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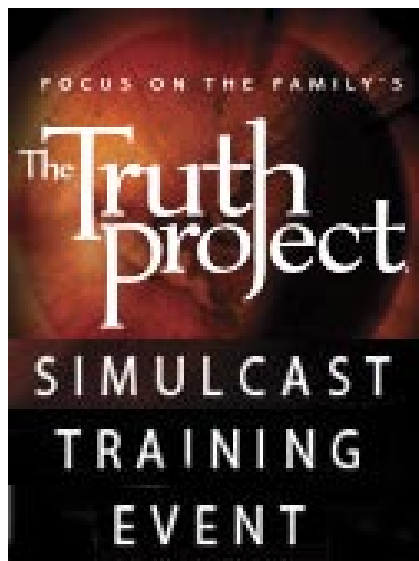


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LAW AND POLITICS

with Mike Johnson

Churches to Challenge the IRS this Fall

Which political candidates have Biblical positions on the issues? Shouldn't the preacher be able to say? For too long, churches have feared the loss of tax exemption status arising from speech in the pulpit regarding candidates



Johnson

for political office. Rather than risk confrontation, most pastors have self-censored their speech, feeling forced to ignore blatant immorality in government and foregoing the opportunities to praise moral government leaders. Pastors who long to be relevant to society, to preach the Gospel in a way that has meaning in modern America, must studiously ignore much that goes on in every tumultuous election season lest they draw attention of the Internal Revenue Service.

Many legal scholars, including our staff attorneys at the Alliance Defense Fund (ADF) believe the IRS restriction on religious expression from the pulpit – whenever the IRS characterizes a pulpit sermon as “political” – is unconstitutional. Thankfully, after 50 years of threats and intimidation, many churches are now taking a bold stand for the faith to confront the IRS directly and reclaim the expressive rights guaranteed to them in the U.S. Constitution.

In this crucial election year, a showdown is looming.

ADF has joined with the Family Research Council, the American Family Association, and Focus on the Family to launch a pulpit initiative we are calling, “Pulpit Freedom Sunday.” On Sunday, September 28, 2008, enlisted clergy from across the nation will preach sermons specifically reclaiming their right to speak Scriptural truth from the pulpit regarding various political candidates and their positions. It is the first step in a concerted effort to reclaim freedom for the pulpit.

Historically, churches have emphatically, and with great passion, spoken Biblical truth from the pulpit about government and culture. Historians have stated that America owes its independence in great degree to the moral force of the pulpit. Pastors have proclaimed Scriptural truth throughout history on great moral issues such as slavery, women's suffrage, child labor and prostitution. Pastors have also spoken from the pulpit with great frequency for and against various candidates for government office.

All that changed in 1954 with the passage of the “Johnson amendment,” which restricted the right of clergy to speak about candidates for office. The Johnson amendment was proposed by then-Senator Lyndon Johnson, and it changed the Internal Revenue Code to prohibit churches and other non-profit organizations from supporting or opposing a candidate for office. After the Johnson amendment passed, churches faced a

choice of either continuing their tradition of speaking out—or silencing themselves in order to



retain their church's tax exemption.

The IRS, in conjunction with radical organizations like Americans United for Separation of Church and State, has used the Johnson amendment to create an atmosphere of intimidation

and fear for any church that dares to speak Scriptural truth about candidates for office. It is time for the

intimidation and threats to end. Churches and pastors have a constitutional right to speak freely and truthfully from the pulpit, even on candidates and voting, without fearing loss of their tax exemption.

The sermons on Pulpit

Freedom Sunday are intended to challenge the Internal Revenue Code's restrictions by specifically opposing candidates for office whose political positions conflict with Scriptural truth. If the IRS comes calling, ADF is committed to defending these churches and clergy free of charge. Ultimately, we aim to have the courts overturn the Code restrictions that violate the Constitution. In so doing, it is our hope to recapture the rightful place of pastors and churches in American life. The time has never been more urgent.

For more information on this and all other ADF projects, give us a call at (800) TELL-ADF, or visit our website at www.telladf.org.

HB London to Speak to Area Pastors

July 15th, Calvary Baptist Church in Shreveport will host a complimentary “Pastor and Spouse Gathering.”

We at Focus on the Family have found that pastors



and their families need encouragement. To this end, we regularly host complimentary half-day pastors gatherings in communities throughout the country at which we bring together local

pastors and their spouses for a brief time of fellowship with one another and solid affirmation from our Pastoral Ministries staff.

Featured speaker H.B. London shares insights gained from our extensive contact with pastors and denominations throughout the years. Attendees discover that their experiences and feelings in ministry are much more common than they often realize. A free continental breakfast is available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m., and the seminar begins at 8:50 a.m.

For more information, call 1-866-542-1212. Please call 1-800-A-FAMILY (1-800-232-6459) to make a reservation. You may register for the conference at the door, but if you are planning to attend the breakfast, reservations are preferred.

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HEALTH AND FITNESS

with Jeff Consiglio

Does This Sink Full of Dirty Dishes Make Me Look Flabby?

by Jeff Consiglio

Most people these days are at least somewhat aware they should be exercising and eating healthy foods. So why do so many fail to act upon this knowledge? Why are so many people fat, sick and diabetic these days?

I believe there are several reasons. A few that immediately come to mind are fast food eating, over reliance on high calorie "convenience" foods, couch potato lifestyles, etc. But those issues are often merely symptoms of a chaotic and disorganized lifestyle. People can have the best intentions about diet and exercise, but a lack of time management and organizational skills derails even the best of intentions.

Getting fat and flabby doesn't take a whole lot of time management, planning or organizational talent. The tiny amount of organization it takes to be able to locate one's television remote control and bags of snack foods is all one needs to achieve a slothful lifestyle and impressive flabbiness.

But unless you're so genetically blessed that

staying lean and strong is effortless for you, it's going to take some serious planning, structure, organization and time management skills to create an environment

eating for dinner tomorrow night? You say you're not sure? Hmm...can you at least tell me what's for dinner tonight? Not sure of that either, eh?



for yourself conducive to healthy eating and exercise habits.

To summarize - if you are BOTH unorganized and flabby, it may be your disorganized lifestyle that's making you flabby.

For instance, what are you

Well, that's actually fairly typical of most people these days. Failure to plan healthy menus in advance is one of the biggest reasons people end up buying fattening fast foods for dinner at the last minute. If you don't plan your weekly meals in advance, the temptation to simply let some fast food outlet feed you and your family will often undo your good intentions about "some day" starting healthy eating habits in your home.

