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By Seth Halpern/Editor

We are in a mess. Let's face it, folks, we are messed up, as individuals, as a nation, as a church. I sit here at my desk in realization of my own personal failure and inadequacy. Yes, we are "victors in Christ" and God has placed enough value on us to send His Son to die for us and give us hope. I know that theologically. I understand that positionally. But again, let's face the truth. We are one messed up people called "The Human Race".

We see it on the nightly news or read about it in the morning paper. People killing people over virtually nothing, drugs of every preference placing us

in bondage. Generations give birth to generations of rebellion, while many around us are apathetic. You may think that I'm generalizing and perhaps I am. You may say that there are a lot of "good" people and I suppose there are.

“ We live in a society and culture that essentially denies the existence of God. ”

I've met a few of them. But there is a misconception going around. It is one that motivational speakers may espouse. It is that we, humans, are basically good; that deep down we want to do what's right but things get in the way to distract us and move us off course. These are things like

greed, selfishness, lust, impatience and discontent.

I have news for some of you. These are not "distractions", but the very "essence" of our being! We are not "good" people who get off track. We are bad people

who need a new start. We need to be created over again but this time without all the garbage we are born with. That garbage is Sin. Sin is a word we don't like to use much because people don't like to hear about it. We would just rather fix the symptoms of our problem- those

"distractions". We want to work on managing our addictions. We want to find ways to keep from doing bad things. Good Luck with that! There is a force that pulls us, like an invisible spiritual gravitational pull. We can fight back for a time. We can hold off for a while, but sooner or later the sheer exhaustion of fighting against our natural inborn instinct to sin will cause us to surrender. I may look good from the outside (probably not, I've seen my picture!), you may look good from the outside. You may be in a good marriage, have friends and a good job. You may even help people and raise your children well. Great! The problem is you are still human and infected with a

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- DEEP AND WIDE -

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By Paula McBride

One of my favorite Sunday School songs is "Wide, Wide as the Ocean," written in 1914 by C. Austin Miles:

Wide, wide as the ocean, high as the Heaven above;

Deep, deep as the deepest sea is my Savior's love.

I, though so unworthy, still am a child of His care;

For His Word teaches me that His love reaches me everywhere.

It was spending time on breathtaking California beaches recently that challenged me to find words of praise to express the grandeur of God. As is often the case, those words came from the Psalms and lyrics of gospel songs like the chorus above.

There is much about the ocean that reveals the character of God. The vastness and endlessness of the water illustrate His eternal nature, and the billowing waves and frothy tides remind us that He is in control. The Psalmist expresses in chapter 107 that sailors who do business on great waters see the works of the Lord (vs. 23). In His sovereignty, God commands stormy winds to lift up the waves of the sea, but He also calms



them with His word (vss. 25, 29). The way God uses the ocean as a home for sea creatures reveals His creativity and care for the works of His hands.

The ocean has ways to reveal our character as well. The ocean lets us see how small we are, and in the light of God's grandeur how unworthy we are. Yet, as the song says, though we are unworthy, still we are children of His care. For me, fearfulness was also exposed. As I watched children dart in, stick a toe into the water, and then run back out, I wondered if I don't often treat God that way. It's a lack of trust. Once fully in the water, I learn that buoyancy will hold me up, just like the loving hand of my Father that reaches everywhere.

My favorite song of praise when I visit the ocean is the third verse of "The Love

of God", a song written by Fredrick M. Lehman in 1917 which he based on a Jewish poem written in 1050. It goes like this: "Could we with ink the ocean fill/And were the skies of parchment made/Were every stalk on earth a quill/And every man a scribe by trade/To write the love of God above/Would drain the ocean dry/Nor could the scroll contain the whole/Though stretched from sky to sky."

The imagery in that song is gripping as I visualize the sky filled with God's love letter to me. His love is endlessly deep and everlastingly wide and will never run dry because in Jesus we have a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life. Oh, that reminds me of another song, "Deep and Wide"! Aren't you glad God's love is that big?

BE INSPIRED...

1 Corinthians 10:13

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

One day, I decided to quit. I wanted to quit my job, to quit my relationships, to quit my spirituality; I wanted to quit life. I went to the woods to have one last talk with God. "God", I said, "Can you give me one good reason not to quit?"

His answer surprised me. "Look around", He said, "Do you see the fern and the bamboo?"

