agree it is obvious that AI use in pharmacy practice is here to stay. This brings with it ethical and theological concerns for Christians, particularly with the advancement of generative AI. For CPFI, it raises questions to be prayerfully considered, such as: Should Christian pastors/leaders rely on the direction of the Holy Spirit for the substantive parts of their messaging, or is it okay to provide AI with prompts and let AI come up with a polished message? Should AI be used in analytics? Should there be limits on AI use, and if so, what are they and how are they monitored?

A consistent message among the Christian authors of the references for this article was that no man-made creation should come between God and man. This is especially true for pastors, teachers, and leaders of Christian organizations. There are numerous Scriptural examples of the adverse effects of such actions. Additionally, generative AI will have the power to cause greater deception than any of man’s previous creations. As Jesus said in Matthew 24:24, “For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and wonders **to deceive, if possible, even the elect.**”

For those who still believe that the full impact of AI is in the distant future, I present you with one final example for your consideration. An Australian company, Cortical Labs, has made the first biocomputer, using living human cells. Named the CL-1, it combines human brain cells with silicon chips. It can think and learn like a human brain using “synthetic human intelligence.” Cortical Labs began

selling these computers in 2025; and as of the writing of this article, they have already sold 115 systems.²² Is the human DNA that God created insufficient? The last time human DNA was altered (at the fall of man), God sent a flood. What will He send this time? We believe it will be the Tribulation, followed by the return of Jesus Christ to rule and reign for 1,000 years. Our job until then is to spread the Gospel message and avoid Satan’s AI-powered deceptions. The first step for churches, pastors, and Christian organizations is to develop a plan for how to use AI properly. The rest of us should seriously consider the consequences of relying on artificial intelligence instead of relying on the Sovereign, Almighty, Omniscient God who literally spoke the universe into existence... without the use of AI.

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The Tranquilizing of America (Revisited)

By Kristi Geurian and Daniel Spadaro

Prelude: This article, *The Tranquilizing of America... Revisited*, was first published in 1998 by Christian Medical and Dental Associations in their publication, *Today's Christian Doctor*. Although the drug treatments mentioned may be outdated, the overall premise of the article remains intact. Are we too quick to go to drug therapy, thus obstructing God's better plan for the patient? This is a relevant question for all Christian pharmacists to consider.

In 1979, an excellent book entitled *The Tranquilizing of America: Pill Popping and the American Way of Life*¹ was published. In it, the authors warned of the consequences that a society in search of a "chemical calm" might face.

As members of a society increasingly obsessed with its serotonin level, it is wise to look to the Bible for insights. It may also be helpful to look back to societies that believed moods and behavior were influenced by factors other than neurochemicals and the severity of one's toilet training.

Cases

A. He was an excellent law student, very social, musical, and a great debater. While he was still in law school, he had a near-death experience during a lightning storm that caused him to "get religion." He quit law school and became a monk to search for God. He became very introspective and isolated as he struggled to understand himself and his God. He suffered from obsessive thoughts regarding his sinfulness, and his inability to rid himself of it. In an effort to make himself acceptable to God, he devoted himself to extended times of prayer and fasting.

Excerpts from writings:

"I know in what hours of darkness I sometimes wrestle... "The devil assails with great violence, going about to overwhelm you with heaps, floods and whole seas of sins, to terrify you and to drive you to despair."

Possible diagnosis: Major depressive episode with psychotic features.

B. He was a gang leader, thief, and drunkard with a bad temper. While he was in the army, he somehow won the affection of a Christian girl whom he eventually married. One evening during the early years of their marriage he came home drunk. His wife told him that she did not have to be married to a drunkard and that she would leave him if he ever came home drunk again. He quit drinking that night and never drank again. With her encouragement, he finally became a Christian, but he was plagued with doubts about his salvation. He feared that he had committed the unpardonable sin.

