



Dear Friends,

Happy May! I hope your month is off to a great start. Personally, I am glad this first week of May is a bit slower than the last week of April was. What a week we had last week!

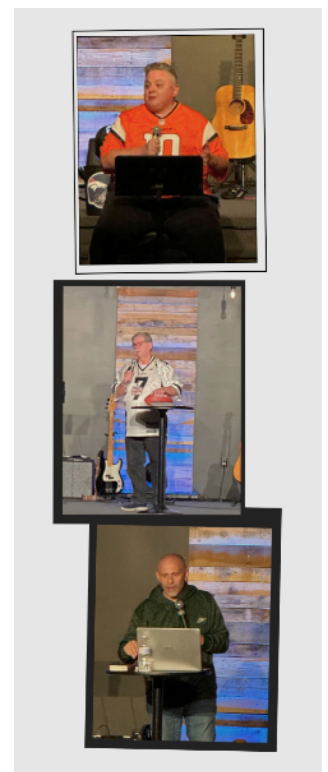
Adessa and I are fresh off a whirlwind week of ministry. We started the week at the Minister's Summit, where it was so good to see so many of you, catch up on what's happening in your lives, and personally thank you for your faithful support and prayers for our ministry. We say it all the time because we mean it—we can't do what we do without you. Thank you so much.

After the Minister's Summit, we wrapped up the week with the final Mantour of the season at the East Central Mantour Conference at GT Church in Reading, PA. It was an amazing way to close out the 2026 season—but before I share more about that, let's rewind and tell you about a few other things that have happened since our last newsletter.

For starters, after Easter, Adessa and I were back on the road for the North Central PA Mantour. I have to admit, this section has a special place in my heart, mostly because I have so many friends there I've known for years. Take, for instance, the host pastor for this tour, Pastor Tony Cruz. I've known him since our days at UVF back in the 1990s (I can say that because I graduated in 1999 🤪). Other friends who were there way back when included the section's new presbyter and his wife, Johnny and Patty Blake, Pastor Jen Ferguson and her husband Tim, and Pastor Craig Cross. It's always great to see these friends and hear how God is moving in their lives.

Another reason I love this event is that I finally got to share at a Mantour! It was my privilege to speak in the first session on a topic that's been burning in my heart—making their negative words your war cry. This is something the Holy Spirit has been working on in my life, and I was so excited to pass on what I've been learning and encourage the men to resist the temptation to let other people's negative words destroy them. Instead, use those words as fuel to inspire you to overcome and become all God created you to be.

After I spoke, a good friend of Mantour Ministries, Duane Goodling, shared. As



always, he did a great job—except for one thing. For those who don't know, part of Mantour prep involves speakers sending me their PowerPoints so I can forward them to the host church. While I was looking through Duane's presentation, I noticed he had a slide that made a joke about a Denver Bronco dropping the ball. Obviously, we couldn't have that, so I changed this image to the image of Tony Romo fumbling the snap on a game-winning field goal, once again costing the Cowboys a playoff win. He was pretty surprised when he went to make his Broncos joke and saw my change! But he's a good guy—he took it in stride and kept right on sharing what God put on his heart. (He got me back at the next event, though! Details later in the newsletter.)

Wrapping up the day, we were blessed to have Pastor Jim Pentz share on how to create a legacy that lasts. Honestly, I can't think of a better person to speak on that topic—this is a man who has poured so much into his church and into other churches in the section for many years. Practicing what he preaches, he left a legacy of faith by passing his church on to his daughter, Pastor Jen. It was a privilege to hear him share and a blessing for everyone. What an awesome event.

After that Mantour, our next big event was Ministry Summit in Camp Hill, PA, where 4One Ministries had a display to share what God is doing. As I said earlier, it was so good to see so many of our friends.



Adessa was also excited to give every woman who attended the Credentialed Women's Workshop and Luncheon a copy of her book, *Whatever Is Lovely*. Thanks so much to Pastor Jen and Pastor Nichole for endorsing and promoting this resource.

We also had a few opportunities to be a blessing at this event. First, thanks to your faithful support and the men who give to the Mantour Challenge, we were able to donate two copies of every book we've written to the new library at the Philadelphia Dream Center.

Because of your support and the Mantour Challenge, we were also able to donate books to two men's shelters in Western PA and to the Bethesda Mission in Harrisburg. That's



actually a pretty cool story.

A few weeks back, Adessa and I were at the chiropractor's when we ran into the chaplain from the Bethesda Mission, whom I've known for years. We asked him if he would like books for the men who couldn't attend Mantour this year. He said "Yes".

