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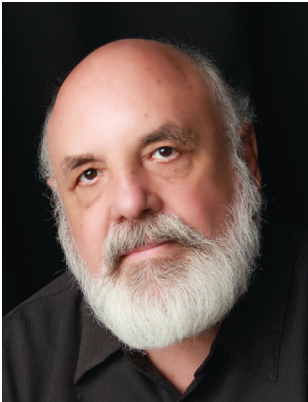
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**A Message from the
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It is our prayer that as you read through the pages of this power book that you catch a glimpse of the glorious Bride who is here on this earth awaiting her bridegroom's soon return. And then, through the power of Living Word and the Holy Spirit, all of us are changed until we all become part of that glorious Church!

SPOTS, WRINKLES & BLEMISHES

So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:33

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Have you ever wondered how the Church (or the Bride of Christ) is somehow changed into this glorious Church that Paul is writing about? How long does it take to get rid of all our spots, wrinkles and blemishes? Is this something that transpires overnight,

or does it take a lifetime? Is this something that happens progressively... or in stages? Perhaps... this is something every Believer just automatically experiences? Is it possible there are Christians living today, who will never experience this blissful state?

Do you believe God's Word has THE answers to all these questions? Of

course it does!

First of all... God's Word is careful to inform us in 2 Corinthians 3:18 that... being changed into a glorious Church takes place in stages.

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 3:18

The good news is... this change from glory to glory, which should be taking place in our lives each day... is for ALL Believers. The bad news is... it seems that far too few in the Body of Christ are daily experiencing, or even desiring, this glorious supernatural change.

In 1 Corinthians 15:41-

42, Paul takes us a step further when he proclaims to us, that whatever spiritual glory we attain while here on earth, WILL cause us to radiate differently from one another in eternity.

There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the res-

urrection of the dead...

I Corinthians 15:41-42

It is easy to understand from Paul's writing that there are different spiritual plateaus of glory. Paul informs us that after the resurrection of the dead, the spiritual glory we have attained while here on this earth, will be revealed in eternity for all to see. He

said that after the resurrection there will be one glory of the sun, another of the moon and another of the stars; and then he writes, even yet, one star differs from another star in glory.

As we study the Scriptures, it should become evident to us, that God desires to accomplish a daily spiritual change in the Church... a change from glory to glo-

ry. This is something we as Believers should be experiencing each day as we allow the Lord to accomplish His spiritual work deep within us. This spiritual change from glory to glory is awaiting every child of God.

But still, all of us also await our final change to celestial glory... at the time of the sounding of the last

trump. Please note, this final change does not happen in stages but instantaneously!

Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

Isn't it great to know that right now, even before that final change, if we are diligently preparing for His coming, we can also experience daily spiritual changes in our lives? God seems to measure these changes as from glory to glory!

Yes, our Lord will soon return to enact the FINAL

change in a Church... a glorious Church... FREE from all spots, wrinkles, and blemishes! What a thought! But more importantly... it will SOON become a reality!!!

Remember Ephesians 5:27 stated:

That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it

should be holy and without blemish.

Ephesians 5:27

Before we proceed any further, I believe it is important for all of us to understand that when we came to Christ, He gave us a new spiritual change of clothing.

And he shewed me Joshua the high priest stand-

ing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him. And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel. And he answered and

spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.

Zechariah 3:1-4

When we were born again, we were given new garments of Salvation without spot or wrinkle.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.

Isaiah 61:10

When the Lord gave us our

new garments of Salvation,
it became our awesome re-
sponsibility to KEEP them
CLEAN!

It is imperative that we do
not become careless about
keeping our new garments
clean. Jesus warns us of this
in Revelation 16:15.

*Behold, I come as a thief.
Blessed is he that watcheth,
and keepeth his garments,
lest he walk naked, and they*

see his shame.

