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FROM THE EDITOR



WALDO MALAN

The year is speeding along and the end is starting to creep over the horizon like an approaching dawn. It is a time for quick reflection - what have we accomplished, and what still needs to be conquered? Where have we failed, and what have we succeeded in? Whatever the answers, it is probably time for us all to find some words of encouragement, and in turn, offer encouragement where it is needed... just to see it through to the end!

Encourage. This is a verb (action) many of us fail at succeeding always, and on both sides of the spectrum! We often fail to encourage positively, and sometimes, succeed in encouraging the wrong actions.

Every single person needs to be encouraged from time to time, and equally, every single person should be an encourager. David said, ***"My life's strength melts away with grief and sadness; come strengthen me and encourage me with your words"*** (Psalm 119:28). He must have taught his son well, who wrote once, ***"Anxious***

fear brings depression, but a life-giving word of encouragement can do wonders to restore joy to the heart" (Proverbs 12:25).

It really is simple: it is the act of giving someone courage by well-spoken and truthful words, when they find themselves at a point of discouragement or sense of weakness. To encourage is to inspire someone else with courage, spirit, or confidence! Paul says, ***"And never let ugly or hateful words come from your mouth, but instead let your words become beautiful gifts that encourage others; do this by speaking words of grace to help them"*** (Ephesians 4:29).

False encouragement is as bad as no encouragement... I am thinking here of the Millennial propensity to give undue praise. But a right word, spoken at the right moment, can change a course of action and ultimately change a life!

Encouragement is a beautiful gift that we all have to give! Is it not time to consider the words you speak to others and make sure it propels them to become the beautiful people they are? Are you ready to be an encourager?

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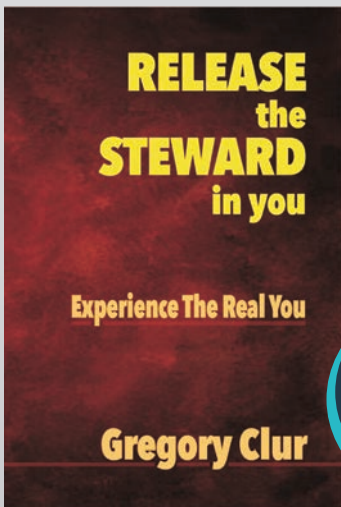
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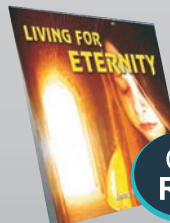
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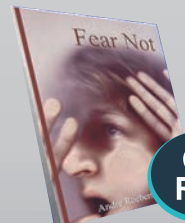
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Your Heavenly Language

ANDRÉ & JENNY ROEBERT

When we study of the various gifts of the Holy Spirit, we will soon discover powerful tools that intimately connect us in a marvellous partnership with the Holy Spirit. The Word teaches us how yielding to the Spirit of God allows us to be used by Him to connect people with the supernatural, tangible presence of God - where they undeniably experience His marvellous love and care for them in a very personal way. Operating in the gifts of the Holy Spirit, where we are in fine tune with the Spirit of Jesus, feeling His deep love and compassion for each person and being the vessel for Him to demonstrate His love to them is nothing less than miraculous! To me it seems to be the highest form of service in God's kingdom; when you disappear, to have Jesus manifest Himself through you. Every spiritual gift has the purpose to magnify the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ as He heals, encourages, restores and empowers His church.

We would like to explore what is probably considered the single most divisive subject in body of Christ today, outside of water baptism. For centuries, the devil has caused confusion and misunderstanding regarding this gift, to the point where some Christians claim it no longer exists, while others call it demonic. But it's right there in the Bible, along with the other gifts of the Spirit and is mentioned and taught on more than most of the other gifts. That's because it's such a powerful tool that is probably the quickest and most effective way for believers to fine tune our spirits to hear and intimately connect with the heart of God. That's because when we operate in this

**EVERY SPIRITUAL GIFT HAS THE
PURPOSE TO MAGNIFY**

gift, we are not praying our own thoughts and plans, we are praying His!

The gift of diverse tongues is our subject for today and I'm praying that as you open your heart to what the Word of God teaches us about it, all your own misconceptions and misunderstandings concerning it will be completely cleared up and you will step out in faith and willingly operate in this gift - because it will completely transform your spiritual walk with the Lord, opening a whole new dimension of experiencing His manifest presence in your life.

Remember the Bible clearly states how these gifts are wonderful, powerful tools for every believer to earnestly desire and operate in because of the tremendous benefit and profit they are to the body, as well as being strong, effective witnessing tools to unbelievers. They are excellent gifts the Father has given every believer (Ephesians 1:3) and nothing He gives us is to harm us, nor can it ever be evil. That simply isn't the character of our Heavenly Father.

As with all the gifts of the Spirit, the Apostle Paul pleads with us to not be ignorant concerning this gift. As we understand how it functions in our lives, along with its purpose, our confidence in exercising it grows, as does the frequency of its use.



Simple Ways to Achieve the Life You Want

JOYCE MEYER

I think it's healthy to stop periodically and take inventory of our lives. It's important to ask, ***"Am I really living the life Christ died for me to have? Or am I settling for something less?"***

Regardless of what's happened in the past or what obstacles seem to be in our way, God has a big, full life in store for each one of us. But it's up to us whether we're going to get the best out of life and make the most of our time, talents, relationships and opportunities.

The book of Genesis contains a great lesson in this area. It shares the story of Abraham's father, Terah, who gathered his family, packed up everything, and set out for his ultimate destination - Canaan.

However, Genesis 11:31 tells us, ***"...Together they set out from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to Canaan. But when they came to Haran, they settled there"*** (NIV).

I wonder how many people start out to do one thing in life but settle somewhere along the way because they get tired or because it's convenient. It's not really what they want, but it's something they think they can ***"settle for."***

Are there areas in your life where you have settled, or maybe just haven't made as much progress as you had hoped?

Are You Settling for Mediocre?

The Lord has called us to excellence, and we don't have to settle for mediocrity. The word mediocre literally means ***"to live halfway between success and failure."*** And that's where so many people live; they haven't completely failed, but they're also not where they really want to be.

This applies to every area of our lives. Maybe you've begun studying the Bible and you have a goal to really know God's Word and develop an intimate, close relationship with Him. If that's the case, don't settle for just reading a chapter a day to ***"put your time in"*** - stay determined to make it a priority and reap the benefits of truly knowing God.

Or maybe you have a goal to lose 20 pounds. If so, make a decision that you're not going to give up when it gets difficult. Even if you have a bad day and actually gain weight, be determined to bounce back the next day!

Sometimes we get used to the place where we are and forget there's something better. Life gets busy, complicated, or even comfortable, and we lose sight of the dreams and goals we used to have. That's when we need to stir ourselves up and become determined to attain every single part of God's plan for our lives.

What If...

Let's take a few moments to play the ***"What If?"*** game:



WE DON'T HAVE TO SETTLE FOR MEDIOCRITY

What if you decided to give God your all and seek Him with your whole heart?

What if you demanded the best from yourself instead of settling for “just average”?

What if you stopped making excuses why you can't accomplish your dreams and goals?

What if you changed the way you speak and refused to say anything negative?

What if you started confronting problems instead of running away from them?

What if you decided to stop procrastinating?

Can you imagine where you would be this time next year if you followed through with just one or two of these things?

Give It Your All

The Bible is full of scriptures that encourage us to do our best. 2 Timothy 2:15 says, ***“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed...”*** (NIV).

I love that phrase, ***“Do your best.”*** It may be easier to go halfway, but what could happen if you decided to give your best in your marriage, at your job, or any other area of your life?

Some of the greatest blessings in my life now are things that have required the most effort. Today, my husband, Dave, and I have the awesome privilege of sharing God's Word with millions of people through Joyce Meyer Ministries. Many times over the years it required tremendous sacrifice and the decision to keep moving forward when we felt like giving up.

Yes, it required time and effort to do everything God placed in our hearts to do, but I am so glad we didn't stop halfway when things got tough. I thank God that I didn't get discouraged and quit during the days when only 50 people were attending my conferences.

The truth is if you will give your best and do what you can do, God will do His part and do what you can't do!

So, don't settle for mediocre or halfway. God has an incredible, fulfilling and exciting life just waiting for you. Yes, it's going to require effort and determination; it may also require you to push past fear so you can enjoy greater freedom and success. But I promise you this: Whatever it takes, it's always worth it.

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Knowing Who You Are In Christ

ANGUS BUCHAN

One of the most important factors of a successful Christian life is to know who you are in Christ.

A while ago, while reading the Book of Judges, God impressed upon me a very vital scripture found in Judges 8:21 which says, **“...for as a man is, so is his strength...”**. That statement was not made by a child of God; in fact, it was made by the enemy.

Two Midianite kings had been captured after Gideon had defeated the Midianite nation. When these two kings stood before him as prisoners, Gideon instructed his older son Jether to **“kill them”**; but the Bible says because Jether was a young man, he was afraid and he had no confidence – so he did not take his sword out of his sheath. It was then that the two Midianite kings said to Gideon (the mighty man of valour): **“for as a man is, so is his strength”**, and with that Gideon took out his sword from his sheath and he killed both of those kings.

When you know who you are in Christ you will attempt great and mighty things for the Lord. But when you are not spending time with God and you forget the authority and the power that God has given to you – which is at your disposal – then you become weak, insipid and a compromiser. Therefore, of course, you can be of no use to man or even to beast.

WE HAVE THE PROMISES OF GOD

I want to encourage you to get back into God's Word.

Start to believe what God says about you and not what the world says about you and it will change your whole lifestyle. Philippians 4:13 (NKJV) says: **“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me”**. In fact, verse 19 says: **“And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”** We have the promises of God. All we need to do is apply them, to live them and then we will be more than conquerors in Christ Jesus.

So, may God bless you as you continue to focus on what God says about you and not on what the world says about you! The devil has one objective and that is to destroy you; and he will work to destroy you from the inside out. Remember it is your mind that is the battlefield; so what you think on and say is literally what you will become.

If you speak enough negativity about yourself, that is exactly how you will become: doomed to be a failure. But if you start to speak the Word of God over yourself, believe what God says about you, there is nothing that will hold you back!



Excuses Have Never Set Anyone Free

LISA BEVERE

Several years ago, I watched a documentary about a bull elephant - the type you can see at a circus - and I learned a valuable lesson that has stuck with me ever since. As I watched the program, I was amazed by the elephant's formidable frame and intimidating tusks - whose presence causes would-be offenders to back off - a similar response occurs when my husband struts the beach with his shirt off!

But what intrigued me the most about this bull elephant was the fact that it was limited by a ball and chain which was fastened on one of its rear legs. Whenever this massive elephant would walk a few feet, it would feel the tug of the chain, stop, and go no further. This occurred several times. The bull elephant would walk, feel the tug of the chain, then it would stop and go no further. Baffled, I wondered, ***"Doesn't this elephant know that it has the strength to break out from its chain and go on a rampage?"***

To my relief, the trainer explained the dilemma. When the bull elephant was young, circus trainers had placed a chain around its leg that was attached to a weighted ball buried

in the ground. Initially, the young elephant would attempt to break free once it felt the tug of the chain, but because of its lack of strength, it failed. Sadly, as time passed and the elephant grew, it was conditioned to believe that the limitations placed upon it by the ball and chain, were as far as it could ever go. Because the elephant failed to realize its strength and accepted defeat, it lived far below its potential.

Does this sound familiar to you?

Unknowingly, some of us can be like that bull elephant - conditioned by the limits placed on us by ourselves or others. Maybe you've grown up believing that you'll never amount to much, or perhaps you've worn labels such as ***"failure"***, ***"stupid"***, ***"ugly"*** or ***"not good enough."*** These are all lies from the enemy in an attempt to diminish you!

Have you tolerated defeat long enough that it has become a way of life? You may not be bound to a ball and chain, but you find yourself bound to other things that hold you back. Perhaps you've stepped out in obedience to God only to feel the tug of fear, insecurity, or inadequacy, and allowed them to stop you in your tracks?

