

UNITY, LOVE, & HOPE

WITH BISHOP T.D. JAKES

Q: How can people participate in Black History Month this February?

A: We can start by recognizing that Black history is American history, and that cultural appreciation need not be limited to the 28 days of the second month of the year. It can be an ongoing quest to learn about our intertwined destinies that undergird our collective story and how the contributions of African Americans fit within that context -- so that the foundation of our American exceptionalism is not lost for a lack of knowledge.

Q: With racism being such a hot issue in 2015, how has The Potter's House worked to promote unity and bring healing and support?

A: The Potter's House has always been culturally sensitive, as is expressed in the ethnically and racially diverse makeup of our congregation. Our purpose is to reflect the love of Christ which knows no bounds or limitations. Our purpose is to extend a helping hand to hurting people, whoever they are, where they are.

Q: What did it mean to you for Joni do something like the One Series, and how did you feel to be a part of it?

A: The One Series is a groundbreaking idea whose time has come. The segment on The Reconciled Church was a bold and courageous undertaking, and a perfect reflection of its host. It was most apropos that Joni would lead the charge with such passion and conviction. I thoroughly enjoyed participating in this platform.

Q: Given the legacy of African Americans and the contributions they've made to this country, who in your family was a legacy maker and how have they influenced your life?

A: There's an old saying that we stand on the shoulders of giants. There are many giants within my family tree that embody the definition of legacy makers. But, since the question calls for a limited scope, I would say that my parents left the most indelible imprint on my life.

My mother and father laid a foundation of erudition and hard work that has served me well. They instilled values and biblical truths that gave me a solid foundation that still undergirds my own call and purpose. They demanded excellence while demonstrating the principles of unconditional love.

The fact that my father built a prosperous business in a town that was less than five percent black and that my mother could dream of becoming a teacher when in a generation prior it was illegal for blacks to even learn to read and write is a testament to their faith, tenacity, and strength of will. And I stand on their shoulders.

Q: If your family had a mantra, what do you think that would be?

A: "Stick together." Those were the last words that I would ever hear my mother say. She taught me that we're better together. I carry that message of collaboration across everything I do.

Q: What is the single greatest lesson you hope to leave your children with?

A: Live your purpose. Destiny is at hand.

Q: With this also being the month of Valentine's Day, what message of love do you like to inspire The Potter's House with?

A: We know love because He first gave love....as we have freely received, freely give to others...

Q: One big way your church shows love is by supporting TORI. Tell us about that and how it was created?

A: TORI was birthed from a need created by our Prison Ministry. For years, we have sent volunteers, uplinked conferences, and sent material into the prisons to minister to those who were broken and looking for hope. From this ministry, many who were released from prison came to our church, The Potters House, thinking it was a transitional housing facility built for them upon return. Although we didn't offer that through our church, we saw the overwhelming need and I tasked our lay professional volunteers to come to the table and help me create a strategy to meet their needs.

Q: What has this experience of working with TORI taught you?

A: Working with TORI has given me an even broader perspective on life. I have an even deeper appreciation for our TORI clients because of all the barriers they have to overcome to get back on their feet again. TORI has taught me that even when a person has the tools to succeed, without faith, life becomes a losing battle. Many of our clients don't just lack opportunity, but they need deliverance from an old lifestyle and exposure to a new way of life. Hearing their stories keeps me grounded and non-judgmental, because their lives remind me that we are not defined by our past, we are called for more!

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TELEVISION THAT DARES TO BE MORE

It begins with the sound of chairs sliding. The ladies take their place around the table as the guest enters the studio. After joining them, they all are quickly greeted by an energetic young producer wearing a headset and cradling a clipboard in her arms. After prayer and a quick check from the control room, everyone sits in silence waiting in anticipation to bring a new topic to life. And the countdown begins...Three...Two...One...

Fearlessly taking on any topic no matter how controversial, host Joni Lamb's passion for testimonies and boldness for the Gospel has lead to unflinching discussions about many of today's toughest topics. In 2015 alone, the ladies of the table have discussed the issue of Race in America through the in-depth "One" series, the debate over sexual identity and what the Bible has to say, and even took on the End Times with the thought-provoking "Tipping Point" series.

With 100-120 shows produced each year, we receive countless testimonies; some healed physically, spiritually and emotionally, others inspired and even convicted by the heart of our panel and the love exemplified when talking about these highly debated issues. And for every life impacted, there's a Daystar Partner out there who cared enough to give unselfishly.

Thank you for supporting Joni in covering issues that really matter. You make it possible for Joni Table Talk to continue to bring moving testimonies and hard-hitting topics to a world in need of the light of truth. Every topic she addresses is taken on to help someone watching find freedom from whatever he or she is struggling with. As you continue to stand with Joni and the team, we'll keep boldly conquering provocative topics that impact lives to make television that dares to be more!



a Valentine's Day Eldventure

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, it's the perfect time to start thinking about how you'll celebrate with that special someone! Through the years my sweetheart has taken me on some very memorable dates, and I've always cherished those memories. If you're looking for a fun, creative way to make your Valentine's Day unforgettable, give one of these ideas a try:

- 1. Scavenger Hunt: Plan something unique and special for your Valentine by creating a scavenger hunt just for them! It doesn't have to be extravagant or expensive just get creative and make it personal!
- 2. Drive-In Movie: Take a traditional dinner and a movie date to the next level by opting for an old fashioned Drive-In!
- 3. Hot Air Balloon Ride: Are you feeling adventurous and want to try something completely different and unique? Take your love to the skies with a romantic hot air balloon ride!

