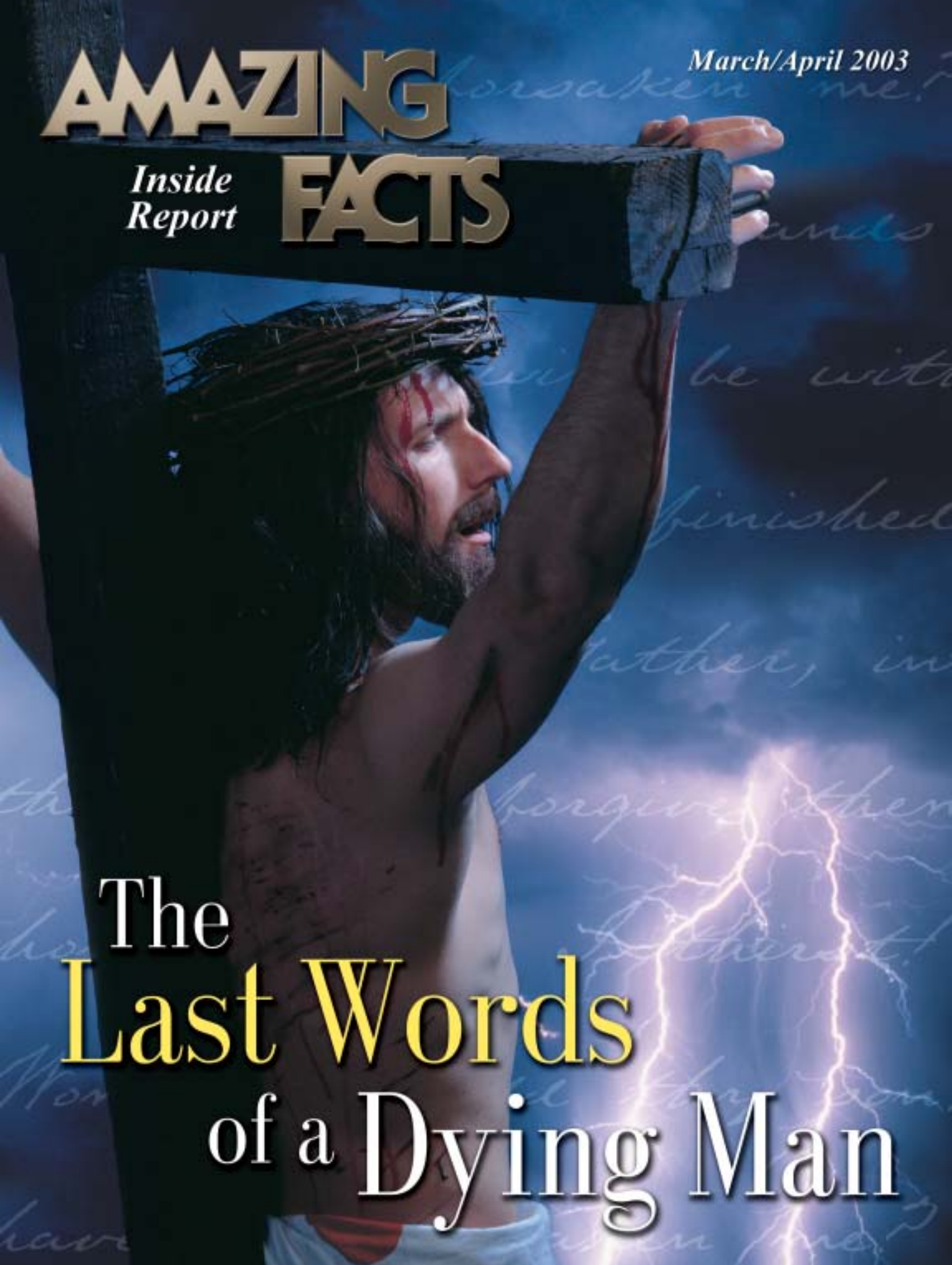


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**“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.” –Romans 12:1 NKJV**



One of my favorite Bible verses also gives me great pause to consider. It comes in the midst of a stirring passage in which Jesus explains the depth of love for His Father and His followers. It is also a prophetic indication of the lengths to which He would go to save His followers from darkness. “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends” (John 15:13).

I have marveled endlessly at God’s creation, from the impossible depths of a universe dotted with innumerable galaxies to the simple beauty of a rolling meadow dotted with sunlit flowers. As the Bible declares, nature testifies to God’s existence and power.

And yet my awe for this miracle of abounding life does not compare to the wonder I feel for the great act of love that made *eternal life* possible. Jesus’ sacrifice is, thus far, the culminating event in all of earth’s history, and it is the moment in time to which I return when faced with doubt about whom I should be.

An inspired writer put it this way: “It would be well for us to spend a thoughtful hour each day in contemplation of the life of Christ. . . . As we thus dwell upon His great sacrifice . . . our love will be quickened, and we shall be more deeply imbued with His spirit.” Amen.

God has also provided me tangible lessons on this theme of sacrifice. Blessed with giving parents, I learned from them the humanity behind sacrifice in a stark and uncompromising fashion. My mother sacrificed her body, and ultimately her life, for the well being of her sons. My father sacrificed his time and resources so that I could more fully pursue my dreams. I could never fully repay their gifts, as much as I could never repay Jesus for His.

So how do I honor my parents for their sacrifices, and more important, how do I respond to Jesus? I don’t have to guess, because Jesus said, “This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you” (John 15:12). The implication might not have been clear to the disciples at that time, but it is clear to us, because we know that Jesus expressed His love, His “greater love,” by dying to save us. Thus, He is commanding us to love like Him, and so to die like Him as well.

Yet is He really asking us to die for others to express our love? I think yes and no. Obviously, we can’t take away the sins of the world like Jesus—even for just one person. He has already done that—He did it as many times as was necessary: once. Jesus doesn’t want anybody to die. I often think we weep when a loved one dies because we instinctively know it wasn’t supposed to be this way.

But as I ponder John 15:13, I know that He is asking me to be willing to die for others. He is asking me to be prepared to offer the ultimate sacrifice—my life—so that others might find Him. So how far should Christians go for their friends? How much should we be willing to give, pay, assist—to sacrifice—to help our family in Christ?

We’ll let our perfect Teacher answer. “Whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also. And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away” (Matthew 5:39–42).

How much should we be prepared to sacrifice? As much as Jesus, even unto death.

My own life is fraught with an unwillingness to sacrifice. From finances to physical labor to “just being there,” I have often walked

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away from God’s opportunities to help others because I deemed the sacrifice too much. If I had taken only a moment to consider Jesus and His sacrifice, I wonder how the world might be different.

Incidentally, Jesus also asked us to sacrifice for, and love, our enemies, even as He loves us. “I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you” (Matthew 5:44).

Jesus called His followers His friends. I like that, don’t you? He added, “Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.” His command was to imitate Him—not too much to ask from the Best Friend you’ll ever have. I hope that with me, you’ll make a commitment today to walk two miles instead of one, no matter the cost to you.

It is no mystery why we worship Jesus. He is the only man ever to be born to die for His enemies. If we are willing to do the same, we won’t look back on our lives wondering why we didn’t get to do what we wanted to do. Our last thoughts will be only of Jesus; and then what will seem only moments later, we’ll hear the words, “Come forth.”

Thank you, Jesus, for not thinking it too much. (And thank you, Dad.) Keep the faith. —

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You have given us much to ponder over and search the Scriptures for truth on your website. Several of the issues you discussed helped clarify matters we have wrestled with for years. It is evident we will visit your website often. We thank you for your kind service to the public and, more important, to us.  
*M.E., Mississippi*

### The Final Hour

Wow! It is so amazing to see your display of truth in contrast to the false Christianity being broadcast on Sunday morning. I can only believe that God is moving so much stronger and quickly now to bring the truth to everyone so they will make their choice on which side they will stand. Praise God for your ministry!  
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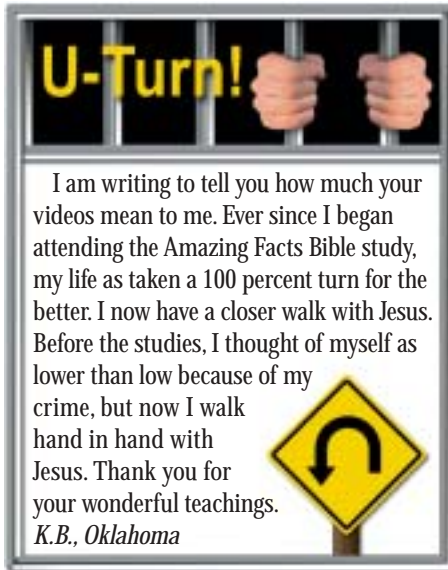
### Looking Forward to Baptism

I just received my diploma from the online Bible study. I have been attending a Sabbath-keeping church every week and look forward to the day of my baptism. I have also been reading the Bible every day. Doug Batchelor's love for Jesus and others has really inspired me. I am very glad that my search brought me to your website. It challenged my beliefs and forced me to investigate the truth. I am thankful, and I am blessed.  
*L.T., Washington*



### Dispelling Myths

Thanks so much for your ministry; it has transformed my understanding of the Bible. Recently, I realized how much *Bible Answers Live* has enriched my life. I am eternally grateful for the clarity, definition, and, most of all, biblical manner in which Pastor Batchelor explains the Word of God. Thanks for endeavoring to dispel the myths about the Bible and give us present truth.  
*R.F., e-mail*



I am writing to tell you how much your videos mean to me. Ever since I began attending the Amazing Facts Bible study, my life as taken a 100 percent turn for the better. I now have a closer walk with Jesus. Before the studies, I thought of myself as lower than low because of my crime, but now I walk hand in hand with Jesus. Thank you for your wonderful teachings.  
*K.B., Oklahoma*