Organizational rule #1 for getting lean and healthy - Plan your meals IN ADVANCE

Ok then, so let's assume you're now planning your meals in advance. That's great, but don't go getting too proud of yourself quite yet. Let's assume, for

instance, that a chef salad is on your dinner menu for tonight. So you open your fridge and are faced with a mountain of salad veggies still wrapped in cellophane and needing to be washed, sliced and diced. As you stand there staring into the cool air of your refrigerator, you think about how long a day you had at work. You're tired, cranky and starving. The last thing you feel like doing right now is a bunch of grunt work in the kitchen. So you close the refrigerator door, pick up the phone and order a pizza instead. Sound familiar?

what they really needed to be rebuking was their sink full of dirty dishes. Of course, that usually gets a good laugh from a Christian audience because so many recognize they're guilty of that.

Organizational rule #3 for getting lean and healthy is - Clean up your dirty dishes and filthy house!

It's mighty tough to eat a healthy home cooked meal if all your dishes and cookware are dirty. A dirty and cluttered home is a terrible energy drainer and destroyer of good intentions.

Your home is your base of operations. The military is known for being somewhat fanatical about keeping their bases of operations very clean and orderly. After all, it would be awfully hard to defend the nation (or other nations) if soldiers couldn't find their weapons when they needed them. Or if their weapons were so neglected and clogged with dirt that they failed to fire.

Many civilians would do well to follow the example of the military, and institute high standards of order and cleanliness in their homes. A clean and organized home is one of your ultimate time management tools.

So quit complaining about how you "don't have enough time" to cook healthy food and exercise. Put down the television remote, and get your house in order. You'll be surprised how much easier that makes it for you to eat healthy and exercise.

About the Author - Jeff Consiglio is a personal trainer and weight loss coach. You may visit his website at www.ShreveportPersonalTrainer.com.

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Organizational rule #2 for getting lean and healthy - Slice and dice veggies and lean meats IN ADVANCE

I could go on and on about this stuff, but I'll leave you with just one final tip for today.

I once heard a preacher joke about how so many Christians spend a lot of time praying against and rebuking the devil, but

Amateurize Your Church:

How one congregation seeks to be fueled by love

Harry Heintz

values to “amateurize ministry.” Here’s what that means for us:

When I was a youngster, there was an ongoing argument about the “professionalization” of the Olympics. Americans carped that we sent amateurs to compete against professional athletes from Eastern Europe, whose full-time work was their athletic pursuit.

We’ve established the amateur model of ministry not so much by programs, but by a comprehensive understanding of who we are as the people of God. The first specific emphasis is a “putting off.”

That complaint has largely died down, of course, now that Americans now send highly paid professionals to Olympic events.

We de-emphasize titles and avoid using words that suggest divisions in the church. For instance, we have dropped the words clergy and laity from our vocabulary. Saying, “lay people” is really saying “people people.” As an adjective, the word lay mainly suggests a second-class ministry.

In popular usage, amateur often means “second rate,” while professional means “excellent.” Both, though, are superficial understandings of the words. “Amateur” comes from a Latin word that means doing something “for love.”

Clergy words had to go—titles like Reverend and Doctor simply aren’t needed. We have no

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An amateur athlete is not necessarily second rate, but pursues excellence for the love of the pursuit, not for monetary payback. A professional, on the other hand, received a paycheck. That may imply the professional does the task better, but it’s no guarantee. The best person at a task may be an amateur who is motivated by love. As the saying goes, “Professionals built the Titanic; amateurs built the ark.”

Putting off

Given the Reformation’s call to the priesthood of all believers, the church I serve, Brunswick Presbyterian Church, has one of its core

parking places reserved for pastors or staff; rather, the pastors park in the spaces farthest away. Officers are encouraged to do the same. We removed the “throne” chairs from the platform. And on church retreats, pastors pay the same fees as everyone else.

Putting on

The second emphasis is “putting on”—what we honor in congregational life. In our preaching, for example, we interview people, highlight stories from the marketplace, and make work-related applications. The pastoral prayer each week includes an intercession for a segment of the workforce,

often informed by local or global events. The closing of every service features these words:

“Together we are the ministers of Jesus Christ and his good news. Each one of us is called, gifted, and commissioned for royal service. Let us enter the new week ready to minister in our homes, our neighborhoods, our schools, and our places of work.”

The spadework for every sermon is not done by a pastor alone, but by a small group in which non-staff participants outnumber the staff. The one who will be preaching speaks the least and takes the notes. This happens four to six weeks

before the worship service, and more responsive allowing time to flesh out worship. fresh ideas.

Among the key questions are:

- What does this passage of Scripture say to the seeker; the growing disciple, and the disillusioned believer?
- What are the marketplace implications of this truth?

Our Sunday morning worship has true amateur input; it’s not left up to professionals. The results are more honest preaching

When people see their paid leaders—the professionals—acting like amateurs, they start acting that way too. When the authorities said in Acts 17:6, “These people have been turning the world upside down...” they were referring to Jason and some unnamed believers—no doubt, amateurs.

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Thoughts on the 4th of July --

You have to love a nation that celebrates its independence every July 4, not with a parade of guns, tanks, and soldiers who file by the White House in a show of strength and muscle, but with family picnics where kids throw Frisbees, the potato salad gets iffy, and the flies die from happiness. You may think you have overeaten, but it is patriotism.

-Erma Bombeck



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MARK FLORE, San Francisco

Homeschooling in Northwest Louisiana

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No Man Wins Alone

A Promise Keeper is committed to pursuing vital relationships with a few other men, understanding that he needs brothers to help him keep his promises.

“Yeah, easy for you to say,” one might think. But deep down, we know it’s true. No man can find true success or significance doing it all by himself. Yet that may be the American man’s most pressing need – just a few guys to sharpen him, to move him from mediocrity and compromise to excellence and courage. The bottom line fact is that an isolated follower of Jesus is extremely vulnerable to the temptations in today’s world and to the enemy’s schemes.

For years, countless small groups of men (3-5 guys) have been meeting regularly for prayer, encouragement and Bible study. Today, many of these groups continue to meet in coffee shops, churches, restaurants, homes and in their workplaces.

Numerous men’s groups produced accountability structures that prompted lifelong friendships, authentic relating, spiritual maturity and health. Other groups lived their life cycle and ended for a number of reasons: the group served its purpose and it was time to stop; the group lost its momentum; or some other factor caused the group to stop meeting.

Unfortunately, many other men experienced

something in their group that spawned a wave of a “been-there-done-that” attitude, implying “I’m not going there again.” In some cases, the chemistry of the group was wrong. In other groups, leanings towards various forms or legalistic accountability structures prompted shallowness, hiding, and inauthenticity. In more severe cases, things shared confidentially were leaked to others outside of the group, leaving a trail of betrayal and hurt.

