



Light and Sound Show to Celebrate King David's Life and Legacy

King David has been part of Jerusalem for 3,000 years. Now, a new light and sound show at the Tower of David Museum in Jerusalem's Old City celebrates the life

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Christian Author, Speaker, Wynter Pitts Dies



Wynter Pitts, a prominent Christian author and speaker and the founder of "For Girls Like You" magazine, died unexpectedly Tuesday. She was 38 years old. Jonathan Pitts, her husband, made the announcement of her death on her Instagram account.

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Christians United for Israel Summit ends with huge support for Israel



Christians United for Israel's 13th annual summit, which took place from July 23-24, emphasized the contrast between the current White House administration and previous ones, with Israel's ambassador to the United States hailing U.S. President Donald Trump as the best ally Israel has ever had. CUFI is an organization founded in 2006 by Pastor John Hagee and currently boasts more than 4 million members. Its mission, according to its website, is "to provide a national association through which every pro-Israel church, parachurch organization, ministry or individual in America can speak and act with one voice in support of Israel in matters related to Biblical issues."

"Over the decades, Israel has been blessed with strong supporters in Congress on both sides of the aisle. We have been blessed

with presidents, Democrat and Republican alike, who were steadfast friends of Israel," Israel's Ambassador to the United States Ron Dermer said in front of a packed, energetic and flag-waving crowd in Washington on Monday. "We have been blessed with Cabinet secretaries and senior officials who were stalwart champions of the U.S.-Israel alliance."

"But there has never been a U.S. administration more supportive of Israel than the Trump administration—frankly, it is not even close," continued Dermer. "From President Trump to Vice President [Mike] Pence to Secretary [of State Mike] Pompeo, from [National Security Adviser] Ambassador [John] Bolton to [U.S.] Ambassador [to the United Nations Nikki] Haley to [U.S.] Ambassador [to Israel David] Friedman, from [Senior Adviser to the President] Jared Kushner to [Middle East envoy] Jason Greenblatt to Sarah Sanders, this is an administration that sees Israel as an ally and that treats Israel as an ally."

The Iranian regional and nuclear threat, America's moving its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem and defunding U.S. assistance to the Palestinian Authority were the main

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Christians Were Forced to Sign Paper Saying They Don't Face Persecution in Turkey, Says Church Leader

Christians in Turkey were pressured by the government to sign a declaration that they suffer no religious persecution, a church leader said.

"The Order of Saint Andrew, Archons of the

Ecumenical Patriarchate, regrets the pressure that the Turkish government has clearly placed upon that nation's religious minorities in obtaining a statement on religious freedom from them," Anthony J.

Limberakis, the National Commander of the Eastern Orthodox Church order, said in a statement last week.

"One need not be a 'U.S. evangelist' or have a 'Zionist mentality' to see that the state-



Indonesia Earthquake: At Least 98 Dead, Rescuers Battling Massive Destruction to Reach Victims

At least 98 people have been reported dead so far in a 6.9-magnitude earthquake that struck the island of Lombok, Indonesia, late Sunday (August 5) night.

Rescuers said that they are battling against "massive" damage to reach people



trapped in the rubble. Officials fear the death toll will rise to over 100. At least 200 people were injured in nearby Bali, with the quake bringing down thousands of homes and buildings, according to a news agency. National Disaster Mitigation Agency spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho said that the north of Lombok sustained "massive" damage and most of the deaths resulted from people being hit by falling rubble. A number of districts on the island are so heavily damaged that rescuers cannot access them to search for survivors. At least 20,000 people are in temporary shelters, officials added. A broadcaster reported that hundreds of foreign vacationers are being assisted on the beach on the island of Gili Trawangan. Thousands of people on the island surrounding the epicenter of the quake are in danger and need assistance, emergency personnel said. Various charities have suffered in the earthquake. Two homes that provided housing to 80 underprivileged children were destroyed. "The other two that we just finished building this year also have damages, cracked walls, roof partly falling, so it's still not safe to stay inside," said Martina Fetter, founder of the Peduli Anak Foundation.

"We still need tents, setting up emergency kitchen, food, water, generator to pump water," she added. Christian humanitarian groups, including World Vision, said that they and their partners are ready to help.

Experts explained that the shallow nature of the quake worsened the damage, with rescuers facing collapsed bridges, electricity blackouts and roads blocked with debris. Nugroho admitted that the death toll will "definitely increase," as it is unknown how many people remain trapped.

One survivor, British visitor Saffron Amis, described the scene, saying, "There was a lot of screaming and crying, particularly from the locals." "We spoke to a lot of them and they were panicking about their family in Lombok. It was just a lot of panic because no one knew what was happening."