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God bless you for offering such amazing Bible Study Guides! I was raised with the Sabbath, but I never took the time to find out why I believe what I do. By studying your Study Guides, I have learned what I've always wanted to know! I now use your website as a witnessing tool for many asking me questions on what I believe. I know the Holy Spirit will work in their hearts and minds. Thank you so much for letting me search even more for new truths. It is my wish to meet you in heaven someday.  
*A.C., Iowa*

### Greetings From India

Your ministry is a blessing to my family and me. Your program is aired on MiracleNet every Sunday. As soon as church is over, we rush home just to watch your show. We really like your preaching and the interaction that you have with the audience. May God bless your ministry for spreading light into the world.  
*L.R., India*

### A Good Connection

One of my favorite things is to watch your presentations. I am thrilled with the flow of information; it seems like the time passes in no time at all. Every week I wish our visit could be longer, that you could share all that you have received. I connect with you the best.  
*P.C., e-mail*



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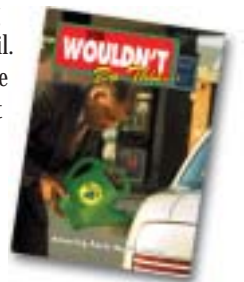
I really enjoy your videos, and we watch them every week during our Bible study. I have never been spiritual or had faith, but you speak to me in a way that I can be open to. Many of the women here in prison with me also enjoy your videos, and you have helped open a lot of hearts. I hope your wisdom will continue to help many beyond these walls.  
*A.H., Oklahoma*

### Evangelists Feed the Hungry

Your representatives that you send to do seminars are doing a wonderful job. My son, who left the church and worked on the Sabbath, has been eagerly attending every night as the Holy Spirit guides him. He said he was hungry, and the seminar fed him what he had been missing. He now has the Sabbath off and is learning more. Please pray for all the young people.  
*P.S., Florida*

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Thank you for sending me lesson #13 in the mail. I wanted to find out more about it, so I checked out the online Bible course. I have learned so many things in the Bible that I did not even consider, such as God's plan for our bodies. I will ask God for help in those areas. Thank you so much for bringing this wonderful lesson to my attention.  
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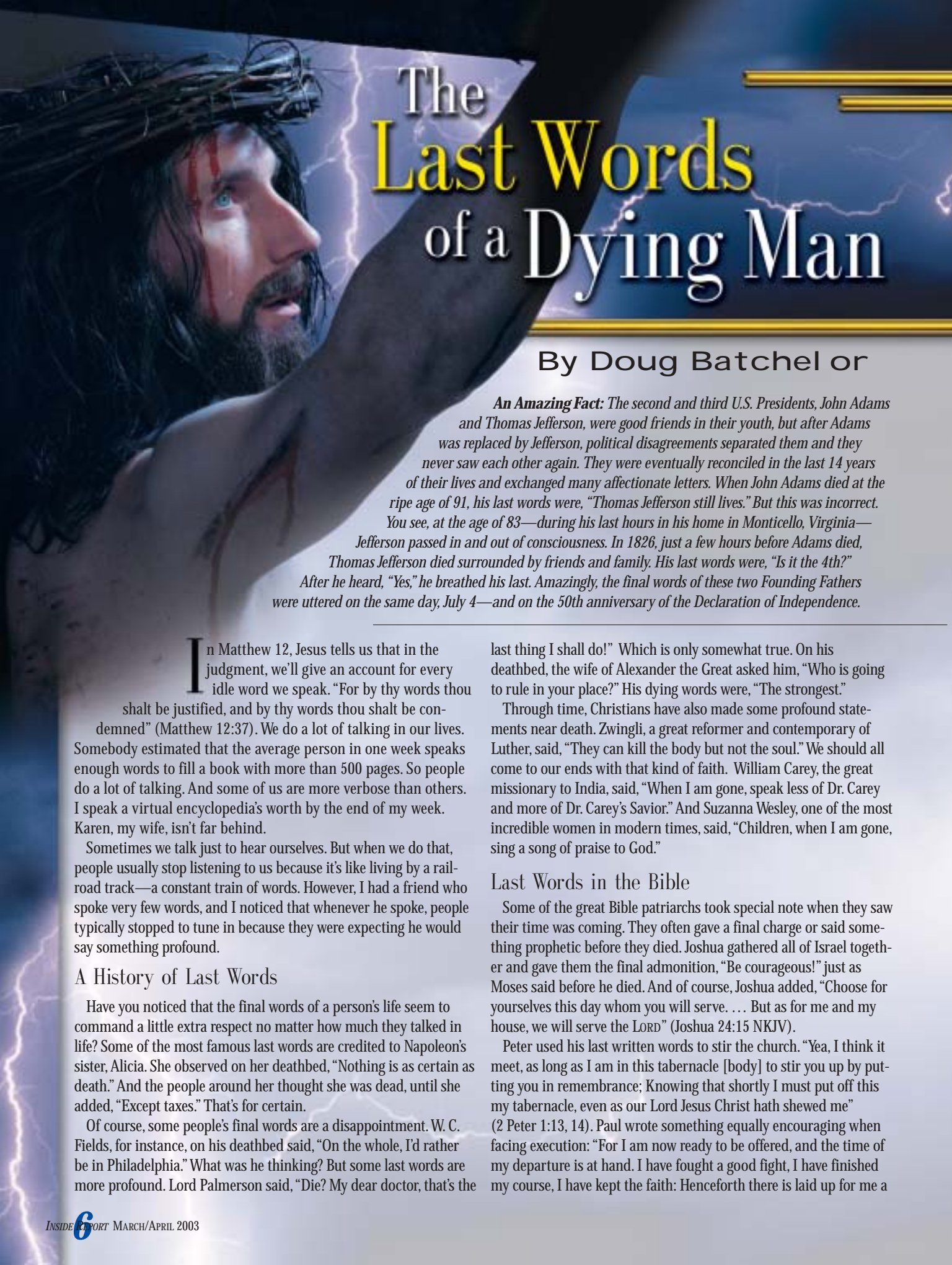


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# The Last Words of a Dying Man

By Doug Batchelor

**An Amazing Fact:** *The second and third U.S. Presidents, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, were good friends in their youth, but after Adams was replaced by Jefferson, political disagreements separated them and they never saw each other again. They were eventually reconciled in the last 14 years of their lives and exchanged many affectionate letters. When John Adams died at the ripe age of 91, his last words were, "Thomas Jefferson still lives." But this was incorrect. You see, at the age of 83—during his last hours in his home in Monticello, Virginia—Jefferson passed in and out of consciousness. In 1826, just a few hours before Adams died, Thomas Jefferson died surrounded by friends and family. His last words were, "Is it the 4th?" After he heard, "Yes," he breathed his last. Amazingly, the final words of these two Founding Fathers were uttered on the same day, July 4—and on the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.*

In Matthew 12, Jesus tells us that in the judgment, we'll give an account for every idle word we speak. "For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned" (Matthew 12:37). We do a lot of talking in our lives. Somebody estimated that the average person in one week speaks enough words to fill a book with more than 500 pages. So people do a lot of talking. And some of us are more verbose than others. I speak a virtual encyclopedia's worth by the end of my week. Karen, my wife, isn't far behind.

Sometimes we talk just to hear ourselves. But when we do that, people usually stop listening to us because it's like living by a railroad track—a constant train of words. However, I had a friend who spoke very few words, and I noticed that whenever he spoke, people typically stopped to tune in because they were expecting he would say something profound.

## A History of Last Words

Have you noticed that the final words of a person's life seem to command a little extra respect no matter how much they talked in life? Some of the most famous last words are credited to Napoleon's sister, Alicia. She observed on her deathbed, "Nothing is as certain as death." And the people around her thought she was dead, until she added, "Except taxes." That's for certain.

Of course, some people's final words are a disappointment. W. C. Fields, for instance, on his deathbed said, "On the whole, I'd rather be in Philadelphia." What was he thinking? But some last words are more profound. Lord Palmerston said, "Die? My dear doctor, that's the

last thing I shall do!" Which is only somewhat true. On his deathbed, the wife of Alexander the Great asked him, "Who is going to rule in your place?" His dying words were, "The strongest."

Through time, Christians have also made some profound statements near death. Zwingli, a great reformer and contemporary of Luther, said, "They can kill the body but not the soul." We should all come to our ends with that kind of faith. William Carey, the great missionary to India, said, "When I am gone, speak less of Dr. Carey and more of Dr. Carey's Savior." And Suzanna Wesley, one of the most incredible women in modern times, said, "Children, when I am gone, sing a song of praise to God."

## Last Words in the Bible

Some of the great Bible patriarchs took special note when they saw their time was coming. They often gave a final charge or said something prophetic before they died. Joshua gathered all of Israel together and gave them the final admonition, "Be courageous!" just as Moses said before he died. And of course, Joshua added, "Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve. . . . But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD" (Joshua 24:15 NKJV).

Peter used his last written words to stir the church. "Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle [body] to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me" (2 Peter 1:13, 14). Paul wrote something equally encouraging when facing execution: "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a

crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (2 Timothy 4:6-8).

## The Last Words of Jesus

The final words of Jesus are especially filled with meaning for Christians. When you account for each Gospel, Jesus uttered seven statements before He died. I think seven is noteworthy, because God often works in a cycle of seven. And because this is the Messiah, and everything He said was inspired, these final words of our Lord are of great importance. We're going to take a brief look at these phrases and explore their spiritual significance, considering why Jesus said what He said. I trust we will learn these statements comprise a message special to each one of us.

I should mention that the exact order of Jesus' final utterances on the cross might be impossible to prove. I've tried to structure this list according to the Bible and inspired commentary. I do believe we can be sure what His first words on the cross were and what His very last statement was. But the exact sequence is not my purpose. My goal is to remember them. The Bible tells us we are "crucified with Christ," and so these are words that should, in essence, be our words also.



### "Father, forgive them."

Jesus pleads, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). These are His first words, spoken shortly after the soldiers hoisted the cross into position. I believe He was offering for-

giveness for everyone, the entire human race, and not just the Romans torturing Him. Why is that important for you and me?

