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25 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

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All Family & Friends of the ministry are invited. 25TH ANNIVERSARY as an Apostolic Network and Restoration Revival movement to the nations.

International Guest Speakers Include



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**DR. MARK
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FRIDAY, JULY 24TH
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SATURDAY, JULY 25TH

SCHOOL OF MINISTRY | *Begins @ 9am - Ends @ 3pm*
\$16 per person for lunch. | Register by July 20th at www.rfiusa.org

HELD AT THE BRIDGEPORT CONFERENCE CENTER

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ROMANS 12:3 *For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.*

2 THESSALONIANS 1:3 *We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other,*

It is interesting to see that faith is "measurable" and can be increased to reach the fullest potential of "great faith." Jesus measured people's faith when ministering to them. He would make statements like, "*according to your faith be it done to you*", indicating that some people had greater faith than others. He also located the faith level of Peter in **MATTHEW 14:31** when he said, "*O you of little faith, why did you doubt.*" Peter tried to walk in the level of faith that Jesus was operating in but was not quite ready to believe beyond the five sense realm longer than a few minutes. The phrase "**little faith**" here actually means "**faith that didn't last long enough, or short faith.**"

Jesus not only measures our faith when we are wanting to receive from God, but He looks for faith when we approach Him as proved

from the story of the paralytic who was lowered through a roof by his friends, "*When He saw their faith*", **LUKE 5:20**. Faith that can receive from God is so vital that Jesus will be looking for it when He returns, I surmise that He will be expecting to see a lot of "great faith" by that time, "*Will the Son of Man find faith on the earth when He comes?*" **LUKE 18:8**

Here are four keys in the development of "great faith" that we can see clearly in the life of the Centurion that amazed Jesus with his faith.

1. RECOGNITION OF THE LORDSHIP OF CHRIST

MATTHEW 8:5-6 *Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, 6 saying, "Lord, my*

servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented.”

Someone has correctly stated that “if Jesus isn’t Lord of all, He is not Lord at all.” A full surrender to His Lordship, giving Him full reign over our life is the first step to developing Great faith.

2. HUMILITY

MATTHEW 8:8 *The centurion answered and said, “Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed.”*

Humility is a “proper estimation of self.” Pride is an “overestimation of self.” This Centurion knew that he was not “deserving” of God’s help because of who he was or what he had done, but all that God does for us is done as a “free gift.” **ROMANS 8:32** *He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?*

3. UNDERSTANDING GOD’S WILL

MATTHEW 7:7 *And Jesus said to him, “I will come and heal him.”*

“Jesus said, “**I will** come and heal him.” A great apostle of faith said, “Faith begins where The will of God is known.” We must be convinced of God’s will before we can pray in faith.

1 JOHN 5:14-15 *Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.*

4. UNDERSTANDING THE NATURE OF FAITH

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“Speak **the Word only** and my servant shall be healed.” Real faith requires no proof or evidence from the five sense realm, but believes with the heart. Faith is a “sixth sense” that is independent of the five physical senses. The man with great faith said in effect, “If you say it, it’s done.” He went his way believing his servant was healed before he ever saw him.

Notice what Jesus said in **MATTHEW 8:13**, Then Jesus said to the centurion, “*Go your way; and as you **have believed** (past tense), so let it be done for you.*” In **MATTHEW 8:10** we read the astounding words of the Master affirming the level of faith of this Roman Soldier, “*I have not found so **great faith**, not even in Israel.*”

I am working on another book that will deal with reaching our “faith potential”, I believe it may be the most important teaching I will give the Body of Christ.

HEBREWS 11:6 *But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*



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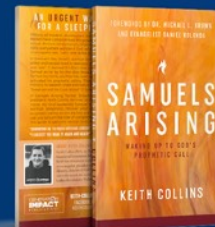
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APOSTOLIC COMMISSIONING

APOSTLE KEITH COLLINS will officially birth Impact International Fellowship as a new apostolic network of churches and ministers on **MAY 24, 2020, 6:30PM** at Faith Church International 600 The Drive, Fairmont, WV.

