

Pilot Clips Her Wings, Soars High with Popular Sunday Radio Show

‘Lessons in the Ladder Days’ attracting audiences across the world

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Back in 2012, contrary to her conservative nature, Candace Long followed an urgent calling at age 67 to learn to fly. Nearly a decade later, after overcoming numerous hurdles to earn her pilot’s license, she just as abruptly walked away, even selling her beloved plane, Glory.

She has since followed a different flight path as a biblical commentator helping others understand the times and fulfill their own higher callings.

Long writes and produces an increasingly popular Sunday morning radio show heard across Georgia and the Carolinas. A prolific Christian writer immersed in the study of Judaism, she has linked her dual perspectives into lessons about the end of days as prophesied throughout the Bible and Tanakh (Jewish Scriptures).

While “Lessons in the Ladder Days” may sound a bit scary, the fledgling show’s rising popularity in only a year of airtime demonstrates people are not afraid to listen. In fact, podcasts of the show’s episodes have been downloaded from the United States and Canada to across the sea in Europe, Japan, Africa, and the Middle East.

“My goal certainly is not to upset anyone,” Long explains, “but rather to offer listeners a calm place of refuge as



The ‘End Times’ Navigator

well as a biblical lens through which to see God’s narrow path to the Kingdom more clearly.”

LISTENING TO PLANES – AND HER HEART

Long’s circuitous path to becoming a biblical radio commentator began as early as the 1970s serving in a music ministry with Campus Crusade for Christ. A self-avowed creative with a right brain and an MBA, she subsequently led a successful marketing agency for 30 years with a focus in the radio and film industry. Her skills were well-recognized by her peers in heading the nation’s oldest organization for creative women and serving as vice president of Women in Film & Television International. A creative consultant, author, and frequent

speaker, she was a 2018 finalist as Georgia’s Author of the Year for her book about creativity and innovation.

Amid a full life and career, her journey took its biggest turn to date when she began hearing the incessant humming of airplanes overhead.

“I was living outside Atlanta and going through my usual routine of praying while walking through my neighborhood when I was interrupted by the sound of airplanes overhead,” Long said. “My eyes and ears were drawn to the sky, and this went on day after day, week after week.”

As crazy as it seemed, Long could not shake the feeling that God wanted her to learn to fly. “It made no sense,

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especially at my age, but the more I talked to the Lord about it, the more excited I became.”

She later experienced a dream confirming that God was indeed calling her “up” – to learn to navigate higher in preparation for the days ahead. So, that fall she enrolled in flight school where she was the only woman and its oldest student pilot. She was also the least experienced.

“I knew nothing about how airplanes fly, the laws of aerodynamics, weather systems, air traffic control or even how to get from Point A to B – nada!”

She faced incredible fear and self-doubt, but faith and determination won out. Just one year later, Long officially became a private pilot in December 2013 after passing an FAA written exam and completing a solo flight.

Next, she pooled together enough cash to buy an older plane. Besides her spiritual calling, there was a practical motivation behind the purchase. She had been named president of the National League of American Pen Women, requiring regular travel to and from Washington, D.C. With her new wings, she started flying a route along the Appalachian Mountains between her rural Georgia home and a small airport outside the nation’s capital.

Still unclear of her mission, Long filled her hours of flight time praying for the people below in each town, city, and farm that she flew over while

locked on autopilot. Meanwhile, she was sharpening her skills as a pilot, eventually becoming instrument-rated – a much higher level of training using sophisticated gauges and indicators to fly instead of looking out the cockpit window.

SETTING NEW COORDINATES

She was literally flying blind, and then – after seven exhilarating years in the air – her passion for flight suddenly went dark, too. Losing all desire to fly, she sold her plane in 2019.

Though no longer flying, another series of dreams came during the bleak and lonely days of the 2020-21 pandemic...revealing that she had become a different type of navigator.

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“I had been studying the biblical signs of the end of days for over 30 years. When it hit me that we are now actually living in these times, a new mission was born,” she said.

Her IFR training in instrument flying became a metaphor for a series of podcasts that she developed to help listeners navigate today’s obscure events. Revisiting her old cross-country flight path, she initially targeted seven radio markets to air her shows, starting with WDUN AM550/102.9 FM in her Northeast Georgia hometown and

spanning Atlanta and Middle Georgia up to communities throughout South Carolina and North Carolina. Her shows are housed on her website and have since been downloaded thousands of times by listeners all over the world.

“I’ve been blown away by the response. It shows me listeners are hungry to know what’s happening, where God is in all this upheaval, how to protect their families and make wise decisions for the road ahead,” she said.

In one review posted on Long’s website, a minister from South Carolina praised the “high degree of biblical and scholarly support” in her messages. Another listener expressed thanks that the show is not fear-based – “but as information to help prepare us for the disasters associated with these latter days.”

Long said each episode, representing months and sometimes years of research, offers thought-provoking, non-denominational programming on current affairs in light of God’s biblical timetable.

While her enthusiasm for the project grows each day, her personal funding struggles to keep pace. So, in between writing and producing, she is now searching for sponsors to help spread her flight path even farther.

“I am hopeful others will share this vision and support our programming,” she says. “I see such a purpose now as to why I was called to fly. I am watering the seeds I sowed for many years flying and praying over the land.”

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