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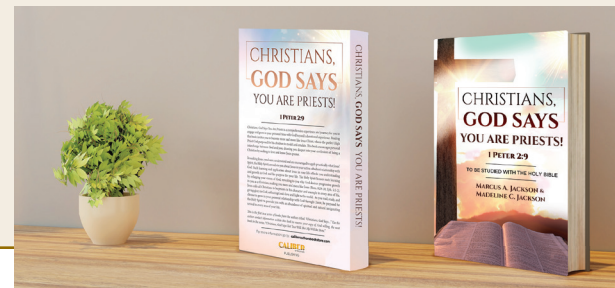
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"Marcus, just want you to know that I'm so very proud of you! This book is divine, and on time!!!...you and Mom are truly an inspiration to me! Love you much."

- Keneisha D.

"Praise the Lord, Marcus! I appreciate you and Ms. Jackson. Thank you both for your love for Jesus. A true blessing for me and, I know, many others. I look forward to hearing about the future Christians, You Are Priests! 1 Peter 2:9 study sessions. I'm excited to hear about all that God will reveal"

- Kimberly F.





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relationship with God. Such learning and application about Jesus in your life affords you understanding and growth in God and his purpose for your life (Heb. 1:1-2). The Holy Spirit honors such learning by enlarging your vision of God, revealing to you why God desires progressive growth in you as a Christian, making you more and more like Jesus (Rom. 8:29-30; Eph. 5:1-2). Jesus calls all Christians to be priests in his character and example in every area of life, giving glory to God, reflecting God's love and light to the world. As you read, study, and choose to grow in your personal relationship with God through Christ, be prepared for the Holy Spirit to provide you with an abundance of spiritual and natural invigorating revival in every area of your life.

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has been many years in the making. Authors Marcus A. Jackson and Madeline C. Jackson have proven God's will with experience and accomplished his desire to create a Bible-based study that lays the foundation for understanding the priesthood that all followers of Jesus are called to fulfill. Their story of what brought this book about is one we can all relate to—trials, triumphs, doubts, and determined trust. God remained faithful throughout the entire journey and taught them about himself along the way. We pray that you are

inspired by their story, and ultimately, whether you are a lay person or in the Office of Ministry, are challenged and encouraged by *Christians, God Says You Are Priests! 1 Peter 2:9* to live in a way that is pleasing to God and accurately represents his Kingdom.

Where It All Began

When Madeline Clay and Wilson Jackson, Jr. first met, they had no idea all that God had in store. From his youth, Wilson knew he was called to be a doctor, an oral and maxillofacial surgeon, while Madeline pursued a career as a government specialist and then as a business professional. Most importantly, they both came from upbringings that were rooted in the church. Wilson's mother made sure he attended church regularly despite her raising four children in the midst of a dysfunctional marriage. God worked many miracles in Wilson's life. He brought Wilson from the cotton fields of Mississippi, where he worked for fifty cents a day, to the nation's capital as an oral and maxillofacial surgeon. God even empowered Wilson to overcome a broken left hand, his dominant hand, and complete dental school using his right hand and a later healed left hand. Madeline's childhood included Christian school and numerous church activities. Her parents took advantage of everything the church offered their children. Wilson and Madeline kept the tradition going after they married and had children of their own, making sure their kids attended church and actively participated in all kinds of church events.

As For Me and My House

Although they were faithful churchgoers, it wasn't until God invaded Wilson and Madeline's marriage and made it what *he* wanted it to be that they began to actually *live* what they had confessed in church so many years earlier (John 14:12-14; James 2:19-24; 1 John 5:14-15). As lay people ordained by God—as all of Jesus' followers are—Wilson and Madeline began to make their present position in life a ministry unto God.

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- Wilson awoke early each morning to pray, sing praises to God, and lead the family in prayer, worship, and Bible reading prior to each of them going out to their respective school, work, etc. life assignments and did so again each evening (Ps. 150; Eph. 6:18; Rom. 12:1-2; 1 Thess. 5:17).
- By the guidance of the Holy Spirit, received through their daily prayer and Bible study, they established a family identifier: Jesus & Jackson Ministries.
- They changed the name of Wilson's oral and maxillofacial surgery practice to Jesus & Jackson Ministry of Dentistry.
- They ministered to people of all backgrounds that God brought across their paths as they simply lived life.