What I didn't know was that just a few days later, Tom Rees was speaking to the men at the mission. He shared the message he had shared at the Greater Philadelphia/DE/NJ Mantour with them. He later told us he kept wishing he had asked me for copies of *Game Changers* to give the men, but knew he didn't have time to get them. When he mentioned this to the chaplain, the chaplain said, "I've got those books in my car." Who but God could arrange for the books to be there at just the right time? I love it when that happens. God is so good! He's been moving in so many different ways. Thank you for being a part of it.

But it still wasn't over! As April rolled into May, we had one more event—the East Central Mantour. What a way to wrap up the season!

Let me start by saying thank you so much to Pastor Scott Kramer, Pastor Rodney Murphy, and the entire team at GT Church for all the hard work they put into hosting the event. We appreciate it so much.

We were also honored to have Scott as our main session speaker. As always, he did a great job, with one man even sharing on Facebook that he felt like Scott was speaking directly to him.

We were also blessed to have Pastor Joey Cullen share. I always love hearing Joey share his testimony; it is a powerful story of God's love and forgiveness.

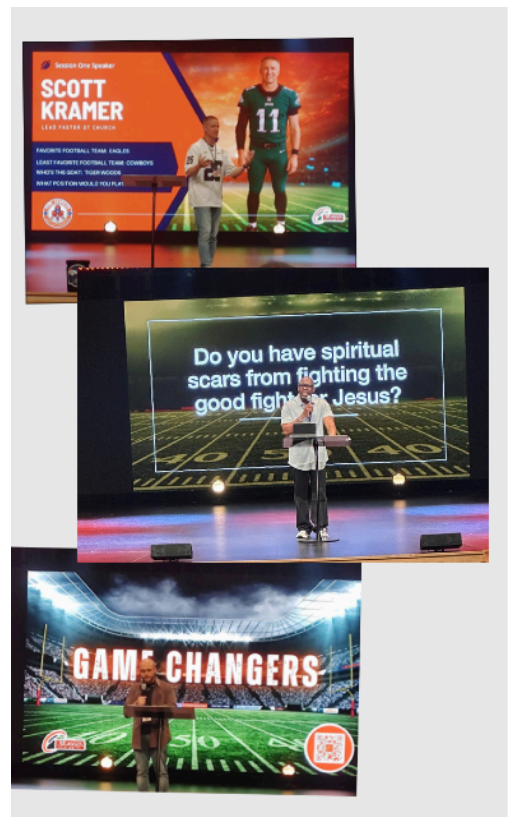
Our final session speaker was Pastor Barry Brown. He hit another home run! Pastor Barry wrapped up the session with a powerful altar call. That's when something happened that had never happened before—every single man in the room responded. And it wasn't because he told them to come forward—the Holy Spirit was moving so strongly that they just came. We wrapped up Mantour 2026 with a packed altar.

That's why we do what we do.

To see men answer God's call and wholeheartedly follow Him.

I could share testimony after testimony with you about how God moved this year. I think I will do that in next month's newsletter, but I want you to know one thing. This ministry is making a difference in the lives of men, which in turn is changing families, churches, and communities.

We are a fruitful ministry to invest your hard-earned finances into. I know from time to time we all reevaluate our giving. I also know the economy is tough right now because of gas prices. Trust me, I just traveled 7 out of 8 days for ministry! I know the pumps are draining us. But these times are the times to give more to God's



kingdom, not less. Just yesterday, I went through my giving and increased it, despite struggling financially right now.

I am not going to do a “Give me money so God can make you rich” to you. That is bad theology. But I do know that God has always been faithful to me when I give to others.

Maybe you are reevaluating your monthly giving as I did. If so, please join our team and help us keep doing what we are doing. God is using this ministry mightily; be a part of what He is doing.

Join the team today. Please set up your recurring giving at <https://www.mantourministries.com/partner> and help us reach even more people.

To our current partners, thank you for partnering with us and allowing us to answer God’s call.

On our team, you are game changers—and we love and appreciate you so much.

Now we move forward and flip the switch on next year’s Mantour Conferences. The theme is set, almost all of our locations are booked, (I am still working on a few more), and then we start the whole process of hiring speakers, designing promos, making videos, and writing a new book and Bible plan. 2027 is shaping up to be a great year!

Oh, I almost forgot! We have the final result of our Mantour Challenge. As you may remember, this year we had a little competition to see which team had the most generous fans, the Steelers, the Eagles, or all the other teams. After all the events were held and the totals calculated, the winner is.....

THE STEELERS!

In second place was the bucket for all the other teams, and in last place was the Eagles.

More importantly, hundreds of men in Federal, State, and County prisons, Teen Challenge Centers, other Rehab Centers, homeless shelters, and halfway houses will be reached with the Gospel!

That is a real game-changer! Thanks to all who gave.

Have an awesome May!

Sincerely,



Jamie and Adessa Holden