Excerpts from writings:

"A very great storm came down upon me, which handled me

twenty times worse than all I had met before. It came stealing upon me, now by one piece and then by another. First, all my comfort was taken from me; then darkness seized upon me; after which whole floods of blasphemies, both against God, Christ, and the Scriptures, were poured upon my spirit, to my great confusion and astonishment." "These things [thoughts] did sink me into very deep despair, for I concluded that such things could not possibly be found among them that loved God."

Possible diagnosis: Obsessive compulsive disorder with accompanying depression.

C. He was a devoted family man, very religious and a man of great position and wealth. He lost his business, children, and good health following a series of unexplained tragedies. During the course of his suffering, his faith in God was severely tested as he lost the support of his family and friends.

Excerpts from writings:

"I wish I was never born." "I have no rest, only turmoil." "If only I had never come into being; or had been carried straight from the womb to the grave."

Possible diagnosis: Major depression with suicidal ideation.

D. He was young and handsome, musically gifted, and very religious. Following a "rags to riches" scenario, he became the victim of jealousy, envy, and attempted murder due to his political popularity. He was forced to leave his friends and family in search of safety.

Excerpts from writings:

"I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by people. All who see me mock me: they hurl insults, shaking their heads." "My health is broken and my heart is sick; it is trampled like grass and is withered. My food is tasteless and I have lost my appetite. I am reduced to skin and bones because of all my groaning and despair."

Possible diagnosis: Depression with anxiety.

Discussion

In a valiant effort to alleviate suffering, the 1990s' managed-care medical approach to each of these cases would probably be as follows: Case A-antidepressant plus antipsychotic; Case B-antidepressant; Case C-antidepressant; Case D-antidepressant, plus benzodiazepine. Yet, in each of the above cases, a successful outcome was achieved without the use of medication.

Case A was Martin Luther, whose psychological torment caused him to search the Scriptures for truth. This search resulted in The Reformation as well as many writings and sermons.

Case B was John Bunyan, whose psychological struggles were instrumental in shaping one of the greatest preachers and authors of all time.

Case C was the Old Testament character Job. Job's psychological stressors led him to an audience with God and a full realization of his position as a created being.

Case D was Israel's King David. David's psychological state led him many times to write intense songs of pain and praise that remain a great source of encouragement for believers today. It is important to our discussion to realize that even with the ups and downs of David's psyche as depicted in the book of Psalms, God referred to him as "a man after my own heart." (see 1 Samuel 13:4 and Acts 13:22)

Our question is: Could psychological torment possibly be considered normal for mankind and not to be feared?

What if Martin Luther had been given Prozac? Would he have become a happy monk and placed his grace-versus-works theology aside? Zoloft for Bunyan? Would he have written *Pilgrim's Progress* or *Grace Abounding to the Chief of Sinners* with the same insight? Would he have written them at all? Also, it is odd that he stopped drinking on his own. Can that really be done without a patch or a pill or a support group? What if Job had been prescribed Paxil? His three counselors most certainly would have recommended this had it been available. Would a medicated Job have been driven to find understanding in his suffering? King David might have been given Effexor and Valium to lift his mood and calm his mind. If so, would the beauty and intensity of the Psalms have been lost? Would the character necessary to lead a nation have been molded? Would he have sought God as earnestly in a numbed psychological state as he did in his distress? Do we?

The New Testament Apostle Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 1:8b-9 (NIV), "We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead."

If this godly man assumed that psychological distress is normal and not to be feared because of what we can learn from it, it would be wise to ask ourselves, as Christian medical professionals, if psychologic disturbances are truly illnesses that must be treated with psychoactive medication. For if emotional torment (which at times may be prolonged and very dark) is a tool in the hand of a loving God to teach us to trust in Him alone, and we rush to medicate away all the pain, might we not be interfering with God's spiritual growth plan for many of our patients?

