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By Pastor David Dena

My brother went to Japan a couple of years ago, he spent about three months there. He was able to travel around and see a lot of the country. He noticed in many of the regions he went to, no one locked their doors, people just left their bikes and belongings out and no one took them, no one broke into peoples' homes.

Contrast that to most of our cities in the United States, some places you go have bars over the doors and windows. Recently there was a short video on YouTube where a guy had a PlayStation 5 Box, it really didn't have a PlayStation in it. He wanted to see what would happen if he walked down the street carrying the

box. Every single time, he was robbed of the box.

When you go to the gas station, there is a sign that says to cover your pin, when you go online, you have to have security on your computer. Why, because there's always someone trying to steal your information. Trying to steal your identity. Many reading this have been affected by stolen identity or fraud in some form or fashion.

Whenever there's a major tragedy, such as the fires in Los Angeles, there are always people immediately setting up scams trying to take money from those who want to help. There are looters that go into the neighborhoods and try to steal everything.

I know in Japan there's crime and places you have to lock things up and I know in the United States there are places you can leave your door unlocked. There's good and evil all around, but sometimes evil seems to be more rampant in certain areas. You turn on the news and it's all about division, hate, murder and unthinkable crimes. Evil seems to be everywhere, the question is "Why?"

We dream of a Utopian world, the perfect world. An ideally perfect place, especially in its social, political, and moral aspects. Some say, as soon as you find a perfect place and put man there, it now becomes imperfect. Though humanity is imperfect and there's a lot of evil, we can't forget, we can't overlook the good.

With so much darkness, sometimes we wonder if there is any hope left in humanity? We question whether there is any good left in this world? When you think of the word "good", you might think of the thrift store "Goodwill" and rightly so, it's more than just a thrift store. Goodwill was founded in 1902 in Boston by Rev. Edgar J. Helms, a

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## Why Work?

By Paula McBride

Are you part of the labor force? If so, the day of your recognition may have snuck up on you since Labor Day was so early this year. I hope you had a wonderful time of rest and relaxation, yet the work week came around again, and you sang, "I owe, I owe, so off to work I go!"

Is that the reason you work? Do you need to pay down your mortgage, or pay off student loans? Did the credit card debt pile up or the cost of living get out of hand?

It's depressing to work because we have to, so let's examine our thinking and see if it lines up with God's design for work. He sure said a lot about it in the Bible, starting with the very beginning of mankind.

The first chapters of Genesis show us that human work reflects God's image. God's work was to create. The first humans, created in God's image, were then commissioned to care for the good things God had made. It's amazing to think that we can bear the image of God in our workplaces and find joy in doing what we were created to do.

As we work, we are actually respecting God's command to work. He doesn't need us, but He wants us to labor with



Him. Jesus said, "Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field" (Matthew 9:38). Whatever and wherever our workplace is, we are in the field where the harvest is plentiful.

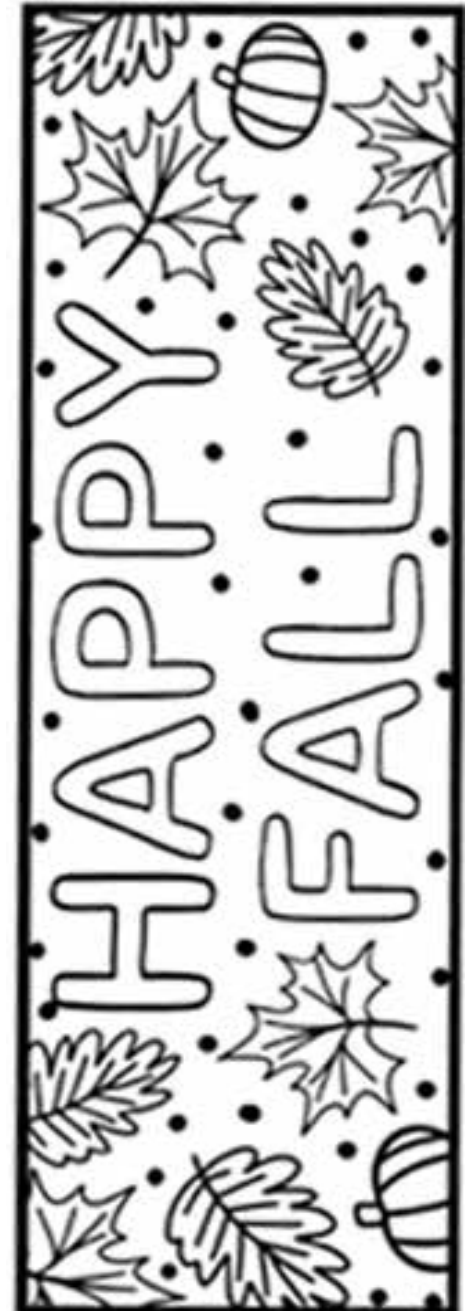
In addition, human work reveals God's love. It's for our good, even when it is not pleasant. Work has rewards such as character development, growth in skills, capacity, and ingenuity. It's not the paycheck; it's God loving us so much that He uses work to mold us more fully into His image.