If that's you, then it's time to stop making excuses for your captivity and loosen yourself from your chains. God



LOOSEN YOURSELF FROM YOUR CHAINS

did not save you to tame you! In Christ, you have all the strength you need to rise up, break free and live in victory. I love the advice Jacob gave his son Esau:

“But when you decide to break free, you will shake his yoke from your neck” (Genesis 27:40 NLT).

Notice Jacob did not say, ***“When God thinks it’s the right time for you to be free, He’ll take the yoke off you.”*** Nor did he say, ***“When God decides you have suffered enough, He will remove the yoke from you.”*** In fact, God is not even mentioned in this verse. Other translations say it this way: ***“But when you can’t take it anymore you’ll break loose and run free”*** (MSG); ***“But [the time shall come] when you will grow restive and break loose, and you shall tear his yoke from off your neck”*** (AMPC).

Paraphrased, this verse could read, ***“When you’ve had enough, you will throw off your bondage. When you’ve***

stopped blaming everyone else . . . when you stop feeling sorry for yourself . . . when you no longer look back . . . when you stop blaming God . . . when you are finally frustrated with the limitations of your yoke. . . when you are tired enough to get mad, then you’ll break free.”

Precious daughter, your freedom begins with a decision. A decision is not a wish, but a resolute commitment to a course of action. Understand that what you tolerate will never change. When you justify a behaviour, you buy into that behaviour. But you don’t have to live that way any longer - freedom and victory are within your grasp. Now, what are you going to do about it?

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What makes your programme extreme and adventurous?

We offer students a wide range of extreme activities to participate in such as: sky diving, bungee jumping, scuba diving, mountain biking, abseiling, kayaking etc.

What is the value of a gap year programme?

A gap year gives young people time to reflect on what they think would be the college/varsity or career choice best suited to their needs. It allows them to clarify their interests and become aware of their strengths and weaknesses.

We also believe a gap year allows them to take advantage of learning that takes place outside the classroom and apply these skills in real life situations, within a protected environment. It is imperative that youths experience life in communities different from those in which they have been living and our extreme gap year programme offers them this experience. We further believe that gap years allow students to learn about a variety of careers before making a critical decision and to gain maturity, initiative and resourcefulness, all valuable life skills.

What outcome do you hope is achieved in every student's life once completing your programme?

Our programme is designed to meet, challenge and grow the complete individual, body, soul and spirit, as we train tomorrow's leaders today. Our desire is for the young person to have fun and 'discover themselves' as they are developed into a person with vision and purpose. We endeavour to take boys and girls and to mould them into young men and women that will have a positive influence on our society and the world.

Describe how the programme works - when is your intake, how long does it last and how much does it cost?

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What makes your programme unique as opposed to other Gap year courses?

We believe the Beyond Adventure concept to be unique in South Africa. The concept of 'Extreme Education' was designed to provide a challenging environment for young people to discover and develop their leadership potential. Leadership deals with direction, vision, purpose and principles and our leadership programme focuses on building the students up, making them aware of other cultures, helping them with emotional bank account building and strengthening them as individuals functioning in a group context.

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What You Don't Know Can Hurt You

JOHN BEVERE

As our children were growing up, Lisa and I would periodically purchase furniture for them that required assembling. I'd often ignore the instruction manual, assuming I knew what to do and could figure it out on my own. Oh, how wrong I was! Halfway through construction, I would realize that I had missed pivotal steps and left out critical pieces - then I would have to deconstruct everything and start over.

Similarly, we can often assume we know what's right and best for our lives and neglect God's instruction manual - the Bible - only to later realize how wrong we were. All throughout the Bible we can read of its significance in our life. That's why I believe it's helpful to remind ourselves of its importance.

Paul, in particular, made some strong statements regarding God's Word. He wrote, ***"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete,***

thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17 NKJV).

God wants the best for His children, and that's why He's given us His Word - which, states Paul, is profitable to us. One of the wonderful features of God's Word is that, throughout its pages, we can discover wisdom for every area of our lives. This wisdom comes in the form of doctrine (teaching), reproof (rebuke), correction, and instruction that are found within it.

As followers of Christ, abiding in the Word must be non-negotiable - because we cannot do what it says without knowing what it says. However, as we take to heart the Scriptures and apply them obediently, we'll find ourselves becoming strengthened in our faith and equipped for our calling - building our life according to God's wisdom and ways.

That's why we can't just let our Bible sit on the shelf. The Scriptures are pivotal to building a life that endures, both now and for eternity. Without a consistent diet of God's Word, we'll never grow into the fullness of our identity as sons and daughters of God.



So, let's dust off our Bibles and restore its wonder.

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ACCORDING TO GOD'S
WISDOM AND WAYS**



In the Morning – Turn Off the TV and Open Your Mind

PHIL COOKE

Typically, I get up early and head to the gym. When I get back to the house, I read the paper and then shower and get dressed for the day. For years, during that time I turned on the TV and watched the morning news. But a few months ago I decided to skip the TV news and just get dressed in silence.

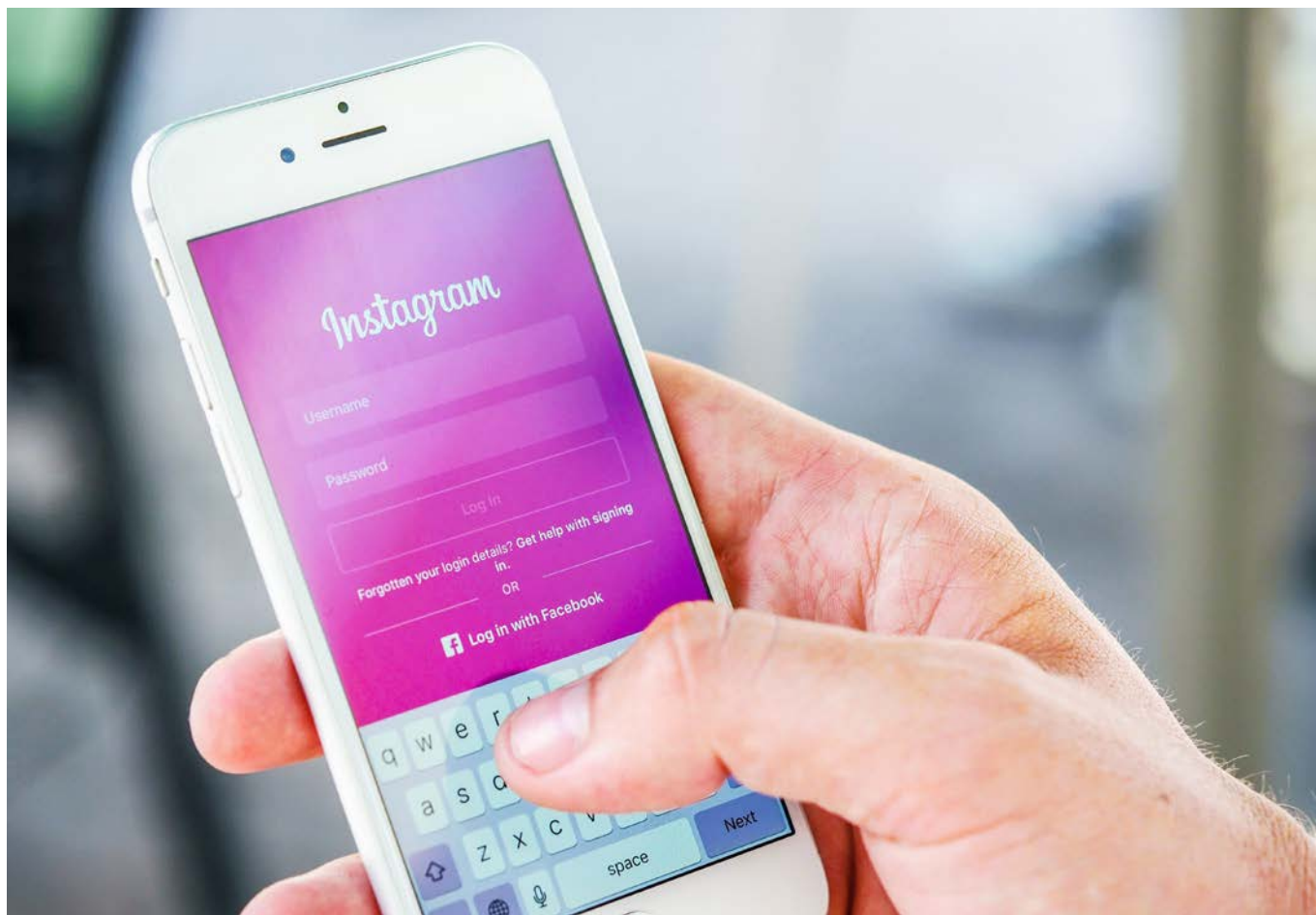
Guess what?

In those quiet moments at the start of the day, creativity started happening. Ideas started filling my head for writing,

insight for work, film ideas, thoughts about my next speaking date, and more. Rather than having information pour into my head from the TV, I discovered the power of creating my own ideas. Sometimes they came so fast I had to start writing them down.

So give it a try. For you, it may not be the TV – it may be the radio, your mobile device, or listening to Spotify. But whatever you've been listening to or watching while getting dressed and ready, stop trying to fill the quiet times with noise. Start letting the silence work, and watch what happens as your brain starts to give back.

What else could you change about your morning ritual that would expand your thinking?



The Social Media Slide Continues...

PHIL COOKE

Just When You Started to Like Instagram's Policy for Limiting Nudity...

One of the reasons so many people enjoy Instagram is that the company has least tried at some level to hold back the flood of sex and nudity that has virtually taken over platforms like Twitter. But since no good deed goes unpunished, the site *"The Hustle"* reports that porn performers have begun protesting Instagram's nudity guidelines:

As reported: ***"Adult performers have taken an #instaSTRIKE straight to IG's Silicon Valley doorstep where they picketed the company for what they say is its wrongful termination of sex workers' accounts."***

As Instagram grows as an influencer platform (expected to hit \$2.3 billion in influencer marketing by 2020) decisions like this can impact massive numbers of people. We've also recently seen other platforms like Facebook and Twitter generate criticism for deleting accounts (mostly related to free speech issues), but to my knowledge, this is the first massive effort over pornography or those who promote it.

And as to be expected, Instagram caved. By the end of the day *"The Hustle"* reported that ***"Instagram agreed to reinstate deleted accounts from a list provided by the [adult performers] union."***

The moral slide continues.

Why it's Time for Christian Leaders to Stop Obsessing Over the Next Generation

PHIL COOKE

Obviously we want to reach everybody with the gospel; but the truth is, a significant number of pastors and Christian leaders are overly obsessed with reaching young people - especially when it comes to hiring a team. I totally understand - after all, I was the Executive Producer of the Hillsong Movie - and I've done my share of consulting with major churches and ministry organizations helping rebrand them for a younger target audience. But in our relentless pursuit of younger people, I think we're forgetting the audience that could make a remarkable difference right now.

Plus, if our major metric is focused on reaching young people, some churches like Hillsong, Life Church, or Elevation do it well, but I worry that other churches who are also doing great work consider themselves failures because they're not reaching that narrow audience.

From that perspective, here's why I think we need to dial down **"ageism"** in the church, and learn to welcome - even pursue - older people:

1. The older generation are still the kings when it comes to giving. A 2018 Federal Study found that millennials compared to previous generations have **"lower earnings, fewer assets and less wealth."** The older audience has plenty of disposable income and understand the principles of giving - so don't be afraid to tap into that.



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2. Understand they're not just "older", they're experienced. They've been there and done that. Challenges that seem so large to younger people are often nothing to the older crowd. They've already been through it and know how to solve the problem - and if they don't have the answer, the challenge doesn't scare them.

3. Office politics and competition mean much less to older employees. People who have had long careers are generally more easy-going and easy to get along with than younger people. They've seen it all so they're not going to fight for the window office, or to be in charge of anything. Plus, their skills at managing positive relationships are much more advanced.