With the exception of Adam and Eve, humans came into this world as slaves to sin. Having been born in ignorance, we don't fully understand God. We have to learn who He is. So Jesus speaks to us from the cross today and says, "Father, forgive them. They don't know who You are. They don't know how they hurt You when they sin."

He was talking to you and me, wasn't He? You and I are responsible. He died for our sins, so we directly or indirectly are responsible for Jesus making that declaration. That should compel us to do the same. Colossians 3:13 says, "Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye." God wants us to forgive as Jesus forgave us. That's often not easy for us. But Christ will give us the power, because He wants us to. Remember that Jesus shed His blood for those who wound you.

Christ exemplified forgiveness at the cross. Jesus came for many reasons, but not least of those is that He came to forgive us of our sins and to empower us to forgive others. The love relationship that Christ tells us is mandatory for salvation is this love relationship. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart . . . and thy neighbour as thyself" (Luke 10:27). And what is the best way that Jesus demonstrated His love for us? He took our sins and forgave us. What is the best way that we demonstrate love for our neighbor? To

forgive our neighbors, even those who are crucifying our characters.

We should remember when Stephen was stoned that he prayed for his persecutors, "Lay not this sin to their charge" (Acts 7:60). The people stoning him knew very much what they were doing, and he still prayed for their forgiveness. Should we only forgive those who don't know that they've hurt us? Jesus said, "But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (Matthew 6:15).



### "Woman, behold thy son!"

In John 19:26, 27, Jesus uttered what is probably His second statement from the cross. "When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home."

In one sense, Jesus was simply setting His house in order. Yet how would you feel if you

were on the cross as your mother watched? You would probably be preoccupied with your own suffering. If I've got a little splinter, I want everyone to know. But here, Jesus becomes concerned with the suffering of others. He considers her anguish and also her earthly welfare. And He tenderly makes provision by directing her care to His disciple. What an incredible display of selflessness.

But I think something more spiritual is going on here. Biblically, the woman symbolizes the church. In Genesis, we learn that the "seed of the woman" is Christ. He was "bruising" the serpent's head when He says, "Woman, behold your son." It's an invitation, indeed a command, to behold Jesus on the cross, as the church's Savior. It is there we best see His victory over sin and His love for us.

Jesus' ministry began as John the Baptist invited the church to "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

And Jesus said in John 12:32, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." Christ was lifted up at the cross to a position of visibility. Likewise, Moses stood on a hill when Israel was fighting the Amalekites. He even stretched out his hands in intercession, and as long as the people could see him, they won the battle. When Moses got tired and his hands dropped, the tide would turn. When he lifted up his hands again, they were victorious again. But they had to behold him, as the church must behold her Seed. As long as we can see by faith Christ's nail-pierced hands raised before the Father in intercession for us, we can gain the victory. "Woman, behold your son!"

### "You will be with Me."

Jesus' third statement comes in Luke 23:43. He says to the desperate and dying thief, "Assuredly, I say to you today, you will be with Me in Paradise" (NKJV). Isaiah 53:12 says Jesus would be numbered with the transgressors, and indeed, He died on a hill between two thieves. But these thieves represent two classes of people with one thing in common: They were helpless sinners. The two of them represent all of us. We are murderers, robbers, and rebels. We've each

rebelled, gone our own way. Yet they both ask to be saved. What makes these two classes different?

The thief on the left says, "If thou be Christ, save thyself and us" (Luke 23:39). Will anyone be saved by *if*? Jesus promises that if we believe, all things are possible. So "if" is a very dangerous word. It can separate the saved from the lost. But the other thief says, "Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds" (vs. 40, 41). That is the meaning of repentance and confession! Very few criminals admit they're guilty. Yet that's one of the things we've got to do. Two thieves, one on the left and one on the right, represent everybody. We must repent and believe in Him. If we ask, then we can be assured of something wonderful.

Even though the devil could nail Jesus to the cross, he could not keep the Savior's hands from saving. Christ was able to tell that thief he would be in the kingdom. After the thief glorifies Jesus, we don't hear another word from him. I believe that a sweet assurance of God's forgiveness and acceptance swept over him. He seized upon these words of Jesus, "You will be with me." How much easier do you think it was for him to bear his sufferings after he had the assurance of eternal life? Infinitely! The same should be with us. You should feel assured. And we need to step out in faith and take Jesus at His word. Like the thief, when suffering or discouraged by sin, we are invited to look to Jesus as Lord and King. We can repent and confess, then believe we have a place with Christ in paradise.

### "Why have you forsaken me?"



The fourth statement is found in Matthew 27:46. "And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?'" (NKJV).

The Romans thought He was calling out for Elijah, because the Jews believed Elijah was coming back, and they mocked Him for it.

But that's why the Scriptures translate what Jesus was really saying. "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" Why did He say that? Some people wonder if Jesus lost faith, crying out because He believed God had left Him. They think He's saying, "God, why have you left me?" as though He didn't know—that He'd finally lost faith.

Absolutely not! Christ was actually quoting from probably one of the most famous Messianic psalms of David: Psalm 22. Before the Passover lamb was sacrificed, the priests would often read a Passover psalm. The first verse in Psalm 22 is "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

Christ, our High Priest and Sacrifice, was conveying, "I am the Lamb. This is the Passover." As both our High Priest and spotless Sacrifice, He is "reading" a Passover psalm. The significance of the verse is that it is in the form of a question the Lord is posing to get us to think. For instance, God said to Adam, "Adam, where are you?" Is it because God lost track of Adam? Did God need a GPS to find him? No, of course not. God knows everything. He wanted Adam

to think about where sin had brought him. God asks questions not because He doesn't know, but because He wants us to think about the significance of what the question evokes.

So when Jesus said, "Why have you forsaken me," He was inviting all those who beheld Him on the cross to consider why He was there. It was a rhetorical question. Why was the Father separated from the Son? It's because the Son was taking our sin; He was taking our place. Jesus was forsaken of the Father for our benefit. Isaiah 53:4 says, "Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted" (NKJV).



### "I thirst!"

John 19:28 records Jesus' fifth statement. "After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, 'I thirst!'" (NKJV). Obviously, Jesus is dehydrated from His long trials and the loss of blood. He'd been whipped in the back and pounded in the face by the soldiers. They also shoved

thorns on His head. His tongue was swollen with thirst.

Christ said that in the great judgment, He will separate the sheep from the goats. He'll say to the saved, "Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink" (Matthew 25:34, 35 NKJV). And as Christ described the condition of the suffering world in Matthew 25, He was also describing His condition on the cross. He was hungry, thirsty, sick, alone, a stranger, and a prisoner. He experienced all these deprivations on the cross.

And He said, "I thirst." Yet instead of giving Him water to assuage His thirst, they offered Him bitter wine. And He tasted it. Of course, He doesn't drink it, but the Bible says that He tasted suffering for all men. The first miracle of Jesus was to turn water into pure grape juice at a wedding, and He gave it to all humanity by offering all of us His blood—pure and sinless. However, the last thing we offered Him was sour wine. Christ made an exchange: a blood transfusion with a sick race. Not only did He give us His blood, He took our sin. He made a complete transaction.

For what does God thirst? Jesus shows us this when He was at the well, depending on a human woman to give Him water to satisfy His thirst. When she accepted Him as the Messiah, He was satisfied because His satisfaction came from doing the will of the Father (John 4:32, 34).

Remember also that Jesus is a symbol of us on the cross. As He forgave, so should we. And as He thirsts, so should we. "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled" (Matthew 5:6). Don't miss this. When a soldier pierced Jesus with a spear, both blood and water poured out of Him. He emptied Himself, you might say, that we might be filled.





## “It is finished!”

Luke 14:28–30 says, “For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it—lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish!’” (NKJV). Christ was not a quitter. He completed what He came to do. His sixth statement, found in John 19:30, testifies to this. “So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, ‘It is finished!’” (NKJV).

Christ’s mission was a total success; that’s wonderful news! He accomplished everything He came to do. And why did He come? “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16). Can we have everlasting life? Absolutely! Christ made it possible.

Hebrews 12:2 proclaims, “Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.” The Greek word for “finish” here is *teleo*, which can also mean “paid in full.” It means the debt is cancelled. When a person had a debt in Bible times and paid it in full, they would write “*teleo*” across the debt. Christ did just that when He declared, “It is finished.” So He completed His plan for saving us, and He paid the debt. And not just part of the debt—He didn’t make a down payment, and now we’ve got to keep the payments up. He said it is cancelled, paid in full. That’s good news.

Christ was also settling the controversy between God and the being once known as Lucifer. By saying, “It is finished,” He vindicated God’s name against the backdrop of Satan’s accusations.

## “Father, into your hands.”



One of the characteristics of the great men of the Bible is that they picked their time of death, because they knew it was God’s will for them. Their death was part of God’s plan. Moses climbed a mountain to die; he knew it was coming. Also,

“When Jacob had made an end of commanding his sons, he gathered up his feet into the bed, and yielded up the ghost” (Genesis 49:33). Samson even had the benefit of saying, “Let me die with the Philistines” (Judges 16:30). He scheduled his death.

And so did Jesus. The seventh and last statement of Jesus on the cross is recorded in Luke 23:46, “And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, ‘Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit.’ And having said this, He breathed His last” (NKJV). Jesus said, “No man takes my life.” You can’t kill God, so He laid His life down. Humanity shares the responsibility, because we took part, but we could not have done it without His willingness.

The Romans were actually surprised that Jesus died so soon because criminals often languished for days on the cross. Jesus expired after about only six hours. He let out that last breath, His skin tone faded to gray, and He died—all willingly.

Now do you remember the first recorded words of Jesus? They’re in Luke 2:49. He said to His parents, “Did you not know that I must be about My Father’s business?” (NKJV). Christ already knew that His purpose, from the time He went to that first Passover, was to fulfill the will of the Father as the Lamb of God. And He closes His ministry by acknowledging again that His life was about doing the Father’s will.

This is a characteristic for which you and I should strive. Sometimes we let ourselves think that going to church once a week is God’s will. But that’s not God’s plan, friends. All through the week we should be praying to the Father, “Thy will be done.”

