

All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing,
just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard
it and understood God's grace in all its truth.

Colossians 1:6

September 8, 2013

Dear John and Stasi,

My heart overflows with love, joy, and immense gratitude when I think about you all. The impact you and your ministry has had in my life and in the life of my husband is staggering, really! We both grew up in the church, but it wasn't until just a few years ago that our hearts were awakened to the real Jesus - through you! Thank you, thank you, thank you for introducing us to an intimate, conversational intimacy with God. Holy cow! This has ushered in incredible transformation... and it affects generations as we raise our little boys to really know Jesus and to hear his voice. Our 5 yr. old son, Josiah, already does - praise God!

Thank you for introducing us to the personality of Jesus. We are both now deeply in love with Him and pressing into the more of Jesus.

Thank you for introducing us to the heart ~ that it is not wicked once Jesus gets a hold of it! Thank you for introducing us to the kingdom and to hoping in that coming kingdom! To dreams and desires. TO the heart of a man and of a woman. TO spiritual warfare.

Thank you for introducing me to healing prayer and all of the freedom that comes from that ~ I have discovered my passion and calling for offering this to a hurting world!

Thank you to you both for your transparency and humility and for sharing your hearts with others. Thank you, Stasi, for offering your radiant beauty and heart for Jesus (I love your new book!)

Thank you, John, for fighting for so many hearts.
I heard Jesus say, "Oh... he is one of
the greats in my Kingdom!"

I really could go on and on, and I still don't
think my words could express what I feel
in my heart.

I just can not imagine what life would be
like now, if we were still living the boring,
complacent, "Christian" life that we were stuck
in because nobody had ever introduced us
to all of this like you all have!

Our marriage is so much better (though we
still have a long way to go!) and with
raising boys... I am so glad I was introduced
to the hearts of boys and men while our
boys were still small. It is life-changing for
them, too!

So, once again... Thank you! We praise God for
you all and pray for you often. Thank you for
not giving up, even when the battle is tough.

We love you all. May God continue to bless
this incredible ministry.

In Jesus' Beautiful name,
Rebecca (z. Dan)

"I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering
you in my prayers. I keep asking that... the glorious
Father may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation..."
Eph. 1:16, 17

* Captivating

Name (optional): LORI

Date: 10-14-12

I came here because my husband Joseph signed me up. He has received such healing and restoration from Reasoned Heart that culminated with a healing vision too wonderful to describe. Here he was, for 13 years of our marriage, being pulled & prodded by me to lead. It wasn't ~~really~~ ^{my} job to pull that from him... It was God's!!! And now, what I've prayed for was here... my husband strong, healed and ALIVE in Christ. Did I feel Grateful, no! I felt left behind, forgotten and left in the dust, my husband trying to push, pull & prod me into full submission & healing. I was resisting. I came here without any expectations feeling that my heart was too stubborn to heal. He has changed my stubborn

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heart. He has shown me that he has been transforming me all along. Now, I understand what my husband has wanted for me. I am so excited to grow in unity with Jesus and with my husband + family and with others all around me! my name... Giver, worthy - which has spoken so deeply into my wounded heart. The best gift from Jesus this weekend was during the "sanctify your imagination" session. My gift in my white box was a deep, red rose, partially open. I didn't understand it at first until the Sat. night soaking worship session. I was begging Jesus to speak something over me and heard nothing... then... the song that was from the heart of God that said "you are my Rose." I GOT IT!!! I am his Rose! He is pursuing me and I only want to know + love him more! Thank you all for being vessels of God's love, power, healing + restoration, especially for my stubborn heart that is now pierced. ^{of love}

WILD AT HEART BOOT CAMP

Name (optional): Thinus

Date: 12 MAY 2013

Where do I start... Realising how many agreements "unknowingly" I've made with the enemy was frightening BUT it was so powerful to break with them and feel relief.

I have come to see the poser inside of me and feel more freedom in taking of this mask and to be real.

I am encouraged to take my authority as a warrior and lover; to fight for my beauty and to pursue her heart actively. Gone are the days of cowardling in fear of being exposed. I AM A MAN, and I can for the first time sense God smiling at me and saying "You have what it takes son."

