



2016 CATALOG

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Now that we are about to release our TENTH BOOK, we felt it would be a good time to put all of them in one place. Of course, we have two blog pages, and the GlobalDestiny website, and we post on Facebook, at least once a month; but we wanted to have something else – something that people can hold in their hands. The answer we came up with is the 2016 Catalog. Let us know what you think!



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GREETINGS FROM THE BISHOP



Apostolic Greetings, in the Name of our Christ!

I am honored to welcome you to the premiere issue of The GlobalDestiny Imprint Catalog of books and publications written by myself, Bishop Raymond Allan Johnson.

I have a lot to say ...

It's not my fault. God has gifted me to write. Furthermore, over the course of more than four decades in ministry, He has deposited so much into my spirit until I am like a full bucket, running over. Just over a quarter of a century ago, 1990, in fact, I started writing a book called *From Kingdom all to Kingdom Call*. Taking a cue from the movie *Misery*, I loaded up my car with my books, notes, and typewriter, and drove up for a week, to a cabin the Georgian Bay in southern Ontario, Canada; and started writing. I got a great start, but in time what was intended to be one concise book evolved into four different books.

Things happened, along the way, that took attention away from what I'd started in Canada. I continued to write, but got no closer to publishing what I'd written. In an era before the internet came into existence, I read thousands of books and articles, and spent countless hours in the library. And the books grew, until they took on form.

In 1995 I was chosen to the faculty of the first School of Ministry for the Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship Conference, in New Orleans, Louisiana. I was assigned to teach a class for elders, called "Second Best". Several of my colleagues read the courseware and begged me to publish it, even though the courseware consisted of only twenty-two pages. Nothing came of their request, for almost twenty years.

A third development happened, that influenced my writing. In 2005, I accepted an overseas assignment, working for a Ford Motor company joint venture, in the Peoples Republic of China. Everything I *thought* I knew about China was colored by the Kung Fu movies I had seen, over the years; and a single scene from the movie, "The Red Violin", depicting events from the Cultural Revolution. A side note, here: even the movies based in China that we did see, in the U.S., were actually filmed in Hong Kong, and the spoken Chinese was a dialect of Cantonese, spoken in Hong Kong; and not the Mandarin dialect, spoken in most of the Mainland. I was totally intrigued by what I saw, as I travelled around China, in my first year there. In February 2007 I created the "All Around China" blog (<http://aroundchina2007.blogspot.com/>), to document my travels.

My camera was extremely busy, during the seven years I lived in China. In all, I took more than 7,000 pictures, over the years. They say a picture is worth a thousand words. The truth is, picture books are expensive. Nevertheless, I loved the land so much that I felt it was crucial to tell the story; and even to share some of the pictures I took, during my stay in China. In the meantime, I also started teaching Oral Communication, in a university in the city where I lived. Some of the thousands of pictures I took, of course, were pictures of my students. Many of the lessons I taught in the university gave me a chance to give my students an insight into what life is like, here in America. I also had younger students, who I tutored in my home. Many of these students dreamed of studying in an American college, after they graduated from high school – and, by the way, some of my university students had plans to attend a graduate school in the United States, after graduation from college.

I started collecting information for two complementary books: one to tell my students in china about life in America; the other to tell people in America about my experiences in China. I envisioned a third book about Chinese food, to describe what my culinary experiences, travelling around China. Finally, I wrote a book that built upon what I learned about religion in China. These four books comprise “The Song Project”, which I will talk about later, in this newsletter.

In 2015 we completed *The Sojourners’ Story*, and *The Apple doesn’t Fall Far from the Tree* (which was the first finished book to emerge from “*From Kingdom Hall to Kingdom Call*”); and started the final stages of editing *Jehovah’s witnesses versus the Biblical Jesus. Keeping the Faith* was totally conceived and written, in 2016. The year is young. We believe that there are four books for us to finish, before the end of the year. Out of the four books we have in mind, *Mr. Song’s Dinner Table* was started in 2013; and *Mr. Song’s Bicycle* was started while I was still living in China; so we don’t know, yet, if 2016 will be the year that they are published. We also don’t know if God will put some other ideas in our spirit, that will totally change the trajectory of what we have planned, for 2016; so starting a catalog, like this one, will allow us to keep you up to date.

