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# FINDING THE MISSING CHILDREN...

BY PASTOR DOUG BATCHELOR

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**H**ave you ever misplaced a child? It happened to me once in a busy mall. I lost track of one of my boys when he was about three years old. At first I anxiously called his name. Then as more seconds passed without him, I became increasingly frantic as all those frightening scenarios went through my mind: *Is he lost? Is he hurt? Has he been abducted?*

What a relief when I found him!

I believe this same elation—multiplied exponentially—is much like what Jesus feels when one of His wandering children comes back into His fold. “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost?” (Luke 15:4 NKJV).

Perhaps enchanted by the world, some of Jesus’ children slowly wandered from their church homes. Others stopped attending because of some conflict with another member or a pastor. Perhaps a sickness or a death shook their faith. For others, the stress of work and family might have eclipsed their vibrant relationship with Jesus. Whatever the cause, now their seats at the church are empty.

We all know some missing members. So what if there was a unique program where you could invite some of these former brethren into your home or church for some refreshments and a spiritual presentation? Some would surely come.

Well, God has opened a wonderful door of opportunity for Amazing Facts to address the

enormous problem of church family members who have “gone missing.” January 13 to 15, 2012, we will present a special live television series on the Hope Channel, called *Reclaiming Your Faith*.

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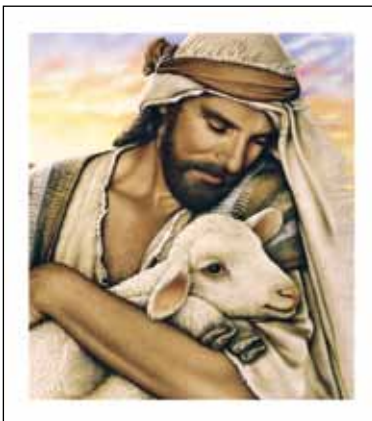
**Doctrinal:** Some cease attending because they believe their churches no longer teach the whole counsel of God or they struggle accepting some point of truth. We’ll tackle these in this program.

**Dedication:** Many don’t recognize the necessity of corporate church worship. This presentation will highlight the value

of regular fellowship with Christ’s body.

If we fervently pray and commit ourselves to this effort, I believe God can work miracles. We might not reach everybody, but we can reach some. I believe many of these dear souls are just waiting to be nudged back to church. They can see the world is gyrating out of control, and they are apprehensive about the future. This program can be their first step back.

I hope you will plan now to join Amazing Facts and the Hope Channel for this significant outreach opportunity! 



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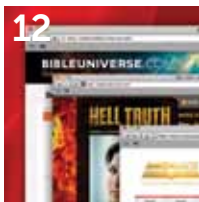
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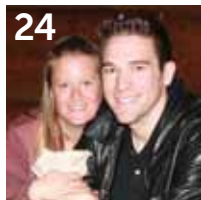
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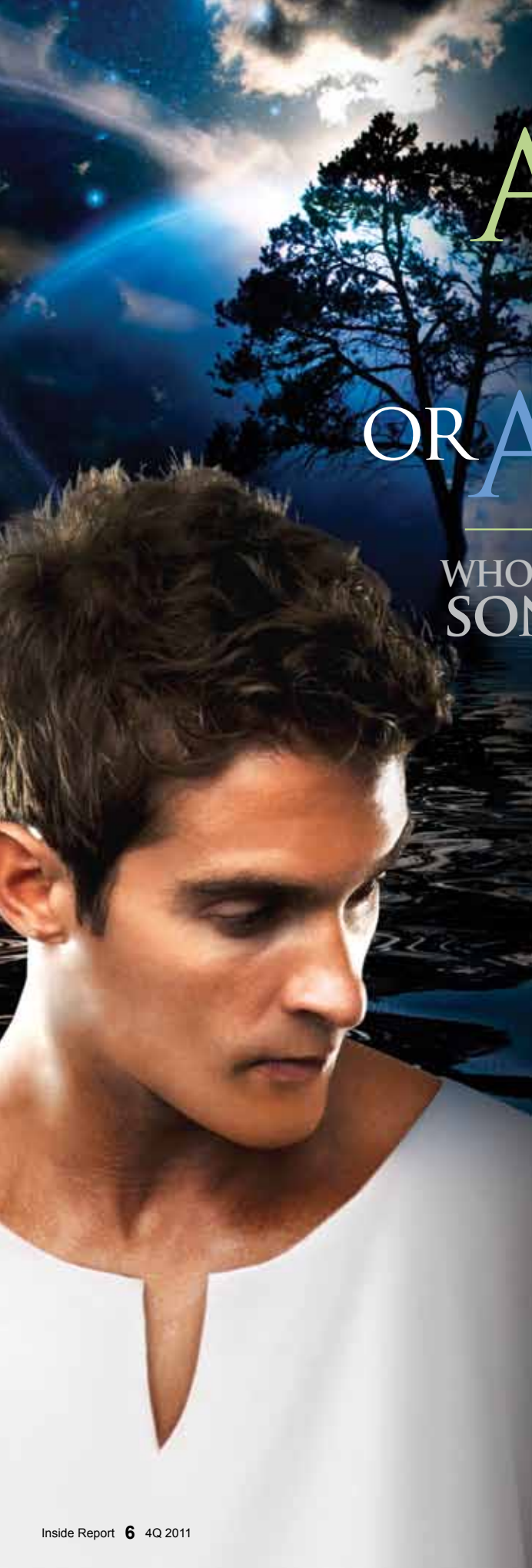
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# ALIENS, ANGELS, OR ADOPTED WHO ARE THE SONS OF GOD?

## October 30, 1938.

It was Halloween night, and much of America had tuned their radios to the Columbia Broadcasting System, which had just finished reporting on the weather and began playing music. Within moments, the broadcast was interrupted by a news flash about strange explosions on Mars. The announcer reassured the audience that as more information became available, more announcements would be made. Then the music continued.

As the night progressed, the music was interrupted frequently, now with terrifying reports of an invasion. Aliens from Mars had landed in New Jersey and in cities around the world. The Earth was under attack. Panic filled the streets as many people fled their homes.

But it was all fiction.

A young Orson Wells had adapted the H.G. Wells' book *War of the Worlds* for broadcast and modified the script to present the story as though it was happening in real time. Many listeners took the fictional radio play to be real.

Those who panicked were operating with incomplete information. They had failed to hear the station announce at the beginning and the end of the broadcast that it was all mere drama. Coming in at the middle, hearing only part of the story, they had no context and ran off thinking the sky was falling.

Similarly, a passage in Genesis when read out of context has caused many to believe that Earth has been invaded by aliens

from outer space. Let's take a look at that challenging verse:

And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose (Genesis 6:1, 2).

