

FEATURED GUESTS

ANDREA GREER



DEEP CONVERSATION

AN INTERVIEW WITH ANDREA
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REBORN - Welcome Ms. Andrea Greer. It is a pleasure to speak with you. Could you share with us what inspired your passion for the Lord and ignited the fire within you?

ANDREA - In 2017, living in AZ, I attended a healing service where people were falling out and crying to the Lord. I remember sitting in the back crying and didn't know why. Then the pastor called up anyone who wanted the gift of tongues, so I went. I did not believe in this "being slain in the Spirit" stuff. The pastor walked over to me, laid a hand on me and it was as if I just got tasered and hit the ground. I did receive the gift of tongues that week but did not know how to grow what I just experienced. I sought but no one carried this "thing" I was looking for. Then I moved back home to Louisiana where the Lord placed me under a deliverance minister for four years who taught me about the Holy Spirit and the supernatural. In 2019, I saw this "thing" I was seeking radiating from a woman at a women's retreat. Shortly after, that woman and I connected to become great friends and I began prayer meetings where I was encountering Holy Spirit on a regular basis and saw visions that blew my mind! At the same time, I was running a soup kitchen (Grace Place) and dealing with people from poverty, addiction and homelessness. I saw many churches coming to volunteer, yet they were too scared to pray over these people or even speak life into them. I even heard some judging the people who came in! The Lord had given me His eyes and heart for these people, and I began a mission to encourage people to get out of their selfish comfort zones to help the lost. After all, this life is not about us. It's to build the Kingdom and awaken the lost to the love of Christ. My testimony is of a lukewarm Christian who was finally awakened! Thank you, Jesus! Because I was this "lukewarm Christian", I burn to see these "Sunday Christians" awakened by Holy Spirit, set free and step into their Kingdom calling.

REBORN - WOW! Praise the Lord! I pray more people will catch on fire like you have. What is the current assignment God has you on?

ANDREA - When I was running the soup kitchen (Grace Place), the Lord showed me who these people are through His eyes. My call was to love them like He does and speak life over them. It was being intentional to really know them and what they were going through. During this time, the Lord connected me to the children in this area where I began running youth outreach and became "God-momma" to some of them. In 2022, the Lord told me to leave Grace Place. It was time to release my books and begin NELA Youth, which is a nonprofit working with inner city children ages 3 to 17. The Lord has given me abundant grace for these children who are immersed in generational bondages. I have seen over the years what these children go through, being neglected and often feeling unworthy. I will stand in the gap and go to battle for these children as they are under heavy spiritual attack.

REBORN - Awesome! So, I understand you were once part of the corporate world in addition to your non-profit work. How did your experiences working in corporate world and with various non-profits shape your vision? What were some of the challenges you faced in transitioning from one season to the next?

ANDREA - In AZ, I worked for three nonprofits and ran my own business in branding and promotions. I used to wonder why God had me creating and running a business, yet working within nonprofits (equine therapy, equine competitions, foster children, a Lutheran church to a soup kitchen). I used to think I was all over the place! Now, I know...it was training for where I am now. He has sharpened me in a business sense to run and market a nonprofit, as well as help others with their startups. But, most of all, He sharpened me spiritually through all the experiences in dealing with situations. He had to break my pride so I could be teachable, which turned into a hunger for more of Him.

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REBORN - God knew your love for kids. You also have two wonderful daughters. Are they also as on fire for the Lord as you are?

ANDREA - YES!! In 2017, the Lord told me to come back home to Louisiana because He had things for us here. Indeed, He did! My oldest daughter began her own youth ministry which led to radical freedom and being immersed in prayer, worship and deliverance. Over the years she has toured and ministered to hundreds of people all over the US. My youngest went through a tough time when we moved here, but the Lord opened her eyes and she now leads worship, writes songs and books. She also hosts Circuit Riders and YWAM events for GenZ events, as well as leading worship nights and a prayer set twice a month at her high school. One stepped out of church where the Lord literally gave her a platform and connected her with radical Genzers, while the other returned to church through forgiveness knowing that people do fail (which I completely honor) and she's there to worship the Lord and speak life over some of the kids who may need a little extra attention. There's nothing better than seeing both of my girls slain in the spirit! I do love the boldness in them. They walk in Kingdom authority and burn to see others come to know the Lord as they do.

REBORN - It is a blessing to see our children in love with Jesus. What adventures with God are on the horizon for you?