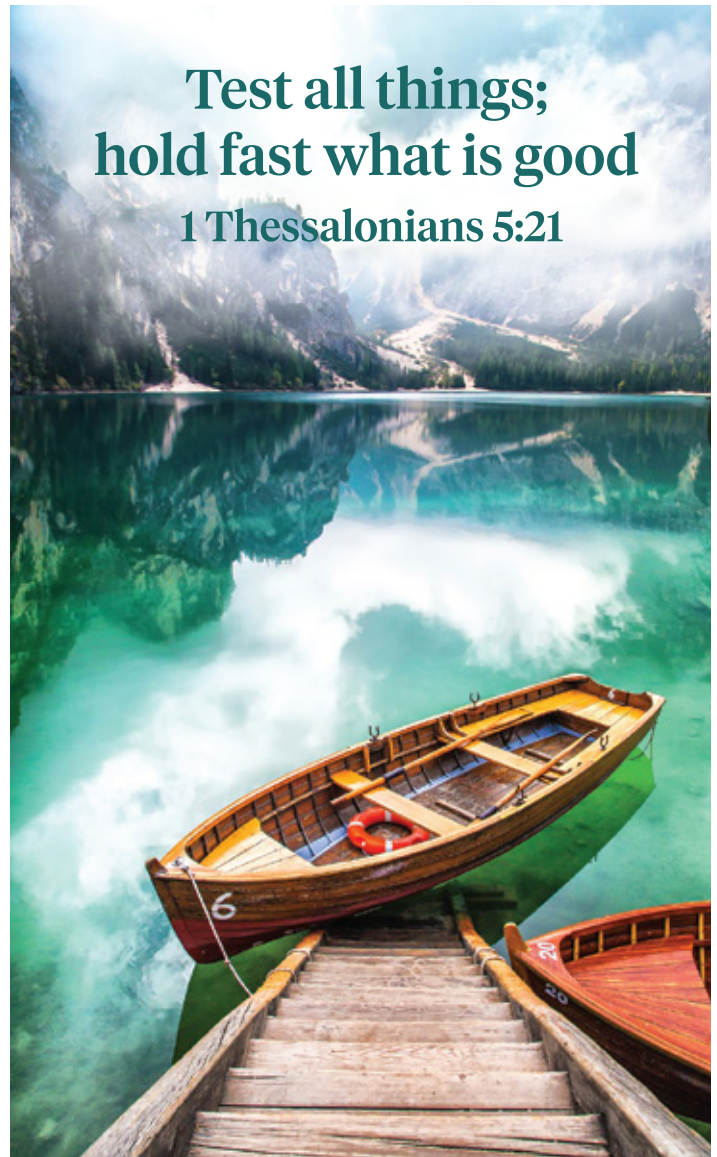
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**Test all things;
hold fast what is good
1 Thessalonians 5:21**



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The Dr. Warren E. Weaver Service Award was established in 1990 *“to identify the person who most exemplifies the Lord's example in service to others through CPFI.”* The award is given only when the awards committee and/or the CPFI Board determine that there is an outstanding individual who deserves recognition. This Award is the highest honor given by CPFI. Warren E. Weaver, considered the founder of CPFI, lived the verses from Philippians 2:1-4 (NIV): *“Therefore, if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make My joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.”*

The 2026 Dr. Warren E. Weaver Service Award was presented to Daniel Spadaro at the CPFI Annual Conference and National Student Retreat held at Lake Junaluska Conference & Retreat Center.

Dr. Daniel (Dan) Spadaro has been a member of CPFI since 1991 and was the CPFI student chapter advisor for the University of Arkansas for Medical Science College of Pharmacy for 28 years before his retirement in 2020. Dan has been a faithful, humble often ‘behind the scenes’ CPFI member, serving in many ways, including the role of editor for The Faith Script newsletter, and serving on the Board of Directors as Treasurer and Director. Dan is a Bible scholar with an exceptional understanding of Bible prophecy, and he contributes to CPFI publications as well as provides his insights and knowledge when members have Biblical questions. Dan exemplifies what it means to have a Christian servant’s heart. Dan also teaches a Bible study and Sunday school class at his home church.



