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It's Time to

WAKE UP!



By Jim Ayer,
North American Event Coordinator

Revival is deeply important to me. Here's why: Not many years after my own Damascus road conversion, I settled into the consummate "sleepy-virgin" role with all of its slumber and non-action. I had previously been on fire for the Lord, experiencing wonderful seasons of prayer and Bible study. God changed me into an overcomer, and I knew real victory over the sins in my life. But as I was going and doing for Him on a regular basis, the compromise of the world began to wrap its creeping tentacles around me. Although I had great success in worldly enterprises—from radio and business to politics—before I knew it, I was in the world's death grip.

Soon I was praying less and studying less, all the while being slowly lulled to sleep. It got so bad that I even said "no" to God when He called me into the ministry. Of course, I still looked like a Christian. I preached and sounded like one too, even as I was losing my grip on the wedding garment to become just another foolish virgin. My lack of fellowship with Jesus ate away at my victory over sin, and I was dying a slow spiritual death.

But after years of eating the poisoned fruits of my labor in the world, God woke me from my death-slumber. He revived me. He brought me back to vibrant life, and the Holy Spirit again took up residence within me. Revival is an experience that many have had, and it is an experience that more and more of us need today, right now!

Having been a full-fledged Laodicean, I can tell you that God has much more in mind for His church today ... for you and me personally.

More than we could ever dream. We have too many worldly ideas that crowd out Jesus, so we need to bring our attention back to God's intention.

That's why revival is such an important topic. Actually, it's not just a topic; today, it is life itself! This generation must heed the wake-up call to live! *Oh for revival!* This is our greatest need.

The preacher Samuel Chadwick made this enlightening observation: "The study of Pentecost reveals a startling contrast between the promise of power and its absence in the Church today." I recently attended a meeting at which many church leaders from around the world were present, and most of them had one common plea weighing on their hearts: the need to call our church to true revival.

E.M. Bounds said, "The Church is looking for better methods; God is looking for better men." The church today is grasping for "new

ways" to attract membership, often putting on more than just a new face to appeal to a new generation. But what it really needs is to be revived by the powerful Spirit of the Creator. Samuel Chadwick concludes, "The Church is on the stretch for new methods, new plans, new buildings, new organizations, but 'the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the earth, to show Himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect towards Him.' The Holy Ghost does not come

upon methods, but upon men. ... He does not work through organizations, but through men. He does not dwell in buildings, but in men. He indwells in the body of Christ, directs its activities, distributes its forces, empowers its members."

That's why we earnestly hope and pray that you will join Amazing Facts and Pastor Doug Batchelor in Chattanooga, Tennessee, for '04 Revival! from November 5 to 14. It just might be the most important meeting Amazing Facts has ever held, and it could be one of the most important for you to be a part of. If you can't be there in person, please join us by your prayers and by satellite or cable. You can also invite your church family to your home for this historic revival series. If you can't receive the signal, find someone who can or have your church host the program for its members—it's that important!

We need to arouse from slumber! "When our churches are revived, it is because *some*

individual seeks earnestly for the blessing of God. He hungers and thirsts after God, and asks in faith and receives accordingly" (E.G. White, *Review and Herald*, March 13, 1888, emphasis added). Will you be that "some individual" who God revives to help usher the church into glory?

The second advent of our Lord is long overdue. Indeed, we preach from Daniel 2 that we are in the time of feet and clay, when in reality we're in the time of the toenails! We're almost out of time. So look up a little higher—can't you see the Promised Land?

Our Lord's greatest desire is to empower you and me with an abundant infilling of the Holy Spirit ... the Spirit of truth, joy, love, and the power over all evil. God wants to give all of us victory, but we must wake up so that we can be ready.

It's time to cross over to the other side. We've been here long enough.



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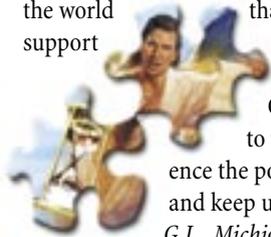
Mail Bag



Wake Up!

I just read your letter “The Final Pieces in the Puzzle of Prophecy,” and I had to e-mail you to let you know that we are privileged to support Amazing Facts. It is because this ministry is awake, on the cutting edge, and boldly preaching God’s last-day message to the world that we have chosen to support your work as much as we can. Pray that God will help us all to wake up and experience the power of the gospel and keep us from falling.

G.L., Michigan



The Power of Plodding

Your magazine is a real vibrant lifeline to me—and many others! I greatly appreciated Pastor Doug’s article “The Power of Plodding” [Jan/Feb 2004 *Inside Report*]. I have already read it four times. The powerful thrust in his words about Christ going to His disciples as they were rowing, as they plodded on, encouraged me to do the same.

E.E., Canada

Keeping Spiritually Healthy

I am a missionary here in Korea. I really feel so blessed by your website. I’ve learned a lot here and God is using it to keep me going and to be spiritually healthy. You are really reaching the heart of millions of people. God bless you for this wonderful ministry.

J.F., Korea

Clarifying Bible Doctrines

Although we don’t have convenient access to 3ABN, or any other broadcasts, we try to catch Doug’s Sabbath lessons on our computers. My whole family looks forward to his revolutionary take on established doctrine. He makes things that were muddy quite clear. I wanted to let all of Amazing Facts know that what you do is wonderful.

N.F., e-mail

Needed Inspiration

I can’t tell you how much your honest, God-filled messages mean to me. They have helped me through a lot of tough times in the past four years. You are in my prayers every day.

M.M., Florida

For Revival

I write to tell you that I absolutely felt moved after reading your Amazing Facts letter regarding compromise in the church, and how we are being converted to the world. (I don’t receive my own letter; I happened to come across my parents’ in the mail one morning). Every sentence was convincingly true, and I immediately knelt down and prayed and asked the Lord for forgiveness and revival among our church members. Thank you, Pastor Doug, for such a powerful lesson in these end-times!

E.R., California



Many Facets, One Mission

Thank you for all of your hard work: from the TV programs, to the website, to the new look and content of the *Inside Report*, to the range of products offered, to the wonderful people at the Bible School, and the friendly people in the sales and marketing departments. We are truly blessed by each of these facets of your ministry. What is even more wonderful is how God causes us to come in contact with each other and work together to save souls. It’s not

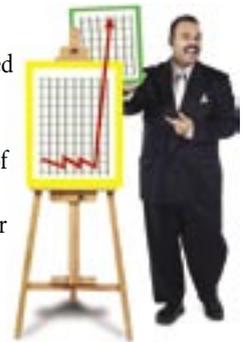
a “yours” or “ours” attitude. It’s a “how can we support your work” attitude. This is so different from worldly attitudes and ways. What a pleasure it will be to sit at Jesus’ feet in heaven and share all the wonderful stories of how God intertwined our lives and efforts to bring people to a knowledge of His love!

D.B., Nevada

More Christ-like

Great show! I have learned more about the Bible in a year and a half than I learned the first 44 years of my life. It’s made me more Christ-like than I have ever been before. Keep going!

A Pastor, e-mail



Don’t Stop

I want to thank Pastor Batchelor for his uplifting sermons, especially calling sin . . . sin, and his sermons about victory over sin. He gives me hope—and many other people too! Keep preaching, because your sermons are so refreshing to the soul. Please don’t stop!

V.H., New Jersey

Staying on the Path

I just received my first *Clarion* newsletter and have re-dedicated my life to witness for Christ. I have drifted from keeping the Sabbath, not to mention many other bad decisions. I was going to work tonight as a cocktail waiter this evening, but now I’m going to follow God’s will and keep His Sabbath sacred. It was because of Amazing Facts that I came into the church, and now today I’m coming back for good! Praise God! I know God will bless me and increase my territory for Him so that I can give to this priceless ministry.

D.A., Arkansas



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WHAT IS THAT

IN YOUR HAND?

While faithfully going about his mundane task of tending sheep, Moses witnessed a phenomenal sight in the wilderness: A bush was burning, but it was not consumed! Then he heard a voice emanating from the fiery brush, saying, "I have come down to rescue [the Jews] from the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them ... to a land flowing with milk and honey. ... Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt" (Exodus 3:8, 10 NKJV).

Of course, we know the many excuses Moses made: "Who am I?" "What shall I tell them Your name is?" Moses is so fearful and doubting, he flat out says, "They won't believe me!"

Yet God patiently encourages him, "I will be with you." Could there be anything more reassuring than to know that God has personally said, "I'll be with you"? When Moses says, "I'm of slow speech," God

reminds him, "Who made your tongue?" Eventually, God showed Moses something even more dramatic ...

The Lord asks, "What is that in your hand?"

Moses answers, "A staff." *What is a staff?* he must have thought to himself. *It's just a stick that shepherds use to push, pull, or otherwise direct sheep!*

Yet the miracles on behalf of God's people soon began to fall, all affected through that simple shepherd's staff—from staff to serpent to staff again, the parting of the Red Sea, and water gushing forth from a rock. God has always worked His wonders through the humble who place what they have on His altar.

Victor is a firm believer in Amazing Facts radio and television ministries, evangelistic teams, resource materials, and the college of evangelism. So when he heard about our financial services, he decided to ask us to help him with a big problem ...

With low-paying CDs, Victor needed more income than his highly appreciated stock was providing; furthermore, he couldn't sell the stock because of the huge capital gain tax—which is why the best solution to his problem was an Amazing Facts **charitable gift annuity**. Victor received a large tax deduction, a higher pay out than his stock dividends or CD interest could provide, and he also greatly reduced the capital gain tax.

But even more important, he took comfort in knowing that he was ultimately providing funds for this life-saving ministry. Likewise, each one of us has something God can use. What is in your hand that God is waiting to bless and use in this vital ministry?