I pray that the publications of the GlobalDestiny Imprint will be a blessing to you. God enables me to start the Imprint with messages meant for the men and women who have been Called to the ministry of the Gospel. Some of what I have written grew out of the necessity of making class materials conveniently available. In addition to *Second Best*, that included the books in the **Episcopal Preparation Series**. I also realized that it was time to finally release what I had written, almost a quarter of a century ago, about my experiences growing up as a Jehovah’s witness, and finally leaving that religion and coming to Christ. The books in the “**Leaving the Watchtower Series**” were originally intended for people struggling with a decision about leaving the Jehovah’s witness religion; for people deciding whether to accept an invitation to study with them; and for people who were curious about the Watchtower religion. I certainly hope that they will be a blessing, beyond just that narrow crowd.

“**The Song Project**” started one morning, on a busy downtown street in the city of Nanchang, Jiangxi Province, in the Peoples Republic of China. It is really the diary of a man who found himself waking up in

this unlikely place. The truth is, I was just like so many others who bought into every stereotype about China and its people; and had to share the reality check that I experienced in actually meeting and interacting with the people of that country.

In 2015 I came to the realization that most of what I had written, thus far, was intended for a pretty narrow audience. Not only that, but there was actually very little overlap, between the people who might read a title from, say, the “Episcopal Preparation Series”, and the “Leaving the Watchtower Series” – or The Song Project. Furthermore, I realized that I do have yet another message, a message of encouragement that is relevant to everyone. I asked God to help me write a book that would minister to people, regardless to their position in the church; or their religious past; or even their interest in a and that they might or might not ever travel to. God pointed me toward my sermons – especially the ones that I had most enjoyed preaching, over my forty-plus years in ministry.

Two particular themes stood out. The first was how God dealt with His people, in bringing them through the trials of the Wilderness, and into the place that He has promised to them, through their ancestor Abraham, over four-hundred years, before. The second scenario was a series of messages that I preached at Nanchang Destiny, while I was still living in the P.R.C. the series was called “Jesus sandwich”, and taken from the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John. The message that God deposited in my spirit is contained in two books, *The Sojourners’ Story*, published in 2015; and *Broken to Bread*, which I hope to finish, this year. They will be the foundation of “The Encouragement Series”. I am believing that there will be other books in this series, as the years go by.

I love to write. Writing is my passion. That is why I created this catalog, even though it is not totally necessary. I have a web page, devoted to the books and publications I’ve written (<http://global-destiny.org/bishop/TheImprint/index.html>); and I have TWO The GlobalDestiny Imprint blogs at (<http://globaldestinyimprint.blogspot.com/>), and (<http://theglobaldestinyimprint.com/>). I suppose one reason for creating this catalog is because it will be easy to update; but I cannot dismiss the reality is that I created it just because I love to write. The truth is, I also write, because I want to get your attention; and – in the process – motivate you to read my books; and creating this catalog allows me to talk about each book, and the overall Imprint, in greater detail than what is possible on a web page or blog.

In the end, everything I write to promote the GlobalDestiny Imprint is written with the hope that it will open up a dialogue with you. If you are reading this, you probably already know how to reach out to me, on Facebook. I encourage you to join the conversation, there; but also, feel free to reach out to me by email (bishoprajjohnson@live.com). I would love to hear from you.

In His matchless Name

Keep the Faith
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Second Best

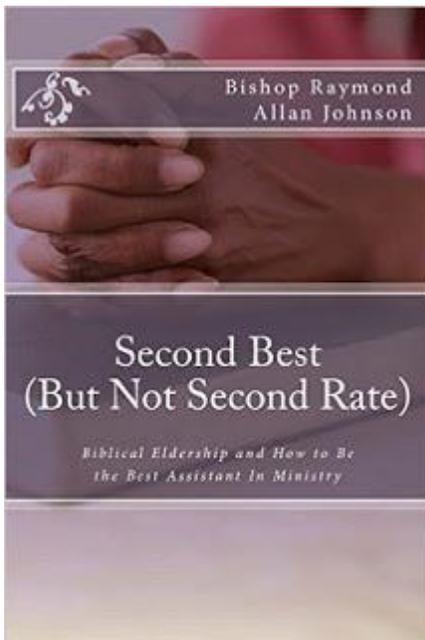


SECOND BEST

I was very excited when I learned that I had been accepted to the faculty for the 1995 School of Ministry for the Full Gospel Baptist Fellowship Conference. Bishop Kenneth Ulmer was the Bishop of Christian Education, that year we received the Prospectus for the classes that were to be offered; and at some point, I was assigned to teach a class for elders, called, “Second Best”. The coursebook I wrote for this class was 22 pages long; but the reaction to it was overwhelming. Many of the people who read it insisted that I should publish it. Almost two decades later, I did.

