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Greetings Friends and Family,

This summer has been busy and we have been able to accomplish a lot of things, even though a lot of that time has been spent at home.

One of the accomplishments is the completion of Suzan's new book:

"The God Connection"

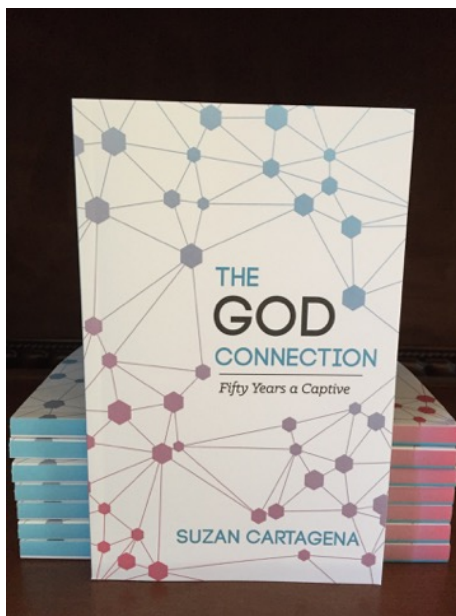
The following is an excerpt from the book which can be purchased on amazon.com in paperback or ebook form. It will also soon be available through ibooks.

For by grace are we saved through faith!

Grace: unmerited favor or "you don't deserve it, but God is good to you."

For fifty years this common definition of grace held me captive because the "undeserving" part was always in the forefront.

Grace was designed to deliver us from the evil things of the world.



Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father. Galatians 1:3-4

Yet, we are being held captive by a totally perverted version of grace!

I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. Galatians 1:6-7

I lived a yoyo Christian life—up one minute (God is good) and down the next (I don't deserve it, and I never will).

I was never able to walk in the peace that grace promised for any extended period of time! Without realizing it, I was following a manmade deviation of the Gospel that was a combination of two opposing forces—the work of my hands and the work of God's hands.

Grace is our God connection!

If it becomes infused with things connected to the flesh, it will become totally ineffective in accomplishing what it was created to accomplish. If everything depended only upon the work of our hands, we would at least eventually come to the end of ourselves and realize that we need a savior. When we combine our own work with God's work, we truly think we are walking the walk. But it's a treadmill—we find ourselves totally frustrated because we never get where we are going! Consequently, this distortion affects our interpretation of all of the vital principles of the Gospel. It affects how we hear God!

Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have. Luke 8:18

When our hearing is based on the work of our hands and our unworthiness, our spiritual identity becomes distorted.

It renders us blind to the true things of the kingdom. We see without seeing, and we hear without hearing!

And he said, "Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand." Luke 8:10

The kingdom comes by revelation; it doesn't come by reasoning things out. It comes as we get revelation, and the Spirit has to give us those revelations." I had become so frustrated in my Christian walk that I came to the conclusion that either the whole concept of God was a lie or there was something wrong with what I believed. I went back to the very roots of my belief system and began asking questions. Why do I believe what I believe—beginning with grace? I found out that grace was more than just unmerited favor. What does it mean to be born again? How is grace connected to the Holy Spirit, and how does that play itself out in my life?

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I began to get a revelation of those things and the relationship that they play with one another, and then I began to tackle other related questions that I had. How does one frustrate the grace of God? What does it mean to fall from grace? What does it mean to blaspheme the Holy Spirit, and how do you grieve the Spirit? I was desperate. They were all questions that most Christians have, but are afraid to ask.

I began to get answers that tied everything together in a powerful way, and it began to set me free! The whole New Covenant is held together by grace. It is our God connection. God's truth is revealed by grace. We are inhabited by grace. We are saved by grace. We discern the things of the kingdom by grace. We are delivered from this present evil world by grace.

The lies that come against us are exposed by grace. The kingdom is within us and it is working from the inside out by the grace of God.

His grace is sufficient!

Finally it dawned on me that grace is God's language.... He said to me, "My grace elevates you, to be fully content." And now, instead of being overwhelmed with a sense of my own weakness, he overwhelms me with an awareness of his strength! Oh what bliss to rejoice in the fact that in the midst of my frailties, I encounter the dynamic of the grace of God to be my habitation! 2 Corinthians 12:9 (The Mirror)

Our Fall and Winter Schedule

August 26 - Sept. 1 Buenos Aires...Preaching in local church & Teaching in CBC school

Sept. 1 - Sept. 12 Vallopar, Colombia ...Working with New pastors & doing seminars

Sept. 12 - Sept19. Villavicencio,Colombia...Pastors Conference and preaching in church

Sept. 27 - Oct. 3 Costa Rica ,in Bri Bri-preach in Indigenous church , in Puerto Limon preach in local church, in San Jose- 3 day conference in a new church.

Oct. 16 - Nov. 7 Russia, in St. Petersburg Leadership Conference with pastors, In Naberezhnye Chelny teach atthe CBC school. In Kazan teach in seminar with pastors and in local church.

Nov. 7 - Nov. 30 Europe , teaching in CBC schools, as well as Suzan doing a Women's conference in Belfast,Ireland.

Dec. 3 - Dec. 10 Teaching in CBC schools in Greenville & Spartanburg ,SC, in Atlanta and Macon, Ga., in Birmingham,AL