Revelation 16:15

The word keepeth as it used here in the Greek means: to guard (from loss or injury, prop. by keeping the eye upon); by impl. to detain (in custody; fig. to maintain); by ext. to withhold (for personal ends; fig. to keep unmarried).

We will be blessed... IF we are careful to KEEP our

garments clean while we are WATCHING for His coming.

SIN CAUSES SPOTS IN OUR SPIRITUAL GARMENTS

And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

Jude 1:23

The glorious Church,

which Christ is coming back for, has a holy hatred, not only toward the garments that have been spotted by the works of the flesh... but **ANYTHING** that could cause spots in our garments.

The Greek word for spot means: to stain or soil. The Greek root word for spot means: a stain or blemish, i.e. (fig.) defect, disgrace.

Yes, sin leaves its mark on everything it touches! Since we accepted Jesus into our lives, because of this little three letter word... S-I-N, all of us have had spots in our spiritual garments. We all have experienced these spots at some time during this past year... possibly this past month... or perhaps, this past week... or maybe even today.

Can we not then conclude that at one time or another, we have all found ourselves with a spot or sin stain on our garments?

Then it must be evident to us that SIN leaves its mark on everything it touches. Not only is this true in the natural, but in the spiritual. Whenever sin comes into our lives, it leaves behind its ugly stains (spots) on

our garments.

Your next question might be, “If sin causes spots... then what causes spiritual wrinkles?” Good question!

WEIGHTS CAUSE SPIRITUAL WRINKLES IN OUR SPIRITUAL GARMENTS

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witness-

es, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

Hebrews 12:1

In the Greek, the word weight means: a mass (as bending or bulging by its load), i.e. burden (hindrance).

If you do not understand how even a small weight

will cause wrinkles, put your best suit of clothes in the bottom of your laundry basket, then fill the basket with clothes, and leave them there overnight. Check them out in the morning, and you will learn firsthand, that weight produces wrinkles... every time!

Sin = spots and weights = wrinkles.

Oh, how easy it is for our spiritual garments to become wrinkled from the earthly weights we allow to come into our lives. No, these things are NOT sins. They are just weights... but when we allow them into our lives, they have far-reaching spiritual consequences.

I believe a good “spiritual” definition of weights

is: the cares of this life, the deceitfulness of riches, the pleasures of this life.

How long has it been since you have allowed something you felt you had to do, take preeminence over praying or studying God's Word? How long has it been since some entertainment or excitement the world had to offer, has drawn you away from abiding in the

presence of God? Is there a better time than the present to take a good spiritual inventory?

Your next question might be, “Brother Ford, if sin causes spots... and weights cause wrinkles, then what causes blemishes?” Another excellent question.

However, to better understand the cause of blemishes, we need more than just

a quick simple answer.

Let's read Ephesians 5: 27 again.

That he (Jesus) might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Ephesians 5:27

Notice how “without blemish” is separated in this sentence from “spots

and wrinkles.”

It is important for us to understand that spots and wrinkles have to do with our spiritual garments... while blemishes have to do with us personally (not our spiritual garments).

The word blemish, as it is used here, is the same exact word that is used to describe Jesus in the following passage of Scripture.

But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

I Peter 1:19

In both of the preceding Scriptures, the Greek meaning of the words “without blemish” is: unblemished (lit. or fig.) without blame, faultless, unblamable.

Second Peter 2:13 sheds more spiritual light on this

important subject.

And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you;

2 Peter 2:13

In this instance, the Greek meaning of the word blemishes means: a flaw or blot

i.e. (fig) a disgraceful person. If we trace this word further to its Greek root, we learn it means: to blame: to be able to find fault.

Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

2 Peter 3:14

We see in the final book of the Bible that there will

be a people standing before the throne of God who will be found “without fault” (which also has the same Greek meaning as I Peter 1:19 concerning Christ being without blemish).

And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

Revelation 14:5

If spots and wrinkles have

to do with our spiritual garments, how do blemishes enter into all this? Let's return to the Old Testament for a better spiritual understanding concerning blemishes.