AUTHENTICITY

A man needs brothers in Christ who know him authentically and who are committed to spur him on towards integrity and becoming all that God created him to be.

Not that all our associations are not valid. Honestly, the guy who surrounds himself with just “church” guys is probably not impacting the world with his faith at a very high level. Therefore, interaction with non-Christian men is essential. Part of our new life in Christ is about sharing the good news of Jesus with others who do not yet know the Savior.

But the men closest to you, the guys who are around you enough to see the good, the bad and the ugly, should be men who share your core commitments, to the Christian walk, to purity and integrity, to a strong family, to an active community of believers, to breaking down walls, and to spreading the Good News (see the Seven Promises).



Often, it’s that shared spiritual commitment, that common set of supreme values that allows men to build trust over time. And then, when you’re hurting, when you really need to get something off your chest, or (yikes) when you need to confess a fault (sin), it’s those men, worthy of your trust, with whom you can share the ugly truth.

Des Moines psychologist and author Gary Rosberg once told a Promise Keepers meeting, “Guys, we all need six men to carry us when we’re dead. Who’s going to carry us when we’re alive?”

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3. A Promise Keeper is committed to practicing spiritual, moral, ethical, and sexual purity.
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5. A Promise Keeper is committed to supporting the mission of his church by honoring and praying for his pastor and by actively giving his time and resources.
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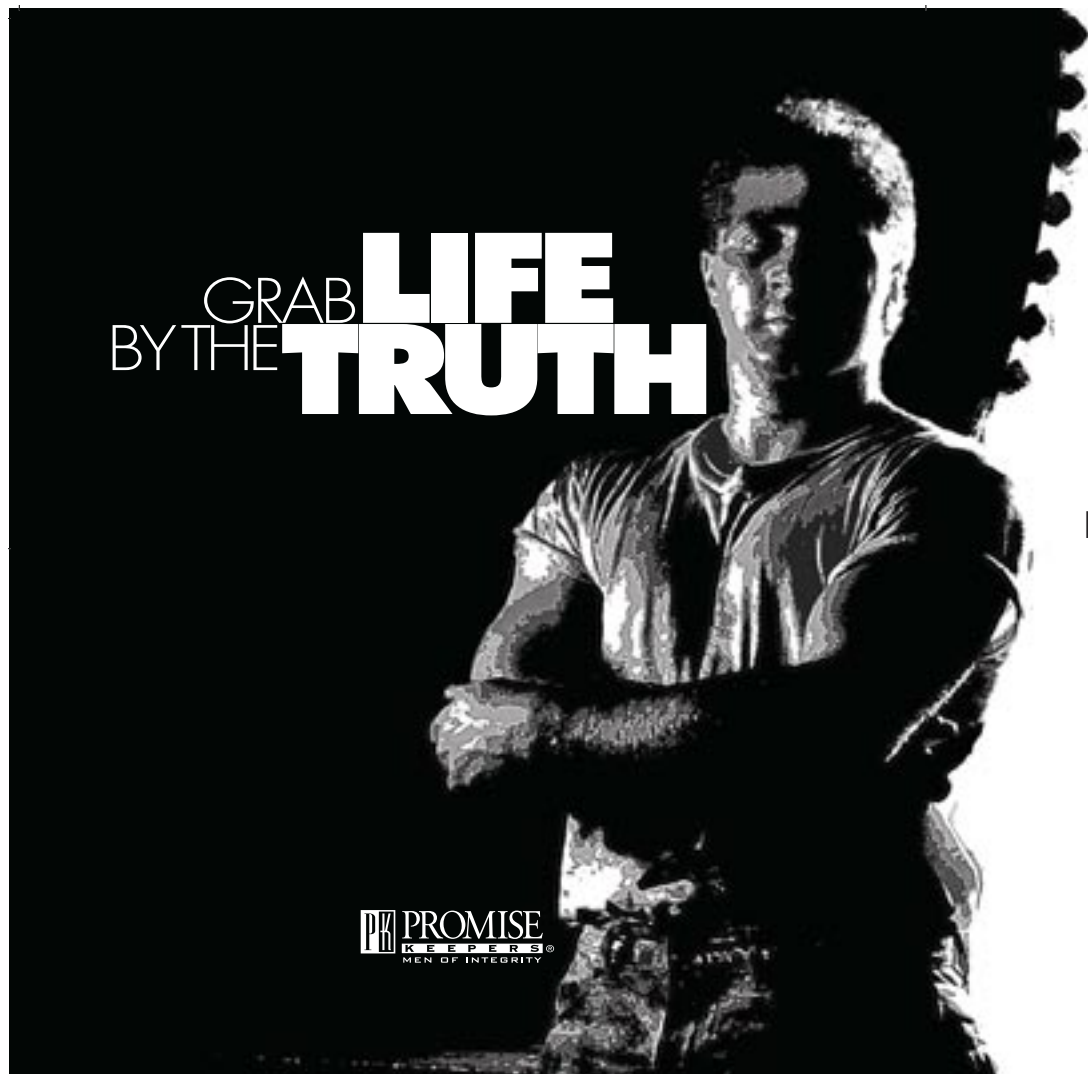
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Reducing Spirituality to Moral Benchmarks

Jim White

Without question, one of the principal stumbling blocks the world has when it comes to the Christian faith has to do with Christians themselves, and specifically the question of hypocrisy.

And rightfully so.

The word hypocrite is taken from an old Greek word that refers to the wearing of a mask. In ancient Greece, actors often wore masks according to the character they played. Their character's appearance on the stage was a façade, an "act." Hypocrites, then, are mask-wearers. They appear to be one thing, but it's all a front – behind the mask they are someone else.

The only way this will be addressed is if Christians themselves get a grip on what it means to follow Christ, and then convey that authentically to the world. What is behind many – not all, but many – charges and accusations against the character and integrity of Christians is the demand for perfection in the life of anyone who claims to be a Christian and urges others to consider Christianity as well. This is not, of course, the true meaning of a hypocrite, but even more to the point, it is not an accurate understanding of what it means to enter into the Christian life.

Yet the world holds us to it, because we hold ourselves – and others – to it. We fall prey to the charge of hypocrisy because we have reduced spirituality to a list of moral benchmarks coupled with a good dose of judgmentalism.

The only way to regain our footing is to remind ourselves – and others – that an authentic Christian

is simply someone who has made the decision to believe in Jesus as his forgiver and then attempt to follow him as his leader. But nowhere in this series of events is perfection or sinlessness. Rather, there is simply the intentional effort and sincere desire to recognize God as, well, God.

