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THE GENIUS OF ISRAEL

CBN Films Reveals the Strength of Israel
in This All-New Documentary

The Power of the Fruit of the Spirit in a Conflicted World

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In a world marked by conflict and turmoil, Galatians 5 presents the fruit of the Spirit as a profound antidote. These attributes—love, joy,

peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—are not fleeting emotions but powerful weapons against the enemy's attempts to discourage and destroy.

It's crucial to recognize that these qualities aren't something we can manufacture through our own effort and focus. They're gifts from God, given supernaturally through His Spirit. But here's the catch: while they're God-given, they also require cultivation, much like making a tree fruitful. It's a daily choice to surrender to God's work in our lives, allowing Him to shape and develop these qualities within us.

Cultivating the fruit of the Spirit means anchoring our perspective in God's truth—holding firm, as branches are anchored in the trunk in a storm, even when faced with uncertainty. It requires a lifestyle aligned with God's character, where we intentionally embody His love, faithfulness, self-control, and all these virtues in our daily interactions.

Producing the fruit of the Spirit sparks a spiritual revolution. It empowers us to combat negativity with joy, chaos with peace, and hatred with kindness. Each day becomes an opportunity for growth and reliance on God's grace, reflecting His presence and power in our lives. As we yield to God's transformative work, we become agents of hope and catalysts for transformation in our conflicted world.

Anchored in Christ

by Jessica Teed

Program Communications Manager, Operation Blessing

I have learned that God often requires us to wait upon Him and His timing. Sometimes, I've become impatient and tried to make the Lord's plans happen for me, which didn't end well.

The Lord never intended us to live apart from Him. The Bible says in John 15:5 that without Him, we can do nothing. When we wait patiently, we will receive what God promised us (Hebrews 6:15).

Just as a boat that isn't anchored will drift away even in calm waters, the same thing can happen when we are not anchored to the Lord. When we place our trust in ourselves and our abilities, we choose to build our foundations on shifting sand. If our foundations are not built upon Jesus Christ, we will drift away from God in seasons of difficulty.

When we anchor ourselves to God and His promises, the waves can come, the wind can blow, and we will stay put. This is how we survive the storms in life, choosing to be anchored to the Lord by trusting in His promises and taking refuge in who He says He is (Hebrews 6:18-19).

Whatever you are walking through, the Lord is close to you. Look to the Lord and choose to be anchored in who He is. He is entirely faithful and completely trustworthy.

Father God, I place my hope and confidence in You, so I can be anchored to You when storms come my way. I choose today to look to and trust in You and the promises You have made.

You are my refuge. In Jesus' name, amen.

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CBN FILMS

REVEALS THE STRENGTH OF ISRAEL IN ALL-NEW DOCUMENTARY

Viewers discover the power behind the Jewish people

The story of Israel is the story of God's covenant relationship with His people. CBN Films presents an in-depth look into the fascinating culture of the Holy Land. Directed by Erin Zimmerman and hosted by Gordon Robertson, *The Genius of Israel* invites audiences to gain a broader perspective and a deeper appreciation for Israel and her people. *The Genius of Israel* explores everyday life in Israel and how traditions dating back to the Old Testament are still relevant today.

Israel is home to proud citizens who, despite existing under the constant threat of terrorism, thrive upon a solid foundation of unity. Zimmerman offers a further glimpse into the Israeli way of life, explaining, "We in the West have a lot to learn from Israeli society, and it all boils down to one word: community."

Zimmerman, who filmed in Israel during the Hamas attacks, wanted to create this one-of-kind documentary when she noticed Israel's selfless response to the fighting. "The most impressive thing I witnessed in the first few weeks of the war was the overwhelming volunteer spirit among Israeli civilians. The IDF was overwhelmed with finding equipment, bedding, and even food for everyone at first, so the citizens stepped in. I watched this and thought: This phenomenon should be documented."

CBN productions like *The Hope*, *In Our Hands*, *Made in Israel*, and *To Life* open audiences' eyes to the courage of Israelis who have faced hostility for centuries. *The Genius of Israel*, according to Zimmerman, "is a pure documentary being filmed in real time during the war, rather than looking back on it. My team filmed through rocket attacks, even taking the camera into the bomb shelter."

