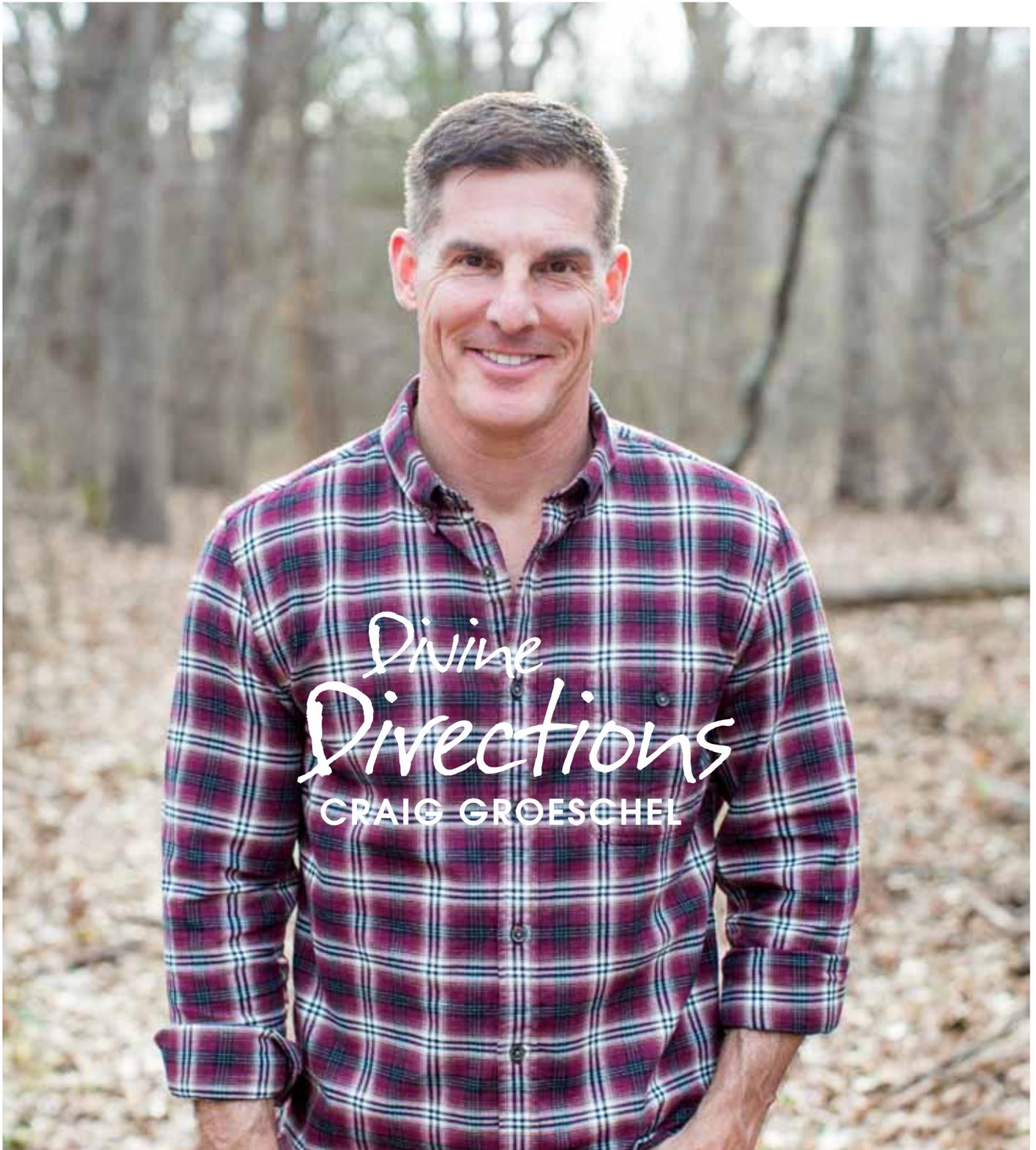


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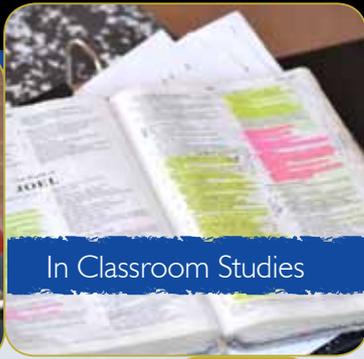
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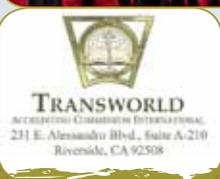
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FROM THE EDITOR

Easter is often regarded as the most important, celebrated Christian event on the calendar. For many followers of Christ this time is regarded as the most holy of days to be remembered and honoured, and is often regarded as more important than Christmas.

Christians celebrated Easter as a remembrance of the greatest sacrifice the world has ever seen, namely, the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Debates rage on over whether or not these dates are accurate, and whether the pagan rituals happening around the same time have tainted the religious validity of the Christian celebration. Whatever the debate, it remains a time of focussed celebration to the goodness of God.

As with all other important festivals and celebrations, we notice the steady and increasing commercialization around things that are sacred. Is the hype really worth it all? It is perhaps a relevant question for us all to ask, even at this time, when faced with yet another financial layout to fund chocolate eggs and bunnies, and more recently even presents and other extravagances. Has the time not perhaps arrived where we take stock of our own values and beliefs and settle down to a quiet time of reflection?

According to historical sources Christ entered Jerusalem on the back of a colt, a modern day version of a sports car. At the time the most common mode of transport were feet, followed closely by horses, camels and donkeys. When travelling on water boats were the order of the day unless one's name was Jesus, when yet again feet were sufficient!

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LOVE GAVE ALL FOR US

ANDRÉ & JENNY ROEBERT

Like the Apostle Paul, I do believe the missing link to understanding the true meaning of absolute surrender to the person, nature and will of God, is LOVE itself. Love is what answers the question, why we should surrender all and completely sacrifice our own self-preservation, to become one with our Creator.

Did you know, that this fight for self-preservation and independence, is in actual fact based on an internal struggle with fear? Fear of losing our identity and freedom. Fear of losing our rights, or being done in by someone who doesn't have our best interests at heart. How can we possibly surrender all and trust someone completely, if there is even the hint of a chance of ulterior motives or mistrust? Isn't that the very thought process the devil whispered into Adam and Eve's minds in the garden? The very mindset that took root in their souls and caused them to forfeit their authority and identity. That's rather ironic isn't it? Their fight for a false identity is what caused them to lose their original one.

The thing is, if, like Adam and Eve, we do hold on to this quest for self-preservation, of conforming to our own will; in reality, it only leads to dissatisfaction and disappointment. Firstly, because we were never created to live independent of the Father, because we simply aren't 'wired' that way. We were designed to only be complete and fulfilled in Him.

Secondly, as mentioned before, trying to preserve our own will, actually stems from a place of mistrust. Mistrust stems from rejection, and rejection comes from our needs not being met. Adam and Eve had no reason to mistrust the Lord, He had crowned them with His glory. Everything they would ever need was placed within them. But the devil had, and still has absolutely no understanding of what it means to be completely fulfilled and satisfied by the presence of the Living God. He was and is driven by an inferno of selfish desire and self-preservation. He believes his ultimate need is to be elevated and worshiped, like God. And for the remainder of his existence, this destructive, misdirected passion will burn in Him and continue to fuel his self-indulgent appetite and compulsive desire to be sovereign, all powerful and worshiped, with absolutely no regard for anyone else.

So, when he saw how mankind was so easily, just given, just handed dominion and authority over all, at creation; he, being the opportunist he is, used his deceptive skills to take what he so desperately desired for himself. All it took was a seed from his selfish, misdirected nature. If he could plant a seed of mistrust and the delusion of self-preservation, he knew it would produce the results of rebellion and separation, or so called independence. Man who had his identity in God, lost it, in an attempt to find it in himself.

The problem was, the devil had missed the big picture. Because of his selfish, misguided quest, he failed to see that the very source of authority and dominion and the power to sustain it, belongs to God alone. And without a heart that is completely yielded and intimately connected to His absolute love and excellent nature, it can never be attained. Only a counterfeit copy, a shadow of the reality can be obtained. And that, at a very high cost. The cost of constant strife and struggle and fear of losing something you never really had to begin with.

That's why in order for us to truly know the freedom of being complete and fulfilled, has everything to do with finding our identity in the One Who created us and redeemed us to be His own. It's in Him, not independent of Him, that we truly live, and move forward in this life and have our purpose and being - which is our sense of belonging. (Acts 17:28).

So, if we ask the question again, "Why should we surrender all and completely sacrifice our own self-preservation,

certainly make sense, considering the nature of their relationship. The Father and the Son are One. While on earth, Jesus spent every day of His life demonstrating the true nature of His Father. He was the epitome of complete unselfishness. He lived to serve and minister to the needs of all.