His last words are also words of complete faith. Straining under the crushing weight of the world’s guilt and staring into the abysmal portal of the tomb must have appeared hopeless. Yet by faith, Jesus laid hold on the Father. We learn from His last words that our faith needs to go beyond feeling. Jesus knew His mission, knew the prophecies said He would rise again, and even though He felt He was facing eternal separation, He said, “Father, I trust you.” That’s a perfect example for us.

## His Dying Words Not His Last

Can you trust your life into the Father’s hands? If you’re not doing it now, you can start. We can go through life knowing that even through the dangerous storms, we have a God who will bear us up in His hands. All we need to do is trust Him. I believe each morning it would be prudent for us to pray, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.”

The seven statements of Jesus on the cross were not just the words of any dying man. They are words of encouragement and revelation; they’re promises from God Himself. They are also words of challenge, admonition, and council.

Of course, Jesus’ dying words aren’t His last words. Indeed, His first words after His resurrection were, “Woman, why are you weeping?” (John 20:15 NKJV). Should we be sad? Yes, because He died on the cross, and He made those seven crucial statements. But He also now says, “You have nothing to cry about.” He said to Mary, “Don’t cry; I’m alive.” He had been resurrected. And so you and I know that we can have faith, hope, and joy because of what Jesus did in our behalf.

I pray that you, like the redeemed thief, can know that He is your Lord and King, and that you have a place in paradise. You can be happy and no longer have to weep. He is not in the tomb; it is empty. Best of all, He has written “*teleo*,” it is finished, paid in full, over our debt of sin—so long as we accept that provision. —

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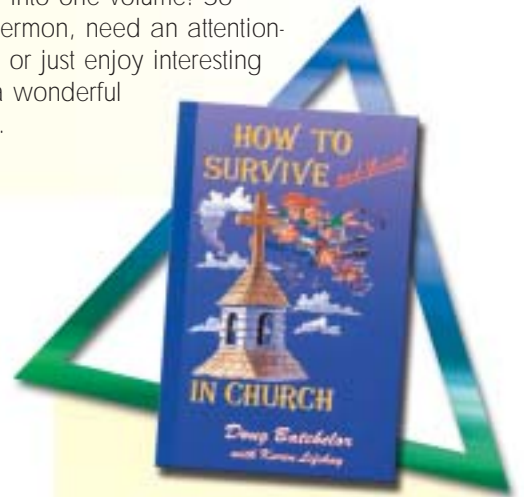
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— by Patty Lay —

**F**inding a Sabbathkeeping church took two years of ceaseless prayers, much Bible reading, constant soul searching, lots of tears, and even a bit of arguing with my precious Lord. However, through it all, I have learned that obedience to Him brings us the greatest blessings!

At the beginning of January 1999, after much heart searching, I decided to rededicate my life to Christ. Knowing that in the past I had fallen very short in my walk with the Savior, I prayed for the Holy Spirit to convict me in the areas of my life that were not acceptable. Also, I prayed that God would give me a great hunger for His Word. I knew that my walk with Him must be strong, and that His Word would give me strength. By focusing on Him, I searched for the knowledge of His will for my life.

My husband and I soon began attending a very large but loving Sundaykeeping church close to our home. My husband was not a Christian at the time, but shortly after he accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior. We were baptized together at our church just five months later.

### A New Teaching

God is so good to answer our heartfelt prayers! My hunger for His Word was amazing! The Scriptures were now popping into focus with new meaning. And soon, many things that I had always understood to be true now seemed confusing and unclear. The most confusing was the Sabbath. I wondered, "Why don't we rest and have fellowship with our friends on the Sabbath? Why do we only have an hour of church time and then go on our busy way for the rest of the day? The fourth commandment tells us to keep the Sabbath day holy, so why don't we keep Sunday holy?"

Then an amazing fact dawned on me! Sunday is not the Sabbath; Saturday is! Not only was I not keeping the Sabbath holy, but I was worshipping on the wrong day! I flipped frantically through my Bible, looking up every Scripture with the word Sabbath. No Scripture—not even one—could I find that said the Lord's Sabbath had been changed to Sunday.

### Finding Amazing Facts

I continued to attend church on Sunday for a while, trying in vain to make it holy. But I felt convicted, and soon I began to feel more and more like a little black sheep at my church.

But one evening, I was listening to a Christian radio station when I first heard this new program called *Bible Answers Live* with Pastor

Doug Batchelor. One of my first thoughts was, "What a pleasant voice this man has." But as I kept on listening, the *things* he was saying sounded like truth. I found myself saying "amen" to almost everything he said. "This guy thinks like I think!"

At the end of the program, I learned that Amazing Facts has a website, so I went online and spent three hours listening to the archives of this awesome program. It was an amazing night of spiritual discovery and truth. That precious evening, Doug Batchelor became a dear personal friend to me. I was so excited to have found the truth—I couldn't sleep at all that night!

The Lord also enabled me to find someone else who believed in His Sabbath, just as His Holy Spirit led me to believe.

### A New Church

I called Amazing Facts the next morning to find a church in my area that had services on Sabbath. I'm no longer a black sheep! I now attend a Sabbathkeeping church in Fresno, California.

At first, my husband was a bit unsure of my newfound truth. For a while, we even continued to attend both a Sunday and a Sabbathkeeping church. However, after several months of prayer, reading Scripture, and seeking the Lord's will for his life, my husband too became convicted of the Sabbath truth.

We love our new Sabbathkeeping church. Our Pastor and his wife are wonderful! It is also very warm and loving. What a blessing to spend Sabbath afternoon in fellowship with our church family, telling our stories of what wonderful things the Lord is doing, and has done, in our lives.

### A Better Tomorrow

The people at Amazing Facts have been wonderful. They sent me a very simple and easy-to-understand Bible study, which helped to clear up my confusion. The study was exactly what I was reading to be true in Scripture; finally, all of my confusion was cleared up by the true meaning



Photo by Alberta Wilson.

of our Lord's Word! Doug Batchelor comes on, I drop whatever I am doing and become glued to the television! He is truly an inspiration to me.

At the same time, the good people at my Sabbathkeeping church were also confirming these new truths. Then I found out that there was also a Christian television station that had programs with Doug Batchelor. Now I could watch him in person! I must admit anytime

Thank you, Doug Batchelor, and the many behind-the-scenes workers that make the Amazing Facts ministry possible. You have touched my life and my heart.

Through you, my Lord and Savior has spoken the words of His truth and changed my life. —

# Amazing Facts EVANGELISM TEAM



**You are invited to meet the members of Amazing Facts evangelism team at any one of the following locations. This schedule is subject to change without notice, so please call Amazing Facts to confirm appointments or get more information.**



Doug Batchelor



Gary Gibbs



John Bradshaw



Rich Cavaness



Byron Corbett



Eric Flickinger



Lowell Hargreaves



Brian McMahon



David Morgan



Jason Morgan



Rawel Moringlane



Jack Pefley



Dennis Priebe



Verne Snow

## ▼ Doug Batchelor

**May 27, 28**  
Forest Lake Academy  
Orlando, Florida

**May 30, 31**  
Southern University  
Collegedale, Tennessee

## ▼ John Bradshaw

**March 14 – April 12**  
South Middle School  
12310 East Park View  
Aurora, Colorado

**April 25 – May 31**  
Sunset Oaks Church  
3500 Sunset Boulevard  
Rocklin, California

## ▼ Rich Cavaness

**February 8 – March 15**  
Wenatchee Convention Center  
201 North Wenatchee Avenue  
Wenatchee, Washington

## ▼ Byron Corbett

**February 21 – March 29**  
North Cascade Church  
800 Peacock Lane  
Burlington, Washington

**April 11 – May 17**  
West Jordan, Utah  
Call 801-566-7100 for details

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you would like to schedule an Amazing Facts evangelistic series or a weekend of revival meetings in your church, please contact the evangelism department at Amazing Facts by phone at 916-434-3880 or by mail.

## ▼ Eric Flickinger

**February 21 – March 29**  
Hanford Inn  
3041 4th Street SW  
Mason City, Iowa

**April 4 – May 10**  
Ramada Inn East  
1355 Eastern Boulevard  
Montgomery, Alabama

## ▼ Lowell Hargreaves

**February 28 – April 5**  
Best Western Convention Center  
2000 West Mercury Boulevard  
Hampton, Virginia

**April 11 – May 17**  
Oaklawn Community Center  
4001 West Oaklawn Drive  
Springdale, Arkansas

## ▼ Brian McMahon

**March 7 – April 5**  
Amarillo Civic Center  
401 South Buchanan Street  
Amarillo, Texas

**April 25 – May 24**  
Victoria Hall  
33 West Victoria Street  
Santa Barbara, California

## ▼ David Morgan

**February 21 – March 29**  
Whistles Stop Theater  
Highway 63  
Mammoth Springs, Arkansas

**April 4 – May 10**  
Coudersport, Pennsylvania  
Call 814-274-8798 for details

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Shreveport, Louisiana

## ▼ Rawel Moringlane

**February 21 – March 29**  
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Anniston, Alabama

**April 4 – May 10**  
Hinckley, Minnesota  
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## ▼ Jack Pefley

**March 3 – March 24**  
Redwood Area Community Center  
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Redwood Falls, Minnesota

**April 25 – May 30**  
Winona, Minnesota  
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## ▼ Dennis Priebe

**March 1 – 8:**  
Honoka 'a Church, Big Island, Hawaii

**March 28 – 29:**  
Watsonville Church, California

**April 4 – 5:**  
Palmdale Church, California

**April 11 – 12:**  
Apple Valley Church, California

**April 18 – 19:**  
Mentone Church, California

## ▼ Verne Snow

**March 9 – April 5**  
Bigwood Event Center  
921 Western Avenue  
Fergus Falls, Minnesota

## Live Evangelism at Work

By Hildelisa Flickinger

**I**t's amazing to see how young people are touched and changed by God's Word. As we are reminded by the words of Solomon, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). Eric and I had the privilege of holding a prophecy seminar in the small town of Magnolia, Arkansas. Many wonderful people were touched by God's message, but the testimony of one young lady really moved us. She wrote the following letter to express how God is leading in her life as she takes a stand for Jesus.

