

# OPINION

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## ENCOURAGEMENT THAT TAKES YOU HIGHER My New Book



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Excerpt from My New Book released May 12, 2026

You Are Not Crazy for OBEYING GOD AND DECLARING HIS WORD

It is available on Amazon.com, BN.com, Walmart.com, Books-A-Million.com and other major retailers..

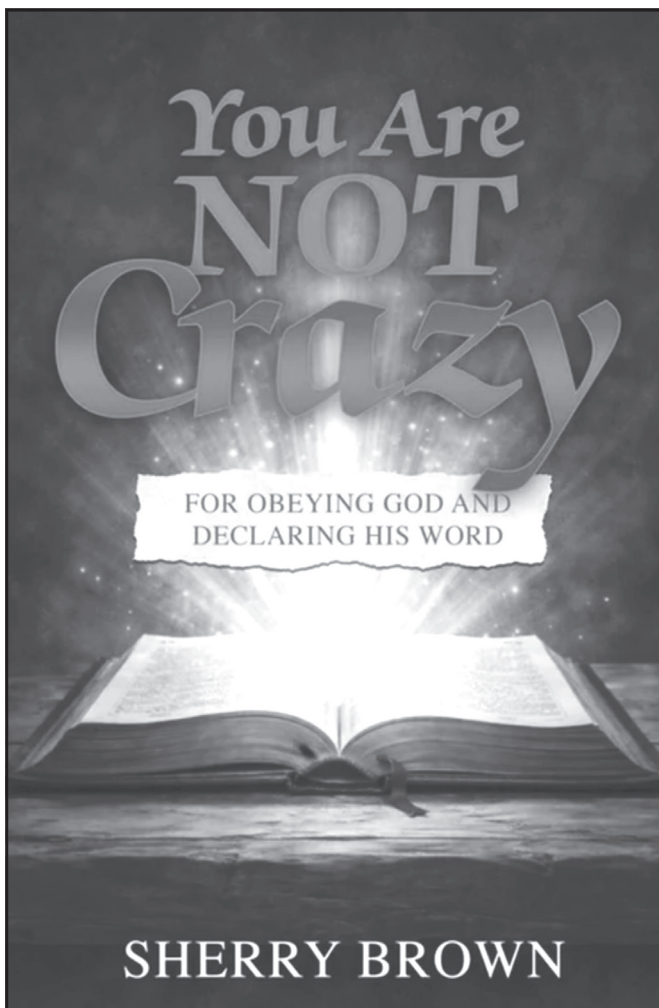
Deeper Longing for God,

Friend, we must have a strong and deeper longing for the deeper intimacy of the throne room presence of God's heart so we can share it with the multitudes.

Psalm 42:7 (KJV), "Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts: all thy waves and thy billows are gone over me."

Deeper, deeper, deeper still.

My heart yearns for the supernatural nature of Christ. He fills my heart



with love and mercy for all that dwells upon the earth.

His depths of eternal love flow over my searching heart, the power of

His fiery words piercing my soul with His holy secrets and kingdom delicacies.

His love divine so sublime to Him all I owe, and to Him my complete desire is to stay under His overflowing fountain and get lost in His river of royal delight where there is no night but only His Son's holy light to richly behold forever and ever more! The deeper in the Spirit we go, the deeper in wisdom we grow. May the love fire of God's presence burn in our hearts, the explosions of joy with every new heartbeat.

Exodus 33:14 (KJV), "And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest."

The rest in God's presence is a manifestation of the depths of His heart, fulfilling our deepest desires to know Him in the ramparts of His multifaceted glory, wonders of miracles upon miracles.

Oh, the depths of the love of God going before us in the earth is our quiet peace that surpasses

all understanding, as we acknowledge the holy depths of the agape love of God and its power to deliver us from every unwanted circumstance, bringing invaluable freedoms in all things pertaining to our lives.

