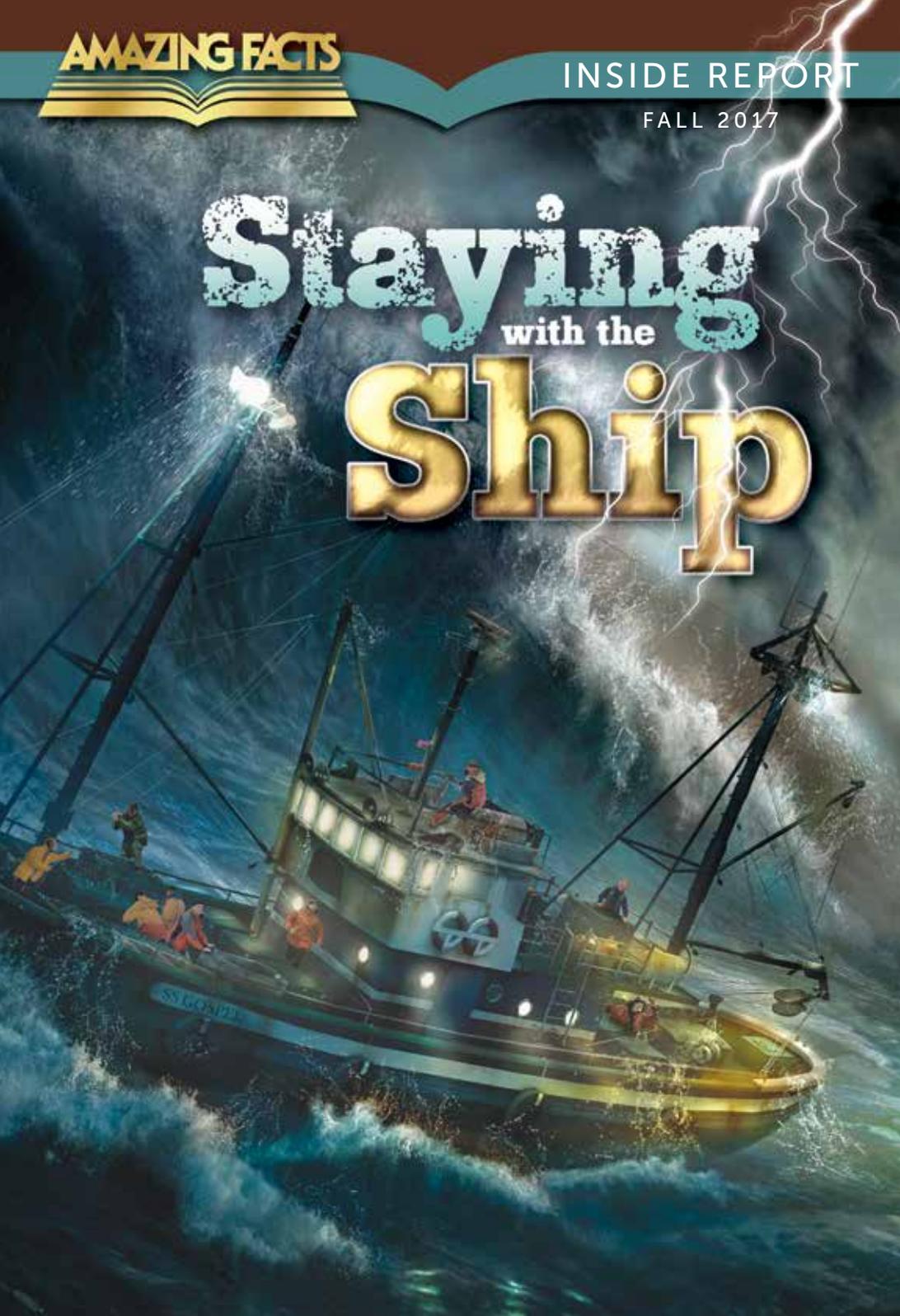


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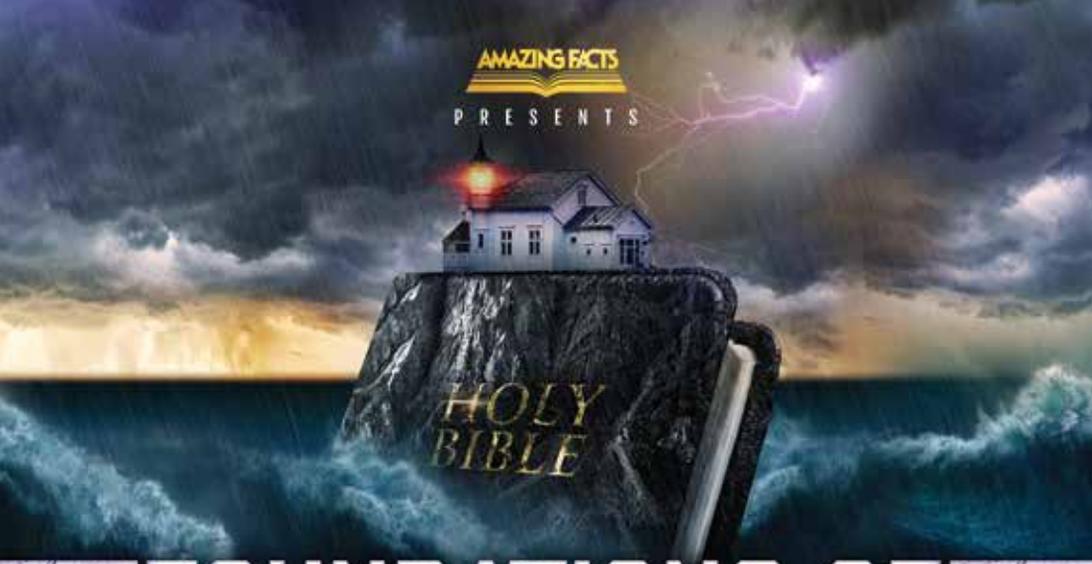
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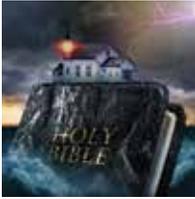
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PASTOR DOUG BATCHELOR



A custodian answered the phone at a large church near Washington, DC. The caller asked if the president of the United States would be attending church that Sunday.