When Jesus obeyed His Father, by going through the waters of baptism, He received the full measure of His Father's presence and power, through the Holy Spirit - the third Person of the love trinity. Jesus, for our sake, showed us how to live guided by, and yielded to the Spirit of God on a daily basis. He demonstrated how to live completely dependent and reliant on the Spirit of truth. He never said or acted on His own impulse or desire, but always, first sought what the will of His Father was, and only acted on that. And as He did, He touched this world with perfect love, compassion and peace. His absolute unity with His Father, through the Spirit, brought healing and freedom. Freedom for all who were oppressed with fear and poverty of soul. This intimacy was for our sake, to show us how our relationship with God, can



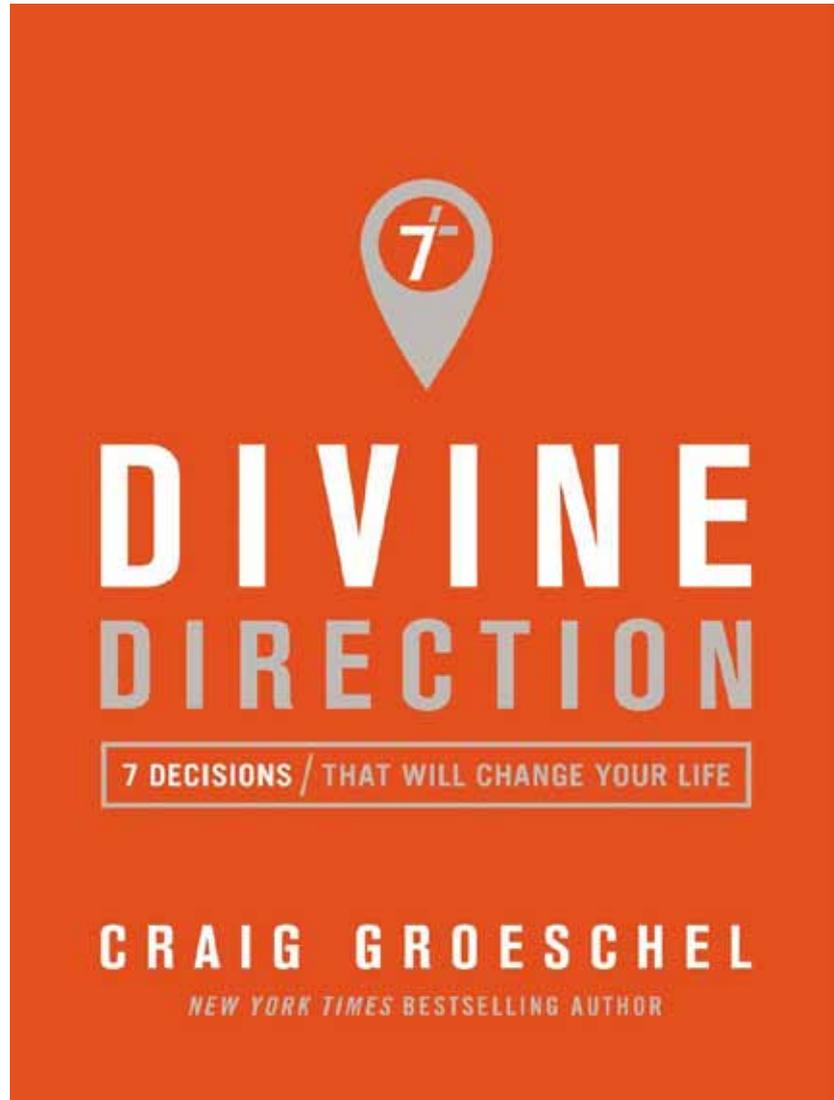
to become one with our Creator?" The answer is, "Because He gave all for us."

By coming to earth, Christ gave up His authority and sovereignty, the very thing the devil so earnestly covets (Philippians 2:7). He laid it down, put it aside as less important than His object of affection, mankind. You see, the devil believes that Christ's identity is His power and authority, His ability to reign and have dominion and be sovereign. When in actual fact, Christ's true identity is in the love of His Father. He knew exactly Who He was, even without the trimmings of power and authority. Jesus knew His Father loved Him, unconditionally and completely, and that was and always will be the foundation for His reference of identity. Being secure, fulfilled and complete in His Father's love is what motivated and compelled Jesus to absolute obedience to His Father's will. Because Jesus loved His Father so much and was so loved by His Father, He willingly did what He knew would bring His Father pleasure. For God so loved the world, that His own Son, willingly gave Himself as a sacrifice. Jesus was so confident in the love of His Father, that the very thing His Father loved, became His love too. That would cer-

produce a full, fruitful and highly productive life. His being vitally connected to and completely dependent on His Father, through the Holy Spirit, caused Him to live on purpose.

Then the day came where He refused to elevate Himself in any way, but as an obedient sacrifice of perfect love. He demonstrated a love that can never be equalled. The love the Father has for us. Jesus gave up EVERYTHING to show us how real, and deep, and powerful His Father's love is. And our Heavenly Father gave up His only Begotten Son. His Son, who loved Him completely and selflessly to the point of absolute trust and obedience, to become the sin of the world. Jesus didn't just suffer death in the most cruel and horrific way, at the hand of mankind. He suffered the assault of the devil himself, and all the demonic hosts. What kind of love is this? That the Son of God, would willingly give up His life for us? It's the ultimate, perfect, unconditional love of our God. It's completely unselfish and sacrificial and that, dear reader is where it's power lies. This kind of love is perfect and can and will, never fail. It will always triumph, even over death. ■

cover feature



NEW BOOK BY CRAIG GROESCHEL ON SEVEN SURPRISINGLY SMALL DECISIONS THAT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE

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New York Times bestselling author and pastor Craig Groeschel challenges readers to make seven small decisions in his new book, *Divine Direction*. Groeschel believes it's the small decisions that lead to significant change. Big decisions are important but what builds a meaningful life is stacking hundreds and hundreds of small decisions.

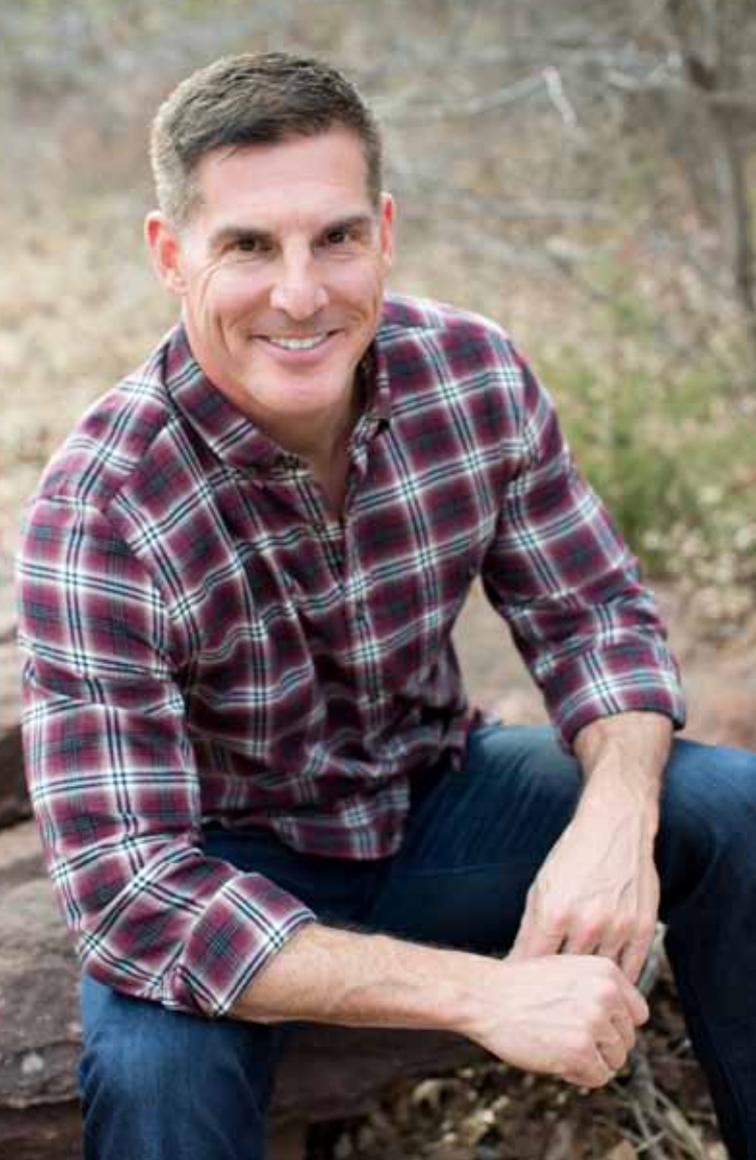
In *Divine Direction*, Groeschel shares story after story of how small decisions led to big changes. Choosing the right thing over the wrong thing led to meeting his wife. Starting one discipline created positive momentum that helps in all areas of life instead of just one.

"If you want to take aim at the story God want to tell, you have to make small, life-changing choices and then act on them daily," writes Groechel. "Each decision should move you closer to becoming all that God made you to be, to turn your life in the direction of a story you'll be happy to share. When you start making one divine decision after an-

other, you'll see your story emerge, the one that God wants to tell through you. And with his help, you'll use the powerful freedom he's given you to transform your life."