And then we must convey that to the world. Authentically, I am reminded of the words of the great nineteenth-century Russian novelist Leo Tolstoy, who wrote in a personal letter, *Attack me, I do this myself, but attack me rather than the path I follow and which I point out to anyone who asks me where I think it lies. If I know the way home and am walking along it drunkenly, is it any less the right way because I am staggering from side to side!*

Simply put, we must stop presenting ourselves as the message and begin presenting Jesus as the message. There will be disappointment with Christians as long as there are imperfect people. Since all Christians are imperfect, there will always be disappointment. So we must stop having the message of Christ tied to our butchered efforts.

From the book, unChristian edited by David Kinnaman and Gabe Lyons.

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"...unChristian could be a milestone on the way to a changed church." Christian Booksellers Association - Retailers & Resources, October 2007

"Every Christian should read this, and it will likely influence the church for years to come." Publishers Weekly, August 13, 2007

MORE EXCERPTS FROM THE BOOK

The main group studied in the book is "outsiders," those looking at the Christian faith from the outside. This group includes atheists, agnostics, those affiliated with a faith other than Christianity (such as Islam, Hinduism, Judaism, Mormonism, and so on), and other unchurched adults who are not born again Christians. (Pg 17)

... "Now, however, nearly two out of every five young outsiders (38 percent) claim to have a "bad impression of present-day Christianity." One-third of young outsiders said that Christianity represents a negative image with which they would not want to be associated. One out of every six young outsiders (17 percent) indicates that he or she maintains "very bad" perceptions of the Christian faith. This group is at least three times larger than it was just a decade ago. (Pg 24)

Among those who expressed an opinion about born-again Christians, negative opinions outnumbered positive perceptions by more than a three-to-one ratio (35 percent to 10 percent). (Pg 25)

Eighty-five percent of young outsiders conclude that present-day Christianity is hypocritical. Half of young churchgoers agreed that Christianity is hypocritical (47 percent). (Pg 42)

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Biblical Meditation

By: J. Hampton Keathley, III, Th.M.

Part Four in a series

The Art of Meditation

How to Profit From Biblical Meditation

Biblical meditation is the art of reflection, of pondering and going over a matter in one's mind. It is important that we recognize we cannot divorce meditation from all the processes by which we learn and apply the Word. It is intricately tied to Bible study in all its forms.

Concerning one of the chief Hebrew words used for meditation, *hagah*, Herbert Wolf says, "Perhaps the Scripture was read half out loud in the process of meditation."⁵

Biblical meditation involves the whole process of reading and observing a portion of Scripture in order to seek both its meaning and application. Though we generally think in terms of the final aspect in which one reflects on his observations and understanding of a particular text or concept of the Word, reading the text of Scripture reflectively is a part of the process of biblical meditation.

The point is this. We can't effectively reflect on and respond to a portion of the Word or a biblical truth without the whole process of careful Bible study. Just as meditating in a vacuum or to empty the mind as it is done in eastern religions is dangerous and may open the mind to demonic attack, so meditating on error drawn from a misunderstanding of a passage can lead to unhappy results.

There are three things that must go together in biblical meditation: reading, reflecting, and responding. The ultimate purpose of these three are

the three great purposes of Bible study:

- OBSERVATION—What does the text say?
- INTERPRETATION—What does the text mean?
- APPLICATION—How does the text apply to my life?

Reading

Careful reading for observation comes first. The word "read" or "reading" occurs 80 times in Scripture, 34 times in the New Testament. This involves the following:

(1) Read Reverently, ever mindful that you are reading the Word of God. The Bible is God breathed and each word and sentence has a purpose and function. This means reading deliberately, slowly, and alertly, not mechanically or legalistically.

(2) Read Repeatedly, going over and over the passage to observe more and more knowing that you do not exhaust the meaning of any verse even when it becomes familiar and you think you know it. There are always new observations to be seen or mined as a miner searches for silver or gold (Prov. 2:4).

(3) Read Creatively, visualizing yourself in the time, history, and situation of the passage as much as possible to experience a feel for what the author and the people of his day were experiencing. "Precisely because God chose to speak in the context of real human history, we may take courage that these same words will speak again and again in our own 'real' history, as they have throughout the history of the church."⁶

(4) Read With Study Tools In Hand, with paper and pen and Bible study helps at your finger tips to help you observe and answer

your questions. Howard Hendricks use to tell us in class something like, "A pencil, gentlemen, is the crow bar of the mind and understanding." You wouldn't go mining for silver or gold without tools would you? Of course not. So we need to use tools like a CONCORDANCE, COMMENTARIES, BIBLE DICTIONARY, ATLAS, and WORD STUDY HELPS like Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words, Revel, or New Testament Words, by William Barclay,

SCM Press, or A Treasury of New Testament Synonyms, by Stewart Custer, Bob Jones University Press.

(5) Read to Understand, purposely, to make observations of the text that will help you understand its meaning. This means asking questions like our six important friends in Bible study, who, what, when, where, why, and how.

Of course, such reading requires constant reflection and pondering over the text you are reading. This brings us to our next point

in the process of meditation, reflection.

⁵Herbert Wolf, Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament, Vol. 1, Zondervan, Grand Rapids, p. 205.

⁶Gordon D. Fee and Douglas Stuart, How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth, Zondervan, Grand Rapids, 1993, p. 20.

End of part four...continuing with "Reflection" in the August issue of "The Bridge."

The Institute in Basic Life Principles Giving the World a "New" Approach to Life

Most of the conflicts and pressures we experience are only symptoms of deeper issues that must be addressed. By understanding how to trace problems to root causes, you can enjoy lasting solutions to these problems.



We read in Proverbs 5:7 that we are to "get wisdom" and "get understanding." Wisdom is seeing life from God's point of view and understanding is learning to respond to life's situations from God's perspective. Since our natural inclinations are directly contrary to God's principles, it is essential that we rearrange our thoughts and decisions within His frame of reference.

The goal of the Basic Seminar is to help you learn to see life from God's perspective. It is based on seven universal, non-optional principles of life. It illustrates exactly how the conflicts we face in our lives can be traced back to violations of these principles; then it gives practical steps on how to resolve the conflicts.