Growing up in such an environment, Marcus began to walk out his own personal journey of faith in Jesus greater, including a Holy Spirit-led decision to leave the family home in Maryland and move to Florida. In releasing their son to God, Wilson and Madeline gave Marcus a certificate that referenced his role as a prophet, priest, and king. Although the call and honor announced by God through the certificate's wording felt weighty and somewhat intimidating to Marcus at first—for he knew he could never measure up to those standards without God making it happen—Marcus agreed from his heart for God to manifest God's desire. Marcus wanted God's will to be done. From that moment on, Marcus, as a layperson, was empowered by the Holy Spirit to see himself as working for and through Jesus, as well as entering into Jesus' mission of sharing and living the salvation Gospel message and example, as all of Jesus' followers are called to do (Matt. 28:18-20). Marcus knew his love for and commitment to Jesus would cause him to do this before others and with others, as God willed, regardless of the profession, career, and assignment he would receive practically in the world (John 15:3-5). Looking back, Marcus and Madeline now know the certificate was a seed sown by God 30 years prior, that was the beginning of their journey to writing *Christians, God Says You*

Are Priests! 1 Peter 2:9.

The Challenge Revealed; God's Love, Comfort, Encouragement, and Victory Prevail

Seven years into their blissful, kingdom way of living, Wilson and Madeline, during their morning prayer time, were led by the Holy Spirit to release each other back to God—to commit to God taking each of them home to glory (heaven) when he willed (Matt. 26:39; John 14:31). The Holy Spirit had already revealed in Madeline's individual prayer time that her husband would leave this earth before her. And now, once again, God was preparing his children for what was ahead. Madeline thought she and Wilson would have decades together before his transition to heaven. Yet, little did they know it was actually only a couple of years away. Wilson received a cancer diagnosis that confirmed what God had asked of them in their prayer time together. Wilson left this current earth at the age of 50 (John 14:21; Rom. 8:28). Even though his passing was very difficult for the family, Madeline remained secure. She knew the Holy Spirit had prepared her for this moment. He had already been working to accomplish all he purposed for the Jacksons, loving them through great pain with tremendous, perfect, overcoming love. And he will do the same for all who diligently seek Jesus and his Kingdom, through whatever God wills.

Meanwhile, Marcus had forged and strengthened his own relationship with God over the years. When his dad passed, Marcus was empowered by God to rise up and commit to Jesus' character toward widows—in Marcus' case, his mom Madeline (1 Tim. 5:3-4). In the wake of the family's suffering, Marcus



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remembered his father's, and the family's, example of a *lifestyle* of personal ministry. Marcus was empowered by God's love to enter into this hard place with his mother and to expect God's faithfulness and restoration to fill the void left from Wilson's passing. Wilson had also prophesied that the Holy Spirit would write a book through Madeline to share with others the beauty of an empowering, loving relationship with God, bringing glory to God and providing income for her (Isa. 48:3; 1 Cor. 14:22; 1 Pet. 1:12). God showed Wilson the end from the beginning, which caused Wilson to believe that his wife was already at the place God wanted her to be to write the book God had invited her to write.

Since that time, Marcus and his mother Madeline, in submission to God's will, have written numerous books yet to be released to the public. They are trusting God to let them know exactly when to release each book that he has given them.

A Promise Fulfilled: Christians, God Says You Are Priests! 1 Peter 2:9
Christians, God Says You Are Priests! 1 Peter 2:9 is the first of Marcus and Madeline's books to be released to wide-spread audiences. It was a full-circle moment when, midway through the editing process of their manuscript, the Holy Spirit prompted Marcus and Madeline to change the book title to its current name. After making the title change, the Holy Spirit brought back to their remembrance the certificate Marcus had received from his parents nearly 30 years ago (Isa. 46:10; John 16:13). The Holy Spirit revealed that through the certificate, God was setting up the message he desired that their book content would carry to the masses.

Marcus and Madeline pray this book is a resource of great inspiration, motivation, enlightenment, encouragement, and action for everyone who reads these pages.



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