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Grace in Messy Families

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From the beginning, God has chosen to work through families—not because they are perfect, but because they are the primary soil where human formation takes root. Scripture

identifies God as “*the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob*” (Exodus 3:6 NIV), grounding our identity in both our earthly lineage and our heavenly belonging—and reminding us that God’s covenant advances through generations marked by faith, failure, and grace.

Abraham struggles with fear (Genesis 12:10-20). Isaac repeats familiar patterns (Genesis 26). Jacob’s family fractures under favoritism and rivalry (Genesis 29–37). Yet God remains faithful. In the life of Joseph, shaped by betrayal and loss, Scripture repeats a steady refrain: “*The LORD was with Joseph*” (Genesis 39:2, 21). God’s grace does not erase family brokenness—but it transforms how we live within it.

For those from dysfunctional families, this is hope. Your family story influences you, but it does not define you. Healing begins by anchoring your identity in who God says you are (Genesis 50:20), not in what your family failed to provide. For those longing to see God heal their family, begin with honest reflection. Ask where patterns may be repeating and where forgiveness, repentance, or healthy boundaries are needed. God often starts His healing work in one heart before restoring the whole. And for those blessed with healthy families, the call is stewardship. Guard what God has given you. Live with gratitude and intentional faith so blessing continues to the next generation (see Proverbs 13:22).

God is still the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. His grace is stronger than generational brokenness. Take time to reread Genesis 12–50 and watch how faithfully God works through imperfect families—because He is still doing that work today.

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The Ultimate Sacrifice

by Brooke Boland

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It was Good Friday when the Father and the Son gave their greatest gift of love to mankind. It would demand the ultimate sacrifice.

Jesus hung on the rough-hewn, Roman cross waiting to die. A crown of thorns dug deep into his brow, mocking his divinity. Carpenter nails hammered through His hands and feet belied His power to pay the penalty for sin and death and destroy the works of the devil. The precious intimacy between God and his children would be restored at a horrible cost.

Jesus endured shame, betrayal, pain, and death to give birth to the body of Christ, as He was called to carry out His ministry on earth.

“*If anyone desires to come after Me,*” Jesus says in Luke 9:23, “*let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me*” (NKJV).

To “deny oneself” is not asceticism, but a choice to make God’s kingdom the highest priority. To “take up your cross” is to forsake selfish ambition for the fulfillment of the Gospel. To “follow Him” means drawing close to Jesus, listening for His voice, obeying His Word, and conforming to His ways.

An amazing paradox comes with full commitment. Mark 10:30 promises we will “*receive a hundredfold now in this time ... and in the age to come, eternal life.*”

Our lives become power-packed adventures as we preach the Gospel with miraculous signs, confirming that we are indeed disciples and ambassadors of Christ!



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The DOORWAY to VICTORY

by Gordon Robertson

When Jesus cried out from the cross, “*My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?*” in Matthew 27:46, He was not expressing fear or abandonment.

He was pointing His followers to the amazing set of prophecies in Psalm 22. His words are the opening line of a psalm written by King David nearly 1,000 years before Christ was born—long before the Roman Empire existed or crucifixion was devised as the most torturous and humiliating method of execution imaginable.

By quoting that first verse, Jesus was doing what rabbis of His time often did to invoke the entire psalm. And what follows in Psalm 22 is a stunningly accurate description of what Jesus was enduring in that moment:

All those who see Me ridicule Me ... saying, “He trusted in the LORD, let Him rescue Him.” ... I am poured out like water, and all My bones are out of joint. ... My tongue clings to My jaws. ... They pierced My hands and My feet; I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me. They divide My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.

It’s astounding to consider that Jesus’ death was described so clearly 10 centuries before it happened. How could David have seen these exact details unless God revealed them to him?

Jesus was fulfilling every part of that ancient prophecy. His cry from the cross was not a wail of defeat, but a declaration of divine purpose: “This has all been foretold. I am the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. I am the Messiah.”

The psalm continues with this great promise: *All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You. For the kingdom is the LORD’s, and He rules over the nations.*

Instead of being the end of the story, the cross serves as the doorway to victory. Jesus didn’t just die; He rose again. The Suffering Servant becomes the victorious King.