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Dallas [m,s]	Jul 16-19, 2008	214-421-0001
Houston [s]	Jul 17-19, 2008	281-481-9296
Deer Park	Sep 15-20, 2008	281-479-0558

Advanced Seminars

Dallas	Jul 16-19, 2008	214-421-0001
Houston	Jul 17-19, 2008	281-481-9296

Anger Resolution Seminars

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Airline Baptist Church Sunday services: 8 & 10:45 AM & 6 PM. Wed. at 6 PM	4007 Airline Dr. - Bossier		Haynes Ave Baptist Church Sunday 10:30 and 6 pm Wed 6 pm	610 Haynes - Shreveport	865-2307
Airline Dr. Church of Christ Sunday Services: 10:10a & 6p Sunday	2125 Airline Drive—Bossier School 9a Wed at 7 pm	746-2645	Heritage Baptist Church Highland Center	2801 Creswell Shreveport 520 Olive St—Shreveport	222-0868 221-5402
Ark of the Covenant Christian Church Sunday Service: 10:30 am	928 Wishpering Lake Rd. - S'port	675-1076	Hosanna Family Worship Center House of Purpose Full Gospel	7420 St. Vincent - Shreveport 805 Eatman—Bossier	549-0303 746-7683
Barksdale Baptist Church Sunday Services: 10:45 am & 6 pm Wed. 6:30 pm	1714 Jimmy Davis Highway—Bossier	742-1641	Immanuel Lutheran Church Jewell St. Missionary Baptist	2565 Airline Dr.—Bossier 2440 Darien St. Shreveport	424-4655
Barksdale United Methodist Church Sunday Service: Sunday School 9:30 am, Worship 11 am	1465 Patricia Dr. - Bossier	746-4987	Linwood Baptist Church Love Chapel United Methodist Church	1622 Midway - Shreveport 4600 Hwy 80—Haughton	631-4467 949-0430
Believer's Worship Center Bellaire Baptist Church	6068 Hwy 3—Benton 1210 Bellaire Blvd.—Bossier	965-2750 746-3914	Mangum United Methodist Church Mount Olive Baptist Church of S'port	3939 Pines Rd.—Shreveport 740 Turner Lane—Shreveport	636-7376 861-2249
Benton First Baptist Church Benton United Methodist Church	201 Bellevue—Benton 4615 Palmetto Rd.—Benton	965-2351 965-2273	New Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church Sun Service 10:45, SS 9 am, Wed 7 pm	2332 Jewella - Shreveport	631-8070
Bethel Assembly of God Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30a and 6:30p Wed Supper 5:15 - 6:15 Service 6:30	5801 Bert Kouns Loop—Shreveport	687-4200	New Life Center New Creation Family Church	4445 Meriwether Rd.—Shreveport 8410 Kingston Rd. - Shreveport	686-8484 671-9463
Broadmoor Assembly of God Sunday Services: 9 and 10:15 am Wed Meal 5:45, Services 7 pm	8925 Youree Dr.—Shreveport	797-6337	New Vision Church of God Noel United Methodist Church	4200 Shed Rd—Bossier 520 Herndon St—Shreveport	742-8547 221-5207
Broadmoor Baptist Church Broadmoor Christian Church	4110 Youree Dr.—Shreveport 6005 Youree Dr.—Shreveport	868-6552 865-9431	North Highlands United Methodist Church Sunday Service: 10:50 am	835 Poleman—Shreveport	221-4716
Broadmoor Methodist Church Sunday Services: 8:30 am, 11 am Traditional, 11 am "The River" Wed 5 pm	3715 Youree Dr.—Shreveport	861-0586	North Keithville Baptist Church Sunday Services 9:00 and 10:45am 6:00 pm - Wed. 6pm - Thurs. Bible Study 6pm	3484 Keithville-Kingston Rd. -Keithville	925-1122
Calvary Baptist Church Sunday Services at 8:30 and 10:40 am, 6:30 pm	9333 Linwood Ave.—Shreveport	687-4920	North Shreve Baptist Church North Star Baptist Church	4930 Old Mooringsport Rd 5304 Jewella - Shreveport	425-2350 631-1154
Central Assembly of God Central Baptist Church	2101 Hwy 80—Haughton 2225 Airline Dr.—Bossier	949-0010 742-6153	Northview Assembly of God Northwood Baptist Church	3627 N. Market St.—Shreveport 5924 N. Market St.—Blanchard	424-7580 929-3592
Christ Fellowship Worship Services Sat 6 pm, Home Bible Studies Tues 6:30 Wed. 7:30	821 Shed Road - Bossier City		Oakmont Church of God Open Door Bible Church	5925 W 70th St—Shreveport 950 Swan Lake Road - Bossier City	687-5243 746-3417
Christ Center Church Sunday Classes 9:00 am Worship 10:30 am Bible Study Thursday 7 pm	6808 Jefferson Paige Rd - Shreveport	525-9033	Our Savior Lutheran Church Saturday Service 5:30 pm Sunday Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30	2010 Bert Kouns - Shreveport	686-2921
Christsource Ministries Sunday Worship 10:30 am, Soaking Friday 7pm	1007 Gould Drive, Bldg. #6, Suite #4 - Bossier	747-3625	Overcoming Faith Church Parkview Baptist Church	5140 Benton Rd—Bossier 3206 Samford, Shreveport	747-1700 221-1825
Christian Center of Shreveport Christview Christian Church	207 Idema—Shreveport 5503 Airline Dr.—Bossier	688-9250 746-1531	Pinecroft Baptist Church Pleasant Hill Baptist Church	8002 Jewella Av—Shreveport 4670 Lakeshore Dr.	686-5200 636-6000
Church at Red River Sunday Service 10 am at LSUS, Wed 6:30 at church office	8856 Youree Dr. (Suite D) (office)	213-3600	Present-Day Ministry of Jesus Christ Sunday service 11:30 am Bible Study 7:30pm 1st, 2nd, 3rd Wed. and 4th Thurs.	5000 Greenwood Rd. -Shreveport	635-3177
Church of Christ/North Sunday - Classes - 9:30a Assembly/Praise - 10:30a Evening 6:00p Wed 6:30p	3401 N. Market St. - Shreveport	226-1305	Project Love Church Sunday Enrichment Hour 8:30 am, Sunday Morning Worship & Word -10:15 am	6035 Fairfield Ave. - Shreveport	219-2989
Church of the Nazarene Church on the Rock	251 N. Main St. - Blanchard 5035 North Market - Shreveport	227-2902	Redeemer Lutheran Church Restoration Church of Bossier City	1106 Shreveport-Barksdale—S'port 4501 Shed Rd.—Bossier	868-5778 746-1793
City Church Sunday Service: 10 am	176 Scopena Circle - Bossier	742-2297	Revival Tabernacle Foursquare Gospel Church Rose Park Baptist Church	900 Regenia St.—Bossier 5560 Buncombe Rd—Shreveport	746-5022 687-8272
Crossroads Assembly of God Cypress Baptist Church	356 Warriner - Blanchard 4701 Palmetto Rd.—Benton	965-2296	Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church Weekend Mass times: Saturday 4:30 pm Sunday 9:00 am & 11:15 am	4736 Lyba St. -- Shreveport	635-2121
