



Palenque - October 2006

“Experience the Fire” Conference

Conference dates:
Friday, October 20th thru Sunday, October 22th

Travel Dates:
Departing Houston Wed., Oct. 18th - Returning Tues., Oct. 24th

Join Revival Ministers Fellowship for its first international conference in Palenque, Chiapas, Mexico.

Pastor Francisco Feria and the Christian Centre Adonai Church Family have extended an invitation to join them for five days and six nights.

Be empowered by the Word and experience the Worship.

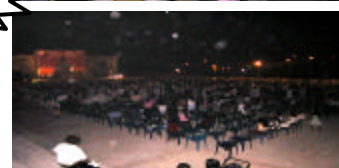
There will also be plenty of time to tour the sites, shop relax, meet new friends, and enjoy the food. Make your plans now!



Fun

Food and Fellowship

Fire



If you are interested in joining us on this trip—time is of the essence! Estimated costs include

?? Air Fare Information:

\$400-600 total (Price goes up daily -call Bro. Hall and he can check on current prices and see if flight space is available) \$40 deposit required for airfare is due ASAP. This is refundable up to Aug. 20th if your plans change. Five (5) Days/ Six (6) Nights- 44 SPACES ARE AVAILABLE per aircraft (60 folks have signed up with deposits, therefore space

is now being reserved on a second plane!

?? Departing Bus Fares:

Airport to & from Palenque (2 Hours) also fares to tour sites, plan for \$10.00 per trip per person

?? Hotel Information:

\$40.00 per night for double occupancy

?? Food Cost:

Figure accordingly for \$25.00 per day per person

for three meals – Less for two meals per day \$5-Breakfast, \$10-Lunch, \$15.00-Dinner * One meal will be planned at one high-end restaurant on Sun. afternoon with a buffet that will cost between \$17-\$20

?? Cost of Tour Sites

Three major tours are planned – figure \$10.00 per site

Also plan for offerings and tips accordingly.

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Developing Self-Control

Learning self-control is an essential part of becoming the kind of pastor God wants you to become. Like a finely tuned precision automobile, your life stays on course with the slightest touch of steering. The results of self-control for you and your congregation are confidence and an inner sense of security. The starting point for developing self-control is to face what God has already said about you: You are responsible for your behavior.

“Like a city whose walls are broken down is a man who lacks self-control.” (Prov. 25:28)

Self-control brings with it the good feeling of competency. Like a finely tuned precision automobile, your life

stays on course with the slightest touch of steering. The results of self-control are confidence and an inner sense of security.

Self-control and self-discipline are also key factors in any success you hope to have in this life. Without self-discipline, you are unlikely to achieve anything of lasting value. The Apostle Paul realized this when he wrote, “Every athlete in training submits to strict discipline in order to be crowned with a wreath that will not last; but you do it for one that will last forever.” (1 Cor. 9 :25 GNB) Olympic athletes train for years in order to have a chance to win a brief moment of glory. But

the race you are running is far more important than any earthly athletic event. So self-control is not optional for Christians.

How do we gain real self-control? God's Word is quite clear on this subject. Let me suggest seven steps to self-control.



True Leaders Speak Up

“But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter before them all, ‘If you, being a Jew, live in the manner of Gentiles and not as the Jews, why do you compel Gentiles to live as Jews?’” Galatians 2:14

Paul's integrity drove him to stand up to Peter, his fellow leader, in front of several Jewish and Gentile believers. He criticized Peter's hypocrisy and demanded that all Christian leaders remain consistent, regardless of the company they keep. Paul teaches us how to critique someone. Consider his checklist:

1. Check your motive. Your goal should be to help, not humiliate.
2. Does it really matter? -Make sure the issue is worthy of criticism.
3. Be specific. Don't drop hints, but clearly name the problem.
4. Don't undermine the person's self-confidence or identity but rather make it obvious that you value the person.
5. Do not postpone needed criticism. If the issue is big, act now.

6. Look at yourself looking at others. Take the log out of your own eye.
7. End criticism with encouragement. Finish on a positive note.

The Maxwell Leadership Bible



Calendar

Dates of interest:

- ??March 19-22, 7pm nightly and 6pm Sunday—*New Life Refuge with Derrick Stennett, West Fork, Ark licensed through Free Will Baptist Church*
- ??March 24-25, 7 pm Friday & 10 am Saturday- *RMFI Ministry Meeting in Ballinger, TX*
- ??April 14, *Good Friday*
- ??April 16, *Easter Sunday (He is ALIVE!)*
- ??May 29, *Memorial Day Holiday*
- ??June 2006, *RMFI Camp Meeting Coming (TBA)*
- ??July 4, *Independence Day Holiday*
- ??October 20-22, *RMFI Conference Palenque, Mexico*

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Self-Control (continued from page 2)

Let me suggest seven steps to self-control.

1. Admit your problem

The starting point for developing self-control is to face what God has already said about you: You are responsible for your behavior. James 1:14 says, "A man's temptation is due to the pull of his own inward desires, which greatly attract him." Do you want more self-control? Admit you have a problem and be specific about it. Begin praying specifically about your problem areas.

