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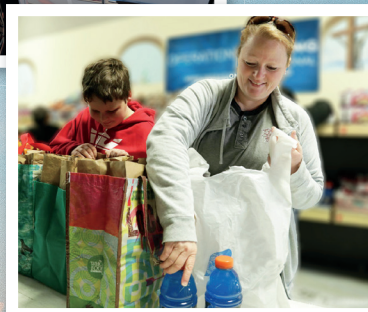
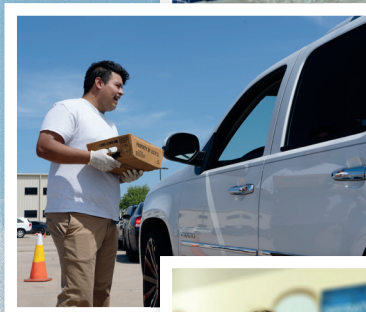
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*Sending the Love of Jesus  
Across Canada!*





## Why Does God Allow Evil?

by BILL MARKHAM  
Co-Host, *The 700 Club Canada*



Have you ever wondered: If God is good, why do bad things happen? It's a question that, if not answered, can erode

our confidence and faith in a God who is always good. So, what is the truth? Let's consider the following:

- **God is good:** The Bible explains that the pain and suffering we endure result from humanity's choice not to align with God's design, often described as "the good." Just as a person ignoring a warning sign can't blame the designer for their misfortune, we can't accuse God of allowing "the bad" when we deviate from His intended path. I can't blame the engineer of a road for my car wreck when I choose to drive in the ditch.

- **God is loving:** Love demands free choice. The freedom to accept or reject God's love is the only thing that protects us from becoming forced slaves. Instead, God calls us His children. This freedom allows us to navigate our journey, making choices that shape our lives. It is these choices that either result in good or bad consequences.

**God's good love is the solution:** Romans 5:8 (NIV) tells us that **God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.** By sacrificing His life, Jesus provided a pathway for us to break free from the shackles of sin. The opportunity to invite God to eliminate the evil in our lives is by living fully in His design—the "good."

Throughout Scripture, especially in the New Testament, we are promised God's victory over sin and evil. Christ's empty tomb is proof that sin and death have been fully conquered, and one day evil will be eternally removed.

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## It's Heart Month!

*Nourish your heart the Mediterranean way*



**T**aking care of your heart is serious business, and this month of valentines and red roses is when we also shine a spotlight on heart health.

Cardiovascular disease is a cause of death for many. According to Dr. Luke Laffin, a cardiologist at Cleveland Clinic, the statistics have not gotten any better over the past five years. He says, "People are heavier; they're not exercising as much." And the pandemic did not help.

So, how can you ensure better heart health—beginning today? Dr. Laffin emphasizes the best way to start is to modify your diet. And he specifically suggests the Mediterranean way of eating, which uses olive oil, a healthy fat, as a main staple ingredient.

"Extra virgin olive oil has an anti-inflammatory component called oleic acid," he explains, "and we know that some cardiovascular risk is driven by overall, or systemic, inflammation in the body. So, that can be helpful."

In addition, the Mediterranean way includes getting protein primarily through beans, fish, and poultry, leaving out red meat, pork, and shellfish, which are high in cholesterol. And getting enough fruit and vegetables is paramount—as is leaving alone sugar and processed food such as chips, pastries, crackers, and lunch meat.

Dr. Laffin stresses that the Mediterranean diet "has the best data for actually reducing strokes and heart attacks."

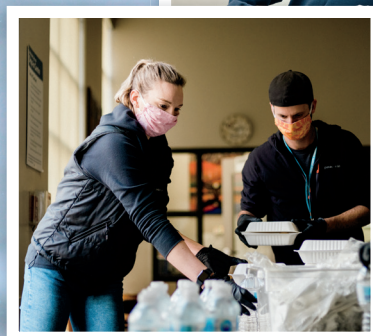
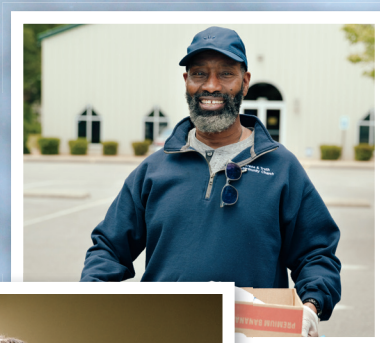
So, with that knowledge, what's stopping you from starting your journey to better heart health today? Please visit [My.ClevelandClinic.org](http://My.ClevelandClinic.org) for more information.

*Be sure to consult your physician before making any dietary changes.*





# *Sending the Love of Jesus Across Canada!*



**I**n February of each year, many turn their thoughts to Valentine's Day and focus on their love for one another. A night out, roses, and presents for their spouse or significant other become their focus, and while it is important to celebrate those relationships, what does real love mean?