Most importantly, human work is our witness. The employee can follow through with the boss' instructions and show respect. Ephesians 3:22 says, "Don't (work) just to please them when they are watching you. Obey them with

an honest heart. Do it out of respect for the Lord." The employers should be fair and just in dealing with those who work for them. Colossians 4:1 says, "Masters, give your (workers) what is right and fair. Do it because you know that you also have a Master in heaven."

How we do our work is our witness of the God to whom we belong. For students, your work is your study. Retirees, you work by choice and should have an extra spring in your step. Bedridden saint, your labor is not in vain. Your work is to pray. And for everyone who is able, our work at home is our household chores. Work isn't just what we get paid to do.

Why do we work? It's what we do to add value to people and possessions God entrusts to us. What a privilege!



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## More Fun?

By Christy Boals

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My family recently had a week off from our normal work. We had intended to go camping, but there were no campgrounds available and the weather was calling for rain mid-week. I decided to come up with a list of family activities and try to do one or two a day. I couldn't tell my kids what the activities were ahead of time or when we might be doing them, because my kids are those set-in-stone type of people that can't deviate from a plan, (don't know where they get that!) My idea worked fairly well, the children enjoyed the surprise of ice cream on Monday and s'mores later that evening. The thing I observed as the week went on though, was that it was hard to convince them to stop one fun activity so we could do a different one.

We tried to explain it to them: my oldest told a younger sibling that it is like being at Disneyland and the next day not being able to be at Disneyland again because you get to go to Lego Land. It started me thinking about God and all the things He has in store for us. I knew all the fun things I had planned for my kids, but I couldn't tell them, I just needed them to trust that I had their best interests at heart.



I know we are familiar with Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." These words are so true! God has so much planned for me, and like my kids, there are times I can't let go of what I see in front of me right now in order for Him to give me something even better.

Later, when I look back at a surprise God has given me, I can imagine Him being excited, having a hard time waiting until the time was right for me to have it. He delights in giving us good gifts, fun times even, just as I love to surprise my children and see the looks of delight on their faces, I just have to trust in his timing.

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. James 1:17

## Trusting an Unchanging God

Devotion by Pastor Marci Dena

Everyday we go through something new. Sometimes it is oh so good and other times it's the worst day ever. We don't know what may happen next and this can be heavy for us to bear, we become overwhelmed. We can become anxious and worried that causes us to make decisions according to what we see and control. We walk on eggshells and have a dreary feeling. This is because we rely on our own understanding. We have a hard time seeing beyond the circumstances, so we try to change them in our own strength and understanding. But the Bible tells us that we ought to "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your understanding." Proverbs 3:5. God knows that our understanding can't even come close to his understanding and his ways. He is the God of the universe and he cares for each us individually. He has a better plan than what we couldn't ever come up with. That is why he wants us to trust him and see what He can do.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God," Philippians 4:6. This scripture shows a complete surrender to God, a heart that completely trusts God for all things. Many times



we feel anxious and want to stop that feeling, so we do something to relieve that anxiousness, but God says to come to Him. He wants to hear from us, laying all our burdens, wants, and needs to him. He said, "Let your requests be made known." He wants to know everything that we are thinking and feeling. He wants us to be thankful. God knows that when we reflect on what is good in our lives and display gratefulness, our perspective changes. The anxiousness begins to wear off our minds and hearts when we have a thankful heart.