The seven decisions Groeschel asks each reader to consider are:

- Start something small that you can build to some thing bigger
- Stop one thing that's pointing you in the wrong direction
- Stay and stick it out when it would be easier to leave
- Go take a step of faith and follow God's leading
- Serve the people around you and put their needs first
- Connect with someone who will change your story
- Trust God with whatever you've been holding back



1. Start

Behind every great story there's always another story. Rarely does success come without time, discipline, and hard work. Successful people often joke that they spent years becoming an overnight success. What many don't realize is that it's the things no one sees that result in the things everyone wants. It's the faithfulness to do mundane things well, to develop productive habits, and to remain faithful that eventually leads to success.

Old Testament prophet Daniel is a great example of this. Whether you know a lot or a little about Daniel, when you hear his name, you probably think, Oh, yeah . . . Daniel in the lions' den. Any kid who grew up attending Sunday school or visiting vacation Bible school has heard the amazing story of Daniel surviving the night in a cave filled with hungry felines.

Let me refresh your memory, and then we'll go back to the part many overlook. King Darius was the reigning king of Persia. As his kingdom grew, he appointed 120 satraps (similar to our present-day state governors) to handle regional matters and help govern the people. The king then chose three administrators to oversee those 120 satraps. Daniel was one of the chosen leaders. Over time, by consistently serving the king with an excellent spirit, Daniel stood out among all the other satraps and administrators. Eventually the king decided to place Daniel in charge of the entire kingdom. So Daniel was an overnight success, right? Actually, nothing could be farther from the truth. Don't forget, there's a story behind every story. Why was Daniel successful? Why was he favored above others? Why did the king respect him so much? Promote him so quickly? Believe in his leadership? Why did God look favorably on Daniel? Why did God close the mouths of the meat-eating lions?

We find our answers in a part of Daniel's story that many people skim over. His divine favor was the result of one small decision he made at some point in his life. We don't know when Daniel made this decision or why. We don't know whether someone helped him or he decided it on his own. All we know is that Daniel made one decision, starting one habit that changed his story.

2. Stop

Determining whether our choices will take us in the right direction is important. But sometimes we are already headed in a direction we know is the wrong one, moving farther away from the story we want to tell. When this happens, we need to pause not only to consider the consequences but also to choose to stop traveling in the wrong direction. The word repentance literally means to change course, to stop walking in one direction and return to God and his path for us.

There's a great example of stopping to reconsider a better course of action in the Old Testament. In Exodus 18, Moses knew something had to change or he was going to fall apart trying to manage all the demands on his life. After successfully leading the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt, Moses became responsible for hearing all of the Israelites' problems and handing down judgments. He kept this up, all day every day, until he was spent. Finally, Moses' father-in-law, Jethro, came to offer him some tough love: "What you

Book Excerpt:

If you could take a step back and look at your life, you'd see that every decision matters, even the little ones. Many of our daily choices happen invisibly, almost by default, like what we eat for breakfast, the friends we hang out with, or hopping onto social media every time we have a spare moment.

The decisions we make today determine the stories we tell about our lives tomorrow. Every day, all day, we make one small choice after another. And these choices just keep accumulating, each one woven into the rest, forming the tapestry that is our life story.

If you want to take aim at the story you want to tell, you have to make small, life-changing choices and then act on them daily. The best decision you can make is always the next one. Each decision should move you closer to becoming all that God made you to be, to turn your life in the direction of a story you'll be happy to share.

Making deliberate, godly decisions will lead you through a life full of joy and purpose. When you start making one divine decision after another, you'll see your story emerge, the one that God wants to tell through you. And with his help, you'll use the powerful freedom he's given you to transform your life.

are doing is not good. You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone. Listen now to me and I will give you some advice" (Ex. 18:17-19).

Can you relate? Are you juggling so many chainsaws that it feels impossible to keep going, but also impossible to stop? What keeps you in this situation? What are you doing today that's not good for your story? Do you have some habit, a mindset, an addiction, an attitude, a thought process, something in your life that's hijacking the story you want to tell?

Sometimes, the best decision we can make when feeling overwhelmed or facing a high-stakes dilemma is simply to stop. Take a time-out. Hit pause. Sleep on it. Think it over. Get some godly wisdom from people you trust.

3. Stay

If you haven't already, you will someday find yourself at a crossroads, a place where you have to make a difficult decision about your life's direction. "Should I stay the course when it would be easier to go another way?" Or maybe a better question you should ask is this: What does God want you to want?

One of my favorite stories about staying comes from one of my best friends, Bobby Gruenewald. Bobby started and sold two technology companies before he ever graduated from college. Obviously this guy is crazy smart. Bobby started volunteering for our church in his midtwenties, and we eventually hired him. Although his contribution to Life Church was extraordinary, he didn't feel like he was making a difference. So Bobby considered quitting and going back into business.

Truthfully, it would have been easier for him. As a pastor, he still had a lot to learn. Business is second nature to him. But by the grace of God, he decided to stay. And among his many important contributions as a Directional Leader for Life Church, Bobby came up with the You Version Bible App, an idea that has done more for Bible distribution than any idea since the printing press. So if you are tempted to walk away, make sure to seek God, because you never know what he might do if you have the courage to stay.

4. Go

Where is God leading you to go? What is he calling you to do? Does he want you to lead others spiritually, maybe even start a small group? Maybe you're afraid nobody will come. Maybe you're worried you're not good enough, that you don't know enough to do something like that. You don't even know what you'd talk about. But here's the thing: if you don't try, you will never know what might have happened.

I know what it feels like to start asking yourself questions. "God, I'm afraid. I need details! What's going to happen? What you're asking me to do sounds hard." And God may answer, "First of all, I don't give my children a spirit of fear, so that's not coming from me. You don't need details. You need faith. And yes, it will be hard. But I didn't call you to an



easy life. I called you to a faith-filled life. Put your trust in me. Let me handle the details. I'm pretty good at them."

If God is calling you to go, you're going to have to leave where you are. And you sure don't want to miss out on what he's doing. Years from now, you could be looking back on this time in your life and realize, "That was the day my story changed. I wasn't sure what I was doing, but I decided it was what God wanted, and now I'm a part of this great community of believers. I had no idea how different our lives would be." Ultimately, we know that our stories don't have to end when we leave this life. When we experience the grace of God through Christ, we can live forever serving and enjoying God in heaven. And while I don't know for sure, that's when I think the stories our lives tell will be taken to a whole new level. Because our stories are not just our stories.

Our stories are part of an even bigger story. When you stand at the fork in the road, have the faith and courage to choose the hard path over the easy one when the hard one is right. The choice is yours. The time is now. Start. Stop. Stay. Go. To step into your divine direction. 📌

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IT'S TIME

ANGUS BUCHAN

A little while ago a video clip was sent to me. In it, a middle aged farmer, driving his bakkie, pleaded with the nation to come before the Lord Jesus and ask Him to intervene in our country. The farmer acknowledged how Our Father had sent rain when we had prayed for rain - in abundance. He now was asking us to come together to pray for peace in our country. He spoke in Afrikaans, then stopped, and said in English, "Uncle Angus, we are waiting for you. Say the word and we will come". The farmers' clip went viral....

I was very challenged by his passionate plea and could not shake it off. Early the next morning, while going for a run, I felt the Holy Spirit speak two things into my heart:

1. "It's Time"
2. "One million people"

I posted these two words on our social media sites. Within a few hours, thousands upon thousands of positive responses were made from all over the country. Our nation is in a very troubled time and people are desperate for change. A change only our Lord Jesus Christ can bring.

We are calling a National day of Prayer: 'It's Time' on the 22nd April 2017, in the Bloemfontein area.

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The purpose of this meeting will be to call upon the Lord Jesus Christ. We want to see an end to the senseless murder, rape, corruption and total disregard of human life in which every man is a law unto himself.

We are calling one million people to attend: from every race group, every denomination and every walk of life – men, women and children. The entrance is free, no tickets will be sold, and no collections will be taken at the event.

Our scripture for this event is found in James 5:16 (NKJV): "Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."

We firmly believe that if our Nation stands together as one, and calls upon the Name of Jesus Christ, He will hear us and heal our nation and bring peace to our hearts and homes. ✠



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.

What makes your programme extreme and adventurous?

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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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Q&A WITH DERON SPOO

BRAD KIRSTEN

Brad Kirsten: What an honour to sit across from Pastor Deron Spoo, from the First Baptist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma. I don't know too much about Tulsa but I can tell that this guy that I follow on YouTube is an inspirational individual from Tulsa, Oklahoma, and he just tells me the weather is not too unlike Cape Town - a few seasons in one day and you never know what you're going to get.

Deron Spoo: That's exactly right! Now one thing - if you come to Oklahoma, get ready for tornadoes! I don't know if you have tornadoes here in South Africa, but they're frightening but they're also fun too.

Brad Kirsten: I'll tell you what is also frightening, is the Word of God, for a new believer. And, I've heard a story that you've told before about a young woman in your Church, who had her very first experience of Church in her whole life, in your congregation. Tell us that story, very briefly?