4. Older employees aren't as expensive as you think. Older employees are often receiving multiple streams of income and don't really need the big salaries they once commanded. In fact, many are more than willing to take a pay cut in order to find a great job where they can still contribute.

5. One thing worth mentioning is that the baby-boom generation actually knows more about changing the world than anyone on the planet. Remember that the world has bent to their will since they were born. Because of their size, they shifted the thinking on everything from lifestyles to entertainment, politics, religion, and more.

6. And don't forget that older people today aren't really old. Even people in their 70's today were part of the rock and roll generation, which means they're not as stuffy and closed-minded as you may think. They grew up with The Rolling Stones, Led Zeppelin, and Dylan. So trust me - nothing you're doing will freak them out.

With that in mind, here's what I'd recommend you start doing today:

1. Be intentional about including older candidates in your job searches. There's an incredible amount of skill, talent, and experience out there, and by excluding that group, you're only hurting yourself and your organization.

2. Think in terms of "teams" and encourage old and young to work together. You can still keep younger people in charge of teams or departments, but make sure there's an older employee nearby to offer advice and counsel.

3. We've always been big on internships, but think more about using older employees to mentor a younger team member. I still remember things I learned from Matt Connolly, the first television director I ever worked for. He took me under his wing and had an indelible impact on my career.

4. We want to value the spark and original ideas younger people bring to the table, but don't let that obscure the fact that more senior members of the team have a lifetime of experience and will help know which ideas might work and which might not.

5. And finally, take the time to learn who the "older" generation really is. Go to <https://www.aarp.org/content/dam/aarp/home-and-family/personal-technology/2013-10/Longevity-Economy-Generating-New-Growth-AARP.pdf> for an AARP demographic report {The Longevity Economy: Generating Economic Growth and New Opportunities for Business} that will give you more than enough information on the older generation.

I understand that there are plenty of older employees, volunteers, and church members who are stuck in their ways, grumpy, or just outright cranks. But I can also show you just as many younger people who are insecure, arrogant, and know-it-alls. Every age group has its strengths and weaknesses, so we need to look for the all-stars across the board.

When we do that, everyone will benefit, and we'll make the biggest difference in the culture.

Spirituality

BILL PRICE

Time for a personal observation, and may I be allowed to have one? Let me venture with a guess that the majority of Charismatic, traditionalists and reformist readers all looked at the word mysticism (in the definition box alongside) and felt deeply that it does not belong there because someone told them that it is “**new age**” (whatever that is?). In fact, as I walk with God and others, I am becoming more and more convinced that whenever Christians do not want to think, analyse and work at coming to conclusions other than what is familiar, the term new age seems to crop up. Many are afraid to think beyond their theological definitions, which are all man-made anyway, and limited by conceptual thinking rather than dimensional thinking. Now don't get me wrong, I am not interested in throwing the baby out with the bath water! I am simply saying that the westernized definitions have limited us in perceptions and dimensions because we apply the Western mindset to an Eastern reality. While it may shock some people, Jesus was not a Christian. He is a Jew! He is not a white-skinned, pale, blond-haired charismatic dessert dweller. He is the product of an Eastern upbringing and culture for thirty years at the time He started to minister. We have lost out because we have relegated Him to our Christian, Western thinking to how things should happen. That is another debate altogether.

If I had to ask you to define your spirituality... the parts of the whole that make up your relationship with God as your Source, Creator and Father, what you say? Where would you start? What components would you build into your definitions and philosophy?

The concept of “**spirituality**” is cropping up everywhere. In fact, it's actually an empty concept since one could call it a container concept: it may cover all sorts of ideas and notions. “**Because of its many faces and it's increased**

Spirituality: is defined as

Middle English: from Old French **spirituel**, from Latin **spiritualis**, from **spiritus** (see **spirit**)

adjective

1. of, relating to, or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things: I'm responsible for his spiritual welfare | the spiritual values of life.

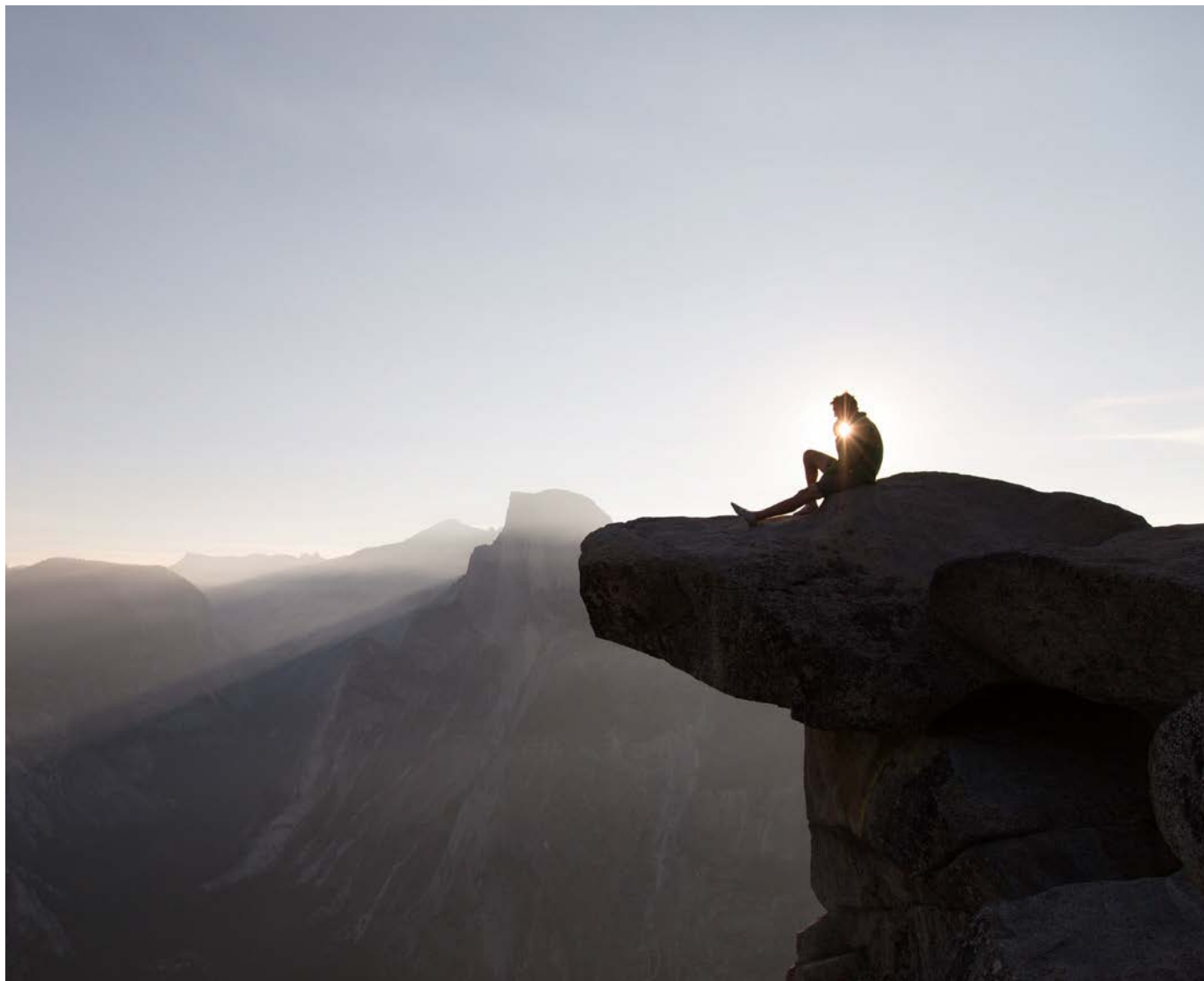
• (of a person) not concerned with material values or pursuits.

2. of or relating to religion or religious belief
Religion, theology, religious studies, mysticism, holiness.

popularity spirituality is rather controversial and in dispute, certainly within the churches”, says Gideon van Dam.

Often when I'm coaching leaders from all walks of life and we get to talk about spirituality I get the feeling that this has become a kind of ‘**safe space**’, a space wherein one is not accountable for the work that needs to be accomplished within that ‘**space**’ (Read ‘space’ as environment, situation or circumstance). People tell me all the time that this is how they believe in how they feel, and they also feel that because these experiences of theirs are “**religious**”, they are automatically outside the reach of our further interpretation. I also get the feeling sometimes that there is too little theological verification taking place in the realm of spirituality.

When considering your answers to some of the questions we've raised, you would need to check your answers in terms of spirituality around the following: knowing God and not only just having some knowledge about God, but



how you experience God in totality. This is also about your life and the transformations taking place in your life. It's also about arriving at an authenticity of your interpersonal relationship in terms of your life's meaning and how that is lived out in purposeful ways (i.e. are you *"real"*?)

Zeebrugge has a different approach to the reality of spirituality. He believes that spirituality stands for a certain lifestyle in which a certain form of commitment is expressed through a specific behavioural pattern. Secondly, he says that spirituality is an orientation to life (or the meaning of life), and finally that spirituality is a zest for life, the inspiration that is greater than us.

A Christian leader shared his personal definition of spirituality with me: ***"For me spirituality is a way of life rooted in a Christian life orientation, and way of life practiced in such a way that it makes people receptive to this orientation, enabling them to see how I live in hope, within this way and process of life."*** Now might be a good time to look at your own answers and weigh it up against this benchmark definition!

I really want to challenge you to think about your spirituality as a matter of personal learning, of how you practice your interpersonal relationship with others, with yourself and with God. Someone once told me that belief is like following

a pathway that takes its shape from everyday life, requiring a process that increasingly affects our lives. Often when I'm coaching people on their spiritual growth I find myself asking them to describe their current religious behaviour. The discussion is about everyday living and how they practice their personal spirituality by means of personal spiritual disciplines. Rituals are also part of the discussion as they demarcate their space called spirituality. They tell me about the sources that they draw and the sources that they use and how God speaks to them through the Bible, other people, books, programmes on television and nature itself. In this process I constantly challenge them to tell me this story without making any particular value judgements in this regard.

The next waypoint in understanding our current spiritual reality is to find out how one listens to the experience in life with God in a real-time world; how do they reflect on it and come to conclusions that increases their faith and knowledge at the same time. Everyone is rooted in their own spiritual tradition, whether a church members or not, which impacts on their relationship in both social and cultural contexts. Spirituality is about how and why we do things while being aware that we are part of a bigger and global humanity. What I am discovering is that our spirituality needs to be explored deeply within.

Spirituality... continued

Following on from here we look at how to recognize and deal with obstacles, and how to recognize when these can be to our advantage. We discuss at length the spiritual practices of the enemy, darkness, the forces of evil and just the plain realities of the world. Basically we try to help the person explore how assertive and receptive they are, and how God fits in every single picture and story. This discussion becomes an example from which people understand their relationship within the community, within themselves and God. It also helps them to look at the things they do that it often relegated to their **“search for spirituality.”**

As the coaching process continues we begin to look at how they relate to God and the integration of their spirituality on their creativity. In coaching this is called **“the living story”**; and it is within the ongoing, living stories of people that we discover how people choose to make decisions. It also becomes the journey of understanding and identifying the inner yearning and longing for God; also allowing that longing and yearning to magnetise me towards the connection that is so necessary to a full sustainability of life and being in Christ. It is about how we pray for guidance and how we take instruction from the Word of God and how we share it with those that are closest to us. It's also about how we discipline and how we use repetition and other things like rituals to keep us within the momentum and the pacing of the uncovering of our spiritual practice.

In every single situation I have discovered that spiritual growth, like any other process, can be stopped – this goes hand-in-hand with the fear of the unknown, or the non-familiar! Sometimes people use excuses that they are too busy or don't feel like something; however, spirituality is looking for expression within our lives. We have experienced spiritual dryness, that place where we feel our lives stagnating because of supposedly adverse circumstances. Yet it is particularly these times in our lives, the so-called desert experiences, where we become acutely aware of God. I think God uses these times for intimacy and to repair areas in our lives that need some fixing. More and more I realise that life is not about finding answers at the gates of life, but that it is discovered in the depth of the questions we ask.