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I have realised that it is ok to struggle and fall... as long as I stand back up again and fight.

I came behind the truth of porn and masturbation as well. Amazing how the enemy was lying to me the whole time.

Thank you Ransomed heart for sharing the truth so openly and honestly.

I have opened up my heart to be Fathered by God and to walk in a life of sonship.

I came to the camp broken... but I now know that there is more and that things can change.



good story

Wed, Aug 14, 2013 at 9:22 AM

Jamie

I am an Army veteran. I served four years from 2009–2013. Before I decided to join I was in charge of music and the band at my local church. I was very involved with young life, I loved that time in my life. I went off to the army to pursue my career post army. In the army I saw despicable things, they did things to people that are unspeakable. I feel like I was exposed to pure evil. I feel as though that darkness is much easier to fall into than to pursue the light. Needless to say, I fell and I fell hard. I finished up my commitment to the military and I got out of there. What was left of me was not even a person. I was a shattered what used to be a loved son.

My dad was never a dad to me. The only things I can remember of us working on things together are the car which ended in him yelling at me about something or boating and him yelling at me about something. That was out relationship in a nut shell.

I was sent into a spiral of self destructive thoughts. I did things to fill that void; bought things, abused perscription drugs, cried.

Yesterday I was sitting in my doctors office waiting to be called and a little bird in my head said "hey isn't wild at heart a good book?" This redirected to me google the author and see what his new writings are about. I was quickly draw to the new wild at heart book until I saw Fathered By God and that little birds said get that one. John, this book has saved my life. I had decpeicable thoughts on being able to end the pain. This book has unlocked a secret so deeply engrained in my psych. The very root of demise. I now know what I have to do to be well again. I wanted to tell you that I appreciate all your work and on a personal level, I appreciate you.

God Bless you,
David

★ Captivating

Name (optional): Angie

Date: May 1

There are not words to describe.
God met me here in ways that were so personal to me and my story. My story involved ~~feeling~~ feeling unpursued and unloved. God gave me the words of the new name from Isaiah 62:12
"AND YOU will be called "Sought-After. The City no longer Deserted."

I was here last year & had the privilege of bringing my mom with me this year. It has been such a blessing to see her ~~actually~~ ~~really~~ realize that she is, we are captivating and sought after and beloved daughters of our King. How cool!

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My husband & I have led 2 Love & War Studies & have seen Christ transform marriages in ways that only he can do. We have experienced the warfare & know it was a sign that healing was coming. The day the study was starting our son broke his femur bone & had to have surgery. The 2nd week of the study one of the guys had a heart attack!! But God used both of those things to draw us closer as a community.

Ransomed heart thank you for walking with God and being courageous enough to do that which God has asked you to do. Help the world to see that Christ came to heal & set free!



Captivating

Name (optional): _____

Date: 3-10-13

This was my 2nd Captivating Retreat. I attended my 1st one 2 yrs. ago with my sister. I came to the 1st one completely broken. My husbands sexual addiction and Intimacy Anorexia had been revealed to me. I hadn't cried in 2 yrs., even though God gave me a sensitive heart. The first 2 days of the retreat, I cried & cried. God opened the Flood gates. It was a sacred time that God clearly spoke to me, it launched me into healing. My husband is now leading a "pure desire" group and we are both committed to restoring our marriage & living for God. Being here a 2nd time (I brought 3 broken girlfriends with me) God has shown me how far I've come. We have all been so blessed by your ministry! Thank-you

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(OVLK)