And if there be any blemish therein, as if it be lame, or blind, or have any ill blemish, thou shalt not sacrifice it unto the LORD thy God.
Deuteronomy 15:21

Thou shalt not sacrifice unto the LORD thy God any bullock, or sheep, wherein is blemish, or any evil-favouredness: for that is an abomination unto the LORD thy God.

Deuteronomy 17:1

In both of these Scriptures, the Hebrew meaning of the word blemish is: physically or morally.

We learn from these Scrip-

tures that absolutely no animal could be sacrificed to the Lord with a blemish **WITHOUT** or **WITHIN**.

Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats:

Exodus 12:5

In the Hebrew, the word blemish, as it is used here, opens another avenue of

thinking to us, because it means: entire (lit., fig. or mor.); also (as noun) integrity, truth.

Additional spiritual light is shed on this when we see what applied to the sacrifices, also applied to the priesthood.

Speak unto Aaron, saying, Whosoever he be of thy seed in their generations that hath any blemish, let

him not approach to offer the bread of his God. For whatsoever man he be that hath a blemish, he shall not approach: a blind man, or a lame, or he that hath a flat nose, or any thing superfluous, Or a man that is brokenfooted, or brokenhanded, Or crookbackt, or a dwarf, or that hath a blemish in his eye, or be scurvy, or scabbed, or hath his

stones broken; No man that hath a blemish of the seed of Aaron the priest shall come nigh to offer the offerings of the LORD made by fire: he hath a blemish; he shall not come nigh to offer the bread of his God. He shall eat the bread of his God, both of the most holy, and of the holy. Only he shall not go in unto the vail, nor come nigh unto the altar, because he hath

*a blemish; that he profane
not my sanctuaries: for I the
LORD do sanctify them.*

Leviticus 21:17-23

It is evident from the preceding Scripture that God was describing deficiencies in physical characteristics that are also applicable in the spiritual realm (which I will not attempt to go into at this time).

The best Greek defini-

tion of the word blemish is: a flaw, shortcoming or a physical or moral defect; a lack of something necessary for completion, a superficial or surface imperfection that mars the appearance.

According to the Reader's Digest Dictionary, a blemish may be structural, while a stain suggests a surface discoloration.

WE WILL BECOME SPIRITUALLY BLEMISHED WHEN OUR SPIRITUAL WALK IS NOT IN INTEGRITY AND IN TRUTH

What does it mean to walk blameless, faultless and without blemish before God and man?

It means our earthly walk is always a walk that is filled with integrity and truth. (Remember these are the

Hebrew meanings for the word blemish.)

The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him.

Proverbs 20:27

The integrity of the upright shall guide them...

Proverbs 11:3

King David said in Psalms 26:1,

Judge me, O LORD; for I

have walked in mine integrity: I have trusted also in the LORD; therefore I shall not slide.

Psalms 26:1

In Psalms 25:21, David cried,

Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee.

Psalms 25:21

In Job 31:4-6, Job said,

*Doth not he see my ways,
and count all my steps? If
I have walked with vanity,
or if my foot hath hasted to
deceit; Let me be weighed
in an even balance that God
may know mine integrity.*

Job 31:4-6

If our earthly walk becomes spiritually flawed (and naturally flawed), we will find ourselves with... blemishes.

When the Lord stated that He was coming back for a glorious Church... without a blemish, I believe the Lord was saying that He is coming back for a people who are walking in “integrity” and in “truth.”

Is your life earmarked by “integrity” and “truth”?

In other words: Are you paying your bills? Do you have a Christian testimony

with those who live around you? Is your word good? Do you always do what you say you will do? Can you be trusted and depended on in every area of your life? Is the promise you spoke to your spouse, “until death do us part...” still words you live and will die by? Do you pay your tithes and give offerings to your church? Are there other blemishes

in your character that you need the Lord to work out of your life???

Think about it...

