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EVERY DAY

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I dedicate this book to the Holy Spirit,
my fierce and gentle Friend,
who never fails to surprise me
with something new and something more.



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Foreword

In her new book *Glory Carriers*, Jennifer Eivaz takes the reader on the journey of pursuing greater measures of God's presence. She shares her own journey openly, leaving you hungry to know Him more. With each chapter, Jennifer gently untangles common fears and misconceptions about the Holy Spirit, while at the same time encouraging you to press into more of what God has promised.

Pursuing His presence is the great call on our lives. As Christians, we have been invited into a relational journey—one between a perfect, loving God and His children. We are made in His image. He chose to create us differently from every other being in the universe. And He did so with the intent of intimacy. His focus was, and always has been, relationship. It is the foundation of every other aspect of our lives.

Jesus did not invite us to follow Him so that we could stand on a stage, declaring His existence, or so that we could see miracles. Because the Spirit of the resurrected Christ lives within us, we expect miracles. But miracles are not where

His desires are focused. He wants our hearts. He wants our absolute “yes” to a relationship with Him.

On its own, the fact that the Holy Spirit is available to us is incredible; that He endlessly pursues our hearts is breathtaking. God wants to reveal Himself to us so He can reveal Himself *through* us.

There is a profound connection between what you know about Him and what you become. Jennifer writes beautifully about this reality: “I liken this to a very real wrestling match with a good God who deeply loves you, but whose very presence demands a transformation from you.” The Holy Spirit lives in every believer, and He will never leave. It is His promise. But He does not rest on everyone. Why? Not because He is overly sensitive or picky. But He is holy. Holiness is God’s personal beauty. Everything we desire in life is somehow connected to holiness. Creation itself longs to see who we are. The revealing of who we are reveals who He is. It is all about Him.

To know Him clearly and reveal His nature is our greatest privilege and greatest responsibility. The Holy Spirit took up residence inside you when you became a follower of Jesus. Now, all of heaven has positioned itself to watch what you will accomplish in His name.

Bill Johnson, Bethel Church, Redding, California;
author, *Raising Giant-Killers* and *God Is Good*

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Introduction

I was casually perusing through my digital notes on my phone and discovered a mysterious statement had been typed in. It read, “You have received the mantle of the writing sword.” I am puzzled to this day as to how it got there and finally decided to just credit the Holy Spirit. Interestingly, the timing of my find occurred shortly after I had been invited by Steve Shultz to write for the Elijah List, and not too long before I was approached to write my first book with Chosen Books.

The concept of a mantle in the Bible can have various meanings, but most often it refers to a cloak, a covering, or some other type of clothing. Prophets in the Bible were apt to wear a mantle as a sign of their calling from God. We see how Elijah passed his mantle on to Elisha as a prophetic sign of his anointing and ministry coming upon his spiritual son. When Elisha picked up the mantle, he essentially picked up his calling and the miracles began to flow as well.

A mantle means heavy-duty responsibility. You lose your life, in a sense, to serving that mantle in partnership with the Holy Spirit. With that said, I do not write books for entertainment value or to advance my own personal agenda.

When I write, I create weapons to equip an army. This book that you are holding in your hand has been written to teach, train and dress you in new spiritual armaments. It will teach you about the glory of God and equip you to be a person who manifests His glory in signs and wonders. It will call you into a fierce love relationship with the Holy Spirit.

Writing this book was very different than my first two books. There is a degree of struggle to each book, but this time I felt as if I was writing straight out of a heavenly river. Words and imagery flowed with an intent to awaken and quicken you, the reader, on every page. My prayer is that the contents would call out to you even after you have put the book down and awaken your spirit to a whole new way of living.



What Is a Glory Carrier?

As a new believer, I attended my first women’s retreat, led by author and intercessor Barbara Wentroble, not knowing what to expect. But once I got there, I could sense an unusual expectation and vibe coming from the other women in attendance. As we all stood in a single-file line to receive personal prayer from the minister, suddenly the air seemed to part open above us, and the raw firepower of the Holy Spirit fell upon us. The impact was obvious given the exuberant displays of emotion and unique physical responses of worship and ecstatic joy. As for me, I was deeply changed in one moment and felt a hunger for God that had far surpassed anything I had felt before.