Beautiful Search

✱ 8/21/11

Dear Ransomed Heart

I have just finished my 2nd bootcamp. 1st one was August 2010. A year before that, on June 19, 2009, two days before my 42nd birthday, my marriage had reached the breaking point. My wife was done with me. Wrote me a letter telling me that I wasn't the man she married, that she didn't know who I had become, that she felt ripped, cheated, and couldn't stand to look at me any more. The effect of 17 years of marriage to me. She knew divorce wasn't the answer, ^(for sake of children) so she prayed that God would just take her life. This broke me. I was undone. I cried out to God and asked Him to come and fix the mess I had made of my life, and all the damage I had caused to my wife, children. I ~~so~~ really surrendered to Him, and decided that I was going to follow Him wherever He leads, that I would not give up, that I would give

every part of my heart to Him and I would
quit holding back. This search led me to
Poisoned Heart Ministries. Trust, Love
and War, then Making the Dead, Jesus,
Wild at Heart, Way of Wild Heart, Four
Streams, and all the other materials.
It has changed my life forever. I took
everything you have and I am now
RUNNING with it. I feel like I
know each and every one of you on the
team, John, Brent, Craig, Morgan, and
I thank you for living the lives you
are living, for showing me the way
and leading me deeper into Christ. So
much more to the story. He has healed
me and set me free, and I want more of
it.

Rob



Testimony letter from a lady

Wed, Nov 13, 2013 at 1:30 PM

October 29, 2013

Dear Ransomed Heart Ministries

Many years ago I found myself standing in a Christian bookstore. I was feeling what I believe was the Holy Spirit prompting me to buy a book for my husband Jim. I really didn't want to buy him a book because in the past buying him a book would guarantee that he would not read it!! I stood still and prayed. I asked God if He wanted me to buy a book for Jim then He was going to have to make it obvious what book He wanted me to pick up. I opened my eyes and they were drawn to the spine of a single book sandwiched between many others. I reached out and pulled "Wild at Heart" off the shelf.

When I stated earlier that this was many years ago what I meant by that is this was before Ransomed Heart Ministries even existed. No one was talking about John Eldredge. In this large bookstore there was only one insignificant copy of this book. I opened the book and read a paragraph in the middle and I knew this was the book God had chosen. What I did not know was the impact this book would have on my husband, my three young boys and myself and our spiritual futures.

It is impossible to express in writing all that we have gained from that single moment of the touch of the Holy Spirit in a bookstore here . I wish that Jim and I could sit down over dinner with John and Staci to share our story of coming fully alive! One day we will in Heaven!

Our sons are all grown. The two older ones are serving in the Air Force and our youngest leaves for Air Force Basic Training on November 11th. Although none of them were big readers they all read "Wild at Heart". They are walking by faith and have hearts that are truly alive!

In raising our boys we merged "Wild at Heart" with "Raising a Modern Day Knight" and taught them that a real man, rejects passivity, accepts responsibility, leads courageously and expects the greater reward. This truth is a part of our everyday life and conversations with them even yet today.

My husband now serves in full-time ministry and I am working on completing my Masters in Biblical Counseling.

We just listened to the podcast "The Anointed Leader" yesterday. Wow! Just about the time we think we are crazy we hear or read something from you that helps us keep our eyes lifted up to our Abba! I utilize both "Wild at Heart" and "Captivating" in my counseling ministry. They are part of the homework I give to my counselees. I have personally watched the captives set free!

Until we see you in Heaven, a written heartfelt thank you will have to suffice!

Sincerely yours,

Jolene

WILD AT HEART ADVANCED

Name (optional): Nico

Date: Nov 2013

The thing that hit me hardest on brokeness was a subtle agreement that I've been to two bootcamp I should be healed... but God in his overflowing grace showed me that when tending to the wound, that basically just stopping the blood flow and bandaging it up. To really restore we have to go deeper.

In the 'poser' session, I could most definitely associate with Craig I am very detached - when he started running through the awareness exercise; "I am in a log cabin..." I looked up asking myself: "Really?" Craig continued: "I see circular lights" Again, my response "circular lights? where?" And through this God took me back to

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trauma in my youth. For ~~12~~ pages
in my diary I struggled with it
and finally God spoke to me through
the council of three brothers
realizing the following:

In the trauma where I made
the agreement to always be a good
boy and never cause any trouble at
all, I lost a piece of my boyhood and
that was where my people pleasing
began. Then the deeper dis-
in my christian walk, I just want
to please God, not have a true
intimate relationship with Him.

Which I now realize is also why
I fear Him more than I love Him.

Thank you God for using the pain
of that memory to expose my
wrongful motives and to finally seek
true relationship-- intimate relation-
ship with you!