The practice of our spirituality is vital because within that spiritual practice lie the connection of responsiveness and receptiveness to the fact that God becomes a gift, giving Himself totally to a personal relationship with each of us. It is then that we experience the connection and the beginnings of a living spirituality within our lives.

Across the world my coaching experiences have highlighted the importance people assign to times of prayer in defining their own spirituality. This is mainly due to the fact that prayer includes time for silent reflection fully orientated towards God, where all other thoughts are

let go and they are able to open themselves to becoming more aware of the reality of God in their lives. In essence, God filling up their spiritual space! It is here where I sense how people allow the thirsty soul to speak for itself in the presence of God. People use music, lighting candles, looking at a picture, engage in meditative drawing or even dance. Often people make room for intercession and for collective prayer. Spirituality is about creating action and it's about a person living in thankfulness every day. It's about coming to an understanding, remembering and using memory as an exercise of the heart. It's about being conscious of the things that went wrong as a result of wrong choices and asking for forgiveness. It's about praying with the Psalms, praying with others, praying using prayer books, and using prayer as an attitude of creating an inner space where God and I simply in a state of being and connection.

Bible reading is also part and parcel of the spirituality experience where there is a time of meditation and allowing the Bible to speak through me and to me. Reading connected to meditation inspires creativity, which often connects us to times of contemplation where we find ourselves in the presence of God. In truth, this is how we really incorporate the Biblical message into our lives. Someone once said reading without meditation leads us astray. Prayer without meditation is half-hearted. Meditation without praying is unproductive. Praying devotedly leads to contemplation. It is also about the beloved entrusting themselves completely to the one that has claimed himself to be the lover of our souls.

And this is where the word mysticism is introduced into the conversation. I discovered it to be the description of the intimate side of spirituality. It's the experiential knowledge of when God and humanity express and co-experience love with and for each other. It's about the knowledge of God; a cognitive, dogmatic knowledge can in itself only leave you untouched, whereas mystical knowledge is about knowing with both the mind and the heart that opens up the possibility to relate to and love God's reality. Christian originality begins with the reality of God's Spirit. After that it's about the search for God and His reaction to being sought out! Our love for God is only a faint echo of God's generous love for us. Deep transformation in our life is possible when we experience these moments of intimacy spontaneously.

Psalm 27:8 “Come, my heart has said, seek his face. I will seek my face.”

It is in this space that we experience the mercy and compassion of God. The spiritual process moves from self-centredness to the orientation towards God, to knowing that His name is holy and that His kingdom comes and that His will is accomplished on earth through me, even as it is in heaven.



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A Life of Integrity is a Life of Honour

We are each called to authenticity and individuality

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In a world where honesty and the truth are no longer regarded with respect, it is easy to see how so many people fall into the trap of lies and mask-wearing. As believers in Jesus Christ, we are called to live lives that are free and real - lives which walk in the light of our Saviour. He also desires for us to be authentic individuals - unique, just like He created us to be. Along with humility and living out more Christ-like lives, integrity is an important characteristic to develop and grow.

An important thing to consider is what God thinks of how we conduct ourselves. Jesus Himself was a man of integrity. He was seen by the Pharisees to not be swayed by men, because He paid no attention to who they were (see Matthew 22:16 and Mark 12:14). In 1 Samuel 16:7, God reminds us that ***“[t]he Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”*** God is not concerned about what we look like, or even more so, what others think of us. What matters most to Him is what cannot be seen - the secret of a true, pure heart that is

after Him. Proverbs 27:19 says ***“[a]s water reflects a face, so a man’s heart reflects the man”***. If our hearts are a reflection of who we are, then the reflection can either be pretty or ugly. It can either be good or bad. It can either paint a picture of Jesus for others, or it can drive others away from what is good. God has been speaking to me about this, and I am being challenged on integrity in relational areas in my own life.

Throughout the Bible, integrity is referred to hand-in-hand with uprightness or righteousness (see Psalm 25:21, 41:12 and Proverbs 11:3). If life is seen as a journey, we, as Christians, are seeking to live (that is, walk out) lives that are after following God. According to Proverbs 10:9, ***“[t]he man of integrity walks securely, but he who takes crooked paths will be found out”***. It says in 1 Chronicles 29:17 that God tests the heart and is pleased with integrity. When the Lord appeared to Solomon, He said to him ***“walk before me in integrity of heart and uprightness”*** (1 Kings 9:4). If our hearts are intently seeking after God and pleasing Him, then we will live our lives accordingly.

So, what is integrity? And how does it affect our daily lives? Integrity is truthfulness, reliability and honour. It means we must not be easily swayed. This means that we let our



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“‘yes’ be ‘yes’, and [y]our ‘no’, ‘no’” (Matthew 5:37). We remain true to our word and choices, no matter what the cost may be. Ephesians 4:15 instructs us to be **“speaking the truth in love”** – just as Christ does. This means that in our relationships, we should be addressing issues or problems when they arise. It does not necessarily mean we should confront those we have an offence with, but that we should treat the situation as Jesus would - not as anything more or less, but for exactly what it is. We should not lie or wear masks to avoid truth being revealed; this is not how Jesus desires for us to live. In Him we have freedom and His power, helping us overcome difficulties. His Spirit gives us the words to speak when we are not sure of what to say.

Integrity also means that if we say we are going to do one thing, then we cannot do another. The saying about **“talking the talk and walking the walk”**, is often easier said than done. Often there is more talking than actual

walking. As Christ-followers, we need to be His example; accountable in our relationships to and with one another, not only within our church but also in our families, friendships and the marketplace. God wishes for us to be the same inside and out – with no masks or multiple identities. He wants us to be the same wherever we are and whomever we are with.

Along with having integrity are authenticity and individuality. Authenticity means being real, true and straightforward. It is embracing who we really are in Christ; not comparing ourselves with others’ expectations or standards. Individuality follows this - delighting in the unique and distinct qualities in our personalities that make us like no one else. There is a reason God created us differently exactly the way He did, and we should celebrate this rather than deny it!

Ultimately, we need to remember that much encouragement can be found in God’s Word. One of God’s many promises can be found in Proverbs 13:6, which says that righteousness guards the man of integrity. We can all achieve living a life of integrity, with God’s help. This will help us in many of our decisions, choices, thoughts and actions in our day-to-day lives.

Earth Whispers

Teaching Environmentalism

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Environmental education by definition refers to teaching about how natural environments function, as well as how human beings can manage their behaviour and lifestyles in order to live sustainably and reduce their impact on the earth. The origins of environmental education can be traced as far back as the 18th century, when philosopher and writer, Jean-Jacques Rousseau, highlighted the importance of an education that focuses on the environment and nature. Louis Agassiz, a Swiss-born naturalist, then promoted Rousseau's philosophy several decades' later, encouraging students to venture beyond their book knowledge and to study nature hands on. Unbeknownst to them at the time, Rousseau and Agassiz were influential in creating the framework of what became a solid environmental education programme called Nature study, which took form in the late 19th century and early 20th century.

Over the years the content and nature of environmental education evolved, informed by new knowledge gained. The awareness of the consequences of issues such as pollution, the impact of human behaviour on the environment and other injustices lead to an environmentalism based on activism with groups taking on the role of voice for the earth, speaking in its defense. Today, messages of environmentalism are common place as we face severe levels of environmental degradation and the threat of climate change. Teaching environmentalism

is a necessary part of healing the damage already done to the earth and securing a sustainable future on the planet.

Environmental teachings' in educational institutions is an important tool of ensuring that messages of eco-consciousness are conveyed to the public. Environmental education is factored into natural and environmental science subjects. Beyond that, schools and educational institutions have become more and more proactive in participating in environmental projects and initiatives such as eco-schools. This has served to broaden the spread of key information to all children, youth and schools in their entirety. But is this enough?

The Free Range Learning Cooperative, which is based in Bellingham, Washington, is a homeschooling initiative. This body's mission is to – provide students and families the opportunity to deepen their learning experiences through adventure, relationship and community building and a variety of enrichment classes – among which is environmental stewardship. The Free Range Learning Cooperative assists homeschooling parents and their children in organizing and leading educational adventures that focus on strengthening sense perception and increasing cultural and environmental knowledge, awareness and sensitivity. The value based learning approach that they use emphasizes the fact that environmental education, like any other kind of values education, goes beyond the scientific facts taught in class rooms and needs to be instilled on a more personal level by integrating its teaching in home life and all other areas as well.



We as individuals therefore have a responsibility first to educate ourselves and then to share knowledge and information about environmentalism with not only our children, but also our peers and the general public. Together with theoretical education, we also teach through practical examples. This means teaching ourselves, our children and others practical by applying environmental knowledge practically, making our own lives a living example with our actions such as greening our homes and lifestyles, while taking time to appreciate the blessings of nature.

Steve Van Matre, founder of the Institute of Earth Education, writer and developer of environmental education programmes and resource material in West Virginia started out in the 1960s when asked to develop a nature learning programme for children from the city at a summer camp where he was working as a counsellor. The task gave Matre the opportunity to convey my love of the earth and its life based on his firsthand experiences with nature. An approach that he took was to introduce the group of children to nature by having them engage their all sense in each of the specific experiences and then relating these experiences to their home environments. Matre named this educational programme design Acclimatization, as he viewed it as a means of trying to acclimate the urban kids to the earth and its natural systems.

Through engaging their senses and then relating the encounters in nature to their home environments, then the experience has a greater impact on a personal level. This allows for life-long lessons and learnings that are more likely to alter perceptions and encourage lasting behaviour changes. The concept applies not only in terms of teaching environmentalism to children, but to all individuals across the board.

Faith based communities and churches can play a significant role in being part of the solution by promoting environmental education together with a culture of becoming more environmentally conscious and responsible people. Some parishes and congregations have worked to ensure that new churches are built in an eco-friendly manner, initiated organic or permaculture gardening projects, among other things. Globally, faith communities have begun to actively participate and have a stronger presence in various environmental forums. They have formed networks to encourage and support peers within faith communities to get on board. One such

LIVE SUSTAINABLY AND REDUCE OUR IMPACT ON THE EARTH

example is the Eco-congregation concept, which is an ecumenical environmental project. The project provides free resources and support to churches in becoming aware of the environmental issues facing us and the moral and ethical challenges to take actions towards addressing these issues.

The Johannesburg Anglican Environmental Initiative (JAEI) was inspired by the Eco-congregation concept. An objective of JAEI is to seek to meet the environmental challenges faced by this generation. They do so through running environmental workshops, talks and eco-breakfasts. The eco-breakfasts take place monthly and draw together people from various congregations and communities to engage in discussion and reflection on ecological and environmental issues. The South African Faith Communities' Environmental Institute (SAFCEI) describes itself as 'an institute of people of many faiths, united in our diversity through our common commitment to earth keeping'. SAFCEI aims to support the faith communities in fulfilling their environmental as well as their socio-economic responsibility. They have been inspiring in their environmental efforts through creating resource materials, hosting workshops, being vocal about environmental issues in the media and having a strong presence in environmental fora such as the South African Climate Action Networks as well as participating in the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

When we are empowered with the knowledge and know-how to apply what we know then the actions they take have a more powerful effect. We are able to create better solutions and innovate new ways of tackling environmental concerns. We are also in a position to continue to share environmental teachings, passing our learnings on from generation to generation and thereby fulfilling our stewardship duties while contributing to a promising future for the planet.

What do You Really Want?

DARREL HOFLAND

Sometimes we read scripture (one that we have read a few times before) and something new comes from it as God's Spirit within you draws your attention to something else...

That is what happened to me when I read the Gospel of Mark again the other day.

Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (that is, the Son of Timaeus), was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, **"Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"** Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, **"Son of David, have mercy on me!"** Jesus stopped and said, **"Call him."** So they called to the blind man, **"Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you."** Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. **"What do you want me to do for you?"** Jesus asked him. The blind man said, **"Rabbi, I want to see."** **"Go,"** said Jesus, **"your faith has healed you."** Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road. (Mark 10: 46–52)

There is so much we can get from this passage. Firstly the blind man in this story has a name. **"The least"** is known:

Bartimaeus. The author of this book knew that this was not just another blind man. Jesus and the author knew this guy. You see in those days **"the least"** were degraded. If you were disabled or diseased...it was assumed it was because you or someone in your family was a sinner. What a society to live in. This passage tells us of the dignity God gives to the apparent lesser of society.

