

Author Biography for **DAVID JEREMIAH**



Dr. David Jeremiah, founder of Turning Point Radio and Television Ministries and senior pastor of Shadow Mountain Community Church, says he felt God's calling on his life at a very early age. Born February 13, 1941 in Toledo, Ohio, Dr. Jeremiah was raised in a family deeply committed to ministry. At the age of eleven, Dr. Jeremiah and his family moved to Dayton, Ohio where his father, Dr. James T. Jeremiah, was the Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, and in 1953 became the President of Cedarville College in Cedarville, Ohio.

Dr. Jeremiah followed in his father's footsteps. In 1963, he received a Bachelor of Arts from Cedarville College. In that same year, he married his college sweetheart, Donna Thompson, who was also attending Cedarville College, as a business major. He went on to earn a master's degree in theology from Dallas Theological Seminary in 1967. He completed additional graduate work at Grace University and was granted the Doctor of Divinity

degree from Cedarville College in 1981.

In 1969, Dr. Jeremiah began Blackhawk Baptist Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana and developed a Christian school for grades K through 12. In the 12 years he served as pastor, Blackhawk Baptist Church grew from 7 families to 1300 members. He also launched "The Bible Hour," a television program.

In 1981 Dr. Jeremiah and his family moved to California, where he became the senior pastor of Scott Memorial Baptist Church, now Shadow Mountain Community Church. Shadow Mountain Community Church is one of the largest churches in San Diego County. It is also the home of Southern California Seminary and Christian Unified Schools.

As Dr. Jeremiah began his ministry at Shadow Mountain, he felt God's calling to continue the broadcast ministry he started in Fort Wayne. In 1982, Turning Point Ministries became a reality.



Today, Turning Point's 30-minute radio program is heard nationally and internationally on over 1800 stations and translator/satellites. In recognition of Dr. Jeremiah's commitment to teaching the Word of God, he received the Broadcaster of the Year Award in 1999 from the National Religious Broadcasters (NRB); in August 2002, he received the Award of Merit from the Western Chapter of National Religious Broadcasters for Excellence in Broadcasting and Faithfulness in Service; and in 2006, Turning Point received the Best Radio Teaching Program Award. Dr. Jeremiah has served on the Board of Directors for the NRB since 1996.

Turning Point launched a television program in 1982 in San Diego and went nationwide in 2000. Now seen around the world through cable and satellite technology, as well as on terrestrial stations all across the United States, conservative estimates suggest that close to 200 million homes around the world have access to Dr. Jeremiah's Bible teaching each week. Turning Point Television offers a half-hour Bible study message and a full hour worship service with the same great preaching. Turning Point Television is carried on several national and international networks, such as TBN, ION, and INSP, and has most recently been added to the Middle East TV Network.

Dr. Jeremiah is a sought-after conference speaker for organizations around the country. He frequently speaks at Cedarville College, Dallas Theological Seminary, Moody Bible Institute, Billy Graham Training Center, Phil Waldrep's Senior Adult Celebrations and numerous NFL, NBA and baseball chapels.

Along with his speaking schedule around the country, Dr. Jeremiah also fulfills another passion in his life, writing. He has authored dozens of books, including *Prayer The Great Adventure*, which brought him The Gold Medallion Award in 1998; *A Bend in the Road; Slaying the Giants in Your Life; My Heart's Desire*, which gave him another Gold Medallion Award in 2003; *The Secret of the Light*, co-authored with world renown artist Thomas Kinkade; the devotionals *Sanctuary* and *Turning Points*; *The Prayer Matrix; Captured by Grace*, a USA Today and Wall Street Journal bestseller; *What in the World Is Going On?*, a New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and USA Today bestseller; *Living With Confidence in a Chaotic World*, a New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Publisher's Weekly, and USA Today bestseller; *The Coming Economic Armageddon*, a New York Times, Wall Street Journal, USA Today, and Publisher's Weekly bestseller; *I Never Thought I'd See the Day!: Culture at the Crossroads*; and *Angels: Who They Are and How They Help—What The Bible Reveals*.

Dr. Jeremiah says that none of his work would have been possible without the support and encouragement of his wife, Donna. They have four grown children and eleven grandchildren.