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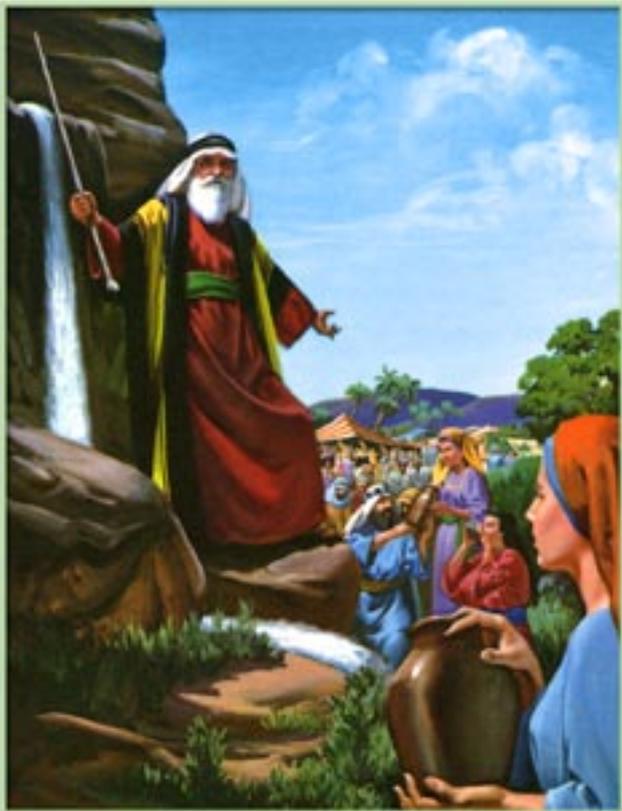
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Dealing with Delay

Pastor Doug Batchelor

An Amazing Fact

During World War II, resistance fighters in France believed the Nazi occupation was temporary. These brave men and women fought hard and suffered torture when captured, but they continued their campaign relentlessly against terrible odds, spurred on by the faith that someday soon Allied forces would arrive and deliver France from its cruel oppressors.

But as days turned into weeks, and then months into years, some fighters grew weary of their life of constant resistance and hiding. For many, it began to seem that the Allies would never come—that they were too busy fighting the Nazis on other fronts. It even looked as though France would forever be under the control of the enemy.

In time, a few freedom fighters found that it was much easier to cooperate with the Germans. They even began to make friends with their oppressors and to betray their fellow Frenchmen in exchange for favors and position. Then, suddenly, came D-Day. France was liberated, and the freedom fighters who endured to the end were heroes, and the traitors who capitulated were publicly humiliated and even killed.

Could it be that final events in the church will closely resemble those in France during World War II?

One of the greatest dangers facing God's people in the last days is not the time of trouble, nor is it the threat of imprisonment or torture or hunger. Rather, it is the apparent delay of the Lord's return that will lead to a paralyzing apathy among professed believers. To many, it will seem easier to join the world than to reject it. But we are warned, "If that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; And shall begin to smite his fellow-servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; The lord of that servant shall come in a day when



he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of" (Matthew 24:48–50).

The evil servant says in his heart, "My lord delayeth his coming." It is not an outward announcement; it is an inner erosion of his faith. This loss of belief in his Master's soon return might be evident in everything from sporadic church attendance to giving less mission offerings. Soon he begins to beat his fellow servants (mostly with his tongue) and to eat and drink with the drunkards (finding his friendships and amusement in the world). Ultimately, the evil servant hopes his Master will not come at all, because he has aligned himself with the enemy.

Foretold by Christ

The day of Christ's return has been later than most have expected, but this shouldn't surprise us. God's Word foretold this delay and the general reaction it would cause. "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation" (2 Peter 3:3, 4).

Do you see the connection between doubting His coming and walking after our own lusts? We will be in grave danger if we ever stop believing in and proclaiming the imminent return of Jesus!

On the other hand, faith in the imminent coming of Jesus has a sanctifying effect. “Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless” (2 Peter 3:14). And 1 John 3:3 affirms, “And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure” (1 John 3:3). We must not lose faith in His promise, “I will come again.”

“But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved” (Matthew 24:13). Only those who thoroughly love His appearing will last through this final delay that tests “the patience of the saints” (2 Timothy 4:8; Revelation 14:12).

Please don’t forget that immediately after Jesus gives the signs of His coming in Matthew 24, He caps those teachings with the parable of the ten virgins. “*While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept*” (Matthew 25:5, emphasis added). Jesus warned us there would appear to be a tarrying time.

In short, we should expect and prepare for this stay in Christ’s second advent! These warnings were written so that we should be awake and ready, with oil in our vessels.

Am I saying that because an apparent delay is prophesied, we should hunker down and just watch the years roll by? Heaven forbid! I am saying that we have been in the time of delay for many years now. It is almost over, and many seem about to lose heart and throw in the towel just before the last bell. “And let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, *if we faint not*” (Galatians 6:9, emphasis added).

God’s last-day church has been given the most precious message ever entrusted to mortals. Now, more than ever, we must not loose our moorings and drift into the world. Jesus is about to come!

Lessons From Noah

Matthew 24:37 reminds us that “as the days of [Noah] were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.”

In Noah’s day, many at first believed his message of impending judgment and even helped prepare the ark. But when the years rolled by and the predicted flood did not come, they lost faith and joined with the ranks of the mockers.

Ecclesiastes 8:11 declares, “Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.” There are those who say—not only in their hearts, but in their behavior—“My Lord delays His coming.” As in the days of Noah, those who have had great light will reveal their inconsistency. Because Christ’s coming has been long foretold, they will conclude that there is a mistake in regard to this doctrine. But the Lord says, “Though [the vision] tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry” (Habakkuk 2:3).

Two Ways to Deal With Delay

There are two popular yet conflicting proverbs that describe how people generally respond to a delay. The first is “Absence makes the heart grow fonder,” and the second is “Out of sight, out of mind.” These opposite attitudes are evident in the following examples of Saul and David.

The latter proverb is illustrated by the story of Saul at Gilgal (1 Samuel 13:1–14). The Lord told king Saul to wait seven days before venturing into battle. At the end of the week, the prophet Samuel was to meet Saul at Gilgal to present an offering to the Lord and intercede for the troops. But for some reason, Samuel tarried. The people had become restless from waiting and were beginning to lose heart and desert the army, so Saul felt justified in disregarding Samuel’s command. He impatiently took things into his own hands and altered the rules by usurping the position of priest and offering a sacrifice.

The Scriptures declare, “And it came to pass, that as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, *behold, Samuel came*” (1 Samuel 13:10, emphasis added). If only Saul had waited a little longer! So many give up just before the finish line. So many will desert the church just before Jesus comes. Ralph Waldo Emer-



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son said, "A man is not a hero because he is braver than anyone else, but because he is braver ten minutes longer."

When Samuel came, Saul went out to meet him. "Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of the LORD thy God, which he commanded thee: for now would the Lord have established thy kingdom upon Israel for ever. But now thy kingdom shall not continue" (1 Samuel 13:13, 14). God allowed this delay to test Saul, and when the king became impatient, he lost faith and failed the test. Thus he lost the kingdom. I fear this is happening to many in these last days.

I believe one reason the Lord is allowing this tarrying time is to sift His true servants from the false and to separate the precious wheat from the worthless chaff.

Now let's contrast Saul's experience with David's response to delay. Many years passed between the time David was anointed by Samuel to be king until he was actually crowned. During those years, David waited for God to give him Saul's crown. He had several opportunities to become impatient and take matters into his own hands. On more than one occasion, David held Saul's life as a helpless bird in his hands. All he had to do was say the word for Saul to be slain, and he would instantly have become king. But David patiently waited for God's timing.

"David said furthermore, As the LORD liveth, the LORD shall smite him; or his day shall come to die; or he shall descend into battle, and perish.

The LORD forbid that I should stretch forth mine hand against the LORD's anointed" (1 Samuel 26:10, 11). David did not understand the delay, but he trusted God's promise: "You will be king!" And his patience was richly rewarded.

Nearing the Promised Land

Delay tends to leave a vacuum that must be filled—either with faith and patience or with personal efforts to change the situation, perhaps even by creating a new god.

Exodus 32:1 says, "And when the people saw that *Moses* delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for



this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him" (emphasis added). This story of the children of Israel making the golden calf is one of the most striking examples of present trends, and I fear it is about to be repeated by God's people as we near the promised land.

In this passage, Moses is a type of Jesus. Moses said, "The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken" (Deuteronomy 18:15). When Moses was called up the mountain to receive the tables of stone from the Lord, he told the people that he would return. But evidently he did not say exactly when. They never dreamed it would take so long. "Forty days? Why, it took less than that for the 10 plagues and the exodus from Egypt!"

Nevertheless, Moses tarried, and for some the unexpected delay was unbearable. "Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me. And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron. And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt" (Exodus 32:2-4).

Before the children of Israel left Egypt, God allowed them to plunder the Egyptians as payment for their years of unpaid services. Just a short time later at Mt. Sinai, we find they were proudly wearing their money to exhibit their wealth. The earrings were not only on the wives, but also on the sons and daughters.

Sound familiar? I can almost hear the excuses used by the children of Israel to persuade Aaron to sin. "The young people are getting restless and are clamoring to go back to Egypt. We need to make some compromises or we are going to lose them!" In their restlessness, they began to return to the pagan worship styles of the nations around them.



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Are we making the same mistake today? As I travel around North America and visit various churches and campuses, it seems that Christian standards for holy living are not much different from those of the world. When I ask some leaders why they don't hold the line, they generally reply, "We needed to make some adjustments to reach the youth."

Exodus 32:6 says, "They rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play." The children of Israel made a rapid transition from worship to play. Could this happen to us? *Has this happened to us?* Our sacred worship services, which should be dedicated to reverently offering adoration to a holy God and teaching Bible doctrine, have in some cases digressed into an unholy hootenanny to entertain the flock.