I love the humility in Bartimaeus prayer **"have mercy on me"** How badly so many of us need to approach God in that way again. We need more of a respect in approaching our Saviour. We need to confess more. Sometimes I think we take our forgiveness for granted. Are we even really sorry for our sin?

Then I like how Jesus asks the man **"What do you want me to do for you?"**

"Come on Jesus, are you kidding? It's obvious this blind man wants to see!"

But Jesus knows what He's doing here. What was that man first going to see when he opened his eyes? He would be born into a world of immediate chaos. The man Bartimaeus was currently talking to was going to be murdered. The man who was blind would see with his very eyes the mob of people in the temple courtyards in Jerusalem...yelling: **"Crucify Him!"** The world was in chaos. **"Bart, do you still want to see?"**



Then even in modernizing this passage and bringing it to 2010: if God asked you ***“what do you want me to do for you?”*** What would you ask Him? Be careful what you ask. Don’t be afraid, but ask with wisdom.

This passage ends with a deep conviction: ***“Your faith has healed you.”*** Jesus did the healing, but this man had sincere faith that He could do it. How much weight and power and belief does your faith carry? I think we’ve weakened our faith over time. Time to get on up... and follow Jesus along the road...the narrow road!

**YOUR FAITH HAS
HEALED YOU**

Learning to Teach

CILNETTE PIENAAR

I spent my first four years after University lecturing the classes that I had only a few years previously attended. When I walked into the exam halls to brief the students before a test, the external invigilators time and again handed me question papers and asked me to show my student card. It amused my students to no end when I then, on more than one occasion, had to patiently convince the (same) elderly lady that I was, in fact, the lecturer ...

I was really young and enthusiastic and very passionate about my job, and the students responded well to the energy. I quickly realized however that it was not good enough anymore to just *“know the lingo”* and study the content to pass the exams for my own benefit and promotion. I now needed to grasp the context, or *“bigger picture”*, so that the information shared might actually equip the 1 000 first years staring back at me with blank faces veiling their bombarded minds for their future vocations.

Something changes in ones attitude toward a subject matter when you are given the responsibility of guiding other people safely through an overwhelming world of unfamiliar concepts and frameworks.

One of my main encouragements for students who just couldn't see the value of a subject like marketing research or business communication was that they were busy training their minds to think in a certain way that would

assist them in future. It is never only about the content of an individual subject, but about the *“way of thinking”* of the discipline ... Sort of like the Kingdom.

The Word cautions us in James 3:1: *“Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.”* My interpretation of a concept or ability to place it within a broader framework might be the key for someone to unlock their destinies. Alternatively, my disregard or neglect of that same subject matter might actually be the hindrance for someone to access their inheritance. Scary thought.

True learning requires a degree of transformation not possible through a mere transferal of knowledge.

For that very reason I wanted to get out of *“academia”* and into the *“real world”*, so that I could actually see for myself if that which I was fervently teaching could be applied in a sustainable way. Needless to say, I was slightly disillusioned. Normative theory tends to create unrealistic expectations. I often reminded myself that theory points to how things *“should be”*, and not necessarily how they actually are. Hence the saying, *“that's the theory...”*, meaning, *“well, we HOPE that's how things will work out...”*.

This reminded me of how critical it is to communicate realistic expectations in any mentoring relationship, since disillusionment often happens when expectations are misguided.



WE ARE ACQUIRING THE AUTHORITY TO GUIDE THE NEXT GENERATION

I also experienced again that I could only really know how much I had learnt when I needed to empower others to do what I had been doing, since I then actually had to reflect on and effectively communicate my own practices.

On a very practical level, lecturing taught me some of the basic principles of discipling: You can only help others study for tests in subjects that you have passed yourself... True input into someone's life happens only through authentic relationship ... Its one thing to just go ahead and do something yourself, and a whole other ballgame to have the patience teach someone else to do it ... In Acts 1:1 Luke explains to Theophilus: ***"In the former account [which I prepared], O Theophilus, I made [a continuous report] dealing with all the things which Jesus began to do and to teach ..."***. Jesus only taught others to do what He was already implementing.

The trails and joys of life take on much more significance when we realize that, apart from passing the ***"tests"*** ourselves, we are also acquiring the authority to guide the next generation through the delightful and confusing subject matters of life.

I recently re-discovered a promise that I think might be one of the main benefits for going through a difficult season. I had a revelation of this ***"ministry inheritance of mourning"*** after my father passed away. Apart from the pruning and the refining and the honesty and the desperation that often lead us to places of truth before God, I think one of the main benefits of enduring a trial is the anointing for ministry, which includes the ability to help walk someone else thought he same trail, that it leaves behind.

2 Cor. 1:3 ***"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God."***

Grappling with the hard subject matters of life never is useless. I think we need to claim not just our inheritance of wholeness in Christ, but also the ministry anointing and authority in the areas of our healed pain and brokenness.

Wisdom seems to be born from the delicate balance between acquiring accurate knowledge and walking out the slow process of diligently applying it. I think discipling is taking someone on this journey with you. We learn so that we might be able to teach. Effectively we are then, in everything we go through, learning to teach.



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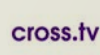
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Slavery's Legacy

MICHELLE FROST

What connotation does the word “*slavery*” carry for you? Perhaps you think of a burly African man chained to the bowels of a slave ship or even of the Israelites in Egypt, before God set His chosen nation free. Whatever image comes to mind, chances are that the word conjures up negative emotions and a strong desire for justice.

I would love to write about slavery in the past tense only; as something horrendous that tainted history but is no longer a part of our reality. Unfortunately, the truth is that as you read this article, there are hundreds of thousands of slaves suffering in captivity all around the world.

Slavery is alive and well in the 21st century. Essentially, slavery is the condition whereby people are seen as property and are held as such against their free will. Anti-slavery International defines slavery as “*forced labour*”. According to their estimation there are as many as 27 million slaves in the world today! There are many forms of modern-day slavery. Human trafficking, particularly into the sex trade, is one of the fastest growing forms of modern slavery. In fact, certain experts suggest that it may be the largest slave trade history has ever known.

This is deeply troubling. How is it that, in a day and age when education and information are so readily available, people can be ‘*shipped*’ in and out of borders like mere property? Have we learned nothing from history and our past sins?

In 1948 the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and declared freedom from slavery as a human right: “*No one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms.*”

Slavery has existed for thousands of years, throughout the world, in some or other form. I believe that God hears the cries and prayers of those held against their free will. He has promised that He will never leave or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5). In-fact, living in freedom, apart from the oppression of slave masters, is a defining feature of the people of God who are in covenant with Him. Throughout History He has called people to fight against the evil crimes that are committed against His children. The Bible tells us that God raised up people called Judges to set His people free from enemy nations who would mistreat and enslave them (despite the fact that they had abandoned God in the first place-thus landing themselves in hot water). And of course, how can we forget about Moses and the way in which God used him to set His people free from the tyranny of Egypt?

These heroes led their people into emancipation, often paying the price of freedom with their own lives. Their lives, enabled by the Holy Spirit of God, left a legacy far greater than that of the monster they were staring down.

One such hero was William Wilberforce. He was one of Britain’s best-known abolitionists during the 18th century. He took politics and his faith in Jesus Christ seriously. For twenty-six years he fought against the British slave trade. Wilberforce once said “*he felt the great importance of*



the subject and thought himself unequal to the task allotted to him" (Hague 2007, pg 140). Sound familiar? Remember Moses? He, too, felt he was unworthy - surely God had chosen the wrong man? One of the things we can learn from Moses' story is that God doesn't make mistakes. If He is calling you to make a stand today then rest assured that it is not by might nor by power but by the Spirit of God! (Zechariah 4:6)

Wilberforce died three days after being assured that the Slavery Abolition act of 1833 would indeed become law and that slavery would be abolished throughout Britain. Moses also died before he could see the fruits of his labour - he did not get to enter the Promised Land, although God was gracious enough to show it to him from a distance.

You see, Slavery's legacy is death: including the precursors of poverty, illness, humiliation, the degradation of people groups, the emasculation of men and families being ripped apart by hatred. The lives of the heroes who fought against this evil have left us with a legacy of hope, freedom and joy. Their greatest legacy is left to us today - will we follow in their footsteps or will we merely sit back, comfortable with the status quo while thousands around us are enduring a living hell because of slavery?

The word of God is very clear on the issue of oppression and slavery: God is against it! He is a God of love and compassion and His children are called upon to make a difference in this world. Isaiah 61:1 says, ***"The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon me because He has appointed me to bring good news to the poor. He sent me to comfort the broken-hearted and to announce that***

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captives will be released and prisoners will be freed."

These words were prophecies about Jesus, the Messiah. I believe that these verses are also a mission statement for all of his followers - we need to be out there, in the world, doing these things. Notice how the last part of that verse speaks about releasing captives. I am not suggesting that we all give up our day jobs to run anti-human trafficking campaigns, but perhaps there are those among us who are called to be 'William Wilberforce' in our generation? If you have the opportunity to get involved and save lives-go for it! What an awesome calling!

But Wilberforce was not a man alone; he was the leader of a movement. In a similar way we can all do something. For example, a group of 1000 people met in Pretoria earlier this year to pray for an end to human trafficking. How about starting a prayer group or prayer chain? You can also join organizations that fight against this slavery and/or support them financially. There is a well-known quote that states that all that is required for evil to thrive in the world is for good men to do nothing. Slavery has left us one good legacy: men and women who fought for the freedom of others, against all odds. May their legacy inspire us to do whatever we can to ensure that our children live in a better world!

The Song of the Cello

CHANÉ HERBST

Though the storms of life are tough, though the seas are rough don't give up don't give up!

The sweet music played with symphony and much joy. Across the vast expanse of a country landscape; the young boy seemed only a speck on the horizon. He seemed lost in his own world, the nature and music blending into a symphony of sound and colour. The love for his cello had always been a way of escaping the world around him and today was another one of those glorious sunny days that would take Alex into a magical paradise, away from all the turmoil that had crept into his life like an uninvited stranger.

"Alex, we're going to be late," shouted his mom through the window of their quaint little cottage, perfectly positioned on the hill overlooking the lush green meadows of Orange County, where their family had lived since the tragic death of his brother, Peter. Alex hardly heard her voice, but the sudden familiar bark of Christie, their beloved German shepherd, made him realize that he was needed elsewhere.

His untidy hair was that of a boy that was consumed in his own world. **"You look like a hooligan,"** said his sister Bethany with a broad smile. **"Well I'm not a girl am I?"** said Alex giving her a playful punch. **"Hurry up,"** came the stern voice from his mom in the kitchen, **"We need to be in town before lunch"**. Alex's family seemed happy, but all was not well. Ever since Alex had been diagnosed with leukemia and the sudden, unforeseen death of Peter, the family fought hard to stay positive and not allow their

circumstances to overwhelm them. Not only did Alex's dad have to work extra hours to pay the hospital bills, but also life had changed drastically for Alex, with special medication and diets part of his daily routine.

They all jumped in the car and headed off to town, which was an easy 30 minutes drive from the farm. Alex stared out the window, his green eyes seemingly searching the horizon for some type of consolation or answer. He felt sad inside as he remembered the happy times that his family had enjoyed before these events had come crashing into their lives like an uncontrolled storm.

He knew that every time they visited the hospital on his weekly check-ups, he would come away feeling worse than ever before. He tried hard to hold back the tears. As they neared the hospital everyone grew quiet, until Bethany tried to change the atmosphere with one of her silly jokes. They all laughed, not because it was funny, but so that she would not feel embarrassed. Suddenly the car stopped and Alex could not hold it back any longer. **"I don't want to go Mom,"** said Alex fighting back the tears harder than ever. **"Alex we've been through this before,"** said his mom switching off the car. Bethany got out, leaving her mom to handle the situation.