Friends and family are invited to celebrate as Dr John Polis, President of Revival Fellowship International will conduct the commissioning service. Hear Keith share his vision and calling for the Network and enjoy the fellowship with other leaders of Restoration Revival. Light refreshments and fellowship will follow.



PICK UP KEITH'S NEW BOOK SAMUELS ARISING

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2020 STUDENT MINISTRIES CALENDAR

JUNE 22-26 EXCEL SUMMER CAMP

Camp ground is located AT Living Faith Church camp ground in Preston County, WV. \$70 per camper. QUESTIONS: 1-304-435-4628

JULY 12-13 FIRE BRAND FORMERLY FIRE IN THE MOUNTAINS

For the past 13 years this event has been a tool for awakening this generation. www.anchorchurch.live

CHURCH REVITALIZATION WORKSHOP

Saturday, May 23 | *Faith Church International*

On Saturday May 23, Dr. Pat Polis will lead a workshop addressing the basics of church revitalization. His success in the military and business world, along with his training as a church consultant, resulted in him personally and successfully revitalizing multiple churches, as well as assisting other churches in their revitalization efforts.

A workbook will be provided to participants as a working document giving practical tools applicable to the average church setting.

WORKSHOP TOPICS WILL INCLUDE:

- *Principles of revitalization*
- *What a healthy church looks like*
- *What unhealthy churches look like*
- *Why some churches revitalize and some don't*
 - *Growth barriers*
 - *Measuring effectiveness*
- *The role of demographics and related topics*

Two-thirds of North American churches are plateaued, declining and many are on the precipice of closing, following thousands that have already closed. Here are some common, contributory practices: [1] established comfort zones that are self-serving instead of others serving; [2] lack of knowledge [a strategy/a plan] on how to get out of the rut they are in; [3] a lack of awareness about the community in which they are located; [4] shifting the blame to someone or somewhere other than the church itself, its leaders and its members; [5] reluctance in asking for help; [6] lack of spiritual outreach; [7] unhealthy attitudes: decline leads to despair which leads to defeat.

In his book *Comeback Churches*, Ed Stetzer states that many churches have forgotten or lost sight of their true mission and purpose to simply make more and better followers of Jesus Christ. Is a church comeback an easy road? No!

But is it a road worth taking? Yes!

REGISTRATION

\$29 per ministry | rfiusa.org

Register by March 2nd

**DR.
PATRICK
POLIS**





FROM THE HEART OF ALLEN AND KYONG FULTON

ALLEN IS RETIRED U.S. NAVY & FORMER OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR OF RFI IN SOUTH CAROLINA

August 2019 I was driving to work and I said to the Lord that I needed to make a shift in my life not only in my spiritual life but in my natural life as well. He spoke back to me and said if I would seek Him and focus on Him I would turn the corner. I took that information and began to walk with a different perspective. I began to pray and fast more. I began to push away the games on my tablet and allow Him to be the first thing I focused on in the morning hours. I began to apply scripture in my life, Scriptures like *(PSALMS 5:3)*, *my voice you shall hear in the morning O Lord, in the morning I will direct it to you and I will look up. (PSALMS 27:8) When you said seek my face my heart said to you your face Lord I will seek.* As I began to put my faith into action and focus on the things of God a change began to take place inside of me. I began to hear more clearly as God explained to me that being a set of headphones does no good until they have been connected. As I allowed myself to be connected with the Holy Spirit, I began to hear the music. As the music began to play, God's voice became more clear and my faith began to grow. I began to step out of the boat, one could say.

God shared with me July 30th, 2019 that 2020 was the year of vision. On August 4th, God began to show me

He was bringing a new rain that would bring new fruit. On August 6th He spoke to me that it was a time of tilling the ground to be ready to receive this new rain of His presence that would contain greater blessing and clearer vision.