Receiving these types of calls all the time, he replied, "Well, I don't know if the president will be here, but I know God is going to be here—and that should encourage a pretty good attendance."

How do you choose a church to attend? People often pick one because it is where their parents attended, or it's close to home, or they like the music, or it has a beautiful facility.

None of these reasons is bad, but none of them is the best reason to choose a church. The most important factor in picking a church is how closely it adheres to the foundational teachings of the Bible. All other factors pale in comparison.

The right church could be a renovated warehouse with discordant music and a few cranky people. You might

have to drive fifty miles to get there—but if it stands on the teachings of Jesus, it's where God wants you. I guarantee it!

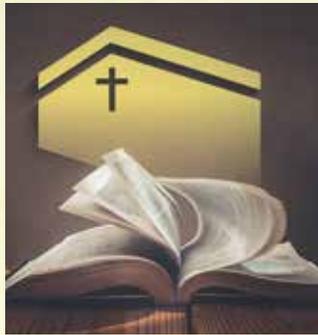
One reason we see such a large exodus from the church is that many people initially joined for the wrong reasons. If we correctly understand why we should attend

church, we'll be prepared to stay in a true, Bible-believing church—even if it is buffeted by a few storms.

The Bible tells us that when the Holy Spirit was poured out on the early church, "they were all with one accord in one place" (Acts 2:1). The apostle Paul explained this unity: "As we

have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ" (Romans 12:4, 5).

In this issue of *Inside Report*, we'll look at why it is important to be connected to the church. When we separate ourselves from a church home, we isolate ourselves from Jesus, for the church is the body of Christ. And please, don't forget about *Foundations of Faith*—see the story on page 12. 



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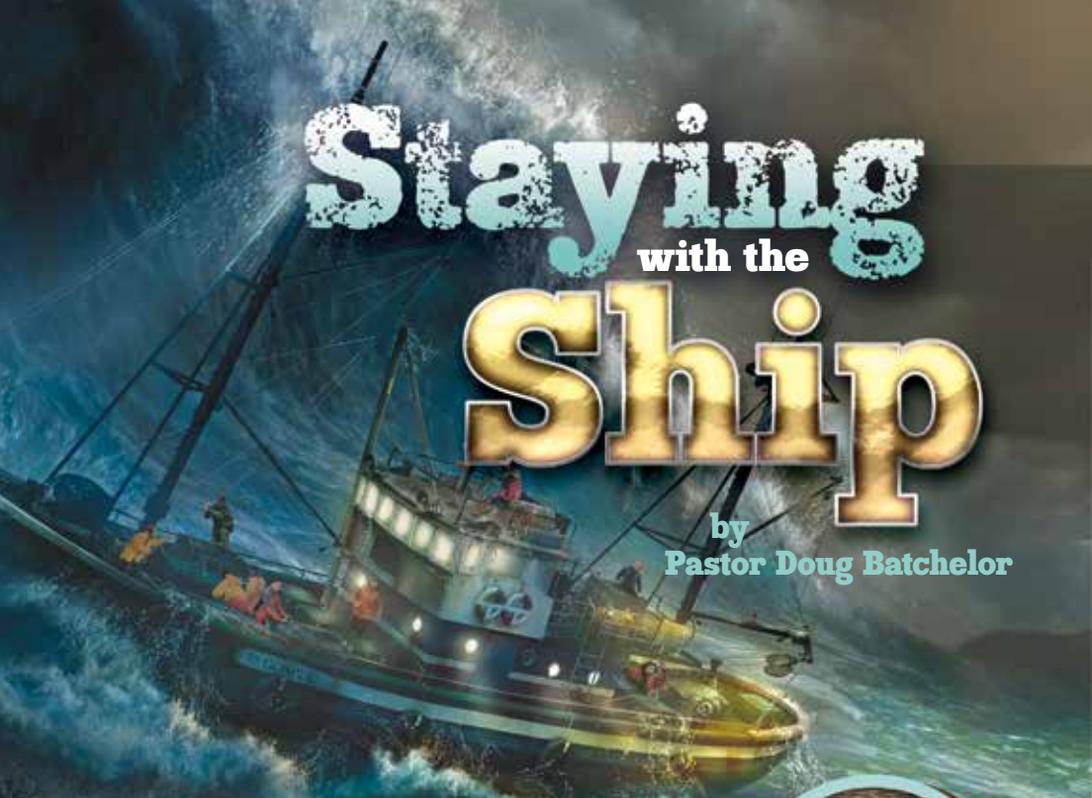
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Staying with the Ship

by
Pastor Doug Batchelor



An Amazing Fact

On November 19, 1961, Michael Rockefeller disappeared.

The youngest son of U.S. Vice President Nelson Rockefeller, and a recent graduate of Harvard, Michael went on an anthropological expedition to New Guinea. On November 17, his team was traveling in the Pacific Ocean when their forty-foot dugout canoe was swamped and overturned miles from shore.

Two of the guides told Michael and his partner, Dutch anthropologist René Wassing, to wait in the boat while they swam for help. But as the hours went by and their boat floated aimlessly, Michael told René, "We don't know if they'll make it back. They may never even find us out here. I think I can swim to shore on my own." With that, he jumped into the water and swam away.