Some believe that the term "sons of God" refers to extraterrestrial invaders. They believe that these beings are fallen angels or aliens from space who took human females as wives and produced offspring. They rationalize this belief by saying that the progeny produced by these unions were "giants" (v. 4). They believe these unholy unions were ultimately responsible for the increased wickedness of man.

On the surface, this seems to be a reasonable explanation of Scripture. But as we shall see, without understanding the context that surrounds this passage, you can actually be confused into believing that certain fictions are real. Fortunately, we can clear up any confusion on the sons of God quite easily by gathering more information from the Bible.

## ANGELS ARE SPIRITS

The King James Bible uses the term "sons of God" 11 times in two primary ways. However, it never uses the term to refer to an angelic being.

"He who makes his angels spirits ..." (Psalms 104:4). Angels are spirits; they are not flesh. They are all around us now, but we cannot see them. They generally remain in their spiritual form and have no physical integration in our world—they don't go to school, get jobs, or raise families. They are here to "minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation" (Hebrews 1:14).

Even if they wanted to marry and have babies, they couldn't; they don't have human DNA. It would be easier for a jellyfish to marry a mountain goat than for angels to marry people. Thus, it doesn't make practical



sense to believe that our passage in Genesis refers to the marriage of angels, fallen or holy, to humans.

Angels are not born; they are created. If God wanted more angels, He wouldn't need to marry them off to humans or other angels to reproduce. He could create them from scratch. Speaking of Lucifer, God said, "The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes Was prepared for you *on the day you were created* (Ezekiel 28:13 NKJV, emphasis added).

Moreover, Jesus tells us plainly that angels do not marry. Marriage

is a uniquely human institution, reserved for mankind.

"For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven" (Matthew 22:30). Mark and Luke suggest the same thing: "Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God" (Luke 20:36; some translations render it "sons of God"). Notice here that Jesus makes a distinction between angels and sons of God. They are classified separately, which means they are not the same thing.

So if the sons of God are not angels, what are they?

## COSMIC LIFE?

While the sons of God were not space invaders, the Bible does appear to teach that there is other life in the cosmos. It is clear in Scripture that Jesus made other planets: God "has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds" (Hebrews 1:2 NKJV).

In the parable of the lost sheep, the Earth represents the one lost sheep, a wandering world that went astray, the one Christ came to save. It's easy to imagine that God, in His infinite existence, created other worlds with other physical beings. Of course, we know He had seraphim and cherubim and other angels prior to our world, so at a minimum we know there are at least those extraterrestrial creatures. "For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth" (Colossians 1:16 NKJV).

"And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth ... I heard saying: 'Blessing and honor and glory and power Be



to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!” (Revelation 5:13 NKJV).

However, most of these other created beings do not visit this world. The Earth is infected with a deadly contagious disease called sin, and we are likely quarantined. The only ones allowed to go into a quarantined hospital ward are the hospital staff; in this case, God’s angels. They are ministering spirits.

If they aren’t angels or aliens, why are they giants?  
See the answer on page 14.



## PRINCES OF PLANETS

Thousands of years ago, an intriguing meeting took place in heaven. “Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them” (Job 1:6).

In attendance at this meeting are sons of God, as well as Satan himself. Satan says that he has come from the Earth. The sons of God were there representing their un-fallen worlds in God’s universe. Satan was there to represent the Earth.

Why would Satan be representing our world? Originally, Adam had dominion over the Earth. He was created by God to subdue and manage it. God said to Adam and Eve, “Have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth on the earth” (Genesis 1:28).

While Adam was in obedience to God, he enjoyed dominion over the world. But once Adam sinned and obeyed Satan, that dominion was forfeited to the enemy. “To whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one’s slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness” (Romans 6:16 NKJV).

Even Jesus referred to Satan as “the prince of this world” (John 12:31).

In the Gospel of Luke, the genealogy of Jesus is traced all the way back to Adam. Notice what Luke says about this lineage: “the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was *the son of God*” (Luke 3:38, emphasis added).

The difference between Seth and Adam is the bellybutton. Adam was created by the hand of God; Seth was born of Eve. Adam was the son of God, created to have dominion over the Earth. Thus one definition for sons of God is those beings God Himself created to have dominion over the worlds He made. These beings were not born but were created directly by God.

Job 38:7 tells us that when our world was created, “the morning stars sang together, And all the sons of God shouted for joy.” The “morning stars” are angels, whereas “the sons of God” are the leaders of other worlds. (See Revelation 1:20.)

With that cleared up, let’s talk about the second way the term “sons of God” is used.

## HEIRS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

The other meaning of sons of God refers to human beings who have been recreated by God’s Spirit. “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God” (Romans 8:14). Matthew 5:9 adds, “Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God” (NKJV).

Here Jesus is obviously referring to human beings, but not just any human beings; these are peacemakers, the righteous children of God. In no way should this be construed to refer to angels or aliens.

“But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name” (John 1:12). Notice that there were those who were not sons of God, but that through receiving Him *became* sons of God.

It should be mentioned that “sons of God” doesn’t mean just males. Many Bible translations render the phrase “children of God.” Galatians 3:26 says, “For you are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.” It is by faith that a man or woman becomes a “child of God.” (See also Isaiah 56:5; Philippians 2:15.)

The inescapable conclusion from these verses and others is that the sons of God in Genesis 6 refers to the righteous children of God.

## DAUGHTERS OF MEN

The term “daughters of men,” therefore, refers to the unrighteous children of men, those human beings who do not



call on the name of the Lord. In the context of our Bible passage, “daughters of men” refers to the offspring of Cain and his wife.

Originally, Adam and Eve had two sons, Cain and Abel. Cain murdered Abel, so God gave Adam and Eve another son, Seth. He began to have children of his own, and they “began to call on the name of the Lord” (Genesis 4:25, 26). And from what we’ve seen in the Bible, those who call on the name of the Lord are called the sons of God.

Now Cain had been banished from God’s presence. He settled “in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden. And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived and bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch” (Genesis 4:16–18).

Where did Cain get his wife?  
See page 14 for the answer.

Here, before the Flood, we have the descendants of Cain living in cities and the descendants of Seth living in the country. As long as they remained separate, the sons of God remained pure in their religious beliefs and practices.

However, eventually they began to intermingle. Maybe the sons of God needed supplies that could be easily obtained in the cities where the daughters of men resided. The sons of God and daughters of men became familiar with each other, even friendly. Whatever the case, soon the descendants of Seth, or sons of God, began to marry the daughters of men, or the descendants of Cain.

## MIXED MARRIAGES

It’s even quite possible the sons of God went into this situation with good intentions. Maybe they believed they could convert these daughters of Cain, introducing them to the Lord their God. However, the counsel of God is clear:

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God (2 Corinthians 6:14–18).

God does not want His children marrying the unconverted or the unbelieving, even if they have a pretty face, the nicest disposition, or a passionate belief in another religion. It makes no difference; God says that relationship will have problems.