I started to listen to Dr. John's teaching series (*No Weapon, that can be found on the FCI App*). These messages are powerful and have brought confirmation to many of the things God had been placing on my heart. I believe after all this, I finally began to realize who I am in God and that I do not need to live a life of defeat and with the anointing I can do all things. I realized at this time that fear truly is a liar and as the song says I had to place my fear into the fire. Once I placed my fears into the fire and began to walk by faith and not by sight I began to see God move in a way I have never seen before. I began to lay hands on the sick by faith and see the power and move of God that is taking place in this season.

HEALING TESTIMONIES

A nurse in the navy hospital I work with had fallen off a horse and broken her humerus bone. She was in a sling and I felt that I needed to pray for her but didn't, because fear and doubt had gripped me. I told her I hoped she would be alright and I left and went about my business.

A short while later I began to have a pain in my knee, I had a bad limp and had a hard time walking. I went to my primary care provider to get assistance and he sent me to physical therapy. I went to Physical Therapy and the first day I was laying on the table worshiping God and I placed my hand on my knee and prayed "God I don't believe there is anything wrong with my knee I believe that You will use this knee pain to get me to the place where I am needed to pray for someone or to give someone a word. I was scheduled for an MRI but it was delayed because of bad weather. I only went to one more therapy appointment and was finally able to get my MRI which revealed that I had a fracture in my knee. Once I read this report I went to our orthopedics department to see an orthopedics provider that we have developed a relationship with. I showed him the results of my MRI, he gave me a brace, and set a follow-up appointment. Leaving the appointment I saw the nurse that had fallen off the horse and I asked her how her arm was doing. She replied that it was not good that the doctor was concerned because her humerus bone now had a big hole in it and he was concerned she would need surgery. I began to share a faith message with her letting her know God was a healer. I began to

pray a prayer of faith asking God to close up the hole in her bone so that she would not need surgery. When we finished praying God told me to tell her that I did not see surgery in the future. I was obedient to tell her this sharing with her that the Bible tells us that if two on earth agree about anything it will be done, I asked her if she agreed and she said she did. I left her office and continued to pray that God would close this hole and that the next imaging she got the doctor would tell her she would not require surgery. The good news is that on that same day after I had prayed for her, my knee miraculously stopped hurting. When her images came back, the hole in the bone had closed and no surgery was required. I asked her to continue to believe with me that the hole would completely be closed by the time she got her new x-rays. Glory be to God she got her new x-rays and the bone has completely closed.

My wife Kyong worked for a man in June of 2019, who was hospitalized due to kidney failure. He was placed on medicine and spent several days in the hospital. He would ask my wife to believe with him that he would get better. My wife Kyong told him we would believe with him and that we would pray for him. On November 7th 2019 before my wife left for work, I was seeking the Lord's face, directing my voice upwards and interceding on his behalf. I had on a golf shirt that my wife had brought from his house and a straw hat that he had given me. As she walked out the door I heard the Spirit of the Lord tell me look you're wearing Mr. Ray's hat and shirt and you look like him. I laughed inside and ran out the door to catch my wife. I told her what I had heard and she looked at me and said you need to stop by and pray for him. Of course I looked at the clock and saw I would not have time as I still

needed to get ready for work so I told her she could do it. I stepped back into my house and I heard God tell me that I had time to stop at his house and pray. I finished getting dressed, jumped in my truck, and drove to his house. I walked into his room still wearing the hat and the golf shirt, jokingly I said Mr. Ray don't I look like you he laughed and told me 'yes and you look good. I began laughing with him and stood next to his bed and I asked him if I could pray. I placed my hands on his kidney and began to pray for God to heal and restore his kidneys back to the full function. On the 14th of November, Kyong called me and told me that Mr. Ray had gone to his office, leaving his house for the first time since June, except to go to the doctor. We praise God for hearing our prayers and allowing this gentleman to be able to be free from the bed and have the strength to enjoy his 75th birthday. While he still does dialysis, he is able to move around and about. I of course am asking God to completely restore his kidneys. God is on the move in this season He is preparing His bride.

