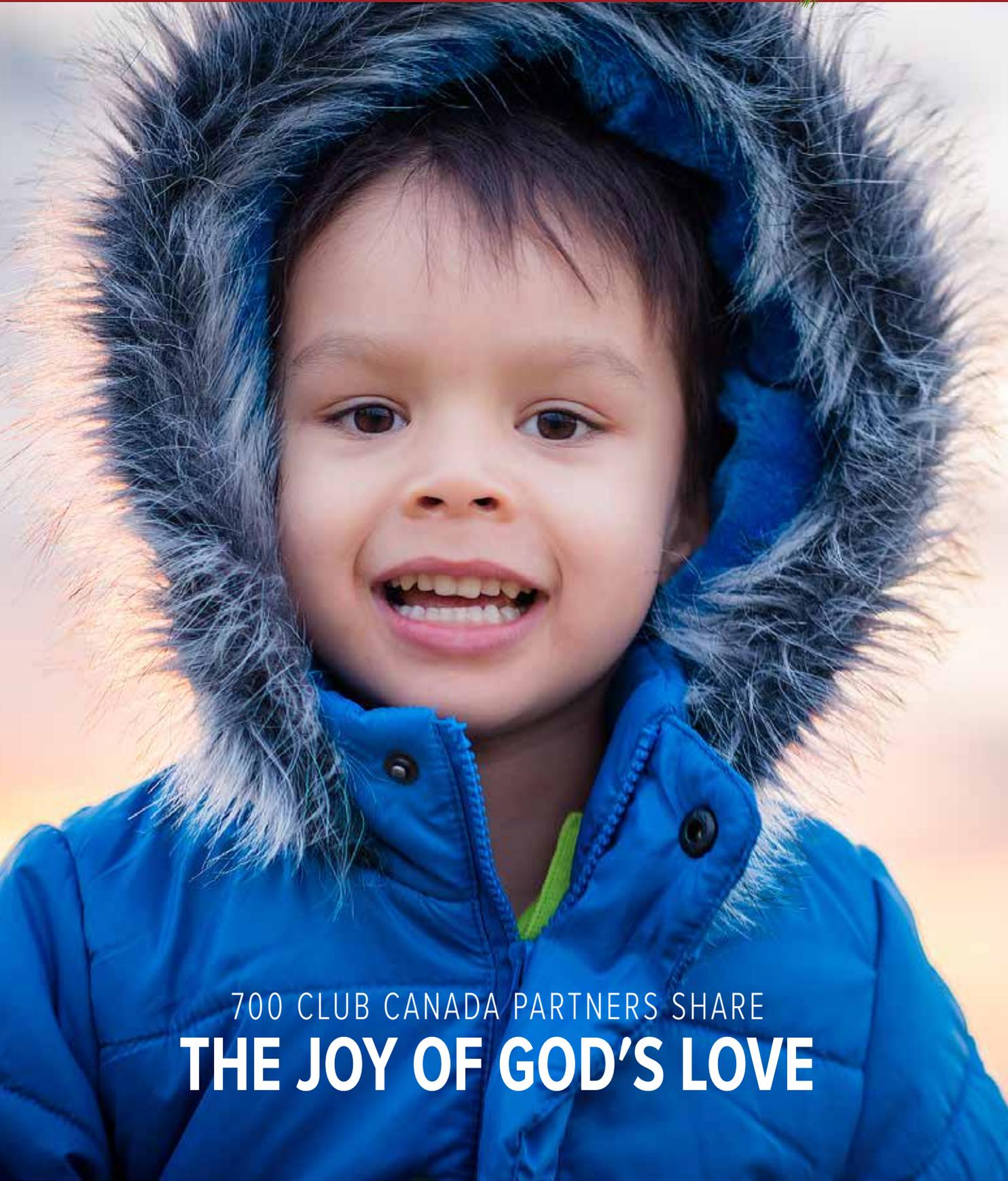


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700 CLUB CANADA PARTNERS SHARE
THE JOY OF GOD'S LOVE

Bon Appétit!

by BRIAN WARREN

Co-Host, *The 700 Club Canada*



“But you, O Bethlehem...”
(Micah 5:2)

Bethlehem was and is a little town, yet so important; it’s mentioned 53 times in Scripture. To understand the secret of Bethlehem and its significance, you need to know in Hebrew the word for place or house is *beit* and the word for bread is *lechem*, therefore Bethlehem is *Beit Lechem*—“Place of Bread” or “House of Bread.”

