

## **BRIDGING THE FAITH-CULTURE GAP**

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WITH A.R. BERNARD

### Q: You didn't become a believer until you were an adult. What was your attitude about faith leading up to that time?

A: Faith was a deep curiosity from childhood to young adulthood. I intuitively knew that God, truth, and reality were somehow synonymous. To find one would be to find the other two. I am a product of the social and spiritual revolutions of the sixties so it shaped my appetite for faith and identity.

## Q: What lesson have you learned in your relationship with the Lord that has impacted you the most?

A: It's not what you achieve in life, but the person you become in the process.

## Q: What ultimately convinced you to reach out for more than what you were experiencing? How did your relationship with God begin?

A: I became part of a socio-political-religious movement called the Nation of Islam. I found cultural identity, order, discipline, and strength - but I didn't find God. A year before I got saved, the Lord placed a secretary in my life that began to speak with me about Jesus is a very personal way. I was intrigued. The conversations went on for a year. She invited THE PEOPLE THEIR my wife and I to a meeting on January 11, 1975 where a gentleman named Nicky Cruz was sharing his story of how Christ saved him from leading a notorious street gang by the name of the Mau Maus. That night, at that meeting, I encountered Jesus in a

deep and profound way. My life was radically transformed. It started me on a whole new spiritual journey.

## Q: Today, CCC has over 37,000 members and is influencing New York in a powerful way. But it all started with small beginnings. Describe the early days and how this church grew into the life-giving ministry it is now.

A: It all began in a kitchen holding Bible studies with a handful of people. Our intimate fellowship increased by word of mouth and took 7 years to grow to 325 members. We focused on making disciples and building community. Like the children of Israel, we wandered from venue to venue to accommodate our growing numbers. We held services in commercial lofts, local high schools, hotels, etc. until we purchased our own building in 1988. Having a home facilitated exponential growth. From 1989 to 1999 we grew from 625 to 11,000 members, holding 5 services per week. We grew in numbers, stature, and influence bringing God's grace to our community and city.By 1998 we were purchasing 11.5 acres of land to accommodate the growth and

establish the headquarters of Christian Cultural Center.

## Q: A large part of your ministry is bridging the gap between faith and culture. Traditionally, these two don't mix. How are you changing that perception?

A: I witnessed the transformation Christ had in my own life spiritually, socially, politically, culturally and knew that He could do it for others. I am amazed at God's transformational presence in the world. He saves the individual, and then uses the individual to affect change in the world. Jesus said go into all the "world" (the social order and all of its institutions) and expose it to the message of Christ spiritually, socially, politically, economically, morally.

Q: You have never been afraid to tackle hot-button issues. Do you think it's important for believers to get involved in the social issues that are shaping the cul-

### ture? Why, or why not?

A: Whether believers admit it or not, everything that happens in the world impacts the church and the believer directly or indirectly. We have just come through a century of the church preaching separation but practicing isolation. When the church is disengaged from society, society devolves into spiritual, moral and social decay.

## Q: A major part of your ministry is educating and developing leaders. Why is that mission so important to you?

A: Everything rises and falls on leadership. When you influence leaders, you influence all the people their gifts and ministry will touch.

Q: What do you hope to impart to the next generation of ministry leaders as they are prepared to live with purpose?

A: That they can present a relevant Christ to the world without losing their Christian identity.

Q: What can Daystar viewers expect to see on your program when it launches?

A: They will hear teachings, see interviews and special reports that will make their faith in Jesus more practical and socially applicable.

Q: What kind of effect do you hope to have on viewers who watch your program on Daystar?

A: "The quality of your thinking determines the quality of your life!" I want to help viewers change the way they think about God, themselves, and the world around them and become reflections of God's love, life, and light in the world!

From the Nation of Islam to the Kingdom of God... A.R. Bernard's story is at Daystar.com/ARBernard

## LAUNCHING



In the heart of South Africa, a young Johannesburg family watches TV while eating breakfast. Along the southwestern coast in Cape Town, a businessman sits stressfully looking over budget sheets. Nearby in a township, a mother prays over a humble meal as she serves her children in their makeshift shanty home.

