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Grace Notes Radio Program

THEME: BELIZE STORY – Part 64

SONGS: HE'LL DO IT AGAIN 5:07 (10-sec intro) on He's all I need

GOD'S WAYS 3:28 (9-sec intro) #5 on God loves you CD
PRAISE THE LORD 4:05

I'VE NEVER BEEN OUT OF HIS CARE 3:18

BELIZE MUSIC

INTRO: Welcome to Grace Notes. George Mueller once said...

Faith does not operate in the realm of the possible. There is no glory for God in that which is humanly possible. Faith begins where man's power ends.

God calls His children to live a life of faith – faith that He'll guide in right paths and give wisdom for right decisions. But He calls for even more than that. He wants our trust even when the situation seems illogical or impossible.

Things had been falling nicely into place for the Sandbeks in their quest to build the first Christian radio station in southern Belize. God had prepared people to pray, donate and work toward the establishment of that station even before they arrived. But God had a faith stretching experience planned for them. On the broadcast today, we'll see that God ultimately had everything completely planned from start to finish, but He was going to use THEM to wait on Him and find the location He had in mind. Through this experience they would see why His way is perfect.

*** **GOD'S WAYS** ***

One of the lessons we learned in Belize is that things aren't always the way they seem. You can't count on anything until it's in your hand – and maybe not even then. This makes this experience perfect for understanding what Isaiah 55:8-9 says about God...

Welcome to Grace Notes. It's been said that God is the only One who can work good out of bad. Those of us who choose to believe this, find it to be true. Also true, is that when we decide to follow Christ and serve Him, we will encounter adversity, because we live in a world that caters to sin and rejects holy living. Even Jesus, when he was ministering on earth, was constantly under attack. But with all the disruptions, He still

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accomplished His task to provide eternal salvation for all who believe—and that's not only good—that's GREAT. God will provide what we need to be ambassadors for Christ. On our broadcast today, our host, Barbara Sandbek, will show us how God worked good out of some tough situations that arose when she and her husband, Dale, first arrived in southern Belize, where they planned to build the first Christian radio station. But first, let's listen to a song that gives good advice for handling any struggle we come up against.

*** PRAISE THE LORD ***

Yes, that's good advice. Put on the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. A lady I know said she played that song for her six-year-old son and he memorized all the words. His favorite line was... "Now Satan... he's a liar!". That's so true. In fact he's the father of lies. I figured if this little boy can remember this throughout his life, he'll never succumb to Satan's attacks. 1 Peter 5:8 says that the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour, but verse 9 says that we can resist him by standing firm in the faith.

In the story of Nehemiah, we find that Nehemiah met with adversity almost immediately after he made his plans known. Two governors of the surrounding regions were very much disturbed that someone had come to promote the welfare of the Israelites and they spent a great deal of time trying to thwart his efforts. But this didn't stop him from plowing forward—he had a job to do and he knew God was with him. I love how 1 Corinthians 1:25 puts it...

—The foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength.

Adversity takes many forms. We choose whether we will become discouraged or not. Even before we left some situations arose, one of a serious nature, that could have caused us to back out, but we kept focused on our calling and prayed. The more we trusted God, the more assured we were that He wanted us to do this project.

We arrived in Belize and were immediately elated when the customs agent had us open every suitcase but the one that contained all

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~~the vitamins we had bought to keep us well. We hadn't intended to sell them, but they could have charged us a great deal of money in duty fees because we had no proof.~~

~~Our missionary friends were to meet us at the airport and we were going to drive around the city that day and the next to find a car. We stood on the sidewalk for about an hour and a half and finally realized they weren't coming. It was good that we'd been there before, otherwise, we may have been fearful. The taxis were coming sparsely so we realized we needed to hail one down quickly. We started walking toward the one that came. Then another taxi pulled up behind him and they started arguing. Finally, the second driver told us to come with him and the first man gave him no fight. After we were inside, the driver told us that the first man was not a licensed taxi and if he came near a checkpoint along the road (and there were many) he would dump us off, baggage and all, on the side of the road. I asked him what his name was and he said, 'Emmanuel'. That means 'God with us'. I thought, "Man this is gonna be good!"~~

~~We settled in at the hotel and called our friends. They had thought they were to be there the next day. What a way to start — up then down. But, once again, we chose to see what was allowed, as from God.~~

