



From Burnout to Blessing

**A Simple Guide to
Finding Peace, Positivity & Purpose**

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My Journey

Hi, I'm Gene Cobb.

After 36 years serving in law enforcement, fire/rescue, and corporate leadership, I know what it's like to face stress, burnout, and even hopelessness.

I've lived through the trauma, the loss, and the overwhelming pressure to keep going when everything inside says to give up.



I've survived cancer, two heart attacks, and battled Complex PTSD—but by God's amazing grace, I made it through.

And more than that... I found a renewed purpose.

Today, I'm on a mission to help others reclaim their peace, renew their joy, and rediscover their God-given purpose—even in the chaos of life.

That's why I created The GOOD NEWS Letter and The GOOD NEWS Club. And that's why I've put this short guide together just for you.

Let's take the first step toward a more faith-filled, hope-driven life—together.

A World Drenched in Negativity

Everywhere you turn, there's a flood of negativity. The evening news is filled with violence, division, and despair. Social media bombards us with arguments, envy, and bad news disguised as entertainment. Even casual conversations at work or in the community often spiral into complaining or worry.

It's no wonder people feel:

- Emotionally exhausted
- Disconnected from their purpose
- Anxious about the future
- Overwhelmed and on edge
- Spiritually numb

I know this feeling well. During my years in public safety and leadership, I was surrounded by stress on a daily basis—both personally and professionally. Add to that the silent battles of PTSD, the trauma of a cancer diagnosis, and the aftermath of two heart attacks, and life could've easily become a hopeless blur.

But God stepped in!

Scripture reminds us in 2 Timothy 3:1, 'In the last days perilous times will come.' We are indeed in those days. But we are not without hope.

My challenge (probably yours is too!) is learning how to guard your mind in a world constantly trying to break it down.

A Better Way – Real Peace Starts with Real Truth

There's a better way—and it starts with where you place your focus. In Isaiah 26:3, we're promised: 'You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.'

The truth is, you can't always control your surroundings, but you can control what you feed your soul. You can choose what to let in—and what to shut out.

For me, that change started by stepping away from the noise. I intentionally turned off the news, took breaks from social media, and created a space where God's voice could be louder than the chaos. I filled that space with prayer, Scripture, uplifting stories, and reminders of God's goodness.

This isn't some magic fix. It's a spiritual discipline. One rooted in Philippians 4:8, where Paul urges us to think on 'whatever is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable... anything excellent or praiseworthy.'

Let that be your filter!

If it doesn't line up with God's peace, it doesn't need space in your mind.

Five Daily Shifts That Transforms Everything

Here are five simple daily shifts that helped me move from burnout to blessing.

Each one is grounded in Scripture and lived experience:

1. Start With Scripture

Before social media. Before emails. Before the coffee kicks in—go to God. Even if it's just one verse. For years, I started my days with Psalm 118:24: 'This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.'

Some days I didn't feel like rejoicing, but speaking that verse reminded me Who was in charge.

2. Speak Life Over Yourself

The world will try to define you. Your past will try to confine you. But God's Word refines you. Declare His truth: 'I am fearfully and wonderfully made' (Psalm 139:14). 'I am more than a conqueror' (Romans 8:37). 'God is working all things for my good' (Romans 8:28).

3. Laugh Often

Proverbs 17:22 says, 'A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.' When I started The GOOD NEWS Letter, I made sure every edition included a clean joke or humorous story—because joy isn't a luxury. It's a lifeline.

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4. Celebrate Small Wins

Don't wait for the big miracle—celebrate the small mercies.

Woke up today? That's a win.

Took a step toward healing? That's a win.

Cooked a healthy meal? That's a win.

Recognizing small victories trains your heart to praise God in all seasons.

5. Pray Through It

Don't just pray after the storm. Pray in the storm.

I've cried out in ambulances, boardrooms, and quiet corners of my home. Prayer isn't about perfect words—it's about persistent connection. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 says, 'Pray without ceasing.'

Start the conversation in the morning and keep it going all day.

A Faith-Filled Morning That Sets the Tone

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You don't need a complicated routine. Just a committed heart. Here's what a peace-filled morning might look like:

◆ *Wake Up and Thank God*

Before your feet hit the floor, whisper: "Thank You, Lord, for today." This anchors your attitude in gratitude.

◆ *Read One Verse*

Pick a favorite Psalm or go through Proverbs. Let His truth speak before the world does.

◆ *Write Down a Blessing*

Keep a journal or a notepad by your bed. Each morning, write one thing you're grateful for—even if it's just, "I woke up."

◆ *Speak One Affirmation*

Say it out loud: "Today, I choose peace. I choose joy. I choose Jesus."

◆ *Limit Negativity Early On*

No news. No scrolling. No emails first thing. Instead, fill that space with a devotion, uplifting music, or a short read from a newsletter like The GOOD NEWS Letter.

This simple rhythm helped me reclaim my mornings. It's not perfect. But it's powerful.

Final Word of Encouragement

Friend,

I don't know what you've been through. But I do know this: If you're reading this guide, something in your soul is still searching for light—and that means there's still life ahead worth living.

You may feel exhausted. Broken. Like you're carrying burdens too heavy to speak out loud. I've been there too. I've stood in the shadows of stress, trauma, fear, and grief. I've stared at the ceiling wondering if things would ever change.

But here's what I discovered...

The enemy's plan was for me to break. But God's plan was for me to bend, then bloom.

God didn't rescue me from the fire—He walked with me through it. Just like He did with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (Daniel 3). The flames didn't consume them, and they won't consume you either.

Don't let this noisy, negative world drown out the truth:

You were created on purpose, for a purpose.

You are loved by a God who sees you in your mess and still says, "You are Mine."

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So what now?

Take the next right step. It might be starting a new morning routine. It might be cutting back on negative influences. Or it might be simply subscribing to a daily dose of hope.

But whatever you do—don't stay stuck.

There's more peace. More purpose. More joy. And yes, more **GOOD NEWS** still ahead.

If no one has told you this lately, let me be the one:

♥ You matter.

♥ You are not alone.

♥ And your best days can still be ahead—with God lighting the way.

Be Blessed and Be a Blessing,

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