

A Pastor's heart-wrenching true story of how his lovely wife, Karen, died twice and how God brought her back to him!

CODE BLUE X2

“As I rounded the corner, the blue light was on over the room my wife was in!”

“Then it happened again...”

Pastor Gary L. & Lady Karen J. Pleasant

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Chapter 1

25th Anniversary

By the time a couple reaches 25 years of marriage they are usually spending their celebration of love on a beach or in some romantic location. Ironically, we celebrated our 25th anniversary in a local hospital. I was hospitalized for 13 days in May, 2013 with a possible fatal condition. God miraculously healed me when actually the doctor's professional opinion was that I should definitely have surgery. I will discuss that in my next book because *this* book is about the experience my wife and I had during her 13 day stay in a hospital right down the street from where I was admitted. During my stay in the hospital, the staff went out of their way to make our 25th Silver Anniversary "Golden." The staff came and decorated our room while my wife was away. The celebration was so memorable because I was with my wife, Karen. They even published our story in the BJC Hospital News Letter, with a distribution of 29,000 readers, (see BJC June edition letter, 2013), our story was shared with many.

Karen and I have this bond that if either one of us are in the hospital, we request an additional bed for the other to sleep in. Yes, 25 years later, we are still in love. Let me go back just a bit to help you understand how this all got started.

I had given my life to the Lord at the age of 21. About a year into my walk with God, I was attending a Church service that was also attended by Karen. When I walked into the Church Karen was up singing, "*Never Say No to Jesus*". It was then that the Lord Jesus spoke to my heart and informed me that this young lady was to be my wife. I couldn't say no to Jesus. 😊 Well, truthfully, I was not interested nor prepared for being married at that time but God was revealing to me His plans for my life.

After two years of intense study of the Word of God, my human desire for companionship kicked in. My heart went toward the beautiful young lady the Lord had revealed to me two years prior. She was love struck the moment she saw me. 😊 After dating for a short period, I asked her Father for her hand in marriage and he consented.

Chapter 2

Who are we? Meet the Pleasants

As I pen this book, we have been married for 25 years since that wonderful day, May 28, 1988. I've decided to ask a few of our friends and loved ones to paint a picture for you so that you may know us a little better. As you read the following, please understand that I did not influence the expressions or comments of our friends or loved ones. Their statements are of their volition.

Pastor David L. Baker (Best Friend)

It is with honor and great pleasure that I take the time to share a few thoughts about my closest friends, Pastor Gary & 1st Lady Karen Pleasant. I've had the privilege of knowing the two of them before they were joined in marriage and even knew them individually before they knew one another. What stands out in my mind about the two of them is that even when they were in their pre-teen years, they both displayed Great Passion. Pastor Pleasant was so passionate about playing football more than anyone I've ever seen at his age; such determination, commitment, confidence, belief and will to win. Lady Pleasant exhibited the same passion but hers was in her singing for the Lord. I would always enjoy her singing in the choir at her Dad's Church; giving it all she had; as we would say in our day, "bringing down the house". I've never labeled myself as matchmaker but would like to think that I had a role in what I consider would become the greatest union and marriage that I've ever witnessed (and I've seen a lot of them).

From this God ordained marriage I have witnessed some Mighty, Marvelous & Miraculous things; as Church Planter & Pioneers, Entrepreneurs , Counselors, Men & Women Outreach Ministries, Author, Pastor Fellowships, Youth Outreach, Children Ministries just to name a few and the accolades will continue from their union. In my eyes, I deem them as the greatest model and example of a Christian Marriage in my era. On a very personal note, out of all the hats these two wear, the greatest one for me is when they say Pastor Baker is our Friend. I am so grateful for their friendship, because if it weren't for their friendship during the darkest day of my life (passing of my wife) I don't believe that I would be alive today. So as you read this book, I assure you that there will be no doubt that you will discover that Gary loves Karen, and Karen loves Gary. Together they are our modern day, Romeo & Juliet.

Love you both,

PASTOR D.L.BAKER (FFL)

Curt Cavendar (Very Dear Friend/Brother)

You never know what the day holds or who you will encounter as the time passes. I once thought luck had a lot to do with my life, but would later be proven wrong by two of GOD's special people. I've never been a people-person or even an easy person to get to know, but when I met the Pleasants, I felt at peace. I've known them for a couple of years now and that feeling has only grown stronger. I no longer have two acquaintances. I no longer just have two friends. I now have two family members.