ANDREA - I'll step into any adventure the Lord leads! I have been blessed with a Godly man who I will soon marry and together we will pursue the Lord. I have learned not to get ahead of God...that was a downfall of mine, so I step day by day as He tells me. As for NELA Youth, what I thought it would be, the Lord has changed. For this moment I just spend as much time with these children pouring into them. I trust the Lord as He leads us to the next step.

REBORN - God knows, and Congratulations on your engagement! That's wonderful news. When it comes to stepping out on faith, what has been your biggest struggle or challenge so far?

ANDREA - The biggest struggle I had with stepping out in faith to start NELA Youth was financial fear and being a single mom. I had to lay that down and stand firm knowing He is my provider, and He has provided above and beyond! I also began to break off a poverty mindset which was a generational curse and limited me to what the Lord can do. Prior to that, stepping out to talk to someone else about Jesus, due to the fear of not knowing enough, which is such a lie of the enemy! Fear of man is selfishness. We must get out of ourselves to do for others. It's like seeing someone dying on the side of the road and not doing anything. Once Holy Spirit takes over, all that is burnt right off!

REBORN - Amen. The process is necessary. God already knows how we will respond. What many people don't know is that you are also a published author. Tell us about your books?

ANDREA - The Lord gave me two projects. GumbopotKids.com, which is children's character cards, books and gifts that began in 2008 and secondly, FaithinBlackandWhite.com, which is a Christian gift/clothing line that began in 2003. Living in AZ, I believe Gumbopot Kids was birthed from my longing for home, since it is all based in the bayou. When I moved back in 2018, I lost all drive to create for GPK, so I just let it sit. I did continue to create for Faith in Black and White, but as Holy Spirit took over, the designs went from "Faith over Fear" to "He's Coming Back". There was a definite shift in design! Then in 2019 my daughter went off to YWAM Kona and left me scriptures to open each day while she was gone. I would break down the scriptures to learn more. Then the Lord said it's time to make a customizable devotional book where you are the one who writes in the scriptures for them to study. That was the first book from FBW, called "At His Feet". Then during this time, I kept seeing "Christians" fearful to pray and speak live over a lost one, the Lord had me write Training Ground, which equips people to stand up and be the hands and feet of Christ. The week I left Grace Place in 2022, I was heartbroken and cried out to the Lord as to why He gave me these two projects for so long, yet I wasn't seeing much happening. He specifically told me, "Tell them why you do it". I literally wrote No Middle Ground in a week and honestly don't remember writing a lot of it! It poured out of me in joy and in tears. From there, He said it's time to release all the GPK children's books. Now I have 11 GPK and 4 FBW published books on Amazon...only God!

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REBORN - Sounds like what kingdom people need. Where can people purchase them?

ANDREA - They are all on Amazon, as well as all my apparel. Gifts can be found at FaithinBlackandWhite.com and GumbopotKids.com.

REBORN - That's great to hear. Your passion is for people to be awakened by the Holy Spirit and experience freedom. I'm curious, have you witnessed many people being set free?

ANDREA - I can't count how many over the years have been awakened and to see how the Lord is using them today, is absolutely beautiful! However, on the flip side I've seen those who catch the fire and die out, going back to the "lukewarm Christian" lifestyle. Just shows us what the bible says about hearts that will turn away. I find that a religious spirit, pride and head knowledge will hold many of them back. It's breaking through all of that in full surrender. With that said, I know there are many who are "the old me", who love the Lord, read a devo, listen to worship music, attend church, even teach in the church, and lead small groups that think they've reached a high level and that's a "good Christian". I was way off! In an average American church, how would they know there is more? I was raised in a church and was never taught about Holy Spirit (just a minor version), deliverance or the supernatural. It took an encounter to wake me up to seek the deeper things. Praise God, He gave me others that seek the deeper and can fan the flame.

REBORN - That's awesome we pray many more will be awakened. Last question or more of a request. Can you say a prayer for those who need to be awakened and set free?

ANDREA - I would be honored! Father, we call down your ministering angels to surround all those reading this. May they receive spiritual eyes to see what you see, especially in others around them and to break their hearts for what breaks yours. Set a Holy Fire in them that they cannot contain. One where when they see someone who is hurting or lost, they are not able to just pass them by. Fill them with a heavenly boldness to break off fear of man and passivity and speak life over all those around them. May they overflow with revelation of you and build their spirit man so that they are no longer seen, but only you are seen in them. May you all truly know your identity in Christ and step into what He has already done for you. Step into your Kingdom authority! Go heal the sick, raise the dead and cast out devils. Freely you have received, so freely give. All in the mighty name of Jesus!! Amen!

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May every child tap into the creativity that the Lord has given each of them!

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