"When I planted their seeds, I took very good care of them. I gave them light. I gave them water. The fern quickly grew from the earth. Its brilliant green covered the floor. Nothing came from the bambooseed. But I did not quit on the bamboo."

"In the second year the fern grew more vibrant and plentiful. While still nothing came from the bamboo seed. But I did not quit on the bamboo."

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THERE'S A FOUNTAIN FLOWING DEEP AND WIDE

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WHY BIRDS FLOCK

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An old adage says “Birds of a feather flock together.” This indicates that birds of different species do not gather into flocks. We know from observation that this is true. Sparrows do not mix with quails and quails do not mix with a flock of geese.

In thinking about why this is true, it occurred to me that there are several reasons. The main is that God made each species differently—each “according to their kinds” (Genesis 1:2). They have somewhat of a different diet. They often nest in different places and have totally different habits. They also fly at different altitudes. In other words, they have different requirements, habits, and interests.

People also flock. They are sometimes referred to groups or even groupies. The Bible uses the term flock in referring to God’s believers, often comparing them to a flock of sheep tended to by The Good Shepherd.

It would appear that people flock for the same reasons birds do. They have similar requirements, habits, and interests. There are all kinds of groups (flocks) that we belong to determined

by a bond of common requirements and interests. For years, my business drew me to groups who shared a common interest in recreational vehicle parks and campgrounds. These group meetings were normally not attended by those who had no interest in that business. Our interest and habits are undoubtedly the main reason we gather in groups or flocks.

As I view mankind, it would seem that there are basically just two groups. While there are many sub-groups, depending on how one wants to categorize them, there are two main groups. The first includes those who by their actions express belief that this world and this life is all that matters. The second includes those who by their action express a personal belief that spiritual things beyond this world and life are of greater value.

These two groups, like birds of a feather, tend not to flock together. Each

flock gathers in places that support their lifestyles and interests—just as birds do. It is not for me to say where each of those gathers, as I think that it is fairly evident.

The Bible teaches that as believers we should flock together, and it tells why we should do so. The writer of Hebrews admonishes the Christians: “Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching” (Hebrews 10:23-25).

While it is said that eagles don’t flock, most of us have not reached the eagle status in our Christian lives. We still need the support of fellow believers.

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“In the third year and fourth year there was still nothing from the bamboo seed. But I did not quit on the bamboo.”

“Then in the fifth year a tiny sprout emerged from the earth.

Compared to the fern it seemed small and insignificant. But just 6 months later the bamboo had risen to over 100 feet tall. It had spent those five years growing roots. The roots made it strong and gave it what it needed to survive. I would not give any of my creations a challenge they could not handle.”

And then He said to me: “Did you know, my child, that all this time you have been struggling, you have actually been growing roots? I would not quit on the bamboo.

I will not quit on you! Don’t compare yourself to others. The bamboo had a different purpose than the fern. Yet they both make the forest beautiful. Your time will come,” God said to me. “You will rise high.”

“How high should I rise?” I asked. “How high will the bamboo rise?”