"And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said unto Moses, There is a noise of war in the camp" (Exodus 32:17). Actually, war would have been preferable to what was actually happening! What should have been a praise that beckoned the angels to draw near had degenerated into what Joshua interpreted as the confusing and disconcerting sounds of war. But Moses said, "It is not the noise of the shout of victory, Nor the noise of the cry of defeat, But the sound of singing I hear" (Exodus 32:18 NKJV).

If the people had been shouting praise for victory over sin and for souls won, that would have been good. Or even if they had been crying in repentance for giving in to temptation, that would have been preferred. Jesus says in Revelation 3:15, "I would thou wert cold or hot."

But to rise up and play—to throw a party at such a solemn time? Moses was about to descend the mountain with a covenant

from the Almighty, written in His own hand. God's people had grown weary of waiting, and when Moses did come they were unprepared. As a result, some were executed, and some were exalted. This will happen again. "Be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh" (Matthew 24:44).

Will We Just Wait?

Many years ago in New England, when sailors went to sea on the merchant or whaling ships, one could witness a touching scene at the docks. As the sailing men bid their wives and children farewell, they would promise a safe return with exotic gifts from faraway ports. Such trips often took weeks or even months, and the exact time of return was impossible to predict.

Many a wife would say, "I will keep a light burning in the window until you come home."

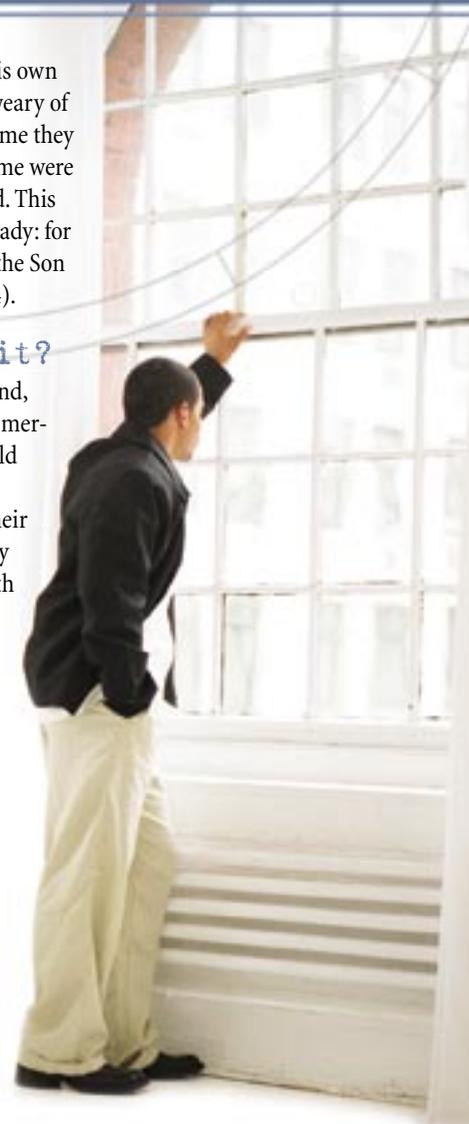
The hardest part of this separation was the silence. This was before the age of telephones or regular mail service, so whenever any new ship entered the harbor, the wives would run to the docks and inquire, "Have you any word of my husband's ship?"

Sometimes ship captains would extend their trips to California in order to make a rich profit. The Panama Canal had not yet been built, so such a detour could lengthen the journey from months to years! Meanwhile, the sailors' wives would sometimes grow weary of waiting and blow out the light in the window. Some had their husbands declared dead so they might marry another. Others, in despair, would cease to care for their children or clean the house.

There is a faithful proverb that says, "The wives who love their husbands most wait the best." I read of one loyal woman who kept the light burning in her window every night for 50 years—until her death—for a husband who never returned from sea.

When a ship did return after an unusually long voyage, what a bittersweet drama was displayed on the

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— Matthew 24:44



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docks! Some sailors would greet their wives and children with unspeakable joy, long embraces, and many gifts. Others, in anguish and tears, tossed their gifts into the sea upon hearing that their wives had not waited but had taken another husband. How awkward and humiliating it must have been for those impatient women when they learned their husbands had returned, as promised, with their sea bags full of money and treasure—only to find them in the arms of another.

Friend, how will Jesus find us when He comes?

“And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: *though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.* Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: *but the just shall live by his faith*” (Habakkuk 2:2–4, emphasis added).

The evil servant and the scoffer blame God for the delay (Matthew 24:48; 2 Peter 3:3, 4). Ahab similarly accused Elijah when he demanded, “Art thou he that troubleth Israel?” (1 Kings 18:17).

It’s easy to blame God or someone else, but perhaps the blame lies with us for not taking seriously the great gospel commission. For this reason, God in His mercy has delayed His coming.

What a loving God! He loves every person on earth as much as He loves you and me, and He is longsuffering, not willing that any should perish (2 Peter 3:9). He wanted to come many years ago, but His mercy for those who have not heard and those who would not believe has delayed His return.

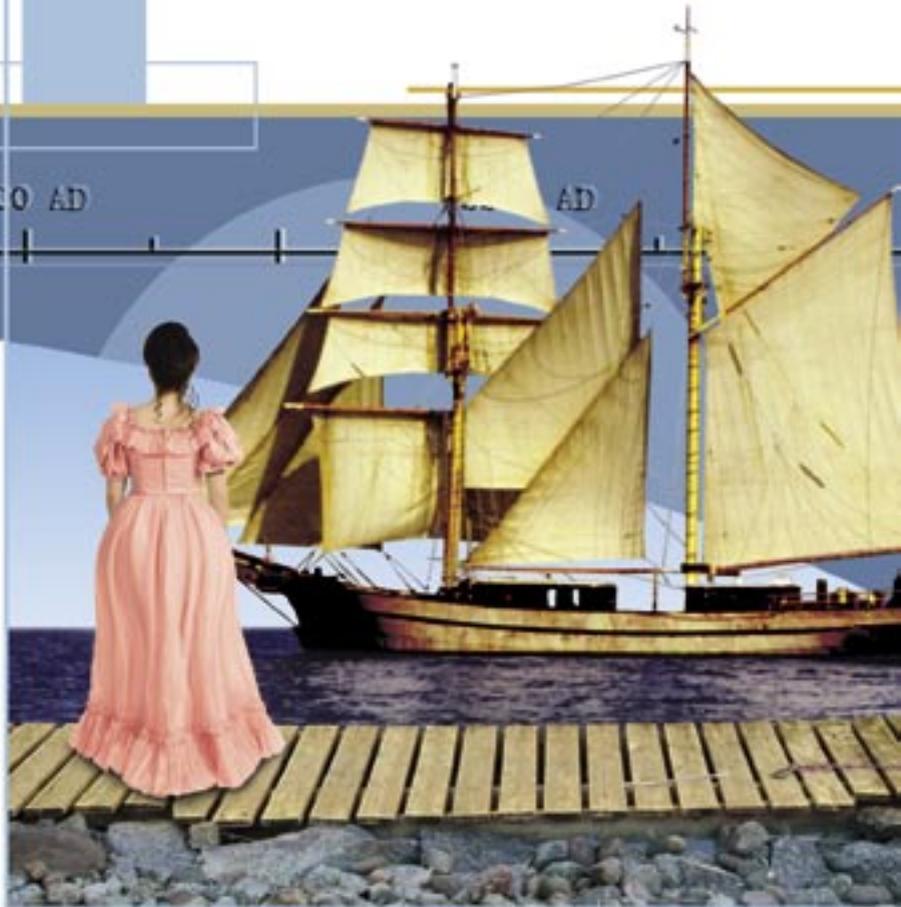
One Christian writer has said, “It is the unbelief, the worldliness, unconsecration and strife among the Lord’s professed people that have kept us in this world of sin and sorrow so many years.” The basic test in these last days is going to be that of faith in the Mas-

ter—faith in His return, in His Word, and in His promise, “I will come again” (John 14:3).

We must daily place our faith in Him through prayer, study, and service. Keep the faith! Jesus is coming back soon. The delay is almost over! “Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods (Matthew 24:45–47).

Let our prayer be, “Even so, come, Lord Jesus.”

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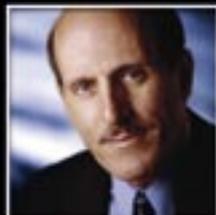


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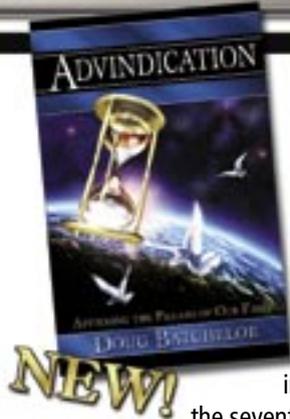
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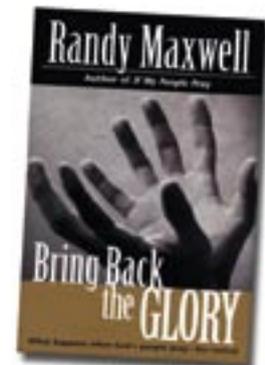
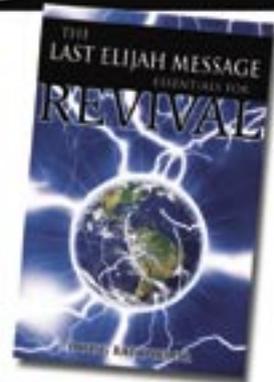
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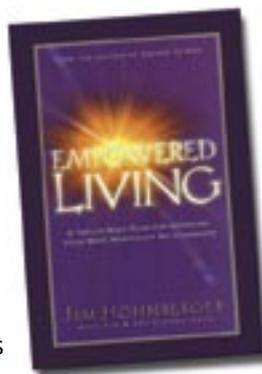


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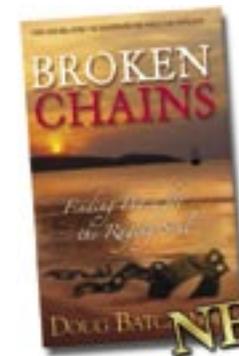
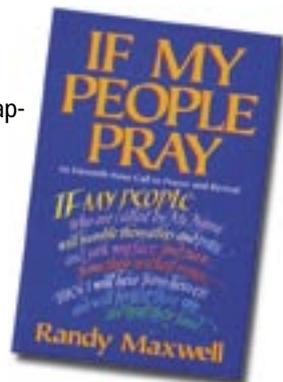
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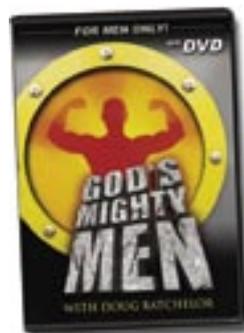


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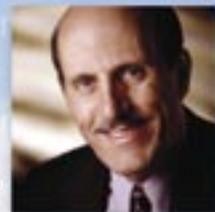
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A You're not alone. You're describing a struggle that all Christians around the world face, especially in these last days—a time when revival is desperately needed. Jesus questioned the crowd, "Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:8). In Revelation 2:4, we read that Christians can lose their "first love"—still knowing the Lord but not loving Him with all of their hearts. Christ says, "I have this against you, that you have left your first love" (NKJV).

