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Dear friends,

We are thrilled to officially announce the release of our latest DVD, *Living on the Edge*. This month's article gives you a feel for the story line, but you must see it for yourself to get the full impact. Join Jim for an action-filled day in the shadow of Glacier National Park as he shares in a friendly, non-preachy way how to walk with God—how to get off the edge of self and begin to live on the edge of His presence.

This DVD was designed specifically to appeal to those not involved with church, but it offers something for everyone. One viewer commented, "It was powerful, professional, and simple enough for a child, yet profound enough to touch the heart of a lawyer."

You won't want to miss the premier television broadcast of this production by Safe TV on Sky Angel, channel 9711. Invite your friends and family to watch the initial showing on Wednesday, July 12 at 9:00 pm central time. The broadcast will be repeated on Thursday, July 13 at 9:00 am, Friday, July 14 at 9:00 pm, and Saturday, July 15 at both 10:00 am and 10:00 pm central time. You can also go to our website and click on the link to watch the 3 minute preview.

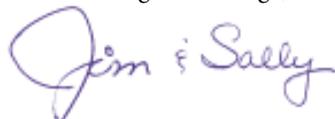
We have priced these DVD's for sharing and we encourage you to spread them as far and as wide and with whomever God leads you to. One copy is \$10. Three are sold for \$26.40; five for \$40; ten for \$73; forty for \$268. For additional discounts on greater quantities, please contact our office.

Also, four new pocket booklets are now available: "*A Bundle of Choices*", "*A Life of Simplicity*", "*Basics of Parenting*", and "*Do You Really Believe?*".

On a personal note—Andrew and Sarah are expecting their second child in mid-September, which will be our third grandchild! I don't think the thrill of being grandparents lessens with time. We love this phase of life and treasure every opportunity to love and nurture that next generation.

Helping people make the transition from living on the edge of self to living on the edge of His presence is what Empowered Living Ministries is all about. It's all about walking with God!

Living on the edge,



SPEAKING SCHEDULE

July 25 - 29, 2006

Open House, Polebridge, MT

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August 30, 2006

**Lookout Mountain Grace Community Church,
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August 31 - September 3, 2006

**Empowered Living Camp Meeting,
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Tentative - **September 15 - 17, 2006**

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**Empowered Living Camp Meeting,
Bourbon, MO**

Call (417) 661-6161 for details or

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October 27 - 29, 2006

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Living on the Edge

Synopsis of our new DVD

*“For in Him we live
and move and have our
being”*

Acts 17:28

What does your day start out like? Do you enter into the quiet rest of Jesus at the beginning of your day? I like to. After a brisk run and some quiet time in the Bible, I spend awhile cultivating a sense of His presence so that I can be sensitive to act upon His wisdom and guidance all day long. That’s my motivation for living. Is it yours?

It never used to be mine. No, I used to start my day in a rush. Even before I got to my job, I pushed a fast pace. I wanted to be somebody. I wanted to be successful in business and make a lot of money. I wanted to have a powerful influence so that people would look up to me.

Consequently, there was a focus about me that said “This guy’s going some place. Don’t get in his way.” It didn’t matter what the obstacles were, I would push my way through. Though I was polite, there was a determination in my eyes, my countenance, and even the way I walked that said I wanted to achieve something—and that achievement was about me: my needs, my reputation, my happiness.

Do you know what I am talking about? Have you been there? Are you there now? I call that living on the edge—living on the edge of self. I’m in charge and everyone around me knows it.

I tended to run over people, to step on them, to see them as



objects to use for my benefit—especially my wife.

Most of us wouldn’t admit it, but we feel they are there for our

convenience. When they reach out to communicate with us, when we’ve been hassled throughout the day, we just don’t have the time, energy, or interest they are looking for and we brush them off thinking that they ought to just be satisfied with what we provided in the peripherals of their life. We have no time to give to that individual heart...to touch who they are...to be there for them. So our marriages tend to go stale, to be put on the back burner and the hurt starts to build.

The kids sense it too. They know that you provide food and a home. But you just don’t have time for them—no time to listen to their little prattle, no time to play truckie in the sandbox. No time to hold your daughter’s hand and take her for a walk and listen to her concerns. No time to listen to your son and what he’s struggling with and what he wants to be and the purpose for his life.

You don’t have time because you are involved with you—in getting your things done your way, in your time frame, for your satisfaction. And so this living on the edge, that all of us go through but none of us want to talk about openly, begins to wear us down

and drain us until, hopefully, we realize that this is crazy! This is ridiculous! There's got to be a better way!

In my quest for a better way of living, I did something drastic. I went from living on the edge of self to living on the edge of the presence of God with me.



Oh, what a contrast! What an improvement!

My wife and I downsized. We simplified. We sold off our big home with all its "stuff" and moved into a very small home. We sold all but one vehicle, and began to live on the lowest income we had ever had. We learned to live a quiet, simple, restful life.

What would it cost for you to find a quiet, simple life? What would you gain? I'll tell you what I gained!

I regained my time—time to think! Time to reflect! I hadn't realized that I was the cause of my trouble. I was in charge! I managed my life. I made my own decisions. God was a part of my life and I considered His input, but I was the center and I had the final say!