So the result of these intermarriages was not only giants, but sorrow. Instead of the sons of God influencing the daughters of men, the daughters of men influenced the sons of God.

Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son. *For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods:* so will the anger of the

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# A First Time for Everything

*Bill and Lisa Neish, Sabbath missionaries in Iqaluit, Nunavut, Canada, sent in this wonderful story of a young woman who found the last-day truth in the Arctic Circle.*



Emily is like the tree planted by the waters that brings forth its fruit in due season (Psalm 1).

Emily Qattalik lives in Igloolik, Nunavut, a community of about 1,600 located in the northern part of Canada's Arctic. Like many Inuit communities, winters are cold with long periods of no sun.

During the brief arctic summers, the sun never sets and many Inuit travel out on the land to enjoy camping. Emily especially enjoyed camping with her family and attending church services at the local Sunday church. Emily's grandfather is the pastor, and her father would often lead out in the music programs.

During the summer of 2007, two missionaries arrived in Igloolik from Romania. One of them, Mario, stopped by Emily's house and left a series of DVDs. Emily's parents began to study the DVDs, and Emily joined them. While watching the series, Emily learned that Sunday was not the Sabbath according to the Bible. She also learned about the state of the dead, Jesus' second coming, and prophecy. At 16 years old, Emily believed that these DVDs shared the Bible truth.

## Amazing Facts Connection

During the summer of 2010, a German missionary, Erwin, who attended the Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism, came to Igloolik. Emily enjoyed opportunities when they could study the Bible together.

Then, in the fall of 2010, a Bible worker named Jose held a series of evangelistic meetings in town. Emily attended all the meetings.

Emily decided that she should pay tithe on her summer student earnings. Since there is no Sabbath church in Nunavut, Emily mailed her tithe to the local conference. She also enrolled in a Bible study program. She dreamed of one day being baptized. But since there was no pastor, pool, or baptismal tank in Igloolik, Emily often wondered how it would happen.

Then two friends living in Iqaluit offered to take Emily on their vacation to Michigan for camp meeting. When asked whom she would like to baptize her, Emily asked for Pastor Doug. She had been watching the *Prophecy Code* series and was touched by his messages. When contacted, Pastor Doug agreed to baptize Emily at the camp meeting. The trip was Emily's first time out of the Arctic Circle and was, in fact,



the first time she had ever seen trees. She often asked for her picture to be taken in front of them!

On June 25, Emily attended camp meeting with her one-year-old daughter Kimberly and, in front of hundreds of faithful, was buried in Christ and came up a new person. Standing with Emily was Bible worker Jose and many other friends. She is the first Inuit baptized into the faith.

Today Emily is back in Igloolik and enrolled in a nursing program. She wants to be a role model for young people in her community and dreams of one day helping others as a nurse. —





# AFCOE WELCOMES Ted Wilson and General Conference Officials

by Wes Peppers, Global AFCOE Coordinator

In August, Pastor Doug's Sacramento Central Church hosted our largest AFCOE to Go class to date—more than 200 attendees! Moreover, world church leaders came to share their wealth of experience with students and expressed their support for Amazing Facts and AFCOE. Among these were Ted Wilson, Mark Finley, Jerry Page, and Derek Morris.

Pastor Wilson gave a strong talk about the connection between Amazing Facts and the mission of the worldwide church. "Amazing Facts has been a light to the world for many years through its soul-winning and AFCOE, and we look forward to them leading in the future." Students were challenged to rise to God's calling in their lives to win souls wherever they are. He also revealed a plan for the church to reach more than 650 cities around the world by 2015 and his desire for Amazing Facts and AFCOE to assist in the project. How exciting that God is using your support of this ministry to share His last-day message around the globe!

## Experience for a Lifetime

Students came from all over the world, including France, New Zealand, Australia, and Germany—powerful evidence that God is working in the hearts of His people everywhere to reveal a need for revival and passionate soul-winning. As the students participated in classes and hands-on outreach, they learned practical, effective methods for reaching their own communities with the gospel ... training they can take back to their own churches.

Students also gained valuable training from Global AFCOE instructors, who came from England, Ukraine, and the Philippines to teach and give reports on the miraculous results God has given them.

A Q&A panel with Pastor Wilson and AFCOE also proved invaluable to the attendees who had hard questions on big city

evangelism. They discussed the challenges that face the church in the 21st century, but they were optimistic that the answer lies above.

"As God's people seek Him earnestly for revival, reformation, and a passion for evangelism, God will pour out His Spirit in a marked way, and it will provide what the church needs to finish His work," Wilson noted.

The week ended with insightful classes with Pastor Doug, allowing students to tap into his experience and Bible knowledge. A short graduation service was held with a charge to stay faithful in what they learned and a special dedication prayer where staff prayed that God would use these students to finish the work. How exciting it will be to see what God will do through them in the coming years!

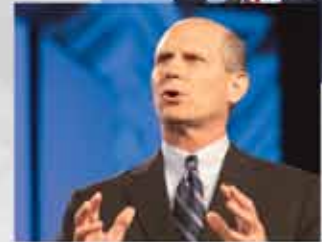
Only God could bring together such an incredible week where many experienced revival and learned the tools to win souls. AFCOE

Director Don Mackintosh says, "We are always amazed at the great things God does at AFCOE, and it is a blessing to see so many people, young and old, come closer to Christ and receive training for His service. This is what AFCOE is all about. How 'amazing' it will be to see all the souls in heaven reached through Amazing Facts."

If you are interested in a future AFCOE to Go, please visit [www.afcoe.com](http://www.afcoe.com).



Mark Finley



Ted Wilson

**"I gained powerful tools that I will be able to use to win hearts to Jesus for the rest of my life."**

—Rebecca,  
AFCOE to Go student



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# BIBLE Answers



with Pastor Doug Batchelor



## Where did Cain's wife come from?

This is one of the most popular questions from skeptics and Bible-believers alike, and it is an example of when we just need to keep reading to find the answer. Genesis 5:4 tells us that Adam and Eve had many sons and daughters. If you lived 930 years and were healthy, and let's suppose you're only reproductive for 20 percent of your life, you would have around 200 childbearing years. With God's command to be fruitful and multiply, no doubt Adam and Eve's progeny became quite numerous—especially considering the near perfect vitality experienced by the first generations. So Cain undoubtedly took one of his sisters as his wife. At this point in history, there was nothing forbidding the practice. —

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## What should I do if I have already married someone who isn't a Christian?

God was very firm with His people about intermarrying with those who were not of the faith. Consider His attitude toward pagan nations ...

"When the LORD your God brings you into the land which you go to possess, and has cast out many nations before you, the Hittites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites. ... And when the LORD your God delivers them over to you, you shall conquer them and utterly destroy them. You shall make no covenant with them nor show mercy to them" (Deuteronomy 7:1, 2 NKJV).