Eastwood Baptist Church Ellerbe Road Baptist Church	2810 Hwy 80—Haughton 10705 Ellerbe Rd.—Shreveport	949-9433 798-1988	Saint George's Episcopal Church Saint Luke's Methodist Church	1959 Airline Dr.—Bossier 6012 Youree Dr—Shreveport	746-2571 868-3613
Elizabeth Baptist Church Elm Grove Baptist Church	301 Old Bellevue Rd.—Benton 8180 Barksdale Blvd. - Bossier City	965-2592 747-0089	Saint Paul's Episcopal Church Sunday Services: 8 & 10:30 am Wed. 10 am & 6 pm 1st Sat—Contemp Worship	275 Southfield Rd.—Shreveport	865-8469
Emmanuel Baptist Church Faith Tabernacle	5850 Buncombe Rd.—Shreveport 4901 Pine Hill Road- Shreveport	686-7548 227-2204	St. Paul Lutheran Church M S Savior's House of Prayer	4175 Lakeshore Dr. - Shreveport 401 Hamilton - Bossier	636-2310 752-3711
Faith Temple Assembly of God Faith United Methodist Church	4350 Panther Dr.—Bossier 6806 Southern Ave. - Shreveport	747-2452 865-8840	Shiloh Baptist Church Sunday Services: 11:00, SS - 9:30 Wed. and Thurs. - 6 pm	421 Webster, Shreveport	635-8543
Family Worship Center Fellowship Tabernacle Church	4204 Airline Dr.—Bossier 4709 Palmetto Rd. - Benton	742-9565 965-9324	Showers of Blessing Ministries Sunday Services: 9:30am, 11:00am, and 7:00pm. Thursday 7:00pm	6500 Fairfield Ave - Shreveport	861-2472
Fellowship United Methodist Church Fillmore Baptist Church	4750 Barksdale Blvd—Bossier 6304 Hwy. 80 - Fillmore	746-4422 949-3220	Shreve City Baptist Church Shreveport Bible Church	2810 Knight St—Shreveport 4761 Bert Kouns Shreveport	865-5661 686-5530
First Baptist Church Sunday Service: 10:30 am/ 6 pm, Wed at 6:30 pm	201 Attaway St.—Blanchard	929-2346	Shreveport Community Church South Bossier Baptist Church	5720 Buncombe Rd.—Shreveport 5511 Sligo Rd. -- Bossier	671-7100 741-5651
First Baptist Church First Baptist Church	105 E. Washington Ave—Haughton 2810 E Texas St.—Bossier	949-2441 752-6100	Stonewall Baptist Church Summer Grove Baptist Church	807 Eatman—Bossier South Park Mall—Shreveport	742-0807 686-1470
First Christian Church First Church of God	2205 Shed Road --Bossier 4601 Airline—Bossier	746-3382 747-2211	Summer Grove United Methodist Church Traditional Service: 9:00a, SS 10:00a, Contemporary 11:00a Youth Prog. 4:00p	9119 Dean Rd. —Shreveport	686-2514
First Lutheran Shreveport First United Methodist Church	2115 Line Ave.—Shreveport Head of Texas St.—Shreveport	221-9795 424-7771	The Rock Family Center Sunday Worship 10:30 am, Wed 7 pm (South Caddo/Hamilton Branch Library)		518-8603
First United Methodist Church First United Pentecostal Church	201 John Wesley Blvd—Bossier 2833 Viking Dr.—Bossier	742-3823 742-9539	Trinity Heights Baptist Church Trinity Presbyterian Church	3820 Old Mooringsport Rd. -S'port 1944 Airline Dr.—Bossier	221-2695 746-2951
First Wesleyan Church Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 Sunday school 9:30 am	3200 Schuler Drive - Bossier City		United House of Prayer Tues. 7 pm, Fri. 7pm, Sun. 10am	2888 Lakeview Rd - Shreveport	424-9555
Ford Park Baptist Church Galilee Baptist Church	5755 Yarbrough Rd—Shreveport 339 Jones Road - Haughton	631-1177 949-0955	Victory Life Center Vineyard Church	3012 Shed Road—Bossier 613 Ashbourne Dr - Shreveport	746-4750 868-4991
Galilee Baptist Church Glad Tidings Assembly of God	1500 Pierre Ave.—Shreveport 957 Kingston Rd.—Shreveport	221-2629 688-3940			
Grace Presbyterian Church Greenacres Baptist Church	2910 Meriwether Rd. - Shreveport 4802 Benton Rd.—Bossier	687-6783 746-2291			
Greenwood Acres Full Gospel Baptist Church Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 6:00 pm Wed. 7:00 pm	7480 Greenwood Rd—Shreveport	938-1885			
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Bill's Cleaners Laundry Shoe Repair	3566 Greenwood Rd - Shreveport
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Chick-Fil-A	7010 Youree-Shreveport
Christian Life Tapes and Books	8026 Jewella Ave -Shreveport
Courtesy Golf Cars	1520 W. Dazell - Shreveport
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Cross Lake Citgo	5785 South Lakeshore in Shreveport
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Glass Services	2100 E Texas St - Bossier
Glenview Garden Retirement	4828 Medical Dr - Bossier
Golf Etc	2142 Airline Dr. #500 - Bossier
Healing Heart Counseling Center	820 Jordan Street, Suite 401 S'port
Heavenly Ham	5739 Youree Drive Shreveport
IM Financial	1945 E. 70th St., Suite E - Shreveport
Innovative Therapies LLC	7330 Fern - Shreveport
John Milkovich, Attorney	656 Jordan - Shreveport
Just Friends Hair Salon	5809 East Kings Highway - Shreveport
Kilmer Real Estate	1340 Airline Dr. - Bossier City
Kitchens, Benton, Kitchens, & Black	2120 Airline Dr - Bossier
Lifeway Christian Store	7050 Youree-Shreveport
Line Avenue Pharmacy	1822 Line Av - Shreveport
Live Oak Retirement Community	600 E Flournoy Lucas Rd - Shreveport
Lookers Hair Design	2118 Airline Dr - Bossier
LSUS Studen Union	LSUS Campus - Shreveport
Merrill Gardens	2540 Beene Blvd. - Bossier
Mills Turansky & Associates Atty	331 Milam - Shreveport
SCDAA / NW LA Chapter	3658 Judson St. - Shreveport
Nicholls, Tim M.D.	2551 Greenwood Rd - Shreveport
Northwest LA Baptist Association	5875 W. 70th - Shreveport
Packages Plus	6360 Youree Dr. - Shreveport
Pines Super Center	6259 Westport Shreveport
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Soap Opera	835 Benton Rd - Bossier
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Divine Appointments TGIF Today God Is First

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"Os is now taking over this division. He will be managing all of these activities from now on. You should know that he has a different management philosophy than what you may have experienced before. He has a biblical management philosophy. Os, would you like to explain what they could expect from you in this regard?"