I made the greatest pivotal decision of my entire life: letting God be in charge of Jim Hohnberger entirely, completely, every moment without any reservation. I began learning how to walk with God. As I did, He began to transform my life. He revitalized my marriage and reconnected my family.

I found that the key to gaining this experience is very simple: In the beginning, God...He was, He is, and He is there for you. He speaks to us and quietly awaits our recognition and cooperation. This is grace.

As we learn to sense His Presence above the chaos of the world and the clamor of our own emotions we can respond to Him. When we do, He directs us, empowers us, and saves us. This is faith—a faith that works.

For example, there was a day that my own shortsightedness almost got me badly injured, if not killed. But God whispered in my ear, and when I listened and



obeyed, He saved me. There's not space here to tell the story, so you'll have to watch the DVD if you want to know what happened. But I learned that God cares for me in all the details of my life and that He knows how to manage it better than I do. He foresees the circumstances and relays the directions.

God's presence is also there to save me from wounding my loved ones. Situations arise that stir up my feelings of irritation and I respond almost automatically to them. But God taps me on the shoulder, so to speak. He suggests a better response and then He lets me choose. For instance, one day Sally really got on my nerves and I was about to let her have it.

But then, there's not room here for that story either. I will tell you, though, that when I chose to follow Him, he saved me from hurting my wife!

Making God the center of our lives means putting him in



charge of every thought, word, action and decision—whether it has to do with our relationships, our recreation, our work, or our habits of life. Now I know what you're thinking... I used to think that too. You're thinking that if you put God in charge, you'll be miserable. But it's not true! I've found more glorious freedom than I ever dreamed possible! I was liberated from me!

You see, living on the edge of self is bondage. True freedom is found only in the presence of the One who created us and loves us. And you can step into that freedom the moment you listen to and respond to God—just like my friend and her husband found. But that's another story for the DVD.

Life with God in charge is adventurous, exciting, fun and satisfying. And you don't have to move to Montana to find it. You can begin to experience it where ever you are now because where you are, God is! You can sense His presence and you can respond to Him. When you do, He will take you from living on the edge of self to living on the edge of His presence, because God is there for you!

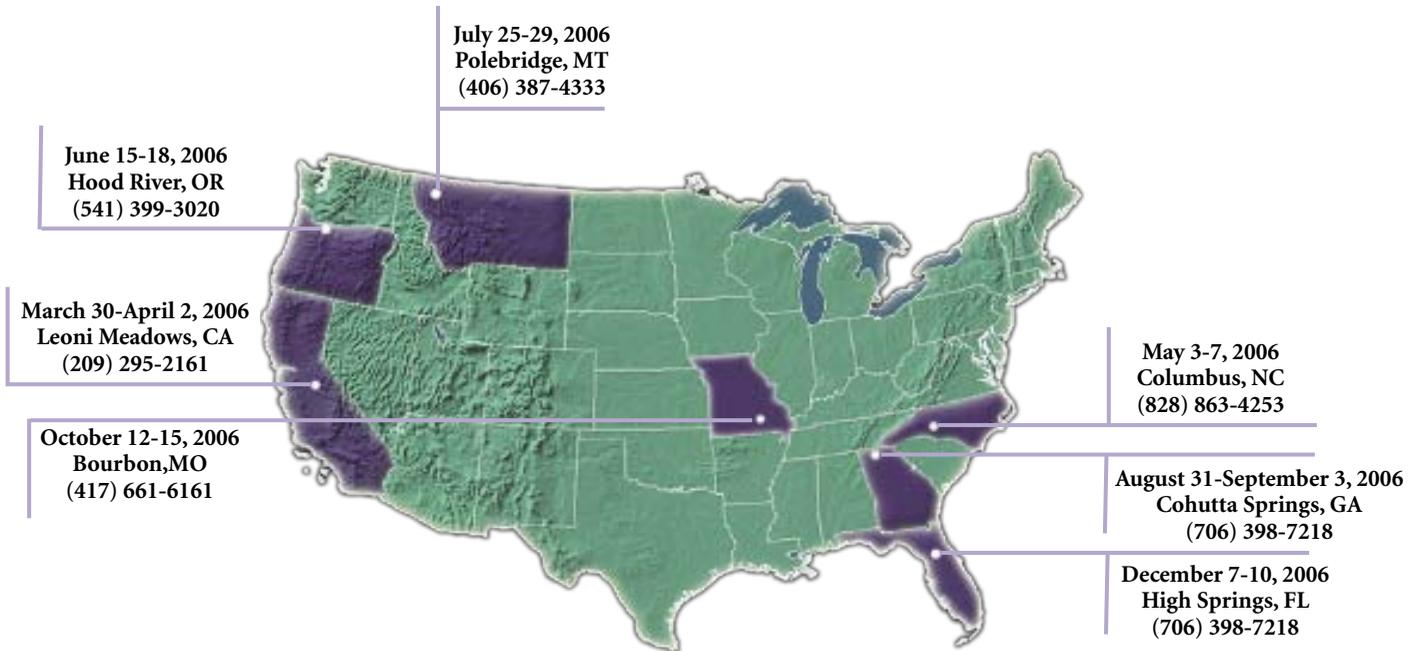


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