Deron Spoo: Yeah, that's right. So, she looked to be in her mid-thirties; I stepped off the platform after teaching on a Sunday morning and, she shared with me her name, and she said 'this is my first time in Church, in my entire life.' And, she asked a rather innocent question, you know, 'is there a book you people read - meaning Christians - that will help me understand what you believe about God'. And, in a moment, that was just like a quick movie that I saw in my mind, I could see me handing her Bible. She would, maybe, get through Genesis; maybe make it through Exodus, but when she got to the Levitical Law, she would check out and she would say: 'this is weird, I don't want any part of this'. So, I knew that there must be a way to make the intimidating Bible more approachable for people. And, I searched all over the web, to try to find that tool that I was looking for. And, when I couldn't find it, I decided to write it, but for

my own people, as a Pastor, to give newcomers into our Church an opportunity to engage with the Scripture, for the first time.

Brad Kirsten: We have a Pastor who does quite a lot of broadcasting on our station. One of the questions, one of the comments he often makes is: if your devotional is above your Bible, in the pile of books next to your bed, you're in trouble. And, I've come to get that feeling that the Bible is tough for some people to read, and without a Pastor, or whomever, writing through a devotional, people struggle to really go and take chunks on their own, because they just don't have what it takes to, maybe, figure out the trickier stuff. I mean, Paul certainly hasn't made it easy for us.

Deron Spoo: No, no, no, and even Peter said Paul wrote some very difficult things. So, in this book, what I tell people, or what I try to communicate, is that the Scripture is the most valuable thing. And, in fact, I encourage people to read these forty chapters of the Bible, as a place to start. Read the chapter first, then read my devotional - maybe there'll be some benefit from that - but then, go back and read it again. Because, as we become more and more familiar with the Bible - it's like a friendship - you know, you must break the ice a little bit. And, as you listen more to the Scripture, you'll start to hear the voice of God. It takes time and patience. So, if I can just give a little guidance, a little bit of a nudge, then I've accomplished my goal.

Brad Kirsten: Let's talk a little bit about the nudge. I know you've got forty points, as it were, to help those who read 'The Good Book', to get a better grasp of the Bible. How have you set it out? I mean, what was your plan, originally, to say, if we can get these parts down, we'll make the overall picture a lot easier to understand.



Deron Spoo: Right. So, I grew up on top forty radio, so that number has just kind of stuck in my head. And, I used to listen to a radio program every weekend with the top forty hits, and really, those were the best of the best songs. So, I would say that I have not been writing this book for five years - I've been writing this book for twenty-five years. As I've been teaching, throughout the Scripture, and I say if I had to point to forty chapters that are absolutely essential - not that these are the most important, but they're a place to start - what chapters what I choose? And so, each chapter picks up on a different part of the grand theme of God's love for us. And I would say this: that, if we're reading the Bible just to understand the Bible better, that's stopping short of the goal. The goal is to read the Bible, so we can know and experience the love of God.

Brad Kirsten: And this would create a hunger to read the Bible more and more, because - as soon as you start to understand different parts of it - it completes the picture and, hopefully, creates a hunger. Because, let's be honest, I think we could all read our Bibles more than we do.

Deron Spoo: Oh, absolutely! And so, one of the sections - I only take one chapter from Proverbs - Proverbs, Chapter One. And, of course, it's a fantastic chapter about the importance of wisdom in our life. But, I set it up so that now a person can read the entire book of Proverbs, and have a context with which to understand it. I think the greatest barrier of people reading the Bible is just the decision to do it. You know, it's like being on a diet, or having a health plan, say: 'I'm going to do this' and, if we do this long enough, we're growing our understanding and love for God.

Brad Kirsten: We often get lost in the type of translation. I can't speak for how it works in the USA, but I can tell you, here in South Africa, we're very big on which version of the Bible the pastor reads from the pulpit, every Sunday. I think people become almost a bit possessive over this; that this is 'our' version of the Bible. The one that you've used for 'The Good Book' is one that we're not really that familiar with. How did you make a choice?

Deron Spoo: So, this is a brand-new Translation and, let me say, just very quickly, I have read multiple Translations, over the years. The first Bible I owned was a New Revised Standard Version, and then I read the King James Version. For years, I've used the New International Version. About a year ago, I was exposed to what's called the Christian Standard Bible, and I must say, and working on this project, they sent me the forty chapters. I got a chance to study those forty chapters, but not only that the words that they chose, that I thought were very accurate and true, but also the way it sounds to the ear. And so, I would read some of it out loud to, say, if I were communicating this from my Church. You know, I love Psalm 139, you know, 'Lord you have searched me and you have known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up'. Just the beauty of the way it rolls off the page, into the ear. So, I love this New Translation. I know it's being introduced to South Africa, as we speak, and, can I just say as a Pastor and as a Jesus follower, I highly recommend it.

Brad Kirsten: That's good to know. I know you started, 'in the beginning...' but would you recommend starting at the beginning of the Bible, if you were to pick it up for the very first time, and follow the outline that you've used, or can you jump to and fro, not only in the Bible, but also in your 'The Good Book?'

Deron Spoo: I think you can, but I would encourage people to start at the beginning. Because, you know, let's take Genesis One - that's the place to start - and that's the very first Chapter I've chosen. And I just make one simple point in that Chapter, that I think is important for all of us: that you and I are more like God, than anything else God created. You know, theologians call it 'being made in the image of God' and then, we wrestle with what that means. I just say we are more like God, than anything else God created. So, there are days when we feel less than human, but really, we are the most Divine thing, in all of Creation. So, when we embrace that identity, it has the potential of changing our destiny. If we just understand we are made in God's image.

Brad Kirsten: And, without knowing that identity, you don't know who you are and you'd wander around aimlessly, so understanding that first would be key.

Deron Spoo: Absolutely! So, in the first chapter, I talk about the sin that I wrestle with. I wrestle with fear. And I know a lot of people do - there's a lot to be afraid of, in our culture. And, I've heard this, that there are 365 events in the Bible where God says: 'Do not be afraid.' Even though it's said so many times, I'm still afraid. I'm not perfect yet, but I'm in progress. And so, it's important for me, even on days when I'm afraid, to remember that I am made in God's image, and he loves me, failures and all.

Brad Kirsten: Well, that's something to get your hands on 'The Good Book.' Pastor Derron, great spending time with you. Welcome to South Africa, all the way from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Deron Spoo: I appreciate your hospitality, and thank you very much. 🇺🇸

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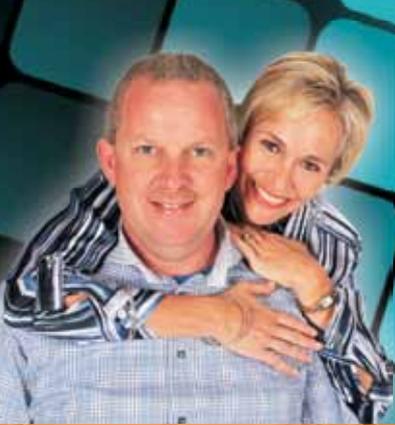
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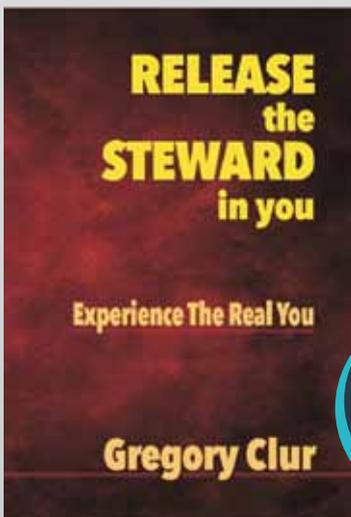
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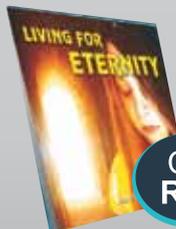
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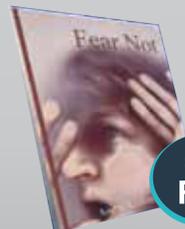
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JOYCE MEYER

It's amazing how many things people can be afraid of. There's the fear of sickness, job loss, failure, commitment, and public speaking. Some people are afraid of things like taking tests, swimming, animals, insects, heights or even what the future holds—and the list goes on!

Whatever the fear may be, it's important to know that it does not come from God. In fact, fear is one of the primary weapons Satan uses to keep people from fulfilling God's destiny for their lives.

So I ask you: *What are you afraid of today?* Is there a situation or circumstance that threatens to overwhelm you? Is something stealing your peace and causing you to worry?

If so, I want to encourage you to know that God sees you, He loves you, and He wants you to trust Him to help you!

First John 4:18 says, *"There is no fear in love (dread does not exist). But perfect (complete, full-grown) love drives out fear..."* (AMP).

Understanding how much God loves us and desires to help us is the antidote for fear.

When I think of my own children—especially when they were younger—there's almost nothing I wouldn't do to help them if they were in trouble. Or if someone tried to harm them, they better watch out...because no one gets between a mom and her kids!

If we feel this way about our children, then how do you think God feels about us? And unlike us, He has no limitations. Nothing is impossible with Him—He can help us in every situation, on every occasion.

Hebrews 13:5-6 (NLT) says: *"...For God has said, 'I will never fail you. I will never abandon you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me?'"*

God wants you to know that He's always going to take care of you as you place Your trust in Him—*always*. You don't have to know His exact timing or how He will do it, but you can be assured that He will always meet your needs.