He's never been seen since.

The next day, René was picked up. The disappearance of Michael created an international media frenzy. His father flew to New Guinea to help organize a massive search, but they could not find his body. Some speculate that he was attacked by sharks; others say he was eaten by cannibals. But what seems sure is that if he had stayed with the boat, he would have survived.





Have you

ever been tempted to jump ship?

No—I don't mean hurling yourself out of a boat and swimming away as Michael Rockefeller did. Rather, growing numbers of people are bailing out of the church. Whether it is because another member in the church hurt them, they became distracted by the world's temptations, or they were simply bored, thousands slip overboard and many never return.

Though the church has its imperfections—members who don't walk the talk and leaders who don't hold to the highest standards—life in the vast worldly ocean can be dangerous. Many who become fed up with the church and slip over the edge find themselves swept away from God by the storms of life.

If you're thinking about jumping ship today, I want you to know there are good reasons to stay with the boat. Despite the many problems and the spiritual storms that threaten to capsize the vessel, I encourage you to stay with God's church, because it is much safer than swimming with the sharks. A Bible story about a sinking ship powerfully illustrates this point ...

Stay with the Ship

Later in his life, the apostle Paul was arrested and imprisoned. Seeking a fair trial, he appealed to Caesar directly. As a result, he was loaded on a ship full of prisoners and guards and sent off to Rome.

An entire chapter of Acts tells the harrowing story of their encounter with a fierce storm at sea.

During the journey, a ferocious tempest came upon them, and the crew began throwing everything overboard to lighten the ship and keep it from sinking. For several *weeks* they were violently tossed about, unable to determine their location because of cloudy skies. Paul interceded in prayer for everyone on the boat, and an angel responded, "Do not be afraid, Paul; you must be brought before Caesar; and indeed God has granted you all those who sail with you" (Acts 27:24). He shared this good news with the crew and concluded, "However, we must run aground on a certain island" (verse 26).

As they neared land, some of the sailors decided to jump ship in an attempt to save their lives. They tried to lower the only lifeboat and sneak off by themselves. Paul saw them and said to the centurion, "Unless these men stay in the ship, you cannot be saved" (verse 31). So the soldiers quickly cut the ropes to the skiff and let it fall into the sea. Eventually, the ship struck shore and, incredibly, every passenger survived.

I believe Paul's words echo to us living today as we near the shores of the Promised Land, especially during this stormy time before Christ returns: *Unless we stay*

in the ship, we cannot be saved. The Lord wants us to stick together. The body of Christ is not a fragmented people each going his or her own way. God's people are to be a unified body of believers who come together to encourage one another. Christians are not to be interested only in their own affairs but to show concern for the lives of others.

Sober Statistics

I'm sad to report that large numbers are leaving the church. The Barna Research Group found that three out of five young Christians disconnect from the church after the age of fifteen. While some do come back, many permanently walk away. And a 2014 study in North America showed that more than 1.2 million leave the church each year. That's about 3,500 souls each day!

In 2008, the Southern Baptist Church, with a membership of more than 16 million, found that only 38 percent of its members even attended church. The Evangelical Lutheran Church conducted a similar study and discovered that just 28 percent of the members did the same. While the Gallup Poll has pegged attendance numbers to 36 percent, further research shows that many Christians lie about church attendance—and the true numbers are closer to 28 percent.

Coming Together

The Bible emphatically encourages Christians to gather together. "Let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking

the assembling of ourselves together" (Hebrews 10:24, 25). Those who claim the name of Christ should not live separate lives from other followers. We come together for worship and mutual encouragement, especially as we see the nearness of the Second Coming. There is redemptive value in our gathering together.

One reason Christians attend church is to learn to love others. The apostle John wrote, "This commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his



brother also" (1 John 4:21). Some mistakenly believe that we go to church so that we can associate with good people. They wrongly see church as a resort for saints. In reality, the church is more like a hospital for sinners. People aren't always lovable, and the way you learn to love as Jesus loved is by loving the unlovely. If you have ever thought that you would stay away from church to be more holy, your very act shows how much you need the church!

You might be hanging over the edge of the boat. You may be discouraged, pondering the idea of taking off into the world. But



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the Holy Spirit is calling to your heart to stay in the body of Christ. It is a delusion to think that an active, healthy Christian can be separated from other Christians. Unless you have medical issues or are homebound for some good reason, you should make every effort to worship with others. This is why the Sabbath is called a holy convocation! (Leviticus 23:3).

Remember, the church is not the building; it is a gathering of God's people who come to worship their Creator, fellowship with one another, and evangelize the world. The Greek word for church in the New Testament is *ekklēsia* and comes from a compound word that means "to call out." The church is a body of people called out of the world and joined together through faith in Christ. Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20).



An Oxymoron

Can you be a Christian and not be connected to God's church? Well, wouldn't that be like a honeybee separated from the hive? It makes about as much sense

to me as a salesman without customers or a football player without a team. Can you picture a quarterback throwing a football to himself as the defense swarms him? It's a humorous picture, sure, but when applied to the church, it is just sad. Jesus never intended His followers to exist as hermits.