This same experience that sometimes happens in marriages can also happen in our relationship with the Lord. The first blossom of romance begins to fade and the initial thrill starts to evaporate, so to revive it, you need to work on the relationship. For instance, in a marriage you would spend more time together with your spouse—get to know each other all over again. Likewise, get acquainted again with the Lord by spending more time in biblically spiritual things.

With this fundamental building block in place, is there anything more you could do in the way of personal devotions, prayer time, attending church, and reading the Word? "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17 NKJV). The more you get to know God and learn about Him, the more you will trust and love Him.

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Q *Is it wrong to wear cosmetics?*

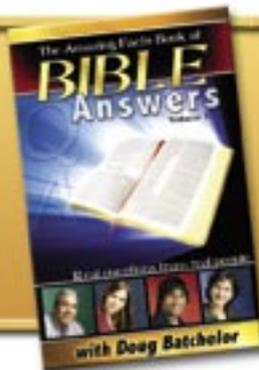
A Actually, very few Scriptures deal with the subject of cosmetics, but there are some. (For instance, Job had a beautiful daughter called Keren-Happuch, which means "painted-horn" or "cosmetic box.") Of course, the Bible doesn't call them cosmetics, but instead refers to the practice of painting the face, a custom most often found in God's Word in association with prostitutes and others of ill repute, like Jezebel (Ezekiel 23:40; 2 Kings 9:30).

However, I am not necessarily saying the Bible teaches that anybody wearing some form of cosmetics is immoral. As a matter of fact, whenever I do a video series, they try to powder my bald head to reduce the glare that ricochets off my dome into the camera lenses.

The principle that the Bible shares is simply that Christians should be attractive based upon an inner light and not exterior paint. "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price" (1 Peter 3:3, 4).

People should not be attracted to us by the glitter or bluish goo around our eyes or colorful lipstick. My practical advice is that Christians ought to appear as natural as possible so that we're not wearing anything that distracts from who we are as spiritual beings.

In my opinion, there's no moral dilemma for Christian women to sparingly use cosmetics for the purpose of improving a healthful appearance or looking more natural by covering a blemish. "But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting" (Matthew 6:17, 18 NKJV). The key is, if people notice you have it on, you're probably wearing too much. When someone can't meet the day without spending 15 minutes in front of a mirror with a tackle box full of cosmetics, there's probably a deeper spiritual issue involved. With multicolored eyes and lips, it almost seems like that person is hiding behind a mask. (Let's face it, some people use so many artificial cosmetics they look like clowns, and it seems to be a sign of insecurity!) Instead, Christians should be known by natural simplicity, cleanliness, and tastefulness.



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12 STEPS to REVIVAL

Pastor Doug Batchelor

In the age of a lukewarm church and wayward children of God, people need heroes, great men and women we can look up to as role models and mentors to bring real passion back into our relationship with the Lord. The Bible prophets who proclaimed special messages and exuded faith are excellent heroes whom we can emulate, and two of the greatest champions of Holy Writ who come to mind especially are Elijah and John the Baptist.

God used both these men to affect powerful revivals in their times, and He wants to do the same today in your life and in the church. Malachi 4:5, 6 says, "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: *And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers*, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse" (emphasis added).

In a literal sense, real revival brings a new expression of love to the family, and then from there it spreads into the community. The most basic unit of any society, government, or church is the family. The outpouring of God's Spirit will always result in love that leads to obedience of His commandments. Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). So in a spiritual sense, the spirit of Elijah's and John's message will also work to unite disobedient earthly children with their heavenly Father today.

So let's take just a brief moment to see how these two great prophets helped bring a new hope-filled message of obedience and action on the Lord's behalf—in other words, true revival. The 12 characteristics that are so much a part of the spirit and power of Elijah will also be in the last days before Christ returns.

BOLD AND FEARLESS PREACHING, even before leaders.

Elijah—Elijah told Ahab, "I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and thou hast followed Baalim" (1 Kings 18:18).

John—"John had said unto Herod, It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife" (Mark 6:18).

Both John the Baptist and Elijah were fearless in preaching a straight message before rulers and governments. Jesus said this would happen again in the last days. "Ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them" (Mark 13:9).

We must not seek to find our approval among men, but rather with God. To establish a great revival, the Elijah message must be a bold proclamation of clear, uncompromising, and sometimes unpopular truth.

"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables" (2 Timothy 4:3, 4).

SIMPLE DIET AND LIFESTYLE.

Elijah—"Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand" (1 Kings 17:11).

John—"He did eat locusts and wild honey" (Mark 1:6).

Both Elijah and John were known for their simple diets and wilderness living. These basic rigors kept their mental faculties clear and their bodies strong that they might be prepared for the special work God called them to do. "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31).

Likewise, the church in the last days must be revived to the truth that there is a strong connection between the body and the spirit. What we eat and drink, as well as our personal living habits, has a direct effect on our mental clarity and ability to discern truth. The power to resist temptation can be traced in part to a simple diet and moderate lifestyle. Remember, sin came on the



human race as a result of eating the wrong thing.

“Blessed art thou, O land, when thy king is the son of nobles, and thy princes eat in due season, for strength, and not for drunkenness!” (Ecclesiastes 10:17).

MODEST DRESS, SIMPLE CLOTHING.

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Elijah—“He was an hairy man [with a garment of hair], and girt with a [belt] of leather about his [waist]” (2 Kings 1:8).

John—“And John was clothed with camel’s hair, and with a [leather belt] about his [waist]” (Mark 1:6).

In a time when kings and priests loved to wear ornaments and long, flowing robes, Elijah and John’s modesty and simplicity were a stinging rebuke.

We live in an age where there has never been more arrogant attention given to flamboyance and fashion. The main goal of modern clothing designers is to highlight a person’s sexuality. Sadly, everything from body piercing to tattoos is being indulged even among professed Christians. Once again, the church desperately needs last-day Elijahs to witness for Christ by their example of humility and simplicity through modest clothing and appearance.

“Put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness” (Ephesians 4:24). “In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with [propriety] and [moderation]; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly [clothing]” (1 Timothy 2:9).

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DISCIPLING OTHERS.

Elijah—“So he departed thence, and found Elisha ... and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him” (1 Kings 19:19).

John—“And the disciples of John shewed him of all these things” (Luke 7:18).

The Scriptures record that Elijah not only disciplined Elisha, but he also visited the schools of the prophets (also translated “the disciples of the prophets”), which were scattered all through the land of Israel (2 Kings 2). These training centers combined spiritual instruction with practical work skills, and the young men trained there went throughout Israel to teach others the ways of God.

John likewise reproduced his faith by teaching the disciples who followed him. Both John and Elijah spent most of their time training not the priests and Levites, but rather the common people. Similarly, the last great movement of God will not be led by clergy alone, but also by Spirit-filled laypersons. This is why the Elijah message must give attention to training, discipling, and mobilizing every member of God’s church.

PREACHING BAPTISM OF REPENTANCE and death to self.

Elijah—“And Elijah said unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here; for the LORD hath sent me to Jordan” (2 Kings 2:6).

John—“Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan, And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins” (Matthew 3:5, 6).

One identifying mark of the Elijah message is that it calls people to the Jordan River—a symbol of repentance and baptism. The children of Israel had to cross the Jordan to enter the Promised Land, just as we enter the waters of baptism and cross over to a new life. The great commission of Jesus to the church will have its finest hour in the future, when once again modern Elijahs will baptize converts to Christ in explosive, Pentecostal-like numbers.

“Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean” (2 Kings 5:14).

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost” (Matthew 28:19).

MANIFESTED HUMILITY.

Elijah—“And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees” (1 Kings 18:42).

John—“He that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear” (Matthew 3:11).

Before Jesus comes again, the people of God will have learned to reflect the meek and humble character of Jesus in an age of arrogance and pride. “He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?” (Micah 6:8).

ENDURE RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION.

Elijah—“Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them [who had been killed] by to morrow about this time” (1 Kings 19:2).

John—“And she went forth, and said unto her mother [Herodias], What shall I ask? And she said, The head of John the Baptist” (Mark 6:24).

In the Old Testament, a pagan queen named Jezebel married Ahab, the king of Israel. Jezebel and her daughter, Athaliah, persecuted God’s

people and tried to entice Ahab to kill Elijah and the other prophets.

In the New Testament, Herodias, the pagan wife of king Herod, and her daughter Salome succeeded in enticing Herod to kill John the Baptist.