You are my everything, God!!

Amen.

★ Captivating

Name (optional): Judy

Date: 10.14.12

Dear Ransomed Heart Team:

Each of you has played a major impact in the healing and restoration of my heart this weekend. I could go on and on and on about the ways that Jesus broke through the Bramble and broken mortar surrounding my heart but there simply isn't room.

What I can say is that since I was six years old, when I first accepted Christ, I have never been so free. The doors of my heart have been flung open and it's all because you showed me the REAL Jesus - the One

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who loves me, formed me, likes me, delights in my presence, and rejoices over me with singing. I have never heard the freedom of the gospel and this is it! And, it's this good news that has set me free. Thank you.

Thank you! Thank you for being the voice of Jesus, for helping me break agreements that I've held since childhood. Thank you for letting the Holy Spirit ~~move~~ move through this place with freedom and for opening my eyes to the truth - I am a daughter of the King. He is my true father and that Jesus is the author and finisher of my faith (Yay! It's not up to me!) Bless you. Keep working. Keep moving. Keep spreading this blessing, the life giving this earth shattering truth. Till we meet again,

Judy

Captivating
2012

WILD AT HEART BOOT CAMP

Name (optional): Jim

Date: August 29

Dear John, Bert and team,
I am the 76 year old man whose heart was restored and healed at the recent Wild at Heart Boot Camp. I have known that there was a dead section of my heart for many, many years. I had forgiven my dad, years ago. (He has now passed on). I had more than one inner healing sessions but the dead strip, down the center of my heart was still there. I learned over the years how to compensate for the dead place, work around it and function but I still knew it was there. When Bert and his prayer partner prayed

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for me, I literally began to feel
the blood (the precious blood) flow
into those dead places.

My wife and I have been married
and in Christian ministry for 53
years. We now serve

Pastor Care.

God has used us to ministering
to many pastors ministers,
and priests. BUT THE DEAD
PLACE was still there. Now, as
a result of God's power working in
you and your team, I am
free, I feel, that I have just
begun the rest of my life.
Your ministry has not only unlocked
my heart but by His grace, Anne
and I will be used to unlock
the hearts of many wounded
servants of Jesus Christ.

I will treasure John's autograph,
and his word, "It's Never Too Late."
I will share the treasure until
He returns. Thank you, Thank you!

Jim

Dear John,

The purpose of this letter is to say thanks to you and to the entire Ransomed Heart team. Thank you for opening your hearts and allowing God to use you to bring freedom and truth. I thank God everyday for you and your ministry, for how He has used you to share the true Gospel, which has set my heart free, restored my marriage and transformed my family. How my 3-year old son will have the privilege to grow up in a different environment, to be fathered, to be initiated, to be encouraged to live freely from his heart and play the part that God has designed for him.

I'd like to share a little slice of my story with you (there is so much more), so that you can understand the joy that I now feel and the gratitude I have towards God for your ministry.

This chapter of my story took place in 2004, in one of the most difficult moments of my life. My car had just been repossessed, my wife and I were feeding potato soup to our dog because we simply didn't have enough money to buy dog food. Every first of the month came with terror, like a tsunami coming our way to quickly raze with the little we had and leave us on the street. The harassing calls, the eviction notices under the door, the electric company knocking and threatening to disconnect the service. Everything that I feared, everything that I had fought so hard to avoid was happening, and there was nothing I could do about it. It was inevitable. I had failed again. My father was right. The world was right. I was a failure, weak, incapable of anything great, afraid, unable to stand up to life and do something for myself. Fear reigned. I was paralyzed. Absolutely frozen. I didn't have anyone to count on. I couldn't even hide behind my mother anymore; I was a grown man, or I was supposed to be one, at least. All I could do was to cry out to God.

And in my desperation, God answered. I met with Jim for lunch one summer day in Miami. We discussed the services that he required and how I was the right man for the job (At that point I was the right man for any job). Then, by God's divine appointment, our conversation shifted from business to faith, and we gave way to the beginning of an amazing relationship, where for the first time in my life, I felt validated, mentored, guided, fathered by a real man. In the months that followed I participated of his Bible studies, which sometimes included one or two "Cuba Libres", great stogies and even watching ultimate fighting pay-per-view events. Exactly what my heart needed. And then the gift:

"Pablo, may the contents of this book speak to the inner passions (and wounds) of your masculine heart - as it has mine... Your friend, Jim".

