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# New Name Ministries

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## Mentor Moment

By John Leonardson

A Thousand Clowns (1965) ranks as one of my favorite movies, from several points of view. The puns and wisecracks are top notch, but the pathos of Murray Burns (played by Jason Robards), an unemployed television writer, got me to thinking again. He's trying to raise a 12-year-old nephew, but is being investigated for living conditions and has to prove he is capable of caring for his charge.

He picks up the phone and growls, "Is this good news or money? No! Then goodbye." He opens the window of his high-rise tenement and looks over the garbage strewn on the ground and shouts, "It is definitely second-rate garbage out there. I wanna see a better class of garbage out there. I wanna see more champagne bottles and caviar cans."

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## Please join us in welcoming our newest arrivals:

James Anderson, Sep 19, 2014  
Dwayne McCown, Oct 6, 2014  
Scott Johnston, Nov 6, 2014  
Daniel Holder, Nov 13, 2014  
Louis Barrientes, Nov 14, 2014  
Scott Markle, Nov 20, 2014



## The Finish Line & The Starting Gate

Just when you think you are finished building it, God comes along and leads you to an upgrade. After enjoying a year of a more structured curriculum we have found the need to bring the teachings we offer to another level. Our search for teaching material that fits what the Lord has shown us has been fruitful. Now we recognize the need to present this material in a way that motivates the men to make application. As expressed in an earlier newsletter, we as humans, have a

## From the Father's Heart

By Pastor Jon Cordeiro

November 12th, 2014 at 2:25, my Father-in-law, and in love, passed on to his eternal reward. Dallas Ray Lynch was 94 when he won his final battle here on earth. One of the Crisis Care Nurses asked how long I had known my dad. "Not long enough – only 21 years" I replied. I would do anything for my dad. He was the father to me that I never had as a youth or an adult finding myself. My bride Cynthia (his daughter) and I have supported her parents through a lot the last 7 years. We moved them here after Cynthia's mom was diagnosed with Alzheimer's.

It's been such a long weary road walking through Mom's disappearance and eventual death last year. It was our privilege to serve them both even when we were exhausted, inconvenienced, misunderstood and unable to do more than hold their hands and tell them we loved them. They're together now with Jesus, Who receives all glory for His faithfulness to our family.

When we moved them to Texas, we knew that life was going to be interesting and often challenging. Dad use to often say, "You're only young twice," and then chuckle. I didn't realize the fullness of what his chuckle meant until these last few years. At his 80th birthday celebration he shared, "If I'd known that I was going to live so long I would've

habit of preferring rules over relationships. In the same way, we often prefer an intellectual discussion over digging within ourselves for a way to apply Kingdom truth to our lives. This is the crux of the upgrade we will launch in January. We are excited about the new direction in our curriculum and look forward to witnessing God's transforming work in His glorious sons. We plan to make available a sample teaching each month to our subscribers. More later.

taken more naps and eaten more ice cream!" Over the years, Dad had mellowed especially after accepting that his bride of 70 years needed his undivided attention until her passing in June of 2013. Serving has a way of fostering humility in a true leader, especially when the one being served no longer knows your name.

Dallas was a leader to many people at many levels over his two careers with the Corp of Engineers. He retired from the Army Corp of Engineers as a Lt. Colonel at 41 years of age after serving in WWII and receiving the Distinguished Service Cross, Bronze Star and three Purple Hearts in one night (two others he refused so his mom wouldn't worry) and numerous other medals for outstanding service. He did his second tour with the Little Rock Corp of Engineers heading up security over the Arkansas River Dams and earning himself the designation of Distinguished Civilian Employee in 1995. Later, he worked as a security consultant for the City of Little Rock providing emergency planning for every conceivable concern. He told folks his phone number was 911.

I could write volumes about this man's life journey, accomplishments, and impact. But I'd like to focus on two snapshots in particular. The first was his

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Here's how he feels about his nephew, Nick. "I just want him to stay with me until I can be sure he won't turn into Norman Nothing. I want to be sure he'll know when he's chickening out on himself. I want him to get to know exactly the special thing he is or else he won't notice it when it starts to go. I want him to stay awake and know who the phonies are, I want him to know how to holler and put up an argument, I want a little guts to show before I can let him go. I want to be sure he sees all the wild possibilities. I want him to know it's worth all the trouble just to give the world a little goosing when you get the chance. And I want him to know the subtle, sneaky, important reason why he was born a human being and not a chair."