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Finding Victory in God's Strength

by EMILY JAMES

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In 2 Chronicles 20, we find the story of King Jehoshaphat facing a challenge. Multiple armies were closing in on his

nation, threatening to destroy his people. In his desperation, he turned to God, the only One who could help. He declared, **"We do not know what to do, but we are looking to you for help,"** (v. 12 NLT) and called his people together to pray and praise God, despite their unchanged circumstances.

God's response is found in verse 15: **"Do not be afraid! Don't be discouraged by this mighty army, for the battle is not yours, but God's."** This assurance reminds us that we are not alone in our struggles. Whatever battles we face we don't have to fight them on our own. God is with us, providing strength and power. He commanded Jehoshaphat's people to stand firm and witness His victory, promising that they wouldn't need to fight.

Psalms 121:1-2 says, **I look up to the mountains—does my help come from there? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth!** Jehoshaphat and his people looked to God, lifting their eyes in prayer and praise, which changed their perspective and brought about God's victory.

In our own battles, it's easy to feel overwhelmed, but as we lift our eyes to God, offering prayer and praise, we can trust in His strength and that He will see us through. God is bigger than any battle we face, and in Him, we find our victory.

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And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

-Colossians 3:14 NIV



partners. Zimmerman shared: "If you follow social media and even some mainstream news outlets, you will hear a cacophony of lies about Israel right now. I have witnessed firsthand over 25 years the generosity and compassion of the Israeli people. They show up to feed soldiers, harvest the fields that have no workers, and gather clothes and supplies for displaced families. That's who the Israeli people are."

The Genius of Israel unveils a dynamic script that highlights the Jewish people's dedication to their country and one another. The film begins with a message that remains at the heart of their close-knit community: "All Israel is responsible for one another." It also reveals the stunning realization that "since the beginning of the modern state, the people of Israel have made it their mission to help the rest of the world as well."

Thank you for all you are doing to share the truth about Israel through your compassionate giving. You're also making a widespread difference in Canada by feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, rushing disaster relief, and spreading the Gospel through *The 700 Club Canada* and CBN Animation's Superbook. To learn more about how you can watch *The Genius of Israel* and other inspiring DVDs, visit 700Club.ca/promotions.

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NOT A SPIRIT OF FEAR

When Sonia was diagnosed with breast cancer, she didn't know what to do. But she decided to place her trust in God—and He showed up in a big way! You won't want to miss her miraculous story.



SEARCHING FOR PURPOSE

Richard wanted purpose in life—which led him into some dark places. But when occult practices and drug dealing didn't fulfill him, he found comfort in an unlikely source—his barber. Watch to see how his story turns out!



WHEN GOD SAYS, "YOU FIRST!"

Kelly worked two jobs but was still \$52,000 in debt. In desperation, she asked God for help—and He asked her for a step of faith. Don't miss this encouraging testimony about what God did next!



TOO HIGH TO CARE

As a pastor's son, Ron knew what he should be doing—he just didn't want to do it. He began by using drugs, but soon was selling and making them too. In and out of jail, nothing changed until one day when he attended a prison Bible study. This is one story you won't want to miss!

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A Light to the Nations



by GORDON ROBERTSON
President and CEO, CBN



God gave incredibly detailed directions about every aspect of the Tabernacle—even the direction of the lighting. He tells Moses in Numbers 8:2, *“When you set up the seven lamps in the lampstand, place them so their light shines forward in front of the lampstand.”* How interesting to note that the lamps of the menorah were to face forward.

Centuries later, God tells His people in Isaiah 49:6, *“I will make you a light to the Gentiles.”* To this day, the Jews take this passage very seriously. When they’re not fighting for their own survival, Israelis are often the first responders to international disasters. If you ask them why, they’ll tell you it’s to be a light to the nations.

Isaiah’s prophecy is perfectly fulfilled in Jesus, who announces in John 8:12, *“I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won’t have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.”*

Jesus imparts His light to us, saying: *“You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. ... A lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father”* (Matthew 5:14-16).

Jesus is the source of it all. And He gives us a wonderful picture of the branches of a menorah when He says, *“Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. ... When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father”* (John 15:5, 8).

So together, let us shine His glorious light to the nations, drawing many people unto Him. God bless you!

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