“DO IT AFRAID!”

We need to understand that when the Lord tells us to “fear not,” He’s not saying we will never *feel* fear. We will all feel afraid at various times in our lives. However, He is telling us not to allow fear to control us and prevent us from moving forward.

True courage is moving forward in the face of fear. You still feel fear, but you are determined—with God’s help—to move forward anyway.

When we feel fear, we have a choice—we *can do it afraid!*

I will never forget an experience I had in the early days of my ministry when I was invited to speak at a conference. One of the speakers had canceled, and I was their replacement. Now, I wasn’t one of the primary speakers—they asked me to conduct one of the smaller workshops on the side.

When the day came, all of the workshop speakers had to get up on stage and share what they would talk about the next day. I remember the other speakers having impressive titles like “pastor,” “reverend,” and so forth. But I was just Joyce, from Fenton, Missouri—a *nobody from nowhere*.

When it was my turn to talk, I was absolutely petrified. The 900 people in the audience looked like nine *million* to me. I was so scared that when I opened my mouth, I couldn’t get my voice to work. Nothing came out but a squeak.

Right then, I wanted to run off the stage. I could hear the enemy’s thoughts running through my mind: *What do you think you’re doing here? You need to go back to Fenton!*

But somehow, I managed to begin talking and shared what my workshop was about. The next day, to my surprise, a lot of people came to hear me speak. I thank God I didn’t run from fear that day, because I would have forfeited the blessings He had in store for me!

You see, Satan wants us to shrink back in fear and live tiny, useless lives. But God desires for us to live free from the effects of fear and live *big, fulfilling* lives! He wants us to enjoy freedom and creativity, unhampered by fear and anxiety.

In John 14:27, Jesus says, *“Peace I leave with you; My (perfect) peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid. (Let My perfect peace calm you in every circumstance and give you courage and strength for every challenge)”* (AMP).

This is both a promise and a command. Through Jesus Christ, we can enjoy supernatural peace that goes beyond anything the world can offer. But we also have a part to play. God is saying, *“Don’t allow yourself to be paralyzed with fear. Refuse to let the enemy stop you!”*

Remember, whatever you’re facing today, God is bigger than your worries, your problems and your fears. He knows every one of your needs before you ever have them, and He delights in taking care of you.

So you can confidently say, *“The Lord is my Helper—I will not fear!”* 📌



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LEADERS: DON'T LET THE INSIGNIFICANT DRAG YOU DOWN

PHIL COOKE

I once worked with a CEO that was obsessed with the most mundane details at his company. He led a team of more than 4,000, and yet he actually supervised the writing of the payroll checks. He studied the company's social media posts – not for their effectiveness – but he personally wanted to deal with any critics of the company. He wanted to be in low level meetings that in my opinion were a total waste of his time.

In his mind, he was focusing on important details. But in reality, because he was poor at delegating, he spent his days dealing with minutiae rather than pursuing a bigger vision.

Your job as a leader is to see the big picture, visualize the goal, and create a plan for getting there. If you spend your days doing what others on your team could be doing, the truth is, the company doesn't really need you.

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WANT MORE ONLINE VIEWERS? MAKE IT SHORTER

PHIL COOKE

I've been teaching for a long time that too many churches and religious organizations are making a huge mistake by only posting full length sermons and teachings on either their website or podcasts. Certainly it's fine (and a good idea) to archive your live stream, media programming, and other content in full online. However, when it comes to people actually viewing it, it's an "ergonomic" thing. People will obviously watch full length TV programs, live streams, and movies on their mobile devices, but when it comes to your short films and video presentations, people generally want their web content in smaller "chunks" so they can digest it in reasonable bites.

For the most part, people view content on the web in short spurts – even when it comes to entertainment. So here's how to think about your online content:

1. There are places where people will view the longer form programming, so it's good your full content is online. As I mentioned, I will watch a movie from Netflix or Apple TV at home, or other movies on a plane or in a hotel room. But for the most part, I want much shorter pieces – particularly when it comes to church or ministry content.

2. Check out this article, money.cnn.com/2006/03/13/magazines/business2/boominbitesize/index.htm from a decade ago. If it was true then, our attention spans are even shorter now. If you doubt me, read the book "The Shallows" by Nicholas Carr.

3. At a recent technology summit I attended in Hollywood, the major digital players shared that they're seeing a maximum viewing time of 7 minutes for a video. Any longer, and you start losing significant numbers of viewers.

Believe me – it's worth it to have someone edit your longer content down into 5-7 minute segments. I suggest you do both – a full length copy and an edited version and offer your

followers a choice. More people are likely to use the shorter clips, which makes your outreach far more effective. ▣



Dear God, Thank You that even when we are dirty, You are able to make us new again. You are able to wash away all the ugly parts of our lives. Thank You that You make us stain free. In Jesus Name, Amen.

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JARROD SAUNDERS

Do you have a favourite clothing outfit? Lyric loves wearing her yellow summer dress that Mom bought her for Christmas and my favourite thing to wear is my blue Superman T-shirt. When I first received it I wore it everywhere we went and everyone complimented me on how great it looked on me. I felt so proud of my T-shirt.

But one day something terrible happened. While we were eating I spilt tomato sauce all over it. Mom quickly put it in the wash and tried her best to clean it. Unfortunately, my T-shirt was never the same again. It had a big ugly stain all over it. We tried many different things to get it clean again, but nothing helped. Then one day while Mom and I were watching television we saw a TV advert for a washing liquid that could

remove any form of stain, no matter how bad. We were a bit suspicious about the product, but Mom thought it was a good idea to give it a try. You'll never guess what happened next? That's right, my T-shirt was completely stain free. I was so happy. I could finally wear my favourite T-shirt again, without being embarrassed of the ugly stain.

It made me realize that we are a lot like my T-shirt. We become stained and dirty because of our ugly sin. We try all sorts of different things to try and fix our problems ourselves, but nothing works. You see Jesus is like that washing detergent. He is able to wash and cleanse even the ugliest stain in our lives, if we only allow Him to. He wants to wash us and make us like new again. ❏

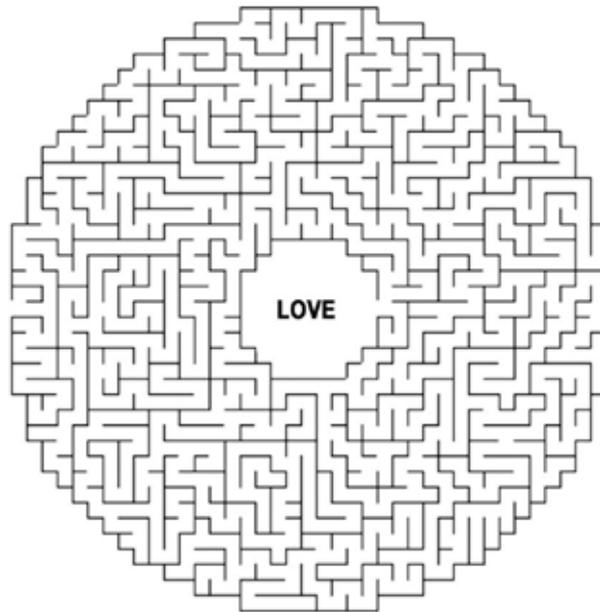
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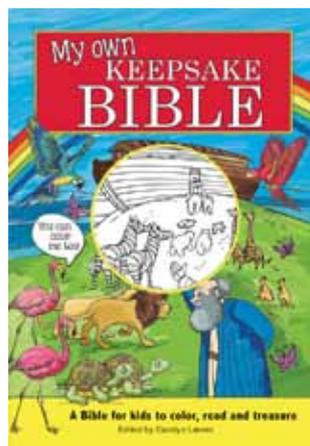
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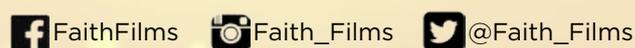
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ANNE WILLIAMS

Easter is a period when we take time to contemplate the significance of the crucifixion and the resurrection of Christ. The life, death and resurrection of Jesus is a story of both sacrifice and inspiration. The way in which Christ lived his life provides us with an example of what it means to live a soulful and honest life, driven by love for fellow man, connected to God and carrying out his will.

At the start of the year, when abroad in England visiting family, I had the opportunity to visit Glastonbury. Tucked away among the rolling hills of Somerset, this quaint English town emanates a serene energy of peace. One of the highlights of this trip was visiting the Glastonbury Abbey.

The Glastonbury Abbey is a tranquil ruins site of England's largest Abbey, where people are believed to have worshipped for almost 2,000 years. The electric sense of history is palpable at this site. Intricate designs still clearly visible on the remnants of what must have been a majestic work of architecture demonstrates the level of pride and effort put into creating something in the name of God. The Abbey is deemed the earliest Christian sanctuary in Britain.

Silence echoes in this place, adding to the prayerful essences that the ruins emanate. This makes it easy to believe that the Abbey is indeed a place where God dwells. A veil of history, myths and fascinating legends hangs over Glastonbury's Abbey. According to archaeological discoveries, Christianity is believed to have been present in the Somerset region since its earliest days (estimated around the 7th century), and Glastonbury was an important pilgrimage site. Its Abbey at its prime became the richest in the country and patron Saints Bridget, David, Patrick and Dunstan are all believed to have been linked to the place.