I know there are some who will say, “Brother Ford, you are much too works oriented. You are forgetting that only what Jesus has done, amounts to anything. What I do, doesn’t affect anything, because His grace is all I need.”

Far from it... my friend!
Our earthly “works” are
very important to the Lord.

Revelation 3:15-16 says,
*I know thy works, that thou
art neither cold nor hot: I
would thou wert cold or
hot. So then because thou
art lukewarm, and neither
cold nor hot, I will spue thee
out of my mouth.*

Revelation 3:15-16

...I will give unto every one of you according to your works.

Revelation 2:23

And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written

in the books, according to their works.

Revelation 20:12

...they were judged every man according to their works.

Revelation 20:13

So “our works” DO make a difference, don’t they?

If you are walking in integrity, in truth... and doing **YOUR BEST** to live your

life without blemish... you are living an upright life... just like Brother Job.

There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.

Job 1:1

It is evident from the preceding verse, Job was

keeping his garments clean
for he was perfect... and
upright.

Upright in the Hebrew
means: straight.

In Psalms 18:23, David
said,

*I was also upright before
him, and I kept myself from
mine iniquity.*

Psalms 18:23

David's son, Solomon,
echoed his father's words

in Proverbs 11:3,

The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.

Proverbs 11:3

The upright walk on a highway of integrity and truth.

The highway of the upright is to depart from evil: he that keepeth his way preserveth

his soul.

Proverbs 16:17

So the Lord says in Ephesians 5:27, that he is coming back for a glorious Church without absolutely no spots... no wrinkles... and no blemishes! And yet, most of us... if not all of us, from time to time, experience spots, wrinkles and blemishes... don't we??? How can that be?

In Ephesians 5:27, the Lord says the Church He is coming back for is a Church without sin... while on the other hand... we know from experience, and the Scriptures, that we are not only capable of sinning... but have all been guilty of sinning again and again since we asked the Lord into our lives.

Can we make any spiritu-

al sense out of all this? Of course we can.

Though many use the passage in 1 John 1:7-8 to lead someone to Christ, the truth is, this Scripture is actually written to those who are already born again.

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us

from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:7-9

Does it seem a bit confusing that the Word of God states in Ephesians 5:27 that the Lord is coming

back for a Church without sin, when we are told in 1 John 1:8 that we all have sin?

When we truly understand this, we realize that the Lord is coming back for a Church walking in the light and daily allowing His precious blood to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

When His blood has done

its work, the spot caused by sin is gone! It is as though the spot was never there and had never taken place. Now that is grace in action!

IF we CONFESS our spots... wrinkles... blemishes... He is faithful and just to take them out of our garments!

That's how Christ can come back for a glorious Church without any spots,

wrinkles and blemishes!
His glorious Church is
made up of Believers who
are spending time in the
prayer closet with Him,
confessing all spots, wrin-
kles and blemishes! Al-
though spots, wrinkles and
blemishes may come in...
THEY do not have to stay!
The same God who told
us to “keep our garments”
clean for His coming also

gave us instructions in His Word as to how to be a Church that is spotless and free from any wrinkles or blemishes. It would be sad if God told us to be ready for His coming, but then, neglected to inform us as to what we needed to do to be ready.

Please understand, that though many believe we “have to sin” everyday, this

is certainly not the truth!

And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

James 5:15

Notice here that the preceding scripture doesn't say "WHEN" we sin, but "IF" we sin. As we draw closer and closer to the Lord, and we learn how to continual-

ly abide in His presence...
sin will become a rare occurrence.

But IF we sin, God has already made provision to rid us of even the smallest spot, wrinkle or blemish.

As we ask for God's forgiveness, the blood of Jesus Christ is always available and ready to cleanse our garments from every spot.
But if we walk in the light,

as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

I John 1:7

Just as heat, in the natural, takes out wrinkles, so will the fire of the Holy Ghost take out our wrinkles in the spiritual.

