



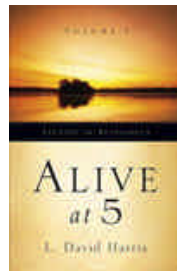
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Christian Arthur Finds Victory in Renewing His Faith

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Alive at 5: Victory in Retrospect, Volumes 1 & 2 by L. David Harris (Courtesy Photo)

For the past decade, David Harris has dedicated much of his time to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Having built a name for himself writing in various Christian journals since 1997, Harris released a two-volume series compiling a mix of Old and New Testament daily devotionals, *Alive at 5, Victory in Retrospect*, in 2004.

Born in Rochester, New York, in a Christian home, Harris said he was not always the most "spiritual" individual. Before he "found Christ" in 1995 while working as a barber in Maryland, it had been years since he had attended church or read the Bible. While he always knew he wanted to make certain behavioral changes, it was not until he began building his personal relationship with Christ that Harris says he was able turn over a new leaf for a more positive life.

Harris said, "Years before [I found Christ], I knew I needed a change, but I tried to change my behavior and had failed. It wasn't until that I had an encounter with the man, Christ, on one of the times I was invited to church and actually went. That day, I realized the change [I needed] was a relationship with Christ and that He would take care of those behavioral things over time."

Soon after this change, Harris was inspired to write about the importance of his relationship with Christ and other topics related to his spiritual walk. Harris started by passing along some of his writing to friends and colleagues. Garnering a positive feedback among those who read his work, Harris got his work published in publications such as the *New York Christian Times*, *Message* and *Sabbath School Leadership*.

With two well received books under his belt, Harris is now trying to take his ministry worldwide. In addition to balancing his own writings with serving as the Assistant Registrar at his alma mater, Columbia Union College, Harris now helps Christian writers and musicians distribute their work nationally.

"I found out last October that one of God's callings for me was to help

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Christian authors and Christian music writers, independent especially, to make their material available to the world.”

Harris, whose church home is the Community Praise Center in Alexandria, Virginia, is wrapping up a third book due to be released nationally in October. Along with various public speaking engagements and working independently with Christian pastors throughout the Washington area, the award winning writer also has plans to increase his efforts to do more one on one ministry work.

If you are interested in ordering David Harris's work, please visit www.aliveat5.com.

Announcements

The Friendship Baptist Church Usher's Ministry is having a Dazzling Dessert and Silent Bake Sale on Saturday, May 28, 2005, at 1:00 P.M. at 900 Delaware Avenue, SW; Washington, DC. If you need additional information, please feel free to contact Robert Ridley at 202-678-0903.

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