As we surrender to God and allow him to take over, we begin to see changes in how we respond to circumstances that we may not understand or care to go through. Making God first, causes us to make decisions that please him and lifts him up. And then we see the hand of God move in ways that we can't even understand. He takes care of things in our lives that we

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**GRIEF SHARE** - Mondays at 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
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**"Ongoing Events"  
Continued....Keep Reading.**



# CALENDAR

## • Prayer List for September 2025 •

- 1-Sep **Labor Day** - Pray for the Unemployed and Underemployed
- 2-Sep **Life** - Pray that abortion clinics would be shut down that people would choose life for their babies
- 3-Sep **Discipleship** - Pray that believers would seek to follow Jesus and become more like HIM every day!
- 4-Sep **Pray for the Widows, Grieving Parents and families** who are moving forward without loved ones. Pray they find peace and hope
- 5-Sep **Christian Businesses** - Pray they thrive in this struggling economy.
- 6-Sep **Addicted** - Pray for those under the control of substances that they would surrender to the Lord and pursue and receive the treatment needed
- 7-Sep **Health Care Workers** - Pray for physical protection and endurance
- 8-Sep **Veterans** - Pray for all those who served our country and their families to get the assistance they need
- 9-Sep **The Persecuted Church around the world.** Pray that believers would stand strong in the midst of brutal persecution
- 10-Sep **California** - pray for our Godly representatives (including James Gallagher and Doug LaMalfa) to fight against liberal and harmful state policies
- 11-Sep **First Responders**- Pray for Police, Firefighters, Paramedics, TIP, etc
- 12-Sep **Pray that children of fatherless or motherless homes** as well as those in foster care would feel loved and protected by adults as well as the Lord
- 13-Sep **Global Revival** - Pray that our global chaos would lead multitudes to repent and follow the Lord!
- 14-Sep **Human Trafficking**- Pray for the freedom, healing and restoration of survivors and for traffickers to repent
- 15-Sep **Pray for your neighbor** - for opportunities to serve them, pray with them and share the Gospel with them!
- 16-Sep **Homeless/Poor** - Twin Cities Rescue Mission, A Hand Up, Salvation Army, REST
- 17-Sep **Unity of Churches/Global impact** - Pray for churches to unite and influence the world!
- 18-Sep **Israel and the Middle East** - For the peace of Jerusalem as they battle on many fronts
- 19-Sep **Single, Single Parents, Divorced, Widowed**- pray for those experiencing loneliness and overwhelming burdens
- 20-Sep **Pastors** - That God would give them strength, courage and wisdom to speak the truth from the pulpit
- 21-Sep **Local city/county leaders** - Wisdom for leading our community
- 22-Sep **Pray for China, Sudan, North Korea and other nations** that God would intervene and the leadership would restore civil rights
- 23-Sep **Senior and Elderly** - Pray for renewed physical and mental strength
- 24-Sep **Pray against anti-semitism around the world** especially on our nation's college campuses
- 25-Sep **Local Ministries** - Pray for continued financial support and volunteers to meet needs (see page 3)
- 26-Sep **Mental Health** - Pray for the millions of people who struggle with Mental Health/ Illness issues and suicidal thoughts, that they would receive support & treatment
- 27-Sep **Restore America!** Pray against the divisiveness and violence in this nation
- 28-Sep **Race Relations** - Pray for Race relations in our nation. Pray for understanding and collaboration between races and an ease of racial tension
- 29-Sep **Marriages** - Pray that relationships would grow and families would seek the Lord together
- 30-Sep **The Ambassador Newspaper** - Pray that it will be a lighthouse for all who read it, and get into the hands of those that need it.

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Friday, October 10th at 6:30pm

Guest Speaker: Alan & Lisa Robertson from Duck Dynasty

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# September 11

## We will NEVER FORGET



HEBREWS 4:9-11

# LABOR DAY

Have Fun  
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9. There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. 10. For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His.

11. Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience. -- Hebrews 4:9:11



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### Grammy Winning Singer Victoria Monét Says She Was Pressured to Have Abortion

by Steven Ertelt  
LifeNews.com

Grammy-winning R&B singer Victoria Monét revealed she faced pressure from a music executive to have an abortion after an unexpected pregnancy, highlighting a broader issue of coercion that pro-life advocates say affects many women.

In a recent appearance on former First Lady Michelle Obama's podcast, Monét shared the emotional toll of being presented with a PowerPoint outlining the challenges of motherhood, an experience she said felt like an encouragement to end her pregnancy.

"In retrospect, it was really, really disheartening," Monét said of the incident. "I had a person on my team, though the intentions were good, really, really hurt my feelings because they made a PowerPoint presentation to me about how difficult it will be for me."

She recalled the presentation's finale, which asked, "what's the rush?"—a statement she interpreted as pressure to

abort her unborn child. "So that was really, really hurtful," Monét added, describing the experience as "very emotional" but one that fueled her determination to prove motherhood would not derail her career.