The persecution experienced by Elijah and John will soon be repeated. In the last days, Revelation tells us the “Mother of harlots” and her daughters will persecute God’s remnant people, the last-day Elijahs.

“And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ” (Revelation 12:17).

“And upon her forehead was a name written MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus” (Revelation 17:5, 6).

RUNNING BEFORE THE KING.

Elijah—“And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel” (1 Kings 18:46).

John—“As it is written in the book of the words of [Isaiah] the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight” (Luke 3:4).

When a monarch traveled in Bible times, servants often ran ahead to prepare the path for the approaching king. They cleared the road of rocks and obstacles, filled in potholes, cut down high spots, and straightened the crooked turns. In the same way, those preaching the Elijah message in the last days will help prepare people for the coming of our king Jesus. They will proclaim a message that makes the way of salvation clear, plain, and easy to understand.

“And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people” (Revelation 14:6).

SUPREME interest in GLORIFYING GOD.

Elijah—“Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again” (1 Kings 18:37).

John—“He must increase, but I must decrease” (John 3:30).

Those preaching the Elijah message will make glorifying God their top priority. They will be wholly consecrated to God’s cause, just as were John and Elijah. They will be willing to make any sacrifice that others might be saved—in other words, to spend and be spent in the work of God.

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service” (Romans 12:1).

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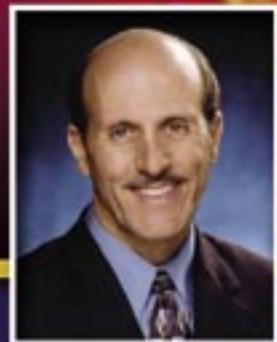


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REPAIRING GOD'S ALTAR.

Elijah—“And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD that was broken down” (1 Kings 18:30).

John—“In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matthew 3:1, 2).

The Elijah message will be a trumpet call to return to “the faith which was once delivered unto the saints” (Jude 3). Today, when so many are telling us that the teachings of the Bible are old-fashioned and need to be revised to better fit the times, we desperately need to be reminded that God said, “For I am the LORD, I change not” (Malachi 3:6).

“And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in” (Isaiah 58:12).

MESSAGES SPARK REFORMATION.

Elijah—“Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel. . . . And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him” (1 Kings 18:19–21).

John—“John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins” (Mark 1:4, 5).

In the days of Elijah and John the Baptist, God's people had been corrupted by the pagan influences around them and had compromised God's truth (1 Kings 19:14; Matthew 3:1, 2). These two brave prophets delivered a message that sparked revival and reform among God's people.

Today, once again, it seems that much of Christianity is lukewarm and worldly. If judgment is going to begin at God's house, then certainly the revival must start there too (Ezekiel 9:6; 1 Peter 4:17)! Since God's plan is for His people to reach the entire world, He must first send the Elijah message to reach the church.

In the Old Testament, Elijah led the people to repent and turn back to God on Mount Carmel. Then he prayed, and God sent abundant rain to

end the drought. Likewise, John the Baptist called on the people of his day to repent and accept Jesus. Then shortly thereafter, they received the former rain of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Modern Elijahs will also preach a message of repentance. Then, when the church humbles itself, the latter rain of God's Spirit will fall.

POINT PEOPLE TO CHRIST.

Elijah—“Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God” (1 Kings 18:36).

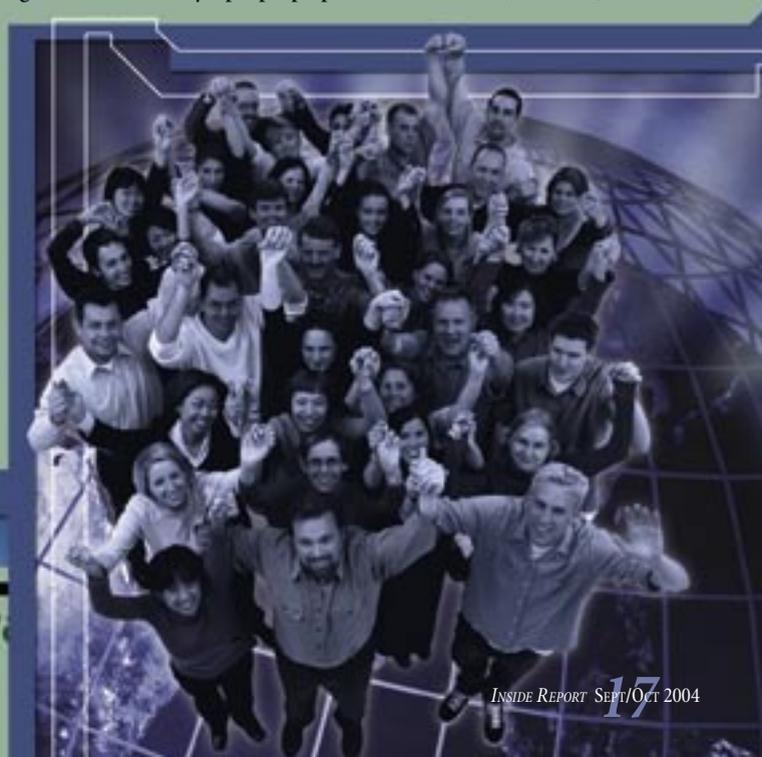
John—“The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world” (John 1:29).

The burning desire of modern Elijahs will be to turn people to Jesus, that they might know Him and have everlasting life.

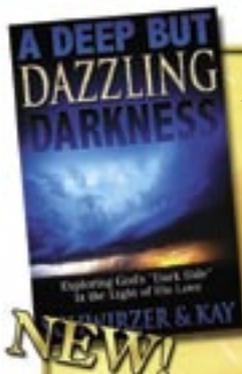
GOD'S ARMY

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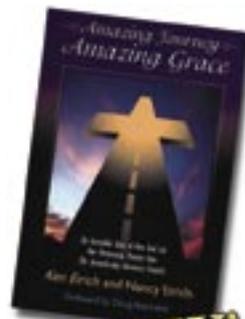
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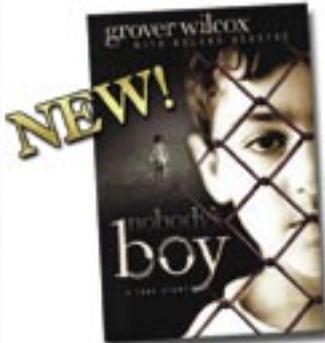
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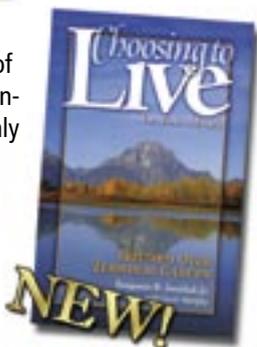
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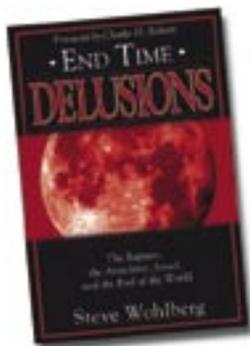


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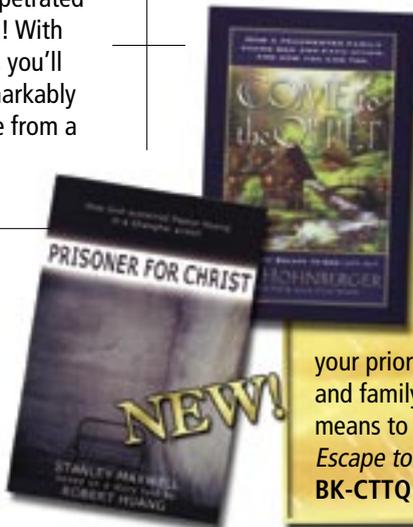
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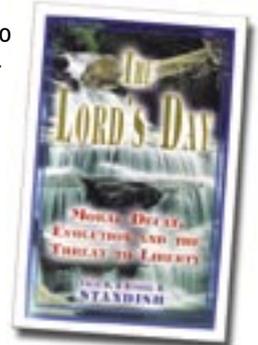
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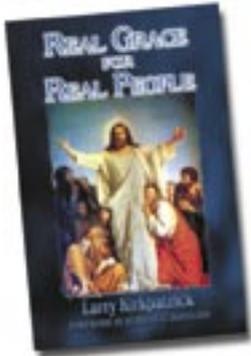
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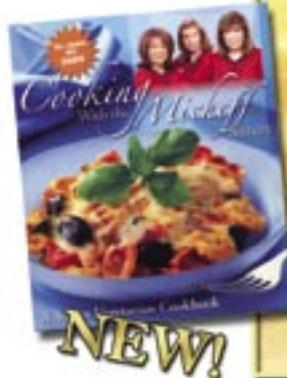
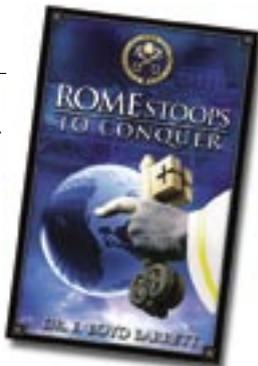
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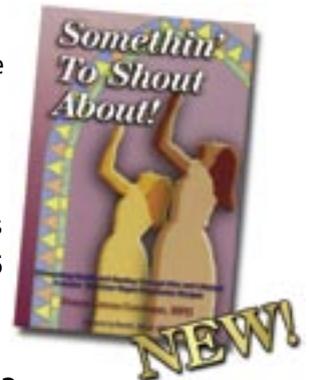
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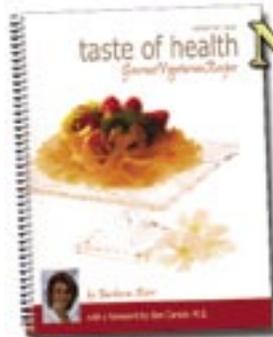
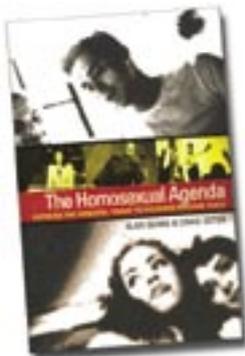


