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WILDFIRE

Partnering with what Jesus is doing

*"And God's Word spread like a wildfire through the
entire region."*

ACTS 13:49 TPT

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BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE

One Name To Remember

There is only one Name in this whole invitation that matters, and it is not ours. It is not Poetry on Fire, it is not the Strauss family, and it is not a brand you are being asked to believe in. It is Jesus.

We want to say that first, plainly, before we say a word about anything else. Ministries can start to sound like they are asking you to build something for them. We are not. Everything you are about to read is an invitation into what Jesus is already doing, and He was doing it long before we arrived and will be doing it long after we are gone. We simply want to be found working alongside Him while we still have breath.

"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

ACTS 4:12 NKJV

Peter said that standing in front of the very council that had condemned Jesus. He did not offer them a movement or a method. He gave them a Name. And the Word tells us that God has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth.

So hear the invitation properly. When you partner with Poetry on Fire you are putting your hands, your money, your prayers and your voice into the work of that Name. Nothing here is about our platform. It is about people who have never heard His Name hearing it, and people who have forgotten it remembering.

You are not partnering with a ministry. You are partnering with Jesus, and we happen to be standing in the same field.

What follows is not a sales page. It is an attempt to show you from Scripture why partnership carries so much more weight than most people realise, and why the person who partners is never the one standing on the outside of the story.



THE HEART OF IT

Four Friends And A Roof

There is a moment in Mark chapter two that we come back to more than almost any other passage, because it shows what partnership actually looks like when it is real.

Jesus was in a house in Capernaum. Word had gone out that He was there and the place filled until there was no room left, not even at the door, and He preached the Word to them. Somewhere outside that crush of people were five men. Four of them were walking. The fifth was on a mat, paralysed, unable to get himself anywhere.

Read what those four did, because every line of it matters.

"Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying."

MARK 2:3-4 NKJV

They carried him. That is the first thing. Somebody had to take each corner of that mat and walk him through the streets of Capernaum, and they did it knowing he could offer them nothing in return. He could not carry himself and he could not carry them back one day.

Then they hit the crowd, and the crowd would not move. This is the point where most people go home. They had a legitimate reason to stop. They had already done more than anyone expected of them. Nobody in that town would have said a word against four men who tried their best and turned back.

They Broke The Roof

They climbed up on somebody else's house with a grown man on a mat, and they started tearing the roof apart. Think about how long that takes. Think about the noise, the dust falling into the room, the people below looking up, the owner of the house watching his ceiling come away in pieces. Nobody gave them permission. They did it because they had decided that their friend was going to get in front of Jesus that day, and no crowd and no roof was going to be the reason he did not.

That is not politeness. That is not casual religious support. That is passion, and it cost them something. Somebody paid for that roof.

When Jesus Saw Their Faith

And then comes the line that changes how you read the whole account.

"When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven you.'"

MARK 2:5 NKJV



Their faith. Not his. The man on the mat says nothing in the entire passage. Not one recorded word. He does not confess, he does not ask, he does not declare anything over himself. Jesus looks up through a hole in the roof, sees four faces covered in dust, and responds to what they believed on behalf of somebody who could not believe for himself that day.

Hold on to that, because it is the whole reason partnership works. Faith can be carried. Faith can be exercised by one person and land in another person's life. God is not embarrassed by that arrangement. He honours it.

Jesus dealt with the deepest thing first, the sin, which nobody in the room had even mentioned. Then He turned to the paralysis. Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house. And immediately the man got up, picked up the mat he had been carried in on, and walked out in front of everybody, and they were all amazed and glorified God, saying they had never seen anything like it.

He walked home. The four came down off the roof to a man on his feet.



This Is What We Are Asking You To Be

When we ask you to partner with Poetry on Fire, this is the picture in our minds. Not a subscriber. Not a donor on a list. One of the four.

Every crusade, every pastors' conference, every livestream, every resource we put into a pastor's hands is a mat being carried towards Jesus. There are people on those mats who cannot get themselves there. Some of them have never heard His Name. Some of them heard it years ago and have been lying still ever since. They are not going to walk into the room on their own, and the crowd is not going to move for them.

Somebody has to take a corner. Your partnership is a corner of the mat.

And We Are Four Friends For You

It runs both ways, and this is the part we take most seriously. When you stand with us, you are not only carrying others. You are being carried.

Your name goes onto our partner prayer list and we bring you before Jesus every single day. Your family. Your work. The thing you have not told anybody about. We do not need to know the details to stand in the gap for you, and on the days when you cannot pray for yourself, someone is on the roof for you anyway.