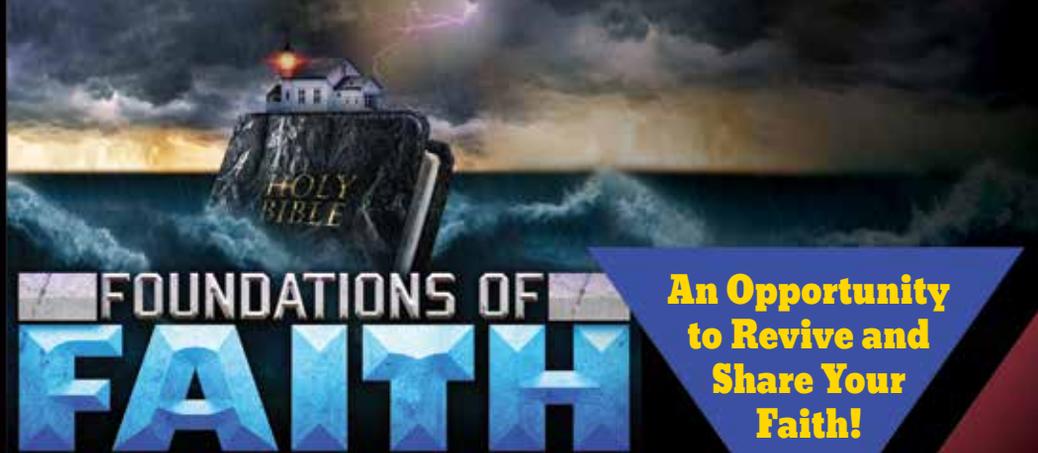
When people became Christians in the New Testament, "the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47, emphasis added).

If you're interested in being saved, then you'll be added to the church. The idea of being saved apart from the church is a foreign concept in the Bible. It reminds me of a hitchhiker I once picked up.

When I shared my faith with him, he told me, "I'm already a Christian, just not a practicing one." He showed me the crosses he wore to prove he was a believer, but does hanging a cross around your neck make you a Christian? Not according to Scripture. It's not wearing a cross, but bearing it, that matters.

Some say, "I'm not going to attend church until I *know* that I'm following Christ. After all, I don't want to be a hypocrite." Actually, it is for that very reason you should go to church—to follow Jesus more

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**An Opportunity
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Have you been needing to re-energize your faith? Do you want to share last-day truths with friends and family?

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Throughout these presentations, Pastor Doug will lead people to understand

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BIBLE ANSWERS

WITH DOUG BATCHELOR



Q. What should our response be toward those who leave the church?

A. *“You shall be called the Repairer of the Breach” (Isaiah 58:12).*

I imagine everyone knows at least one person who was once walking with Jesus and enthusiastic about being a Christian, but then he or she stopped attending church.

There are many reasons people stop going. About 2.7 million former church members reported they drifted from church activity due to their lives being too busy, while others said they no longer believed in some of the teachings of the church. But, surprisingly, the vast majority indicated that they simply didn't like the pastor or had a conflict with another member. It happens all too often.

Look at these sad statistics:

- Each year, 3,500 churches in America close their doors permanently.
- Every week, thousands leave their churches for good.
- After leaving a church, 32 percent reported that no one from their congregations ever contacted them.

It's unfortunate that anyone has felt ignored, rejected, ostracized, or injured by another church member or group of members. The church should be a loving and safe place, a sanctuary where sinners come to find hope, healing, and spiritual nurturing. But it doesn't always work out that way. People don't always follow the Lord's command to love one another, and often the result is someone leaving the church.

When Jesus said, “Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel” (Matthew 10:6), He was speaking of these missing members who have drifted away from the church. He was letting us know that we should be involved in searching for them. Rather than turning our eyes away from the problem, we should “bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ” (Galatians 6:2).

We should search for these people with enthusiasm, as the woman searched for her lost coin (Luke 15:8). Searching is the first step in bringing them home.

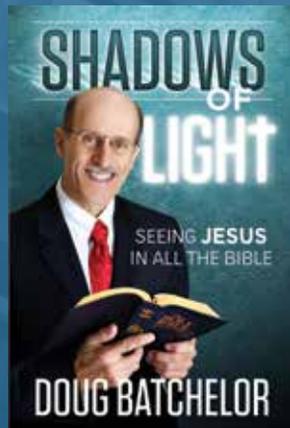
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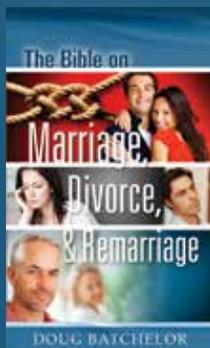


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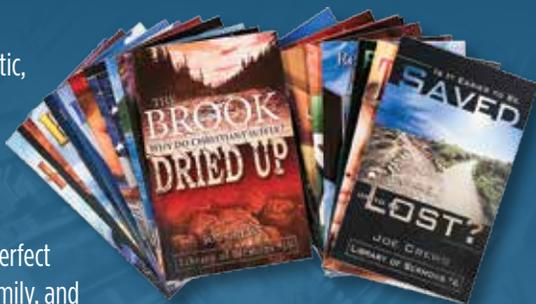
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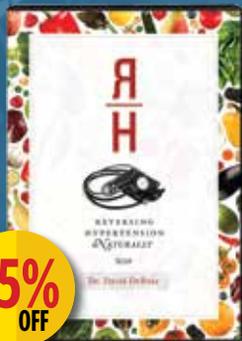
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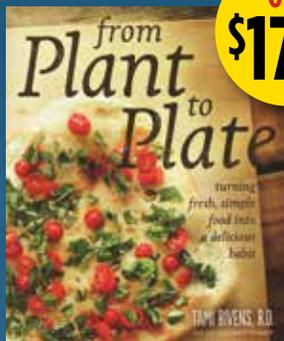
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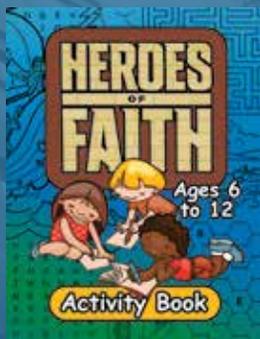
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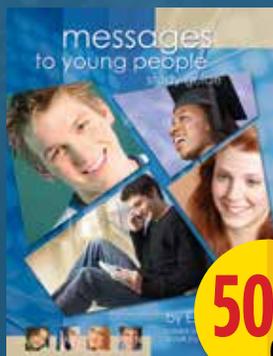
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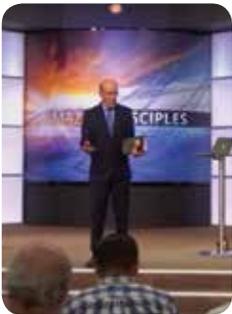
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The brand-new presentations provided

participants with tools for sharing Christ in the workplace, methods in giving Bible studies, and ways to connect with people on spiritual issues. Pastor Doug shares, "It was exciting to train soul winners! God's people get a double blessing; as they reach others with the gospel, they are grounded in their own faith."