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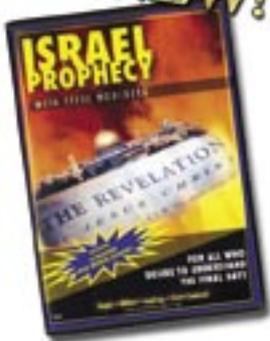


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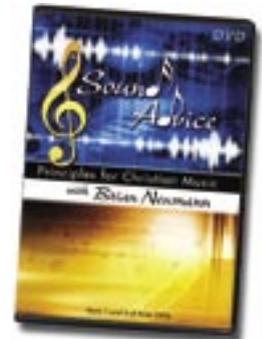
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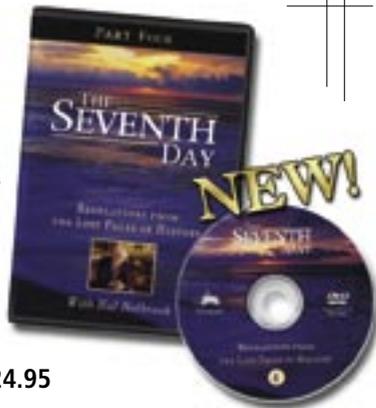
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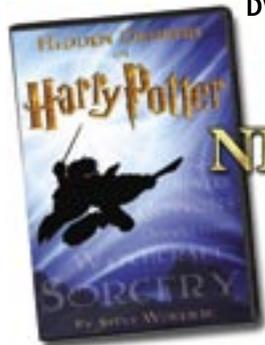
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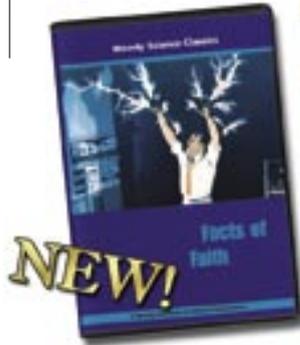
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Step inside the most complicated factory ever designed, with a trillion cylinders powered by a pump far superior to the finest steel! See how blood takes its precious cargo of oxygen to every corner of your body while also learning how the shed blood of Jesus is the source of all life today. (30 mins.)

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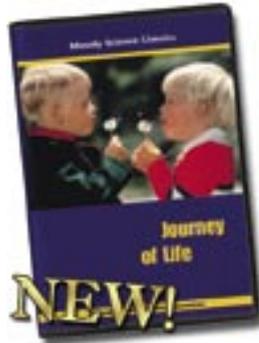


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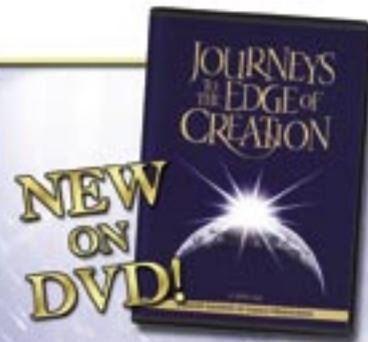
Journey of Life DVD

Watch the valiant struggle against impossible odds like flood, fire, and storms—all through the perseverance of the seed! Get exciting science from a biblical perspective and understand how the seed of God's Word must take root in all our hearts. (40 mins.)

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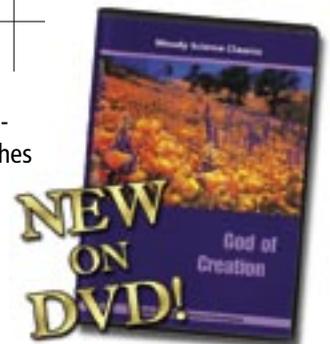
Moody Institute of Science. Travel among the planets and marvel at their wonders, feeling the touch of a loving Creator in every awesome detail. 40 mins.

DV-JTEC ... \$29.99

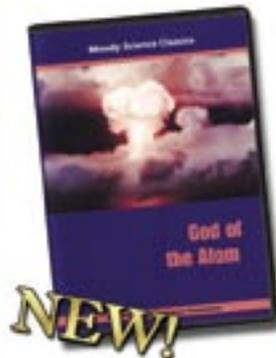
God of Creation DVD

In this classic favorite, you'll see the food "factories" that plants use and peer into the vast reaches of space, while you ponder the God who put everything in place. This is a great video for family time and sharing with others!

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NEW!

God of the Atom DVD

Explore the amazing and complex wonders of the atom and all the energy it has to unleash! Unfold the mysteries of the universe while understanding humanity's spiritual bankruptcy and need for regeneration. (28 mins.)

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Amazing Facts EVANGELISM TEAM



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



Doug
Batchelor



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Baek



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Bradshaw



Byron
Corbett



Eric
Flickinger



Lowell
Hargreaves



Tyler
Long



Brian
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Jack
Pefley



Dennis
Priebe



Jason
Sliger

Doug Batchelor

'04 Revival!
November 5 – 14
Chattanooga, Tennessee
December 15 – 18
General Youth Conference
Sacramento, California

Lowell Hargreaves

September 10 – October 16
Cowan Civic Center
500 East Elm Street
Lebanon, Missouri
October 22 – November 20
Sedgefield Elementary School
804 Main Street
Newport News, Virginia

Jason Morgan

September 10 – October 16
Indian Hills Jr. High School
9401 Indian Hills Dr.
Clive (West Des Moines), Iowa
October 22 – November 20
Chloe, West Virginia

John Bradshaw

September 10 – October 16
Campbell Heritage Theater
1 West Campbell Avenue
Campbell, California
October 22 – November 20
Tuttle Auditorium
5831 Mullen Road
Lacey, Washington

Tyler Long

September 10 – October 16
Pine Bluff Church
3719 Ridgeway Road
Pine Bluff, Arkansas
October 22 – November 20
Whistle Stop Theatre
Highway 63 South
Mammoth Springs, Arkansas

Jack Pefley

August 15 – November 20
San Antonio, Texas
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Byron Corbett

September 11 – October 16
Madison Middle School
5950 Delridge Way SW
Seattle, Washington
October 22 – November 20
Mexican Heritage Plaza
1700 Alum Rock Avenue
San Jose, California

Brian McMahon

September 10 – October 16
Clovis Church
2370 Helm Avenue
Clovis, California
October 22 – November 20
Sacramento Central Church
6045 Camellia Avenue
Sacramento, California

Dennis Priebe

September 2 – 6
Pacific Northwest Youth
Conference, Washington
September 10, 11
Middleton Church, Idaho

Eric Flickinger

September 10 – October 16
Petroleum Club of Lafayette
111 Heymann Boulevard
Lafayette, Louisiana
October 22 – November 20
Holiday Inn Express
1391 South Townsend Avenue
Montrose, Colorado

David Morgan

September 10 – October 9
Best Western
133 Delaware Avenue
Ankeny, Iowa
October 15 – November 20
Pocahontas, Arkansas
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Jason Sliger

September 10 – October 16
Shreveport First Church
6475 Westport Road
Shreveport, Louisiana
October 22 – November 27
Holiday Inn
210 Ludlow
Warren, Pennsylvania



Amazing Facts welcomes Jason Sliger

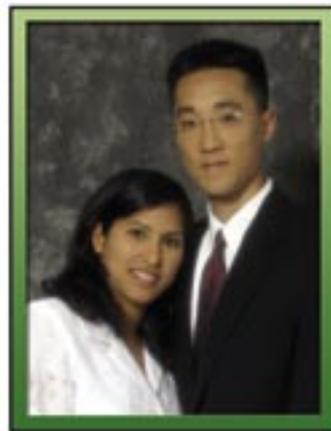
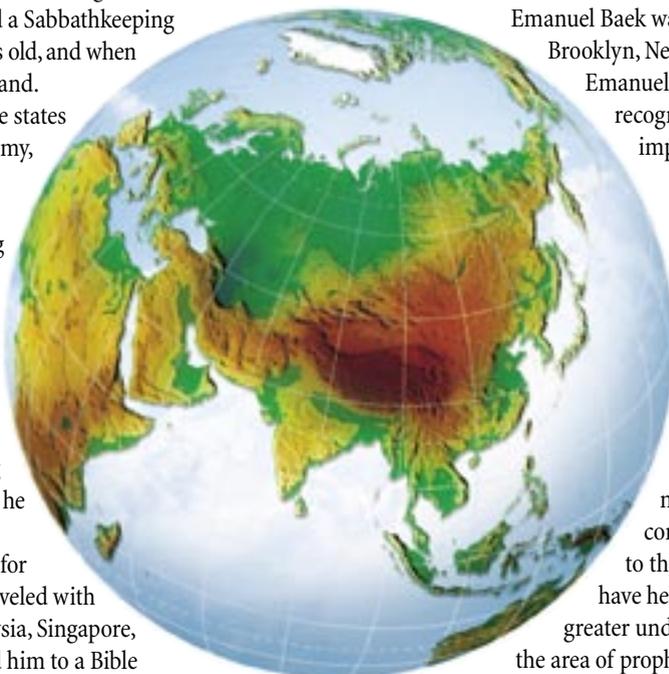
Born in Cleveland, Ohio, Jason Sliger has been all around the world honing his special talent of sharing God's end-time truth with others. His mother joined a Sabbathkeeping church when he was eight years old, and when he was 13, they moved to England.

At 15, Jason came back to the states to attend Ouachita Hills Academy, a small boarding academy in Arkansas. There he struggled with God, until while attending a week of prayer, he surrendered his heart to Christ. Soon afterward, his senior class went on a mission trip to the Philippines, and Jason tasted front-line evangelism for the first time. It kindled a burning passion in his heart—he knew he had discovered his life calling.