I've met thousands of people over the years in the restaurant business, but Pastor P and Lady P were different from the rest. I would stop working just to have an opportunity to sit and talk. It didn't matter what mood I was in, I always felt better after speaking with them. We've had some pretty in depth conversations over the years about my religious beliefs, or lack thereof, as well as life in general. They told me about their faith and always said they were praying for me. For someone that had their doubts about the subject, I didn't really know how to respond.

As time passed, I made a comment to Pastor. "Who would have ever thought that our paths would cross?" He looked at me and said "I know who, GOD." That very simple response really made me think. It was like a light bulb went off and I could respond; you're right! It wasn't luck that these two people walked into my life. It wasn't luck that when I needed it most I received a phone call or text. It was GOD.

So no, I would not have planned for our paths to cross because we're so different, but luckily GOD is in control and He knew that I needed them in my life. I thank GOD for giving me the opportunity to get to know the Pleasants. They are two of the most precious and genuine people I've ever met.

Thanks,

Curt Cavender

LaShawn Richardson "D" (Niece/Spiritual Daughter)

"The Pleasants"

There is so much that I could say about these two people, as individuals and as a couple, but, for the sake of time I will try to be brief. I've known both Pastor and Lady Pleasant as family since before I can remember. Lady Pleasant is my father's sister and Pastor Pleasant is Lady Pleasant's husband. I guess, technically this would make Lady Pleasant my aunt and Pastor Pleasant my uncle. However, even before we were as close as we are now, I never saw either of them this way...

Lady Pleasant played a pivotal role in my upbringing from birth. My parents divorced early in my life and I have no memories of them together as husband and wife. Nonetheless, I have very fond memories of a strong support system, which would have been missing a vital part without the love and support shown to me by Lady Pleasant.

She was my very first fashion icon! She never lagged behind in the style department, still doesn't to this day. She took out time with me from infancy to teach me important lessons about being lady-like, being serious about my education, and most of all about how to live in a way that is pleasing to God. I guess something's never change. I can honestly look back over my life and say that she has been there every step of the way and I am so grateful. Without her contribution to my life I am certain that I would not be the woman that I am today.

Pastor Pleasant, although not related by blood, is no less family to me than my own parents. He is also part of the fond memories of my childhood. My cousins and I often share how his conversation was always so meaningful, even when we were children! He seemed to never miss an opportunity to give a nugget of wisdom, (which must have come from his heart because it reached mine). No matter what season of life I was in, he always reminded me of my worth and how I deserved the best that God had to offer in my life.

Now, more than ever he is a rock of support for me. He is never too busy to talk, listen, or deal with whatever it is that's going on in my life. This means so much coming from a man who would need a state-of-the-art, new and improved, custom-made hat rack to hold all the numerous hats that he wears. He is an irreplaceable force in my life and for him, I am grateful.

As a couple, they are a force to be reckoned with. They are a model couple for me and so many others. Yet, they are so humble about how God has blessed them in marriage. The love that they show each other is a true example of the love of Christ. In my community, there weren't many couples that could be looked up to in the way that they are. I have had the privilege of a close enough relationship with the both of them that I would have noticed if the mutual love and respect that they display is an act. That is why I am a witness that what they share is the real thing! The couple that you meet in public is the exact same couple in their private life.

I have never seen such cohesiveness in a marriage. Having the Pleasants in my life has given me an example of just how beautiful marriage can be when you trust God.

I love you both from the deepest depths of my heart and I thank you for being my spiritual parents.

**Love Always,
LaShawn Richardson "D"**

Our hope is the statements provided help you gain a better picture of who we are. We believe our story will resonate a little deeper in your heart if we were made more personal.

Story through Pictures



My Big Sister



My Big Brother

Together



Just Us!



Still Us!



Always Us!



I am so grateful that the Lord has given me another opportunity to share life with my wife. I could easily be coping with major grief right now. But in His Mercy, He sent her back. I hope that as you read this true story, you will examine every relationship in your own life. On October 2&3 2013, I found out just how quick you can lose someone. I also hope that this book will inspire many to look to God in the midst of crisis...or just look to Him Period. He saved my wife's life! TWICE!

Pastor Gary L. Pleasant

What's inside?

- Personal words from Lady Pleasant-I'm ALIVE!
- Must see story telling Pictures included in this book
- Code Blue Poem inspired after reading this
- Husbands eyewitness details of what really happened
- New Life Christian Family WE LOVE YOU MORE!

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WARNING: Do not attempt to read this book without a box of Kleenex

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