

CHARACTERS OF FAITH:

*The Dream of a Savior...
Timeless Lessons from the
Nativity*



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MONTHLY NEWS FOR *Hour of Power* SPIRITUAL SHAREHOLDERS AND FRIENDS

It is truly remarkable how timeless the lessons from the Holy Bible remain - even 2,000 years after the historical events occurred. That's why today, in 2010, the *Hour of Power* is offering to YOU and all *Hour of Power* TV viewers, a lovely, six-piece Nativity Set. It includes beautiful porcelain depictions of powerful Biblical characters who exemplify the positive human spirit

and joy that still pours forth from their example.

Joseph: Had every human reason to run away and abandon his pregnant fiancé. But, he believed God had a bigger plan. Wow.

Mary: Faithful and innocent, she sees and hears God's angels who tell her of remarkable miracles to come. She's anxious and willing to be at the center of God's plan. Wow.

The Wiseman: A king who humbles his royal bearing to follow a guiding star to welcome willingly a baby, who is "The King of kings." Wow.

A Shepherd: A common man who attends the birth of a King symbolizes the fact that Jesus saves all—EVERYONE, of all races and social classes. Wow.

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You all have been **my strength**... Diagnosed with breast cancer in March '09. I put a message on your internet site*, and all these **people** that don't know me **prayed for me**. That **gave me the strength** to give it all to God... I **felt a peace** I could not believe possible. (After) chemo... surgery... at this point, I am cancer free! **KAREN SLYWKA, Auburn, NY**



**To be a part of the Crystal Cathedral's Prayer Community where Karen found support and hope, go to www.crystalcathedral.org/prayer*

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Every Sunday

LIFETIME

8am East/Pac
7am Central

Hour of Power
Every Saturday

Trinity
Broadcasting
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6pm Pacific
8pm Central
9pm Eastern

24/7

Hour of Power
Online anytime
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FROM THE HEART of Sheila Schuller Coleman

Wake-up Call!

By Dr. Sheila Schuller Coleman

Who needs an alarm clock when you have a brand new baby? As a new mother, I was stunned at how the cry of a newborn baby could awaken my husband and I no matter how tired we were. There is no snooze button to hit when a baby cries. You get up and care for your infant and then, hopefully, get back to sleep. As new parents, you begin to long for the time when the baby will sleep through the night.

But, oh, the first time we heard the cry of each of our sons. The birth of our child—that first cry—he is born! Our child is born! A new life! After waiting and expecting and hoping and praying, finally the birth day arrived and the first breaths were heralded by the cry—a cry that made me and my husband cry—with joy.

The world was in desperate need of a Savior. The Messiah had been foretold and eagerly awaited. God's dream for His children was that they would be saved and redeemed from dead-end lives. And God did not keep



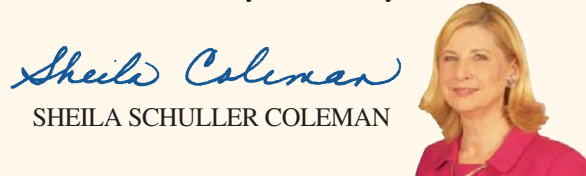
“May God’s redemptive love awaken His dream in your life today.”

His dream a secret. He gave us hints, hundreds of them through the prophets so we would recognize with certainty His only begotten Son.

So, for hundreds of years The Jewish nation eagerly anticipated, waiting, hoping, and expecting the arrival of the Messiah. I am sure they thought He would be born as the previous sons of kings had been born—with much heraldry and fanfare and in a palace, wrapped in silks.

Jesus—born to a teenage, unwed, virgin mother in a cave surrounded not by palace guards, but lowly beasts, cried out and awakened God’s dream. This wake up call was accompanied by a heavenly host announcing that God’s Son had been born. The Messiah had come. And as a result—we could have everlasting life.

May you celebrate God’s wake-up call—the cry of a newborn baby—His Son. May His redemptive love awaken God’s dream in your life today.



“My life has been changed since my first contact with your words... ‘God Loves You and So Do I.’ I was living in a warehouse, doing drugs, and was having daily suicidal thoughts. **Your words made me think,**



because I felt no one really loved me. I thank you for your televised ministry the *Hour of Power*.”