SECOND BEST – BUT NOT SECOND RATE

Biblical Eldership and How to Be the Best Assistant in Ministry



This book encapsulates the seminal work Bishop Johnson first presented to the School of Ministry for the Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship in July 1995. The content has been revised, so as to impart to the leaders of the 21st century church; particularly pastors and elders; territorial overseers; auxiliary leaders; bishops; apostles; and prophets. Beginning from an admittedly “Baptist” point of view, the book begins by talking about how the church grew from a virtual “one man show”, to a structured entity, with elders serving essential ministry functions.

In the 2014 revision, *Second Best* also talks about some of the “rookie mistakes” that new pastors sometimes make, that not only compromise their effectiveness, but also can play a role in that pastor’s becoming discouraged, and throwing in the towel; and that also highlight the importance of having a spiritual covering . . . someone to turn to for advice, when facing difficulties.

The second part of the book looks at the role of the pastor as the shepherd of the local flock. Drawing upon the qualities of a good shepherd, outlined in the ubiquitous 23rd Psalm, *Second Best* stresses that the pastor has three primary duties of feeding, leading, and caring for the sheep that have been entrusted to him/her.

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The Episcopal Preparation Series



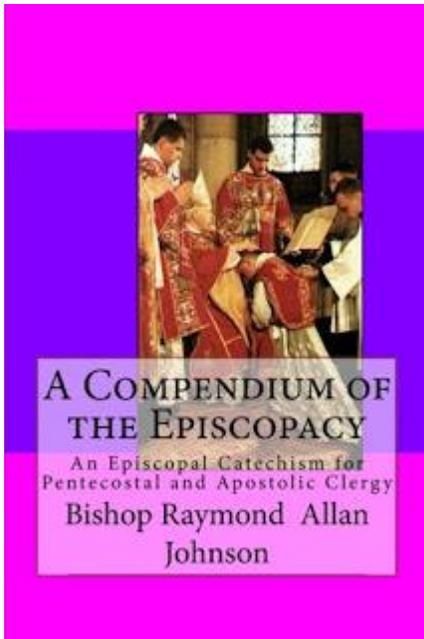
THE EPISCOPAL PREPARATION SERIES

I was consecrated to the sacred office of the Episcopacy, on the evening of Friday, August 4, 2006; by United Kingdom Builders International Ministries (UKB). I was living overseas, at the time, and came home for the Consecration. Six years later, when I returned to the States, for good, UKB was essentially inactive. At that time, I aligned with Kingdom Destiny Fellowship International; and, eventually became the chairman of the Board of Adjudication, for that organization. I developed materials for Bishop's Training, in 2013; but there were so many pages that it made sense to publish the materials in an easy-to-navigate format. *A Compendium of the Episcopacy* emerged from this.

Later in 2014, I wrote *The Adjutant's Manual*, building in part on the information from *Second Best*; and in part on the information from a *Compendium of the Episcopacy*. The idea for *The Episcopal Examination* came from a conference I attended in February 2014, offered by a company called StarhCHURCH. The facilitator, Raul Rivera was introducing their "Ordination" software; and he was making the case for why their ordination examination consisted of three hundred questions. I thought to myself, "Why shouldn't bishops have to pass an examination that's at least as tough as this?"