I love the smell of fresh bread anytime, but especially at Christmas! Bread is such an essential part of life and a great symbol of Jesus, for He alone satisfies our souls’ deepest longing and strengthens us spiritually, just as bread does in the physical realm. It was in Bethlehem that man first laid eyes on God in the flesh.

In John 6:35 Jesus declared, *“I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”* This could be translated, “I am the bread of life and no one else is.” In this verse the words “hunger and thirst” are in an emphatic position. It could literally be translated, “shall not ever hunger” and “shall not ever thirst.” Why? Jesus is heaven’s Eternal Bread.

This Christmas, like the shepherds, let’s not forget the bread! *“Let’s go to Bethlehem! Let’s see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”* (Luke 2:15)

Bon appétit... and Merry Christmas!

Scripture is taken from the NKJV.



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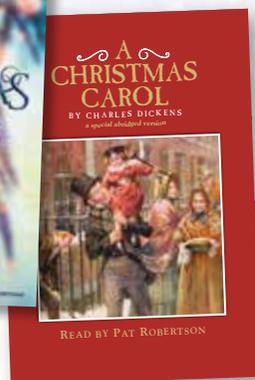
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EXTENDING THE GIFT OF GOD'S LOVE

HELPING PEOPLE OF ALL AGES

We are upon one of our favourite times of year—Christmas! We love this time of celebrating the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ—a time where our faith is put at the forefront of our days through festive reminders like Christmas trees, Nativity scenes, angels and stars. Many of us have the privilege of gathering with family and friends in the comfort of our homes to give thanks and celebration to our King for all that we are blessed with. What a joy! For others, the holiday season is the most difficult of them all. That's where we come in. Our partner ministries step up during the Christmas season to shine God's light on the people of Canada.

Thanks to your ongoing commitment as a 700 Club Canada partner, we have been able to remind each struggling man, woman, and family that their lives are seen by God, cherished and valued. This Christmas, The 700 Club Canada is sponsoring Union Gospel Mission's (UGM) Gifts of Hope Christmas Hamper program—a holiday drive to gather winter necessities for people in need. With the blessing of

a Christmas hamper, families and individuals will receive the necessities to face the cold months, and gifts to ring in the Christmas season. But even more than that, these dignifying interactions can help to set lives onto a path of restoration made possible only through the caring and generosity of their supporters. At UGM, a person's whole needs are met—which often becomes a new beginning for them.

We are also partnering with The Scott Mission. Their focus is to share Christ's mercy and love with the hungry, hurting and homeless. This Christmas, they will be running various programs to help the needy truly embrace the season. They will be giving out grocery gift cards to families across the city of Toronto so they can buy food for their special Christmas. The 700 Club Canada has committed to providing snowsuits and coats for the children and youth of families who come to them in great need during our frigid Canadian winters. They will also have a free toy store open to their community of struggling families. Parents will have the opportunity to pick out toys, books, and stocking stuffers for each



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Fear Is Not Welcome Here!

by LORIE HARTSHORN

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Trying to eliminate all our reasons for fear is a waste of time. On the other hand, filling up the space it is vying for is sweet revenge. The Bible

tells us that fear and faith fight for the same space. In Mark 4:40 Jesus asked His disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?” And in Mark 5:36 He reminds them again, “Don’t be afraid; just believe.” Belief and faith are one and the same thing. So if you want to be free of fear, it looks like the antidote is faith!

Think of it this way. Imagine that you are a house and Fear and Faith are knocking at your door. You have a choice. Who will you let in? Fear and Faith can’t be roommates. They don’t get along. You may feel that you have no choice but to welcome fear in and allow it to take up space in your mind, mess with your emotions, and wreak havoc on your body. But the Bible says, well over 350 times, “Do not be afraid.” So how do you kick fear to the curb? Have faith! Believe God is who He says He is and that He will do what He says He will do.

Joshua 1:9, “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Isaiah 41:13, “For I am the LORD your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, do not fear; I will help you.”

The Almighty God, King of Kings, Lord of Lords, Creator of heaven and earth is with you and will personally walk you through whatever you are afraid of. Do you believe that?