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DART Deployments with Samaritan's Purse: *Growing in Faith and as a Pharmacist*

By Kara L. Birrer

*"And if you give yourself to the hungry
And satisfy the desire of the afflicted,
Then your light will rise in darkness
And your gloom will become like midday.
"And the Lord will continually guide you,
And satisfy your desire in scorched places,
And give strength to your bones;
And you will be like a watered garden,
And like a spring of water whose waters do not fail."
Isaiah 58:10-11 (NASB 1995)*

The day before I deployed to Jamaica as part of the Samaritan's Purse International Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART), my friend, DART teammate, and fellow CPFI member Greg Carlson texted me the passage above from the book of Isaiah. These verses were exactly the reminders I needed to carry with me. First, to remind me *why* I go: to meet physical needs and to open the door for Christ's light to shine in the darkness. Second and more importantly, to remind me that the Lord will guide me every step of the way and that He will sustain me and strengthen me when I am weary.

In 2025, I had the opportunity to serve on two very different DART deployments: in February at a Women's and Pediatric Emergency Field Hospital (EFH) in Sudan, and in November at an EFH in Jamaica following Hurricane Melissa. Each deployment brought unique challenges but also helped me grow personally, spiritually and professionally.

Sudan – February 2025

There has been a civil war in Sudan for almost 2 years now (mainly western Sudan). This has led to the displacement of more than 11 million people, mostly women and children, to safer regions. The large number of internally displaced people (IDPs) puts immense pressure on the local healthcare system.¹ In December 2024, Samaritan's Purse set up an EFH in partnership with (and physically adjacent to) a local obstetrics hospital. This EFH had an emergency room/outpatient department, labor and delivery ward, a pediatric ward, and a women's ward for pre/post-Caesarean section patients or gynecological patients with a total inpatient capacity of 27 to 36 patients. I was the third pharmacist to serve at this EFH which provided me with some time to gain knowledge of OB emergencies and ensure I had plenty of pediatric references.



Supporting me in the pharmacy was a local Sudanese pharmacist and two assistants – they helped translate into Arabic and then fill all of the outpatient and discharge prescriptions. I am especially thankful for the two DART pharmacists who served before me – not only did they set up a great pharmacy, but the Lord used them in the lives of our staff to plant seeds for the Gospel. Working so closely with national staff was an opportunity to continue to plant and water the Gospel – and it became a daily prayer that the Lord would give me the right words at the right time. I continue to pray for salvation of the Sudanese pharmacy staff.

The Sudanese pharmacist and I also served the inpatients - including making multiple pediatric/neonatal IV antibiotics. Women were discharged typically within two hours after a vaginal birth and 24 hours after a Caesarean birth. During the 3 weeks I served in this EFH, over 130 babies were delivered. One of the nurses and I made baby hats out of extra cast padding to help keep their little heads warm. Our pediatric patients came to us with a range of medical issues including burns, hyperglycemia or diabetic ketoacidosis, malaria, pertussis, and neonatal sepsis.

