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Goes Beyond the Headlines to Offer Hope

Faith Removes Obstacles

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I was blessed to speak at a wonderful church in Saskatchewan recently. There was a certain woman who had been seeking God for over a year. She had

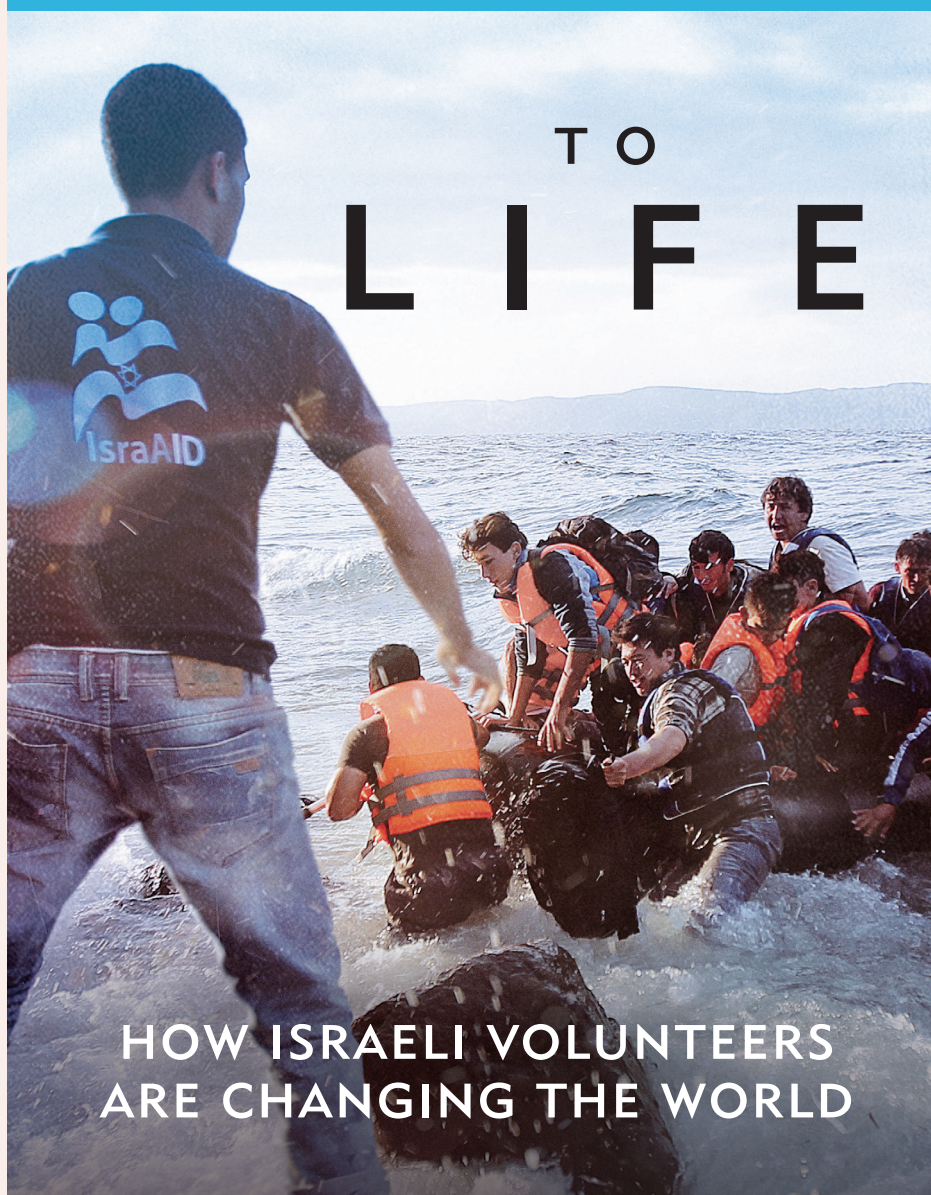
enrolled in a fellowship group, was reading her Bible daily, and yet she had not asked Jesus into her heart. The whole church loved her and prayed for her salvation, but she just couldn't seem to turn her life over to God.

She came up to speak to me and told me of the fears she had to give her will over to the Lord. She had so many questions and felt stuck—trapped by the uncertainties. Joshua 3 tells the story of Joshua's command to the children of Israel who needed a miracle in order to cross over the river with the Ark of the Covenant. The water was at flood levels and it would be impossible to get to the other side without God.

Interestingly, the Lord's instruction in Joshua 3:13 was to take a faith step first, *And as soon as the priests who carry the Ark of the LORD—the Lord of all the earth—set foot in the Jordan, its waters flowing downstream will be cut off and stand up in a heap.*

They had to step into the scary flooding river before God would part the waters for them. I told this precious woman that choosing God would require an act of her will, and then God would do the miracle of salvation. To my amazement, with tears in her eyes, she said, "I'm ready." There was absolutely no difference in her circumstances except that she dared to take the step. It was a glorious harvest for me to watch her life change before my eyes as she simply let faith remove the obstacles.

Scripture is taken from the NIV.



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CBN News also brings a unique biblical perspective to viewers—showing them the larger context of what God is doing in the U.S., Canada, and the world.