"The seminar has helped me do what God wants me to do no matter what, even if it comes down to sacrificing my life. The seminar also helped me to understand God and the Bible better. I attend a Sundaykeeping Christian school, and it's very hard to do that as a Sabbathkeeper. In Bible class, they teach other things that are not my beliefs. It's hard not to get confused. They believe in going to church

**A Great Game Plan**



**in Arkansas!**

on Sunday. They believe they can eat meats that the Bible forbids. They also believe we go straight to heaven or hell when we die. I wanted to be a cheerleader and a basketball player, but there is a problem.

Cheerleading and basketball nights are on Tuesday and Friday. The Sabbath starts sundown Friday and ends at sundown on Saturday. So I have decided not to cheer or play basketball on Friday. And if the

school doesn't allow my limited participation, then I'm not going to do basketball or cheerleading at all. It would not be worth it because I'm doing what God wants me to do. God and the seminar helped me through this. Another good thing is that I have realized I'm setting a good example for other people."

While conducting a seminar in Columbia, Tennessee, we met Judith and her daughter, Michelle, who were very grateful that Amazing Facts had come to their town. They had been searching for truth for some time and were thrilled when they received in the mail a handbill inviting them to the seminar. Michelle says she's so thankful for the way Eric expressed the truth during the seminar. "I feel God has

been drawing me here for a reason, and my baptism is just the beginning." Judith appreciated "the honesty and truth in the seminar" and is most thankful to Jesus for "starting [her] life anew. We have learned more about the Bible in a few weeks than in our whole lives. Now it is so much easier to understand. It all makes sense."

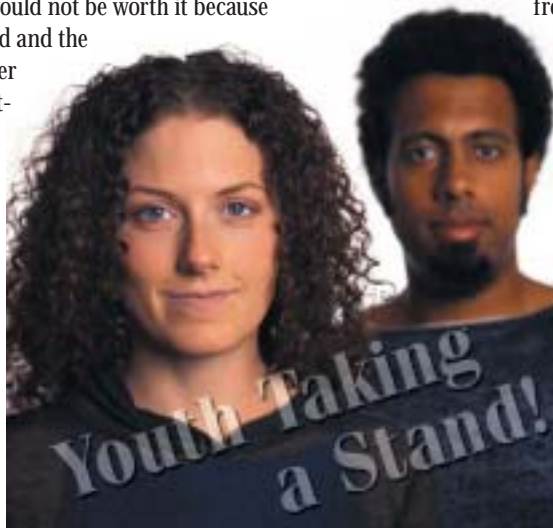
Judith's grandson, Patrick, also attended the seminar regularly and learned what the Bible says about God's interest in our health, among other wonderful truths. He purposed in his heart, as Daniel does in Daniel 1:8, that he would not defile his body temple with foods that God says should not be eaten. When he returned home from the seminar one evening, he informed his mother of his decision. She asked him, "What would you eat if I only prepared food you could not eat?" His answer: "I'll just go eat at grandma's!"



The Lord reaches different people at different stages of their lives with a message that touches them personally. He alone knows the deepest desire of our hearts, and He knows the solutions to those needs. As our prayers are answered and we follow the light He gives us, our lives are changed and molded to help us experience the freedom that true Christianity brings.

Here's just one more example of this beautiful truth at work from a woman who attended our seminar in Mountain Home, Arkansas.

"After attending the prophecy seminar and hearing Eric Flickinger, I was convinced I wanted to keep the Sabbath. I had wondered for a while, 'Why do we have church on Sunday? It's not the Sabbath.' I had never heard anyone speak on this topic before. He does so well in explaining God's Word and having us read the Scriptures. I also have a hunger for prophecy, and this was certainly a fulfilling meeting from God. Thanks to Eric for sharing God's Word; my husband and I will be Sabbathkeepers!"



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## So Little Time

Each of us sees that the signs of Christ's return are fast fulfilling. This world's history of sin and rebellion will soon give way to peace in the presence of the Lord. Now is the time for each of us to give generously and see the harvest gathered so that many will enjoy the wonders of eternity.

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# MILLENNIUM OF PROPHECY IN INDIA

Over the past few years, we have witnessed a phenomenal number of people baptized throughout India, and so her church has needed help with the follow-up and nurturing of these new members. With this need in mind, Amazing Facts produced the *Millennium of Prophecy* television series in Hindi and the complementary *Storeacle* lessons.

On Sunday, June 9, 2002, Amazing Facts began airing *Prophecy* in Hindi on the CMM Music Channel. CMM is a free-to-air channel transmitted on the PAS-10 satellite and is on most cable networks throughout central and northern India.

I wanted to wait to submit this report for fear of blowing the good-news trumpet before everything was running smoothly. It has taken some time; the road to getting regular and consistent programming was a trembling trial measuring about an eight on the Richter scale.

For instance, the CMM had technical and scheduling struggles early on. They either played the wrong episode, aired the right episode but at the wrong time, and once they just forgot to air the episode! It was amazing to hear all the unique and different reasons for these problems, but each time I was always promised, "It won't happen again."

But then the big one hit. The seventh episode was to air in half an hour when a notice crawled across the bottom of my screen. It said CMM would be moving to another satellite. At first, I thought it was no problem, but 15 minutes later, the channel went blank! They had stopped transmission from their previous satellite only 15 minutes before our program was to air. I was told the swap was in the best interest for the company and its customers. But it didn't seem like a good thing for the gospel!

Why do we continue working with CMM despite these troubles? Well, getting a time slot in India is becoming more difficult. Pay-per-view channels are not interested in Christian programming, so the remaining free-to-air time slots are in high demand. The decision we had to make was whether or not we wanted to air our program.

And lately, things have improved greatly with CMM. We now have contractual concessions if CMM airs the wrong episode or airs during the wrong timeslot. I was also told that the channel's owner personally checks to see if our program airs at the right time! Who knows what effect it might have on him?

Believing that time is short and that the one billion people of India must be reached with the gospel, Amazing Facts has purchased additional time on another TV channel in India. On Saturday, September 28, 2002, our Hindi program began airing on the ETC Channel. We're excited that we'll be able to follow up the interest that sister ministry It Is Written generated there for more than two years.

God has greatly blessed our Hindi production team. Our Hindi translator and speaker for Doug's voice is Mr. Lawrence Narendra Wagh, a retired Hindi professor. His mastery of the language is nationally recognized. He also is a religious radio speaker, who for many years has turned down many lucrative offers to use his voice for commercial purposes.

Amit Tribhuvan has done voice dubbing for Christian broadcasting worldwide, much of it with the Sabbathkeeping church. He voices Pastor John Lomacang with amazing passion. When I first heard his voice over during a prayer, I got goose bumps. It was spoken with such fervor and power. I said,

"Praise the Lord!" even though I could not understand the words. Although not a member of our church, Amit is a devout Christian with decades of radio experience.

Mrs. Suvarra Bodas, a Hindu, has done radio speaking for many years. She brings her expertise and talent as the voice of Karen Batchelor.

Vijay Mishra has also blessed our program as the voice of our off-screen announcer. He is a professional actor who has won many acting awards. A very gentle person, he rose to the occasion when I said to him, "You're the first voice people are going to hear, so you have to give it all you got." I still can hear his voice as he crescendos to the part that says, "God has sent messages of hope to help us recognize our place in time and prepare for the future; join us now as Amazing Facts presents, MILLENNIUM OF PROPHECY with Pastor Doug Batchelor!"

Although India's constitution advocates religious freedom, it is well known that its ruling political party discourages any conversion of Hindus to other faiths. While I was completing the last episodes of our program, I found out that the local headquarters of this political party was just two stories above where we did all our recording. I think God has an amazing sense of humor.

As of December 2002, nearly 200 truth-seekers have signed up for our Hindi *Storeacle* study lessons. May this program and its materials continue to grow and reach the millions that are in India! —

*Richard Calderon has recently returned from his work in India and has joined the evangelism department at our office headquarters in Roseville, California.*

*Pictured below: Milind Deo, Vijay Mishra, Lawrence Narendra Wagh, Mohan Bhat, Amit Tribhuvan, and Suvarra Bodas*



# The Bible School

By Anthony Lester

## A Ministry of Light

One of Amazing Facts' most successful evangelism outreaches is the long-standing Bible Correspondence School. Countless lives have been transformed through the 27-lesson Bible Study Guides, filled with Bible truth and stunning prophecies.

When Amazing Facts first published the guides, then called Information Folders, they quickly became the ministry's spiritual backbone. These popular resources were later reformatted with colorful illustrations and eye-catching covers.

Today the Study Guides share God's truth on every continent. Important end-time topics include what happens after a person dies, the mark of the beast, God's plan for healthy living, the many prophecies found in Daniel and Revelation, and much more.

The course is free, so these truth-seekers rely on Amazing Facts supporters to fund the program. Carolyn Moxley, the Bible School supervisor, says, "The Bible School has the potential of reaching thousands of people who would otherwise not be open to a personal visit."

She believes the Bible School helps transform hearts and lives and connects people to Jesus in a very personal relationship.

## How It Works

Those interested in Bible studies discover the course in many different ways. Amazing Facts sometimes advertises the course in national magazines or during its radio and television broadcasts. Most often, friends of the ministry will run ads in local newspapers, send mailers, or pass out enrollment cards at local fairs or flea markets, or even go door to door. Churches also use the Study Guides to bolster those new to the faith.

Once we learn that someone wants to take the course, we send him or her a greeting and the first Bible Study Guide, called "Is There Anything Left You Can Trust." This Guide shows students they can trust the Bible. They then read the Guide, answer questions on the "Summary Sheet," and return it to Amazing Facts for grading and more lessons.