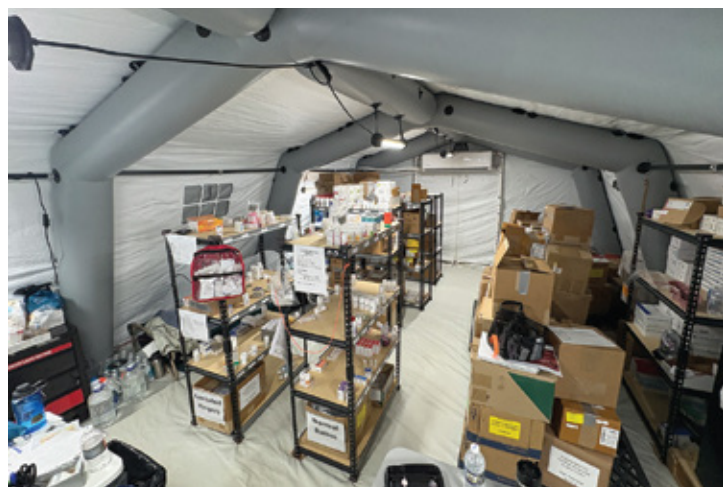


This was a deployment of trading knowledge. Our team worked very closely with Sudanese medical staff, including attendings and residents for pediatrics and OB/GYN as well as nursing and lab. I enjoyed this team and had multiple opportunities to teach the residents not only on drug selection and dosing, but also how to write pediatric medication orders safely. The Sudanese residents and attendings also taught me as we treated patients with disease states I have only read about, such as measles, pertussis, and malaria. Malaria is endemic and we had multiple cases of severe malaria requiring IV artesunate, and mild-moderate cases treated with oral artemether/lumefantrine (Coartem). I learned to dose both agents for children and adults, we even had to dissolve and dose oral Coartem for a baby born to a mother who had severe malaria. Fun Fact: it is much less expensive to treat severe malaria internationally: artesunate 120 mg (2 x 60 mg vials) in Sudan is \$1.35, compared to a 110 mg vial in the USA for \$6,454.^{2,3}

If you would like to learn more about this field hospital, here is a link to a video from the Sudan EFH in January 2025. The video also provides a tour of the pharmacy tent: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/article/caring-for-displaced-mothers-in-war-torn-sudan>.

Jamaica after Hurricane Melissa – November 2025

Hurricane Melissa came ashore as a Category 5 Hurricane (sustained winds 185 mph) in Black River, Jamaica, on October 28, 2025. This storm destroyed the Black River hospital and Samaritan's Purse deployed an EFH at the invitation of the Jamaican Ministry of Health. This EFH contained an emergency room, pharmacy/lab, ICU and Stepdown unit, women's and men's wards, as well as an operating room. We cared for patients of all ages, including delivering a baby (throwback to Sudan – I was well prepared).



This was one of the busiest and highest patient acuity of any EFH I have worked in to date. One of our very first patients seen in the ER had severe diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA). This patient and several subsequent patients were admitted to our ICU for IV fluids and insulin drips, then transitioned back to subcutaneous insulin. A challenge when serving in a limited resource setting (such as DART) is managing these patients while also conserving pharmacy and laboratory supplies. A DKA patient in an American hospital will likely have lab work every 4 hours and point-of-care blood sugar checks every hour. In Jamaica, we only had a limited number of chemistry test cartridges and blood glucose strips; so the providers carefully assessed the need for repeat labs and ordered them only when they would change our treatment plan. For example, we might do blood sugars every hour for 4 to 5 hours until we needed to add dextrose to the IV fluids and then decrease frequency. We might wait 8 to 12 hours to repeat electrolytes. We also aimed to replace potassium orally since we had more oral inventory than IV potassium.

One fun part of DART is all the creative ways we use and reuse what we have. I worked with a nurse (whom I also served with in Sudan) to make spacers for inhalers and incentive spirometers (IS) out of clean, empty water bottles and duct tape. These spacers made it so much easier to teach patients (and/or parents) to use inhalers and the IS devices helped our post-operative patients re-expand their lungs.



Our team dealt with numerous patient emergencies, day and night. The consequences of medications that were lost in the hurricane were serious. We treated a lot of heart failure, COPD exacerbations, and asthma. Our go-to therapies included high-dose furosemide, dexamethasone, and multiple albuterol nebulizer treatments. I also learned to identify potential leptospirosis cases and proactively treat them with doxycycline (mild-moderate) or ceftriaxone (severe). Leptospirosis is a bacterial infection contracted by contact with soil or water which is contaminated with the urine or body fluids of infected animals. It is found worldwide but most frequently in tropical climates, and the risk is increased after hurricanes or floods.⁴ This infection, if caught early, can be treated; however, if left untreated, it can lead to liver failure, renal failure, pulmonary hemorrhage and cardiac arrest.