This was my first experience with a *glory carrier*—meaning a man or woman of God who displays His manifest presence. And over the years, I have cherished sitting under the ministry of other glory carriers such as Paul Goulet, Bill Johnson and

more. My thinking was, if I could attend events where such people were ministering, then I would encounter God or the miraculous in some way. After all, anyone present could receive a special anointing from the Holy Spirit they carried, right? Still, in all my experiences with these glory carriers, the idea that I, too, could become a glory carrier did not cross my mind. I loved the presence of God, but what I had seen in these leaders seemed to be hit and miss for me. When I ministered, sometimes His power was present and at other times not, and I had no idea why.

What was the secret? Where was I missing it?

I finally realized that those I have mentioned, along with many others, had all communicated a similar message about the Holy Spirit. To them the Holy Spirit was not just a power from God or a force to create a miracle service or crusade. Rather, each one communicated a deep reverence and honor for their Friend, the Holy Spirit. The result of their friendship was obvious: Supernatural signs, wonders and miracles resulted from the demonstration of God's glory.

Can you really become friends with the Spirit of God?

Every friendship has a starting point, and I believe friendship with the Holy Spirit begins with baptism in the Holy Spirit. Here is my story of meeting Him for the first time.

Befriending the Holy Spirit

At age eighteen, as a first-time visitor in a small Pentecostal church in Los Banos, California, I sat next to a petite middle-aged woman with waist-length hair, a long dress and no facial makeup. Apparently, she believed that way of dress was a requirement for holiness, and although I cannot remember exactly what I wore, I know it was not that. That was probably the second time in my life at any Christian church.

Growing up, I had been part of the Mormon Church (also known as the LDS Church) and still did not care too much for Christians.

That day I visited that peculiar little church out of sheer desperation. I knew so little about Jesus, yet suddenly He met me, and I knew without a doubt that it was Him. There was no question about it. His Presence was tangible, like a liquid warmth being poured over me. And through this one glorious encounter, everything changed. With guidance from this woman, I prayed a simple prayer for salvation and with all of my heart surrendered my life to Jesus Christ.

And then she pointed to something more, inviting me into an experience and to a lifestyle filled with the glory of the Lord. “Would you like to receive the Holy Ghost?” she asked. (The Holy Ghost is the preferred name for the Holy Spirit in her denomination.) My response was an immediate yes. Even though I did not know what to expect, I trusted what she said and received without hindrance. With one simple question, she led me into an authentic biblical experience known as the baptism of the Spirit.

When you become baptized in the Holy Spirit, you will speak in a brand-new language; only it is a heavenly language, not a natural one. Other terms for the same experience include *praying in the Spirit*, *speaking in an unknown tongue*, and *receiving the promise of the Father*. These terms are mentioned interchangeably throughout the New Testament and especially in Acts. Dr. Bill Hamon describes it this way:

When we pray in tongues our praying originates and flows from our inner spirit and not from our natural mind. It is not a learned language, but a gift from the Holy Spirit. The natural mind does not understand it. “For if I pray in

tongues, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful”
(1 Corinthians 14:14).¹

Within minutes of giving my life to Christ, at the encouragement of my dear sister, I began speaking in my new heavenly language. (I will explain more about baptism in the Holy Spirit in the appendix.) It was a glorious experience. Not only had I been “born of the Spirit” (John 3:8)—referring to salvation—but I had also been “clothed with power from on high” (Luke 24:49), meaning baptized in the Holy Spirit. This was my first taste of the *glory realm*, which is the realm of the Spirit, and something I will explain throughout this book.

In the days and years to follow, I found myself longing for encounters with the Spirit of God and the continuous sense of His presence. Only I did not understand Him or how to connect to Him, which left me frustrated and wanting. Perhaps you have a similar story, and this is why you are reading *Glory Carriers*, because these kinds of experiences leave a driving thirst in you.