A COMPENDIUM OF THE EPISCOPACY

An Episcopal Catechism for Pentecostal and Apostolic Clergy

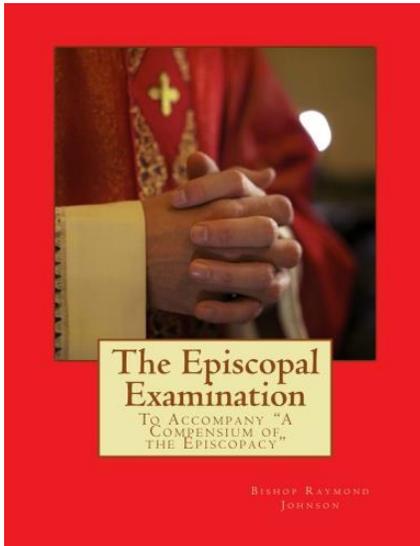


A Compendium of the Episcopacy is not simply another book about the bishopric. It is, instead, a handbook offering a concise set of information that can be useful for training men and women aspiring to the "fine work" of the episcopacy – and those already serving in this fine work – regarding the history, rituals, vestments, and protocols pertinent to this anointed office. The Compendium gives an exploratory account of the development of the episcopacy, from the time it was first transmitted to the early successors to the Apostles. It pinpoints the places where the various streams of Apostolic Succession began; and answers the pertinent questions as to where the numerous streams of Succession have an impact upon the episcopacy, within Apostolic and Pentecostal community. Furthermore, it points to historical events in the history of the Church that bear upon Pentecostal Faith and Practice, today. As with any handbook of this sort, the aim of the Compendium is also to familiarize the episcopal candidate, as well as the apprentice bishop, with the rituals that pertain to our office; but at a far broader than usual scope. That includes a careful look at the history of the Pentecostal and Apostolic Faith. As intellectually competent clergy we are called upon to be sure that we are well enough informed about our spiritual heritage as we can be. By seeking out historic truths for ourselves, we won't

need to follow every new trend that comes along in ministry; and won't participate in useless arguments – especially with individuals who won't give due diligence to the cause of learning; and/or who are so stuck in ignorance that they refuse to listen to reasoned arguments supported by scholarship.

THE EPISCOPAL EXAMINATION

To accompany *A Compendium of the Episcopacy: An Episcopal Catechism for Pentecostal and Apostolic Clergy*

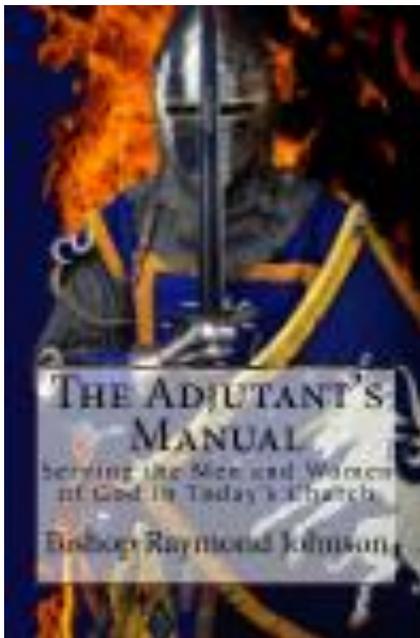


The Episcopal Examination is a comprehensive examination of the precepts taught in the book *A Compendium of the Episcopacy*. The exam is divided into five sets of 50 questions; totaling 90 questions covering the History of the Episcopacy and Apostolic Succession; 60 questions regarding The Emergence of Orthodoxy; 60 questions about Pentecostal and Apostolic History; and 40 questions about the Forms and Rituals of the Episcopacy. It is designed to be randomized to the pleasure of the Catechist, who can administer the whole exam, or can choose to administer only one or a few of the series.

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THE ADJUTANT'S MANUAL

Serving the Men and Women of God in Today's Church



This book is intended for the sacred garrison of anointed men and women of God assigned to protect and to serve the leadership of Body of Christ. There are many general references that offer explanations and advice on what Adjutants should do, and how to be an Adjutant; in fact, the magnum opus of our craft is found in a book called *God's Armorbearer*,¹ by Elder Terry Nance. In historic times knights were military operatives who were appointed to the service of monarchs and other high-ranking nobles. In our time the Adjutancy serves the highest-ranking leadership of the Church. Over the course of these pages, we have attempted to convey an image of the Adjutancy that reinforces this idea of Christian knighthood.