These are the many faces of South Africa – a nation with some 11 different recognized languages. It's against this diverse backdrop that Multichoice DStv delivers its extensive line-up of networks to the millions of homes across the country, and now Daystar is part of that legacy.

Launched July 4th, we are now bringing the world's leading Christian programmers such as Bishop T.D. Jakes, Joel Osteen, Joseph Prince, Hillsong, Creflo Dollar, Joyce Meyer and many more to brand new viewers in South Africa through our partnership with Multichoice. Broadcasting on channel 342, many across that nation will have access to uplifting, life-changing programming including Daystar originals like "Marcus and Joni," "The Green Room", "Joni Table Talk," and "Reflections" just to name a few.

We're so grateful for this opportunity to reach nearly 5 million homes all across South Africa with the Good News every single day! But in a nation of over 55 million, there's still so much more to do. Will you help us reach even farther in South Africa, taking the Gospel to more people than ever before? Use the enclosed form to join with us on this exciting adven-



## HOPEUC WORSHIP CONFERENCE

I can't think of anything that brings me more joy than worshipping the Lord. It's woven into the very fabric of who I am and why God created me. That's one of the many reasons I was so excited that Daystar aired the first ever Hope UC Worship Conference from New South Wales, Australia this month!

Led by our dear friends, Pastors Mark and Darlene Zschech, I know this event inspired people all over the world to encounter Jesus in a deeper, more meaningful way as they poured their hearts out to Him in praise. What made it even more special for me and my sweetheart, Marcus, is that our beautiful daughter, Rachel, and her Aussie-born husband, Josh, hosted each of our broadcasts, including an interview with Mark and Darlene!



From their early days at Hillsong, creating music that's been sung by over 25 million people, to Darlene's very honest and open battle with breast cancer, Josh and Rachel gave our viewers an inside look into the journey of this amazing couple. Now, as Senior Pastors of one of Australia's leading churches, Hope Unlimited, their passion to pursue God's heart is stronger than ever.

Together, they've shown us how to live, love, and thrive in both good times and bad. That's the power of worship. It takes our present circumstances and helps us see them through Heaven's perspective. My hope is that through this conference, you were encouraged to make lifting Him up your greatest priority. I can say from personal experience that you'll never regret that decision. Just like Mark and Darlene, the Lord will take your life and use it ways you never imagined to accomplish the impossible. God bless you!

WATCH JONI ONLY ON DAYSTAR

Joni Table Talk Mon - Fri, 2AM, 7AM, & 8:30 PM ET



## CELEBRATING #100

We are pleased to tell you that we have completed 100 episodes of "The Green Room!"

For our 100th episode, we had the honor of interviewing our favorite guests — our parents, Marcus & Joni Lamb! I won't tell you much about it, you'll just have to watch and see the fun!

We have had 231 guest appearances, conducted 192 interviews, asked 889 questions, and reviewed 58 books and movies for you to read and watch.

But it's not about the numbers for us. It's about hearing people's life experiences of enduring heart break, receiving healing, and seeing God's unrelenting faithfulness. It's about hearing beautiful stories of broken lives transformed as they find the truth that is Jesus. And it's about sharing with people all over this earth how Jesus came into their situation, saved them, and changed them.

We play games and laugh a good amount because a merry heart is like medicine. But most importantly, we always have our guests share an encouraging word. If you are a "Green Room" viewer, we thank you for your support and are blessed to share stories with you about God's faithfulness and steadfast love that is never failing.

If you haven't watched "The Green Room" yet, we encourage you to tune in on Saturday at 2:30am ET & Sunday at 1:00am ET, then kick back and relax! Let your mouth be full of laughter, your spirit encouraged, and your heart on fire for the Kingdom.

Love, Jonathan and Suzv

Watch *The Green Room* with Jonathan & Suzy Lamb, Saturdays at 2:30am & Sundays at 1am ET on Daystar.



