

# Walk Reclaimed

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**FREE OFFER:** email us to get an electronic copy of 'The Lame Take The Prey', an inspiring book to challenge your faith. It is out of print, but we have permission to distribute electronic copies. Email us at <u>offer@WalkReclaimed.org</u> and tell us whether you want a pdf or mobi (Kindle) format.

## A Tale of Two Books

It was best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness.

In the introduction of A Tale of Two Cities, Dickens was writing about the French Revolution, but it sounds like today. We have information and tools of communication beyond the imagination of previous generations. They tell us of things we would rather not know, but can no longer ignore. One of these evils, the one we feel compelled to fight, is commercial sexual exploitation of children. The part we feel called to play is in the care of boys who have survived this horrible life. Recently, two books have given me both encouragement and conviction.

### Book #1 - Judges

Judges, the seventh book of the Old Testament, tells of a strange and turbulent time in Israel's history. The book covers about 300 years which can be summarized by the last verse in the book, "In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes."

There is a recurring cycle of events, rebellion against God, defeat and subjugation, God raising up a leader (Judge) who defeats their enemies and restores their relationship to God.

The judge that caught my eye as I read the book recently was Gideon. It wasn't really the man, although he was impressive, but the nature of his call. He was beating out wheat in a winepress to hide

from the Midianites. The angel of the Lord appeared and said, "The Lord is with you, O mighty man of valor." Gideon said that his clan was the weekest in the tribe, and he was the weakest in his clan. How could he do anything. But God told him, Go in this might of yours and save Israel from the hand of Midian; do not I send you?"

Walk Reclaimed faces huge obstacles, we need money to buy the land, then we have a hundred details to work out to establish our programs. We know that we can not do it on our own, but we believe we have been called to this task. We choose to walk forward trusting that if we do, God will give us what we need to overcome the obstacles in our path. Knowing that if we do not walk forward, we have disobeyed his command.

### **Book #2 - The Lame Take The Prey**

The other book was the autobiography of A. W. Ruscoe, a 20<sup>th</sup> century missionary to Africa, and the founder of the Worldwide Evangelisation Crusade (WEC) in North America.

Ruscoe's life was one of overcoming physical, financial and health obstacles, not through his own power but by trusting in God's. Rather than asking God to help him with what he was doing, he made himself available as an instrument to be used in what God was doing. It is a subtle shift in thinking, but this mindset gave him the freedom to simply trust God to enable the work to be done, since it was truly His work. Ruscoe was able in this way to simply expect, and then to witness one miracle after another.

The book is out of print and nearly impossible to find, so we contacted WEC International and they graciously gave their permission to scan the book and make it available to you. We have this available in a pdf format or as an ebook for Kindle (.modi format).

If you would like an electronic copy of this book, email us and tell us whether you want the pdf or ebook format. We will be happy to send it to you.

#### The Status of Walk Reclaimed

We have undertaken a huge project, starting with nothing to create a boy's ranch. Sometimes we find ourselves overwhelmed by what needs to be done and frustrated that it doesn't happen faster. At those times we are reminded of Proverbs 19:21, "Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand." It is our goal and our constant desire to work diligently for God's purposes, not our own.

Currently we are trying to build a base of financial and prayer support, and to do that we are looking for opportunities to speak to churches and other groups.

## How You Can Help

• **Pray for us.** Please pray consistently that we have the wisdom to understand what we should do and the courage to do it.

- **Pray for the boys** that we will be working with. Pray that God protects them and looks after them. Pray that he prepares their heart for restoration.
- **Give**. We ask that you pray about your part in supporting us, and if God is asking you to give, we simply ask you to be obedient.
- **Share information**. Tell others about the problem of trafficking and what we are doing to fight against it. You can find more information about Walk Reclaimed at our website (www.WalkReclaimed.org).
- **Invite us to speak** at your church or other organization. Contact Jesse Hulse at (805) 285-3681 or email jesse@WalkReclaimed.org.