Jason soon began searching for ministry opportunities. He traveled with mission teams to Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, Australia, and Hawaii. This led him to a Bible worker position in Hawaii, where for two and a half years he gave Bible studies, led and organized Bible work programs and prophecy seminars, and preached from his heart, leading people into a saving relationship with Christ.

After leaving Hawaii, Jason attended the Amazing Facts College of Evangelism (AFCOE) training school, where he learned more soul-winning skills. Amazing Facts is delighted to have him as an evangelist-in-training. He is awed at the power of God and excited to be caught up in his chosen life work—winning souls.

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.



Emanuel Baek joins Evangelist Team

Emanuel Baek was born into a Christian home in Brooklyn, New York. The son of a minister, Emanuel attended many churches, and soon recognized that faith was something that impacts every facet of a person's life.

Although educated in the public school system, Emanuel had a chance to attend a Christian college, and it was there that he accepted Christ as his Savior. As he learned more about Jesus, he found many opportunities to travel, along the way gaining invaluable experience in preaching the gospel.

Since that time, he has traveled to more than 25 countries spanning five continents, preaching the good news to thousands. His seminars and sermons have helped people find hope, courage, and greater understanding of the Bible, especially in the area of prophecy.

As a former college lecturer, he has taken great interest in sharing with those who have had little or no background in the Bible, helping them understand today's world in the light of Revelation. To expand his work for God, he joined Amazing Facts, which is delighted to have him on board as an evangelist-in-training. He and his wife, Keala, welcomed their first son into the world in July 2004.





Joining God's RESCUE TEAM

By Jim Ayer

It all started when some concerned passersby stopped one morning to examine a car parked near Highway 1 located on California's rugged coastline. They found the car abandoned and a suicide note nearby.

The group informed the local sheriff's office, who in turn called in a Coast Guard helicopter to search the area. The pilot spotted a body 350 feet down near the Devils Slide cliff formation. They couldn't determine whether the motionless man on the precipice was dead or alive.

With the wind too strong for an airlift rescue and the seas too rough for a boat rescue, an emergency response team was called in to scale down the cliffs. Amazingly, they found the man still alive, and by Tuesday afternoon he was resting in the warm hospital bed.

How many of our church members are going down the "devil's slide" today? How many have left us a suicide note in the pew and are now hanging precariously on the edge of a dangerous spiritual cliff? Are they dead or are they alive?

It's sad to say, but many times we don't get close enough to tell. Why not?

There can be several answers to that question. One of the most evident reasons is that we are nearly asleep ourselves. There are times when we're just unaware of the condition of our church neighbor. I submit this simple evidence: Member John Doe has attended the same church for three years, and this week upon entering the foyer he is asked to sign the guest book! Stories like these are real, and I imagine they happen on a regular basis. If we can't even figure out who comes to church each week, how will we know who doesn't show up any more?

Another reason we don't check out those who are approaching the cliff's edge is fright. Yes, fright—on our part to "go" and peek over the cliff to see what condition of the brethren who are sliding down

the devil's slide. Let's face it: We have many good excuses. Well, they aren't really "good," but we surely can come up with a bunch of them.

Be a Rescuer

I want to challenge you, by the power of God, to put away every excuse. Time is short, and every moment lost by the rescue team (and we are God's rescue team!) is time that might cost the life of the one hanging on the edge of destruction.

God is presenting us the perfect rescue opportunity right now—'04 *Revival!* These meetings are for His family, designed to renew our passion and love for Jesus.

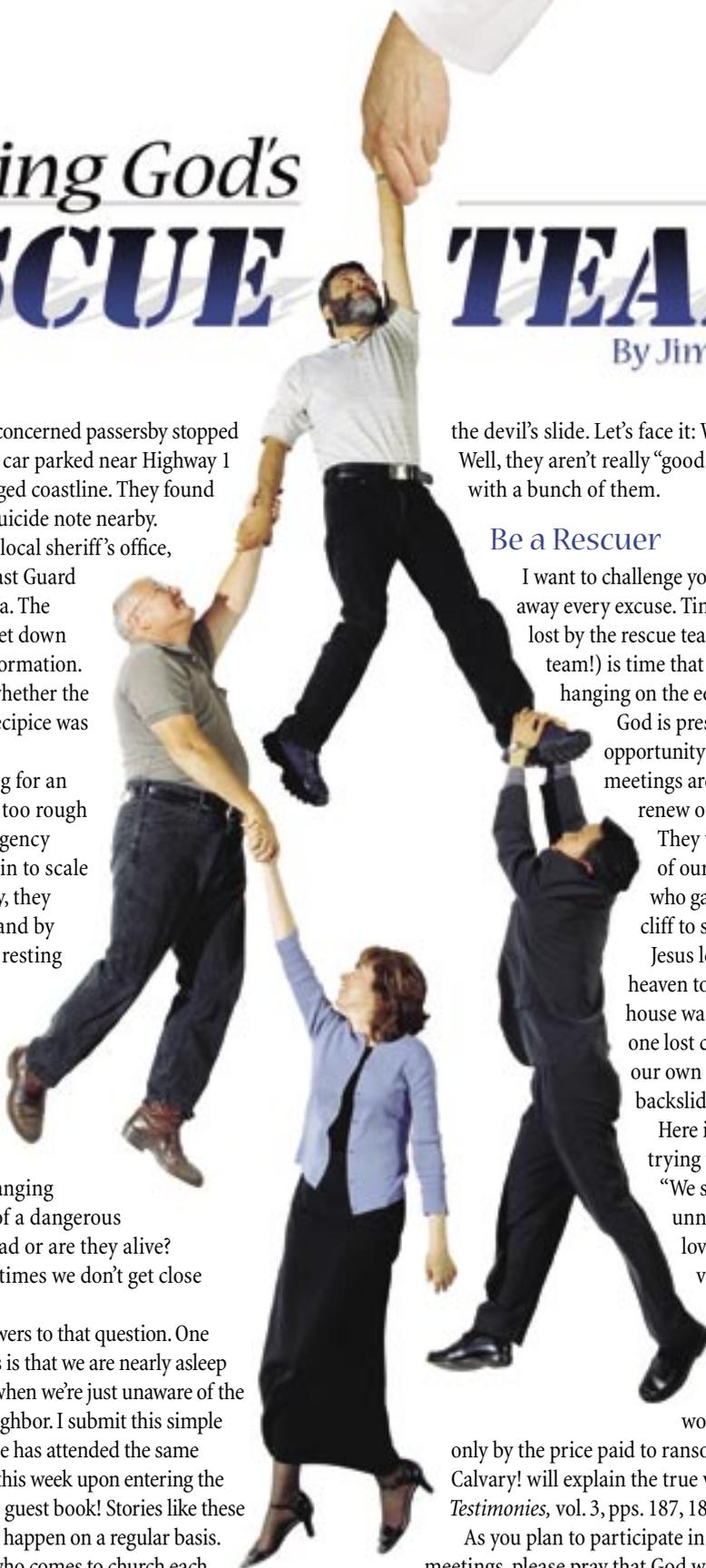
They will focus on a recommitment of our hearts and souls to the One who gave everything to reach over the cliff to save us.

Jesus left the 99 and risked all of heaven to save the one lost sheep. The house was turned upside down to find one lost coin. Oh, how we need revival in our own hearts, that the burden for the backslidden might rest heavy upon us.

Here is a quote that says what I'm trying to get at far better than I can: "We should not burden them with unnecessary censure, but let the love of Christ constrain us to be very compassionate and tender, that we can weep over the erring and those who have backslidden from God. The soul is of infinite value. The worth of the soul can be estimated

only by the price paid to ransom it. Calvary! Calvary! Calvary! will explain the true value of the soul" (E.G. White, *Testimonies*, vol. 3, pps. 187, 188).

As you plan to participate in the upcoming '04 *Revival!* meetings, please pray that God will show you who has slipped over the edge of the cliff and is near death's door. Grab hold of the Lord's hand, and then reach out and lift the fallen one back to the safety of Jesus. What joy awaits . . . rejoicing with your rescued brother or sister and the angels of heaven!



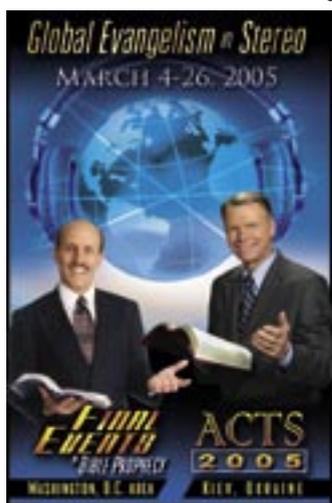


BEHIND THE SCENES



Don't Forget D.C. 2005!

From March 4 to 26, 2005, Amazing Facts and It Is Written will blanket the planet with the good news as they present live satellite series from different corners of the globe. Doug Batchelor will present



a satellite evangelistic series from the General Conference headquarters near the nation's capital. The program will also be translated into Spanish, and while the event especially targets North America, other countries are expected to participate.

At the same time, Mark Finley, speaker/director for It Is Written International Television, will cover the former Soviet Union and all of Europe through a satellite evangelistic series live from Kiev, Ukraine, translated into several regional languages.

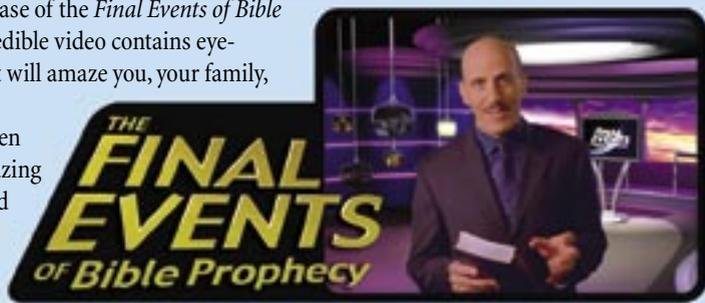
Finley is overjoyed to be a part of this effort. He says, "Evangelism is the very heart of who we are, and I am incredibly grateful to the Lord for opening this door of opportunity!" Batchelor concurs, "I can clearly see the hand of God leading in this upcoming series, and we are excited and humbled to be channels for God's end-time message to reach the world."