Psalm 56:3, “When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.” Say that every time fear comes knocking and do not open the door. Welcome faith to take up space in your life.

Scripture is taken from the NKJV.

of their children, and also receive a game and piece of sports equipment to share.

God has given us plenty so that we can in turn give to others in need. Many are searching for the Lord, and this Christmas we are so thankful to be able show the love of God in action.

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God (Hebrews 13:16 ESV).

Merry Christmas

FROM THE 700 CLUB CANADA HOSTS

May this Christmas season be filled with the joy and gladness of family and friends gathered together to celebrate the greatest gift of all: our Lord Jesus

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

(John 3:16 NKJV)



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SPECIAL FEATURES IN DECEMBER
ON *THE 700 CLUB CANADA*



A LAST-MINUTE CHANGE

From childhood, Lynne was convinced that she was fatally flawed. This conviction hovered over her like a dark cloud until one day she tried to take her own life. But while she was in a treatment facility after her suicide attempt, she saw a TV show that changed her life. Watch and see what happens next.



FROM BROKEN TO BLESSED

When Guy saw his fiancée Denise's car wrecked on the side of the highway, he feared the worst. Horribly disfigured from the waist down, Denise fought against the odds—and battled for her life. You won't want to miss her story.



FINDING PEACE AT CHRISTMAS

Patty spent her entire life searching for something that would fulfill her. At first she sought contentment in her job and family, but eventually she turned to alcohol, and her depression worsened. It wasn't until she attended a Christmas play that something changed. Check out her fascinating story.

BE ENCOURAGED AND INSPIRED BY THESE SPECIAL GUESTS



DANIELLE MACAULAY

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Author, blogger, and speaker, Danielle loves the spa, cooking up a storm in the kitchen, running, dating her husband Dan, and reading with her two boys. She has written a family devotional called, *Table Talk: Family Dinner Devos* and loves to provide physical and spiritual nutrition through her blog: FromMilkToMeat.com. Her new book is called *Why Can't We All Just Get Along?* and it's for women of the church to discuss the biblical "recipe" for healthy relationships. Catch Danielle and Dan together on marriage television show *A Better Us* on YES TV.



DAN MACAULAY

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Acclaimed Canadian-born worship leader and singer/songwriter Dan Macaulay is a GMA Canada Covenant Award winner and nine-time nominee. Dan's first passion and calling since he was a teenager has been leading worship. Big or small settings, hyped or hidden, he loves seeing God's people simply and honestly connect with their creator using music. In the past few years, teaching worship teams and leading worship has also led him to speak to congregations about worship.

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The Birth of Grace



by GORDON ROBERTSON,
Chief Executive Officer, CBN

*We beheld His glory...
full of grace and truth.*



Where does grace begin? It comes from Jesus. John's Gospel says: *The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. ... And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ* (John 1:14, 16-17).

The Apostle Peter tells us that grace is the beginning of the Christian walk: *As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious* (1 Peter 2:2-3). His personal experience of the Lord's graciousness led him to write this.

Consider how Peter felt after Jesus' death and resurrection. He had denied the Lord three times and probably felt unfit to be an apostle. But what does Jesus do? He comes to Peter and asks three times if he loves Him—negating every one of Peter's denials.

This is grace in action, and this is the moment that creates the Apostle Peter. Instead of berating him, Jesus challenges him to move forward, to go higher, and to do what he thought he could not do anymore. When Peter thinks he is disqualified, Jesus says, "My grace

can overcome all of this. I have important work for you to do. You have a destiny and a calling."

This is God's manifold grace: He has worked out good things for us to walk into. It is not because He needs us, but because we need His grace. If we come to Christianity from a legalistic standpoint, we will never understand the truth of God's grace. We can't think enough good thoughts or do enough good deeds to earn His favor.

This is why Paul underlines it in every letter, and why he recalls Jesus' words to him in 2 Corinthians 12:9: *"My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."*

Understanding grace makes the difference between losing heart and bearing fruit in ministry. God calls each of us to stand in His presence, and He also calls us to preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth. To do this, we must put aside all human striving and hold fast to His high calling, which is to turn many from darkness to light—to the living God. For it is His grace that makes this possible. God bless you.

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

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