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The Leaving the Watchtower Series

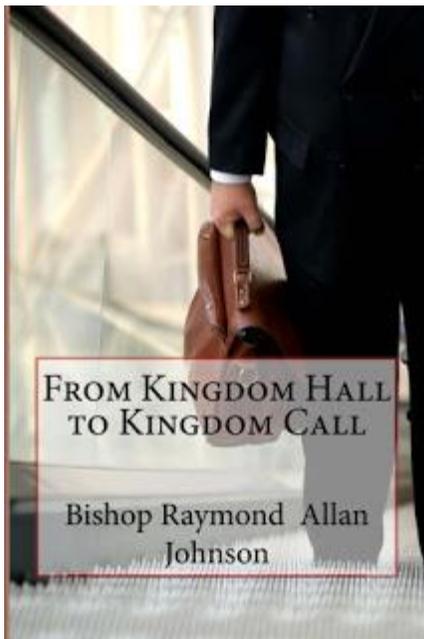


THE “LEAVING THE WATCHTOWER” SERIES

If you are reading this, no doubt you know me well enough to know that I was raised a Jehovah’s witness. I started writing my story, back in 1990. I literally spent years in the library, compiling and collating information that would benefit people with no knowledge of the inner workings of the Watchtower Society, and their teachings. I had the catchy title “From Kingdom Hall to Kingdom Call”, which I thought was quite ironic; and I had a broad outline of what I wanted to include in the book. When I announced that I was beginning to write, a dear friend brought me a six-pack of legal pads, and a lap desk. The lap desk came in handy, because I was a bus driver, at the time, and the desk allowed me to have a comfortable surface to write on.

In a time before the internet, and before I ever owned a personal computer, I accumulated three thick pads of notes, and references. I composed the book’s manuscript on my IBM Selectric III typewriter – pretty high tech, for that time. Years later, I re-typed everything onto 3 ¼ inch floppy disks; and carried all but one disk with me, when I left for China. Had I not done that, I wouldn’t have had any of the books in this series.

FROM KINGDOM HALL TO KINGDOM CALL



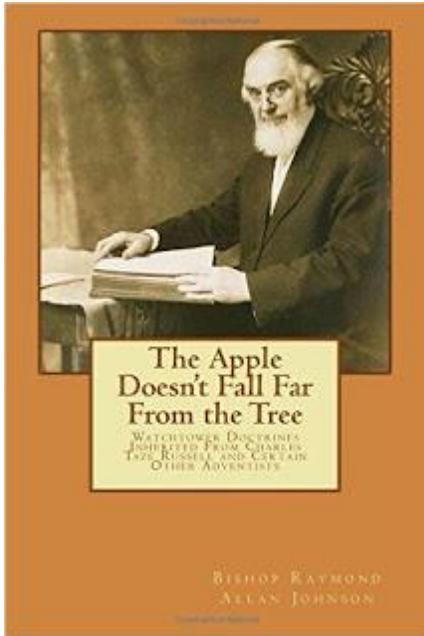
This book is the story of a man who was raised in one of the world's largest and best-known hetero-doxical religions; and walked away to become a minister in the Baptist Church. Bishop Johnson's mother became a Jehovah's witness when he was six months old, so growing up Watchtower doctrine was all he knew. He left the Jehovah's witnesses at the age of twenty-three; and his younger sister left as well, three years later.

Watchtower doctrine mandates that all Jehovah's witnesses in good standing must shun anyone who either leaves the organization, or is cast out – even members of one's own family. In the first chapter Bishop Johnson's story begins with a tribute to his late mother; who refused to alienate her children, and probably came under harsh scrutiny as a result. In the book he tells the reader about the Society's controversial disciplinary policy, called “Disfellowshipping;” while at the same time giving the reader a whimsical look at life in the Kingdom Hall he attended for most of his childhood.

Bishop Johnson wrote *From Kingdom Hall to Kingdom Call* to be an inspiration and offer words of encouragement to Jehovah's witnesses; ex-Jehovah's witnesses; student Jehovah's witnesses; and all other seekers to 'The Truth.' As his story draws to a close, he writes: “You might not remember more than half the stories I have told you in this book: a lot of what I have told you has absolutely nothing to do with the 'end story;' but if you take nothing else away from my story, please let it be the deliberativeness by which the Holy Spirit moves us into the path of our destiny, if we are willing to let Him – if we don't try to push back against the tailwind.”