JOHN QUAGLIANI
Anaheim, CA

On the **HOUR OF POWER** **WAKE UP!** GOD'S DREAM IN YOU
Continuing message series

In October, allow God to wake up, and help you fulfill, His dream for your life!

SUNDAY OCTOBER 3 & 10	SUNDAY OCTOBER 17	SUNDAY OCTOBER 24	SUNDAY OCTOBER 31
Sheila Schuller Coleman	Jim Penner	Robert H. Schuller	Bishop Kenneth Ulmer

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The **green box** is a new place for you to go to go to REFRESH your soul. To RENEW your faith. To REJOICE with others. New on www.hourofpower.org, the **green box** is your 100% online resource for refreshment, renewal, and joy!

In the **green box**, among many other positive resources, you'll find:

The **Prayer Community**, where Pastor Sheila, ministry staff, and loving *Hour of Power* friends lift prayers to God every day! Become a part of this vibrant community that believes in prayer to revitalize your life and the lives of those you love.

The **“Positive Minute,”** a dynamic daily e-devotional filled with encouragement and inspiration written by Dr. Schuller, Pastor Sheila, and other ministry leaders.

The weekly **Hour of Power messages** you love, available by podcast, so when you're on the move, you can take a message with you to receive a spiritual lift that only the *Hour of Power* can provide.

Social media networks, where you can sign up, for example, to be a fan of *Hour of Power* or friend of Pastor Sheila on facebook, and receive video updates and encouraging words to share with your friends.

So, visit the **green box** today to refresh your spirit and renew your soul as we rejoice together in all the positive good that God is doing in our lives. The new **green box** is your 100% online resource, twenty-four seven, at www.hourofpower.org.



I really believe that God is before me, behind me, and around me. One thing I know—I never asked to be born. I did not choose my father or mother. I did not choose my race, the color of my skin, or the language that I learned as a child. I did not choose the community in which I was born and raised. I did not choose the school I attended from the first grade through high school.

I have become increasingly aware throughout my life of one sentence that God has whispered to me time and time again: “You have not chosen me... I have chosen YOU!”

I believe powerfully in God’s sense of destiny for our lives. You are God’s glorious idea. You are God’s wondrous dream! What miracle will He perform with and through you and me TODAY and TOMORROW?

The poet Louise Fletcher once wrote, “I wish that there were some wonderful place called the Land of Beginning Again, where all our mistakes and all our heartaches and all of our grief could be dropped like a shabby old coat at the door and never put on again.” Well, there is such a place. It is called NOW. In His mercy, God has granted each of us a new beginning at the dawn of each new day. When God is present within us, all things become new! Hallelujah!

YOU ARE GOD'S DREAM!
By Dr. Robert H. Schuller

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Leave a legacy of positive faith to encourage and inspire generations to come through a final will and estate gift to the Crystal Cathedral/*Hour of Power*. For more information, call **John Charles** at 714-971-4000.

Crystal Cathedral Ministries wishes to thank the following persons and their families for their recent estate gifts.

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A listening ear in times of trouble...

NEW HOPE & TEENLINE COUNSELING 24-hour crisis prevention 1-714-NEW-HOPE or www.NewHopeNow.org or www.teenline.org

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A Lamb: This susceptible and innocent baby creature represents the sacrificial love of Jesus Christ for us all. Wow.

Baby Jesus: In a manger, He draws the attention of all others present. He is the gift of God to a hurting world...the fulfillment, in human form, of God's gift of grace to ALL. Wow.

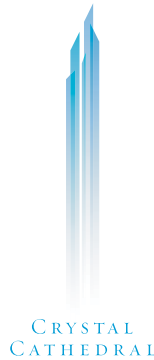
These six figures of the Nativity are made—for YOU—for creamy, glossy porcelain trimmed in genuine, 24kt gold. Your *Hour of Power* 40th Anniversary gift of \$40 is requested for each Nativity set that you request. Your porcelain set of six comes in a sturdy gift box. Originally offered in 2006—there is a LIMITED SUPPLY of this set available.

PowerLines readers are urged to respond TODAY to guarantee delivery.



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TO BE INSPIRED AND MOTIVATED THROUGH POSSIBILITY THINKING TO GROW IN A LOVING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST SO THAT WE MAY BECOME THE PERSONS GOD DESIRES, DREAMS AND DESIGNED US TO BE.



Saving lives through a message of hope.

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