~~The next day our friends came up and we began the search for the 4 x 4 diesel car we thought we needed. Most of the cars had something major wrong with them or were too expensive. We had our prayer warriors praying specifically for this day because it was imperative that we get a car in the city. There were none where we were planning to live. Our friend's car's alternator went up and in the middle of everything we had to find parts. Nothing is simple in Belize. We had to spend an additional night in the motel but the next day we found our car — a 1989 Fifth Avenue we named Bessie. It wasn't even on the car lot because the dealer figured no one wanted it — it was an 8 cylinder and gas was over \$4.00 a gallon. The great thing about the car was that everything worked — even the power windows. The dealer's helpers often used it to take on dates — they all loved it and kept it in shape. With the price being much lower than we'd planned, we figured we could afford the gas. The extra day spent there allowed us to get a wire transfer along with the insurance and the tags. We wouldn't need to make the expensive and time-consuming trip back. Now, isn't God is the perfect orchestrator.~~

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~~We had started our journey by seeing the Lord's hand and realizing how He had already planned for this up-and-down day so we could learn to count on His faithfulness and appreciate His blessings. This was just the beginning of more to come.~~

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~~There would have been reasons to be concerned and reasons to fear, if we didn't have God to guide us, So I say to you...~~

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*~~If the light of your life seems to flicker and falter
Especially when difficult times appear
If the weight of your load's like the Rock of Gibraltar
And you cannot have joy for you only have fear
Then turn your cares over to God, your creator
He made you, He knows you. He'll carry your load,
Trust Him and see how He makes all things happen
For good as your travel down life's windy road.~~*

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** I'VE NEVER BEEN OUT **
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~~You've been listening to Grace Notes. For more information about this ministry write to:~~

~~—— Sandbek Ministries
—— P.O. Box 581
—— Fallston, MD 21047~~

~~or visit us at our web site www.gracenotesradio.com.~~

~~Join us on our next program. Until then, let your grace notes be a song of praise!~~

~~Arrived in Independence — NEEDED HELP — Germain — parrot~~

~~Neh. response 2:20 was ours as well...~~

~~—————THE GOD OF HEAVEN WILL GIVE US SUCCESS!—He did!~~

~~Nehemiah solicited many people to work hand in hand to do the job.~~

~~We expected to be inactive for a while—met Bob in 3 days—license~~

~~HUMBLING to see that God was going to use US in the PIE HE had already begun to build—~~

~~—MANY people had already been UNIFIED in objective to pray, labor and donate.~~

~~—TOWER of BABEL—“If as one people speaking same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them.~~

~~It would be GOD’S STATION—no one person could say they owned it~~

~~Already in place: license, tower, transmitter, antenna, some equipment
Money we brought not needed for these—but for building.~~

~~Neh. encountered more adversity after he made his plan known.
—————He had the people pray and posted a guard.~~

~~We needed LAND to build the station.~~

~~Dale shared vision w/MANY ministries—agreed it was good
—————but didn’t want the responsibility.~~

~~Discouraging—but we decided to FOCUS what GOD HAD DONE
—————& Praise Him for what he was going to do.~~

~~IT WAS GOD’S PROJECT—We KNEW He had a place.~~

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~~***** When you’re up against a struggle~~

~~*** PRAISE THE LORD *** Now satan, he’s a liar,, think PULPERS~~

~~***** lift up SWORD Battle..Jesus RISEN~~

God's thoughts are not our ~~thoughts,thoughts~~; neither are our ways His ways.

As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are His ways higher than ours and His thoughts than our thoughts.

So where does that leave us in the equation? God gave us a brain for something, didn't he? I firmly believe that God shows us the **OUTLINE** of what He wants done and then reveals the details as we step into each section. That's called walking by faith. Romans 1:17 says..'~~t~~**the righteous will live by faith**'. Let's stop here and define righteous, before we go on. How are we righteous? 2 Corinthians 5:21 says...

God made Him (Jesus), who had no sin, to be sin for us so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

According to Romans 4, we are by nature, wicked, but when we trust God, who raised Jesus from the dead, He justifies us and our faith is credited as righteousness.

Hebrews 11:6 says that without faith it is impossible to please God. It also says that whoever comes to God must believe that HE IS and that He is the rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. It's not hard to believe He exists, but He expects us to go a step farther and believe that everything we experience as His child will be beneficial. It's like the saying...When faith goes to market, it always takes a basket.

When things don't make sense, we need to put our logic on the back burner and heed the command in Proverbs 3:5-6...

Trust in the Lord with ALL your heart. Lean not unto your own understanding. In ALL your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths.

It was time for us to take another faith step into a new section of the outline. Everything had been working out so well from the time we arrived; we saved money at customs, found an inexpensive car in perfect working order, were saved from an illegal taxi driver who would have dumped us along the road, we had a furnished house to stay in free, were helped by our neighbor to set up housekeeping and quickly connected with the man who gave us the radio license and the donated equipment to build a station.

The man who had given us the license and all the equipment also had a potential site in mind for the station. It was an existing ministry that had a building with an unfinished room. It also had a vacated guest house (with HOT WATER to boot). We needed a place to stay – this seemed perfect. One of the board members was even on his way down so we scheduled a meeting with him to discuss the details of the station. The location was good and the room could easily be remodeled. Another answer already in place – or was it?