God had good reason for this, because the Bible tells plenty of stories about intermarrying that nearly destroyed His people. Just think about Solomon and his many wives. We don't want to become part of the problem that will lead to the great wickedness when the thoughts of men's hearts are only evil continually.

Praise God, however, for He is merciful. Sometimes He blesses us in spite of our bad decisions. There have been situations in which believers married unbelievers and the unbeliever comes around. *It was still wrong to do it.* The Word of God is clear: Do not be unequally yoked. But with repentance and submission, God forgives. If that weren't true, there would be no hope.

God sometimes overrules our bad choices with good, but it is very unwise to knowingly ignore God's counsel. However, if you are already married, stay married if your spouse wishes to stay with you, and glorify God by being a loving witness. —



## What does it mean that there were giants in those days?

Why would mere humans—specifically the sons of God and the daughters of men—produce giants and mighty men? I believe this is simply a law of genetics, called "genetic vitality" in effect.

When two people groups are isolated for generations and only intermarry, like some Pacific Islanders, the gene pool becomes restricted and more prone to birth defects and genetic abnormalities. But when they marry outside their island or tribe, the children of those unions tend to be healthier, more robust, and, yes, bigger. In fact, the biggest cats in the world are tigers, a hybrid between tigers and lions. —

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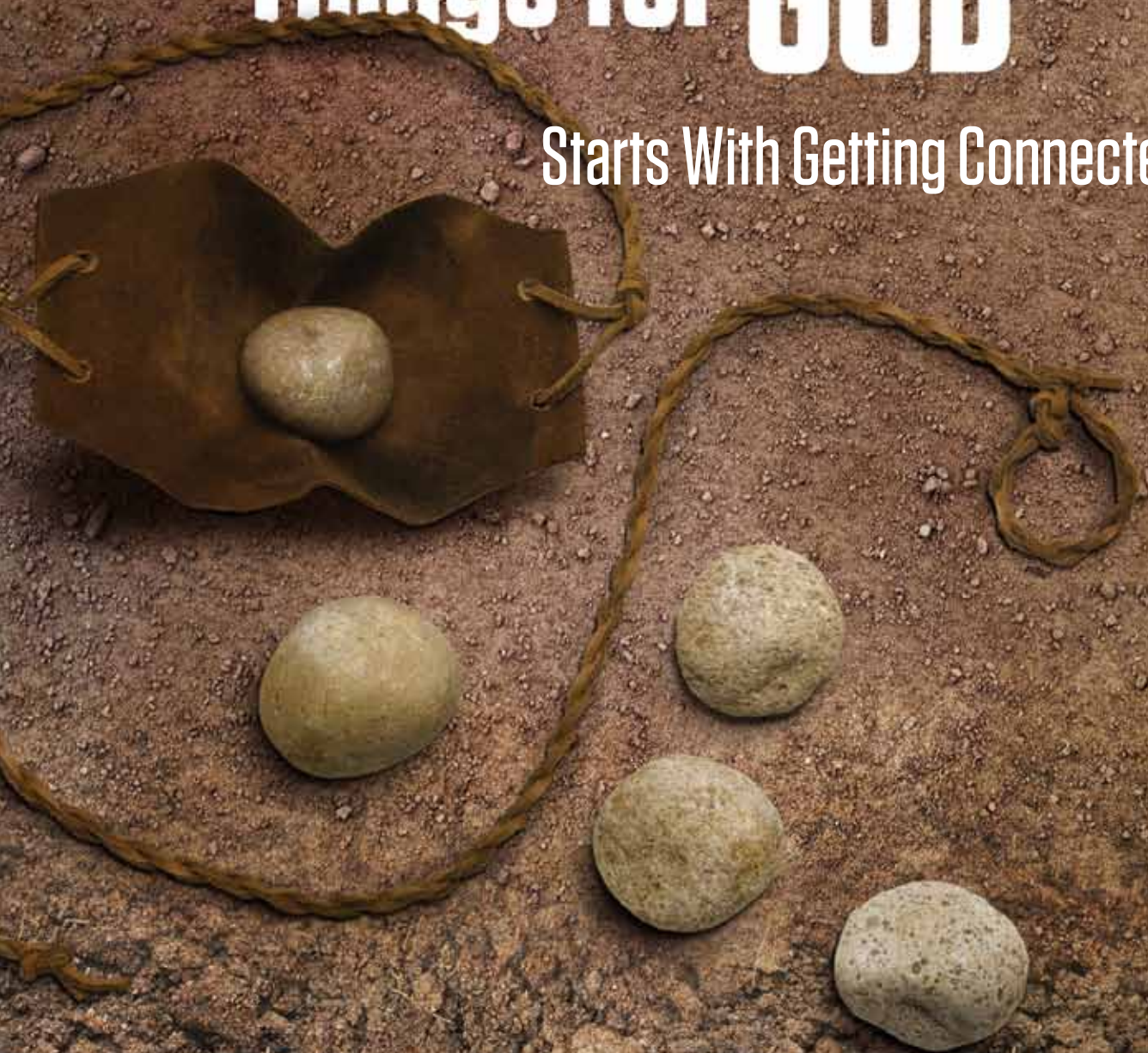
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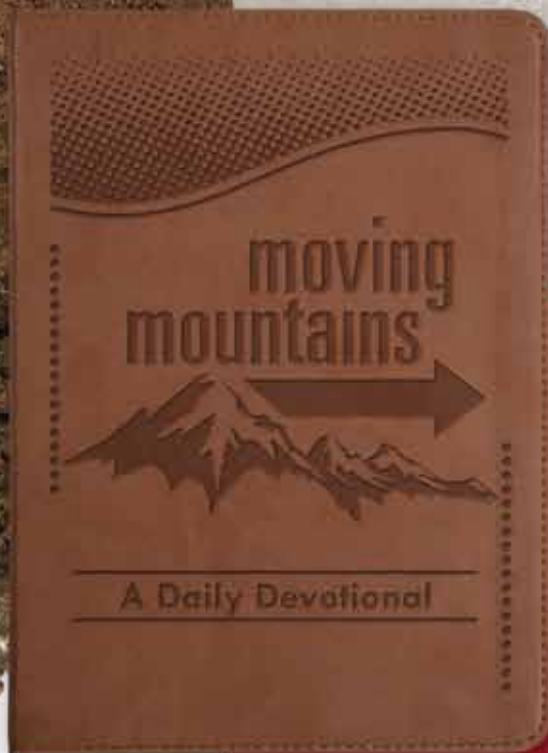