Helen Brady, 29, a writer from Manchester, revealed that she and her boyfriend barely escaped with their lives, as buildings crashed down around them. "All the lights went out and most buildings were demolished. If we'd have been one minute slower we'd have been dead, or at the very least severely injured," Brady said.



ment from representatives of the Greek Orthodox and Armenian churches and other religious minority communities was obtained under duress," he added, in reference to comments Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has made.

The declaration states that people of different faiths live "freely" in the Muslim majority nation, according to Turkey's Anadolu Agency. "We as religious representatives and foundation directors of societies of different religions and beliefs, who have been settled in this country for centuries, are free to follow our beliefs and practices," the declaration states. Erdogan used the statement to claim that "Turkey has no problems related to [religious] minorities."

The president's remarks came in the midst of a major dispute with the United States over Turkey's continued imprisonment of American pastor Andrew Brunson. U.S. President Donald Trump, along with numerous congressmen and persecution watchdog groups, have accused Turkey of keeping Brunson as a hostage and punishing him for his Christian faith. The Turkish court has placed Brunson on trial over charges that he communicated with Kurdish groups accused of staging a failed coup in the country in 2016. While Brunson was recently allowed to leave prison and wait under house arrest in Turkey for his next trial date in October, that has not quelled the tensions.

The U.S. Treasury Department hit Turkey with economic sanctions over Brunson's treatment last week. Erdogan responded by announcing that his government will "freeze the assets of America's justice and interior ministers in Turkey, if there are any."

The Order of Saint Andrew, which is based in the U.S, said in its statement that the Greek Orthodox and Armenian communities in Turkey are "well aware" of the main religious concerns for minority believers in the country.





Sister Glory Joseph
Oklahoma, USA

SPIRITUAL CANCER

PREVENTION AND EARLY TREATMENT OF SPIRITUAL CANCER

“Cancer is a broad term for a class of diseases characterized by abnormal cells that grow and spread to healthy cells in the body”. Spiritual cancer spreads in a similar fashion, and can cause spiritual death in believers. It is important to have effective strategies to prevent and treat spiritual cancers.

Believers of today are plagued by a multitude of “spiritual cancers”. Some of them include unforgiveness, discontentment, bitterness and pride. These cancers devour the peace and happiness from our lives, and move us away from God. They can affect our souls as well as our bodies.

Unforgiveness

Unforgiveness is a cancer that we often catch far too late. There is a tendency to rationalize unforgiveness, to see it as the other person’s problem, and as a result leave its growth unchecked. Its malignant seed will take root and start growing gradually. It can manifest both physically as well as spiritually. Physical repercussions include anxiety, discouragement, and depression. Spiritual repercus-

sions include a lack of joy and peace. The treatment for unforgiveness is to realize that you cannot change the past. It is also important to realize that carrying this burden will continue to affect you throughout your life.

Try this exercise. Pick an unforgiven issue in your life and approach the person or group associated with the issue. Discuss the issue frankly, and approach the situation earnestly and with a heart for forgiveness. Practice forgiveness therapy, and you will be surprised at the effect it will have on you. Forgiving others will lighten the load that unforgiveness will straddle you with. As Mark 11: 25 says, “And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.” It means that we cannot ask forgiveness if we are not willing to forgive others.

Discontentment

Another spiritual cancer that can affect every area of your life is the diagnosis of discontentment. A constant feeling of discontentment can make us feel hopeless and run down. This problem starts growing in our minds as we start comparing ourselves to others and coveting that which others possess. It can also lead to an inflated desire for the many trivial pursuits of this world. In a society in which we are constantly bombarded by the latest and greatest must have technology, where we work harder and harder for increasingly less benefit, and the deceptive picture perfect lifestyles of others are constantly shoved in our face by social media, what we have never seems like enough. The only way to treat this suffocating illness is

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with a high dose of perspective. Take a few days and mull over God's purpose for you in life, and the incredible value of the blessings you do have. Something as simple as a job, a home, or a healthy child are miracles that millions in this world long for, but we take for granted. Take the attitude of Paul in Philippians 4: 11-13, "I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all things through him who gives me strength". Paul is content knowing that he has all he needs, and his greatest blessing is his knowledge of the one true God.

Bitterness

Bitterness grown from another wicked ailment known as anger, it is holding grudge, as well as being spiteful and sour. The term originates from the ancient Greek meaning, "sharp or pointed". If we allow the point of bitterness to pierce our souls, a small nick can quickly escalate into a full hemorrhage. Bitterness usually originates as a result of an experience that you perceive out of proportion to reality. If bitterness is left untreated, abrupt anger and conflict may spread.