Dear Partners & Friends,

August 6 is mine & Joni's 35th Wedding Anniversary! And a lot of great things happened in July:

We have been working for over ten years to get Daystar launched on Multichoice DStv in South Africa. Well, it finally happened! On July 4th, Daystar launched on Channel 342 to almost 5 million homes which is almost 20 million people!

If you have family or friends in the following countries, let them know they can watch Daystar on Multichoice DStv on Channel 342:

Botswana Lesotho Malawi Mozambique Zamibia South Africa Swaziland Zambia Zimbabwe

2. For the first time in the history of the United States, a sitting President appeared "live" on Christian Television! Daystar was asked by Dr. Robert Jeffress of First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas and by the White House, to be the exclusive Christian TV Network to broadcast the Celebrate Freedom Concert "live" from the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

There was great patriotic and gospel music! And the President gave a non-political speech in support of our Veterans, talked about our religious liberties, and our faith and dependence on God. It was a **4th of July Celebration.** You can watch it on our website at www.Daystar.com and then click On Demand.

If this would have been a political rally, we would not have shown it. This was not an endorsement of the President or his policies. But regardless of how you voted, the Bible says we are to pray for those in leadership over us. I prayed for President Obama and I am praying for President Trump. So I hope you will follow the Bible and do the same.

- 3. We broadcast "live" the Praise & Worship Conference of Darlene Zschech who was with Hillsong for many years and wrote the famous song, Shout to the Lord!
- 4. Jonathan & Suzy had their 100th episode of *The Green Room*. They have worked so hard and given that program so much love. I am very proud of them!
- 5. I got to preach in Indonesia at one of the largest Churches in the world! It seats 35,000 and has over 100,000 people a week! That is amazing since it is a Muslim country.

Yours For Christian Television,

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Marcus D. Lamb Founder & President, Daystar Television Network

P.S. Thank you for being faithful this month to your to your Heart for the World pledges!!!

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**MARCUS & JONI** 

AUGUST 1 - Nicole Crank

**AUGUST 2 -** Rick Bezet

**AUGUST 14 -** Pastor Matt Hagee

AUGUST 15 - Pastor Luke Barnett
AUGUST 16 - Bishop Harry Jackson &

Toni Pickens

**AUGUST 22 -** Joyce Meyer

## JONI TABLE TALK AUGUST 7 - 10

"I Am the Enemy" with Jimmy Evans

Do you know your enemy? Don't miss this mustwatch series as Joni and the ladies welcome pastor, speaker and host of "Marriage Today," Jimmy Evans, as he pulls back the veil to expose the truth about the devil and his many schemes.

#### **AUGUST 14**

**Mark Lowry** 

Get ready to laugh as Joni and the ladies welcome singer, comedian and former member of the renowned Gaither Vocal Band, Mark Lowry, to the table to talk about life, ministry, and more.

#### **AUGUST 21 - 25**

The Best of John Paul Jackson

Dreams, prophecy and more! You don't want to miss this exciting week-long look back at some of our favorite past programs with our friend and prophet, the late John Paul Jackson.

## **EVENTS**

AUGUST 3 & 4 - 12pm, 8:30pm & 1am ET HopeUC Worship Conference

Join Pastors Mark and Darlene Zschech for their first ever worship conference at Hope Unlimited Church in Australia! Discover how to draw nearer and dwell longer in the presence of God as you're transformed by His love through praise and worship.

"Daystar is always on when I'm at home, and I love the new show, 'The Panel!' 'The Panel! was discussing relationships, marriage, and the importance of staying connected. My son, Elliot, is 19 years old, and usually changes the channel while he's eating breakfast, but this time was different. I loved seeing that! The topics have been on things the church and younger generation need and want to discuss - and so far we are loving it! God bless Daystar!"

Sally from South Dakota

"Several months ago, I found a lump in my right breast, and it proved to be cancer. Once I found out, I emailed Daystar my prayer requests and stood on the healing Scriptures daily. God used the surgeon to remove the lump, but the power of prayer healed me. God has completely removed the cancer from my body, and I don't need chemo or radiation therapy! Praise God, and thank you Daystar for standing with me in prayer!"

Judy from New York

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