THE APPLE DOESN'T FALL FAR FROM THE TREE

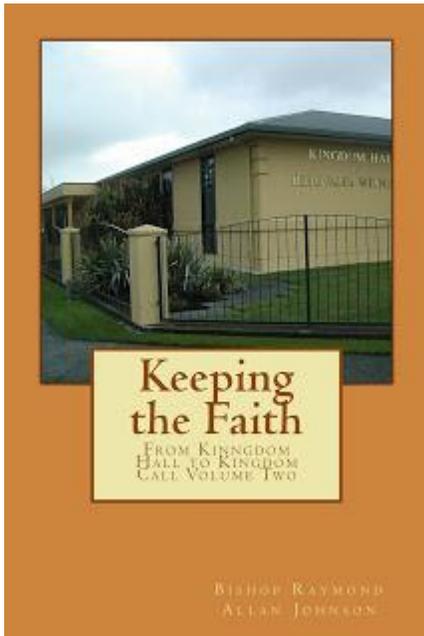
Watchtower Doctrines Inherited from Charles Taze Russell and Certain Other Adventists (Leaving the Watchtower)



Since the time of Charles Taze Russell the publications of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society – the parent organization of Jehovah’s Witnesses – have stated publicly that they believe their understanding of God’s Word to be superior to the understanding of any and all other religious groups. Russell, and subsequently the witnesses have consistently alleged that their superior prophetic insight derives from direct divine revelation from Jehovah God. In their view, Jehovah communicates exclusively with the small remnant of older Witnesses – known collectively as the Faithful and Discreet Slave (class), of Matthew 24:45. In *The Apple Doesn't Fall Far From the Tree*, Bishop Johnson – a former Jehovah's witness of twenty-three years – argues that the Society's doctrines are NOT the product of divine revelation, but are consistent with similar doctrines taught by other Adventist groups, and might have actually been borrowed from Adventist sources known to Russell.

KEEPING THE FAITH

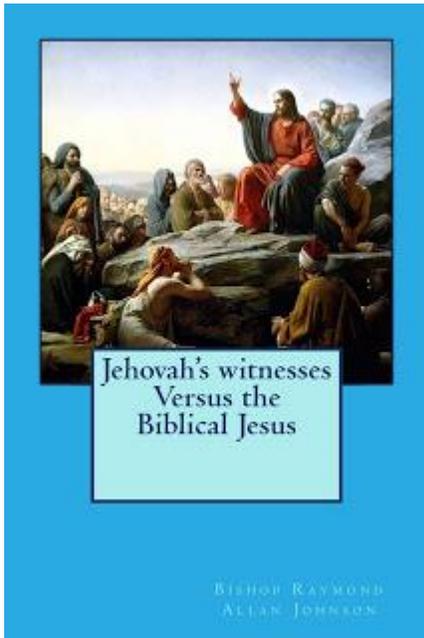
From Kingdom Hall to Kingdom Call Volume 2



This book is a sequel to my semi-autobiographical work, entitled *From Kingdom Hall to Kingdom Call*. In the first book I talked about my experiences growing up in the Jehovah’s witness religion, and attending meetings at the Kingdom Hall. Volume Two – *Keeping the Faith* – is the story of what happened next, and of what has happened over more than four decades, since leaving the Jehovah’s witnesses behind, and becoming a Christian.

From preaching my initial sermon, in 1975; to embracing Pentecostalism; to Consecration into the sacred office of the Episcopacy, and ministry in the underground House Church movement, in the Peoples Republic of China, leaving the Watchtower was the beginning of a very fulfilling journey of faith.

Jehovah's WITNESSES VERSUS THE BIBLICAL JESUS



Jehovah's witnesses Versus the Biblical Jesus is the fourth book in the "Leaving the Watchtower" series, written by Bishop Johnson. In this book we explore what the Church has believed about Jesus Christ, since its inception -- and in contrast with what Jehovah's witnesses teach about Him. By the grace of God, some of the issues about the deity of Christ have been settled by our ancient Church Fathers; and explored in depth by great Christian leaders and teachers, ever since. We re-open this conversation, though settled, for the sake of the thousands who are presently coming to terms with the Watchtower society's beliefs; and are seeking to understand what the Bible really says about Jesus Christ. Buy at [Amazon](#), [Kindle](#), and other fine booksellers.