Alex realized that this was not the time to ask a question, but he would do anything to delay the inevitable.

"Mom can I ask you a question?"

"Yes."

"Why does God allow this to happen?"



NEVER GIVE UP

His mom gazed at him lovingly studying his face as if it was the first time she had looked at him. This was not a new question, and as a family they had often sat around the fireplace discussing where God was in all of this. ***“Because God has a plan for your life, and He will use you’re situation to His glory, even though now it may not seem so to you.”*** She leaned over kissing his forehead, silently hoping and believing that her own words would bring hope and some type of relief into his small little world.

Sitting and waiting always made Alex more nervous. He glanced over his shoulder hoping to see something or someone who could save him from the upcoming drama that he had lived through so many times over the last couple of months. He did notice a well-dressed gentleman looking tentatively at him from behind a big indoor tree in the corner next to the cafeteria. The man looked out of place in a hospital and it was probably his bright red tie that made Alex look again.

Even though Alex tried to ignore him he could not help but notice that the man was still looking at him. It was as if his eyes were filled with so much emotion and Alex found himself staring back for a moment. Then without any reason the man walked directly towards him holding out his hand to greet him. At first Alex was taken aback by the man’s abrupt introduction, but it was as if he could not help himself and the next thing he felt the warmth of the man’s hand envelop his own small hand. ***“Hi, Jordan’s the name”. “I’m Alex, nice to meet you,”*** Alex said trying not to seem bewildered. ***“I’m sorry for staring but I just couldn’t help but notice you. I’ve got a message for you.”***

“A message,” thought Alex, thinking that the doctor probably sent the man with some type of errand. ***“God sent me to tell you that your circumstance or whatever you’re going through is going to be okay.”*** By now Alex’s mom and sister and a few other folks that were also waiting for the doctor had shifted their attention towards the man and Alex. Alex felt a bit embarrassed at first and

didn’t now how to react. But the realization of what the man was saying suddenly became real to him, as if someone had turned the light on and Alex felt incredible warmth in his heart, something that he had never felt before. Deep inside Alex something jumped with excitement.

Alex’s mom gave the stranger a friendly smile, but then instead of staying and talking more, and as suddenly as he had appeared, he turned around and walked down the passage. As his mom turned to Alex to find out what the man had said, the nurse popped her head around the corner, ***“Mrs. Will, follow me please”***. Alex and his mom got up followed the nurse into the consulting room. ***“Alex, good to see you, have a seat young man. We just want to draw some blood, it’s not going to hurt at all,”*** said the doctor. He quickly drew the blood and then left the room, leaving Alex and his mum on their own, still wondering what had just happened in the waiting area with the stranger. ***“What did that stranger say to you?”*** asked his mom. At first Alex was a little shy to tell exactly what the man had said but eventually he could not hold it back. His mom was overwhelmed. ***“Do you realize that it was God speaking to you?”*** said his mom squeezing his hand tightly. But before Alex could reply the doctor entered the room looking totally out of sorts. ***“Something’s not right,”*** he said with a shocked tone. ***“What’s it now,”*** said Alex’s mom, looking even more perplexed. ***“No, no,”*** said the doctor, ***“it’s nothing to worry about, it’s just that I got last weeks report back on Alex’s blood and there is not a single trace of cancer. I’ve never seen anything like this.”*** Alex looked shocked and he could not hold back the tears. His mom had a smile spread from one ear to the other with tears running down her rosy cheeks. She jumped up from her seat and started thanking God. The doctor evidently thought that she was acting very strange but he realized that something miraculous had taken place and stepped back.

Tears were still rolling down Alex’s cheek, as the sunshine shone through the window making the moment feel like heaven. Faintly in the back of his mind a cello played. He closed his eyes picturing himself back on the farm. He was dancing, dancing with Jesus. Their laughter filled the sky as the melody of the cello played happily. He was healed. And that is why I want to tell you there is healing in your circumstance. Do not give up. Please do not give up. This is a command, and with every command there comes a promise. And my promise to you is that if you do not give up then there will be healing in your circumstance.

What My Daughter Must Teach

TRACY TREDREA

An extremely daunting realization hit me at the beginning of this year. I was sitting at the orientation day for my daughters first day at school and the principle of the school said these words. ***“If you have a 10 year old child in grade 4 – then you only have 468 Saturdays left with them until they are finished school!”*** That sounded rather little but I calmed myself down with the fact that my daughter is only in grade 0. So I calculated the weeks from her year (with a calculator I might add) and just stared at the little screen in front of me for a few seconds. My daughter is in grade 0 which means that from the beginning of this year, I only had 676 Saturdays left with her until she left school.

Humour me for a moment please. I absolutely love statistics so this trail of thought led me to make further calculations on the ***“time”*** left I had to rear and raise my daughter. From grade 0 till grade 12, I will have 676 weeks with my daughter. This means I have 4732 days with her and 113568 hours. Ok, I know that does sound like a lot but let's break it down in hours. My daughter sleeps approximately 10 hours a night. So if I deduct the amount of hours she sleeps on average from the total hours I have left with her, I then have 66248 hours left until she matriculates. On average, she spends about 6 hours at school, Monday till Friday, which is 30 hours a week. Taking into account that about 12 weeks in the year are school holidays (which means that children spend 40

weeks of the year in school totalling a staggering 15600 hours of their lives spent in a schooling system), this only leaves 50648 hours left from grade 0 till grade 12. Divide this figure by 24 hours, we can then determine that in days, the actual time you have with her child from grade 0 till grade 12, excluding hours spent at school and sleeping, is reduced to a shocking 2110 days! (This is equal to roughly 5.7 years in total; so imagine having your child until their sixth birthday and then sending them off into the big, wide world!)

I suppose at those times when your children are driving you to the edge of doing something destructive, 2110 days sounds a lot. However, the reality of the precious time we have left to raise our children in the way they should go is rather daunting. As a parent, you want to be able to teach your children the right way of doing things: from table manners to how to talk to adults, and from respect for their elders to learning to stand on their own two feet. Sometimes the challenge is dealing with a strong-willed child, balancing the lesson of nurturing that strength, but at the same time teaching them how to submit and respect authority. Basically, considering the little time we have with our children and the many lessons we as parents must pass on to our children, the task is rather intimidating and often seems unbearable.

God promised in His word though that He is the ultimate teacher so if we ever get stuck on this journey of educating our children with life lessons, then we just should ask our Teacher for the ***“how to.”*** I have asked this question countless times to the Lord on teaching my children. But



AS A PARENT, SEIZE EVERY MOMENT

there is often something rather strange that happens – I end up being the one who learns a greater lesson than I could have ever hoped to teach my children!

When my daughter was about 4 years old, she was in the kitchen one day drinking some juice out her special cup. I had left my glass on the counter to go answer the phone and clearly left the instruction to my child, ***“not to pick up my glass or it may break!”*** Sure enough, not even a few seconds had passed and while speaking to a friend on the phone I heard the sound of crashing glass. I quickly ended the call and went into the kitchen to find my daughter on hands and knees, trying to pick up the pieces of broken glass with her little fingers. Instantly the concern I had for her cutting herself was outweighed by my frustration that she had not listened to me. At that moment, God spoke to me. He said, ***“How often are you not the same with Me. I tell you not to do something, you disobey and then once you realize the consequences of your actions, you try to fix it on your own without My help. Don’t you know you cannot pick up the broken pieces of your life? Only I can. Only I can repair it. If you try to do it on your own, you will hurt yourself even more!”*** Wow. Staring at my daughter, I realized at the very moment how God even uses my children to teach me a lesson.

What am I getting at? I have shown you how very little time we actually have with our children to teach them correctly. But we do not have to fret. Every day, life offers us opportunities to learn something new. If we take these opportunities and instead of passing them by in a flash to solve the next problem, but stop and show our children the lesson we can learn from the situation, then every moment can be a time not just for our children to learn but even for us to grow and learn. I often overhear my daughter teaching her teddy bears and dolls and my heart swells with joy as I hear her repeating the conversation I had with her about loving her friends, even the ones who are mean to her, or the time I spoke with her about going out of your way to be friends with the girl on the playground that no one wants to talk to. I learnt the lesson, passed it on to her and now hopefully she is not just teaching her teddies but also putting it into practice.

Basically, the lessons which my daughter will end up teaching could either be the ones I taught her with the help of God as my Teacher, or it could be the ones she learnt with my passive involvement. I obviously do believe that children can learn many lessons without the assistance of their parents but when I look again at the very short time we have with them, I want to be part of as many lessons she learns as possible. So educate wisely. Edify effectively. Time is too short to waste on missing the moment of opportunity to learn. As a parent, seize every moment. As a daughter, allow God to show you the lesson in everything. Embrace the lesson, grow, learn more and then in turn, show someone else the way!

Bibliolatry: the “Christian” Sin

DAVID RYSER

I couldn't believe what I was hearing.

“According to John 1:1, Jesus is the Word. And the Word is the Bible. When you are reading the Bible, you are holding Jesus in your hands. The Bible is Jesus.”

The preacher made his point using logic I had learned in a Junior High School math class: if $A=B$, and $B=C$, then $A=C$. Apparently the congregation had attended the same math class because they received this **“revelation”** with great enthusiasm.

I left the church service greatly troubled and conflicted. Troubled because I know Jesus is not a book. Conflicted because I knew that to sort this out, I would have to touch the third-rail of Christianity...the Bible.

Since the days of the Protestant Reformation (an unfortunate term, since nothing was reformed), the Bible has held a central place in the Christian faith. This is not an altogether bad thing. The Bible is the written Word of God. It is a living source of revelation (Hebrews 4:12), and is the major authority in matters of faith and practice (2 Timothy 3:16, 17). We all have experienced the quickening of the Holy Spirit in our hearts as we read the Bible.

But Jesus is not a book.

I know from personal experience that it is possible to increase in the knowledge of the Bible while drifting away from Jesus. Shortly after becoming a Christian, I entered Bible College. I studied the Bible for the next 6 years. At the end of that time, I knew the Bible from front to back. But I also lost my intimate relationship with Jesus.

Because Jesus is not a book.

I am not the only person this has happened to. In Jesus' time, all Jewish males learned the scriptures. But those who became scribes devoted their entire lives to studying the Bible. They knew the scriptures. When the magi came to Herod seeking the Messiah, the scribes were consulted to find out where He was. And they knew where to look for Him (Matthew 2:1-6).

So why didn't they go to see Him?

Perhaps it was because they knew the Book, but they didn't know the Author. They were looking for the Messiah, and even knew where to find Him, but they didn't act upon what they knew from the scriptures. They never went to see Him.

It is possible that the scribes had fallen in love with the Bible and fallen out of love with God? Jesus is not a book.

The Pharisees were also people of the Book. They, along with the other Jewish people, searched the scriptures because they thought that in them they could find eternal life (John 5:39a). But they were blind to the One that the scriptures revealed (John 5:39b). They did not come to Him and receive the life they sought (John 5:40). Instead, they opposed Him and ultimately had a hand in killing Him.

How did this happen? Could it be they had fallen in love with the Book, but then killed the Author? Jesus is not a book.

Suppose I were to write and publish my autobiography. You want to know me, so you buy the book and begin reading. You learn all about my life, my likes & dislikes, and my thoughts. Do you know me?



READ AND CHERISH HIS WRITTEN WORD; BUT BE SURE TO MEET THE ONE THE BOOK POINTS TO, AND HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM

I am not a book.

Suppose my book tells you how to contact me. Excitedly, you continue to read on, hoping to find out more. And my book contains a wealth of information about me. You keep on reading and learning. Do you know me now? A person can increase in learning without coming into knowledge (2 Timothy 3:7). In order to know someone, we must meet and experience them.

I am not a book.

Now suppose I come to your home to visit you. You are in another part of the house reading my book in an attempt to get to know me. If you continue to read, but do not come to where I am to meet me, you will never know me. You may know a great deal of information about me, but you won't know me.

I am not a book.