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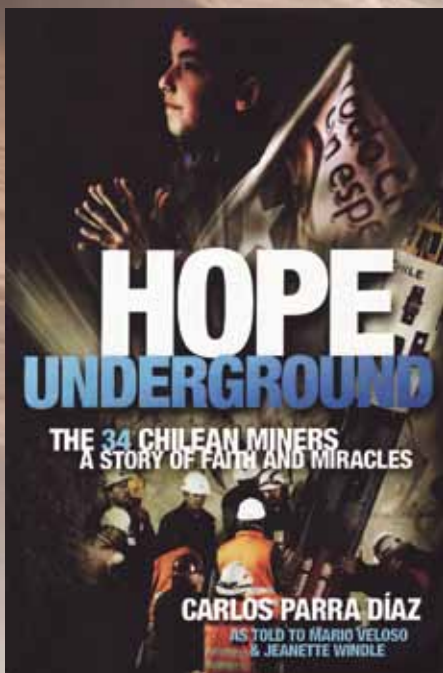
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*Review by Andrew Worf, Book Critic*



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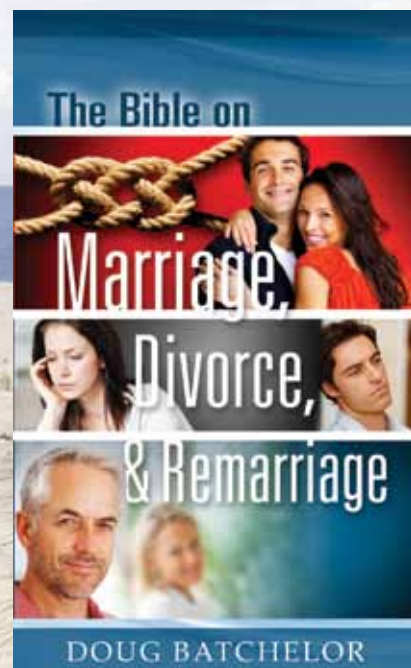
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This is a good book to read if you are thinking about getting married or remarried and want to have a successful relationship. He also offers helpful information for those in the sad but survivable situation of separation or divorce, explaining the biblical basis for finding yourself in God's will in these matters. Overall, it's an easy-to-read book that presents clear Christian counsel on some of life's most important decisions.

*Review by Ellen Liashenko, IT Consultant*



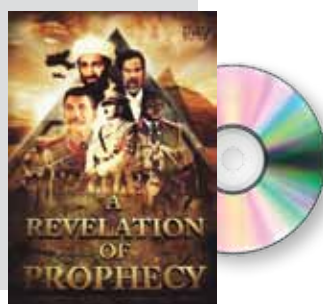
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# Souls Reached & Rescued in Hastings

## HARVEST REPORT

*In February 2011, Amazing Facts evangelist Emanuel Baek arrived in Hastings, Nebraska, to present an Amazing Facts Bible prophecy seminar. Church members Loren and Linda Wehling sent in this inspiring report . . .*

**W**e were thrilled that on the first night there were 50 guests in attendance. The numbers were higher than we expected and included 10 souls from a local Sunday church. They all attended regularly during the series. We learned later that their 150-member church had recently sold their building because of differences of opinion regarding music and leadership, causing most of them to go elsewhere. The remaining members were continuing to meet, and their itinerant minister approved of their attendance at our seminar because he was so far away and couldn't meet their needs. By God's grace, three of them were baptized by the end of this series. Three others are currently studying more, and the rest attend our worship on Sabbath regularly.

### Old Seeds Sprout

More fruit from our evangelistic series included a family of four who had attended evangelist Jason Morgan's seminar here in 2005 but didn't make a decision until this series. The father of the family said that Jason Morgan had had a unique message not commonly heard in today's churches. He was likewise impressed with Emanuel, saying he had a very polished presentation of prophecy. The father and mother of this family joined by profession of faith and now they and their two young boys are seen in church every Sabbath.

The owner of the Old Middle School, where the meetings were held, was very curious about the USA in Bible prophecy. He sat on the front row absorbing every word of truth. He was eagerly baptized following the series, saying it was the happiest day of his life. He has become a real asset to the church.

It's important to understand that the Hastings Church is made up of three groups of converts, many of whom came into the church when Jason Morgan was here in 2005. Six of those baptized are still active here. And now in 2011, there are seven additional baptisms!

We think the Hastings Church is unique in that there is a group of new converts who are not especially traditional.




*First group baptized with families, Pastor Dennis Berlin (left) and Emanuel Baek and Loren Wehling (right).*



*Second group baptized by Loren Wehling, on left, and Pastor Dennis Berlin, on right.*

To have a church body made up of so many different types of souls has some real advantages in that we have more emphasis on the Bible and meeting the needs of the people as we find them.

It is also important to note that the possibility does exist that without these meetings, the Hastings Church would be, for all practical purposes, teetering on the brink of dangerously small attendance. And without strong leadership and financial support from members, this seminar could not have occurred. 

# From Communism to Christ

## The Newest Chapter

by Wes Peppers,  
Global AFCOE  
Coordinator

**An Amazing Fact:** Ukraine occupies only 0.45% of Earth's dry land, but it possesses five percent of the world's total mineral resources—including coal, nickel, and uranium.

**Ukraine** is not only rich in natural resources but also in people who are hungry to hear the gospel. Plus, it is the gateway to Russia, which combined with Ukraine and other Russian-speaking countries adds up to more than 250 million people. That's why Amazing Facts has worked hard in that area to reach people with the everlasting gospel.

In early 2011, we launched our third four-month AFCOE program in Ukraine, and God's miraculous blessings were witnessed. Almost 100 students have received training in these sessions—and about 500 more in our shorter AFCOE to Go program. In just the three outreach seminars associated with these programs, nearly 150 people have given their lives to Christ through baptism. Scores more have been baptized since, as graduates have gone throughout Ukraine and Russia sharing God's truth with hungry souls. Hearts are being renewed and lives are being changed through the global AFCOE program!

During AFCOE, students receive several weeks of training in Bible classes and soon begin to reach out into the community offering Bible studies. "I didn't know what to expect," says Alex, a student. "I was nervous about being rejected, but I trusted that this was God's work and believed His promise that He would guide me to the right people." God

fulfilled His promise as more than 300 requests for Bible studies came in after only two days of outreach!

### The Devil Kicks Up Dust

There are always great battles that take place on the frontlines of God's work. The devil isn't happy about losing people from his ranks. This session was no different. More than 40 billboards went up across the city of Chernitsvi advertising our prophecy seminar. The theme was "2012: Is It The End?" With all the hype about the Mayan calendar and other paranoia surrounding 2012, we knew it would capture people's attention.

Immediately, websites began to appear with statements like, "Unless these meetings are stopped, the violators will be punished." The dominant church in the country was behind a very negative report on the Ukrainian National News and even put pressure on politicians to stop the program. Church leaders received a phone call warning of protests. Nonetheless, we claimed



Ready for baptism!



the promise of Romans 8—if God is for us, who can stand against us?