Being Led by the Glory

Soon after my salvation and baptism in the Holy Spirit, I had a repeated thought that seemed to bubble up from the inside of me, having come directly from my spirit, not my mind. The Spirit whispered, *It’s time to go to church*. I find it funny now, but would you believe that not once had I thought to do that? I only knew to go to the Mormon Church and had not yet connected that Christians go to Christian churches. I was a true “babe” in Christ and needed to be taught even the simplest things (see Hebrews 5:13).

My mother and stepfather, also new believers in Christ, were attending a large and popular Baptist church in Modesto,

California. I decided, especially after hearing this instruction from the Spirit, to attend with them. I joined their college group, including the new believers class, and began memorizing foundational Bible verses that grounded me in my new faith. With the help of this church, I became rooted in my core Christian beliefs while making several new friends my age, allowing me to let go of my old ones.

As much as I enjoyed what I was learning and the synergy of my new friendships, there was a gnawing discontent inside of me. I felt as if I was missing something. I was looking for and longing for the perceptible presence of God. This church had great impact on my foundation and taught me to hide the word in my heart, but I cannot recall a single discussion, teaching or recognizable moment with the Holy Spirit.

After about four months, I made a sudden decision, to the angst of my family, to begin attending a small Foursquare church. My family tried to reason with me that we should all be in church together. I understood their logic, but my hunger for the Spirit was driving my decision. That Foursquare church provided another valuable season of growth, but I soon made one more move to a very large Pentecostal church in the same city. This church was my favorite. Not only was there a large group of people my age, but they also had a Bible school. Most importantly, however, in this fellowship the people were often healed and delivered miraculously, and they practiced the gifts of speaking in tongues and interpretation, spontaneous prophetic songs and dance and much more. I had found the environment I was looking for.

Feeling God's Manifest Glory

Apostle Guillermo Maldonado, senior leader of King Jesus International Ministry, describes the presence of God as

being an environment. He explains in his book *The Glory of God* how God created the oceans and rivers as a sustainable, life-giving environment for fish and other creatures. Just the same, He created Eden as the perfect environment for human beings. “God put Adam right into the environment of His presence and glory. . . . That was the only environment in which he could be sustained and thrive.”²

When Adam and Eve went against God’s command to not eat from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, they had to be removed from the environment of Eden to safeguard them from eating from the other tree, the Tree of Life, and living forever in their fallen state (see Genesis 3:22–23). Now severed from the life-flow of God, Adam and Eve began to experience all the effects of death, as they were no longer in the environment that sustained them. They were no longer living in the habitation of His glorious presence.³

One of the attributes of God is that He is omnipresent. The prefix used here, *omni-*, is a Latin word that means “all.”⁴ God is all-present, meaning He is everywhere all at the same time. He is not confined to time or space, and no one can hide from Him or escape His notice. King David spoke into this when he wrote, “Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?” (Psalm 139:7). The prophet Jeremiah was also inspired to write, “‘Am I only a God nearby,’ declares the LORD, ‘and not a God far away? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them?’ . . . ‘Do not I fill heaven and earth?’” (Jeremiah 23:23–24). We have all heard of people who were described as “far from God” or “running from God.”

Chase Yettman, facilities director for Harvest Christian Center in Turlock, California, describes his youth as being full of rebellion even though his mother was a very strong Christian. He intentionally avoided anything that

had to do with God to the point of drugs, theft and even homelessness. “I had a very adverse reaction to God and His Church,” he said. “Looking back, I know for certain that He protected me despite my attitude and saved my life many times over.” Some do run and hide from God, but none can achieve any real distance from Him. His very nature is omnipresent, which means that everywhere you go He is already there.

Even though God is omnipresent, this reality is not always discernable through our senses, which explains the apostle Paul’s encouragement that we ought to “live by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7). From ancient times, people identified that God actively watched over them and protected them wherever they went. In Genesis 16:13, for example, Hagar referred to the Lord as “the God who sees.” Later, the prophet Isaiah conveyed the heart of the Lord saying, “When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze” (Isaiah 43:2).