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- 1-Aug **Ambassador** - Please pray for this ministry, its impact and God's provision for it
- 2-Aug **HEAT** - Pray especially for the elderly & homeless to be protected from the intense heat
- 3-Aug **First Responders** - Police, Firefighters, EMT, TIP
- 4-Aug **Pray for Parents, Teachers and Students** for protection as they return to school.
- 5-Aug **Unity of Churches/Global impact** - Pray for churches to unite and influence the world!
- 6-Aug **Israel and the Middle East** - For the peace of Jerusalem
- 7-Aug **Homeless/Poor** - Twin Cities Rescue Mission, A Hand Up, Salvation Army, REST
- 8-Aug **Pastors** - That God would give them strength, courage and wisdom to speak the truth from the pulpit
- 9-Aug **Pray for China, Sudan, North Korea and other nations** that God would intervene and the leadership would restore civil rights
- 10-Aug **Mental Health** - Pray for the millions of people who struggle with Mental Health/ Illness issues and suicidal thoughts, that they would receive support & treatment
- 11-Aug **Global Revival** - Pray that our global chaos would lead multitudes to repent and follow the Lord!
- 12-Aug **Local city/county leaders** - Wisdom for leading our community
- 13-Aug **Pray against anti-semitism around the world** especially on our nation's college campuses
- 14-Aug **California** - pray for our Godly representatives (including James Gallagher and Doug LaMalfa) to fight against liberal and harmful state policies
- 15-Aug **Local Ministries** - Pray for continued financial support and volunteers to meet needs (see page 3)
- 16-Aug **Veterans** - Pray for all those who served our country and their families to get the assistance they need
- 17-Aug **Disabled**- that they would receive the assistance and support they need
- 18-Aug **Life** - Pray that abortion clinics would be shut down that people would choose life for their babies
- 19-Aug **Pray that God would show Himself to Pres. Biden** and he would radically change his life and leadership
- 20-Aug **Human Trafficking**- Pray for the freedom, healing and restoration of survivors and for traffickers to repent
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- 22-Aug **Marriages** - Pray that relationships would grow and families would seek the Lord together
- 23-Aug **Pray for your neighbor** - for opportunities to serve them, pray with them and share the Gospel with them!
- 24-Aug **The Persecuted Church around the world.** Pray that believers would stand strong in the midst of brutal persecution
- 25-Aug **Restore America!** Pray against the divisiveness and violence in this nation
- 26-Aug **Addicted** - Pray for those under the control of substances that they would surrender to the Lord and pursue and receive the treatment needed
- 27-Aug **Senior and Elderly** - Pray for renewed physical and mental strength
- 28-Aug **Race Relations** - Pray for Race relations in our nation. Pray for understanding and collaboration between races and an ease of racial tension
- 29-Aug **Pray for the Widows, Grieving Parents and families** who are moving forward without loved ones. Pray they find peace and hope
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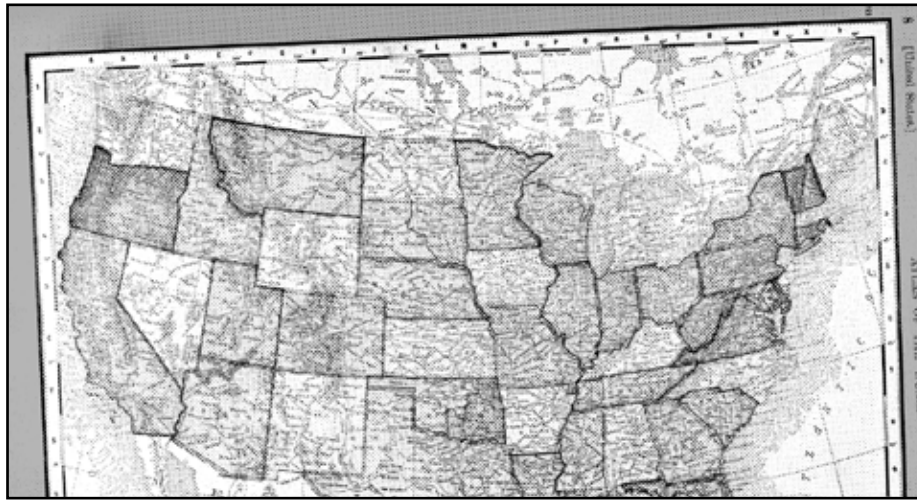
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virus called sin.

I just finished getting my computer restored from a virus. It's no fun. If only it was as simple as just finding the problem and getting rid of it. If I could just find the problem file that someone rudely (way too nice a word) put on my most important tool and delete it, that would be great. Not quite that easy, though. The virus is hard to detect because it infects many other files, many of which are necessary. In fact, you can have a computer virus like I did and not even realize you have one until your computer begins to slow down more and more and starts to destroy other working programs little by little. I tried to get rid of the culprit, but it would pop up in other places under other names. Pretty soon I didn't know what was a real file and what was a virus. The solution was to re-format the entire hard drive. For some of you, that simply means it all had to be erased and reinstalled with clean software. It is now basically a new computer. Unfortunately, I have to adapt and learn where things are and reinstall things I use. But it's fresh, clean and has no trace of the virus.

Spiritually, we are like that. We can't just try to get the virus out. We need to be "reformatted". God does that with us. We may need to learn some new things and not get back into old habits. But it is



only through His grace and power that we are made new. The books, seminars, and whatever else can help AFTER you've reformatted. Otherwise, the virus of sin is going to slow you down until you are unusable for God.