Everyone prayed that God would do something great. We knew that it was His will to have this seminar, and we were determined to be faithful regardless of the consequences. When opening night arrived, the hall was standing room only! We even expanded to double sessions, and not even one protestor showed up despite the threats. God did not allow the preaching of His Word to be hindered.

In fact, the very building in which the meetings were held was once the Regional Center for Atheism and Philosophy in the 1970s. It was once used for lectures that proclaimed there was no God, but in 2011, it was used to proclaim God's last-day message!

## Divine Stories

Vera grew up in a church but never fully committed her life to Christ. After a series of devastating life events, she determined to just live as she pleased: partying, drinking, drugs, relationships, and anything else to bring happiness. But as she made plans to move and start this life, she experienced a debilitating back injury. The doctor said he could treat her, but she could only receive treatments in the city she lived in and would need four months of care. She postponed her move. Just when those four months ended, someone gave her an invitation to attend our seminar. She decided to give God one final chance to show her that He was real. As she came night after night, tears flowed from her eyes as she saw the love of Jesus for her.

As she was crossing the street one evening to go to the seminar, a distracted motorist started to drive his car straight at her. She didn't have time to react and knew it was going to hit her. All she had time to do was cry out, "Jesus help me!" In a moment, the car stopped only an inch from striking her. "It seemed as if a divine hand just stopped it." Her heart melted, and she gave her life to Jesus that very night.

Coming from communism, Sergey had been an atheist all his life. But as he got older, he began to think about what the future held. "I knew I wouldn't live forever, and I began to wonder what happens after death." The more he thought about it, the more he felt he wasn't prepared. A struggle in his heart led him to read the Bible, and after only three months of reading, he stopped smoking, drinking, and cursing! "I knew that God was real, and I sensed His presence each day in my life as I learned more about Him."

He began looking for a church but could not find one that followed the Bible, so he asked God to lead him to the right one. He felt impressed to visit some family members in the very city and at



Vera with Wes

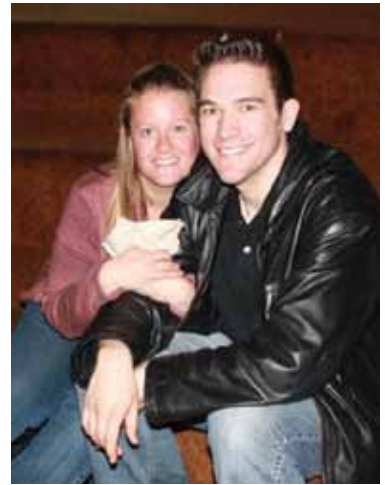
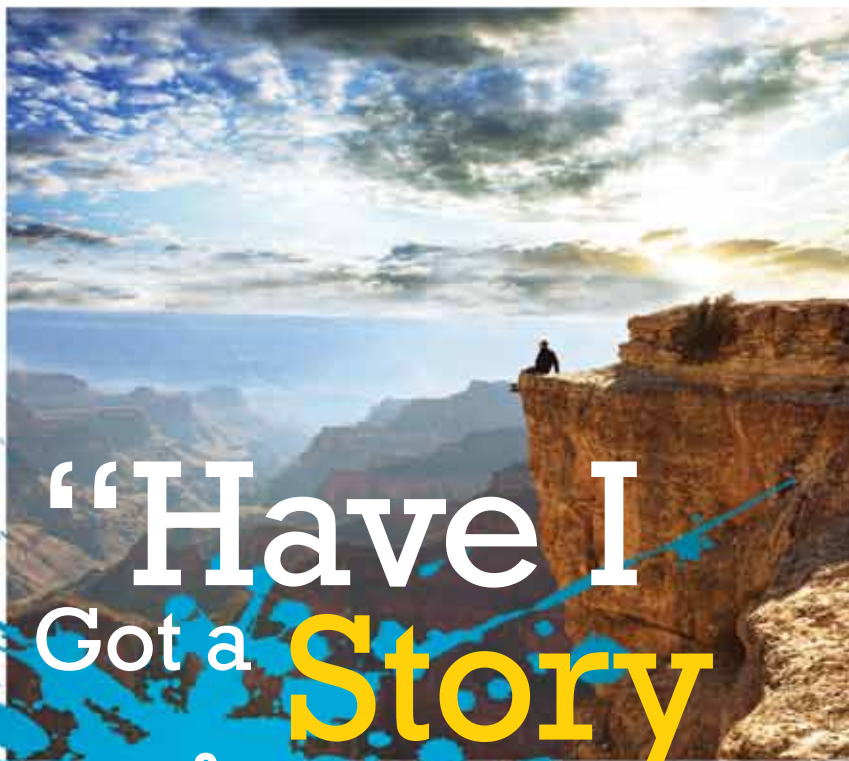


the same time our seminar was beginning. One of our students randomly knocked on the door of his relative's house, and Sergey answered. He was shocked at the invitation to the meetings and considered it an answer to prayer. He extended his stay and never missed a night, ultimately giving his life to Jesus. "I never knew that I could have such hope of a bright future. When Jesus comes, I plan to be ready to go home with Him."

## Not Satisfied Yet

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# “Have I Got a Story for You!”

*This report from Brandon Senior, a graduate of the AFCOE four-month training program in spring 2011, shows just how much God is ready to use you for His kingdom!*

**W**e left Sacramento on our cross-country return trip to Pennsylvania right after the end of the AFCOE graduation ceremony.

But in the mountains somewhere in California, our engine caught on fire. I was able to put it out and let the engine cool down, so we set out on our way again. The car worked for a few more hours until we arrived in Arizona and had to go up some monstrous mountains. The car just couldn't take it—we blew something in the engine. We could go no farther.

We had planned to see the Grand Canyon on the way home, and we were about 38 miles outside of our first destination, the town of Williams, Arizona. We had the car towed to our hotel and began to look at options—but everything we considered would have added thousands more than what we had planned on in expenses. However, we could do nothing until Tuesday anyway because it was Memorial Day

weekend. We called a bunch of churches for some sort of assistance, but nobody could really help.

So we simply put everything in God's hands.

## Divine Appointments

On Sabbath morning, we praised God and thanked Him for having control and putting us there for some reason. We went for a walk later that day. I remembered I had grabbed a bunch of outreach literature at Doug Batchelor's church, so we decided to go door-to-door with it and offer prayer for people. I led us through the first couple of houses, and then we saw some people on the street. I told my wife, Jessica, that it was her turn. She walked right up to them and said, “Hi! We're Sabbath-keepers. We couldn't go to church today so we decided to go out and pray for the community.” I was a little worried about how they would react to that, but apparently God had everything under control.



As we talked and prayed, they confessed that they had been convicted of the “Sabbath rest,” as they called it, and had been practicing it since January. They said, “We think you are an answer to prayer. Our church meets Sunday afternoon at a coffee shop, and we think they really need to hear this. Would you please come tell us about the Sabbath rest?”