In the book of Matthew, Jesus was tested by a Pharisee who was considered to be an expert in the law. The hope was that he would catch Jesus in a mistake and be able to use that against Him. In three verses,



Jesus was able to summarize everything about our faith into one word—**Love**.

Matthew 22:37-40 reminds us, **Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”** (NIV)

The 700 Club Canada embraces the commandment to “**love your neighbour as yourself**,” and as we move through 2024, one of our ministry pillars is that of Humanitarian Activities. No one person or entity is an island, and to ensure that we fulfill that commandment, we partner with some wonderful organizations across this country to reach the lost and provide assistance to the vulnerable and marginalized.

### **FRESH HOPE CANADA**

Fresh Hope Canada is passionate about creating safe environments both in First Nation communities and in Northern communities where Indigenous youth can encounter hope itself in the person of Jesus. Their goal is to see Indigenous youth across Canada radically transformed by the love of Jesus and empowered to take the message of the Gospel into neighbouring communities and reserves.

### **METRO KIDS SOCIETY**

Metro Kids serves children and youth from vulnerable neighbourhoods in Greater Vancouver. They engage young people through creative, accessible programs and support them through on-going mentoring relationships.

### **WINDSOR LIFE CENTRE**

Windsor Life Centre provides a therapeutic environment that supports the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual needs of their residents, promoting their well-being.

As you think about Valentine’s Day, we encourage you to celebrate those important people in your life, and also to remember that as Christians and people of faith, our love for others comes from God’s love for each of us.

As 700 Club Canada partners, you are the hands, feet, and voice of Christ. Your generosity helps us to share His love every day by providing much-needed food and living essentials, disaster relief, education, Christ-centred programming, and so much more.

Thank you for your generosity, your support, and your partnership in sharing the Gospel!



with Gordon Robertson

### **Who wrote the Bible?**

The short answer is in the Bible, in a letter from the Apostle Peter: *Prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit* (2 Peter 1:21).

Inspired by God, holy men wrote down these wonderful words. As Peter wrote that, he also described his own experience. He had been on the Mount of Transfiguration and had seen Moses and Elijah with Jesus as He was transfigured—the law and the prophets fulfilled in the Son of God.

Peter also wrote, *And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts* (2 Peter 1:19).

We have a more sure word than just experience, because God inspired these holy men who were proven as prophets. And that is the source of the Bible.

*Scripture is quoted from the NKJV.*

### **Do you have a question for Gordon?**

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## VICTIM FINDS HOPE

Jasmine found the attention she always craved in an untrustworthy man. Shame became her new identity. Then God came into the picture.



## BUTTERFLIES IN HEAVEN

Annie had a heavenly vision during a near-drowning experience. Within days, she was released from the hospital and excited to tell her story.



## CHILD OF GOD

Abby's eating disorder and alcohol addiction caused turmoil in her life. Surprisingly, a car crash became a miracle in disguise.



## MENDED HEARTS

Rick often chose work over his family. Feeling neglected, his wife, Tiffany, had an affair. Both thought their marriage had reached a dead end—until the power of forgiveness changed everything.

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**February 27, 2024 8 p.m. (EST)**

**Estate Planning:  
Preparing for  
Unexpected  
Challenges and  
Disruptions in Your  
Family** *with Mary Lynn Huizinga*

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# SET FREE BY *Love*



by GORDON ROBERTSON  
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**T**he Bible sets a very high standard for love by saying, *It keeps no record of being wronged. ... Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance* (1 Corinthians 13:5, 7).

We want to have love that doesn't keep any record of past hurts, that always hopes, and that can look past a person's behaviour to see someone made in the image of God. Unfortunately, people go through problems that can cause anger and bitterness. Some try to medicate the pain with alcohol or drugs, but underneath it all is a person who is heartbroken.

The only true cure is to come to God, ask for His help, and completely surrender your life to Him. Then we have the wonderful promise in Romans 8:28, *And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his*

*purpose for them.*

God doesn't ever take away your will; you always have the freedom to choose. When you hold onto unforgiveness, you separate yourself from God. That's why you need to surrender to Him on an ongoing basis.

Jesus tells us in Luke 6:37, *"Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn others, or it will all come back against you. Forgive others, and you will be forgiven."*

When you set others free, you are also set free—free from anger and bitterness, and free to fulfill your purpose in Christ, which is to love God and love one another.

That wonderful freedom is there for you today. Simply turn to Jesus, who took the punishment for every sin by dying on the cross because of His great love for you. Ask Him to help you forgive like He forgives. He will set you free and give you a new heart of love. God bless you!

*From a teaching on The 700 Club. Scripture is quoted from the NLT.*

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