That is what we mean when we say partnership. People who will always bring you before Jesus. People who stand with you and trust with you. People who go the extra mile out of real love for a friend, and unwavering faith that Jesus in your life changes everything.



*Somebody, somewhere, is on a mat.
Somebody else has to decide that a crowd
and a roof are not good enough reasons to
stop.*

MARK 2



The Power Of Partnership

Partnership is not a modern fundraising idea dressed up in Scripture. It is one of the clearest patterns in the Bible, and God attaches real reward to it. Here is why it matters far more than most believers have been taught.

Nobody In Scripture Carried It Alone

Israel was fighting Amalek and the outcome hung on one man's arms. As long as Moses held up his hands, Israel prevailed. When he let them down, Amalek prevailed. And Moses was human, so his hands got heavy.

"But Moses' hands became heavy; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun."

EXODUS 17:12 NKJV

Aaron and Hur never lifted a sword. They did not fight a single Amalekite. They held up the arms of the one who did, and the battle was won because of it. Scripture does not record the victory as belonging only to Joshua in the valley. The whole account is built around three men on a hill and two of them were holding.

That is what a partner does. Ministry gets heavy. Arms come down. Somebody has to be on either side.

Jesus Himself Was Financially Partnered

This is the one people miss. Luke tells us plainly who paid for the ministry of Jesus while He walked the earth.

"And certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary called Magdalene, out of whom had come seven demons, and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others who provided for Him from their substance."

LUKE 8:2-3 NKJV

The Son of God, walking through Galilee preaching the Kingdom, was supported by a group of women who put their own money into it. Out of their substance. Not out of their spare change. Mary had been delivered of seven demons and she never got over it. Joanna had access to Herod's household and she funded an itinerant preacher from Nazareth instead.

If Jesus received partnership, nobody needs to feel awkward about it. And notice that Luke wrote their names down. Two thousand years later we still know exactly who paid, because Heaven keeps a different set of records to the ones we keep.



The Reward Is Shared, Not Divided

David came back from Ziklag with the spoil, and some of the men who had fought wanted to cut out the two hundred who had stayed behind at the Brook Besor with the supplies. They were exhausted and could not cross over. David refused, and what he said became a permanent statute in Israel.

"For as his part is who goes down to the battle, so shall his part be who stays by the supplies; they shall share alike."

1 SAMUEL 30:24 NKJV

Read that again slowly. The reward was not calculated by who was visible on the battlefield. It was calculated by who was in the fight. The men at the supplies never swung a sword and they were counted as though they had.

This is not a consolation prize for people who could not go. It is a statute. It is how God does His accounting, and it has not changed. When you give towards a crusade in Burundi that you will never physically attend, you are at the supplies. When someone is born again in a field you have never stood in, you were in that fight. Not symbolically. Actually.

Jesus said the same thing in different words. He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward. Not a smaller reward. Not a reward for supporting a prophet. A prophet's reward. And whoever gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple will by no means lose his reward.

Heaven does not divide the reward between the sender and the sent. It gives the full measure to both.

What You Put In His Hands Multiplies

A boy had five barley loaves and two small fish. Andrew brought him to Jesus and said the honest thing out loud. What are they among so many? It was a fair question. Five thousand men were sitting on that hillside, and a child's lunch was a rounding error.

Jesus took it, gave thanks, and distributed it. Everyone ate as much as they wanted and twelve baskets of fragments were collected afterwards. The boy went home having eaten more than he arrived with.

Then there is Simon at the Lake of Gennesaret. Jesus needed a platform to preach from and Simon had a boat sitting empty at the shore after a night of catching nothing. He was not asked for a sermon or a miracle or a tithe. He was asked for the one ordinary thing he happened to own, and he handed it over without being told what he would get for it.

"Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."

LUKE 5:4 NKJV



The nets broke. They had to signal the other boat to come and help, and both boats began to sink under the weight of it. Simon lent Jesus a platform for the preaching of the Word, and the Word came back into his hands as provision.

We are not promising you a boat that sinks under the blessing. We are telling you what the Word repeatedly shows about ordinary things placed in the hands of Jesus for the sake of a crowd who needed to hear. God is not in anyone's debt.

Fruit That Abounds To Your Account

Paul wrote to the church at Philippi about their partnership with him, and he chose his words carefully. He was not writing a thank-you note. He was explaining what their giving had done in the ledgers of Heaven.

"Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account."

PHILIPPIANS 4:17 NKJV

Your account. Paul was saying that what they sent to him was credited to them. The Philippians had sent aid to him again and again, and he told them that no other church had shared with him in giving and receiving. They were the ones who kept showing up.

And then, at the end of that same passage, comes one of the most quoted promises in Scripture. My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. We quote it everywhere and often forget the context. It was written specifically to partners, about their partnership.

