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SUPERBOOK IN CANADA

No Surprises

by BRIAN WARREN

Co-host, *The 700 Club Canada*

I sought the LORD, and He answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

(Psalm 34:4)



At times, we endure trials and seasons so difficult that we wonder how in the world we will ever make it through.

But, as Christians,

we've been purposefully designed by God to endure and spiritually prosper from life's trials. Hebrews 13:5 gives us the reason: *I will never leave you nor forsake you.* When God created you, He established your ending from your beginning (see Isaiah 46:10), placing a promise in you and on you before you encountered a single problem. And to ensure your chances of total victory, Romans 12:3 says, *God has dealt to each one a measure of faith* to get you from your beginning to your ending.

Here's the fact about faith: Nothing can or will come into your life that God hasn't given you *the measure of faith* you need for it. Nothing! What's more, absolutely nothing takes God by surprise—nothing happening in your life surprises God! You have faith for this, my friend, whatever your trial may be. A mustard seed of faith is all that is required, and God will do the rest. Be encouraged, God is with you!

I leave you with the greatest passage of Scripture for anyone who calls Jesus Lord: *"And lo, I am with you always [remaining with you perpetually—regardless of circumstance, and on every occasion], even to the end of the age"* (Matthew 28:20).

Scripture is taken from the AMP and the NKJV.



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Fighting Arthritis With Food

How an anti-inflammatory diet can alleviate pain

For anyone suffering with arthritis, best-selling cookbook author Holly Clegg says, "I believe what you eat makes a difference in better health." In her book, *Eating Well to Fight Arthritis*, she shares how an anti-inflammatory diet can help alleviate arthritic pain—and offers recipes that can minimize symptoms.

Writing the book for her loved ones dealing with arthritis, her chapter "Toss the Fork" features food for those whose stiff hands can't operate eating utensils. For a friend with severe rheumatoid arthritis (RA), she wrote "No Fuss Foods"—simple recipes she could fix easily for family meals.

Holly even has a chapter called "Bone Building" to help combat osteoporosis. It has recipes high in calcium and vitamin D, based on her own need for better bone health.

Although Holly attended London's Cordon Bleu cooking school, she specializes in everyday, nutritious easy meals. She was ahead of her time in seeing the connection between health and eating 25 years ago.

In addition to her recipes, Holly includes these tips to reduce inflammation and joint pain:

- Maintain a healthy weight by eating the right kinds of foods.
- Eat foods high in vitamin C (strawberries), high in carotenoids (red, yellow, orange fruits and veggies—sweet potatoes), and high in omega-3 fatty acids (salmon).
- Fill up with fiber (beans, oatmeal) to reduce inflammation.
- Fight fatigue with a balanced diet of complex carbohydrates, protein, and unsaturated fats—and try not to skip meals.
- Ease the side effects of arthritis medications—use gingersnaps, ginger candy or ginger ale to reduce nausea.

(For some of Holly's recipes, please go to CBN.com and enter "Creative Meals to Combat Arthritis" in the search box.)

If you are interested in Holly Clegg's book, *Eating Well to Fight Arthritis*, go to ShopCBN.com and enter the title in the search box.



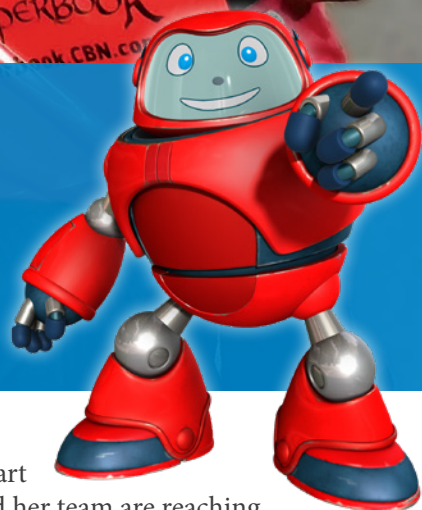
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Superbook is an amazing collection of computer-animated Bible adventures for kids and families of all ages. It has stories of real Bible heroes whose success came from trusting God and following His direction. Kids learn valuable life-long lessons through the adventures of Chris, Joy and Gizmo as Superbook sweeps them back into biblical times to learn from real heroes of faith.

Here at the 700 Club Canada, we are so excited to be part of many Superbook events throughout the year!

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Through after-school programs, children from different faiths, backgrounds and situations are able to learn about the love of Jesus in a safe environment.

Through Heart 2 Heart Ministries, Anna and her team are reaching out to Muslim, Hindu, and other unchurched children with Superbook Academy, the church curriculum for children. They have started to see changes in the children, including less fighting and better listening.

EASTER OUTREACH

Easter is a very important time for the Christian Faith. That's why we're so thrilled to be part of several Superbook Easter outreach programs. Last year, on Easter Sunday at Catch the Fire church in Toronto, kids learned about Jesus' death and resurrection in a way they could understand—through the Superbook episode "He Is Risen." They were then given an opportunity to give their life to Jesus for the first time, and 22 children did!



SUMMER CAMPS

In the long, hot summer months, parents often send kids to camps to keep them busy. We've been blessed to use Superbook at summer camps across the country. We've partnered with some amazing organizations such as the Salvation Army Camps to provide Superbook resources to their hundreds of campers. At the end of each camp week, children watch an episode of Superbook and bring their own copy home with them. Families have been touched by the power and presence of God through these episodes.

