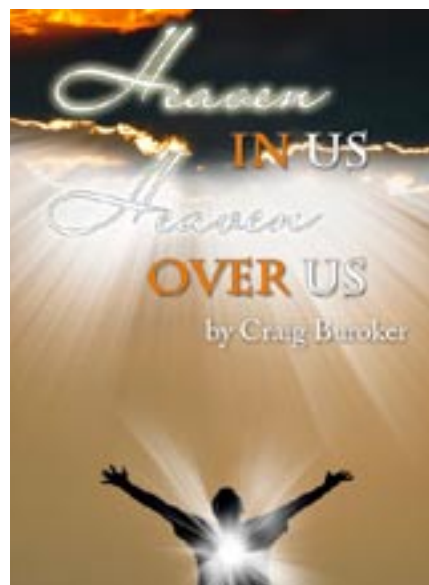


Latest Product Updates...



Heaven in Us, Heaven over Us... *Item 1055*

Pastor Craig says of this series, "I was sitting in a service one time where they were talking to us about an 'open heaven' and these words suddenly came up inside me, 'Heaven doesn't open over you until it opens in you.'" God's desire is for us to have a sensitive and teachable heart in order for Him to increase the light in each one of us. This allows the things of heaven to be manifested more and more in His body so His glory can be shown to the world.

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A Time to Laugh... *Item 1057*

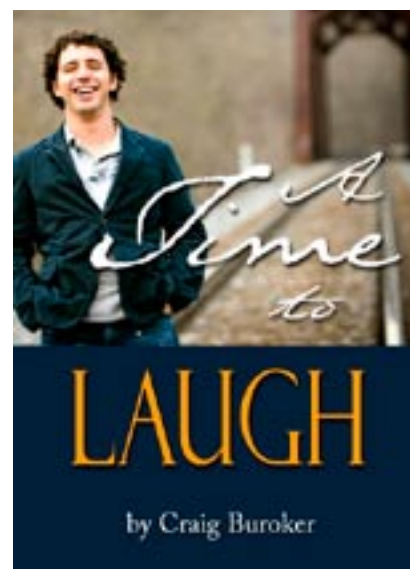
If you have been fighting discouragement or depression, these broadcasts are for you. Laugh together with Pastor Craig as he shares ministry bloopers, and learn how to choose joy above your circumstances and let it make you strong. Discover how joy is a characteristic of our God: He's full of joy and fun to be with! *Caution: Watching this series may cause uncontrollable laughter.*

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Remember that we continue to pray for each of you, our partners.

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From Pastor Craig's Desk...

Dear Wonderful Partners,

I pray this letter finds you blessed and prospering in the things of the Lord.

Aren't you glad that the steadfast love of the Lord never changes? No matter what happens in the earth or around you or even in your own life, our God is faithful!

I know there have been seasons in my own life when I felt like nothing I did was working and even my best efforts fell so short of what I believed God was requiring of me. I believe these are the seasons where the Lord shows us that our Christianity is really all about Him.

Recently, I heard an old man of God say something I will always remember. He said that there are times in our life where nothing seems to work. Our prayers seem nothing more than mechanical; our Bible times are dry; and even our faith seems to be maxed out and unproductive.

He said that it's in these times that God shows us it's not really about us or up to us at all. Rather, in a hard period God allows us to sit in the "totally helpless" chair and learn that without Him, nothing in us, around us, or through us can be accomplished. He really is our "all in all".

In the King James version, Psalm 4:1 says, "You have enlarged me when I was in distress." Another translation says, "Under pressure you have enlarged me." Isn't it peculiar that when we go through times of pressure and testing, we grow the most?

None of us likes to experience pressure because it reveals our flaws. But a good product in the manufacturing world is tested so that its strength can be determined before it is put into circulation.

I was flying somewhere recently and we were in a tremendous wind storm as the plane ascended to its cruising altitude. When I looked out the window I could see the wing flexing and bending as the wind gusts hit it. At first it was frightening to look at because it gave the impression of weakness.

But as I watched, I realized the wing was doing exactly what it had been designed to do. It was made to yield a certain amount to the wind in order to maintain its structural ability. That wing had been tested to see what kind of stress it could handle long before it was put on the plane.

Even the education system proves that pressure enlarges us. We learn and grow and study all year and then just when we think we should be exalted to the next grade, we are given a bunch of tests! What's with that? After all my hard work all year and now you want me to take some more tests? But we all know that those tests determine how much we actually learned from what was given to us that year.