When Jim first gave me *Wild at Heart*, I devoured it... How was it possible that everything that I've felt my entire life was so clearly explained in this book? I wasn't making it up! I was validated, my feelings, my emotions were normal, even more, I was designed to be this way... No way!!

When I finished, I felt like when I watched *The Matrix* for the first time. There is truth here and I want more of this! Give me the red pill! The second time, I read it slowly and invited God to walk me through the material and to heal me. One gorgeous night, in the middle of the open ocean, while some amazing men and I were deep-sea fishing, and after I had caught a shark (yes, I was deep-sea fishing and I caught a shark!) I laid down to read the book and I was challenged to ask God for my true name. That implied that I had to trust Him to speak clearly to my heart and even worst, I was going to have to risk hearing what He had to say about me. So while I was contemplating this amazing sky, filled with beautiful bright stars, in the middle of the ocean, surrounded by beauty, I took the plunge and decided to open my heart to God and ask him for my true name. I prayed and prayed, but I didn't hear anything. But I kept asking, I stayed with the question for many days until one Sunday morning, as my wife and I were worshipping at church, I heard this glorious voice in my heart calling me by my real name: "Warrior of God". I cried like never before. How was it possible, that God would choose *those* words to describe *me*? It was the most ironic contradiction between everything that my heart ever longed for and everything that I believed about myself.

With this precious gift, Jesus continued with the loving and careful restoration of my heart. I began to learn to stand up for myself (Had great practice with all the harassing credit card companies), to value myself and my work and to battle for the people and the things that are worth fighting for.

I'd love to say that everything was perfect since then, but as you wisely teach, we live in a world at war, and the enemy is not willing to yield without a fight. In the months and years that followed, as I stood up and began to realize that I did have what it takes, I began to be praised at work and recognized for my accomplishments. Sadly, the weak and still wounded heart that yearned for validation since I was a kid was not prepared for that, so I yielded to the flesh, to the old self and I gave myself to my work, which included constant business trips. No band of brothers, no support, so I quickly steered away from God. In a matter of a months, I ended up separated from my wife, searching for life and validation in work and numbing the pain with alcohol and more. It seemed like a split second, I didn't see it coming. The enemy really took me down. The best way to describe my condition, and this stage of my life is the eternal agony of Gollum in the *Lord of the Rings*.

God, however, had better plans for me. He continued with his relentless pursuit of my heart, he came to my rescue and once again began to restore me. *Waking the Dead*, *Walking with God*, *Fathered by God*. Once again, God using you and your ministry to rescue me. And then my marriage. For the next two years, God treated my heart and my wife's heart to the point of forgiveness, absolute healing, a greater love and a closer intimacy than we ever had before. In spite of the suffering; even more, through the suffering, God shaped and healed our hearts. Those were difficult times, but I am thankful to God for them.

Fast forward to 2012, our marriage was much better, our first son, _____ was 2 years old, and God gave us the opportunity to move from South Florida to Northern California (that story alone is worth a few pages, but maybe for another time). We prayed for a church, God spoke and we followed. During the first service we attended, the program that they handed included an invitation for the men of the church to attend an upcoming Wild at Heart Boot Camp, the first one to be held by the Ransomed Heart team in California. I could not believe it. That was something I never thought I would be able to do. I signed up for the lottery and prayed like I meant it, and a few months later (this past February), I was there, with you and the team, allowing God to restore me even more, and to challenge me to step up. During the new name session, His words were as clear as when he gave me my true name. This time He said: "Let your name be known". I knew what He was asking of me. It was time for me to really embrace my identity and take my place in His Story. It was time to fight for the Kingdom. He warned me of the risks and the battle that would come, and asked me to focus on 3 missions: To rescue the heart of my wife first (I didn't see that one coming - for all I knew she was fine already), to fight to establish my work and finances (long-time battle - deep wounds from childhood) and to begin rescuing the hearts of other men. My heart was pumping fast, my blood felt like boiling water. If there are men out there, going through the stuff I've been through, someone needs to fight for them. Someone needs to tell them that there is breakthrough available, that there is life. Someone needs to point them to Jesus.