Of course I said yes!


The next day, they picked us up at our hotel and took us to the coffee shop. It was a Bible study for a non-denominational church. They prayed for us and allowed us to talk at the end, and many people stuck around to hear us. By the grace of God, I was able to share the Sabbath truth with a Sunday crowd instead of being somewhere else across the country as we had planned. We were able to use so much of what we learned at AFCOE to answer their questions and objections.

One gentleman had to leave due to another appointment. I offered him a copy of *The Great Controversy*. He said, “No. I just want to study on my own.” A little later as I was talking with the rest of the group, he snuck up behind me and whispered in my ear, “I think I will take that book. I really think it would help. Please leave it for me.” Many more of them were so eager to hear these truths; it was clearly a divine appointment!



## Something “More Grand”

Our new friends, the ones we met on the street, invited us to dinner that night, and we got a chance to minister to them more. They were so interested to hear about the health message and anything else that God put in our mouths. We explained to them that we were there to see the Grand Canyon but clearly God had something “more grand” in mind. Later that night, they called us up and offered to take us to the Grand Canyon the next day, which is about an hour away from town. God gave us an entire day to minister to these precious souls!

It is funny—God didn’t wait until I got back to my church to put me to work; He put us to work right away. We even had family members on their way to rescue us at one point and take us back to Pennsylvania, but I was tempted to tell them to turn around so I could continue God’s work where He put us. God has people waiting to hear the truth; we just need to get out and find them. 

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LORD be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly (Deuteronomy 7:3, 4; emphasis added).

The Bible is filled with stories about the sons of God mingling with the daughters of men and the disasters that follow as a result. Samson, chosen by God, was derailed by the Philistine women. His parents pled with him to avoid marrying a pagan bride, but he insisted on having what he wanted (Judges 14:3).

Solomon no doubt believed that he could marry the daughters from pagan nations and convert them. However, those pagan daughters drew away Solomon's heart. This is why God is so adamant about His children not marrying unbelievers. It is almost always the case that the believer is gradually transformed by the unbeliever, not the other way around.

Jesus likewise has a warning for us in these end-times:

But as the days of [Noah] were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that [Noah] entered into the ark (Matthew 24:37, 38).

Jesus here is likely referring to the mixed marriages of Genesis 6 that brought on the universal wickedness leading to the Flood.

As in Noah's day, before the Flood, things that led to the destruction of the world with a deluge by water are going to happen again. They are a preview of what's going to happen before the destruction of the world by a flood of fire when Jesus returns. History is going to repeat itself, but we don't have to be among the repeat offenders.

## ADOPTION CHOICES

Not everyone who thinks they are a son or daughter of God really is. The Pharisees boasted to Jesus that they were the children of Abraham. Jesus corrected them. "If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham" (John 8:39). This is a simple principle to test our heritage. Which "father" do we follow in our actions? Jesus told the religious leaders, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do" (John 8:44).

When we are born again and adopted into the family of God, we will want to imitate our heavenly Father. "He who




says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked" (1 John 2:6 NKJV).

If you are not a son or daughter of God now, the wonderful news is that you can choose a new family.

By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward (Hebrews 11:24–26 NKJV).

When called by God, Moses traded in his Egyptian adoption for a heavenly one. Through Jesus, you can too.

When the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ (Galatians 4:4–7 NKJV).

Right now you can choose to be a child of the King, an heir of eternal life, and become a son or daughter of God in whom He is well pleased! Just ask Him. 





## Delighted in Dubai

In a country built on the oil industry, Amazing Facts poured the oil of the Holy Spirit on the hearts of people in the United Arab Emirates, where Islam is the primary religion. On his visit to Dubai, Pastor Doug was delighted to meet a young Muslim man and his wife who had found



our website two years ago and began to study the Bible. As the man devoured the messages, he recognized the truth and was convicted. His wife had already chosen to be a Sabbathkeeping Christian, but he knew it would be very difficult for his devout Muslim mother and would anger his uncles. The day Pastor Doug made an appeal for people to invite Jesus into their hearts and choose to be baptized, among many hundreds, the young man came forward. Please pray for this dedicated young couple and the many others who are being converted as they listen to Amazing Facts messages in a place where Christianity is not welcomed.

## Jakarta, Indonesia

The world's most populous city, Jakarta, Indonesia, has more than 18 million people! Pastor Doug went to lift up the last-day church. During his series, he met Dr. Budi Purnama. One day he came across our programs on 3ABN and began faithfully watching. The servants in his house began watching as well. They would frequently call him and say, "The bald preacher is on!" Purnama began to question the teachings of his own church and study the Bible for himself. He soon contacted a local Sabbath church and was baptized. Since then he has started a thriving church in an affluent district of Jakarta.



On the final Sabbath, Pastor Doug spoke in the largest Christian church in Indonesia. About 9,000 attended from over 120 congregations. He was able to show them a few minutes of the *Cosmic Conflict*



before his sermon, and they were thrilled to hear it in their native language.

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**Larry and Sandra Peterson**

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**Tena Baehm (76th)**



## A gentle breeze

blows across your face and rustles the leaves of the trees covering a hillside that stretches up and away from you. Sunlight and shadows play tag on the tree trunks and forest floor. Birds chirp and crickets sing while chipmunks scurry through dead leaves and over fallen logs. Fresh air, tinged with the smell of soil and wood and leaves, fills your lungs as you walk the springy softness of a path meandering through the woods. You stop at a rock outcropping to survey the scene below you: a valley of farmland, framed by ridge after ridge of mountains fading into the horizon.

Did you know that a scene like the one I've just described can measurably improve your health? Researchers in the relatively new field of environmental psychology study nature's impact on mental, social, and even physical well-being.

Much of our time today is spent using what researchers term "directed attention," or focused mental effort and concentration. Excessive concentration leads to fatigue, but nature's inherent fascination helps people recover from the impulsivity, distractibility, and irritability that accompany "directed attention fatigue."

Terry Hartig, an associate professor of applied psychology at the Institute for Housing and Urban Research at Uppsala University in Gävle, Sweden, calls this directed attention fatigue "normal psychological wear and tear." He explores how nature helps people recuperate from it. In one study, for 40 minutes, he gave participants tasks that required concentration. He then sent some to walk in a local nature preserve, others to walk in an urban area, and still others to sit quietly reading magazines and listening to music. After the break, the nature walkers performed better on a proofreading task than the urban walkers or

# Get Outside!

## It's Good for You!



by Emily Simmons

magazine readers. The nature walkers also reported more positive emotions and less anger.