Monét, who won Grammys in 2024 for best new artist, best R&B album, and best engineered album, gave birth to her daughter Hazel in 2021. She called her daughter "the biggest blessing," noting that her hit song "On My Mama" was inspired by her journey as a mother.

"I had these preconceived notions that having a child would suspend my career or make things even more difficult, but God just was like, 'nope,' but it's been so fun," she said.

Pro-life advocates point to Monét's story as part of a troubling pattern, citing a 2023 Charlotte Lozier Institute survey that found 60% of women who had abortions experienced "high levels of pressure to abort."

The issue gained attention with pop star Britney Spears' 2023 memoir, *The*

*Woman in Me*, where she detailed being pressured into an abortion during her relationship with Justin Timberlake in the late 1990s.

"It was a surprise, but for me, it wasn't a tragedy. I loved Justin so much. I always expected us to have a family together one day," Spears wrote. "But Justin definitely wasn't happy about the pregnancy. He said we weren't ready to have a baby in our lives, that we were way too young." She added, "If it had been left up to me alone, I never would have done it. And yet Justin was so sure that he didn't want to be a father," describing the abortion as "one of the most agonizing things I have ever experienced in my life."

Pro-life groups argue that such coercion undermines the narrative of abortion as a free choice, emphasizing the need for greater support for women facing unexpected pregnancies. Britney Spears' story is a poignant reminder that, as a society, we must be more compassionate and supportive of women who find themselves in similar predicaments.



Monét's experience underscores the challenges women face in industries like entertainment, where career demands can clash with personal decisions about motherhood.

*Victoria Monét McCants is a singer-songwriter and Grammy-winning artist who first gained recognition for writing hits for other musicians. Before launching her solo career.*

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## - Godly Wisdom from our Spiritual Leaders -

Other than the bible, the top five books that have shaped my faith, life, and ministry, in no particular order:

### 1. *The Power of Positive Thinking*

by Norman Vincent Peale.

A revolutionary book which helped me to think positive, speak positively and to believe in myself and in God's promises for my success, prosperity and victory. I became an adult when Jimmy Carter was President, the country was experiencing difficult times, a huge recession, interest rates peaking at 16% for a home, and we could only buy fuel for our cars every other day. The president's plan, turn down your thermostat and wear a sweater did not inspire hope! Many voices were saying America's best days were behind us. Peale's book turned me away from those negative thoughts and gave me confidence in God, His Word, and myself. I recently read this book again and it was as inspiring and encouraging as when I first read it.

### 2. *Success Through a Positive Mental Attitude* by Napoleon Hill and W. Clement Stone.

I built my life and ministry on this book. Many of the illustrations in my sermons and counseling sessions came out of this book. I was working with people ensnared in illegal drugs, alcoholism, and violence; all the hopelessness and negativities that surround folks at the lower social/economic scale. I read and re-read this book so many times to

inspire myself as well as the people who came to hear me preach. People tell me they still remember the hope and faith these messages kindled in them decades later.

### 3. *The Cross and the Switchblade* by David Wilkerson.

The inspiring story of a country pastor who hears God calling him to travel to New York City and reach gang members for Christ. Angela and I had a reverse calling, we were city pastors from Los Angeles who heard God's call to go to the country and reach gang members for Christ! This book has a very helpful chapter on the work and ministry of Holy Spirit which every Christian and minister could benefit from. The book was also made into a movie which many of our partner churches used for evangelistic services; it has probably had as much or more impact on people as the book! An interesting side fact, W. Clement Stone, the co-author of the previous book, helped finance this excellent movie.

### 4. *The Master Plan of Evangelism* by Robert Coleman.

I was so enamored by this book and the principles the author espoused that Angela and I travelled to Nova Scotia so I might meet the author personally. He was teaching a breakout session at a Billy Graham conference and after the class I asked him to sign my original copy. He was very humble and a bit flabbergasted by my fawning over him,

but I knew at my first reading that this was a book with staying power. I have read and re-read this book, used it in sermons and teachings and believe there is no book more important to helping a pastor prepare his or her followers for effective and fruitful ministry.

5. This section is actually two books. I was enrolled in a ministry school and *The Book of Acts* by Stanley M. Horton was required reading for the class. I took it and Ron Simpkins' book; *We Can Take the Land: A Study in Church Planting* with me while on military duty with the Air National Guard. Through the influence of the Holy Spirit, and the writings of these authors, a young sergeant on a mountaintop somewhere in Northern California made a commitment to pioneering a Book of Acts church that would produce men and women who could plant churches. I'm sure there are more thorough commentaries on the subject, and Simpkins' book is dated, but for that season in my life, those books cemented my direction in life and possibly influenced the course of the many of people I have been privileged to preach, teach and minister to as a church leader.