The most interesting stories tied to this site are those of Joseph of Arimathea. According to biblical reference, Joseph of Arimathea was the Mother Mary's uncle. He gave up his own prepared tomb to be used for Jesus' burial after the crucifixion. Legend says that Joseph of Arimathea travelled to Somerset together with a young boy Jesus and built a

simple place of worship by constructing a wattle and daub. This construction became known as the 'Old Church', and it is said that it later became the Abbey's Lady Chapel, the remnants of which are still seen today. Among the various stories of the origins of the Glastonbury Abbey it is claimed that Joseph founded the Abbey in the 1st Century.

Another legend linked with Joseph of Arimathea is that of the Glastonbury Holy Thorn Tree. The story goes that Joseph returned to Glastonbury after Jesus' death. Joseph had with him a staff that was taken from a hawthorn tree which in turn was grown from a thorn of Christ's crown. When Joseph arrived, he climbed Wearyall Hill where he placed his staff on the ground and rested. Legend dictates that the staff then took root and spouted branches and leaves and became the Glastonbury Thorn Tree. This tree was thought unusual as it flowered twice a year – once as normal during spring and once during winter. The thorn tree's flowering in winter was accounted as a miraculous occurrence.

The story of the thorn tree stood out to me. Whether there is any truth to it or not remains a mystery but it is a beautiful story of hope. It is always fascinating to discover magical stories that are laced with subtle nuances of something powerful hidden behind the literal interpretation of that story. It is somewhat reflective of our creativity as human beings as well as the fact that traces of our ideals such as hope and inspiration often line the inner layers of the stories we create.

Considering the fact that the thorn crown worn by Christ at his crucifixion is symbol of suffering, the idea that a new life of a tree could have been created from it holds a message of new beginnings beyond that suffering. Perhaps it is even a message of resurrection, just as Jesus himself was resurrected into a new life after his death. It is often difficult to see the possibility of a positive outcome when in the midst of difficulty. Let this be a reminder that God has given us a human spirit with the ability to rise beyond suffering and find rebirth both in the physical world and spiritually eternally. ■

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YOUTH UNDER FIRE

1 APRIL



Columbine. Virginia Tech. Sandy Hook. They are three names that will forever be associated with the same devastating phenomenon: kids killing kids.

Compared to other developed countries, rates of youth violence in the United States are staggeringly high. In fact, homicide remains the second-leading cause of death for Americans between 15 and 24.

This enlightening documentary seeks to explore the many ways in which violence has infiltrated American culture. How is violence learned among today's youth? Why does it happen in the first place? And – most importantly – how do we teach our kids that violence is not an option?

THE BIBLE AND YOU

15 APRIL



It's been revered by billions of people throughout the ages. It's inspired people to pursue justice, mercy, and love, while simultaneously being used to justify discrimination, slavery, and wars. It's the most debated, most controversial, and most treasured piece of literature – ever. It's the Bible.

This documentary will examine the Bible's influence, origins, reliability and relevance in today's society. Featuring renowned experts on the world's best-selling book of all time, this compelling documentary delves into questions surrounding the origins of the biblical manuscripts: What was the process of how the Bible came to be? How have the scriptures been interpreted throughout history? And what is the Bible's main message?

NOTORIOUS TO GLORIOUS

22 APRIL



If anyone was beyond rehabilitation, it was career criminal Michael Bull Roberts. A violent, white supremacist, drug trafficking gang member, he was ruthless and unrepentant in his brutality. Physically and sexually assaulted as a child, his struggles with addiction, mental illness, homelessness, violence and crime were the foundation on which his hugely successful gang activities were built. Every attempt at change was inevitably met with failure, until an unexpected and dramatic encounter on a hotel room floor began a process of transformation that is still underway. Now a passionate advocate of youth, Michael dreams of opening the doors to the kind of centre that might have changed his own life. As he pursues art as a cathartic avenue to freedom, he desperately tries to reach kids embarking on the same destructive road

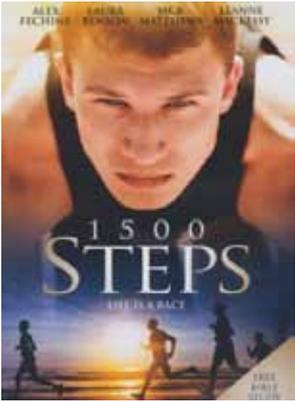
he travelled. This documentary will look at the beauty and challenge of re-building a broken life from the ashes of hatred and violence. Shot in ultra-high definition 4K, using the revolutionary RED Camera, this story will peel back the layers to investigate what it takes to go from Notorious to Glorious.

INSIDE TEEN SUICIDE

29 APRIL



Inside Teen Suicide features six riveting personal stories told through raw, gripping visuals, and looks at the root causes of teen suicide in our modern world. Amidst the stories of despair and triumph, viewers are reminded that there are options, there are ways out of the darkness, and there is hope.

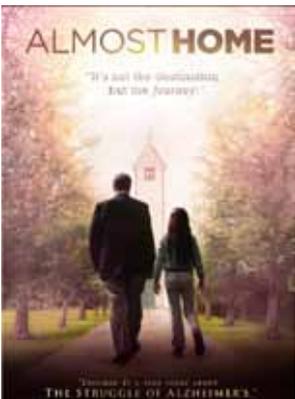


1500 STEPS

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1500 Steps is a fascinating Christian movie that tells a remarkable coming-of-age story. The film follows the high school life of Jonas "Jobe" O'Brien, a sixteen year-old with a difficult life and more than his fair share of high school drama. Jobe is a loner with few friends and little to inspire or encourage him. It's at this difficult point in his life when he must choose whether he is going to follow his own path or if he will work hard and become a real man.

Jobe finds himself constantly butting heads with the school bully Damon Dundas after he seemingly steals his ex-girlfriend Grace. Grace is always supporting Jobe and encouraging him to follow his pursuits, which greatly angers Damon, who is out to get back at Jobe and this leads to a fatal disaster at a late-night high-school party. Jobe then chooses to pursue revenge which leads to a series of mistakes and consequences. After Harry White, a retired ex-Olympian meets Jobe, he helps train him to become a real man and encourages him to stand up and show true faith and perseverance. Will Jobe make the right choices, or will he continue his descent into depression and anger?



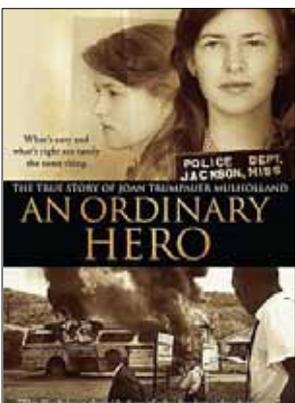
ALMOST HOME

16 APRIL

Rachel Baines is a mature, responsible 11-year old girl. Her mother Valerie spends her days working as the office manager at an accounting firm and her nightstriving to take care of the home that belongs to her dad, Doyle – who is a recent widower and now a resident at a nearby nursing home.

Each afternoon Rachel makes the short trek home from the school bus stop – always under the watchful eye Miss Edna, her caring, but nosey neighbor. But today Rachel's afternoon will head in a new direction. Her grandfather Doyle is out for a walk, on a mission it seems, to find his daughter (Rachel's mother) and Rachel is convinced to join in the adventure. However, Doyle's memory isn't what it once was and the soon find themselves lost.

Valarie must enlist the help of friends and neighbors, as well as the local police, to find them. In the end, it is prayer and a strong belief in God's mercy and protection that lead Valarie, Doyle and Rachel to the answers they're searching for.



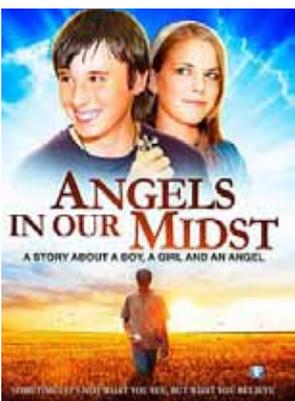
AN ORDINARY HERO

23 APRIL

The true story of civil rights activist Joan Trumpauer Mulholland.

As a little girl growing up in the South, Joan Trumpauer Mulholland witnessed the ugly realities of segregation and racism first hand and vowed to one day do something about it. By the time she was 19 years old, Joan had already participated in over three dozen sit-ins and protests when she was put on death row in Mississippi's notorious Parchman Penitentiary after joining the Freedom Rides.... but that was just the beginning of an incredible true story that has captivated millions around the world.

An Ordinary Hero, is an empowering tribute to the human spirit that is sure to inspire people of all ages to do what is right even when it isn't easy.



ANGELS IN OUR MIDST

30 APRIL

A story about a boy, a girl and an angel.