These were the words spoken to me by a non-Christian CEO recently when he decided to increase my responsibilities in the company. We had never spoken of spiritual issues before.

Each business day, you and I will have the opportunity to stand before presidents, marketing directors, secretaries or other coworkers to create a defining moment. When that happens, there is a good chance you will be thought of as someone to avoid. You might be considered "religious" or "fanatical." If so, consider this a great compliment because it says you are standing apart from the crowd.

"Be on your guard against men; they will hand you over to the local councils and flog you in their synagogues. On My account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you" (Matthew 10:17-20).

You may never be flogged for your faith. However, you may very well be brought before others to give account for what you believe. It may be at a water cooler, or it could be during lunch with a coworker. In whatever situation you find yourself, the Holy Spirit awaits the opportunity to speak through your life to that person who needs to hear. Ask the Lord whom He wants to speak to today through your life.

Marketplace Leaders exists to help men and women discover and fulfill God's unique and complete purposes through their workplace calling. Visit www.marketplaceleaders.org.

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Sunday Services: 10:45 am 6:30 pm	Sunday School at 9:30 am	
Westlake Baptist Church	8379 N. Lakeshore -- Shreveport	
Western Hills Baptist Church	4153 Pines Rd.—Shreveport	636-2408
Westview Christian Church	7188 Greenwood Rd—Shreveport	635-0356
Willow Point Baptist Church	5500 S. Lakeshore Dr.—Shreveport	631-8500
Sunday Services: 10:45 am, 5 pm	Wed 6:15	
Woodridge Baptist Church	850 E. Bert Kouns—Shreveport	861-3519
Word of Life Center	4425 Meriwether Rd.—Shreveport	688-4411
Sunday Services: 9:00 am 10:30 am, Wed 7 pm, Sat 6:30		

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Church and Community Calendar

"Wild, Wonderful, Wet Wednesdays"

continuing through July from 7 to 8 p.m.

Bossier City First Church of God.

4601 Airline Dr.

Bring a change of clothes and towel.

Bible study for adults while the children get wet!

FMI 747-2211

July 7-11

Vacation Bible School "Outrigger Island"

Preschool 4yrs - 5th grade
Airline Baptist Church
4007 Airline Drive
Bossier City, LA 71111
(318) 746-3495

July 15

Introduction to Homeschooling FMI See page 6

July 18-19

Summer Breezes Singles Conference

Summer Grove Baptist Shreveport
Workshops on starting and growing single groups, relationships
Also addressing single mom and dad issues
Seminars for single ministry leaders, and singles of all ages
Great music by local band- EMERGE
Great door prizes / Free Childcare available
20.00 covers all meals and workshops
Separate tickets for "33 Miles" performing on July 17th. Tickets 10.00

Register by July 11
FMI pick up a flyer at the church or email summergrove@aol.com or call 751-3005

July 19

JLP Ministry Conference

Prophetess Jacqueline Price of Dallas, TX
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Holiday Inn, 5555 Financial Plaza, Shreveport
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EVENT IS FREE, NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.
FMI (972) 223-1088 or email jlpministry@att.net

July 19 - 20th

Jean, David & Geniva Bently

Restoration Church
4501 Shed Rd, Bossier
10:30 am. Sunday
Men's & women's meetings tentatively set for 10:00 am Saturday
FMI Call 318-746-1793

July 23 - 25

10th Annual Conference

presented by Dr. Ruby Pedescleaux & All Believers Christian Assembly
Workshop for entrepreneurs, ministries, spiritual leaders and family enrichment.
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Showers of Blessing Ministries
6500 Fairfield, Shreveport
FMI 318-861-2472

July 26

Toward a Growing Marriage

Dr. Gary Chapman
Bossier City, LA
For more info call:
800-254-2022

July 26-27

Health Fair

Christ Center Church
6808 Jefferson Paige Road
Shreveport
5k Run/Walk 8 am
Nutrition Classes 9-11am
Health/Nutrition Classes on Sunday, 9 am
FMI: www.christcenterchurch.org
(318) 525-9033

August 3

Marvin Sapp in Concert

Christ Center Church
6808 Jefferson Paige Road
Shreveport - 7 pm.
FMI: 525-9033
www.christcenterchurch.org

August 15-16

PromiseKeepers

Dallas. See page 9 for details.

September 26-27

Going Beyond: A Revival for Women

Priscilla Shirer
Vicki Yoh'e
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October 10

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"The Best of Times"

The Bossier Council on Aging and the Caddo Council on Aging are requesting donations of fans for Bossier Parish and Caddo Parish senior citizens. Between 300-500 fans are needed each year to fulfill the request of those seniors who have no air conditioning or cannot use it because of the costs involved.

Please help us assist Bossier Parish and Caddo Parish senior citizens living in the heat to keep cool. Donate fans or donate cash for fans to the Bossier Council on Aging, located 706 Bearkat Drive, Bossier City, LA. 71111, or call them at 318-741-8302 or the Caddo Council on Aging, located at 4105 Greenwood Road, Shreveport, LA 71109 or call them at 318-632-2090.