These passages can provide temporary comfort to our soul, but many people struggle to reconcile these truths emotionally. What they read about and what they feel and experience on most days are two different things. And when we cannot discern His presence in a continuous and identifiable way, it can lead us into feeling distant with God. Our perception, then, is that He must not be close. This is not truth, but more of a perceived reality based on our experience. This is true even in our natural relationships.

For example, if I did not have regular contact and communication with my husband, Ron, I would feel quite disconnected over time. Ron and I know that we need more than text messages and email to create a highly connected

relationship. We have to be in each other's presence and have lengthy dialogues face-to-face in order to feel bonded.

In the same way, many struggle to feel attached to the Person of the Holy Spirit based on what they only read about Him. Just as we have to experience people in order to know them and feel connected, in the same manner we have to experience the Person of the Holy Spirit. Another name for Him in the Bible is the "Spirit of glory" (1 Peter 4:14), which obviously implies the supernatural and the miraculous. When we experience Him, we will experience His glory because that is who He is.

Getting Hungry for His Presence

Just as infants cry out for food and comfort, as new believers our spirits cry out for the only one who can satisfy, the Holy Spirit. I was steadily growing in my faith and developing a track record for answered prayer. From time to time I would encounter the Holy Spirit by experiencing an aspect of His miraculous nature, but almost always in the setting of a powerful church service. In other words, I would be at church in the right place at the right time where His glory just happened to be manifesting. Such encounters would always reflect His nature, namely that He is personal and He is supernatural. These were the "moments" and "windows in time" that sustained and encouraged me, only I was not satisfied. What I was really after was the continuous feeling of His presence in my life—whether I was in church or not. I felt strongly that I should have the distinct awareness of His presence continuously. Even though I prayed often, worshiped and meditated in His Word, I could not feel Him at all. My perceived reality, as I explained earlier, was that He must not be near but far away.

During my second year of college in Modesto, California, I participated in the InterVarsity ministry and was asked to be in a leadership role and teach a Bible study. The only problem was that I did not have much knowledge of the Bible; I had only been saved for a year. But there was another young man on the team who committed to teaching a campus Bible study. He was really smart, and I would attend his group, take notes and then teach his notes to my group. His name was Ron Eivaz—and we have partnered in the Word and in ministry ever since.

Halfway through our education, Ron and I left California to finish our degrees at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma. We did not know of any university at the time that allowed us to earn our college degrees while being immersed in a Holy Spirit filled and globally minded environment. Despite ministry involvement, I still struggled to find the presence of God on a personal level.

In my final year at Oral Roberts University, I distinctly remember crying out to God with tears and deep frustration in my dorm room, “Where are you? Are you even here? I can’t *feel* you!” Keep in mind, I had already lived through extraordinary spiritual warfare and I was no stranger to the supernatural and how that impacted my senses. But it was no substitute for an encounter with the Holy Spirit.

Suddenly I heard an audible voice in the room. I believe it was the voice of the Spirit, and He said, *I am closer than you think!*

His response silenced my cry but did not satisfy the ache that I felt.

King David revealed an emotion that helped me to process this. He wrote, “My soul longs, yes, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God” (Psalm 84:2 NKJV). I was crying out to know His

presence beyond just an intellectual knowledge. I wanted to sense and experience His presence continuously.

Was this just a maturity issue? Definitely, as I was still growing in my awareness of His presence. Still, the Bible describes, “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God” (Romans 8:14 NKJV). How can you be led by the Spirit of God before sensing His presence? Far too many people believe it is normal to not have any awareness of Him at all. Is this you? Have you, too, had a life-changing encounter with the Holy Spirit, only now you cannot feel His presence continually?

You see, too many people misunderstand who the Holy Spirit is largely due to a lack of teaching. Many think of Him as a force or an “It.” Or they pursue just the benefits of the Holy Spirit, such as supernatural power and anointing, without pursuing a relationship with the Person of the Holy Spirit. He is a Person. He is God. He has personality, intelligence, will and feelings. When we honor Him and lovingly acknowledge Him, He will respond with His Presence.