This was also a deployment where I grew in trusting the Lord as *El Shama*, the God who hears. We encountered several situations in which prayer was the most important intervention. It started with our evening worship service as we waited for permission to open the EFH. God displayed His power, His wisdom, and His mercy on many occasions – just to name a few: He provided a transfer for a critical patient. He gave us a new idea for treating a patient within our limited formulary: we used sublingual nitroglycerin as a PRN antihypertensive in a bradycardic patient (since my only other option was labetalol). And He gave our team comfort and peace when a patient passed away. Serving on DART with a team that diligently prays over every situation has translated to me diligently praying for my patients here in the US as I walk the halls of the hospital.

Jamaica is a beautiful country, and I continue to pray for the people as they work to recover and begin the rebuilding process. It will take many years, but the people are so joyful and resilient. If you would like to learn more about all the ways (medical and beyond) that Samaritan's Purse responded in Jamaica after Hurricane Melissa – see: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/our-ministry/hurricane-melissa-response>

If you are interested in serving on the DART team, visit <https://samaritanspurse.org/our-ministry/dart>

I'd like to give special thanks to the Orlando Health Orlando Regional Medical Center pharmacy team for supporting and encouraging me to go and serve. And most of all, thank You Jesus, for giving me such blessed opportunities to use the skills You have given me both here at home and overseas.

*"Praise the Lord, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
Praise the Lord, my soul,
and forget not all his benefits—
who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases..."*
Psalm 103:1-3 (NIV)

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When a Conference Becomes a Catalyst: How The CPFI Annual Meeting Became My Bridge to Medical Missions

By Deidra Simpson

Are you considering attending this year's Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International (CPFI) Annual Meeting, but you're just not sure? I get it—another meeting on the calendar, another event that might feel like a box to check. That was me last year when I first considered attending the CPFI meeting. I almost didn't go. But what I thought would be just another professional gathering turned into something far more meaningful: unexpected friendships, powerful worship, and even the spark that led me to join a medical missions trip. It wasn't just a meeting for me—it was a turning point. If you're on the fence, let me share why this experience might be exactly what you didn't know you needed.

My heartbeat is missions. I have served for many years in youth and student ministry, both domestically and internationally, but I had never participated in medical missions. Although intrigued, I hesitated. I attended several conferences—Global Missions Health Conference, CMDA Remedy, and Samaritan's Purse Renewal Conference—but when I explored opportunities for pharmacists, most roles emphasized dispensing medications. Having spent decades in academia and clinical practice, and knowing my primary giftings lie in evangelism, shepherding, and discipleship, I struggled to see where I fit in the role as pharmacist in medical missions.

At the CPFI meeting, several pharmacists shared their experiences on medical missions teams, reigniting my curiosity and leading me to scroll through Global Health Outreach's upcoming trips. One opportunity stood out: a trip to Bangkok, Thailand serving women in the red-light district. I began praying—and making excuses. The trip fell during the semester (I'm a professor). It was costly (again, I'm a professor – haha). Yet the Lord reminded me, again and again, that He provides, and that I am to simply follow.



When I mentioned the opportunity to my husband, he immediately encouraged me to explore further. I emailed the team leader and was told they already had a pharmacist. Relieved, I thought I had done my due diligence and could let it go. However, she wrote again and asked if we could talk. After a long conversation, she invited me to join the team in triage, a role that aligned perfectly with my heart—meeting each patient, hearing her story, praying, offering Christ's love, and also contributing my skillset as a clinical pharmacist. Friends and church families donated generously, my employer approved the time off (it's truly a blessing to work for an organization that promotes time off for service/missions). Sitting in that conference at the end of May, I would have never guessed I'd be in Thailand in October, but God clearly moved to make the way.