Illaisa attended every meeting and says, "This has been a blessing! I've learned it is important to be connected to God, to have the Holy Spirit in my life, so I can go out and share. Now I have the courage to do it." If you missed the seminar, you can order the book from afbookstore.com to share with your local church group. Also, a new DVD and teacher's edition are in the works.

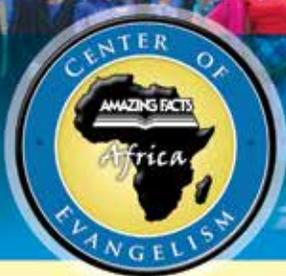
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In July, ninety-year-old Bonnie was baptized at Pastor Doug's church in Granite Bay. She had been watching Amazing Facts programming for many years and finally contacted the ministry because she wanted to remember Amazing Facts in her estate. When our planned giving team found out that she was not yet baptized, they connected her with the pastoral team at the church, who began the Amazing Facts Bible studies with her. Now she has left a meaningful gift that will bring inspiration to others in their walk with God!



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AFCOE Africa Is ACCELERATING

Third training session completed with over 100 newly equipped witnesses for Christ!

Jesus once said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest” (Luke 10:2). At AFCOE Africa, Lowell Hargreaves, director, and his team are doing just that. They not only pray for more laborers, they are actually multiplying Bible workers through training—all enabled by your tremendous support!

Earlier this year, AFCOE Africa launched its third session with twenty-two full-course students and eighty-eight additional part-time students. In turn, many recently graduated Bible workers are now working with more than two hundred Bible students. God is blessing with amazing results! For instance, two weekend students each conducted a separate series of Bible studies to large groups, and each of them saw over fifty baptisms!

In April, Lowell Hargreaves traveled with his family to Uganda to conduct prophecy meetings in Kampala and saw many baptisms. One young lady, a local college student, is now the first of her family to join God’s Sabbath-keeping church. During this series, nearly 150 members and guests completed

the *Amazing Facts Bible Study Guides*. Two Bible workers in Kenya will travel to Uganda to open up Bible work in two major cities that have no Sabbath-keeping churches.

The Hargreaves family also conducted a Bible series for children in Nairobi and led eighteen children to a decision for baptism. Many more wanted to be baptized, but parents would not allow them.

Graduation is always a moving experience for AFCOE students. Inspiring testimonies move the hearts of listeners as students share their experiences in giving Bible studies. One student praised God after he presented the gospel in a prison. Hundreds of inmates attended the meetings and forty-nine were baptized. Another student held meetings in a community college for his series and also rejoiced in forty-nine baptisms.

AFCOE Africa is enthusiastic about training church members in the principles of winning souls. Thank you for your support and prayers for the work and the harvest in the fields of Africa!



BREAKING AWAY

GRECIA grew up in Puerto Rico believing in God. Her parents also believed, but they never attended church and rarely cracked open a Bible. “Since I was small, I always had a fear of God—but I didn’t really know Him,” she admits.

As an adult, she joined a church, enjoyed the preaching of the pastor, and made many friends among the members. She believed she had found her church home.

A SEED PLANTED

Then one day, a client named Indiana dropped by Grecia’s workplace and began talking about Bible teachings Grecia had never heard before—including the Sabbath. “It caught my attention,” she shares, “and I wanted to learn more about her God.” Indiana, who happens to be the mother of Amazing Facts evangelist Carlos Muñoz, handed her a flyer telling her where she could watch her son’s online Spanish-language videos on the book of Revelation.

“I loved watching those programs from the very first one!” Grecia recalls with a smile. “I knew they were meant for me.” She watched several talks each day and even shared some of what she learned with her co-workers. “What I heard was slowly but surely changing my way of thinking—and my life.”



Every time Grecia sat down at church, the joy she experienced from watching the videos was overpowered by a battle in her mind. The things she was hearing didn’t harmonize with the videos—and, most important, with the Bible. She loved her church and the people, but she knew in her heart that something had to change. “I didn’t know what to do,” she explains, “so I prayed earnestly for God to direct me.”

GOD LEADS THE WAY

Not long after she prayed, Indiana told Grecia that a special series of meetings on the book of Revelation would be taking place in their town—presented by the very same Amazing Facts evangelist. “I was so excited and attended every single meeting!” she says, beaming.

During the meetings, Carlos presented the plan of salvation through the sanctuary



service and emphasized that having a close, personal relationship with God was the most important step of faith. Grecia joyfully shared that his every word opened her eyes wider to who God really is—gradually replacing her fear of God with a love for Him, and a deepening of her relationship with Jesus. Carlos encouraged everyone to make it a priority to read the Bible, to pray, and to share the gospel with others. One Bible study tip he shared especially stuck with Grecia. “He told us, ‘A verse without context is a pretext!’ ”



BAPTISM!