"I believe the Bible School remains one of the most popular soul-winning components of Amazing Facts because students are able to read and discover the answers for themselves right from God's Word," says Pastor Doug Batchelor, president.

The course is designed to introduce students to basic but vital Bible doctrines, such as obedience to God and Jesus' offer of salvation through grace, and then lead them to advanced truths found in Bible prophecy. This logical, point-by-point structure enables even the beginner to grasp important Bible truths in just a few quick lessons.

The first 14 lessons make up the course's spiritual foundation, bringing people into a lifesaving relationship with the Creator. Important truths such as the state of the dead and hell help many grasp the true love of God, offering comfort and guidance in their new or renewed Christian walk.

The next 13 lessons compose the dramatic advanced set, which thrusts students into an exciting exploration of Bible prophecy and important, long-forgotten doctrines on tithing and spiritualism. By the end of the course, students have a well-rounded, basic understanding of the Bible's most pivotal messages. This, in turn, encourages students to continue their spiritual walk by joining a Sabbathkeeping church for fellowship and mentoring. Many students write that they have learned more in these 27 lessons than they have in all the years they've studied the Bible on their own.

## Building Relationships

The Bible School staff personally grades each lesson and answers any questions students might have, often sending students additional materials on subjects they ask about.

After a lesson has been graded, students receive the next few lessons in the mail.

Once students finish the course, we send them a diploma and a special gift designed to encourage their continued studies. If needed, we also offer them information on local Sabbathkeeping churches and baptism.

Amazing Facts wants to build a positive relationship with each student, encouraging them to take the next step in their spiritual growth. Often, our trained staff and experienced Bible instructor volunteers correspond with students. Though this comprehensive level of personal detail and commitment does require a higher portion of our resources, the ministry believes it will mean more souls in God's kingdom.

## God's Dedicated Volunteers

One of the most important facets of this unique ministry is its group of dedicated volunteers. Amazing Facts has a regular staff of only six full- and part-time workers for the Bible School. However, 18 devoted workers make

*"I'd like to say a few things to the group who took the time and effort to grade my papers. My life has been very rough and not very fulfilling. It makes my heart feel good that people like you take the time to give these free lessons. It means there are good people in this world. Thank you for being a friend in my time of need. May God be with you in all that you do." T.T., Tennessee*



## The Bible School in 2002

The Lord continued to bless this dynamic ministry of Amazing Facts in 2002. It was another record-breaking milestone in graduates, students, and correspondence for both our mail-based and online schools. Here are some of the extraordinary statistics from 2002:

Number of newly enrolled students:  
**22,887**  
Graded lessons: **110,000**  
Graduates: **4,110** – up 80 percent  
from the year before  
Correspondence (letters and e-mails):  
**20,607** – up 68 percent from 2001

We ask that you pray for another fruitful year for our Bible School. With your support, God will reap another tremendous harvest through this truth-sharing ministry. Currently, more than **60,000 students** are enrolled in our various Bible School courses!

up the volunteer force, providing more than 130 hours a week. Without them, the Bible School as it is today would not be possible.

Carolyn Moxley says, "Each volunteer is a valuable asset and a special blessing to our Bible School. They provide a wide variety of talents that save our ministry thousands of dollars."

For example, one stocks the shelves and workstations of the staff who mail out the lessons, while another processes foreign mail. Others type enrollment labels, process return mail, or stuff envelopes. "We are even blessed to have a retired Bible worker with a degree in theology who donates time answering doctrinal questions from students," adds Moxley.

Incredibly, ministry volunteers gave more than 6,850 hours of service to the Bible School, grading more than 110,000 lessons, in 2002. Says Batchelor, "Students receive the personal touch of encouragement and affirmation from the Bible instructors, and the care of volunteers who grade and send out the new lessons. We have not been able to improve on this simple but effective method."

We know that you join with us in thanking our wonderful volunteer helpers for all they do in spreading God's love to thousands each year.

## Into the Future

With the rising cost of postage and the number of students, Amazing Facts searched for new ways to get the same biblical information to even more people without overloading an already extremely busy Bible School.

God answered by guiding the ministry to the Internet. Today, students can enroll for free in the Bible School at the Amazing Facts website ([www.amazingfacts.org](http://www.amazingfacts.org)) and complete all 27 lessons on their computers. In addition, our BibleUniverse.com site offers the popular *Storacles of Prophecy* lessons.

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This efficient and cost-effective method offers the same content and presentation as the mail-based school, while enabling thousands more to learn key Bible truths without overly taxing our

resources. Says Moxley, "Online students can learn quickly and at their convenience, saving thousands of dollars in postage. We are also able to answer students' questions efficiently by e-mail, and they can access our free library for additional material on the topics they are studying."

Like the mail-based course, students must progress through each lesson before the next one comes available, requiring them to understand basic truths before moving on to more advanced principles.

In fact, the online Bible school has been so successful, we're asking our friends to spread the word to anybody who is interested in taking the lessons. The more students directed to the online course, the more Amazing Facts will save on postage and printing costs.

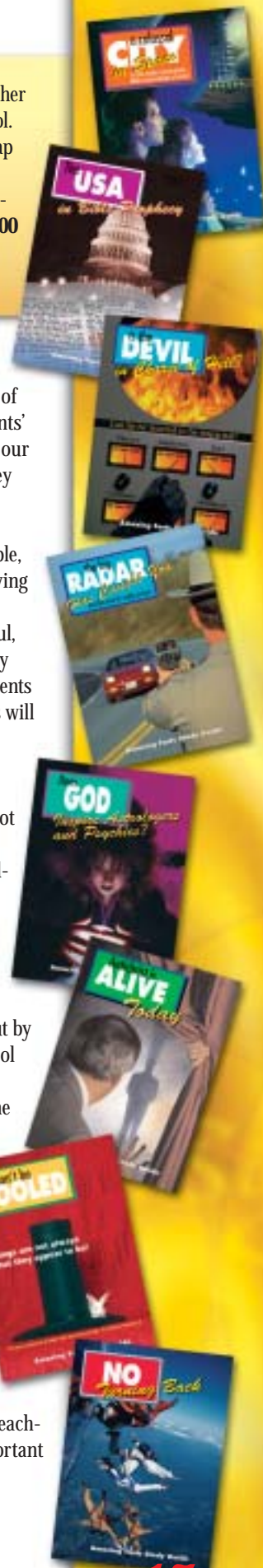
## How You Can Participate

Of course, without you, this ongoing project could not continue. It is only through your gifts that these Bible courses can continue to introduce people to God's end-time message. We also need your prayers, petitioning the Father to send His Holy Spirit to each student enrolled in the course.

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Finally, Carolyn Moxley says, "First and foremost, I praise God and give Him glory for the great things He has done and continues to do for us. It is His Spirit working on the hearts of our students that has made our school a successful tool in reaching them with the truths of God's Word and the important end-time message we have to share."



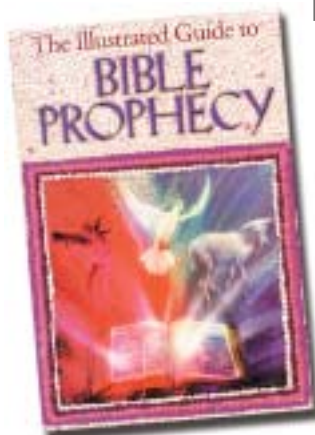
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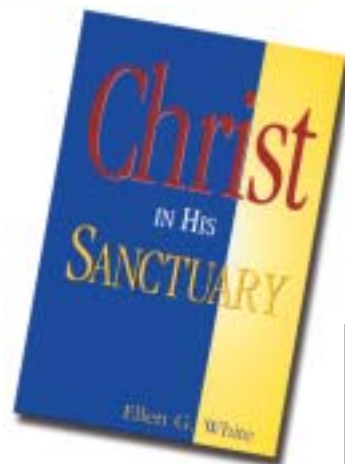
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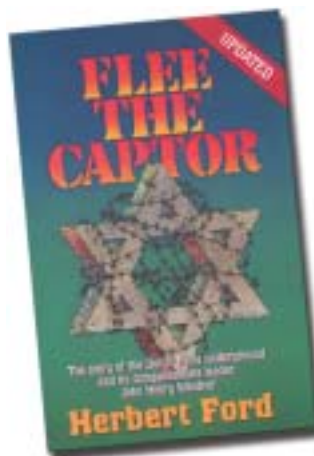
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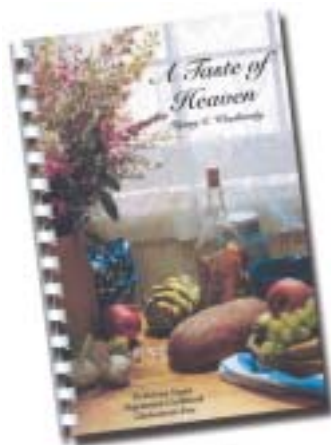


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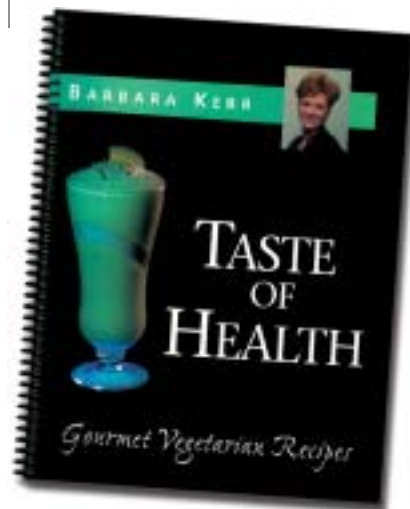
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# Behind the Scenes

What's new at Amazing Facts ...

## A Fond Farewell

Diane Jacobson, a ministry worker since September 4, 1990, is bidding farewell to Amazing Facts to be closer to her family. Though she feels the Lord has been calling her to move, she will miss the staff very much. "It will seem very strange not coming to work and seeing all of my dear friends that have seen me through many trials and blessings," she says.