Do you remember that you can ask the teacher questions all year long but you can't ask questions during the test? Have you ever noticed that when you're going through one of God's tests, He doesn't say much? Why? Because you're in the test. He knows that what's been put inside you will bring you through to victory on the other side if you'll just stand by faith and not give up.

The nice thing about God's tests is they are all "open book." So when you find yourself in a spiritual test, make sure you spend time in your Bible, reading and studying and building your faith.

This will prevent you from having to go around and around that mountain. It is largely true that we are the ones who determine how long we will have to take any particular test.

This "under pressure" principle is also true with plants. Any botanist will tell you that the strength of a plant is in its root system. When things begin to get dry or harsh on the surface, the plant focuses on developing its roots. When we face dry or harsh circumstances, God means for us to send



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Pastor Craig Buroker

The Times of Refreshing is designed to keep our partners up to date on what is happening in our ministry, Times of Refreshing.

We are confident you will find this a valuable source of information providing regular contact from the show host, Craig Buroker, a sneak preview about what is next on the show, and our latest product available.

We feel that God is using our ministry to impact this nation both as an oasis of God's presence to its viewers and as a trumpet call to Canada's church.

It is important for our partners to stay informed, and that is why we've started The Times. If you would like to write to us, see our contact information on the back of the newsletter. We love to hear from our partners!

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our roots deeper. Psalm 1:3 says that we are to be like a tree planted by the rivers of water. Then our spiritual nourishment can be drawn from that river through our "roots".

Several years ago, I was in the middle of a time of complete fruitlessness in my ministry and I had no idea how to change anything. I was realizing that much of what made up my "spiritual roots" was simply what others had said and had never been tested in my own life.

The next part of Psalm 1:3 is what got me through. I was praying and crying one day during that time and I read the next part of the verse which says the tree, "brings forth its fruit in its season," and suddenly I saw it!

Whether it was the Lord or just my own spirit I don't know but I heard these words loud and clear down on the inside: there is a season of fruitlessness. I thought, "Of course... everything in the natural has a season of growth and a season of dormancy." That revelation changed my ministry! I've since heard someone summarize it by saying, "When there's no fruit, God's dealing with roots".

So where are you right now? Are things fruitful and productive in your life or is it a spiritual winter for you? If you are in a place where it's hard and dry and God doesn't seem to be answering, then you're probably in a test. It's root developing time!

Keep your nose in your Bible. Keep your prayer time with God. Draw your spiritual nourishment from the river you're planted beside. Keep doing all the things that you know God loves and the devil hates and you'll come through to a new season of fruitfulness. It may take longer than you think, but hey, you've got the rest of your life to pass the test. You may as well decide that you're going to win!

At the same time, go and do something fun! Get your eyes off the problem. Rent some funny videos or go for a holiday or something. You can be assured that in five years you'll look back on this time and say to someone younger than you, "Well, back when I was going through that..." because you will overcome.

Remember our God is faithful. He's still on the throne and He's not stressed out about your problems. God's happy, He's laughing and He's got just the thing you need to bring you through.

From all of us here at Times of Refreshing, may you have a tremendous Christmas this year and a personal renewal of His goodness in the New Year,

Pastor Craig

Merry Christmas to Our Partners!...

We so appreciate each one of you. It has been a joy to hear and read of your testimonies and praise reports this year. Our God is a great God. Thank you for your faithfulness in prayer and financial support. It is such a blessing to our ministry. We are standing in faith with you, believing God for an abundant blessing and refreshing in your life.

We have Good News! You can now see Times of Refreshing in Calgary! Our show is broadcasting on Crossroads Television via Shaw Digital Cable, channel 32, in the greater Calgary area. This has been a faith project for our ministry for a long time. Praise God for the breakthrough!

A reminder that **Charitable Donations Receipts** will be sent out at the end of January 2008. If you have moved in the previous year, please make sure our office has your current mailing address. Thank you!

May God's richest blessing be yours this Christmas season,
From Pastor Craig
and the Times of Refreshing Committee

Pastor Craig's Itinerary...

Itinerary is subject to change without notice. For the most up-to-date itinerary information, visit our website at www.timesofrefreshing.ca.

November 25 Victory Church of Three Hills

107 - 3rd Avenue North, Three Hills, AB
Pastor Craig will be ministering at both morning services. For more information contact 403-443-7275 or email victory@vc3.ca

December 2, 16 Southside Victory Church

6402 - 1A Street SW, Calgary, AB
Pastor Craig will be ministering during the 10 am service.
Please call 403-253-7777 for directions or more info.

December 20 TOR Taping at CJIL: The Miracle Channel

450 - 31 Street N, Lethbridge, AB
Taping begins at 1 pm. Come see the station,
pray for Pastor Craig and be a part of the live audience.