We live in a society and culture that essentially denies the existence of God. I know surveys say 80 – 90% believe in God, right. Then how is there rampant abortion, sexual immorality, and violence? We deny that we are infected by sin and thus don't want to talk about it. We deny that people are going to hell, because it is not politically correct and may offend some. Our denial as a nation, as the church and especially as individuals will cost us greatly.

If you have not already done so, let the One who created you, give you new life. He promises to give us a new heart and exchange your virus of sin for freedom and life in Christ. It may take time to learn some new ways but the freedom and experience is worth it.

For those who already know Christ, the gravitational pull of sin has been released. However, the lure of our enemy is strong. He will seek to occupy our minds with thoughts that deny the power of God and will strive to get us to deny, or at least doubt God's love for us. It is time to refuse his deceptive invitation to return to old habits and to instead run to God in repentance and start (or restart) your way to victory over evil.

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Laci Peterson

It was the murder trial of the century. Scott Peterson was tried and convicted of killing his wife Laci when she was eight months pregnant with their son Connor. After the bodies of his wife and child washed up on shore Scott was sentenced to life in prison without the opportunity for parole.

That trial captivated millions of Americans and showcased a serious problem in America.

Murder is one of the leading causes of death for pregnant women.

The Laci Peterson case isn't alone in grabbing headlines. A quick online search produced a study funded by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. Women who are pregnant or up to one year postpartum

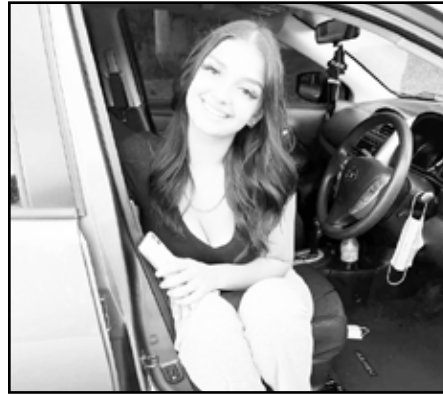
have a 35% higher risk of dying by homicide than women who were not pregnant. These more recent cases, which according to statistics are just the tip of the iceberg, show that abortion is a tool of control.



Kiersten Hansen

Logan Barclay of Wisconsin was arrested in April 2024 for the death of his pregnant girlfriend.

He confessed to shooting Kiersten Hansen because she was pregnant and refused to get an abortion. Barclay told detectives that when she wouldn't stop talking about the pregnancy, he shot her in the stomach. He told police that when he shot her, she “freaked out and dropped to her knee, and I walked away.”



Karylin Fiengo

Karylin Fiengo was shot and left in a Florida park. She was approximately 12 weeks pregnant at the time. Her boyfriend, Donovan Faison was arrested and charged with two counts of felony homicide – one for the mother and another for her unborn child. Faison was angry that Karylin refused to have an abortion.



Raquiah King

Raquiah King was found with a bullet in her back. The autopsy showed she was 12 weeks pregnant. Emmanuel Coble, her partner, did not want to be a father. After considerable pressure, he coerced her into making an appointment for an abortion at Planned Parenthood, but once there Raquiah changed her mind.

Her mother reported that Raquiah told her if anything happened to her, Emmanuel was responsible. Coble, a junior grade lieutenant in the US Navy

was arrested and charged with the deaths of his girlfriend and their unborn child.



Candace Pickens

Candace Pickens loved being a mom to her three-year-old son Zachaeus and rebuffed her partner, Nathaniel Dixon's insistence she get an abortion. In an act of pure evil, Dixon executed Candace at close range with a gun. Compounding this heartless violence he also shot Zachaeus in the head, but the child survived. The boy now lives with the memory of seeing his mother brutally killed. Dixon was charged with first-degree murder and attempted first-degree murder.

Research shows that as many as 64% of American women feel coerced or forced into having an abortion. Another study shows the incidence of pregnancy-associated murders is rising in the United States.

This is further evidence that abortion hasn't liberated women. Abortion is a tool of control. It is being used to manipulate their behavior and in a growing number of cases, because it has debased the value of women, their lifeless bodies are cast aside if they don't do their partners' bidding.

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"The Ambassador and the Waitress"

By Greg Koukl

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We talk a lot at STR about what it means to be an ambassador for Christ (remember 2 Corinthians 5:20?). You might have wondered how this works out in the nuts and bolts of daily life. It occurred to me that sometimes being a good representative of the Kingdom hinges on the simplest things, almost trivial.