The apostle John tells us that he wrote his gospel so we might put our faith in Jesus and receive life (John 20:31). Reading about Jesus is not enough. We must act upon what we have read and experience Him. John's gospel is not Jesus. It is a message about Jesus designed to motivate and guide us to meet and experience Him.

Jesus is not a book.

Worshipping a book, any book, is a form of idolatry. Idolatry, by definition, occurs when we place something or someone in the place of God. Anything can be made into an idol. Even a book. Even the Bible. The Bible is God's written Word. It is an expression of God, but it is not God Himself. When we worship the Book, we have become bibliolaters. The Bible has become an idol standing in the place of God within our hearts.

We cannot be intimate with a book. More accurately, we should not be intimate with a book. Intimacy with a book is weird. Intimacy with a book is pornographic.

Jesus is not a book.

How many times have we been exhorted to stand upon the Word of God? As if the Bible is the foundation of our faith. The Bible itself teaches us that it is not our foundation... Jesus is our one and only foundation (1 Corinthians 3:11). Without Jesus, our Bible is nothing more than paper, ink, and imitation leather. The Bible's power comes from the One who stands ready to perform His Word and who breathes on the written Word to produce the life of God in us.

Worship God. Read and cherish His written Word; but be sure to meet the One the Book points to, and have a relationship with Him.

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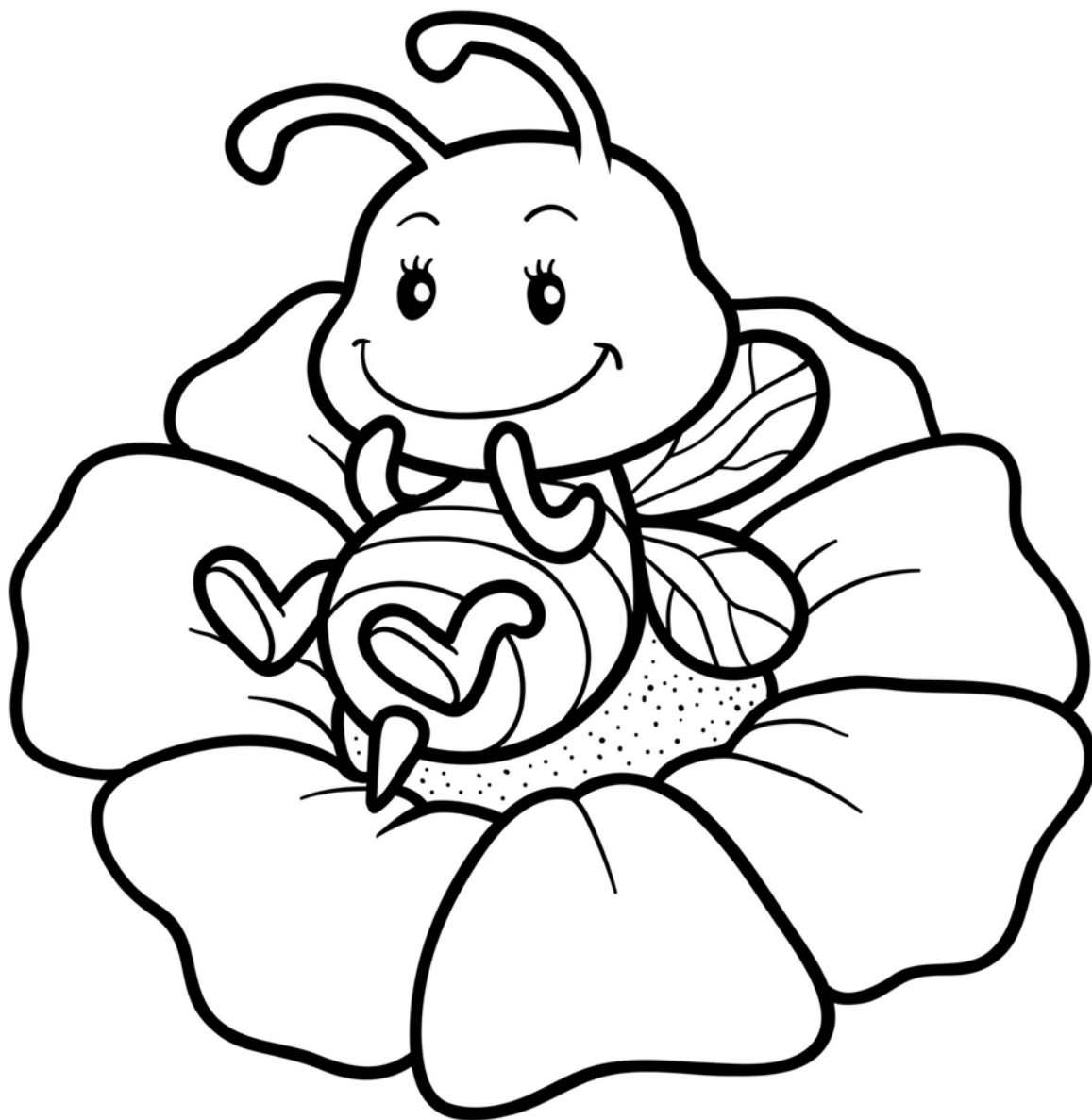
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AND BE YE KIND ONE TO ANOTHER,
TENDERHEARTED, FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER, EVEN
AS GOD FOR CHRIST'S SAKE HATH FORGIVEN YOU.

EPHESIANS 4:32

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Apostles / Disciples

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SIMON Peter

JOHN

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THADDAEUS

MATTHIAS

ANDREW

PHILIP

MATTHEW

SIMON

PAUL

James ZEBEDEE

BARTHOLOMEW

James ALPHAEUS

Judas ISCARIOT

Instructions:

Find and circle the words shown in all capital letters. Words may be forward, backward, vertical, or diagonal within the puzzle.

After Judas betrayed Christ, Matthias was chosen by the disciples to take his place. Saul (who changed his name to Paul) was chosen by Jesus. (Acts 9:3-6). The apostles are listed in Matthew 10:2-4.

CAT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	CAT
00:00	Times of Refreshing Rev Tunde Bolanta	700 Club Nigeria	700 Club Nigeria	Times of Refreshing Rev Tunde Bolanta [R]	700 Club Nigeria	The Great Awakening Rodney Howard-Browne [R]	Awesome Science [R]	00:00
00:30	The Jewish Jesus [R]	Christ For All Nations Daniel Kolenda [R]	REAL with Diego Mesa	#TheGoodNewsTvShow	One Cubed Naija [R]		Travel the Road [R]	00:30
01:00	Awesome Science [R]	Your Miracle Moment - Siva Moodley [R]					Turning Point David Jeremiah [R]	01:00
01:30	Travel the Road [R]	Believer's Walk Of Faith - Bill Winston [R]					Elevation Experience Steven Furtick	01:30
02:00	Legacy TV Jeremy & Sarah Pearsons [R]	Believer's Voice Of Victory - Kenneth Copeland [R]					Faith On Fire 2019 [R]	02:00
02:30	Pressing Matters Afrika Mhlophe [R]	Living Life - Theo Wolmarans [R]				Living Lif Theo Wolmarans [R]		02:30
03:00	Faith On Fire 2019 [R]	LIVE BIG with Dr. Derek Grier [R]	In Touch Charles Stanley [R]	A Call To Pray Mangaliso Matshobane [R]	Abba's House Ron Phillips [R]	The Glory Road		03:00
03:30		Now Faith John Torrens [R]	Following Jesus with Tommy Lilja [R]	Manna-Fest Perry Stone [R]	Zola Levitt Presents [R]	Answers with Bayless Conley [R]		03:30
04:00		Celebrate Life Tom & Bonnie Deuschle [R]	Ever Increasing Faith Fred Price [R]	Hillsong Brian Houston [R]	CHOOSE LIFE John Roebert [R]	Faith On Fire 2019 [R]		Previous week: Awesome Science [R]
04:30		CHOOSE LIFE John Roebert [R]	Zola Levitt Presents	Following Jesus with Tommy Lilja [R]	Manna-Fest Perry Stone [R]		Previous week: Travel the Road [R]	04:30
05:00	CRC Pastor At Boshoff [R]	Following Jesus with Tommy Lilja [R]	Planetshakers TV [R]	Doxa Deo [R]	The Messenger John & Lisa Bevere [R]		Ever Increasing Faith Fred Price [R]	05:00
05:30	A Call To Pray Mangaliso Matshobane	Christian World News	Christian World News [R]	Real Women, Real Life Tracy Tredrea [R]	Healing Your Soul Katie Souza [R]	The Living Stone Edgar Holder [R]	05:30	
05:55	Family Time - Angus Buchan							05:55
06:00	Creflo Dollar Ministries					Behind the Faith [R]	Reformation3 TV	06:00
06:30	Wisdom For Life - Allan Bagg					Faith Matters André & Jenny [R]	Hosting the Supernatural N vd Westhuizen	06:30
07:00	Believer's Walk Of Faith - Bill Winston					Superbook [R]	The Great Awakening Rodney Howard-Browne	07:00
07:30	Abundant LIFE - Ashley and Carlie Terradez							07:30
08:00	Believer's Voice Of Victory - Kenneth Copeland					The Living Stone Edgar Holder	Doxa Deo	08:00
08:30	Answers with Bayless Conley [R]	Vision of the Bible Emilio Roso	Brand New You Luke Brugger	The Jewish Jesus [R]	Legacy TV Jeremy & Sarah Pearsons [R]	Planetshakers TV	Jerry Savelle Ministries	08:30
09:00	Enjoying Everyday Life - Joyce Meyer					Keys To Breakthrough Debbie Rich	Faith Worship	09:00
09:30	Faith Alive Ted Shuttlesworth [R]	Miracles Happen Joan Hunter [R]	Hillsong TV Brian Houston [R]	Champion's Walk Neal Reyes	The Cross Miki Hardy [R]	Hillsong Brian Houston		09:30
10:00	Living Life - Theo Wolmarans					On the Living Edge Mark Chironna		10:00
10:30	Gospel Truth - Andrew Wommack					The Miraculous Wessel du Bruyn	Faith Matters André & Jenny	10:30
10:55						Sparkling Gems - Rick Renner		10:55
11:00	Quick Study with Rod Hembree					Winning Walk Ed Young Sr.	The Supernatural Now G Maldonado	11:00
11:30	LIVE BIG with Dr. Derek Grier	In Touch Charles Stanley	The Hope Connection [R]	Abba's House Ron Phillips [R]	Elijah's List Steve Shultz	CHOOSE LIFE John Roebert	Christ For All Nations Daniel Kolenda	11:30
12:00	The 700 Club					Pressing Matters Afrika Mhlophe [R]	It's Supernatural Sid Roth	12:00
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12:55	Sparkling Gems - Rick Renner							12:55
13:00	Grassroots - Angus Buchan					Save The World Jarrod Davidoff	Jesse Duplantis Ministries	13:00
13:30	Healing Your Soul - Katie Souza					Jentezen Franklin [R]	On the Living Edge Mark Chironna [R]	13:30
14:00	Watchmen on the Wall with Errol Naidoo [R]	The Jewish Jesus [R]	Glenn Arekion	Prophetic Encounter Jacques vd Westhuizen [R]	Love Israel with Baruch Korman	Faith Alive Ted Shuttlesworth	The Hope Connection Harry Jackson	14:00
14:30	Higher Life Jenny Roebert [R]	Everlasting Love TV Patricia King	Preacher of Righteousness Mark T. Barclay	Miracles Happen Joan Hunter	Power Encounter Donna Schambach	Answers with Bayless Conley	Turning Point David Jeremiah	14:30
15:00	Paws & Tales	The Dooley and Pals Show	BJ's Teddy Bear Club	RockKids TV	Truth Quake	Underdog Zone with Renier Weideman	The Jewish Jesus	15:00
15:30	The Revolution TV	Superbook	KidshubTV	Celebrate Life Tom & Bonnie Deuschle [R]	LIT Howard Fyvie	The Cross Miki Hardy	Ever Increasing Faith Fred Price	15:30
16:00	MXTV Tim Bisagno	TPI Muyiwa Olarewaju	End of Age Irvin Baxter	Youth Bytes Chad Daniel	Hope Generation with Ben Courson	Bloom Today Paula Wallace	Building Champions with Kenneth Ulmer	16:00
16:30	Believer's Voice Of Victory - Kenneth Copeland					One Cubed Naija	Enjoying Everyday Life Joyce Meyer	16:30
17:00	Jerry Savelle Ministries [R]	Jesse Duplantis [R]	Behind the Faith (LIVE)	Turning Point David Jeremiah [R]	Faith Life Church Keith Moore [R]	Celebrate Life Tom & Bonnie Deuschle	In Touch Charles Stanley [R]	17:00
17:30	Grace Grace Nina and Michelle	Pressing Matters Afrika Mhlophe	Faith Matters André & Jenny [R]	Manna-Fest Perry Stone	The Secret Place Christopher Lynn	Revival is Here Again with Goodheart Obi Ekwueme	Believer's Walk Of Faith Bill Winston	17:30
18:00	It's Supernatural - Sid Roth					Faith Life Church Keith Moore	Believer's Voice Of Victory	18:00
18:30	Jentezen Franklin	Watchmen on the Wall with Errol Naidoo	Now Faith John Torrens [R]	The Messenger John & Lisa Bevere	Awesome Science	Your Miracle Moment Siva Moodley	CRC Pastor At Boshoff	18:30
19:00	Faith Today André & Jenny	Legacy TV Jeremy & Sarah Pearsons	Till All Have Heard Patricia Bailey	Higher Life Jenny Roebert	Travel the Road	Hour of Salvation David Ibiyeomie	NBCFC HeartBeat Conference	19:00
19:30	Faith Matters André & Jenny [R]	Your Miracle Moment - Siva Moodley				RHEMA Praise Ken and Lynette Hagin		19:30
19:57	FRESH with Berni Dymet							19:57
20:00	Hour of Salvation - David Ibiyeomie					Faith On Fire 2019	Faith On Fire 2019	20:00
20:30	Enjoying Everyday Life - Joyce Meyer Meyer							20:30
21:00	Following Jesus with Tommy Lilja	Prophetic Encounter Jacques vd Westhuizen	Healing Your Soul Katie Souza [R]	Now Faith John Torrens	The Jewish Jesus [R]			21:00
21:30	Hosting the Supernatural - N vd Westhuizen							21:30
22:00	The Supernatural Now - G Maldonado [R]					CRC Pastor At Boshoff [R]	Abba's House Ron Phillips	22:00
22:30	Freshdew					Real Christianity Marno Retief	Love Israel Baruch Korman	22:30
23:00	Abundant LIFE - Ashley and Carlie Terradez [R]						Faith Life Church Keith Moore [R]	23:00
23:30	Winning Ways - Matthew Ashimolowo					Chim'sTALK Africa Chim Onyebianma	Answers with Bayless Conley [R]	23:30