When God's supernatural meets our natural, there is such a tremendous phenomenon of His divine nature that occurs within our changed hearts, which is truly unspeakable, unshakable, undeniable, and undefeatable. Still, the Holy Ghost is attainable in the glory realm of God's abundant life, living realm of eternal glory fire of oneness with Him!

God Knows the Depths of the Heart God loves to go into the very depths of our hearts and dwell there powerfully.

The Word of God is a searchlight of heaven that guards our hearts from the invading forces of darkness; therefore, may we all stay in the secret place of the Most High and live under His

shadow so that all the world sees in us is Jesus Christ's divine presence. There is such an act of obedience to God when we allow Him to search our hearts. The more God has His holy way within our hearts, the more we will go in and possess territories with Him being our conquering force.

Psalm 139:23-24 (KJV), "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

Psalm 139:1 (KJV), "O lord, thou hast searched me, and known me."

God knows every single thing about all of us upon the earth, and He knows the number of hairs on our heads and our very fingerprints! What a glorious revelation of greater depths of supernatural details in every human heart that should awaken us to His likeness in all holiness and reverential fear. Amen!

**Verse of the Week**  
Romans 8: 25 *But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.* KJV

### BREAD OF LIFE

Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God. Matthew 21:21 Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea, it shall be done 22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive. Heart faith is based on the word not on feelings. God kind of faith will work for whosoever will believe and act on their faith. Faith must be released through the mouth with words. Mark 11:22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have Faith in God 23 For verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe

that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith 24 Therefore I say unto you what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. Every promise of God comes in the same way by believing and confessing. Salvation, health, prosperity and deliverance all come by believing and confessing. Your faith will not work above the level of your confession. You must believe those things which you say will come to pass. Proverbs 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue; and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof. We must get our thinking in line with the word of God. We must stand on God's word. Confess that you are what the word says, God will make it Good!

TRUST, BELIEVE & OBEY GOD'S WORD

### Sharing a Smile

By Tom Metcalfe

**McConnell Springs**  
Back on our trek beyond Paris on into central Kentucky.

Sometime between April and June 1775, a group of early explorers, surveyors and land-grabbers were camped near the artesian springs, when news arrived from the East of our new country's victory over the British at Lexington and Concord.

A pioneer from Pennsylvania named William McConnell, his brother Francis McConnell, and their fellow frontiersmen were exploring the wilderness of the Virginia territory known as Kentucky. Like many other Scots-Irish settlers of the time, they were interested in acquiring land and improving their family circumstances. As they surveyed and mapped the land around the forks of the Elkhorn Creek, they built crude improvements that allowed them to stake claims to the land under the laws of Virginia at that time.

There are accounts of William McConnell (said to have had a "restless

spirit") exploring the area as early as 1773, but two years later, more explorers arrived. Many started their adventures in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. Charles LeCompte leaving Fort Pitt (present-day Pittsburgh) by canoe with 19-20 other adventurous souls. The McConnells and McClellands were in the group.

The groups entering the new areas were fluid, as men left one group to join others going in different directions. Charles LeCompte and William McConnell were together much of the time. In the early spring of 1775, according to a later deposition by LeCompte, they headed down the Ohio River. LeCompte and a few others stopped and traveled up Lawrence Creek, where they built two cabins near present-day Washington (Mason County) to claim the land for several men.

William McConnell's claim included the land around a "sinking spring" where the party had set up camp. It was at this encampment that the explorers received word from nearby Fort Boones-

borough that the first battles of the American Revolution had been fought April 19, 1775 in Lexington & Concord, Massachusetts.

The group was elated by the report of the win and the successful beginning of the country's fight for independence. The area around them had been attracting a significant number of people interested in the land. In honor of Lexington, Massachusetts, the men named the encampments Lexington.

The land surrounding where they were camped had been claimed by William McConnell, so the area became known as McConnell Springs. At the time, there were reportedly eight men traveling together: William, Francis and Andrew McConnell; William, Alexander and John McClelland; David Perry; and Charles LeCompte.