A few pastors from the area met with us and the board rep. We all shared our vision for the station but the rep wasn't sold on the idea of a station on their property. It was hard for us to believe that anyone wouldn't want this gift when it could do so much good. He was to meet with the board when he returned home and let us know. They assured us they'd call as soon as they voted. The time dragged on and on. We couldn't get through to them. This didn't make sense. Finally after several weeks they emailed and said they still couldn't decide. They were uncomfortable with not being there personally to monitor things and that if we needed to move quickly, we should find another location. This obviously was a closed door – the first of many.

There went my furnished house (and HOT WATER) and the room we had already gotten a bid to remodel. We were running out of time in our current house, too, because the missionaries were returning within the month.

God blessed us, though, as He always does, with the help of the contractor and his wife who had given us the remodeling estimate. They took us around to all the small ministries in the area to see if any of them would let us use their property.

Dale shared the vision at least nine times that day. Everyone agreed it was a good idea but didn't want the responsibility. We had asked our prayer partners to pray for someone with property who shared the vision.

It was discouraging, but this was God's project and we knew He had a place for the station. We decided to focus on what God had already done and trust Him for what he was going to do.

*** HE'LL DO IT AGAIN *** 5:07

Have you been blessed by the ministry of Grace Notes? Why not write and tell us and become a ministry partner. You can email us through www.gracenotesradio.com or write to

~~**NEED TO TRUST GOD TO HANDLE ADVERSITY**~~

~~4:4,5~~

~~**Situation:** After being taunted and ridiculed by Tobiah and Sanballat~~

~~**Summary:** They're mocking you, God. You decided what to do with them.~~

~~**Accomplished:** Expressed anger to God but Nehemiah didn't take matters into his own hands.~~

~~**Application:** We are prone to take matters into our own hands and not tell God how we feel.~~

~~**ARM OURSELVES WITH SPIRITUAL WEAPONS**~~

~~4:9~~

~~**Situation:** After treats of attack by enemies~~

~~**Summary:** We are in your hands, God. We'll keep our weapons handy in case you want us to use them. Eph. 6~~

~~**Accomplished:** Showed trust in God even while taking necessary precautions.~~

~~**Application:** Trusting God does not mean we do nothing. Action does not mean we do not trust.~~

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Situation: Responding to threats

Summary: Oh Lord, please strengthen me!

Accomp: Showed Nehemiah's reliance on God for emotional and mental stability

Application: How often do we ask God for help when under pressure?

13:29

Situation: Reflecting on the actions of his enemies

Summary: Asked God to deal with the enemies and their evil plans

Accomp: Took away the compulsion to get revenge and entrusted justice to God

Appl: When did we last settle a desire for revenge by turning the matter over to God?

5:19 13:14, 21, 31

Situation: Reflecting on his own efforts to serve God.

Summary: Remember me, Oh God

Accomp: Kept clear in Nehemiah's mind his own motives for action

Application: How many of our actions will be done with the purpose of pleasing God?

**We asked PRAYER PARTNERS PRAY for property owned
_____ by someone who shared the vision.**

**River of Life agreed - high elevation - small, unfinished building
- Rev. Ernie - burdened for radio station for 10 years**

Isaiah 43:18 says...

...I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up, do you not see it?

- I am making a way in the desert, and streams in the wasteland.

The amazing thing about this verse, is this...

- It is indeed a new thing as there is no Christian radio in southern Belize.

- The ministry we worked with is called 'River of Life'.

- The building site is in the town called 'Dump'.

**God knew we needed helpers to build - channeled 2 teams OUR WAY
Neh. 4:6 the people worked with all their heart - so did our teams!!!**

~~—Loved about West Oaks (talked about Lord while they worked)~~

~~Tower base dug (2 Belizean boys) 9' deep 7' square—75 bags cement
—Wrote PROVERBS 18:10 The Name of the Lord is a strong tower.~~

~~Volunteers unheard of in Belize (people need \$)
Raphael asked—3 teens showed up followed by one kids father.
As we were thanking Lord for them, Matt. 9:38 came to mind...
—Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest field.~~

~~All who take part will reap harvest.~~

~~Named the station—HARVEST RADIO—food for life.
—————The meaning of the word 'broadcasting' is sowing seed.~~

~~March 31th (< month) tower was raised (85') by the Lord & 15 men.
SANG 'Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Next day, while pouring cement for roof,
—Dale & Rev Allan set up equipment/test broadcast for 2 hours!~~

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of praise!