That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gen-

tiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

Romans 15:16

Yes, there is a sanctification that comes through the fire of the Holy Ghost. His Spirit has the power to sanctify!

And in the natural, while the clay spins on the pot-

ter's wheel, he uses water to rid the clay vessel of its blemishes, so it is with the water of the Word.

That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

Ephesians 5:26

Yes, the washing of the water of the Word will take out our blemishes and bring sanctification into our lives, so we will be able

to live a life of integrity and truth.

And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

1 John 5:8

Needless to say, as we daily utilize the provisions God has provided for us to keep our garments clean and without blemish, the

times we yield to sin will become less and less.

In the future, we may want to pray like this... “Father, I am sorry for this sin that has brought this spot on my garments. I confess it to you and now ask you to wash it away in your Son’s precious blood. I am also sorry for the weights of this life that I have allowed to bring wrinkles into my

garments. I confess them now to you and ask that the fire of the Holy Ghost will take out every wrinkle. By your grace, I am going to do my best to keep my garments unstained, so I am prepared for your coming.

“I am also sorry for the way I have allowed this blemish to come into my personal life. I confess it now to you and ask you to

let the waters of your Word wash over me, so I will be a doer of the Word, walk in the Spirit and not fulfill the lust of my flesh...”

God is so faithful! Regardless of what we are presently facing, the Lord has complete and total spiritual and natural victory available for each one of us!!!

Now....

Let us be glad and rejoice,

and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

Revelation 19:7

How has His wife made herself ready? By daily applying the same provisions that the Lord has given us to be prepared for His coming! By His grace, she has kept her garments clean by allowing the Lord to take

out every spot, wrinkle and to remove every blemish. What is her reward for this?

And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

Revelation 19:8

If the Lord were to come today to claim His Holy Bride, would you be among those who are waiting and

watching for His appearing? Could you join the chosen throng who are dressed in fine white linen? Is your wedding garment washed and spotlessly clean and free from all wrinkles? Are you living a life of integrity and truth... free from all blemishes?

Do you have confidence in your heart that you are prepared to meet Him for

the marriage supper of the Lamb?

If not, purpose in your heart right now that a new spiritual day is about to dawn in your life! As you read these lines, you are feeling a new holy zeal to go to your prayer closet and ask the Lord to shine His Holy searchlight deep into your heart, so that any and all spots, wrinkles and

blemishes may be revealed.

You know now that you cannot wait! You must not hesitate or procrastinate... for this is the hour and the time you have been called to begin final preparations for your Lord's soon coming!!!

As you read these lines, you are hearing the voice of the Lord saying, "Come higher, my child. There are

new spiritual depths and heights that you have never walked in before! I have a Heavenly manna for you that you have never tasted!

“All you have to do my Beloved, is to open up to me. You must not hold anything back. You must not allow anything or anyone in your life to be more valuable to you than I am.

“As you freely give your-

self to me, you will find you no longer care what others are saying or doing. For you have been called to a Holy calling that you alone can fulfill!

“As you read these lines, a new urgency is coming into your spirit as to how short the time really is! Right now a new spiritual determination is coming upon you to make sure

that none of your spiritual works are made of hay, wood or stubble! No! For you are now purposing that your spiritual house will be garnished with only gold, silver and precious stones!

“Now you must shake yourself spiritually! As you do, every spiritual weight will be flung far from you!

“As you seek my face anew, you will experience a new

spiritual lightness in your spiritual step! This will come because you are no longer being hindered and pulled back by anything the world has to offer!

“The world is now losing its magnetism! As you diligently seek my face, you will find that some of the things you thought you could not do without, no longer mean anything!

“Why? You have received my Holy beckoning to come away with me, my love, my dove, my precious, undefiled one! From now on, nothing but my love will satisfy you!

“Oh, you have been satisfied in the past by many things, but now only my touch, my voice, my beckoning... will be meaningful in your life!