He spoke to me on November 7th two words. Those words were RELINQUISH (to voluntarily cease to keep or claim, give up) and RECTIFY (Put something right, correct). We as a church must hear these two words and know that God has not given up or voluntarily ceased to claim His power and we absolutely cannot cease to claim the power and authority that He has given us. I could expound on that thought. However, the word of the Lord that came to me on January 8 2020 is the one I would like to share.

I was waxing a young man's floor and worshiping God when I heard the word EXODUS. I began to think about that book from the Bible and how many times we read it and only equate it with the Israelites being

released from the bondage of the Egyptians oppression.

I began to ponder, what is an Exodus? I looked up the definition and I found it means a mass departure of people, especially immigrants. I began to pray Lord we need an Exodus man, a man like Moses, we as a people need an Exodus.

I believe I heard the Lord reply to me these words "I have prepared My Moses throughout the nation, I have prepared them to confront the rulers and principalities that hold my people in bondage. I have heard the cries of my people being held in bondage and have set the fire on the mountain to cause my Moses' to see my fire and draw near to Me to receive My direction. Hear Me today oh my children I have not forgotten you. I am preparing a mass Exodus. I the Lord Most High, I know the path of least resistance. Look toward Me, my Moses' confront the enemies before you the enemy of religion, division, and immorality. Do not have a fear, listen to My voice, I will show the way. Although your enemy will be on your heel as you depart, I will not allow them to overtake you. I am this day preparing an Exodus for My people held in bondage. A harvest is coming, many will withdraw from the old way of thinking. They will come through to greener pastures. I have stamped their green card, no longer will they be strangers in a strange land, but I will be known to them and they will be known to Me. Prepare this day those that serve Me and know Me as their God and Father. I am about to expand the family.

Thank you all for allowing me to share my testimonies and the word and heart of God in this hour. We serve an awesome loving God.



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1. Government is to benefit the people but when there is no godly influence or godly principles being implemented, government becomes perverted, a place of anarchy, corruption and domination of people for selfish reasons.

2. We have numerous important Biblical models of government leaders such as Daniel, Nehemiah

and Zerubbabal to name a few. Deborah was a judge as well. We are to follow these examples as God leads.

3. Servanthood is the Biblical prerequisite for governmental leaders. Who better understands servanthood than one who has accepted the greatest SERVANT of all and who has HIM for a role model?

4. Government shapes society and influences culture. Because of what the Bible teaches and the inevitability of its effect on our culture, Christians must care about, pray about, intelligently vote and be actively involved in government.



MEET OUR NEW RFI AFFILIATE BRUCE SMOLL



This past December Bruce was brought into the RFI family. He has been part of *KAIROS Prison Ministry* for the last 4 years. They currently minister at Salem and Huttonsville Correctional Facilities several times throughout the year as well as weekly visits for Prayer & Share with the inmates.

He also has a personal ministry called *HIS VICTORIOUS LIFE*. This past year *HVL* was permitted by the administration at Glenville Nursing Home to host Bible Classes

with the residents twice a month.

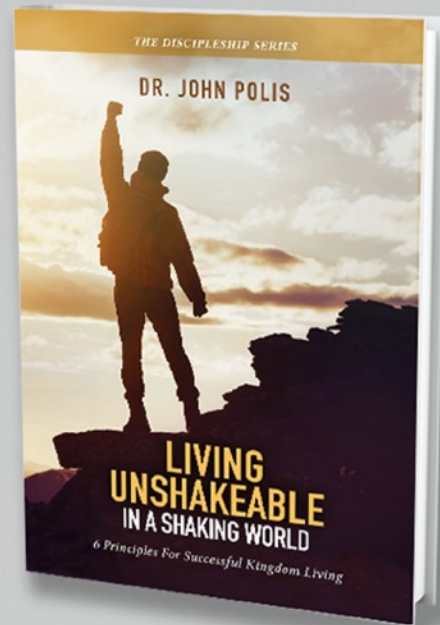
Bruce also teaches a weekly Bible Study at his church, Greenvalley Community Church. He also looks to do more ministry outside the church in the future.