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FRESHDEW
NKECHI ENE

MON - FRI @ 22:30

Pastor Nkechi dynamically teaches the Word of God with grace expressed in clarity and charisma. Fresh Dew aspires to bring fresh inspiration and direction from the undiluted Word of God to people, right where they are, in a simple, sincere and supernatural way. Each episode is unique and comprises of teaching from the Word of God, and some or all of music, testimonies, short drama skits and interviews.



REAL CHRISTIANITY
MARNO RETIEF

SATURDAYS @ 22:30

We are living in a time where the ability to distinguish between true doctrine and false doctrine is crucial for every follower of Jesus. In his weekly programme, Real Christianity, pastor and theologian, Dr Marno Retief, focuses on the most important doctrines of the Christian faith, as rooted in the Word of God and expressed in the ancient creeds of the church. Join Dr Retief as he helps you to proclaim, explain, and defend the gospel of Jesus Christ.



DISCOVERING THE JEWISH JESUS
RABBI KIRT SCHNEIDER

SUNDAYS @ 15:00

Discovering The Jewish Jesus is one of the few television ministries that focuses on the Judaic roots of the Christian faith and the connection between the Old and New Testaments. For over forty years, Rabbi Schneider has committed his life to a passionate pursuit of Jesus and to being used by God for His purpose. Rabbi Schneider brings God's Church deep insight into how to gain power over the realm of darkness and live in victory.



PRESSING MATTERS - SEASON 2
AFRIKA MHLOPHE

TUESDAYS @ 17:30

Afrika Mhlophe calls Christians to bring kingdom influence into every domain of life. In this program, Pressing Matters, he shines Biblical Truth to contemporary and contentious issues. Topics include: culture and identity, faith and morality, church and politics, as well as inequality and prejudice. In this season, he addresses the subject matter of his latest book "A Passion for Position: A Call to Servant Leadership".

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00:00	Save The World Jarrod Davidoff	Faith Matters [R] André & Jenny	Christ For All Nations [R] Daniel Kolenda	Faith Matters [R] André & Jenny	Behind the Faith [R]	Faith Matters [R] André & Jenny	700 CLUB [Monday R]	00:00	
00:30	Reformation3 TV Brad & Wyona Norman	Creation Today Eric Hovind	Now Faith John Torrens [R]	Turning Point David Jeremiah	Jerry Savelle Ministries	Prophetic Encounter [R] Jacques vd Westhuizen		00:30	
01:00	Your Miracle Moment - Siva Moodley					DOCUMENTARY	700 CLUB [Tuesday R]	01:00	
01:30	Gospel Truth - Andrew Wommack							01:30	
02:00	Higher Life [R] Jenny Roebert	It's Supernatural [R/Mon] Sid Roth	Zola Levitt Presents	The Messenger John & Lisa Bevere	Manna-Fest [R] Perry Stone	Jesse Duplantis	700 CLUB [Wednesday R]	02:00	
02:30	MOVIE REPEAT	Legal Edge [R] Brad Dacus	Miracles with Peter Doseck	Curt Landry Ministries	Jentezen Franklin	CFC Theo Wolmarans		02:30	
03:00		Turning Point David Jeremiah	Ever Increasing Faith Fred Price	Billy Graham Ministries [R]	On the Living Edge Mark Chironna	Discovering The Jewish Jesus Rabbi Schneider	700 CLUB [Thursday R]	03:00	
03:30		The Messenger John & Lisa Bevere	Manna-Fest [R] Perry Stone	Legacy TV Jeremy & Sarah Pearsons	Planetshakers TV	Rivka		03:30	
04:00		Brand New You Luke Brugger	The Secret Place [R] Christopher Lynn	Building Champions Kenneth Ulmer	Christ For All Nations Daniel Kolenda	SATURDAY MOVIE [R]	700 CLUB [Friday R]	04:00	
04:30	Faith Today [R] André & Jenny	On the Living Edge Mark Chironna	The Hope Connection [R] Harry Jackson	Faith Alive Ted Shuttlesworth	04:30				
05:00	Hosting the Supernatural - Nicky vd Westhuizen							SATURDAY DOCUMENTARY [R]	05:00
05:30	Faith Matters [R] André & Jenny	Behind the Faith [R]	Faith Matters [R] André & Jenny	Faith Today [R] André & Jenny	Faith Matters [R] André & Jenny				05:30
06:00	Mark T Barkclay	Elijah Streams [R] Steve Shultz	In Touch Charles Stanley	Elevation Experience Steven Furtick	Abba's House Ron Phillips	INFOMERCIAL	Planetshakers TV	06:00	
06:30	Grassroots - Angus Buchan						Legacy TV Jeremy & Sarah Pearsons	06:30	
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08:00	Jesse Duplantis	Jerry Savelle Ministries	Jesse Duplantis	Jerry Savelle Ministries	Jesse Duplantis	Jerry Savelle Ministries [R]	Jesse Duplantis	08:00	
08:30	Elijah Streams Steve Shultz	Katherine Ruonala	Elijah Streams Steve Shultz	Katherine Ruonala	Elijah Streams Steve Shultz	Hope Generation Ben Courson	Faith Matters André & Jenny Roebert	08:30	
09:00	Abundant Life - Ashley & Carlie Terradez						Higher Life [R] Jenny Roebert	09:00	
09:30	Healing Your Soul - Katie Souza					Planetshakers TV	The Supernatural Now [R] G Maldonado	09:30	
10:00	The Living Stone [R] Edgar Holder	Champions Walk [R] Neal Reyes	Ever Increasing Faith [R] Fred Price	Billy Graham Ministries [R]	On the Living Edge [R] Mark Chironna	The Cross Miki Hardy	The Great Awakening Rodney Howard-Browne	10:00	
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11:00	It's Supernatural - Sid Roth					Building Champions [R] Kenneth Ulmer	The Hope Connection Harry Jackson	11:00	
11:30	Live Big Derek Grier	Legacy TV Jeremy & Sarah Pearsons	End of Age Irvin Baxter	Zola Levitt Presents [R]	The Messenger [R] John & Lisa Bevere	Billy Graham CLASSICS	Building Champions Kenneth Ulmer	11:30	
12:00	Winning Ways Matthew Ashimolowo						End of Age Irvin Baxter	12:00	
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12:55	Sparkling Gems - Rick Renner							12:55	
13:00	Faith Today André & Jenny	Bloom Today [R]	Katherine Ruonala [R]	Grace Grace [R] Nina & Michelle	Higher Life [R] Jenny Roebert	Legacy TV Jeremy & Sarah Pearsons	Manna-Fest [R] Perry Stone	13:00	
13:30	Miracles Happen! Joan Hunter	Glory Road TV Show Candice Smithyman	Miracles Happen! Joan Hunter	Glory Road TV Show Candice Smithyman	Miracles Happen! Joan Hunter	Jentezen Franklin	Higher Life [R] Jenny Roebert	13:30	
14:00	Believer's Voice Of Victory - Kenneth Copeland					Faith Today [R] André & Jenny	Faith Life Church Keith Moore	14:00	
14:30	Quick Study - Rod Hembree					Bobo & Kipi	On the Living Edge Mark Chironna	14:30	
15:00	Paws & Tales	Bobo & Kipi	What's In The Bible?	RockKids TV	Truth Quake	What's In The Bible?	Believer's Voice Of Victory Kenneth Copeland	15:00	
15:30	The Revolution TV	Dooley & Pals	Hope Generaation Ben Courson	BJ's Teddy Bear Club	Faith Today [R] André & Jenny	RockKids TV	Ever Increasing Faith Fred Price	15:30	
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16:30	Bloom Today	Awesome Science	Legacy TV Jeremy & Sarah Pearsons	Debbie Rich	The River Clermont Caleb Ring	MXTV [R] Tim Bisagno	Changing your World Creflo Dollar	16:30	
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18:00	Planetshakers TV	New Dimension Worldwide Shaun P	Grace Grace Nina & Michelleds	Vision Of The Bible	Faith Alive Ted Shuttlesworth	Creation Today Eric Hovind	Building Champions Kenneth Ulmer	18:00	
18:30	700 CLUB					Now Faith John Torrens	End of Age Irvin Baxter	18:30	
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20:00	It's Supernatural - Sid Roth					SATURDAY MOVIE	Christ For All Nations Daniel Kolenda	20:00	
20:30	Your Miracle Moment - Siva Moodley						Miracles with Peter Doseck	20:30	
21:00	Faith Matters [R] André & Jenny	Behind the Faith	Faith Today [R] André & Jenny	Behind the Faith [R]	Faith Matters [R] André & Jenny		Mark T Barkclay [R]	21:00	
21:30	Healing Your Soul - Katie Souza						Curt Landry Ministries	21:30	
22:00	Hosting the Supernatural - Nicky vd Westhuizen					Legal Edge Brad Dacus	Your Miracle Moment Siva Moodley	22:00	
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23:00	Abundant Life - Ashley & Carlie Terradez						Debbie Rich [R]	23:00	
23:30	Changing Your World - Creflo Dollar					Prophetic Encounter [R] Jacques van der Westhuizen	Documentary [R]	23:30	

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SHAUN P

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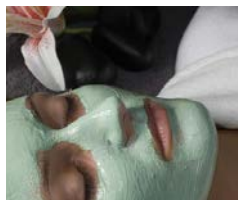


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