The Song Project



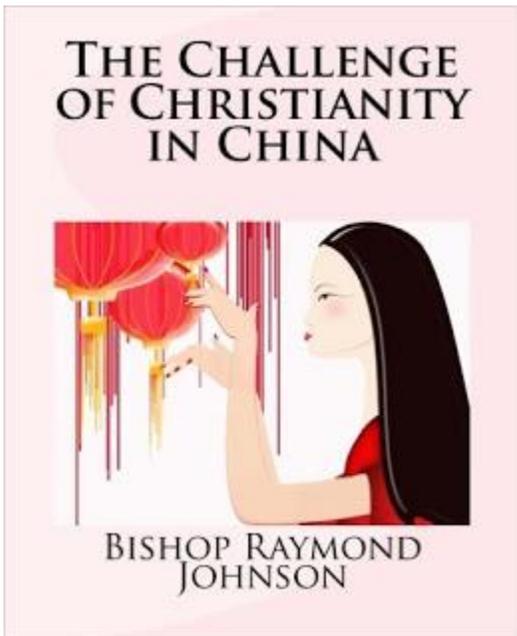
THE SONG PROJECT

Mr. Song is a fictional character I created, when I lived in Nanchang. I was on my way to work, one morning, waiting for traffic to pass so I could cross the street and wait for a taxi. In the early morning, most vehicular traffic flowed in an eastward direction; but on this morning my attention was drawn toward a man riding his bicycle in the opposite direction. I had never seen anyone paddle a bicycle so slowly, which is what caught my attention, in the first place. I thought to myself that this man must be heading toward the park, two blocks west of where I was standing. I didn't know who this man was, but from that moment he became "Mr. Song", to me. What's more, I made it up in my mind to write a book called "*Mr. Song's Bicycle*", that would be more-or-less a journalistic diary of my stay in China.

By force of habit, I started accumulating articles that I thought would be helpful in telling the story. I also kept a folder on my computer in which, in addition to the articles I was collecting, I could also save little anecdotal observations about this intriguing place. By now, the folder is enormous. Sometime soon, possibly in 2016, I will edit down all that I have, and write the book.

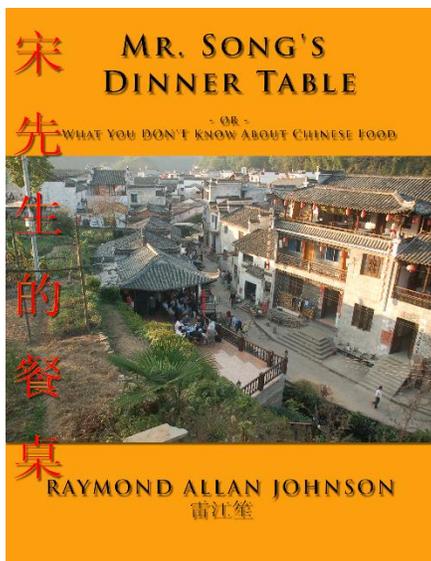
When the word got out about my culinary background, I began to get invitations to eat at places where I could get to fully appreciate the rich diversity in Chinese cuisine. I also had a chance to go into a couple of kitchens, and share some popular American dishes, with the chefs in those kitchens. Mr. Song's Dinner Table is the product of that culinary exchange.

THE CHALLENGE OF CHRISTIANITY IN CHINA



Christianity has always been a minority religion in China. It is the second of three big world religions to come to China from the outside. It arrived -- after Buddhism and before Islam; and has progressed through about five well-defined eras, during which Chinese became Christians, and then went underground, or were driven out, or killed. As Chinese society struggled in turmoil at the turn of the twentieth century, Sun Yat-sen, an overseas Chinese Christian, rose to lead a revolution that gave birth to the Republic of China. The once unthinkable — that a Chinese leader would be a Christian — became a reality. Moreover, China's next leader, Chiang Kai-shek, turned to Christianity in order to marry the future Madame Chiang Kai-shek. But when the Communists came to power they put forth great effort to eradicate Christianity as the religion of the Imperialists; and in 1954 established the Three Self Patriotic Movement with its three principles of 'self-governance, self-support, and self-propagation'. This is the story of the challenges Chinese Christians have had to face, in order to maintain their faith.