Frances Kuo, co-director of the Human Environment Research Laboratory at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, has focused her research efforts on children. She found that even, as she described them, "isolated pockets of green containing just the bare bones of grass and a tree," have a marked impact on children. Children living in buildings near these green spots have a greater attention span and are better at delaying gratification and inhibiting impulses than other children who live in buildings surrounded by barren concrete. Parents of children with ADHD in Kuo's studies report that their children are less hyperactive after spending time in green surroundings than when they played indoors or in outdoor areas that weren't green.

As fall turns into winter, don't despair if you live in an area that gets cold; perhaps most interesting of all, people don't have to actually go out in nature to experience its benefits. According to the research of Rachel Kaplan, workers who simply have a view out their office windows enjoy their jobs more, are healthier, and report more overall satisfaction with their lives. In another study, Hartig showed people photographs of either a forested area or downtown Stockholm. The forest slides improved people's moods. "These are not spectacular natural environments, or horribly oppressive urban environments," says Hartig. "We try to represent typical local conditions, using what's available to people in the way of places they can enter if they're feeling stressed and want some relief."


And it's not just mental health that is improved with exposure to nature. According to Roger Ulrich of the University of Delaware, hospital patients







whose rooms looked out at trees and bushes recovered an average of eight percent faster, needed fewer painkillers, and had fewer complications than patients who looked out at a brick wall. In a study at a Swedish hospital, Ulrich also found that heart surgery patients' anxiety was reduced just by looking at pictures depicting trees and water.

These studies make perfect sense when you consider the Creation story. After all, God didn't place Adam and Eve in a sea of cubicles! "Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed" (Genesis 2:8). It comes as no surprise to us then that we should benefit—physically, mentally, socially, spiritually—from experiencing the natural environment God created us to enjoy. 



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There's nothing quite like experiencing the fresh air and sunshine of the Great Outdoors. According to an old Norwegian adage, "There's no bad weather, only bad gear." So bundle up this fall and winter and get out there!

- Rake leaves (and then jump in the big piles!) or shovel snow.
- Hang a birdfeeder outside your window and watch what comes to feed.
- Go puddle stomping during a fall rainstorm.
- Plant some winter vegetables (spinach, squash, broccoli) or flowers (pansies do well in a moderately cold climate); if your yard space is limited, use pots on your deck or front porch.
- Wrap up in a big blanket and sit on your porch or deck to watch the sunrise, sunset, or just the afternoon or evening sky.
- Collect pinecones for fall and winter decorations.
- Go sledding or build a snowman or snow fort.
- Take a walk and look for animal tracks.
- Hunt for bird nests that you can watch next summer.
- Shovel a maze into the snow in your yard.
- Build a snow fort and pretend you're an Eskimo or polar explorer.
- Have a winter picnic. Take along warm food in an insulated bag or soup in a thermos. Take a warm blanket to sit on or wrap up in.



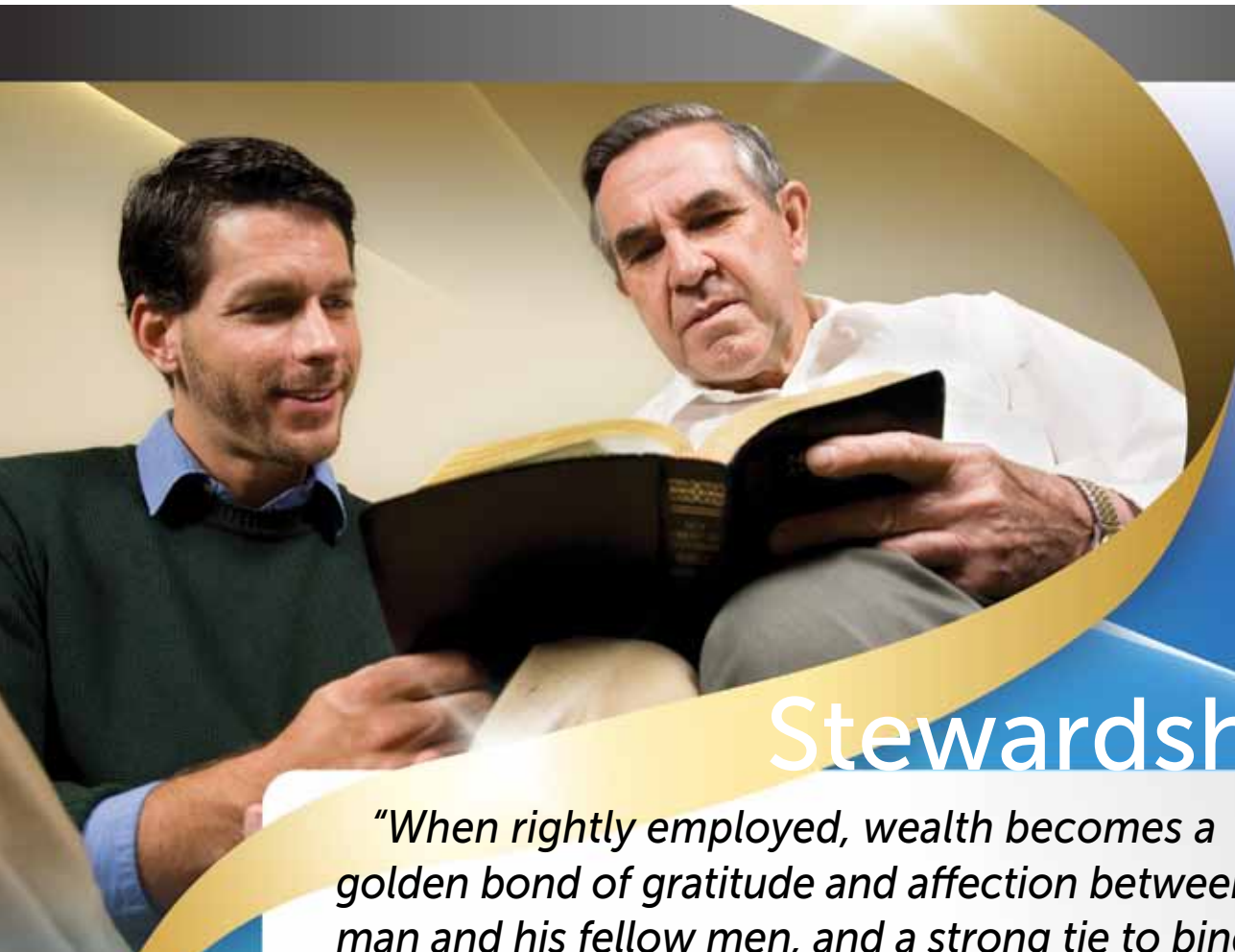
- Climb a tree.
- Camp in your backyard with all the spare blankets and sleeping bags you can find.
- Make a scavenger hunt in your own neighborhood or try geocaching—a modern take on the age-old treasure hunt. For more information, visit [Letterboxing.org](https://Letterboxing.org) or [Geocaching.com](https://Geocaching.com).
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