The Founding of Lexington 1775-1776, included cabins used for the purpose of claiming land were only several logs high—

not actual structures in which to live. Another requirement for claiming land was planting a crop. These land-hungry hunters planted corn between the trees, then girdled the trees, killing them. As the trees died, sunlight was let in to the growing corn.

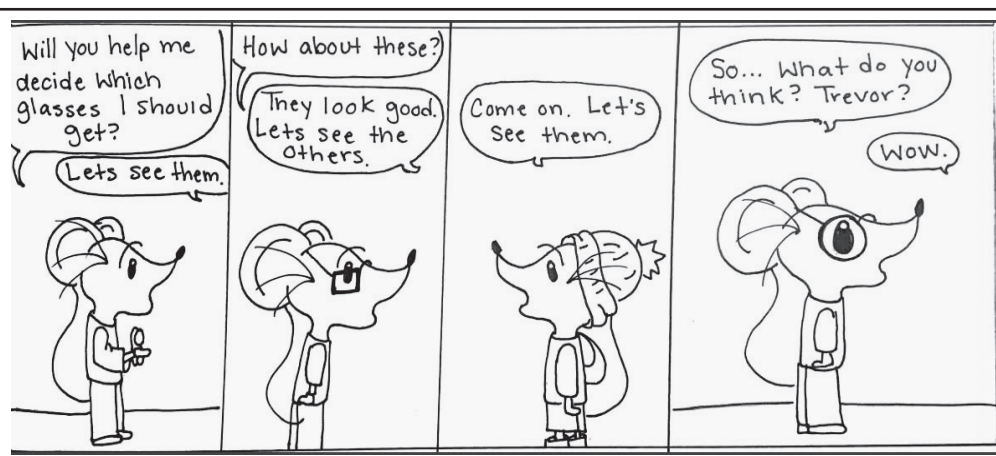
The ensuing years were marked by raids and invasions by the British & Indians, but the influx of settlers from the East continued. In 1779 a permanent blockhouse was built, and in 1780 Lexington was named seat of Fayette County, Virginia, and in 1782 the town was chartered. Kentucky then became the 15th state to join the union in 1792.

Emma Joke - I bought some shoes from a drug dealer. I don't know what he laced them with, but I was tripping all day.

Wisdom of John Ed - If a dog comes up to you showing his teeth, he ain't smiling, he doesn't smile with that end.

Experiencing the Dream -38 more days until the 250th birthday of the United States.

**Rudy and Trevor**  
By Alison Mason



**Memorial Service at Saltwell Cemetery June 7, 2026 at 2:00 pm**

**NOTICE**  
The Nicholas County Fire Protection District will be accepting applications for a position on the NC Board of Trustees. Applications will be taken from May 21, 2026 until June 5, 2026. The term for the position is July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2030. Applicant must live in Nicholas County and be a current Nicholas County Property owner. Applications may be picked up by calling Esther Gaunce at 859-274-7215 and be turned into Esther Gaunce by June 5, 2026.

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**Public Notice**  
Notice is hereby given that Rhonda Day, 510 East Main St., Carlisle, KY, has filed an application with the Energy and Environmental Cabinet to place a mobile home on the property located at 112 East Untion Rd., Carlisle, KY 40311. Streaqm Brushy Fork runs behind the property. Any comments or objections can be submitted via email to: DOWFloodplain@ky.gov Kentucky Division of Water, Floodplain Management Section, 300 Sower Blvd., Frankfort, KY 40601, or call 502-564-3410 with questions.

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**NOTICE**  
Please remove all holiday flowers from the Carlisle Cemetery that do not meet the cemetery guidelines by June 1st.

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JOHN 8:12

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**Vacation Bible School!**  
Locust Grove Baptist Church  
(1999 Locust Grove Road)  
June 1-5, 2026  
6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Preschool-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Classes Available  
(Meals will be provided each night.)  
We will have a VBS Family Night Celebration on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.  
We invite families to join us on this night.  
A fellowship meal will be provided for everyone!