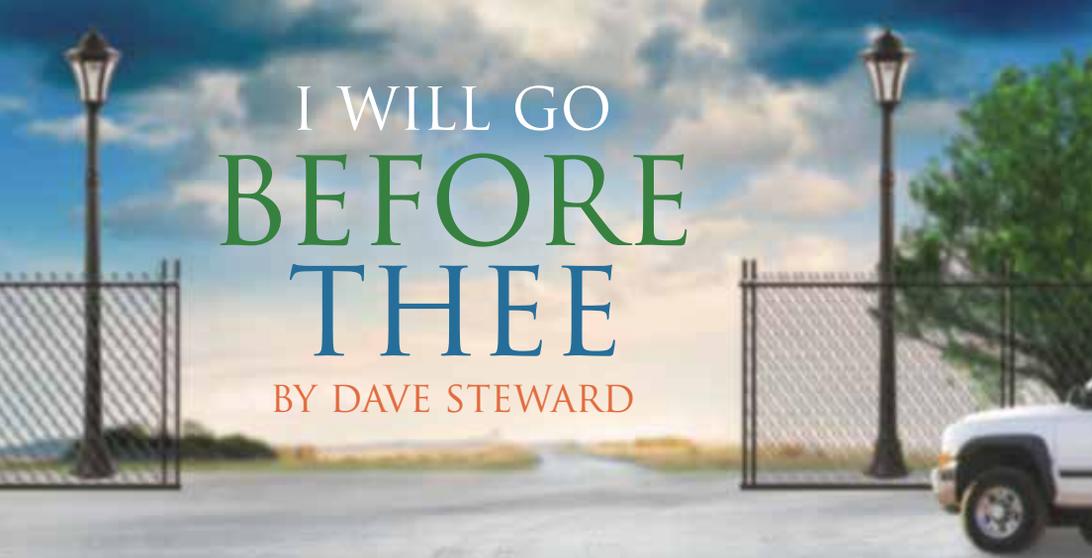
At the end of the meetings, Grecia just had to tell the world about her new friendship with God, so she made the decision to be baptized into His church! She was overjoyed that her sister and a friend from her former church were also baptized.

“I now understand more about God’s Word and, thanks to the Holy Spirit, I want to keep studying the

Bible every day,” she beams. “More than anything else, I want to share these truths with other people.”

After completing the Amazing Facts Spanish-language Bible Study Guides, Grecia continues to enjoy watching sermons on the Amazing Facts website. Grecia is so thankful for how God answered her prayer. The prophecy seminar helped her break with her old church, walk in the truth, keep the Sabbath, and begin to see God for who He really is.

“The Amazing Facts prophecy seminar totally changed my life,” she shares. “It inspired me to follow Jesus in spirit and in truth, and I have fallen more in love with my Lord every day. Amazing Facts has strengthened my faith and prepared me to share God’s love—so that others can come out of the darkness and into the light.” 



I WILL GO BEFORE THEE

BY DAVE STEWARD

SINCE the earliest days of the Christian faith, the highways and byways of the world have been home to those passionate about sharing the good news. The apostle Paul and several of Jesus' disciples were sent throughout the known world.

Today, that task is carried on by people like me—and other evangelists serving at Amazing Facts. We don't often walk long distances, or sail the Mediterranean, and few of us make our own tents! But the calling to travel to share Jesus with others is the same. And with His return so soon, our urgency may even be a bit greater.

With such an itinerant ministry, it made sense for my family to acquire a large fifth-wheel to be our home on the road. We pull the trailer with a heavy-duty pickup, giving us easier transportation around town once we've reached our destination.

Our home base of California requires a special license to pull such a trailer, as particular attention must be given to driving, parking, and placing the trailer in a camping spot—each of which was new to me. With an evangelistic campaign in another state just days away and my wife Nina very pregnant, I didn't have much time to get the trailer license—or much nerve.

One DMV test requires backing the trailer in a straight line through orange cones with only about a foot of clearance on either side. The most challenging test requires completing a 90-degree turn around a cone and placing the trailer into a "camping space."

If you thought it couldn't get any more stressful—it did. The date I had selected for my test was booked solid. I would have to show up at the DMV early in the morning and get on a waiting list for walk-in appointments.

The night before, I decided to bring the trailer to the DMV and park it out front. The gate to the training area is normally electronically locked. But as I drove up, I noticed that it was wide open, lit up, with no one around! Carefully, I drove through the gate and spent three hours practicing the skills, increasing my confidence and calming my nerves.

At 5:15 the next morning, two trucking school students and their instructor were already in line. The instructor commented that she had never seen the gate open so long before the DMV staff arrived. I replied, with some conviction, "My angel opened the gate." As I confessed that I had helped myself to the testing area to practice, we were both amazed.