Paul Goulet, senior leader of the International Church of Las Vegas, described to me repeatedly how He invites the Holy Spirit’s deep friendship and leading daily. “Holy Spirit, come and possess me!” he would say. I could tell by the miracles that flowed through his life, whom he had spent time with, that he had been with the Spirit of God. And after hearing that I, too, could have a friendship with the Holy Spirit, from Paul and others, I began a personal journey to find out how.

Here is what I discovered. In the context of prayer, I began talking to the Holy Spirit, inviting His presence and requesting His friendship. I have heard some people express a concern that they are offending Jesus by doing this. I want to assure you that Jesus is not offended by your communication

with the Spirit of God. God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are not in competition with one another. They are perfectly unified.

I continued to invite the Holy Spirit to make Himself known in my life, even asking Him to teach me how to be His friend. Nothing seemed to change for a long time, but then one day I noticed something new. Upon my invitation, I discerned His presence enter the room I was in and then come upon my person. This began to happen on a regular basis. When I say that I could discern His presence “come upon my person,” what I am trying to describe is the constant touch of a Friend. For example, I can feel His hands on the back of my shoulders in a very comforting way at times, or I sense His joyful face in front of my face and looking at me. At times He stands peacefully beside me; at other times He wraps me in a supernaturally charged blanket, which is how I would describe the embrace of the Holy Spirit.

Finally, I had crossed a barrier after years of pursuing the Holy Spirit. I could now feel His presence as being with me, and I felt this with regularity. The only drawback was the painful awareness of when His manifest presence was not there. To be honest, the absence of His felt presence shaped holiness into my life more than anything else. Please do not misunderstand this. I was not this horrible person with a double standard or a double life. Nevertheless, He is *holy*, and my bad attitudes grieved Him, disrupting our connection. I committed to change no matter what it took. I had to have His presence with me at all times.

Has my life changed because of my growing friendship with the Holy Spirit? Absolutely. I have seen more of His manifest glory than ever before. I have witnessed more miracles, more deliverances and more lives dramatically changed. Yet I am keenly aware that there is so much more. It is not

easy to carry the glory of God within the delicate container of friendship with the Holy Spirit—a costly yet priceless relationship.

Learning to Identify the Spirit Personally

Karen first encountered the Holy Spirit on her birthday in upstate New York. At her birthday gathering, she decided to give her life to Christ at the urging of her daughter. Her daughter also led her into receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Karen began speaking in tongues and described her behavior as somewhat hysterical because she had no idea what tongues were. Thankfully, Karen then felt the glory of God descend upon her as a peaceful but tingly sensation. This experience later helped her to identify the Holy Spirit in church services and in prayer groups that she attended. Eventually she could identify His presence in her own prayer times in the same manner, something that brought her much comfort.

Knowing that God is omnipresent is a powerful thought, but not one we can always relate to in day-to-day life. Knowledge alone does not satisfy our deeper desire for connection with God. We need to also encounter God’s manifest presence, which is synonymous with encountering His glory. When He manifests His glory, much like Karen discovered, we will experience something supernatural and identifiable. And just for clarification, the Holy Spirit is often called the third Person of the Godhead: namely, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Being spoken of as third, however, is not a ranking or an indicator of being less than. The Holy Spirit is an equal. Father, Son and Spirit—they are all God, one divine being expressed as three different personalities.

A triune understanding of God gives context for Bible passages such as Genesis 1:26, which reads, “Then God said,

‘Let us make mankind in our image,‑‑’ and Isaiah 6:8: ‘Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?’‑‑ Here we glimpse into the mystery of the Trinity. He is One God in three Persons, and their unity is evident. In the Old Testament, His glory was also seen by Moses at the burning bush, the wandering Israelites as a fire by night and a cloud by day, and then by the priests as a cloud of glory that filled the temple, causing them to fall on their faces before Him (see Exodus 3:2; 13:21–22; 2 Chronicles 5:13–14).

Jesus said, ‘I and My Father are One’ (John 10:30 NKJV), and before He left the earth, He promised to send us the Holy Spirit. ‘And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth’ (14:16–17). The Holy Spirit is ever-present for believers because He dwells in us. This is in stark contrast with the Old Testament, when the Holy Spirit would come or go depending on what level of anointing was needed to serve God’s purposes.