She joined Amazing Facts when it was headquartered in Fredrick, Maryland, and moving to California seemed a difficult prospect. Yet it was clearly the Lord's will, and Diane wanted to follow because her co-workers had become such a close-knit family. She says, "We worked together, prayed together, cried together, and played together. For the first few years, all of us from back east would get together for holidays. We were just one big family."

Yet Diane also knew the Lord wanted her to continue her part in His work. "I moved with the ministry because the Lord led me here," she adds. Since the beginning, she knew that working at Amazing Facts was God's plan for her life.

Diane first worked in the order department, processing phone and mail orders. Over the years, her responsibilities expanded as the ministry grew. She has also served in the tape ministry, shipping, donations, catalog selections, and in data processing.

"Working with Joe Crews was the most memorable experience in my life," says Diane. "If you had a problem you needed to talk about, he would stop what he was doing and you had

his full attention." She remembers that Crews had a unique burden for souls, yet he loved and enjoyed life and everyone around him. "I will always count it a privilege to have known and worked with Joe Crews."

Born and raised on the eastern shore of Maryland, Diane had worked in several careers, such as cosmetology and banking, before joining the church. She eventually left her bank job after almost 10 years because of her new commitment to the Sabbath. She accepted a position at Amazing Facts two years later after working at a marina.

Diane has a son, Brian, a shipping supervisor married to Erin; and a daughter, Lara, who works as a nanny and is also a singer and musician. She has also been blessed with Logan, her grandson. When not working, she fills her time reading, knitting, crocheting, and participating in different church activities.

Mostly, Diane will fondly remember the experience of being a ministry worker. "I will surely miss working with Amazing Facts. Knowing that a co-worker will pray with you when you had a problem or when a family member was sick has been such a blessing." We ask you to join us in wishing Diane God's blessings in her new beginning, and thanking her for her many years of dedication to the Lord's work. Of course, we also pray that the Lord will continue to use her mightily in sharing the gospel.



## New Customer Service Specialist Arrives



Michelle Irwin arrived at Amazing Facts in October 2002 to serve as customer service specialist in the ministry's order department. She assists customers with orders and

questions and analyzes customer data for special offers. She says, "I love working here. It is wonderful to serve the Lord and to help hasten His return."

Born in Minnesota, Michelle arrived in California as a teenager. She is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in New York. Prior to Amazing Facts, she worked as a senior system analyst. She has

been married to Scott, her best friend in the seventh grade, for nearly five years. Michelle and her husband both became Sabbathkeepers during NET '98.

Michelle enjoys jogging, hiking, drawing, studying, and playing with her dogs when she's not working. She adds, "I believe the Lord led me here. I love to be involved in ministry, and I believe there is something very special here. I can see the lives that are being touched through this ministry."

## Dave Jennings Takes on the Warehouse

Amazing Facts welcomed Dave Jennings in April 2002 as its warehouse manager. He is responsible for receiving and shipping products to customers, maintaining and organizing warehouse inventory, and ensuring that work flows smoothly in the shipping department.

Dave was born in Sacramento, California, to a Sabbathkeeping family, but fell away from the church for several years. He always felt the call to return to the church, but he continued to put it off. However, in his mid-20s, Dave had a serious bicycle accident that revealed to him just how fleeting life could be. This event sparked a spiritual interest that eventually led him back to the church in 1995.

Dave heard about the warehouse position while attending Pastor Doug's church in Sacramento. He's happy to be here serving



the Lord. In his free time, Dave enjoys being in the outdoors, whether hiking or cycling, and dabbles in photography—and spending time with two golden retrievers.

## Amazing Facts at NRB

On Sunday, February 9, Amazing Facts joined the National Religious Broadcasters' convention in Nashville, Tennessee. The event was a chance for Amazing Facts to explore media outlets to broadcast ministry programs, network with like-minded Christian organizations, and get God's end-time message exposure at a national event.

In addition, Amazing Facts' *Everlasting Gospel* program was aired continuously throughout the convention hotel's in-house cable system. We pray the Lord will use our time there as a gateway into new possibilities and a new season of harvest.

## February Doldrums

As you probably know, the beginning of the year is typically a slow one for gifts to the ministry. We just wanted to remind you that we're still working hard to share the gospel worldwide through such effective ministries as television, radio, literature, multimedia, Bible schools, live prophecy seminars, and the Internet. We promise always to use your gifts as the Lord leads, reaching out to reap a great harvest. So we ask you to dig deep in the next few months, as we need your help to keep current on all our projects worldwide. And speaking of which ...

## April 15 Thank Offering

"Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers" (3 John 2). For those of you receiving a refund on your income tax, may we make a suggestion? Why not dedicate a percentage of your refund to the Lord's work at Amazing Facts. We wouldn't be so bold to ask for the whole thing, but any amount would be a blessing. And contributions made to Amazing Facts are tax deductible! Dollar for dollar, Amazing Facts is your best evangelistic value for reaching souls and equipping others to do the same. Please carefully and prayerfully consider a special gift this month to help Amazing Facts' tapestry of truth cover the world.

## AFCOE Class Graduates, Another Begins

More than 30 pastors and lay leaders from across the world recently completed evangelistic training at the Amazing Facts College of Evangelism. Although most attendees came from Northern California, the group included pastors and leaders from Alabama, Nevada, North Carolina and even people from as far as South Africa, England, and Switzerland.

Chris Botha, a church leader in South Africa, summed up the course in one sentence, "This was a fresh approach to evangelism." His conference already has plans to start a college similar to AFCOE in South Africa.

The course also featured Gary Gibbs' popular *Winsome Witnessing* lecture series, which

can now be purchased from Amazing Facts in book form. (See page 27)

Classes for the four-month complete course in evangelism have now begun. Thirty-three students descended on AFCOE to learn how to reach others for Jesus in the most effective way possible. We ask that you pray for these students, that the Lord will guide their studies and make them able fishers of men.

## Sabbath School TV Program Now Online

In addition to *Bible Answers Live*, Amazing Facts is pleased to announce that you can now listen to *Central Study Hour*; Pastor Doug Batchelor's weekly Sabbath School lesson, whenever you want at [www.amazingfacts.org](http://www.amazingfacts.org).

*Central Study Hour* is videotaped two weeks in advance of the lesson book's dates. You can also review the previous quarter's lessons at the website. *Central Study Hour* can also be seen on 3ABN or SafeTV KSBN. Go to our website for broadcast times.



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# BIBLE Answers

with Pastor Doug Batchelor



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**How does one walk after the spirit and not the flesh according to Romans 8?**

Christians have two natures that are at war within us—the spirit and the flesh. The carnal, or physical, desires of the flesh want to be satisfied selfishly. However, the spirit strives to be pure, do God’s will, and obey His commandments. The latter is the higher nature we should aim to please.

Peter and other New Testament writers speak about this war between the spirit and the flesh. And in Romans 8, Paul is encouraging Christians to walk after our spiritual natures and not our fleshly desires. You can read how Paul describes this often difficult battle in Romans 7. I believe there is a simple, but not always easy, solution to this dilemma.

Here is a crude but effective illustration. Imagine you have two dogs of the same breed. You feed one of your dogs the very best dog food, and you pet and groom him for attention, take him out for walks for exercise, and provide plenty of fresh water and rest. But the other dog you chain to a post, don’t provide food, water, exercise, or attention at any time. Now imagine releasing the two dogs in the same area. Eventually, they’ll do battle for the territory. Who will win? It’s easy to guess that the dog that is well nourished and exercised will conquer the starved animal.

It’s the same with the battle between our natures. The way you win the battle is decided in advance by which nature you choose to feed. If we feed the spirit by reading God’s Word, spending time in prayer, fellowshiping with like-minded Christians, and sharing our faith, you will strengthen the spiritual aspect of your nature and make more room for the Holy Spirit. It’s exactly like a muscle that gets bigger and stronger when you use it.

However, if you choose to feed your fleshly nature with worldly amusements and sensual gratification, your carnal nature will be on the throne and your spirit will lose the battle. There are so many distractions, shock television and other amoral entertainments, to compete. And Satan will do anything to make you fail. “But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, *even so it is now*” (Galatians 4:29, emphasis added). The devil uses carnal reading materials, music, and television, often disguising it as “family entertainment,” to tempt us and numb our spiritual sensors. But these instant satisfactions have potentially terrible eternal consequences. They’ll make your spiritual muscles limp and weak.

When temptation comes, whatever side we strengthen will win the battle. And every day, we’re making a series of little decisions to walk after the flesh or after the spirit. Pray daily, even hourly, for God’s protection and always be mindful when investing time and resources in worldly amusements. Real satisfaction is found in the Prince of Peace, and not in the empty amusements of this world.

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Q  
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**What is the context in 1 Corinthians 10, when Paul appears to say we can eat anything sold in the meat market?**

Well, first we have to ask the ridiculous question, which is: “Is the Lord saying you can eat anything?” I think we probably know the answer to that.

Even today, Jesus has warned us not to tempt the Lord, and modern medicine is very clear that there are some things you can eat and some food that is very bad for your health. The Bible says, “Don’t be deceived, God is not mocked. Whatever a man sows, he’ll also reap” (Galatians 6:7).

However, the context of 1 Corinthians 10 really has nothing to do with which meats are acceptable for consumption, whether it’s cow, pig, goat, or camel. In fact, these aren’t mentioned at all in 1 Corinthians. So this issue is not revolving around clean or unclean animals. Paul is writing to people he assumes understand the difference between what constitutes clean and unclean food. Rather, it’s discussing the eating of animals that had been offered to pagan gods.

Paul says in 1 Corinthians 10:25, “Whatever is sold in the shambles,” that’s the meat market, “eat, asking no questions.” He was not telling buyers of meat to not ask, “Is this a cow or is this a pig?” That wouldn’t make sense, because they could simply look at the carcass and quickly determine the

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animal. The questions they weren't to ask: "Was this offered to a pagan god? What god was it offered to?"

He explains, "Don't ask those questions because once you know, then you're accountable." If they didn't know what pagan religious purposes these dead animals had fulfilled, then the issue would remain between the butchers and their false gods.