A Cord Of Three Strands

Solomon put it in the plainest possible terms. Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labour. If one falls, the other will lift him up, but woe to him who is alone when he falls, because there is no one to help him up.

"Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken."

ECCLESIASTES 4:12 NKJV

One strand snaps. Three strands hold. That is not sentiment, it is physics, and God put it in Scripture as a description of how His people are meant to stand. When you partner, you are not adding your strength to ours in a straight line. You are being woven in, and the whole thing becomes harder to break.

Partnership Puts Your Name On Ground You Will Never Walk

There are villages in Burundi where the Gospel was preached because somebody decided to give R250 a month, and pastors who were trained because a partner in Cape Town stood in the gap. Those pastors now feed congregations we will never meet. You will not see most of it in this life, and that is not a weakness of partnership. It is the shape of it.



*One day you will meet the people your
partnership reached. That conversation is
coming, and it is worth preparing for.*



What Your Partnership Is Doing

We will always tell you the truth about where your money goes, because you are not a donor to us. You are a partner, and partners have a right to know.

Our focus is not crusading alone. It is the groundwork. At least three months before a crusade we are on the ground with local churches and pastors, providing guidance, discipleship, training and planning, so that every person who makes a decision for Christ is locked into a local church and disciplined into maturity. God's heart beats for souls, and it breaks for discipleship. We are not looking for converts. We are looking for disciples.

That is the fullness of the Great Commission. Not just go, but go and make disciples. It is slower work and it costs more, and it is the only kind of work that is still standing in ten years.

- **Discipling pastors and churches.** Walking alongside pastors and local congregations, strengthening them for the work in front of them.
- **Pastors' conferences.** Gathering, teaching and equipping shepherds so that whole congregations are fed.
- **Groundwork for missions and crusades.** The months of preparation that turn a decision into a disciplined life.
- **Producing resources.** Materials for pastors and churches on discipleship and soul-winning, study materials for partners and friends of the ministry, and books. In the making: *The Untamed Lion* by Philip Strauss and *Choose Your Hard* by Marilé Strauss.

The Gospel is absolutely free. Getting it out there is not. God supplies every need and our trust is in Him always, and part of how He has always supplied is through people who decide to take a corner of the mat.



What Comes Back To You

Partnering is never one-directional. When you stand with us, we stand with you. This is not a mailing list. This is what we commit back to you, in writing.

- **Daily prayer.** Your name goes onto our partner prayer list and we bring you, your family, your work and whatever you are carrying before Jesus every single day. Not once. Not when we remember. Daily. This is the first thing we return to you and the one we hold most sacred.
- **Free downloads.** Study materials, discipleship notes and soul-winning helps, added through the year.
- **First access.** Before anything is announced publicly, the invitation comes to you first. Mission trips and where we need hands on the ground, pastors' conferences, crusades, and every event we host.
- **Partnership letters.** Written for you, the Wildfire. What Jesus is doing right now, where we are going next, and exactly what to stand with us in prayer for.
- **Partners-only livestreams.** Teaching, prayer and honest reporting back from the field, in a smaller room than the public one.
- **Your own partner space.** A Partner Login where everything above lives in one place.

If you never read a single letter and never join a single livestream, the prayer still happens. That is the part we would keep if we had to give up everything else on that list.



BEYOND THE GIVING

Three Ways You Stand With Us

You have already taken the first one, or you are close to it. Here are all three, because giving is the doorway and not the whole house.

One: You Give

This is the corner of the mat you have already picked up. It pays for the groundwork, the travel, the training, the printing and the platforms. It is the least visible part of the work and the part without which none of the rest happens.

Two: You Pray

God is searching for people who will stand. The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him. In Ezekiel He says He sought for a man who would make a wall and stand in the gap before Him on behalf of the land, and He found no one. That is one of the saddest sentences in Scripture. Not that God was unwilling, but that nobody stood.

Even Paul asked for it. From prison, the man who had been caught up to the third heaven asked believers to pray that utterance would be given to him, that he might open his mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel. Boldness is not a personality type. It is something God gives, and it comes through the prayers of people who are nowhere near the pulpit.

And prayer goes through walls the person praying cannot see. Peter was chained between two soldiers with execution set for the morning, and Scripture gives us one line about what the church was doing. Constant prayer was offered to God for him. An angel came, the chains fell off, the iron gate opened by itself, and Peter walked across the city and knocked on the door of the very house where they were praying. They told the servant girl she was out of her mind. He kept knocking.

Paul and Silas were beaten and put in the inner prison with their feet in the stocks, and at midnight they were praying and singing hymns while the other prisoners listened. An earthquake shook the foundations, every door opened and every chain was loosed, and before morning the jailer and his whole household were saved.