Let me give you an example from my own life.

I have had some of the most interesting conversations about spiritual matters with ordinary people who serve my table in restaurants. Since any contact with others is an opportunity to be an ambassador, I try to keep an eye open for what might turn out to be a "divine appointment."

This is something you can do, too. Here are some ways to set the stage to engage them in a friendly way.

First, find out the server's name.

This is simple if they're wearing a nametag. If not, simply ask. If it's a



unique name or suggests some ethnic history, ask about it. It's a friendly thing to do—even flattering—and will help you remember their name better.

The second thing to do: Leave a decent tip. (The after-church crowd is notorious for stiffing the restaurant help.)

There's one last thing I do, and it may be the most important. As I'm walking out, I make a point to find the waiter or waitress and simply say, "Thank you." It's a small gesture, but I want their last impression of me to be as pleasant as their first.

What's the real goal behind this modest

effort? Simply this: People are important to the Lord, and if they are important to Him, they should be important to you and me.

Addressing a person by their name and showing genuine appreciation for service are simple ways to show that they are valued. This speaks volumes about the One you represent. Never underestimate the role of simply being warm and pleasant.

How do they know I'm a Christian? Maybe they don't. However, since we always bow our heads to give thanks at

our table, and the server may overhear snatches of conversation about spiritual things, it's certainly possible they'll make the connection. The last thing I want anyone to do is associate my prayer or my Bible or my Christian tract with rudeness, stinginess, or a demanding, high-maintenance customer.

It may be that we never get around to spiritual matters—in point of fact, we usually don't. Even so, I still want to leave behind a "fragrant aroma" for the sake of Christ. That's one of the reasons Paul says in Colossians 3:17, "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus"—that is, as His representative and consistent with His wishes.

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He asked in return.

"As high as it can?," I questioned.
"Yes", He said, "Give Me glory by rising as high as you can."



Everyone has moments when they feel like giving up. When the struggles and obstacles in life seem insurmountable. Remember you're just growing roots!! God has a purpose in mind for each one and you need to talk to Him and let Him help you realize that purpose. Always remember, He

will never leave you or forsake you.

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- Age is a very high price to pay for maturity.
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- Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.
- For every action, there is an equal and opposite government program.
- If you look like your passport picture, you probably need the trip.
- Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of checks.
- A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.
- Men are from earth. Women are from earth. Deal with it.
- A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand.
- Middle age is when broadness of the mind and narrowness of the waist change places.
- Junk is something you've kept for years and throw away three weeks before you need it.
- There is always one more imbecile than you counted on.
- Experience is a wonderful thing. It enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.
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TRIPPIN' DOWN MEMORY LANE

By Jon Skillman

Every now and then my mind takes me on an impromptu stroll down memory lane. You know, like those haunting visits to the good ole days.

Recently while tripping down such a primrose path, it struck me how much useless information I have crammed into my little noggin. I've heard it said that we humans only utilize about ten percent of our mental capability. Although this figure seems a little high in reference to my logic and deciphering capacity, it seems rather low regarding memory storage. I mean I remember the lyrics and melody to hundreds of the old '50's songs, which come to think of it, didn't have much in the way of lyrics or melody. But the point is, I do remember a lot of things of questionable value. I mean who cares if I can recite the words to Be-Bop-A-Loo-La or know that Roy Roger's dog's name was Bullet? The important thing is, I do remember a lot of the people I've met, all the places I've been and the experiences I have lived... including a lot of pertinent and incidental details.

To help explain what I'm trying to say here, what happens when I mention the name, John Wayne? Can you picture him in your mind's eye and hear his voice in your inner ear? I'll bet you can also recall some of his movies, his role and much of the plot. Think about all the people, places and things that are stored up in your memory...and all the

related details too. Granted, the ability to retrieve some of these memories may be somewhat limited, but with the right trigger...bang! There they are.