Here are a few recent Canadian stories from CBN News:

“I Needed to Hear From God”: Humboldt Team Chaplain’s Emotional Message After Bus Crash Tragedy – April 2018 – Canada mourned 15 deaths

from a youth hockey team when their bus collided with a semi-trailer truck. Rev. Sean Brandow, the team’s chaplain on the scene, struggled to deal with this horrific tragedy. CBN News reported his insights, which he shared at an interfaith service that included Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

Toronto’s Gruesome Van Massacre: Why Did He Do It? – April 2018 – Police are working to determine why a man deliberately drove a rented van down a busy Toronto sidewalk, killing at least 10 people. Although ISIS has called on its followers to use vehicles for attacks in western nations, CBN News’ Dale Hurd states why officials do not think this was terrorism.

Faith under fire in Canada
CBN News also keeps Canadian audiences

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informed about attacks on their faith. Here are two prominent examples:

Nearly 2,000 Accept Christ at a Franklin Graham Crusade That Almost Didn't Happen – Thousands flooded Vancouver's Roger's Arena to hear Rev. Franklin Graham share the Gospel during his March 2017 nationwide crusade. But just days earlier, city leaders and ministers wanted Graham banned for “extraordinarily derogative” beliefs about gay marriage and Islam.

Canada Closes Religious Freedom Office – April 2016 – When Canada's new liberal government, under Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, closed its Office of Religious Freedom, CBN News discussed the worldwide effects—including its role assisting endangered religious minorities.

Standing together on the front lines

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What is the biblical perspective on predestination with regard to salvation?

John Calvin was a theologian who believed in predestination: some are predestined for salvation, and some are not. The concept is about bound will. You're bound by a destiny that is upon you. The Arminian school of thought—including Methodists, Pentecostals, and others—believe that God does not predestine salvation.

I do not believe in predestination regarding salvation. Yes, the Bible says in Ephesians 1:4 that *he chose us in him before the creation of the world*. You can read some predestination into that. I do believe I am chosen in the Lord.

But the idea that you cannot come to the Lord because your will is bound is not biblical. God blessed us with a free will. Romans 10:9-10 says, *If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.*

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Fear Not!

by BRIAN WARREN

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Fear has many “tentacles.” Whatever it is disguised as, the results are the same; fear paralyzes and brings feelings of hopelessness. Yet, the Word of God

reveals the secret to overcoming the bondage of fear: *There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love* (1 John 4:18).

You may be facing a situation right now that you’ve never been in before, and the spirit of fear is attacking you and telling you that you aren’t going to make it. But God cares about you! Romans 8:15 says, *For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.”*

During hard times, Satan works overtime trying to convince us that God doesn’t love us—that if He did, either we wouldn’t be in this situation, or He would have delivered us by now. That is the torment of fear. I personally confess over and over the truth that God *does* love me during these attacks of fear. I encourage you to do the same if this sounds familiar. Boldly confess several times a day with confidence, “God loves me!”

Don’t allow the devil to steal this truth from you. He is a liar! Stay in the Word; God is building your character. 2 Timothy 1:7 says, *For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.* Fear not!

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Special Programming in June on *The 700 Club Canada*

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Emily decided at a young age that she was attracted to females, and in her teens, she split from her family so that she could live how she pleased. One day, her aunt invited her to a Bible study—and Emily began to read a book that challenged her thinking. Watch and see her inspiring story.



Fighting for a Heartbeat

When Jon went to the doctor for abdominal pain, no one expected him to be fighting for his life. In a terrifying turn of events, Jon was found to have congestive heart failure, but his story wasn’t over yet. You won’t want to miss his testimony.

Breaking the Cycle

Learning bad habits from her alcoholic father, Maryann thought that abusive relationships were a form of love. It wasn’t until someone showed her another way that she realized she had been looking for love and acceptance in the wrong places. Be sure to tune in for the rest of her story.



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Called, Equipped and Empowered

Building Eternal Tabernacles for His Glory

by GORDON ROBERTSON, Chief Executive Officer, CBN

There's an interesting parallel between the Israelites building a tabernacle for God in the wilderness and CBN's mission. The wilderness today is the world, where we are building tabernacles—one life at a time. We are telling people in other cultures and languages that they can be dwelling places of the Lord.

As Jesus commanded, *This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations* (Matthew 24:14 KJV). That verse of Scripture is engraved over the door of CBN's Studio Headquarters. When we dedicated that building in 1979, Billy Graham gave one of the most inspiring sermons I've ever heard. He said that for the first time in history, we have the technology to preach the Gospel to every tribe, every tongue, and every nation.

Whenever God calls people, He equips them for the task. The Israelites had been slaves in Egypt; how could they build a beautiful tabernacle? Exodus 35:30-34 gives the answer: *The LORD has called by name Bezalel ... and He has filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom and understanding, ... to design artistic works, to work in gold and silver and bronze, in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all manner of*

artistic workmanship. And He has put in his heart the ability to teach.

Torah scholars say it was a miracle for all of these different skillsets to be placed in one man—including the desire to teach.

While I was in Manila with CBN Asia, we had “the slash team.” This meant that one day you might run the camera, while the next day you might direct, or archive, or edit, etc. You did it all because we couldn't afford to do it differently—and it became a badge of honour to be on the slash team.

A slogan I've adopted is, “When I'm willing to learn, a teacher will appear.” If we admit that we don't know what we're doing—but God does—we are ready to learn.

As Jesus was teaching the disciples, He modeled how to do what He taught. He doesn't hold these gifts to Himself; He imparts them to us by His Spirit.

So pray about what the Lord wants you to do right now. Ask Him to equip you with His wisdom and understanding. And boldly pray that He enables us together to preach His glorious Gospel to every tribe, tongue and nation. God bless you.

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