MR. SONG'S DINNER TABLE



This book is an introduction to Chinese cuisine. Americans love Chinese food; I am no exception. Most Chinese restaurants in the United States maintain that they are serving Cantonese food; with a small segment having at least some menu items that they claim to be either from the Szechuan region, or from Hunan Province. I was totally amazed at what I learned about authentic Chinese food. For the sake of the classroom, I downloaded menus from a number of Chinese restaurants, in the United States. I was careful to include at least a few menus that had the Chinese-language names of the menu items, in the margins. To my surprise, the people I showed these menus to either did not recognize most of the dishes, or did not recognize the methods of preparations, that they saw in pictures I showed them.

It occurred to me that I should write a book to introduce the Chinese food culture to my countrymen. In 2013 I received a call from the Singapore office of Trafford Publishing Company – now called Partridge Press – which fueled the idea of publishing this book; and helped motivate me to get started with the other books you see, in this catalog. I hope that I can finish it, sometime this year.



The Encouragement Series

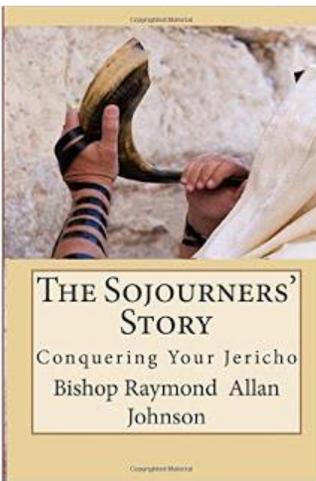


THE ENCOURAGEMENT SERIES

I published *The Sojourners' Story – Conquering Your Jericho* in 2015. It is a compilation of sermons I have preached, over the years centered around the fulfillment of a promise that God made to Abraham to give his seed a land that would be theirs for an inheritance; and the struggles God's people endured, in travelling through the desert, on their way to the Promised Land. I am beginning to write the second book, *Broken to Bread*, which began in China with a sermon series, called "Jesus Sandwich". It will also be a compilation of sermons I have preached, over the years; and other encouraging homilies.

THE SOJOURNERS' STORY

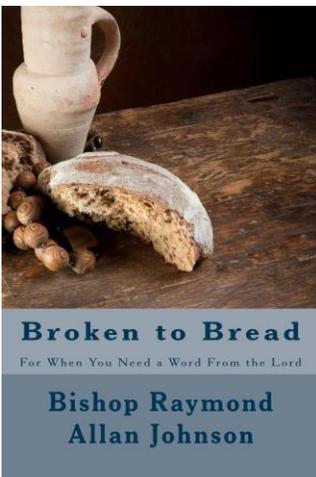
Conquering Your Jericho



The Sojourners' Story begins when an obscure Bedouin shepherd left his tent with his son and a pile of wood, and climbed up the hill of destiny: an inauspicious place that carved out of time a shift in your destiny, and my destiny, and the destiny of every man, woman, boy, and girl; in every generation that followed. It begins with the promises and covenants God makes to that shepherd and his descendants to anoint them as the bloodline through whom the Savior of the world would come; and to give his seed a homeland that would prevail and persist as theirs through all subsequent generations, even down to this present day, its promises, and God's faithfulness to them, foreshadow everything that we hope for in the promises that He has made to us; and connects our sojourn through this world with that of God's people in every generation

BROKEN TO BREAD

For When You Need a Word from the Lord



The Sunday services have finished. The switch on the melodious organ has been turned off, and the choir has hung their gowns in the choir room. The custodian has locked the doors to the sanctuary; and everybody has gotten in their cars, and drove off.

at home, you kick off the uncomfortable shoes and the suffocating corset. You plop down in your comfortable easy chair, switch on the TV, and settle in to the humdrum monotony of your real, everyday life. You are at home, now, and at home is the one place where you can be – *must* – be yourself.

You stood in line, as usual, today, hoping for a breakthrough. The preacher layed his hands on you, and you danced for a minute or two; but when it was over you didn't feel

that anything about your situation had changed.

Oh, how you needed a word from the Lord.

This is a book for the broken; for anyone who has ever found themselves going through, in a “dry place, “needing a word from the Lord. It does not contain any magical formulae or benign promises of great wealth; just some words of encouragement, from the Savior, Who declares that “I am the BREAD of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.”

The simple message is, it does not matter about our broken relationships, broken condition, broken minds, broken hearts, or broken spirits, we live with the assurance that Jesus gives to us, that he is the Bread of Life. Jesus is our most basic need that fills our hunger.

Our brokenness does not matter, because Jesus is our BREAD of Life.