"And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs."

MARK 16:20 NKJV

Signs follow the preaching of His Word. So when you stand in the gap for the preaching, you are standing in the gap for the signs. A healing in a field in Burundi has a prayer behind it that was prayed in a kitchen somewhere quiet.



Three: You Share

Almost every time someone met Jesus in the Gospels, the very next thing recorded is that they went and told somebody. The Samaritan woman left her waterpot and went into the city, and many of the Samaritans of that city believed because of her word. The man from the Gadarenes begged to go with Jesus and Jesus told him no, go home to your friends and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and he proclaimed it through ten cities. Andrew found his own brother and said, we have found the Messiah, and brought Simon to Jesus.

Nobody trained them. They had an encounter and their mouths opened. You have something the woman at the well did not have. She had a five minute walk into town. You have a phone that reaches further in ten seconds than she could have walked in ten years.

When you share a post, a teaching or a livestream, you are not passing on content. You are carrying His Word to someone we will never stand in front of. The preaching is one half of the work. The carrying is the other half, and it is no smaller a part of it.

WHERE TO FIND US

Come And See, Then Carry It

Follow every platform you can, then take it further. Send one teaching to one person by name. That is the whole assignment.

The WhatsApp Channel is the easiest one to forward, because most people already live there. A teaching lands, you press forward, and it arrives in a conversation we would never have had access to. The algorithms also reward the accounts people actually engage with, so a comment, a save or a share carries a post to strangers we could never pay to reach.

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*Somebody is one forwarded message away from the thing
they have been asking God for.*



Finding The Hook

Everything up to this point has been about carrying. This last part is about equipping, because a Wildfire does not only give and pray. A Wildfire opens their mouth.

The people in your office, your family group and your school gate are never going to be on our platforms. Nobody else can reach them. You can, and you do not need a theology degree to do it. You only need to notice a door when somebody opens one, and know what to say.

Most people freeze because they think they need to start a conversation about Jesus. You do not. You need to notice the one already happening, and answer it honestly.

People hand you openings all day long, usually disguised as complaints, worries or small talk. Somebody says they are exhausted. Somebody does not know what to do about their child. Somebody mentions a diagnosis. Somebody asks how you stay so calm. Every one of those is a door standing open. Catch it, say one true sentence out of your own life, and offer one small next step.

- **When someone is exhausted:** "I know that feeling. Honestly the only thing that has kept me steady this year has been leaning on Jesus in the mornings before anything else starts."
- **When someone is worried about a child:** "Can I tell you what I do with mine? I pray over them by name. I would happily pray for yours too if you want."
- **When someone mentions illness:** "I would like to pray for you about that. Not later, now, while we are standing here. Is that alright?"
- **When someone asks how you stay calm:** "I am not naturally calm at all. It is Jesus. I would not cope otherwise."
- **When someone asks about your weekend:** "It was good. I have been following some teaching that has really challenged me. I will send it to you, it is only a few minutes."

Do not aim for a decision. Aim for a door left open. If they ask more, answer. If they change the subject, let them. You have not failed. You have planted, and the increase was never yours to produce.

| *"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase."*

| **1 CORINTHIANS 3:6 NKJV**

And if you feel unqualified, good. So did almost everyone God used. The woman at the well had a history the whole town knew about, and Peter denied he even knew Jesus. Neither was sent because they were impressive. They were sent because they had met Him.



YOUR NEXT STEP

Take A Corner Of The Mat

Monthly partnership can be taken up at R250, R500, R750, R1 000, R10 000, or an amount you choose yourself. If you would rather give a once-off gift of any amount, you can do that on the Giving page.

You can cancel your monthly partnership at any time, with no notice period and no cancellation fee. Because gifts are allocated immediately to a specific outreach or focus, contributions are not refundable. Nothing is posted to you. Everything is delivered electronically.

Those four men in Capernaum had no idea they were going to end up in Scripture. They were not building a legacy. They had one friend, one mat, one afternoon and one conviction, which was that if they could just get him in front of Jesus, everything would change. They were right. And the record of it has outlived every one of them by two thousand years.

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*One friend. One mat. One afternoon. One conviction
that Jesus is the answer.*

You do not have to know where the mat you are carrying will end up. The four never did. They simply refused to let a crowd have the last word over somebody they loved, and Jesus met them at the hole in the roof.



*Carry somebody. Break the roof if you have to. And
remember the only Name worth remembering.*

Jesus.



*Where Scripture burns and Truth restores,
until every heart is turned to Him,*

Philip, Marilé and Noa Strauss

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