Noel UMC Upcoming Calendar Events

For more information about any of the following activities at Noel United Methodist Church or to register you can call 221-5207 or go online to www.noelumc.org. NUMC is located at 520 Herndon in Shreveport

July 7-11

VBS

Beach Party-Surfin' Through the Scriptures
9:00-12:00 Ages 3-completed 5th grade

July 21

Seniors' Event

"80's Plus Birthday Celebration"
10:30 a.m Lunch \$3.00
Register by preceding Monday

July 21-25

Upward Sports Camp
Basketball or Cheerleading
9:00-Noon K-5th grade.
\$50.00 per camp, \$60.00 after July 13

July 21

Musical Group, "LIGHT" from California Baptist University's Collinsworth School of Music
Performing at 7:00 p.m

July 25-26

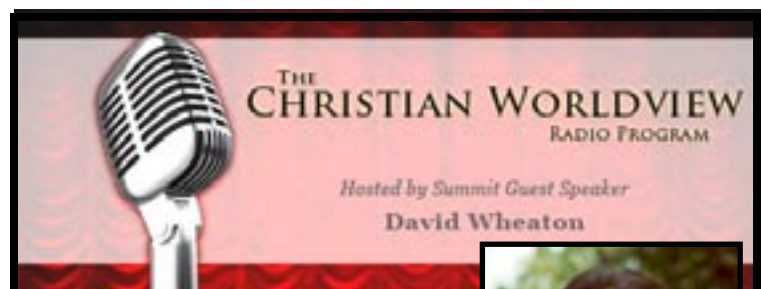
Women's Event

"Storybook of Love" lead by Jennie Afman Dimkoff
Fun fellowship Fri. 6-9 p.m. / Sat. 9:00 a.m.-1:00 \$15.00.
Register for childcare


Singles Ministry at Summer Grove Baptist S'port

- July 6th Picnic in Stonewall following church
- July 11: Bible Study, Entrance 3, Summer Grove Baptist, 6:30
- July 17: 33 Miles in Concert 7:00. Tickets on sale for 10.00
- July 18-19: Summer Breezes Singles Conference
- July 25: Game Night at SGBC 6:30.

FMI call 686-1470 or 751-3005



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The BRIDGES Small Group Study

BRIDGES is helping Christians connect with Muslims. This 6-session DVD Small Group Study provides biblical teaching about Islam and what Muslims believe, opening the door for better understanding between the religions.

Since 9/11, the image of Muslims evokes fear and mistrust in Americans. Yet, Jesus teaches compassion and challenges his followers to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

- Overcome fear and begin to see Muslims the way Jesus sees them
- Understand similarities between Christianity and Islam that can build bridges to the Gospel



Why BRIDGES?

With nearly 7 million Muslims calling North America home, it is critical that Christians respond to Muslims with compassion. Crescent Project produced BRIDGES to help awaken the Church to make a difference in the lives of Muslims. After 15 years of connecting Christians with Muslims through practical, biblical teaching, we have introduced this time-honored material in a small group study format, making it accessible to you and your community.

Are you suffering from the effects of a past abortion?

Help is available.

HealMyChoice.com is a good place to start your journey toward healing. Contact the Ark-La-Tex Crisis Pregnancy Center in confidence through the webpage or by calling us at 861-4600.



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Program Guide

Monday—Friday

In the morning...

- 6:00 Renewing Your Mind - R.C. Sproul
- 6:30 Back to the Bible - Woodrow Kroll
- 6:55 Mission Network News
- 7:00 Focus on the Family - James Dobson
- 7:30 In Touch- Charles Stanley
- 8:00 Grace to You - John MacArthur
- 8:30 Love Worth Finding- Adrian Rogers
- 9:00 Just Thinking - Ravi Zacharias
- 9:15 Key Life - Steve Brown
- 9:30 Family Life Today - Dennis Rainey
- 10:00 Desiring God - John Piper
- 10:30 Revive Our Hearts - Nancy Lee DeMoss
- 11:00 For Faith and Family - Richard Land
- 11:30 MoneyLife - Chuck Bentley
- 11:55 Mission Network News

In the afternoon...

- 12:00 Insight for Living- Charles Swindoll
- 12:30 Turning Point - David Jeremiah
- 1:00 Point of View
- 2:00 Dave Ramsey Show
- 4:00 Just Thinking - Ravi Zacharias
- 4:15 SB Rescue Mission - Jim Brackman
- 4:30 Focus on the Family - James Dobson
- 5:00 Urban Alternative - Tony Evans
- 5:30 Renewing Your Mind - Sproul
- 6:00 Grace to You - MacArthur
- 6:30 Family Life Today-Rainey
- 7:00 Revive our Hearts - DeMoss
- 7:30 In Touch - Charles Stanley
- 8:00 Back to the Bible - W. Kroll
- 8:30 Sign Off

Saturday

In the morning...

- 6:00 The Car Show
- 8:00 Christian Worldview - David Wheaton -- NEW SHOW!
- 9:00 On The House
- 10:00 Point of View

In the afternoon...

- 12:00 Back to the Bible - Woodrow Kroll
- 12:30 Sports Spectrum
- 1:30 Washington Watch Weekly Radio Show
- 2:00 Jonathan Park
- 2:30 Ranger Bill
- 3:00 Adventures in Odyssey
- 3:30 Road to Reality - Gospel for Asia
- 4:00 Let my People Think - R. Zacharias
- 4:30 The Dave Ramsey Show
- 7:30 Adventures in Odyssey
- 8:00 Road to Reality
- 8:30 Sign Off

Sunday

In the morning...

- 6:00 Grace to You - John MacArthur
- 6:30 BreakPoint: This Week - Chuck Colson
- 7:00 Love Worth Finding - A. Rogers
- 7:30 Family Life - Dennis Rainey
- 8:00 Let my People Think- Ravi Zacharias
- 8:30 In Touch - Charles Stanley
- 9:00 Focus on the Family Weekend
- 10:00 The First Word—First Baptist Bossier
- 11:00 Turning Point Weekend
- 11:30 Way of the Master

In the afternoon...

- 1:30 Unshackled
- 2:00 Ranger Bill
- 2:30 Adventures in Odyssey
- 3:00 Focus on the Family - J. Dobson
- 4:00 Road to Reality - Gospel for Asia
- 4:30 Hour of Decision - Billy Graham
- 5:00 In Touch - Charles Stanley
- 5:30 Grace to You - McArthur
- 6:00 Love Worth Finding - A. Rogers
- 6:30 Breakpoint - Colson
- 7:00 Family Life Today - Rainey
- 7:30 Let My People Think - Zacharias
- 8:00 The First Word
- 8:30 Sign Off

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Weekday PM Streaming Schedule

- 8:30 Desiring God - John Piper
- 9:00 Focus on the Family
- 9:30 Love Worth Finding
- 10:00 Key Life
- 10:15 Just thinking
- 10:30 Turning Point
- 11:00 Just Thinking
- 11:15 SB Rescue Mission
- 11:30 Urban Alternative
- 12:00 Sign Off

Saturday PM Streaming Schedule

- 8:30 SportsSpectrum
- 9:30 Let My People Think
- 10:00 Point of View
- 12:00 Sign Off

Sunday PM Streaming

- 8:30 The First Word - Cont'd
- 9:00 The Way of the Master
- 11:00 Adventures in Odyssey
- 11:30 Unshackled
- 12:00 Sign Off