A few other books that have been meaningful to me and might be to



Pastor Chris Madsen  
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the reader: How to Win Friends and Influence People by Dale Carnegie, The Power of Habit by Charles Duhigg, The Road Less Traveled by M. Scott Peck, and Man's Search for Meaning by Nazi concentration camp survivor, Viktor E. Frankl. The Daily Bible Study by William Barclay was suggested to me by a pastor decades ago, and his series of books has been my go-to commentary on the New Testament for decades. Practical, historical, cerebral and concise. The author's thoughts are probably in every sermon I preach or Bible study I lead; which is the essence of a great book, it becomes a part of who you are and shapes you as a person.

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repaired them. The system worked, and the Goodwill philosophy of "a hand up, not a handout" was born.

Goodwill is just one example of people and organizations wanting to do good, to help people, animals, communities, the homeless, the abused, the orphaned. There is still goodwill in the world!

Where do Good and Evil come from? Half of this question seems easy, the other half of this question seems impossible. The first half of the question, where does good come from, most people would say good comes from God.

**God is Good Psalms 100:**

1. Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands!
2. Serve the Lord with gladness; Come



before His presence with singing.

3. Know that the Lord, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

4. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise, be

thankful to Him, and bless His name.

5. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

So, to those who believe in God this seems like an easy answer, good comes from God. Having a personal relationship with God makes all the difference in the world. Knowing that the God of the bible, is not some far off God, not a God who is above the clouds, above the stars, though he is all those things, he knows each of us personally.

As people of faith, we trust scriptures like Romans 8:28 "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose".

As people of faith, even when we don't understand why something happening, we still know and trust that God is good.

Isaiah 55:8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord. 9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts".

You may not be a person of faith, who trust's God in this way, but you can be. There's a divine certainty, etched into the soul of every person. By believing we are shown, and though we've never heard God's voice, he speaks to our hearts. Yes, you can have that!

Back to the understanding of Good and where it comes from?

There are many other religions that exist in our world, all with their own ideological set of beliefs on where good comes from.

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*There are the main religions of the world.*

1. Christianity 2. Islam 3. Hinduism  
4. Buddhism 5. Judaism 6. Indigenous Religions 7. Sikhism 8. Taoism.

And though it's hard to know exactly how many religions are in the world, it's estimated to be anywhere from 4,200 to 10,000.

Then you have agnostics and atheists. Where does good come from in an Atheistic point of view? In short, atheists generally see goodness as a human construct, shaped by nature, culture and reason. They don't see it as a gift from God but something that was built for survival, cooperation and reflection. To an atheist, morality is a human construct.

So, the question "Where does good come from?" isn't as easy as it may seem. This subject has been debated for centuries. I am convinced that good comes from God, everyone has their opinion. One thing we know for sure is that good and evil exist.

So, on to the impossible question: "Where does evil come from?" If Good comes from God, where does evil come from? People have asked me, why did God create evil? You have to think about this question and ask yourself- "Are good and evil something that was created?"

In Genesis chapter one, we read about creation, God created and made the heavens and the earth, and all living things. The phrase "God saw that it was good" is used multiple times after he creates something. The word good in Genesis is "tov" Hebrew for "good" in the sense of pleasant, beautiful, agreeable. Good is used to describe the quality of what God created. The Bible never says good or evil were created.

Mark 10:17 Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" 18 So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God.

So, this is telling us God's intrinsic nature is good. And if God who wasn't created, (but is eternal) is good, then good is not something that was created. God has always existed and therefore good has always existed, even before there was anything else.

So, the question now is, where does Evil come from? We'll explore this question in part two of "Good and Evil" in next month's issue.

"I just want to speak  
the name of Jesus.  
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every mind.  
'Cause I know there is peace  
within your presence.  
I speak Jesus."

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didn't even think could happen. We see the will of God manifest itself. We can just watch in awe and say, "Wow, what a mighty God we serve." "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you," Matthew 6:33.