Bruce served in the U.S. Army for 20 years and retired Sergeant 1st Class E7. Now he and his wife Judith of 39 years currently reside in San Fork, WV. They have 2 children and 4 grandchildren with 1 on the way.

Introducing THE DISCIPLESHIP SERIES

Are you looking for a personal devotional or small group study?

THE DISCIPLESHIP SERIES contains handpicked books written by John Polis that are designed to help you grow in spiritual maturity as you follow Jesus Christ and learn to apply the Word of God to your life.



Our first book in the **DISCIPLESHIP SERIES** is **LIVING UNSHAKEABLE IN A SHAKING WORLD**. God says in Hebrews 12:25-29 that the Kingdom of God is unshakeable and all that are walking in Kingdom principles will be unshakeable as well. The kingdoms set up by man and devils will be brought into subjection to the Kingdom of God. Everything that's not derived from or attached to the kingdom of God will eventually perish, it will fall away, but the Bible says "we have received a kingdom which cannot be shaken."

HOW TO USE THIS RESOURCE: This discipleship resource, is designed to be used over a **SIX WEEK** period. Each week has several elements that will help you get the most out of the subject being discussed. Here are the elements and a brief description of each.

READ: The first day of every chapter has a reading portion.

INSIGHT: The first day also includes a question that will help you see how what you read applies to you.

WATCH: Day two of each week there will be a brief video to watch from Dr. John Polis.

MEMORIZE: Day three of each week there is one passage for you to write, memorize, and then quote to a friend.

ACTION STEP: Day four there is a question that will help you put action to what you have been learning about.

TRANSFER: Day five you will write a brief summary of what you God has shown to you through-out the week.

REFLECTION: Day six you will take time to read back over everything you have written down that God has shown to you through-out the week. You can also write down any results from your **ACTION STEP**. As leadership expert John Maxwell says, "Experience is not the best teacher, evaluated experience is".

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ARSENAL

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This conference will give you an opportunity to further your understanding of the Biblical structure of the New Testament Church and the 5-fold ministry!

SPEAKERS:

Dana Gammill & Mike Robinson. Dana Gammill will be speaking at Arsenal 2020! He is a man on fire for God and we look forward to hearing all the things he will be sharing with us. Seats are filling up fast, so get your tickets on the events page at RestorationChurchIntl.org!

WHEN:

Friday, March 27th and Saturday, March 28th, 2020

Registration includes Admission, Continental Breakfast on Saturday, and Conference Materials. Childcare will be available. **Dinner on Friday is on your own.**

LODGING:

Fairfield Inn & Suites 304-598-5006
www.marriott.com | (5.9 miles from event site)

La Quinta Inn & Suites 304-241-4501
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H.U.G.S. HOUSE REFUGE CENTER

H.U.G.S. (HELP US GET STARTED) House Refuge Center is a professional, non-profit, non-denominational Christian cooperative. Our mission is to provide treatment for women who have been sexually exploited/human trafficking and/or suffering from alcohol and drug addiction. Through a highly structured 8-12 month program we desire to make permanent contributions to the lives of women whose needs have yet to be met by their current circumstances. We work to offer a broad base of treatment which addresses the whole person – mind, body and spirit.

As a service to our community and surrounding areas, we will network with as many local, state and federal agencies, public and private institutions, individuals, professionals as well as groups, churches and foundations, clinics and hospitals as necessary or possible in order to build safe family structures for the women in our care.

AWAKENING: Men's Conference.

SPEAKERS: Ap. Mike Robinson, Ps. Tim Bolyard, Sam Polis

TIME: Saturday, May 16th 9am-3pm

LOCATION: New Life Church 153 Crawford Road, New Florence, Pa 15944

REGISTRATION: \$25 includes lunch preregistration requested, mail check to New Life Church PO Box 29 New Florence Pa 15944 or pay online at newlifechurchnf.org



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