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# A brushstroke of blessing

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A couple called into ministry is common in Christian circles; however, the relationship between Kevin and Marnie Freeman is anything but commonplace. Kevin and Marnie Freeman are living testimonies of God's blessings raining down on those walking in obedience. Marnie, mother of two girls and graphic designer, has become an accomplished artist. It is through her husband's submission to God and her subsequent submission to her husband that God has blessed them.



■ **“By teaching students that we are one nation under God, we are giving them the basis to not only preserve their heritage but also their future liberty.” — MARNIE FREEMAN**

Marnie said it is God's sense of humor. It can be hard for women to submit to their husbands, yet she would never have accomplished God's plan for her this year if she had not submitted. Kevin hears from God what she is to paint, and Marnie then paints these unique works of art.

Kevin Freeman is a man after God's own

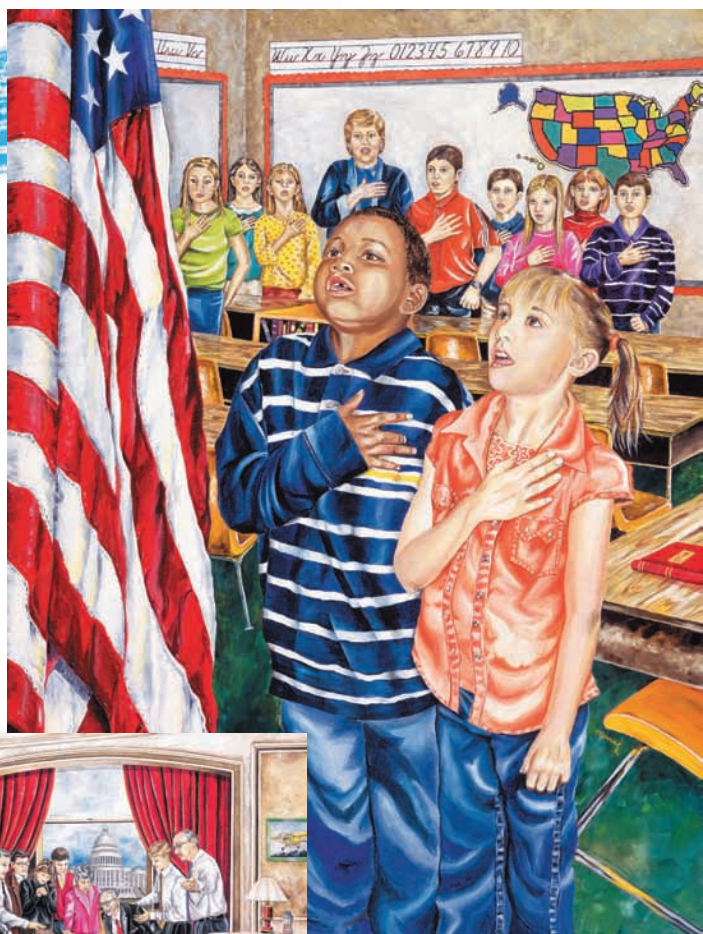
heart. Once a year he steps out of his busy life and spends time praying and fasting for his family. It was in January 2005 during this yearly event he heard from God. He felt God was going to take his family to a new place. It is what he called the “year of Marnie.”

In February 2005, he went away once again for a time of prayer and fasting and received revelation on what he was to do. Kevin was very successful in his business. He had made a name for himself in the financial world. During his fast he felt God told him to leave his job and focus on Marnie for a year. Amazingly, it will be one full year when Kevin steps back into the business

world in January 2006, into a position allowing him to stay active in the ministry they have begun. God has taken Kevin and Marnie on a great adventure.

Marnie never thought of becoming a painter, but God is using these paintings to influence our society. Kevin felt Marnie was to start with two paintings. *One Nation Under God* and *Struggling to Kneel* are the first of many paintings to come. *One Nation Under God* depicts a typical classroom where children of all ethnic backgrounds are standing in salute while saying the Pledge of Allegiance. The second painting is based on a story told by Attorney General Ashcroft about the day he was to be sworn in to the United States Senate.

Kevin also felt they would have the opportunity to present this painting to Attorney General Ashcroft personally. The couple received confirmation when Marnie received a call from the Placer County California Republican Party to design their invitation for their spring gala. Their theme was *One Nation Under God* and the guest speaker would-be Attorney General Ashcroft. Not only would the painting be used as the symbol for the gala, but the second painting



would be presented to the guest speaker.

*One Nation Under God* has become a symbol for the rising

movement in California fighting the court rulings to remove “under God” from the pledge. The fight against such rulings is heated in the school districts of California, and Kevin and Marnie are working hard to make a bold statement. The couple is raising funds to print t-shirts with the *One Nation Under God* painting on the front and the words “Keep our pledge intact!” on the back. They want to send these shirts to California students free of charge to be worn on the same day in the districts affected by the courts ruling. This will create a bold statement aimed at getting lawmakers attention.

Marnie has written an article for her website titled “Why it is so important to remain one nation under God.” In this article Marnie is very passionate about America's need for God and our need to know our Christian heritage. In the article she says, “By teaching students that we are one nation under God, we are giving them the basis to not only preserve their heritage but also their future liberty.”

Marnie talks about our Christian heritage throughout the history of America. She tells readers our country was based on Christian principles. Marnie also points out that our

capitol building was used for worship services from 1801 to 1876. This will be the subject of a new painting series titled *Church in the Capitol*. The article is signed "Marnie Freeman (with great help from and appreciation to my husband)" another testimony of the strong relationship between this couple.

Kevin has revelations on more paintings for Marnie to begin work. The painting *Gift of Life* is a salvation message through the depiction of the birth of Jesus. Marnie speaks of the many gifts of life she has received - the first being her own life and the second the rebirth of salvation. The next gift came in the life of her marriage, in the oneness of a godly couple. She said the gift of life presented itself twice in the births of her daughters.

Another painting in the near future will be *Prayer for the Peace of Jerusalem*. Kevin gave this title to Marnie and within days they were at a fundraiser mingling with new people and a gentleman struck up a conversation. He asked what Marnie was

painting next and when she told him he was amazed. This stranger was holding a summit with the theme of "Praying for the Peace of Jerusalem."

Marnie speaks highly of her husband. She is the one in the limelight, but he is the support that keeps her moving forward! God delivers a message to Kevin, and he then turns that message over to Marnie. The paintings are a product of a right relationship with God and a strong marriage. The Freemans are a testimony to God moving in people's lives today. The vision for the paintings and the subsequent ministry came through prayer. Marnie wants people to realize that we get so busy we don't listen for God to talk to us. Fasting and prayer has brought this couple into a shower of blessings. These paintings bless others daily; they are truly a word from God.

You can read more about the Freeman's amazing story and learn more on how to help with the t-shirt project on their website: [marniefreeman.com](http://marniefreeman.com). ☺



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