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

Every year we partner with many churches and organizations to put on Superbook Christmas Outreaches. Kids love singing carols and doing activities before sitting down to watch a Superbook episode or excitedly meeting Gizmo! This past Christmas season, we were able to donate 800 Superbook goodie bags to International Church on the Rock's City Christmas event, where they were handed out to low-income, non-churched families in the GTA. Each child received their very own copy of "The First Christmas" to watch at home or share with their friends and family.

Let's continue to pray for the next generation! May new believers rise up and share the love of Christ in their schools, communities and families. Thank you for your support that helps to make this happen.



SEEN ON **THE 700 CLUB**

Your Questions, Honest Answers

WITH PAT ROBERTSON



Since we are not under the law, will God still curse us, or will He just not bless us?

There's no longer any curse or condemnation because we are not living under Old Testament law. But if you know the Lord and walk with Him, you will want to please Him and not want to sin. The Bible says if we walk in the light... as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus Christ continuously cleanses us from all sin.

But if we forsake Him, it's dangerous. I don't counsel anybody that they can live any way they want to. I don't think that's wise. Our choices have consequences.

There are also natural laws that have consequences when you break them.

For example, if you break God's eternal laws, you're going to suffer for it during the time you live here physically on earth. He has set up laws that have to do with health. He set up laws having to do with interpersonal relationships. And I believe if we break these eternal laws, we will suffer consequences in this life.

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Politically Correct in God's Kingdom

by LAURA-LYNN TYLER THOMPSON
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We are all watching what we say these days. It's easy to be afraid to speak up as Christians and Canadians. The Bible tells us what to really fear and what not to fear.

Basically, fearing man is dangerous in God's view. Proverbs 29:25 says, *The fear of man brings a snare, but he who trusts in the LORD will be exalted.* I remember recently sitting with a friend who I knew had drastically different views than mine. She spoke openly of her thoughts on the matter. I felt fearful of speaking. She would surely reject me.

I asked God how to be salt and light. I remembered Matthew 5:13: *If the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.* Salt has to be sprinkled, poured out, spread out for it to be useful. In that moment, I felt trampled by her opinions and my silence. I felt like my values and my beliefs were stigmatized. It was then that I felt the Holy Spirit ask me to say "What about..."

"What about *what*?" I said internally.

"What about... if there's another way to look at it?" He said, "Say that." In sheer obedience, I opened my mouth and said that exact sentence. And suddenly God filled my mouth with the question that presented the opposite viewpoint from my friend's. She stopped and stared at me.

"Well, sure. That could be true, too," was all she said. Whew! It wasn't so hard to just ask a question that presents an opportunity for a different perspective. I've become convinced that we need to speak up and not be silent about our faith and our beliefs. Even when we are not in agreement.

Scripture is taken from the NASB.

Watch and Be Amazed

Special Programming in March on *The 700 Club Canada*

Dawn's renewal

A desperate need for acceptance led Dawn to a life of bad decisions, failed marriages, and 26 years of addiction. She attended an outreach at a church that gave her a new outlook, but her journey was far from over. Watch and see how Dawn's life changed in a dramatic way.



The miracle of Zoe

Twenty weeks into the pregnancy, Sandy and her husband Shane learned that the baby's skull hadn't closed. Doctors encouraged them to abort the pregnancy, but they knew something that no one else did. Stay tuned to learn their secret.

From Goth to God

After a devastating miscarriage, Steven was angry at God. Trying desperately to find solace, Steven looked towards Wicca to fill his spiritual needs. That was when strange things began to happen. Check out his story to learn how he found freedom and fulfillment in his life.



THIS MONTH

IN FOCUS

Julia Beazley, Director of Public Policy with the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, will be joining us this month to discuss two issues of grave concern for Christians.

MARCH 9 – Update on Pornography

The rise of pornography is not just affecting individuals but Canadian society as a whole. 66 percent of Canadian young adults think viewing porn is ok and 49 percent of Canadians think porn is morally acceptable. This changing mindset is alarming.

MARCH 23 – Canada Summer Jobs Controversy

The federal government introduced new requirements for the Canada Summer Jobs grant. To receive the grant, employers have to adhere to certain values determined by the federal government. Religious organizations can apply for the grant but if they don't agree with the government's position, they will not be eligible.



The Importance of Forgiveness

by GORDON ROBERTSON, Chief Executive Officer, CBN

In the Bible, priests would stand and pray the blessing that God gave Aaron for the people: *"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace"* (Numbers 6:24-26). For God promised, *"So they shall put My name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them"* (v. 27).

This is a relationship blessing. It is being in God's presence, where His face shines upon us and we find *shalom*—the peace of God. Without His presence, there is no peace.

Jesus refers to this imagery, saying, *"Whenever you stand praying"*—then continues, *"if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses"* (Mark 11:25-26). If we hold onto unforgiveness, our prayers go nowhere.

Jesus was beaten, spit upon, rejected, crowned with thorns, and nailed to a cross—yet He said, "Father, forgive them." He would rather have a relationship with the Father than hold onto offenses. He knows

the Aaronic blessing is the key. If we have His presence, we have everything.

Another image of the priestly blessing is in 1 Timothy 2:8, when Paul says, *I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing* (NIV). Where there is anger and disputing, there is no anointing. Paul also says in Ephesians 4:26, *"Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath.*

This is why we should pray, "Lord, am I holding anything against anyone? I don't want to keep a grudge, because it takes away from my relationship with You. I want Your face to shine upon me. I

want Your presence all through me. And I want my heart transparent before You."

He will forgive anything if we ask—and when we have a clear conscience, we can pray with power. As 1 John 3:21-22 promises: *Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. And whatever we ask we receive from Him.*

God bless you.

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

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