~~Adversity—takes many forms—chose whether you're discouraged
—Donated equipment not working
—shortage of workers, shortage of qualified workers (doors)
—shortage of gas, concrete & things you wish you had HOME DEPOT
—increase in prices (steel 75%) gas (\$4.06)
—Dale sick—said he should see a specialist
—problems at home (not willing to leave house/family not worthy)
—someone wanted to buy our house
PRAYER made the difference—we KEPT OUR FOCUS~~

~~Neh. 4:14 Neh. said...Don't be afraid of them (or fall prey to your
adversaries). Remember the Lord, who is great & awesome & fight for
your brothers, your sons & your daughters, your wives & your homes.~~

~~We needed to persevere for Belizeans to be able to hear the WOG.~~

~~Neh. worked quickly & diligently—long hours from dawn to dusk
Completed wall in 52 days—people feared Lord—knew it was Him
We did too, completed in 3 months—unheard of in Belize—over yr.
On June 8th we began official broadcasting!~~

LOVE TO LOOK IN RETROSPECT...

~~God worked timing out perfectly,
—We arrived 1 yr. from when license granted—almost taken away
—Frequencies stopped being approved
—Hurricane had sawed off trees near River of Life so hear in PG
—We stayed in a furnished house of missionaries on furlough
—Gayle/Dona at Cuxlin who rented furnished house in Toledo (save \$)
—River of Life was in process of buying land when we met them
—Building completed before the rainy season (would have delayed)
—God sent the 2 teams just when we needed them
—Gave us perfect weather—rained when needed didn't when not~~

~~We sought/prayed for program manager w/same qualifications Neh.
—“Man of integrity and fears God more than most men do”
Wallace filled position (called 4 yrs. Ago) perfect for job.~~

~~In Neh. story people returned to Lord after Ezra read the Word of God.
Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of GOD!
Heb. 4:12 God's word is POWERFUL—sharper than any 2-edged sword
—even to the dividing of soul/spirit, joints/marrow.~~

~~If it can change a deadly criminal's life it can change anybodies.~~

~~The purpose of 'HARVEST RADIO' is to sow the seed of the glorious life-changing message of Jesus Christ into the hearts of the people of southern Belize and surrounding areas/countries, with the intent of reaping a harvest of souls that will impact generations to come. Using the medium of radio broadcasting and programming that is a mix of Christian music and Biblical teaching/preaching, this ministry outreach will bring hope to the people, by evangelizing the unsaved and equipping Believers.~~

~~We believe God will move greatly in Belize through WORD/PRAYER
—pray for revival in that land & in the US.~~

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~~***** Where 2 or more are gathered~~

~~** REVIVAL ** Like a fire out of control~~

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~~Returned home when realized we had worked ourselves out of a job—
We needed to raise support for the station.~~

~~We feel like title to book ‘Forever ruined for the ordinary’~~

~~Phil 2:13 It is God who works in you both to will and to do of His good
pleasure. If it’s GOOD for Him—it’s GOOD FOR you.~~

~~Tough to be in WAIT STATE—itching to experience Him that way again.
—Felt most fulfilled ever was in life.~~

~~GOD does the DOING—All He asks of us is to remain FAITHFUL.~~

~~We can trust what God’s done before in/thru us He’ll do again in His
time.~~

15-12

~~***** You may be DOWN...FACED...RIGHT now~~

~~*HE’LL DO IT AGAIN* God KNOWS things...HURTING..YOU SEE~~

~~***** God of STARS/SUN/SEAS—Father...CALM storm~~

~~————— FIND WAY~~

16-4

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~~** NO GREATER LOVE **~~

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~~Before I knew your Name—You knew my every breath
Before I found my way—You knew my every step
Before I knew everything that I need—You gave it all to me~~

Chorus

~~No greater love than this—that You should lay down your life~~

~~For someone such as this—
I'd spend a lifetime wondering why
The beauty of Heaven is here in my heart
And I know there can be—no greater love—than this~~

~~I never understood—how merciful love could be
Until I felt his flame—light every part of me
And I would give everything that I am
'Cause I have been saved—yes I have been saved~~

~~<Chorus>~~

~~<6 beat interlude>—OH LOVE—OH LOVE OOO
The beauty of heaven is here in my heart
And I know there can be—no greater love
For someone such as me
No greater love—than this~~

~~How do we say 'thank you' to so GREAT A LOVE?~~

~~2-Cor. 5:14-15 Paul writes... Christ's love compels us because we are
convinced that one died for all and therefore all died. And he died for
all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him
who died for them and was raised again.~~

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Saw your CROWN of thorns—how You gladly wore it
————— EVERY Cross I bear— I'm stronger for it
————— Lord when the way is hard You show me how
————— TO follow your footsteps & cast away all doubt
————— Saw Your TEMPTATION—how you STOOD before it~~

_____ & I'm tempted too, — but I'm stronger for it
_____ Let me shine the light of Bethlehem
_____ Let me be the trumpet calling out Your name
_____ Let me be the burning bush — in the desert Sand
_____ Show me Your glory — hide me from my shame

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