Please join with Amazing Facts and It Is Written to reach the world for Christ. Plan now to pray for and participate in these major soul-winning events!

Final Events Promo

Amazing Facts is excited to announce the impending release of the *Final Events of Bible Prophecy* documentary and interactive CD-ROM. This incredible video contains eye-popping special effects and stunning visual recreations that will amaze you, your family, and friends and share critical end-time truths!

Host Pastor Doug Batchelor will lead viewers through seven major end-time "events" described in God's Word. This amazing interactive CD has been specially designed to be appreciated by both Christians and non-Christians alike! For more information on *Final Events* and to view the trailer, go to www.finalevents.com!



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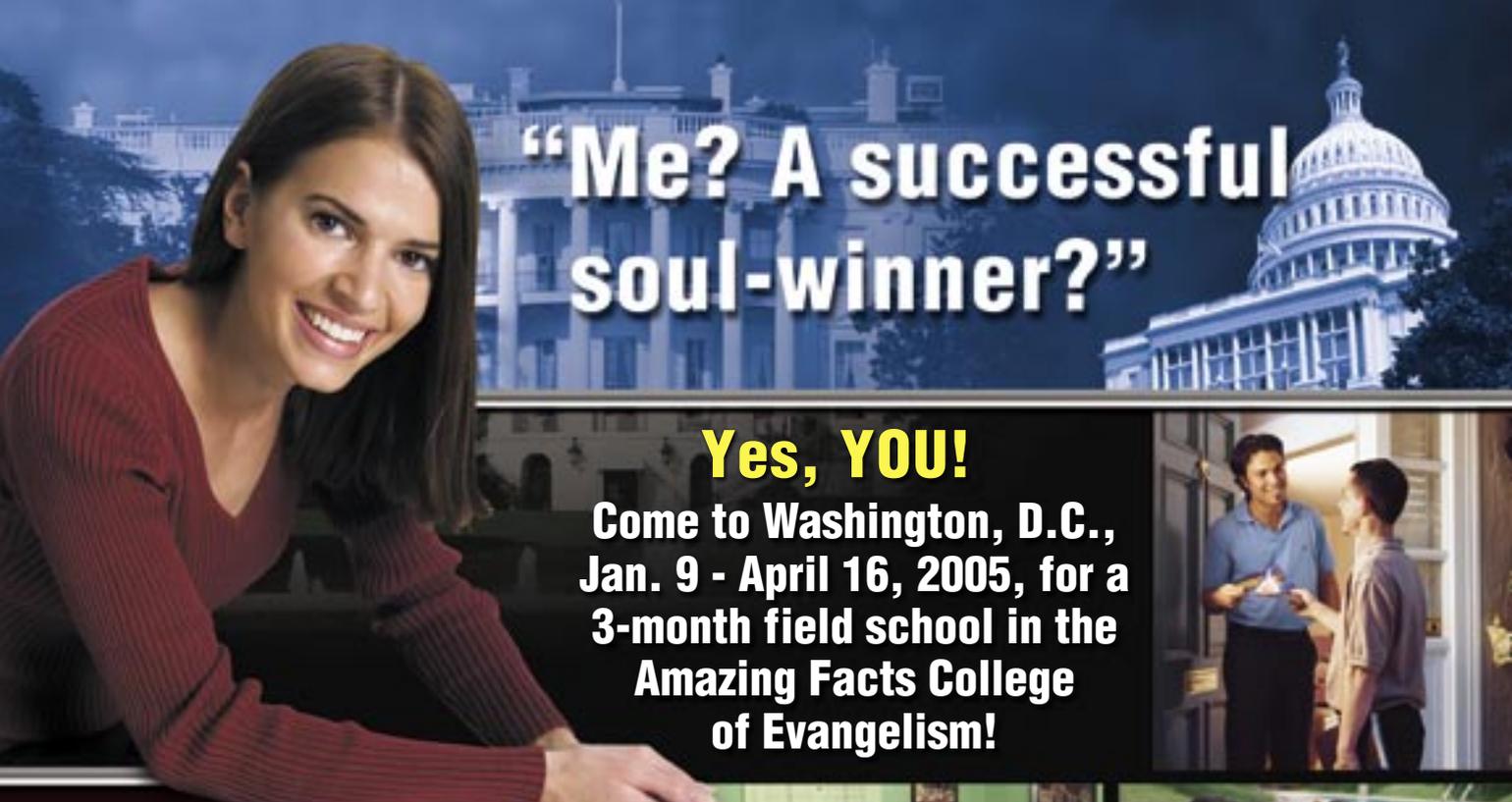
Syracuse, NY—WSIV 1540 AM, Sun 10 P.M.

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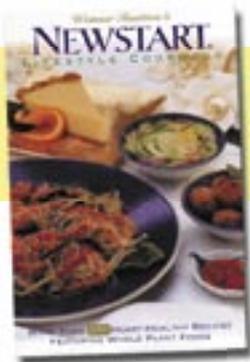
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Gazpacho

(Page 172 of the **NEWSTART® Lifestyle Cookbook**)

- 1 quart V8 or tomato juice
- 1 cucumber, peeled and diced $\frac{1}{4}$ "
- 1½ cups fresh tomato diced
- 2 stalks celery, diced $\frac{1}{4}$ "
- $\frac{1}{3}$ green bell pepper, diced $\frac{1}{4}$ "
- 2 tablespoons onion flakes
- 1 tablespoon parsley flakes

Combine all ingredients and chill several hours before serving. Do not heat. Serve chilled. Garnish with fresh parsley. For variation, add a small can of diced green chilies. Yields 6½ cups or 6½ servings.

Hummus

(Page 151 of the **NEWSTART® Lifestyle Cookbook**)

- 2 cups cooked garbanzos
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup fresh lemon juice
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup tahini (sesame seed butter)
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1 teaspoon salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon onion powder
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup water or broth from garbanzos
- cumin, to taste (opt.)
- fresh parsley or mint, to taste (opt.)

Process all ingredients in a blender until very smooth and creamy. Add a little more water if necessary. Yields 2 cups or 8 servings. For pocket bread sandwiches, fill whole wheat pita bread pockets with $\frac{1}{4}$ cup hummus, bean or alfalfa sprouts, sliced tomato, and sliced avocado.



Peach—Barley Casserole

(Adapted from **NEWSTART®**)



- 3 cups barley flakes (or rolled oats)
- 28 -oz. can sliced peaches—drain; reserve juice. Cube slices (save a few whole slices for casserole garnishing)
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup raisins
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup coconut
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup nuts chopped
- 1½ tbs. vanilla
- 1½ tsp. salt
- $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. coriander
- 1 dash cardamom
- 6 cups liquid—use reserved peach juice and water

Combine all ingredients in 2½ qt., sprayed casserole. Bake uncovered for 1 hr. at 350°. Serves 8.

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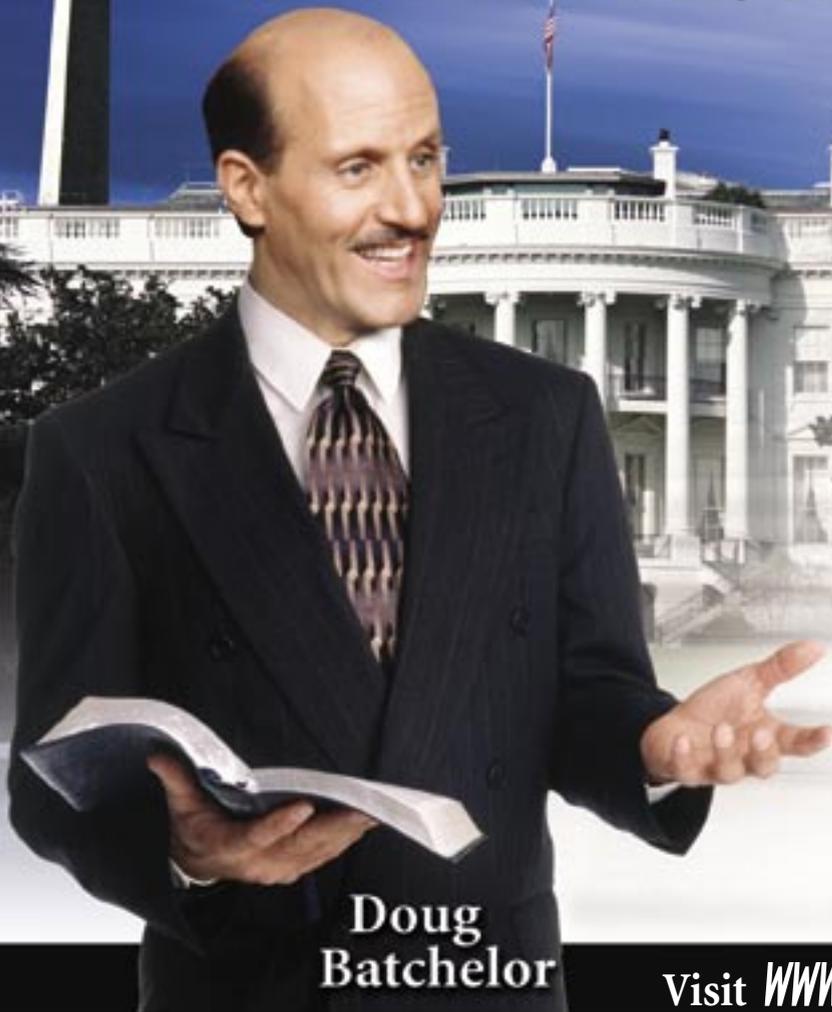
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