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**The 700 Club Canada Introduces "In Focus"**



## Claiming Our Inheritance

by BRIAN WARREN, Co-host,  
The 700 Club Canada



There is an old saying that carries a lot of truth: “Anything worth having is worth fighting for.” Joshua 18:1-5

(MSG) tells us, *The People of Israel got together at Shiloh. They put up the Tent of Meeting. The land was under their control but there were still seven Israelite tribes who had yet to receive their inheritance. Joshua addressed the People of Israel: “How long are you going to sit around on your hands, putting off taking possession of the land that GOD, the God of your ancestors, has given you?”*

When the Bible says they had not received their inheritance, what it simply means is they had failed to drive out the enemy. The same problem exists today. The enemy of our souls tries his best to convince us that there is nothing worth fighting for, but the truth is, our inheritance came to us through Jesus’ death and He willed it to us. It is for believers right here, right now.

In 2 Corinthians 1:20 (NKJV), it says *For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.* If this truth resonates with you, I have good news: by faith your breakthrough is in progress! As we celebrate His dominion in Canada, may the Almighty God give us a clear vision of that which is ours in Christ—our inheritance, our rights and privileges as sons and daughters of God.



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# The 700 Club Canada Introduces

## In Focus

We’re launching a groundbreaking segment for *The 700 Club Canada* program, called “In Focus.”

In such a diverse and changing culture, Canadian viewers are asking for perspective on how to understand and deal with issues such as religious freedom in Canada or difficult topics like pornography.

“In Focus” is presented by the hosts of *The 700 Club Canada*: Brian Warren and Laura-Lynn Tyler Thompson—both of whom are passionate about and dedicated to helping viewers think about and even take action on these challenging and complicated issues that are impacting society and everyday life. Since the hosts are in the public arena, traveling and talking with people throughout Canada, they have a foundation and a platform to share with sensitivity on hard topics.

This new five-minute segment will air as part of the regular *700 Club Canada* show. It will cover and address issues affecting Canadians today, but from a Christian perspective. Each “In Focus” segment will include researched background information, viewpoints from various media, commentary and political views. Brian and Laura-Lynn will then take the topic one step further and share personal insight and reflection.

The goal of “In Focus” is to engage both Christians and non-Christians by establishing a common ground of discussion to educate, inspire and challenge the way we think and act from a biblical, Christian perspective. This month’s current affair topics include euthanasia and legalized marijuana. Check out our YouTube channel: 700 Club Canada, as another venue for “In Focus.”

Co-host Laura-Lynn said, “I am excited about this new segment, ‘In Focus.’ There are significant decisions being made by our government and culturally sensitive issues we can dialogue about in order to gain wisdom and know how to make a difference in our country.”

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# THIS MONTH

## IN FOCUS

*Each month we will be reporting on some current issues affecting the nation of Canada. Join us as we look at these critical issues:*

### MARCH 10 – Euthanasia/Assisted Suicide

Bill C-14 was passed into legislation in June 2016. Under this legislation, medical assistance in dying is legal if the eligibility criteria are met and the procedural safeguards are followed. In December, CTV news reported that more than 744 people have died by euthanasia in Canada since it was decriminalized on June 17, 2016.

### MARCH 24 – Legalized Marijuana

In 2015, the government of Canada committed to legalizing, regulating, and restricting access to marijuana. The Task Force finished its work and a report was made available in December of 2016. Evidence-based legislation will be introduced to Parliament for consideration this spring.

## A Sudden Interruption

by LAURA-LYNN TYLER THOMPSON  
Co-host, *The 700 Club Canada*



Recently, after falling and cutting my head open in an icy parking lot, I headed to the emergency room with my husband. I told God that I didn't have

time for this, but He had other plans because soon a man named Gary was wheeled into the room with us. He was in a similar predicament after falling on the ice and breaking his foot.

After the doctor fixed my injury, my husband, JT, began to converse with Gary and offered to give him a pair of crutches from our garage and to drive him home. We found out that Gary didn't have anywhere to stay and had called an emergency shelter. As we drove him there, we began to talk to him about God.

He told us of all he had lost in his life: houses, relationships, jobs, etc., due to alcohol. I asked if he was ready to surrender to Jesus, and suddenly there was a most profound sense of God's presence in our vehicle. Right there, Gary gave his heart to Jesus.

I picked Gary up the next day and brought him to our home, where I fed him and talked with him about the Lord. There was an opening in a Christian recovery home, so Gary slept on our couch until we dropped him off the following morning and paid for his first 12-day stay.

Proverbs 16:9 (NIV) says: *In their hearts humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps.* I may not have planned this sudden addition to my agenda, but I trust that no matter what crisis, calamity or even disaster might befall us, we can trust that the Lord is safely and surely working all things for good.

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## Watch and Be Amazed

Special Features in March on *The 700 Club Canada*

### Hurting himself to hurt God

As a young boy Yannik lost both of his parents to HIV. He grew up bitter and dealt with his pain the only way he knew how, with drugs and crime. But one day, he had enough and he prayed for a way out. He got what he wanted, but in a most unusual way.



### Hope for Jennifer

Jennifer lived in a world of darkness, growing up with an abusive father. As an adult, her life was no better, because she fell into drugs and prostitution. But then one day, someone told her of something that changed her life forever.

### Searching for answers

Tim and Lisa were madly in love when they married, but after 20 years, their priorities changed, and they drifted apart. Tim had an affair and dabbled in other religions. Finally, when he had nowhere left to turn, a friend reached out to him and offered him hope in the last place he thought to look.





# The Generosity of God

*When we start with little, He gets all the glory*

by GORDON ROBERTSON, Chief Executive Officer, CBN

**A**n interesting proverb is found in Isaiah 32:8: *A generous man devises generous things, and by generosity he shall stand.* It's wonderful for people to be known for their generosity; yet this verse also describes God—for as John 3:16 tells us, *God so loved the world that He gave.* God is generous and plans generous acts.

We see this in the story of the poor widow who tells Elisha she has nothing but a jar of oil. He answers, *"Go, borrow vessels from everywhere, from all your neighbours—empty vessels; do not gather just a few"* (2 Kings 4:3). It's a step of faith for her to scour the neighbourhood for empty vessels. Yet when she obeys, a miracle occurs. She pours out the oil, filling all the empty jars.

If we are expecting God to do a miracle, He is expecting us to do our part to have the faith to build the vessels for Him to fill.

I love to tell the story of CBN's first bank account. My father had filed the articles of incorporation for CBN, although he had virtually nothing. He wanted to have a vessel for God to fill—such as a bank account. So he went to a bank near the TV station that God had told him to claim in Portsmouth, Virginia. After he filled out the forms and picked out the cheques,

the clerk told him, "It's customary to make an initial deposit."

He only had \$3.25 in his pocket, and he needed a quarter to pay the toll home—so he gave her the three wrinkled dollar bills. Smiling sweetly, she said, "The cheques cost \$6." Dad quickly asked, "Can I have that on account?" For some reason, she agreed. And as I look at CBN's ministry today, I see how much has come from that negative \$3 deposit!

Each of us should construct vessels for God to fill—in our lives, our personal finances, and what we want from God for the future. When we start with so little, He gets all the glory. He is the one who calls us, saves us, inspires us, enables us, and provides for us.

The most precious thing we have is time, and the best way to invest it is preaching the Gospel to every nation, tribe and tongue. We want to spend our time on things that will lead to great joy in heaven.

Isaiah 61:11 promises, *As the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.* Some plant while others water or weed, but it is always God who gives the increase. God bless you.

*Scripture is quoted from the NKJV. This teaching was given during a CBN staff chapel.*

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