Outcast by most of the children in the junior high school he attends, Tobey Marshall has been deeply traumatized by the death of his parents at the World Trade Center on 9/11. Living with his Uncle Nick and Jannah, Tobey is a loner who has created his own world where he believes he is protected by a guardian angel. A young girl named Suzy, whose own beliefs are in question, befriends Tobey and by doing so discovers that they have more in common than she ever expected. Suzy has captured the fancy of Jim Doder, a popular basketball player at school, who leads a double life as a gang leader in a series of local home burglaries. When Suzy rejects Jim's affections, and her relationship with Tobey continues, Jim makes life difficult for the both of them. After one of Doder's gang is arrested in a botched burglary attempt, Tobey is framed. In the dramatic and exciting climax, Tobey must prove his innocence to Suzy and the whole school by facing reality and confronting Jim Doder in public.

NEW BEGINNINGS CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHURCH JOHANNESBURG

NICKY & LYLLIAN VAN DER WESTHUIZEN

2 APRIL



Apostle Nicky's dynamic and relevant preaching and teaching of the Word of God has made him a much sought after speaker in both Christian and secular contexts across the globe. He is particularly noted for his insight and revelation on topics such as: Grace, the Supernatural, Prosperity, Faith, Leadership and Church Structure. Many people's lives have been impacted through his national and international ministry. In addition he has significant business acumen and is the Founder and CEO of three companies. One of his passions is to develop and equip leaders across the continent of Africa in both the corporate arena as well as the body of Christ to develop a legacy for generations to come. This is the fulfilment of a mandate from God.

EMMANUEL CHURCH WINDHOEK

MATT & LISA LUDICK

16 APRIL



Emmanuel Church is a Bible-believing, Christ-centred and Spirit-driven church. Whilst we have a passion for the lost and broken, we make every effort to reach the lost through missions and to reach out to our fellow believers in love. We have a mandate to not only to impact our neighbourhood, but our city, our country and our world.

Matt Ludick has been the Senior Pastor of Emmanuel Church since 2004. He is married to Lisa and has three beautiful daughters, Mignon, Alexa and Klari-ssa, as well as a son, Edwin Bo, who is their youngest. He has a passion for God, God's glory and is devoted to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He enjoys fishing, whether it be at Von Bach dam or fishing for Jesus!

CHRISTIAN FAMILY CHURCH JOHANNESBURG

THEO & BEVERLEY WOLMARANS

23 APRIL



Founded in September 1979 by Senior Pastor Dr. Theo Wolmarans and his wife Beverley, CFC Johannesburg is one of the largest churches of its kind in Southern Africa.

Dr Theo Wolmarans is an anointed teacher who presents the Word of God with complete clarity and simplicity, bringing understanding to every heart and mind while simultaneously captivating the audience with his bold, dynamic style.

As an anointed preacher and exhorter, Ps Beverley is a very popular speaker. She shares life lessons she has learned as a mother and a wife, and she does it with a practical, down-to-earth approach sharing from her heart. She uses her own experiences with both humour and boldness, but always with an underlying message of hope and encouragement.

CHRISTIAN REVIVAL CHURCH

AT & NYRETTA BOSHOFF

30 APRIL



Pastor At is the senior pastor of CRC. He is an executive member of the International Federation of Christian Churches and is described as focused, passionate and fervent in his hunger for the Word of God and explosive in his dynamic teaching of it. His dynamic, bold and practical messages are equally refreshing in relevance to authenticity and doctrinal accuracy.

Pastor Nyretta developed a passion for teaching the practicalities of Christian living. She heads up the Creative Arts ministry and directs the very successful Music ministry of the congregations in Bloemfontein, Pretoria and Johannesburg. . Beside her exemplary support of her husband's international and national ministry, she speaks at Women's conferences, heads up the women's ministry, ministers to the CRC pastor's wives, organises and co-ordinates various CRC events and is a brilliant mother and homemaker.



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
00h00	The 700 Club				
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01h00	Saturday Documentary	Wisdom For Life - Allan Bagg			
01h30		Believer's Walk Of Faith - Bill Winston			
02h00	Daughters of Eve	Believer's Voice Of Victory - Kenneth Copeland			
02h30	Young Once	Living Life - Theo Wolmarans			
03h00	Sunday Movie	Grace Today - Derek Grier Ministries	In Touch - Charles Stanley	Jack van Impe Presents	Abba's House - Ron Phillips
03h30		Now Faith - John Torrens	Following Jesus - Tommy Lijla	Manna-Fest - Perry Stone	Zola Levitt with Myles Weiss
04h00		Celebrate Life - Tommy Deuschle	Ever Increasing Faith - Fred Price	Hillsong - Brian Houston	The Higher Level - Chris Hill
04h30		Choose Life - John Roebert	Zola Levitt with Myles Weiss	The Messenger - J & L Bevere	Manna-Fest - Perry Stone
05h00	Discover Life - At Boshoff	Co-Mission	Daughters of Eve	The Higher Level - Chris Hill	Jack Van Impe Presents
05h30	John Hagee Today				
06h00	Changing Your World - Creflo Dollar				
06h30	Wisdom For Life - Allan Bagg				
07h00	Believer's Walk Of Faith - Bill Winston				
07h30	Grassroots - Angus Buchan				
08h00	Believer's Voice Of Victory - Kenneth Copeland				
08h30	The Potter's House - TD Jakes				
09h00	Enjoying Everyday Life - Joyce Meyer				
09h30	John G. Lake Ministries				
10h00	Living Life - Theo Wolmarans				
10h30	Gospel Truth - Andrew Wommack				
11h00	Quick Study - Rod Hembree				
11h30	Grace Today - Derek Grier Ministries	In Touch - Charles Stanley	Believe - Andy Thompson	Your Move - Andy Stanley	Infocus - Maury Davis
12h00	The 700 Club				
12h30	The 700 Club				
13h00	Grassroots - Angus Buchan				
13h30	John Hagee Today				
14h00	Live Your Journey - Elitia Hart	The Jewish Jesus - Kirt Schneider	Faithlift - Glenn Arekion	Prophetic Encounter - J. vd Westhuizen	Love Israel - Baruch Korman
14h30	New Creation Church TV - Joseph Prince				
15h00	Paws & Tales	Bobo & Kipi	What's In The Bible? - Buck Denver	RockKids TV	Truth Quake
15h30	The Revolution TV	Healing Your Soul - Katie Souza	End of Age - Irvin Baxter	Young Once	TV One Life - Sean Park
16h00	MXTV - Tim Bisagno	Turning Point International	Save The World - Jarrod Davidoff	Youth Bytes - Chad Daniel	FiftyFour
16h30	Believer's Voice Of Victory - Kenneth Copeland				
17h00	Your Miracle Moment - Siva Moodley	Your Miracle Moment - Siva Moodley	Behind the Faith	Your Miracle Moment - Siva Moodley	Your Miracle Moment - Siva Moodley
17h30	Co-Mission	Faith That Counts - Kevin Davis	Faith Matters	Manna-Fest - Perry Stone	Young Once
18h00	It's Supernatural - Sid Roth				
18h30	Kingdom Connection - J. Franklin	Watchmen on the Wall - Errol Naidoo	Daughters of Eve	Jack Van Impe Presents	Saturday Documentary
19h00	Behind the Faith	Legacy TV - Jeremy & Sarah Pearsons	Till All Have Heard - Patricia Bailey	Real Women, Real Life - Tracy Tredrea	
19h30	Faith Matters - André & Jenny	Revival Today - Jonathan Shuttlesworth			
20h00	Ramson Mumba Ministries				
20h30	Following Jesus - Tommy Lijla	Prophetic Encounter - J. vd Westhuizen	InFocus - Maury Davis	Now Faith - John Torrens	Planetshakers TV
21h00	Enjoying Everyday Life - Joyce Meyer				
21h30	Hosting the Supernatural - Nicky van der Westhuizen				
22h00	Supernatural Now - Guillermo Maldonado				
22h30	The Potter's House - TD Jakes				
23h00	Changing Your World - Creflo Dollar				
23h30	Winning Ways - Matthew Ashimolowo				



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Living Life - Theo Wolmarans		02h30
The Jewish Jesus - K. Schneider		03h00
Life in the Word - Chuks Ozabor		03h30
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Grassroots - Angus Buchan	The Great Awakening - Rodney Howard Browne	07h00
Elevation Experience - Steven Furtick		07h30
The Living Stone - Edgar Holder	Jerry Savelle Ministries	08h00
Life in the Word - Chuks Ozabor	Turning Point - David Jeremiah	08h30
Following Jesus - Tommy Lilja	Faith Worship @ The River LIVE	09h00
Hillsong - Brian Houston		09h30
Living Edge - Mark Chironna		10h00
The Miraculous - Wessel du Bruyn	Faith Matters - André & Jenny	10h30
Winning Walk - Ed Young Sr.	The Supernatural Now - G. Maldonado	11h00
Choose Life - John Roebert	Christ For All Nations - D. Kolenda	11h30
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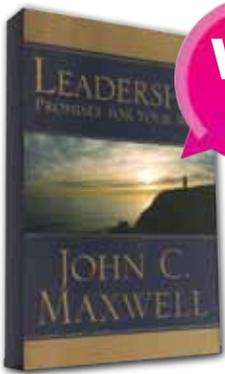
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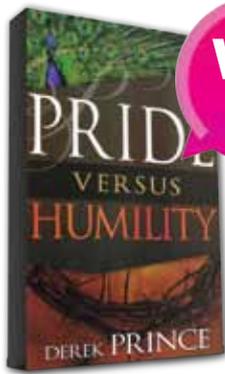


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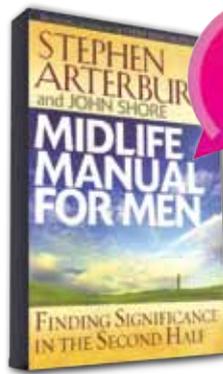


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Two women separated by decades. Both set out to help others find their dreams when their own have crumbled.