It has been a few months since bootcamp, and I am in awe of what God has done. I have devoured most of your material (From *Waking the Dead* to the Platinum Collection, the Advanced Boot Camp Audio CDs, the Hope of Prayer, etc) and I feel like Neo in *The Matrix*, learning to fight jiu jitsu. Except there is no virtual dojo, it is all real and pretty bloody. My wife was literally in prison, chained to resentment, bitterness, pride, oppression and I had not seen it. She is now free. There is still a lot to fight for, obviously, but she is once again joyful and sweet. She laughs, she loves... she is back. And I love her more than ever before, and I love Jesus for rescuing her. And for using me to be part of it. Now I get back from work and she's often listening to your latest podcast, or to the captivating CDs, or simply soaking in Scripture. Jesus, once more, restoring through your ministry.

After bootcamp I volunteered to lead a Wild at Heart small group with 10 men, and it was incredible. To see these men open their eyes to the reality of the world we live in, to see their hearts come out for air, to breath fresh air for the first time in God knows how long.... It is humbling. It is bloody, but it is worth it. After that first experience I lead a summer workshop on what it means to be a Man of the Kingdom and once again, God showed up and it was awesome. We laughed, we cried, we prayed, and Jesus was there, healing, restoring, renewing. We have gone hiking a few times, and I began to form my Band of Brothers. Three of us took a backpacking trip to Yosemite National Park a few weeks ago. Life, and to the fullest.

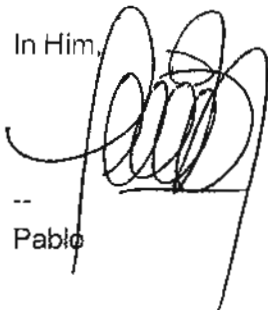
At church, I am now responsible for the Men's ministry, and after a few months, we now have 10 small groups for men (and growing), including Wild at Heart and Fathered by God. We promoted a Boot Camp back in September, that a group of allies put together here in California, in Mount Hermon, and 40 guys from our church came. It was glorious.

I am in awe of God and what He is doing. I am absolutely humbled to be part of this, to be fighting for the hearts of my wife and my son, and all these men, to play a role in the restoration of their hearts, the battle for their families and our community. To be a Warrior of God.

I am thankful for the role that you and your ministry have played in my life. I am restored, I now walk with God, I know my place in the Larger Story. God has Fathered me through you and your team, and He continues to do so even now. I hope and pray that you would fully understand the impact, the reach of your ministry. Every night, when I see my son asleep, as I see him resting in absolute peace, I remember the life that the enemy had planned for us, the place from which Jesus rescued me and my family and I thank Him for His sacrifice, for His work and His triumph, and I thank Him for your ministry, for your willingness to sacrifice and fight for my heart and the hearts of so many men and women. I pray that one day, whether in this life or the next, I'll have the opportunity to sit down with you and talk, to share stories of battles and victories and to tell you in person of what God has done in my life, through yours. Thank you.

In Him,

--
Pablo

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Pablo', written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Breathtaking, isn't it? These bring us to tears, every time.

And now consider this...

Our resources have gone out to about ten million people worldwide. Those are products sold...10 million people, in dozens of languages, on every continent. Staggering.

But then we know that many people share their books and tapes within a family, or circle of friends. Parents are raising their children in this message, changing generations. We know thousands of people who teach this in their classes, or hold retreats using our materials. It is quite common for us to hear of our resources touching hundreds and thousands more people through just one Ransomed Heart ally. So what are we talking here?

10 million resources x 3 additional people reached = 30 million people.

x 5 = 50 million people.

Fifty million people impacted with this beautiful redemption, this staggering breakthrough?

O friends...it is beyond words. You are making it happen through your partnership with us. I hope you begin to grasp why we wanted you to see this!

Again - Merry Christmas!!

From your allies at Ransomed Heart