January 13, 2008 Victory Church on the Rock NE

10445 - 172 Street, Edmonton, AB
Pastor Craig will be ministering during the 10 am service.
Contact 780-944-9292 for more information.

Would you like to have Pastor Craig minister at your next function?

Contact our office by phone or email and speak with Rev. Ann Camber at info@timesofrefreshing.ca or at 1-877-877-87 ext. 2.

Bundles of Joy...

This Christmas season, enjoy joy! Here are some little teaching nuggets from Pastor Craig in his teaching series,

A Time to Laugh.

Let joy be one of the topics you meditate on during your holidays. Take time daily to pray the prayer at the end of these scriptures.

We believe you will notice the refreshing!

Ecclesiastes 3:1, 4 – To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven:... a time to laugh...

"I believe we need to laugh more. I believe Christians should be the most joy-filled people around. There's scripture after scripture that speak of joy and as God's kids, it should be reflected in our lives. Let your life be one of joy!"

Galatians 5:22-23 – But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

"These characteristics make up what God is, and joy is second on the list. I'm pretty sure you will agree that God is primarily love. Well, according to this list, if God is #1 love, He's #2 joy! If you want to get a picture of God, He's joy! He laughs a lot and His laughter permeates creation."

Psalm 27:6b – Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the Lord.

"According to the Bible, shouts of joy belong in the house of God. Why? To put it simply, I believe God likes happy kids. He has a sense of humour. It delights Him to see His children smile and laugh."

Philippians 4:4 – Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I say, rejoice!

"When your car is low on fuel, what do you do? You 'refuel.' When you're low on joy, what can you do? You can 'rejoice!' There are times you will have to choose joy. Some problems you'll have to laugh off, or dance off, or praise off. Verse 6 goes on to say, 'Be anxious for nothing..' Walk out of your worry using joy! Let go of it and don't care."

James 1:2 – My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

"Joy is a spiritual force. The only tactics Satan has against joy are discouragement, depression, worry and care. Joy and laughter break the power of these things off you in the spirit. Joy is a weapon you can use against the enemy. Use it today!"

Nehemiah 8:10 – The joy of the Lord is your strength.

"Jesus is the author of joy. If joy is His strength, He must be very strong! When we appropriate the joy of the Lord by faith, we get His strength. How do we do that? We act in faith, even before we might feel anything. We act as if we have joy, even if we don't feel like we do yet. Then, as we step out in faith, believing we already have received joy, according to Mark 11:24, we shall have joy and the strength it brings."

Isaiah 12:3 – Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

"Think about all the benefits of salvation that are available for us: deliverance, preservation, soundness, prosperity, happiness, rescue, and general well-being (from Strong's #4991: 'soteria'). Joy is the bucket we can use to draw the blessings forth. What benefit do you need today? Use your joy to draw it out of the spiritual and into the natural realm."



Romans 14:17 – For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

"According to this scripture, the Holy Spirit must be joyful. Think about the 'Toronto blessing.' One of the manifestations of the Holy Spirit that Toronto was predominantly known for was its joy. God showed up and people were overcome with the experience that He's fun to be with. I'm so glad God is bringing back the element of fun back to the body."

Psalm 4:7 – You have put gladness in my heart, more than in the season that their grain and wine increased.

"Experiences in the joy change us. Laughter and joy have a way of opening us up to receive His truth better. After I visited the 'Toronto blessing' and experienced the joy of the Holy Spirit, I learned not to take myself so seriously. Now, I laugh a whole lot easier. Sometimes we need to lighten up. God has joy available for His body. We need it!"

Psalm 132:9 – Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness and Your saints shout for joy.

"God is restoring joy to the church. The last days' church will be fun to be in. It will be a church of joy and laughter."

Psalm 16:11 – You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

"Roland Baker said this, 'God is in a better mood than you are.' I think Jesus laughs a lot more than we think. Joy and laughter are the culture of heaven. Our God is full of joy and fun to be with. It's not going to be boring to be in the throne room – it's going to be fun!"

Dear Heavenly Father:

**I choose to receive Your joy today! I will rejoice in You!
You have put gladness in my heart, I will shout for joy!**

By faith I use joy to draw forth the benefits of my salvation into my life. Thank You, Holy Spirit for evidence of joy today in my thoughts, in my speech and in my actions.

I see that joy is a spiritual force and a weapon I can wield against the enemy. I appropriate Your joy by faith into my circumstances. In You I have the victory!

I believe I receive Your joy today in my life, and I thank You for it.

In the precious name of Jesus, Amen!