Planning the perfect date isn't about the amount of money you spend, but about the lasting memories you create together. I hope you have a wonderful Valentine's Day, and remember to share the love of Christ with everyone you encounter, because His love is the very best kind of love.



THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE IN JONI'S TOP 10 VALENTINE'S DAY ADVENTURES! Find them all at Daystar.com/Valentines!

LIFE BEYOND BARS

Imagine being arrested, charged, convicted, and imprisoned for a brutal crime. Now imagine the unthinkable – you're completely innocent. That's exactly what happened to Susan Mellen when she was incarcerated in 1997 after being convicted of first degree murder. Despite the hopelessness of her situation, Susan remained faithful to the Lord, convinced that He would eventually bring the truth to light. Susan told us, "I was in prison, but prison wasn't in me. I had something greater, and that was Jesus!"

In 2007 Joni and the Daystar Singers visited Valley State Prison in Chowchilla, California. Sitting in the crowd was Susan Mellen. "Daystar gave me the hope I needed to survive," she said. "I believed that God was going to do the impossible." Susan clung to the hope that God was going to set her free. Writing the word "freedom" on the bottom of her shoes, she literally stood on her freedom, walking in it each and every day.

After spending 17 years behind bars, Susan finally tasted that freedom on October 10, 2014 with the help of an organization called Innocence Matters. The verdict was met with happy tears and cheers from a courtroom full of her friends and family, including grandchildren she would soon meet for the first time. This time of transition can be very difficult for many people exiting the prison system. That's why, with your help, Daystar gave Susan a ten thousand dollar donation to help her re-establish her life after being released. What a wonderful example of how you are reaching real people with hope when you give to Daystar!

WHERE HAS HER TESTIMONY REACHED, AND WHAT'S NEXT FOR SUSAN? Read her brand new interview at Daystar.com/SusanMellen!



FROM THE DESK OF MARCUS LAMB

Dear Partners & Friends.

The New Year has started off great!

Just a few weeks ago, your Daystar launched on the secular, multi-channel platform, **Free** on Channel 422 to **5.5 million homes** across **France!** What a miracle as they have never carried a Christian TV Network before. It is simply the **favor of God...**

Daystar is a giving network, and last year, your Daystar donated several million dollars. When you are a "giver," you can expect the "favor of God!"

This first week of February is Daystar's *Heart for the World*. In Matthew 26:41, Jesus said, "Watch and pray!" So I hope you will watch from Monday, Feb. 1 until Monday, Feb. 8.

I hope you got to watch our broadcast of our live service of me preaching and the Daystar Singers singing for **Pastors David & Nicole Crank at Faith Church in St. Louis, Missouri.**

We are doing another live broadcast on Thursday, February 25 at 7:30 p.m. CT in **Atlanta**, **Georgia** for **Bishop Dale Bronner at Word of Faith Family Worship Cathedral.** I will preach and the Daystar Singers will sing. (If you are in the Atlanta area, come see us in person.)

Pastor Benny Hinn is now on Daystar, Monday thru Friday at 10:00 a.m. ET.

Jerry Savelle has moved from Mondays at 10:00 a.m. ET to Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. ET.

Jack Van Impe has moved from Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. ET to Mondays at 1:30 p.m. ET.

Larry Huch has moved from Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. ET to Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. ET.

Zola Levitt has moved from Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. ET to Saturdays at 4:30pm ET.

Rabbi Schneider has moved from Fridays at 10:00 a.m. ET to Fridays at 1:30pm ET.

I want you to know that Joni & I, and the entire **Lamb Family**, love and appreciate you very much! So I hope you will respond during our *Heart for the World* this week!

Blessings,

Marcus Jamo

Marcus D. Lamb

Founder & President, Daystar Television Network

P.S. Be sure and enclose your Prayer requests.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCUS & JONI

February 9 – Todd White

February 10 – Dr. Don Colbert

February 15 – Kelly Shackleford

February 16 – Dr. Robert Jeffress

February 24 – Greg Laurie

JONI TABLE TALK

FEBRUARY 15-19 - Keep the Valentine's Day love going all week long as Joni and the ladies bring you expert advice from Jimmy Evans, Doug Weiss, and John Eldredge about relationships, intimacy, finding the right one, and more.

FEBRUARY 22 - Who were the giants in the Bible, where did they come from, and will they play a role during the End Times? Find out the answers as Joni welcomes Dennis Lindsay to the table.

FEBRUARY 24 - Is witchcraft real? Are there dangers to practicing the dark arts? Is there a power out there strong enough to defeat evil? Find out the truth as Joni and special guest John Ramirez expose the occult on a special Joni Table Talk!

HOLIDAYS

VALENTINE'S DAY – Don't forget to celebrate all of the love in your life on February 14th!

EVENTS HEART FOR THE WORLD FEBRUARY 1-8

GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

Benny Hinn Prophet Brian Carn Robert Morris Rabbi Jonathan Cahn

Samuel Rodriguez

Bishop Clarence McClendon

Steve Munsey Dr. Tim Hill

"I wanted to give a testimony of how Daystar has impacted my life. I've been an insomniac all my life. Because of this, I often wake up at 3:00 a.m. or 4:00 a.m., which is just in time for 'Reflections' from 4:00 a.m. — 6:00 a.m. The show totally relaxes me, and sometimes I even fall asleep in the recliner watching it. Thank you so much for 'Reflections!'"

Magdalene from South Chesterfield, Virginia

"I submitted a prayer request for my father who was recently admitted to the hospital with a heart problem. The new report is that he is looking and feeling a lot better. He discharged himself from the hospital, and he is now at home resting. I am so grateful and thankful for Daystar – you make your partners feel so SPECIAL!! Thanks for being a blessing to millions."

- Carol from Toronto, Canada

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