This is the power of Easter. The resurrection is the cornerstone of our faith. It proves that His sacrifice for our sins was accepted, the grave has no hold on us, and every word God has ever spoken can always be trusted.

Through the cross, Jesus took on our suffering.



Through the resurrection, He gives us His life, which lasts for all eternity. Thanks to Him, we are not bound by our past, by sin, by guilt, by shame, or by death. We are invited into new life, new purpose, and new hope.

As Romans 6:4 says, *Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.* Easter offers more than a mere memory of what was done. It is an invitation to step into what Christ has made possible for all who believe in Him—today, tomorrow, and forever.

Psalm 22 concludes by saying, *They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born, that He has done this.* Today, you and I are part of that prophetic declaration as we proclaim the Good News of salvation to millions of people across Canada.

Yes, Jesus has done it all. His cry was for your sake and mine, that we would remember how all of this was foretold. He fulfilled the Scriptures. He defeated death. He has made a way for all nations to return and be reconciled to God.

So, this Easter, don't just remember the story—respond to it. Worship the Risen Saviour. Rejoice in fulfilled prophecy. And walk in the victory that Jesus has secured for you through His cross and empty tomb.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Scripture is quoted from the NKJV.



with Gordon Robertson

Is it right or wrong to give one of your kidneys to someone who isn't a family member? Does the Bible say anything about this?

Anything done in love is right. When you love someone so much that you're willing to donate one of your organs, that is absolutely incredible—you're living out what the Bible calls the law of love. Jesus said, *"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends"* (John 15:13 NKJV).

If you say, "I'm a match. I can share one of my kidneys so my friend can live," you are behaving like Jesus. That's exactly what He did. He laid down His life so we could have life forever with Him. Hebrews 12:2 says, *Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross* (NLT).

Surgery and recovery are not easy. There is pain and risk involved. But a heart that says, "I want to do this so my friend can live," is reflecting the love of Christ in a beautiful way.



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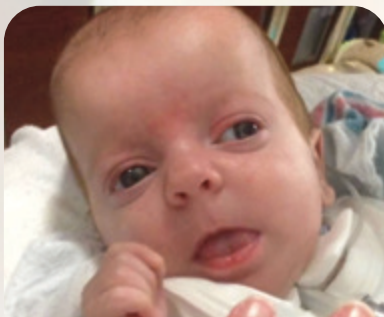
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While Angela was pregnant, she was diagnosed with HELLP syndrome, a life-threatening illness. Then later—at 27 weeks old—her baby, John Paul, fought for his life. Watch how God changed this story from devastating to inspiring.



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Welcome, Shireen Spencer!



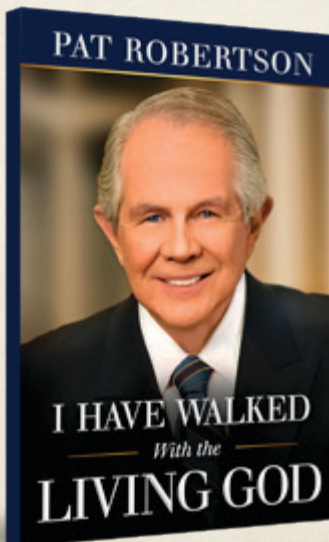
We are delighted to introduce Shireen Spencer, a passionate follower of Jesus and a seasoned ministry leader who brings both depth of faith and breadth of experience as the new co-host of *The 700 Club Canada*. Shireen is a devoted wife and mother of two young adults, and a woman who wears many hats with grace and purpose.

With over 20 years of ministry experience, Shireen has served across denominations, ministries, and community organizations as a teacher, author, singer-songwriter, worship leader, communicator, pastor, certified life and grief coach, officiant, and Christian counsellor. Her heart is to see individuals across Canada and beyond discover and live out their God-given purpose and calling.

Shireen finds great joy in teaching the Word of God to diverse audiences and is deeply committed to helping people grow in a meaningful, rooted relationship with Jesus. She shares, “I am excited and honoured to be part of *The 700 Club Canada* and CBA—and delighted to contribute my passion for communicating the Gospel to further our mission of establishing the kingdom of God here on earth.”

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