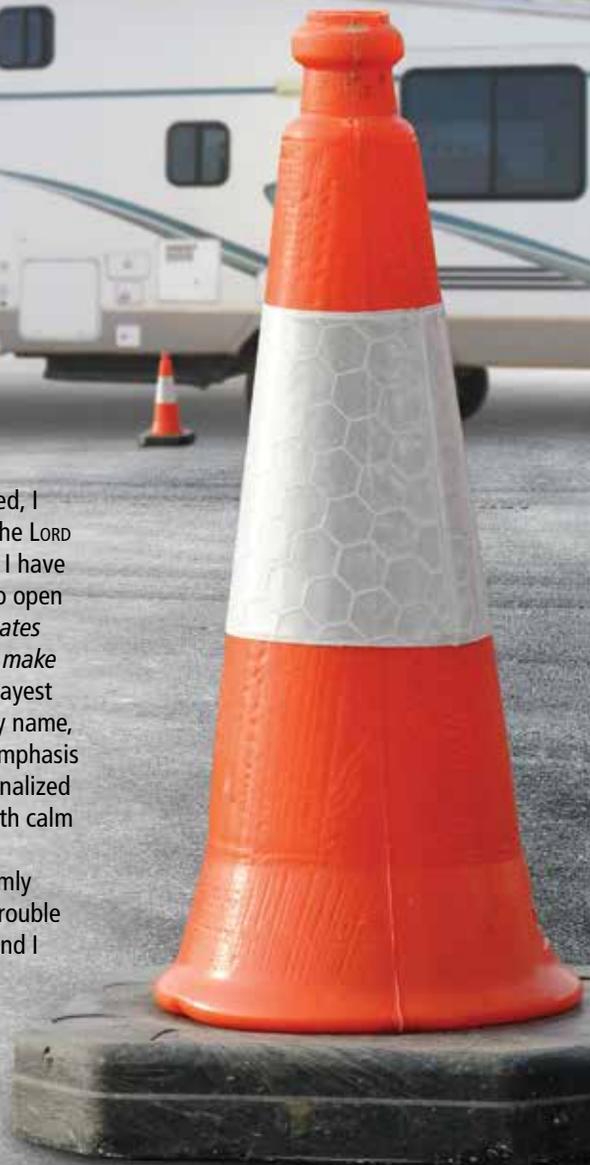


While waiting for my name to be called, I opened God's Word and read: "Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; ... to open before him the two leaved gates; and *the gates shall not be shut*; I will go before thee, and *make the crooked places straight*: ... that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel" (Isaiah 45:1–3 KJV, emphasis added). With tearful thanks for God's personalized care for me and His ministry, I was filled with calm assurance when my name was called.

My examiner, Alberto, greeted me warmly and immediately put me at ease. I had no trouble identifying the various parts of the trailer, and I was able to back it up in a straight line. It took me three tries to back the trailer around a cone at a 90-degree angle, but the Lord truly went before me and made my "crooked places straight!"

Thanks to the Lord, I passed the test—and not a moment too soon. Just a few days later, our son was born and we were off to Eureka, Montana, where twelve precious souls who attended the Amazing Facts prophecy meetings were baptized.

I now know that God truly meant what He said: "I will go before thee." 



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Sharing His Love in China

"The Amazing Facts website is like a lighthouse in China. It helped me learn about the real Sabbath." —Mr. Tian

Thanks to your generosity, the Amazing Facts Chinese-language website continues to beam the light of Jesus' love to thousands more like Mr. Tian, many of them in spiritual darkness and confusion.

In the first four months of this year alone, our dedicated team in China worked hard to translate and upload seven truth-filled sermons and articles—a new record! During the same period, our Chinese audio-video studio added ten heart-changing videos for the public to access. Our website is also gaining popularity with 171,720 total visits in those four months—an increase from the previous four months—including more than 10,000 *additional* unique visitors. And for the first time, the total number of online Bible school students has surpassed more than 1,050. Praise the Lord!

Your support is life-changing for hundreds of Chinese seekers, including

Mrs. Xun, who writes, "I have been visiting your website for years, and because of the work of Amazing Facts, I became a Christian and was baptized!"

And Mr. Bin, as an atheist, thought religion was only for women, old people, and weak people. He had no interest in Christianity. But he wanted peace in

his life, so he gave up television and movies and practiced

Tai Chi. Meanwhile, his wife had discovered the Amazing Facts Chinese website. "She suggested that I watch the videos of Amazing Facts. I didn't want to make her sad, so I would listen to the sermons while I was practicing Tai Chi."

Soon Mr. Bin was learning a lot about the Bible and studying daily. He says, "I watch Amazing Facts videos every day now, and I have peace. I realize all the bad things in this society are because of sin. Only our Savior can give us peace. We look forward to the Second Coming of Jesus and the eternal peace He will bring to our world." Amen! 



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closely! The Holy Spirit was poured out in great measure on an assembled group of believers, and it is when we gather together to hear God's Word that we may fully come under the conviction of the Spirit. Paul sent a letter to a young pastor once to say, "I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth" (1 Timothy 3:15). Staying away from church will not keep you spiritually alive!

Glowing Together

Years ago, a pastor went to visit the home of a busy farmer who had stopped going to church. As the two sat in front of the fireplace, the farmer said, "Pastor, I'm still a Christian. I just don't need church right now. I still believe and pray. God knows my heart."

The pastor wasn't sure how to respond, but he leaned forward, picked up the fire poker, and separated one of the burning pieces of firewood from the others. The two men sat looking at the piece as it burned by itself. For a while, the fire on that piece continued to glow—but then it went out. Neither of the men spoke a

word, until the farmer turned to his pastor and said, "I get the message. I will be coming back to church."

Friend, you cannot burn brightly for Christ when you stay away from His church.

You cannot worship or grow in faith all alone. God wants you connected to the body of Christ. Don't try to go at it alone or you will die spiritually. Just as a child needs a family, just as a lamb needs a flock, a Christian needs a church. So hang in there!