For believers, however, He dwells within us always once we make Jesus lord over our lives. This is defined as the indwelling of the Spirit. He dwells within us and turns our physical bodies into a home. Paul makes this point in 1 Corinthians 6:19: ‘Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit?’ Elsewhere in the New Testament, we see His glory manifested through the Person of the Holy Spirit, who is also called the ‘Spirit of Christ’ (Romans 8:9; 1 Peter 1:11; Galatians 4:6).

The indwelling of the Spirit, however, is not the same as the manifest presence of the Spirit. When the Holy Spirit manifests in glory, again, by definition, you will experience—perhaps even see—something. The Spirit of glory fell like fire upon the disciples in the Upper Room, when He shook

the building in response to their prayers for more boldness, and when He knocked Saul to the ground to prepare him to be converted to Christ and accept his heavenly calling (see Acts 2:3; 4:31; 9:3).

Pressing Deeper into His Glory

The apostle Peter had a deep and intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit. We know this by reading the evidence alone that he was a glory carrier. When Peter walked down the street, people were healed in the presence of his shadow (see Acts 5:15).

Remember how I described the embrace of the Holy Spirit as like being wrapped in a supernaturally charged blanket? I believe Peter lived in the embrace of the Spirit of God. He had become overshadowed by the glory in the Person of the Holy Spirit, and what overshadowed him then overshadowed the people he came into contact with. The results were miraculous.

Like Peter and other heroes of faith, you are being summoned to be a glory carrier. Do not mistake this call as a call for somebody else. This is for you. The Holy Spirit is no respecter of persons. He does not play favorites, but honors all who honor Him.

Are you ready to begin your journey into the glory? If so, then let's begin by first reaching out to the Spirit of God in prayer.

Say this prayer with me:

Holy Spirit, I come to you in the name of Jesus. I honor and worship You as the Spirit of Christ and acknowledge and honor Your Lordship over my life. I invite You to possess every part of me and to teach me how to walk in friendship

with You. Come and meet with me here and share Your heart with me. I am listening.

Now just be still and wait. Do not rush. Listen for His still small voice. His voice will come to you as words, as flowing thoughts or as pictures. Write down what comes to you and ask Him for more clarity on whatever you believe He shows you. Write it down and treat it like precious treasure.

Prayer is the first step into a deep relationship and friendship with the Spirit of God. Prayer is daily and continuous. In prayer we will hear His desires and in turn we can share ours. Let's begin to press in deeper. Let's ask the Holy Spirit to show us His glory.

KINGDOM PRINCIPLES

1. A glory carrier is one who visibly and consistently demonstrates the glory of God through supernatural signs and wonders—the fruit of discovering deep reverence for and friendship with the Spirit of God.
2. Every friendship has a starting point. I believe friendship with the Holy Spirit begins with baptism in the Holy Spirit. Through this experience you will receive a heavenly language and power from on high (see Luke 24:49).
3. Many struggle to feel attached to the Person of the Holy Spirit based on what they only read about Him. Just as we have to experience people in order to know them and feel connected, in the same manner we have to experience the Person of the Holy Spirit.
4. Another name for the Holy Spirit in the Bible is the “Spirit of glory” (1 Peter 4:14), which obviously implies

the supernatural and the miraculous. When we experience Him, we will experience His glory, because that is who He is.

5. The indwelling of the Spirit is not the same as the manifest presence of the Spirit. When the Holy Spirit manifests in glory, you will feel, and perhaps even see, something tangible.

THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION

1. Far too many people believe it is normal to not sense the presence of the Holy Spirit. Have you, however, had a life-changing encounter with Him? If so, has this encounter left you wanting more?
2. How can you be led by the Spirit of God before sensing His presence? Do you know what His presence feels like? If so, how would you describe it?
3. Have you ever considered talking directly to the Spirit of God? If so, what would you like to say to Him?
4. What are your thoughts on having an actual friendship with the Holy Spirit? Does that challenge you, excite you, or both?
5. Are you ready to begin your journey into the glory? If so, what is your next step?