It's the early 1930s, but Cora Scott is walking in stride as a career woman after having inherited her great aunt's wedding shop in Heart's Bend, Tennessee, where brides come from as far away as Birmingham to experience her famed bridal treatment. Meanwhile, Cora is counting down the days until her own true love returns from the river to make her his bride. But days turn into months and months to years. All the while, Birch Good continues to woo Cora and try to show her that while he is solid and dependable, he can sweep her off her feet.

More than eighty years later, former Air Force Captain Haley Morgan has returned home to Heart's Bend after finishing her commitment to military service. After the devastating death of her best friend, Tammy, and discovering the truth about the man she loved, Haley is searching for her place in life.

When Haley decides to reopen the romantic but abandoned wedding shop where she and Tammy played and dreamed as children, she begins a journey of courage, mystery, and love.

As Cora's and Haley's stories intertwine through time in the shadow of the beloved wedding shop, they both discover the power of their own dreams and the magic of everyday love.

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AN EXCEPTIONAL ALBUM

THULI MSOMI – AWESOME SAVIOR



By Ayanda Ndukwana

its creativity but lacks a theme ,I always disagree with albums that just have songs but not telling a story about having a start and a finish.

For someone like Thuli Msomi who was born and raised in Kwa-Thema,Springs and also lived in Duduza, Nigel she went and did competitions ,while she sang in local choirs and singing in her church ,she is doing amazing things musically considering her background I mean she has a first album titled 'His Grace' though I have not heard I am pretty sure it's nothing close to this ,diversity in music is not easy to achieve so the fact she achieved this much with this is incredible and quite comforting for future endeavors.

Most Gospel records are pretty much typical and predictable ,but I have got to admit Thuli Msomi on her album ,caught me slightly off guard and intrigued me quite a bit with the diversity of the instrumentals and vocal variations that are interesting in vocal terms.

'Awesome Savior' is a good Gospel album in terms of dealing with different types people and interests ,I mean I listen to different types of music ,there a lot of genres out there ,to incorporate multiple music genres into an album is exceptional.

Gospel is growing in its own sense since its always been hold back from growth due to religion. The church is very skeptical and judgmental when it comes to different types of music being incorporated with Jesus it causes havoc and can get you thrown out of 'salvation' in terms of Christianity ,so it's beautiful to see growth in the Kingdom musically. Thuli Msomi has Opera ,Rn'b ,Traditional ,Afro Jazz ,Samba instrumentals and sings accordingly to them though I was slightly disappointed in the harmonics that there are no choir backings rather than the typical back up vocalists ,but some songs needed the old school choir feel to them.

'Awesome Savior' starts off with the song 'My Heart' which confused and kind of tricked me in to thinking 'Awesome Savior' is another typical Gospel album ,but I have got to give credit to the diversity in the album in the songs ,slight typical things that take place but it's not a train smash ,majority of the album is good to listen to ,not the type of album to make your favorite but one that deserves recognition for

I do not know much about Thuli Msomi but from the background check I did on her she is something to recognize and her team are people to applaud cause they too are talented people to not be mainstream and still continue to back up someone else take character. The fact this album has no particular theme ,the diversity of the music distracts you from criticizing it in that term but I still think to better the album she could have had a theme. Nathi Msomi plays a big role in this album as the overall seer of the project as the Producer he did well for Thuli Msomi.

As a lover of music this album left an impression ,such songs as 'My Heart' , 'I'm healed' , 'Majesty' ,she definitely is a good writer a simple lyricist but good none the less. Songs like 'Jesu Wamakatsa' , 'Ngiyakholwa' and 'Hallelujah' don't really interest me but I know people that prefer such songs so again she didn't do bad.

Compared to her genre she is definitely going the right path and if she does more research on it ,I think she can climb up to the top 10 in this country with the right backing.

Overall I give the CD 6 out of 10 because there is no song that is for radio ,no single at all ,I mean there is none that you would wanna see a video for ,so for that part and lack of a theme ,but it gives her something to look forward to next and grow from this ,but it is a good CD musically. ■

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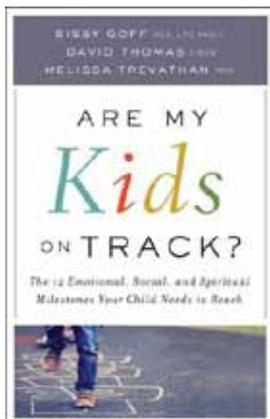
Britt Nicole

Grammy-nominated songstress Britt Nicole, known for her mega hit Gold, has just released her 4th studio album. Since her debut in 2007, Britt, known as the pop artist with a message delivers high-energy tracks, electronic pop, catchy hooks and top 40 beats while sharing her consistent message

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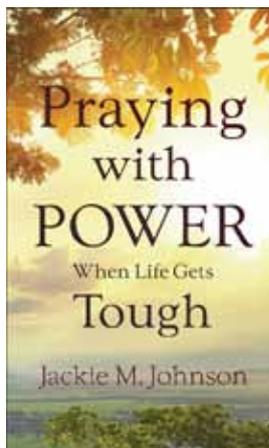
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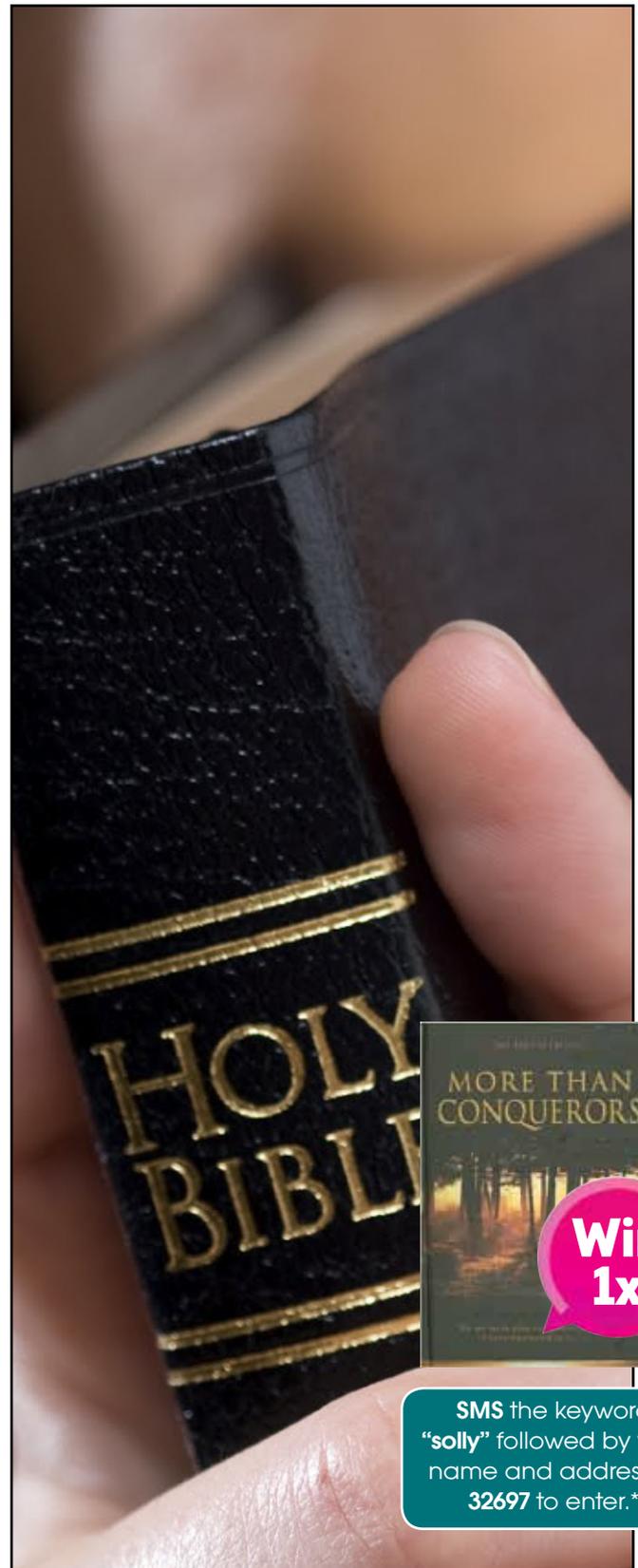
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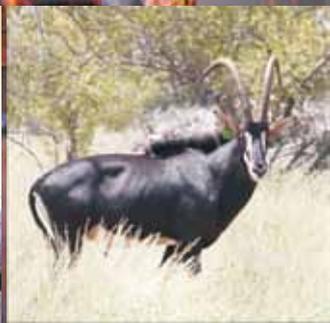


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