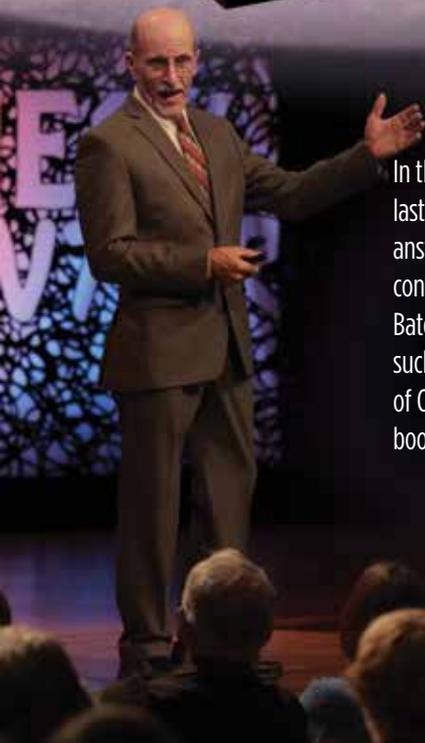
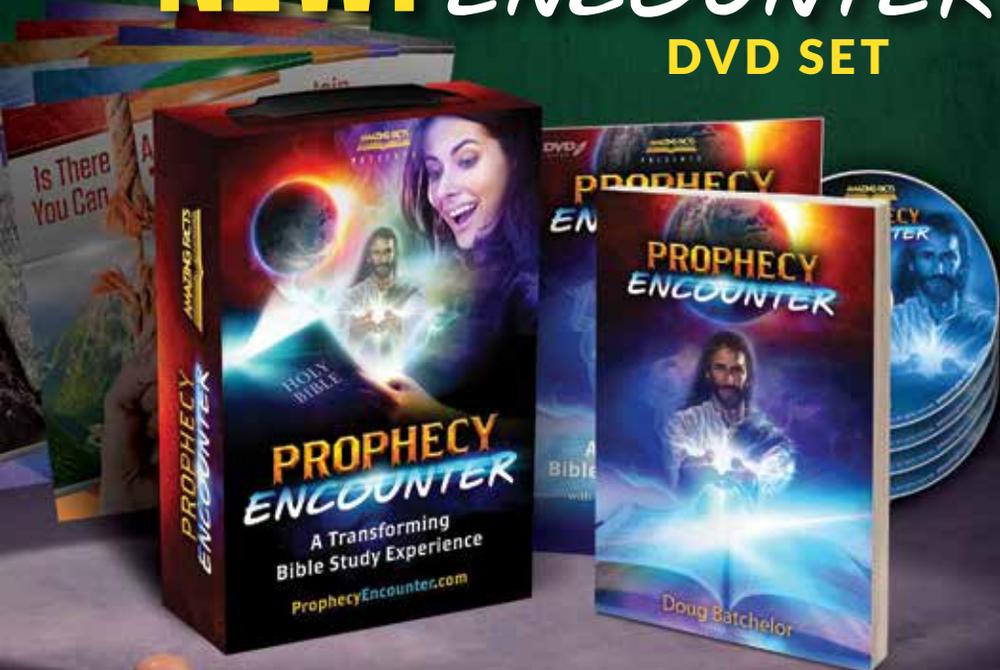
I imagine that when Noah and his family were living on the ark during the flood, there must have been some unpleasant moments. The constant rocking of the boat, the deafening cacophony of countless shrieking animals—and their smells—the work of feeding all those furry passengers and mucking their stalls. There must have been several times the family of Noah wished to be somewhere else, but nobody jumped overboard. The ark, even with all its problems, was their passport to salvation.

Within most churches you will encounter a few hypocrites, occasional financial challenges, some inconsideration, and more than a few gossips. But you will also encounter Jesus dwelling among His imperfect people. Don't get discouraged and leave the ship—the storm outside is much worse. 



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Supercharge YOUR DIET



Did you know the number one country for vegetarianism is India? Almost 29 percent of the population there eat a vegetarian or vegan diet. Second and third place go to Israel and Australia, respectively.

Every day, more research confirms that a plant-based diet is the healthiest and goes the furthest in helping to prevent the major chronic diseases we all want to avoid.

But there's much more to healthy eating than simply consuming plant-based foods. Vegans, for example, eat a totally plant-based diet—yet not all vegans are healthy. You can actually be eating a plant-based diet and still have unhealthy eating habits. For instance, you could eat corn chips and French fries and drink soda at every meal—technically you would be a vegan, but

you couldn't expect to maintain good health on such a diet!

So, what can we do to supercharge our diet? Here are three important considerations:

1 Besides eating plant-based foods, we should concentrate on eating a *broad variety* of fruits, vegetables, greens, nuts, grains, seeds, and legumes. God has provided us with an assortment of foods for a reason. By consuming a generous variety of them, you will more likely provide your body with all the vitamins, minerals, and other micronutrients it needs to stay healthy.

2 It's also important to eat *whole foods*—that is, foods that are as close to their natural “as grown” state as possible. For instance, there's a significant difference between potato chips and



a plain baked potato, and everyone knows which is healthier.

3 To move beyond the basics and refine your eating for maximum benefit, make sure you are adding plenty of *superfoods* to your cuisine. Superfoods are those that are high in phytochemicals—antioxidants and other potent nutrients that protect our DNA from harmful processes, reduce inflammation, and minimize cell damage in the body. Some examples of superfoods are sweet potatoes, butternut squash, dark-colored berries such as blueberries and strawberries, dark green vegetables, nuts, tomatoes, beets, cruciferous veggies like broccoli and kale, onion, garlic, beans, dark grapes, whole grains, dark cherries, and cranberries.

Most of the best, nutrient-packed foods are dark or bright in color.

Of course, to avoid sabotaging all the benefits these foods will add to your diet, there are two things you will want to minimize or eliminate altogether. Refined sugar is especially detrimental. The sugar that occurs naturally in fruits and some grains and vegetables is generally healthy in moderation because it comes packaged with fiber and other plant elements. And because it is unrefined and in its raw state, it is absorbed much more slowly by the body—which helps to prevent harmful spikes in blood sugar.

The other ingredient you will want to use sparingly, if at all, is oil. Here again, oils do occur naturally in some grains, fruits, and vegetables, but those are nearly always safe in moderation. It is the processed oils that can easily cause trouble. Indeed, those who are on diets to reverse heart disease avoid oil or grease in any form, because research has shown that oil damages the protective endothelial cells lining the arteries.

What we eat is critical to our physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. So remember: If you can eat a good variety of whole foods in your plant-based diet, add plenty of superfoods, and avoid the oil and sugar traps, then you're likely to reap great benefits for your overall health! 



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