

Shepherding the Shepherds & Sheep

May-June 2022

God Is In The Delays!

Almost every day of my life I experience what I consider to be delays in one way or another. It seems like my time table and my desire for things to happen is always quicker than God's desires, and God's will for my life. He is the Master at teaching me patience and perspective in life. Whenever I experience a delay in any area of my life, I can always find God, if I am willing to look for him. About thirty years ago I coined the phrase, "God Is In The Delays." I say those words to myself and to others, almost every day.

Our son Andrew heard me say "God Is In The Delays" so many times he decided to paint my five favorite words on a piece of slate and he gave it to me as a Christmas present a few years ago. It hangs right beside me on my home office wall, where I see it and enjoy it every day.



When we are willing to look and listen with eyes and ears of faith — we can always see and hear God in the delays. Please join me in learning and being encouraged by Daniel's encounters with God.

Then he said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words. ¹³ But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia. ¹⁴ Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision refers to many days yet to come." (Daniel 10:12-14 KJV)

Seven years ago, in the spring of 2015, God gave me a dream of sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ through storytelling. The dream is to film people who are not well known, who have amazing God stories the world needs to hear.

In the fall of 2015 I received very wise advice from Dr. James Stokes, Vice-President of the PastorCare West Michigan Board of Directors, and Rev. Theda Fields, who was helping us as a consultant. After I shared my dream of filming people who are not well known, who have amazing God stories the world needs to hear, they both advised me not to start it under PastorCare West Michigan. I replied, "Okay, I won't. Now help me understand why." If anything happens to all 501(c)(3) organizations, or just with our 501(c)(3), everything connected to it will go away with it. They recommended setting up an LLC business which is focused on ministry. In early January, Theda filed the paper work for KINGDOM REEL, LLC. It was approved by the State of Michigan on January 22, 2016.

Our son Andrew and I began filming in February, 2016. We filmed four people who all had amazing stories and testimonies. After the fourth filming session I looked into Andrew's eyes and saw how tired he was. I asked Andrew if it would be helpful if I put the launch of Kingdom Reel on hold. He sighed with relief and said, "Yeah, Dad, It really would." So I put Kingdom Reel on hold.

Six years later, on January 1, 2022, I was in my workshop cutting out a name plate in honor of my Mom who passed away on July 19, 2021. While I was guiding the piece of walnut through my scroll saw, I was listening to a podcast through my ear buds. While I was listening to this man's story, the Holy Spirit prompted me, "Now is the time to launch KINGDOM REEL." My Mom was with me in spirit when the Holy Spirit gave me His wonderful prompt.





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REAL People. REAL Stories. REAL Hope.

One of my original hopes and dreams was that each of our kids would want to be involved in some way. All I had to do was wait patiently for seven years. Every minute of the delay was worth it, because now, all of our kids are excited to be involved and we are having a blast together! Andrew designed the logo and created the video Podcast intro and outro. Matt is working behind the scenes on the back end of the website and other technical requirements. Sarah and Aaron are filming, editing, marketing, and posting the video and audio Podcasts on all of the major social media platforms. Sarah is also an amazing Podcast host. Each of the Podcasts are either hosted by Sarah or by myself.



It was wonderful being interviewed by my amazing daughter, Sarah Seaberg!



Dr. James Stokes

Pastor Leo Ojeda

www.kingdomreel.com

Podcast Episodes (Audio & Video)





Pastor JR Pittman

Pastor Andrew Hamlet

KINGDOM REEL video and audio Podcasts are released every Thursday at 6:30PM on all of the major social media platforms, and both of our websites: www.kingdomreel.com and www.pastorcarewm.org.

- May 26 Who is John Smith?
- June 2 Answering the Call Part 1
- June 9 Answering the Call Part 2
- June 16 Awakenings of a Pastor's Daughter
- June 23 Hope in the Hole Part 1 with Guest Robert Woldhuis
- June 30 Hope in the Hole Part 2 with Guest Robert Woldhuis
- July 7 Bringing a Voice to the Muzzled Part 1 with Guest Heidi Woldhuis
- July 14 Bringing a Voice to the Muzzled Part 2 with Guest Heidi Woldhuis
- July 21 Becoming Set Free with Guest Mitch Roberts
- July 28 Finding Light in the Darkness with Guest Jolynn Van Wienen
- Aug. 4 Listening for His Voice with Guest JR Pittman
- Aug. 11 Journey to Healing and Forgiveness Part 1
- Aug. 18 Journey to Healing and Forgiveness Part 2



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Mitch Roberts

Jolynn Van Wienen

My commitment to and my passion for the ministry of PastorCare remains as strong and as deep as it did twenty years ago, when God first called me to become a pastor to pastors, missionaries, Christian leaders, and their families.

Lord willing, I will celebrate my 70th birthday on July 6. No matter how old I get, my life continues to be an adventure of faith—learning to trust God! I love serving the Lord and ministering to people. Therefore, I can joyfully say that I have no desire to retire!

Some of the pastors, missionaries, and Christian leaders I serve will decide to share their stories on the KINGDOM REEL Podcasts. For others it would not be wise to share their story publicly. Their personal well-being is always my primary concern. I would never want to put them in a position that may cause more damage or injury to them, or put them in potential danger. We trust the Holy Spirit to guide each person to know what parts of their story to share and the most helpful way to share it.

Let me share one example of the variety of people we serve through PastorCare.

Sue and I are serving as Confidential Coaches and Wellness Care Providers for a missionary couple whose identity must remain confidential, private, and protected. They are serving in another country with a ministry called, Wipe Every Tear. One of requirements this ministry has for all of their staff, is receiving ongoing monthly spiritual, mental, and emotional care provided by a trusted professional. This couple asked us to continue our caregiving role with them. We were delighted to be approved to provide the ongoing care for this couple. We meet with them via ZOOM once a month, and we remain available if a need arises between our monthly appointments.

Wipe Every Tear Exists to Bring Freedom, Hope, and a Future to Those Trafficked in the Sex Trade

Create a Legacy With Us Propel freedom with an outreach of hope, empowerment through education, and refuge of a healthy home.



Janet's Testimony

Janet shares her experience of growing up as a child in the sex trade. She and her six siblings all face a fate similar to their mother: a freelance sex worker in the Philippines. But God has a different plan for their lives and the lives of their children.

(You may read her story on the website: https://www.wipeeverytear.org/)



How Third-World Poverty Fuels The Sex Trade

Practical ways you can help:

- Provide the resources for meal outreach to women still trapped in exploitation.
- Empower a woman's education that will lead her out of poverty and into the dreams of her heart.
- Safe home sponsorship provides a place of freedom and refuge. Provide all that a woman and her children need to be truly set free.

The missionary family Sue and I are coaching are responsible for raising all of their financial support. They would also be responsible for paying a monthly fee to another care providing organization if Sue and I were not providing their care through PastorCare.

If the Holy Spirit prompts you to join their financial and prayer support team, please let me know and I will assist you in the process of connecting with them.



Thank you for partnering with PastorCare West Michigan to advance the Kingdom of God through your prayers and financial donations.

Please make checks payable to: PastorCare West Michigan 8056 Burlingame Ave. SW Bryon Center, MI 49315

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