It's understood that the readers of Paul's letter would only be eating clean animals based on other Scripture in both the New and Old Testaments. That's why you don't find a reference to the kind of animal; that's not the issue since Paul already knows his readers will eat only clean meats.

The key then rests with verse 25, which says, "Without asking questions for conscience sake." That's where this makes most sense. Whether an animal is a pig or cow is a matter of content, not conscience. Conscience would only come into play with regard to the animal's purpose.

This is the context!

You'll find another indicator of this idea in Romans 14, where Paul says, "He that is weak eateth herbs." That doesn't mean vegetarians are weak! He's talking about those possessing a weak conscience being unable to eat anything sold in the "shambles" or the marketplace, because they are afraid that they might eat something that had been offered to a pagan god, even though they didn't participate in the practice.

So Paul basically says here, "Look, if you're really afraid that you might accidentally eat something someone else has offered to a god, even though you didn't offer it, and it's a clean animal, then just eat herbs." It's talking about a weak conscience, not a weak body.

**Q** *What does Jesus mean in Matthew 24:28 and Luke 17:37 when He says, "For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together"?*

**A** First, the word "eagles" as used here is better translated as vultures or birds of carrion. In the last days, the Bible speaks about a feast of birds, which you can read about in Revelation 19:17, 18. It tells us that when the Lord comes, a time of great judgment for the wicked will occur. At one time, it was considered a curse of God for the deceased not to have their remains buried properly (1 Samuel 17:44, 46). It can be paralleled to the Flood recorded in Genesis, because it too was a judgment on the wicked.

Remember, Noah sent out a raven, and the raven did not come back because ravens are birds of carrion, but the dove he sent out later came back because it didn't have anything to eat. It returned with an olive leaf in its mouth, which is now a symbol for peace.

But Jesus is referring to the next great and final judgment that is going to come on the wicked of the world. In Thessalonians 4, the saints are caught up to meet the Lord in the air and the dead in Christ rise. But we read that the wicked are destroyed by the brightness of His coming. Then Jeremiah 25:33 explains that after the return of the Lord, the carcasses of the wicked will be from one end of the earth to the other. They'll be no one to lament or to mourn them.

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## Witnessing Corner

Here's what ministry friends are doing around the country to spread God's end-time message ...


 A ministry supporter in Florida gave a *Panorama of Prophecy* CD to a cashier of one of the most popular restaurants in Central Florida. The cashier then passed it on to her general manager. One evening, the manager called our friend with some questions. "He went on to say that he would let me know what he thought about it after he was finished," our friend says. "I chuckled, 'That won't be anytime soon!'"

A month later, our friend returned to the restaurant and asked the manager permission to set up a display of CDs in the restaurant. The manager agreed, saying, "Place them up near the cash register." Our friend made a display rack out of wood with a Plexiglas front that could hold 25 CDs. Just a day later, the rack was empty. So he then made a case with four compartments so 100 could be displayed. Within a week, that was empty too!


Our friend also sends both English and Spanish versions of Pastor Doug's *The Richest Caveman* to a local prison. He's also working on getting the *Millennium of Prophecy* videotapes to places like Germany and the Philippines.

Even though he doesn't want his name published, our friend happily admits that he's 80 years old, proving that your work for God doesn't have to end. "Time is short," he says, "And we need to do all we can." Amen!

And ...

 We have received a great response to our "How You Can Get Amazing Facts on Cable" from the last issue of *Inside Report*. Soon after publication, we received many calls from ministry friends planning to do just that—and we're still getting calls!

In fact, within an hour of each other, media assistant Karen Suvankham got two amazing calls. Crystal from New Hampshire said she was searching for local sponsors to put the programs on public access channels all over New Hampshire and Maine. Moments later, Christine called to say she planned to do the same for North and South Dakota! "The two ladies had never met and lived on nearly opposite ends of the country," Karen says, "but the Lord led them to similar visions at the same time." The two are now working to encourage local church members to sponsor their initiative.

Praise the Lord for this wonderful effort to spread His Word. Does He have similar plans for you? Let us know! 





# Getting His Word into Your Hands

## Representing Him

Last year, Amazing Facts rededicated itself to serving our friends with the very best service we could offer. The ministry made essential improvements to our warehouse capacity as demand for our resources increased dramatically. For instance, we more than doubled the size of the mailroom to 1,600 square feet and upgraded our mailing equipment, storage capacity, and climate control functions. These and other significant enhancements have helped to create a more efficient and reliable shipping and inventory service.

Of course, we want to thank you for the support you have given, which has made these improvements possible. Barry Champion, publishing director, says, "We're certain that with these exciting advancements, this ministry is in a position to share God's Word more effectively than ever."

## Distribution Specialists

In addition to these warehouse improvements, Amazing Facts has also created a team of distribution specialists to ensure our guaranteed 24- to 48-hour turnaround on all your orders. This unique team of Christian servants is specially trained in shipping procedures, filling customer orders, inventory replenishment, and a host of other related duties. This team is composed of bright, driven people who demand a lot of themselves.

Together with our dedicated team of customer service specialists, our distribution personnel have reached new levels of professionalism and Christ-like service from receiving new products to getting them into your hands.

Barry is grateful to God for His guidance in these developments, as he believes God has honored our commitment to you with staggering success.

Barry shares, "Even with our biggest catalog mailing ever, we've kept up with our turnaround guarantee, while also keeping our

rate-of-returns levels at a record low." We believe this shows the ministry's dedication to customer service rivals even the most popular retail establishments in the nation.

## Working for You

Says Barry, "Friends can now look forward to better service, increased efficiency, and faster response because we want to make sure they get their resources quickly so they can share the good news with friends and family."

In fact, the quality-control checks our distribution specialists perform are second to none. For every order, the team ensures accuracy in quantity and quality, checking each product for blemishes and ensuring you're getting exactly what you ordered.

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Foreword by Doug Batchelor

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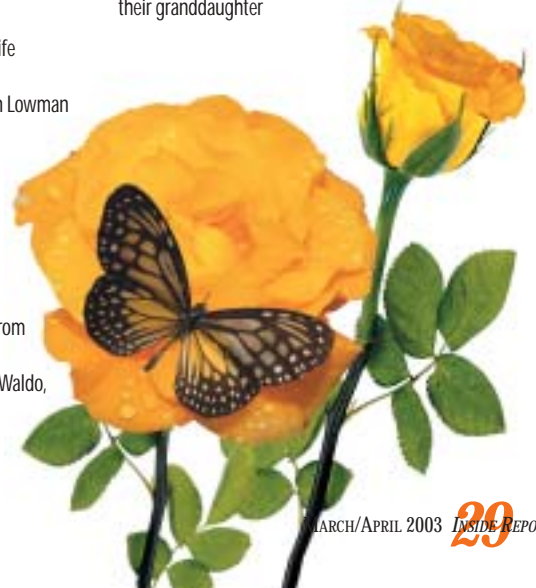
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# Health

## Bite

### Exercise—Chore or Joy?

Part II by Frances Piper de Vries, ASN

In our January/February issue, Frances showed practical ways for overcoming barriers to regular exercise. Now she offers some advice to get you started in the right direction. We thank The NEW-START Lifestyle Newsletter for permission to print this great article.

#### Design Your Own Program

Rather than following a specific prescribed program and feeling like a square peg trying to fit into a round hole, create your own program—one that fits your schedule, lifestyle, and personality. List all the heart- or muscle-building activities that you enjoy and feel capable of doing. Your list might include gardening, bicycling, walking, and swimming. Ideally, do more than one type of exercise each week.



#### Try the Buddy System

If you find it hard to do it alone, exercise with a friend. Knowing that someone else is counting on you can be great motivation when you feel lazy. A buddy's encouragement can make the difference between success and backsliding.



#### Sign Up

For some people, signing up at a gym gives a financial incentive to stick with a program. Benefits also include personnel that can help you with body mechanics, various classes and equipment, group support, etc.

#### Keep a Fitness Journal

Write down your planned exercise program, your short- and long-term goals, and the benefits you want in a journal. Record notes on each exercise session, including the date, exercise modality, time, and distance or repetitions, if applicable. You can add notes about how you are feeling. Keeping such a record will encourage you to stay on your program.



#### Spice It Up

There are many enjoyable ways to getting fit. Some hardly seem like exercise at all. Engaging in a variety of activities is also better for you and helps avoid boredom. Here are just a few activities to consider: hiking, jogging, swimming, water aerobics, rowing, water or snow sports, ice skating, bicycling, mountain-biking, golfing (walk between holes), gardening, jumping rope, weight-training, step aerobics, racquet sports, court sports, soccer, etc. Or act like a kid and play tag with friends and family.



#### Get Comfortable

Your exercise wardrobe should be loose-fitting and appropriate for the activity and weather conditions. Proper shoes are essential. If possible, exercise in a relatively cool environment.



#### Do Two Things at Once

If you get bored during solo exercise, do something to stimulate your brain. Listen to music or a book on tape. If you use an exercise bike or treadmill, read a magazine or book that builds your faith muscles. The time will go by faster, and you'll hardly notice that you're working out!

#### Take It Easy on Yourself

If you get off your program, don't scold yourself. Give yourself credit for what you've already accomplished. Determine what you can do to prevent another lapse and simply start again.

#### Reward Yourself

Set short-term goals within your reach and then reward yourself when you reach them. Place a dollar or two in a jar each time you exercise to spend on a reward like a new pair of athletic shoes or a backpacking trip!



Now pray--and believe you can do it with God!

#### ENERGY Smoothie

- 1/2 banana
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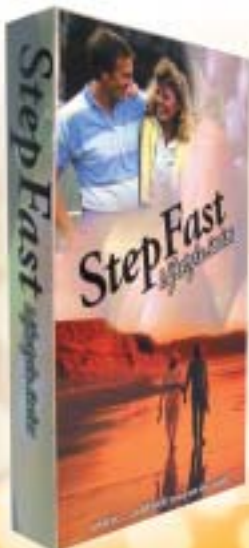
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