Upon returning, many asked, **“Did you have fun in Thailand?”** Thailand is so comfortable for me – the heat, the smells, the amazing food, the smiles of the people – since it was a bit of a second home for my family when we were serving in East Asia from 2014 to 2018 as student strategists teaching English in universities. My first day back in Thailand and our teams touring day on the last day was absolutely fun. Yet, what our team on this trip encountered was unlike any missions or life experience I had known.

Each evening, from 4 pm to midnight, we worked in a small clinic that we brought and set up in a coffee shop in the heart of the red-light district, where the women we'd be serving worked. In triage, I partnered with an incredible registered nurse, checking vital signs, performing HIV testing, urinalysis, and glucose screening. The team included pharmacists, nurses, internal medicine and gynecology providers, dentists, and dental assistants. Each evening began with worship alongside the NightLight organization's team (our team was partnering with them for this work), which filled our hearts and minds with His Spirit before stepping into the darkness.

Nothing prepared me for the depth of brokenness we encountered. These women had endured horrific physical, emotional, and spiritual abuse. The depravity of man was painfully clear in each story we heard. I am an

emotional person, crying when others cry; however, we were instructed not to cry, as it could increase their burden. Instead, we offered a gentle touch—holding a hand, resting a hand on a shoulder—and simple conversation. Sometimes, that was enough to break through walls. Tears would fall. Stories would emerge. NightLight staff were ready to pray, connect, and offer a path to both present and eternal freedom. Sadly, more often than not, as soon as the walls were crumbling, that awful darkness consumed them and the walls went back up just as quickly as they had come down.

God moved. During our week, five women were rescued from sex slavery, Praise the Lord!. Others were connected to NightLight for ongoing support. We heard testimonies from two women who had visited the clinic the year before, both now free, sisters in Christ, and working to help others escape. On our final night, two young women arrived who had only been in Bangkok for a few days. They still had their passports (which are often taken from them by the handler that got them there). Some girls are told they are coming to work in a supermarket, others are told that they would be models... only to be shown the streets and bondage of lies holding them hostage. One of these two girls shared that her father was a pastor in Uganda—clearly a father who was praying, since these two young women were rescued before ever being touched. Arriving on our last night of clinic, having their passports, not yet being touched, willfully seeking a way to return home – only God.

Still, many women returned to the streets each night. Walking back to our hotel after the clinic closed around midnight, we passed men touching, comparing, and negotiating for their bodies. Some women lowered their heads in shame; others reached out to touch our hands as we passed. My heart remains broken—but God is not finished. There is power in the name of Jesus and my former teammates and I continue to pray for Him to pierce the darkness there.



Would I go again? I don't know yet if God will lead me back to Thailand or to another corner of the world where light needs to break through darkness. What I do know is this: obedience rarely looks like convenience, and calling rarely announces itself with clarity ahead of time. Sometimes it

begins with a simple yes—yes to surrendering, yes to being willing to go and do whatever, wherever, with whomever He calls.

That's what the CPFI Annual Meeting became for me - the doorway God used to redirect my heart toward His mission in a way I never expected. And it might just be the doorway He wants to use for you, too.



So, if you're debating whether to attend the CPFI annual meeting this June or next year, let me encourage you—go. Go with an open heart. Go with room for God to surprise you. Go ready to meet people who will sharpen your faith and broaden your vision. You never know which conversation, which worship moment, or which quiet stirring of the Holy Spirit might become the turning point of your own story.

I hope you'll be there. And I can't wait to see what God might begin in you!



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*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."
Proverbs 3:5,6 (NIV)*

Who's Driving Our Bus?