2. Put your past behind you

Philippians 3:13-14 says, "Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, press on toward the goal." This verse exposes a misconception that will keep you from gaining self-control: Once a failure, always a failure. Failure in the past does not mean you'll never be able to change. Focusing on past failures, however, does guarantee their repetition. It's like driving a car and looking in the rear-view mirror the whole time. You're going to collide with what's ahead of you. You've got to put your past behind you.

3. Talk back to your feelings

Do you let your moods manipulate you? God doesn't want you to be controlled by your feelings. He wants you to master your moods. With Christ as the Master of your life you can learn to master your feelings. Talk back to them. Learn to challenge your emotions.

In Titus 2:11-12 we read, "For the grace of God ... teaches us to say no to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly

lives." God's grace gives us the power to do what is right. God gives you the ability to say no to that feeling, to that desire, to that impulse.

4. Believe you can change

The Fruit of the Spirit begins in your thought life. The seed must be planted in your mind. The way you think determines the way you feel, and the way you feel determines the way you act.

God gave us the power to change our habits when he gave us the power to choose our thoughts. Does Romans 1:2 tell us to be transformed by working hard at it or by sheer willpower? No. What are we to be transformed by? The renewing of the mind. When your self-control is being tested, you need to fill your mind with the promises of God.

1 Corinthians 10:13 says, "God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it." That's a fact. If you are a Christian, you cannot ever say, "The temptation was too strong; I couldn't help myself." The Bible says God is faithful. If you're a Christian, he won't let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. He never puts more on you than he puts in you to bear it.

5. Make yourself accountable

Find someone who will check up on you, pray for you, and encourage you in the areas where you want to develop more self-control. Ecclesiastes 4:12 says, "Two men can resist an attack that would defeat one man alone." (GNB)

Pastor, if you are serious about self-control, find someone in your church (or if you need to, find someone in another church) and go to him or her and say, "I

have this problem. I've confessed it to God. I've asked forgiveness, and now I want to ask you to help me. Will you be my 'buddy,' a person I can call on the phone when I need support and encouragement?" I believe God intends for every church to be filled with "buddy" relationships where people are accountable to each other, relationships where people help and encourage each other in the Lord. Having someone hold you accountable is tough, but it works.

6. Avoid temptation

It's just pure common sense: Don't put yourself in situations where you'll face temptation. If you struggle with alcohol, don't go into a bar. If you're struggling to lose weight, don't load the refrigerator with ice cream. Do whatever you must to avoid temptation.

7. Depend on Christ's power

There's nothing you can do as well without Christ as you can with him. Any struggle you're facing will be easier to conquer with his help.

Don't make the mistake of thinking you have to clean up all your messes before you ask God for help. That's silly. That's like curing yourself of a disease before you drive down and see the doctor. Go to God first and get his help in all your battles.

The secret of self-control is Christ's control. Then, as you face temptations that are too strong for you to resist, remember that he is with you and turn them over to him. Remember, Christ provides the power to change your life!

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News from the Field

Christian Community Church—Brady

On January 29th at 2:00 p.m. CCC hosted “Battle of Songs” to a packed house. Representatives from several churches and individuals participated. This event was directed and planned by Rev. Charles C. Stokes.

Evangelist Jerry Owens from Livingston, TX whom also directs the Holy Land Tour in Eureka Springs, ARK blessed CCC on Sunday Morning and Sunday Night on Feb 12th and traveled to Ballinger and taught there at New Life Refuge on Monday night, February 13th.

New Puppet Ministry: Jimmy & Jonna Fore performed for the first time Sunday, Feb 26th in the morning worship services. They directed the puppets and the CCC youth did the puppeteering.

Video Ministry: Transformation I was shown in a recent Wednesday night service. CCC has purchased the complete set (4 DVD’s) and will be showing them every other Wednesday night in the weeks to come.

CCC baptized five members after Bible Study March 1st. The anointing of the Holy Spirit was there and everyone witnessed the Spirit move on those being baptized. We are expecting great things to be happening here at CCC in the months to come.

Computer Classes to begin in April or May: Progress is being made on the new computer lab at CCC and classes will begin as soon as the lab and computers have been installed.

Blessings Pastors Richard A. Evans Sr.

Alvarado News

W.O.W. - "Works of Wonder" by a great God is what's happening here. Lot's of exciting things going on in Alvarado. We have begun an intense effort to bring the pastors and leaders of Alvarado and Johnson county together. Although some days it seems we are only taking baby steps, there is definitely a liberty in the spirit realm for endless possibilities.

On Saturday, March 4th at the city wide Men and Women's Breakfasts we saw more Works of Wonder by God. There was greater participation by area pastors and leaders.

Pastors who in the past have not been a part of this city wide effort were present. Our spirit filled county judge was present. Our High School Principal and Head Coach who are also both Christians were there sharing how God has placed them in these positions to make a difference to our kids. Darlene said the pastors wife of the largest Baptist Church in town came up to her and another pastors wife and put her arms around them and said, "Girls we have got to stick together. It's going to take all of us. It's a calling we can't deny" Talk about a WOW moment!

We are planning many outreaches for this summer and are expecting a great harvest.

Ladies Conference @ New Life Ministries - Alvarado, Texas

Friday, April 21st @ 7:30 pm

Saturday, Apr. 22nd @ 10:00 am

Guest speaker Alice Brown

Blessings: Pastors Marshall and DarleneHall

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?? May 30th

?? August 30th

?? November 30th

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