So the conflict inside Murray describes many people. They know they're designed for something better, but they feel stuck in their circumstances. What does it take for a person to break out of their mold and more completely fulfill their destiny?

What it takes is a change of thinking. This is fueled by new information. People take financial advice from other broke people. They are afraid to take any risk because their acquaintances don't. Scripture teaches our mind must be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit. So we must chart new paths which is, at first, very uncomfortable.

Murray philosophizes, "I gotta know what day it is. I gotta know what's the name of the game and what the rules are without anyone else telling me. You gotta own your own days and name 'em, each one of 'em, every one of 'em, or else the years go right by and none of them belong to you. And that ain't just for weekends, kiddo."

So Murray is vacillating between his inner desire to excel and be unique contrasted with his desire to meet society's demands. There are ways to break free,  
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love and appreciation for New Name Ministries. He had attended numerous food fellowships over the first few years and really enjoyed interacting with the men. When our original rent house became uninhabitable due to loss of a gas line, he wrote the check for the duplex on South Jennings Ave. He wanted New Name Ministries to put its stake in the ground so that the men to come would have a place to call home. Every man who chooses to fully embrace New Name Ministries receives this legacy to steward and pass on while receiving the blessing. How awesome is that!?

All that we possess eternally is spiritual and relational in nature. The Word tells us that it is better to have a good name than riches. Dallas Ray Lynch has left us, but not before leaving a legacy for those who come to New Name. Legacies are left behind to serve others as a foundation and to provide a future so as to move forward. Each man that benefits from their time at New Name becomes a living legacy.



The second snapshot has to do with Sonship - the state of being a son. Dallas and I grew up with a mutual issue of rejection from our fathers. Dallas sought his authoritative approval

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but it takes courage. Most men at New Name enter the program squeezed in by prison culture, fear and the desire to recapture lost time. Our yearlong journey gives them time to learn about their inner issues if they are willing to respond to the Holy Spirit and good counsel.

Successful graduates leave the ministry prepared to face the world with Jesus in their heart, a job, a new fresh outlook on life, friendships, the ability to handle their money and freedom from what got them in trouble in the first

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and continued life instruction through the Army. As an ungrounded free radical I attempted to enter the service but received a disqualifying injury the week of my enlistment. As Dallas' life was shaped and molded through the great depression, the devastation of war, and three careers, I hitchhiked along the road of heartache, pursuing acceptance through worldly ways. I never knew what I was looking for or what I truly needed. I was an orphan needing "The Father."

When Dallas was 75 he shared his workbook with me from "Search for Significance: Seeing Your True Worth Through God's Eyes" by Robert S. McGee. Apparently, he too was still searching for something more. The truth is there is always more, regardless of our age or station in life. Though Dad (Dallas) and I had differing spiritual perspectives as believers, we honored each other's Christian beliefs recognizing that at our core, our beliefs were aligned. God "The Father" sent His Son Jesus as the first fruit of many Sons to come. These Sons are to follow in their brother Jesus' footsteps in listening to and obeying their Heavenly Father. Becoming Sons of God is the "why" of seeking first the Kingdom of Heaven.

My Heavenly Father was so gracious in meeting the various needs I had as an orphan. For a brief moment I revisited some of those anxious thoughts after Dad passed. Then, I remembered our Heavenly Father (Dad's and mine) has promised to never, never, never leave us or forsake us. Halleluiah!

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place. It's exciting to see the changes in the men! I love listening to the graduates who have taken the yoke of leadership in the ministry and hear the wisdom coming through them as they administer daily workings. New Name *is* changing the world, one man at a time!

#### As always...

We appreciate your continued prayers and financial encouragement for this ministry. Our current needs include financial support for administrative staff, gainful employment for our men, and more staff for expansion. Please join us in declaring supernatural debt cancellation.