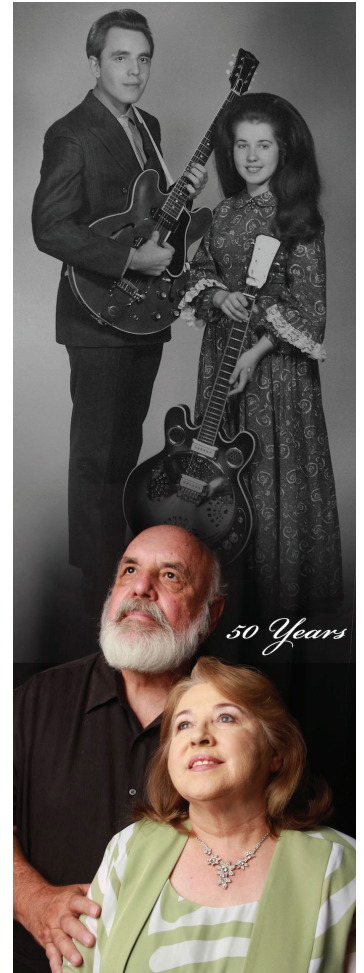
“When I return, you will stand before me in purity as my Holy Bride, for you too hate the very garment that is stained by the flesh! For I have lovingly cleansed you of every spot, wrinkle and blemish!

“Those around you will not understand the Holy calling you now have on your life. Even many who profess to be Christians,

will not understand why you are interested in different things than they are. But don't think it strange, my love, for you are mine and I am yours. There will be no "until death do us part," because soon we shall be together forever!!!"

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For over forty years J. David Ford has been ministering the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the U.S. and in foreign nations. From the time he ministered his first message in 1953 at the young age of five, the hand of the Lord has been mightily upon his life and ministry. Since 1973 David and his wife Rose have traveled into all 50 states and a host of foreign nations carrying the “Good News” of Jesus Christ. The Fords had their 50th wedding anniversary on October 7, 2017.



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In 1933 his father, Rev. O.L. Ford, founded the **Evangelistic Messengers' Association**. E.M.A. provides ministerial credentials to over 3,000 "independent" ministers in over 44 nations around the world. (www.emai.org)

In 1992, Brother Ford founded **More Than Conquerors School Of Theology**. Since then, MTC has been equipping those who are called to ministry. MTC's courses are discipling men and women so that they may become better

prepared to minister to their local needs. MTC grants degrees through a Doctorate in Ministry. (www.morethanconquerors.org)

In 2000, Brother Ford founded **New Hope Children's Foundation**. Since then, New Hope has been ministering to the needs of children in Nicaragua. Over the years over one million meals have been served to children while at the same time sharing the Gospel with these kids. This mission outreach provides a Christ-centered education for around 350 students from grade school - high school. This ministry also has a Christian FM station in the rain forest that ministers in the Miskito language to the Miskito Indian people that live in this area of Nicaragua. New Hope is located in El Cru-cero, Nicaragua. (www.NewHopeChildrens-Foundation.org)

Brother Ford established **KWAH 95.5 FM Power Radio** in Ennis, Texas in 2013. This radio station plays Christian music and the Ford's Power In Living program twice a day. Power Radio is in the greater Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. (www.PowerRadio.org - www.PowerInLiving.org - APPs are available for Smart phones)

Haven of Hope For Women and Children was established on December 1, 2017. It is located on the campus and headquarters of the Fords in Ennis, Texas. Thirty rooms have been designated for Haven of Hope's usage for providing a home and spiritual guidance for women who have become homeless and their children. (www.HavenOfHopeForWomen.org)

Power Book Publications was established in 2018 to share the Word of God with those in the Body of Christ who are searching for a deeper walk with the Lord. PBP plans to release a new book each month from the messages and courses Brother Ford has taught over the past 45+ years. (www.PowerBooks.org)

Over the years, we praise the Lord for the many lives that have been changed through the power of God's Word. To it all we say, "To God be the glory"!

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