I can get overwhelmed and anxious. I can feel that things are out of control and my first instinct is to see how I can take care of it myself instead of going to prayer. When I do this I make things worse. I'm unable to sleep and the overwhelming feeling of anxiousness begins to grow. But when I stop and look to Jesus, something happens. I make my requests known to

God and I lay it all down. In prayer I cry, I repent and I praise him with a thankful heart. All this leads to a peacefulness that I can't understand and then I know God has it all under control. I may need to do this multiple times until I see God move upon the circumstance, but I always come back to Him, my God. "Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will act," Psalm 37:5

It's an amazing thing that we can trust an unchanging God that watches over and cares for each one of us. "For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed," Malachi 3:6

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## A FAITHFUL SHEPHERD: DR. JAMES DOBSON (1936-2025)

In the quiet glow of eternity, our loving Father has called home one of His devoted sons. Dr. James Clayton Dobson Jr.—beloved psychologist, steadfast father, tireless minister, and confidante to generations of Christian families—passed away on **August 21, 2025**, at the age of 89.

From his early days in Shreveport, Louisiana, Dobson felt an unspoken calling—a tension between the swirling moral confusion he witnessed and the unchanging truth of Scripture. That tension blossomed into conviction as he pursued his doctorate in child psychology at the University of Southern California (completed in 1967), laying the groundwork for a ministry rooted in both faith and understanding.

In 1970, with *Dare to Discipline* in hand, he challenged Christian families to parent with gentle authority and grace. Seven years later, he launched **Focus on the Family**, birthing a movement that would eventually reach millions across continents, encouraging husbands and wives to build homes anchored in Christ. Dr. Dobson’s voice echoed through radio waves, printed pages, and heart-to-heart conversations—always anchored in the belief that strong families reflect God’s design for the world. When he stepped into realms of public policy, providing counsel to presidents—from Reagan to Trump—it was still undergirded by that same conviction: that faithfulness in family life is a powerful force for cultural transformation.

In 2010, transitioning from the



colossal legacy of Focus on the Family, he founded the **Dr. James Dobson Family Institute** and continued faithfully through his radio program, **Family Talk**, encouraging parents and believers with both compassionate wisdom and unashamed biblical clarity.

Today, as we mourn his passing, we celebrate a life that never strayed from proclaiming the truth—no matter how countercultural it became. As his institute declared, “He was a pioneer—a man of deep conviction whose voice shaped the way generations view faith, family and culture.” His legacy remains not only in policy and publishing but in the countless marriages renewed, children reassured, and hearts turned back to Christ-centered homes

On a personal note, James Dobson was instrumental in my early Christian life. His books and talks were so helpful to me as both a young Christian and a young father so much so that our he was factored in to the naming of our son, James. Thank you, Dr. Dobson, for your commitment and dedication to Godly living, parenting and teaching.

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## LEAVING CALIFORNIA

By the end of this month (September), I will be transitioning to the state of Florida. I will be continuing as the Editor of The Ambassador until the end of the year which means that I will produce and publish the next three issues remotely before I retire and pass the torch to David and Marci Dena in January.



**Seth Halpern, Editor**

It should be seamless to our readers but there will be much activity going on as we transition. Much of the content of each issue should remain close to what you have come to expect. However, there will be some changes and new content as the Dena’s add their life experience and creativity to the position.

For me, it’s hard to believe that I will be leaving California. I’ve lived in the state since I was a teenager and never really thought I would leave. There are many wonderful things about California that I will miss, including the weather, the beautiful landscapes and the many,

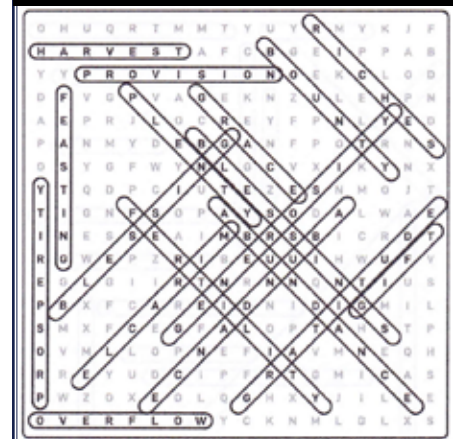
many fun things to do. Yet, there is also quite a downside due to the political climate of one of the most liberal states in the nation. Beyond that, the cost of living (and in particular housing) has driven me out of the state. I have family in both places, so I feel that it’s time to engage with my east coast family. There are many people and friends that I will miss. Yet, I have no doubt that God has made His will clear for me and so I will be flying the friendly skies later this month.

*For I Know The Plans I have for you, Declares the Lord, Plans to Prosper You and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

Jeremiah 29:11

**Dear GOD,**  
I need you. Everyday,  
every moment, every  
second that I breathe,  
I need you. I am not  
strong enough on my  
own. AMEN! 🙏

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