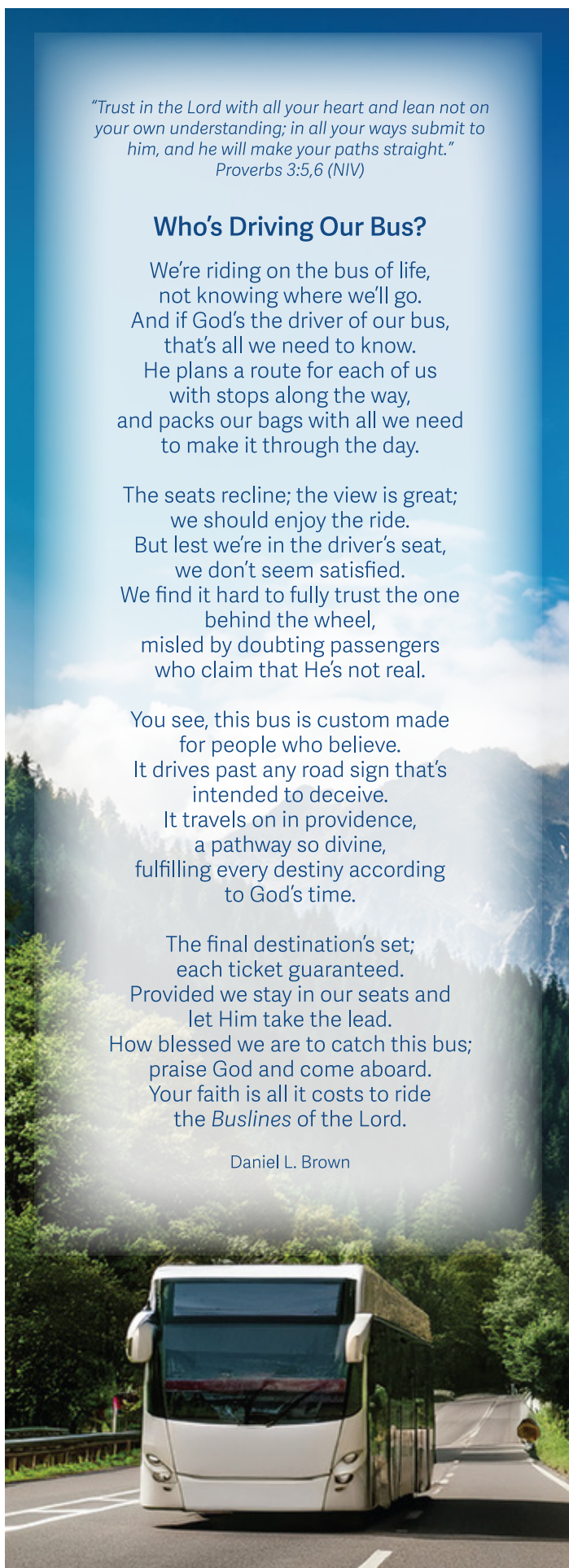
We're riding on the bus of life,
not knowing where we'll go.
And if God's the driver of our bus,
that's all we need to know.
He plans a route for each of us
with stops along the way,
and packs our bags with all we need
to make it through the day.

The seats recline; the view is great;
we should enjoy the ride.
But lest we're in the driver's seat,
we don't seem satisfied.
We find it hard to fully trust the one
behind the wheel,
misled by doubting passengers
who claim that He's not real.

You see, this bus is custom made
for people who believe.
It drives past any road sign that's
intended to deceive.
It travels on in providence,
a pathway so divine,
fulfilling every destiny according
to God's time.

The final destination's set;
each ticket guaranteed.
Provided we stay in our seats and
let Him take the lead.
How blessed we are to catch this bus;
praise God and come aboard.
Your faith is all it costs to ride
the *Buslines* of the Lord.

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- We believe that man is made in the image of God and that since the fall, all men are born as sinners unable to save themselves.
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- We believe in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, indwelling each believer, transforming us and enabling us to live a Godly life.
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