Unfortunately not all my memories are pleasant. The Kennedy assassination, September 11, 2001 and some personal tragedies I'd rather not recall, but ironically I don't want to forget them either. And there are, of course, some things I would love to totally forget. You know those little transgressions that displease God. Oh, I know He has forgiven me, but try as I may, I just can't erase them from my memory. But God has erased them from His. In Isaiah 43:25 He says: "I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remember your sins no more." Wow, that is way cool. And, Psalms 103:12 says: "as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us." Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

But hey, why can't I blot them out too? How come God gets to forget all about them and I have to live with them? Well for one thing, it is one of many things that remind me that, He is God...and I'm not! I also think it goes along with that old saying, "Those who don't know history are destined to repeat it." I don't know about you, but I'd rather not repeat anything that displeases God. Not because of the worldly consequences, but because I know it disappoints my Father.

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SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE

Opportunities to share with people abound if you just look for those opportunities. I know I don't! Let me share two recent opportunities that I almost missed.

First, I was in New Earth having lunch with my wife when we noticed some beautiful photographs on the wall. A man came by looking at them as well and my wife suggested that he was the photographer. I disagreed and once again was proven wrong when the man introduced himself to us. We talked for a bit and then we met our friend Chuck (a fellow Jewish believer in Jesus) and sat down with him. The man's heavy accent aroused curiosity and we learned that he was from Israel. Chuck (who is not shy) brought up Jesus/Y'Shua and the conversation became a little more uneasy. I stayed out of it for the most part until I believe the Holy Spirit had me ask him what he would he do when he meets God face to face. Will his beautiful photographs be enough? Our conversation came to cordial end and we warmly parted ways. We prayed for him after he left.

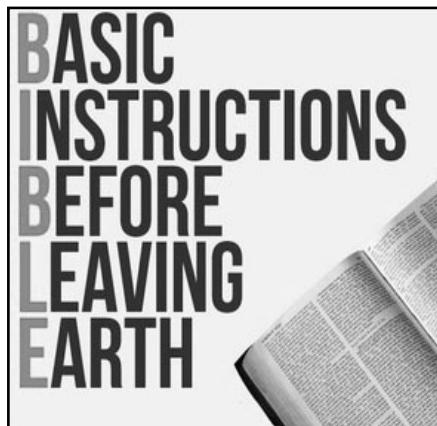
On another occasion, in a grocery store, a young teenage girl and her younger brother walked up to my wife, offered a card and asked her if she would like to know God. My wife and I were both caught off guard, as much for her age as for the traditional



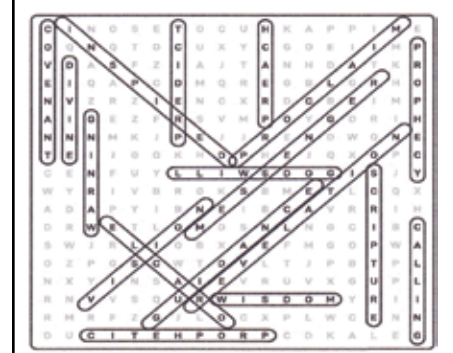
Seth Halpern, Editor

East Indian attire. My wife asked if she was a Jehovah's Witness. She nodded, yes. That's when my wife took the opportunity to encourage the young woman to seek the God of the Bible and Jesus alone. She encouraged her faith but challenged her to check the scriptures to learn about God's grace that doesn't rely on works for salvation. I stood off a little ways and prayed. After a while, I came and encouraged her to seek the Truth as well. We didn't "beat her up" for not believing as we do, but we did challenge her in the truth.

These are but two incidents that I didn't look for (and honestly didn't cultivate). If it weren't for my wife and Chuck, I probably wouldn't have spoken to either. Imagine how many more opportunities I (we) would have if we sought them out. God has given us a tremendous opportunity (and responsibility) to offer the "Prescription for Life" to those around us. Will we use it?



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Kaya Jones is a Canadian-born singer, songwriter, and producer. Growing up in Las Vegas, by age 16, she had signed with Capitol Records, and in 2003, auditioned and was selected from thousands of other singers for a spot with the Pussycat Dolls. Since leaving the Pussycat Dolls, Jones developed her career as a solo artist. At 26, she became the youngest female to start her record label. In 2019, Jones won a Grammy Award for collaborating with gospel artist Jason Crabb. But this storybook existence masked a dark reality because, by the age of 16, she had the first of three abortions. Today, she shares her experience of abortion and her journey of healing.

On October 18, those attending A Woman's Friend Annual Benefit Banquet in Yuba City can hear Kaya Jones share her story. Her goal is to reach and help young women in particular, but her heart breaks for men who are also suffering after abortion, she said. We would love for you to join us for this event! This event will sell out fast!

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