Hebrew 12: 15 says, "See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many." Bitterness has the ability to grow rapidly through our lives. We all have the experience with someone with a bitter root lodged in their soul. Their behavior is erratic, their view always cynical, and their defeats become the problems of oth-

ers. If you see these symptoms in your life, ask the Lord for supernatural surgery to remove bitterness from your life.

When we deny the bitterness we hold, we are not the only ones who suffer. Our families, our coworkers, and our brothers and sisters in Christ feel the abusive behavior we express when we leave our bitterness unchecked. Once you recognize the problem, confess it with your mouth and ask for God's grace to deal with it. Don't allow the enemy to drop seeds of bitterness in your mind against any another person. Take control of your mind and your thoughts. Renew your mind every day by reading the word and replacing bitterness with sweet words from the Master himself.

Pride

Undoubtedly the most fearful, most damaging, and soul destroying spiritual cancer is Pride. When we are dealing with pride our jobs are at stake, our relationships are in danger, and our churches may fall. The irony of Pride is that it often comes as a result of blessing. Money, accomplishments, or position can inflate our ego, and slowly twist into Pride. Symptoms of a prideful spirit can be observed in our day to day conversation. Phrases such as "I don't need your help; I can handle it" or "If I don't do it, it won't be done right." As pride grows in one area of our life, it starts to spread to other areas by giving us a false undefeatable perception of ourselves. Pride can also be observed in self-depreciation. For example, if someone asks you to do something and you reply by saying that you are not qualified, it may be a sign that believe you are above the task. This is actually pride even though it looks like humility.

Proverbs 16:18 says, "Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall". Since pride precedes destruction, it is imperative that we take action as soon as we notice pride in any area of our life. This type of spiritual cancer needs immediate action. So how does one treat the fearsome diagnosis of a heart riddled with pride? The antithesis of a prideful heart is a humble spirit. We must realize that none of the blessings we enjoy in this world are by our own volition. The ability to comprehend, the opportunities we were given, and the very life we have are all gifts from God. Without our God's grace we would be nothing, and without the sacrifice of His son, this life would be for naught. Constant reflection of this truth will not only destroy the cancer of pride, but will vaccinate us daily as pride tries to creep back into our lives.

Conclusion

As Christians, it is our duty not to ignore our "spiritual cancers" for they destroy the one precious life we have been given, and may spread to others. Practice the therapies outlined above daily to ward off the threat of relapse. Health both spiritually and physically is an exercise in proactive behavior, each day we must examine ourselves for signs of impending illness. For it is only when we free ourselves of our illnesses, both physical and spiritual, that we can truly lead a free and fulfilled life in this world.

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Israel Pulled Out White Helmets From Syria

With some 800 Syrian "White Helmets" safely evacuated to Jordan with Israel's help, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu issued a statement that the action was "an important humanitarian step" that the country undertook after some urging from Donald



Trump and Justin Trudeau, among others. The name White Helmets is derived from the white helmet they literally wear as part of their work. Their real designation is Syrian Civil Defense. It is a volunteer organization that operates in parts of rebel-controlled Syria and in Turkey. Formed in 2014 during the Syrian Civil War, the majority of their activity in Syria consists of medical evacuation, urban search and rescue in response to bombing, evacuation of civilians from danger areas, and essential service delivery. As of April 2018, the organization claimed to have saved over 114,000 lives, with 204 White Helmet volunteers losing their lives in the process.

When the bombs rain down, the Syrian Civil Defense rushes in. In a place where public services no longer function these unarmed volunteers risk their lives to help anyone in need - regardless of their religion or politics. Known as the White Helmets these volunteer rescue workers operate in the most dangerous place on earth.

"In the last few days, United States President Donald Trump, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, and several others asked for our help in assisting hundreds of Syrian 'white helmets,'" Netanyahu said in a statement released by his office on Sunday, July 22.

"These are people that saved lives and were found in life-threatening danger. I therefore permitted their transfer through Israel to additional countries, as an important humanitarian step," he added, as quoted by the Jerusalem Post. A similar statement was also posted on the PM of Israel's official Twitter handle

on the same day. The message accompanied a video of Netanyahu's statement as well. The Syrian Civil Defense, better known as the White Helmets, is a group made up of volunteers that have made it their mission to rescue Syrians, especially

in areas held by rebel forces.

They were widely recognized for their humanitarian missions as well as the unmistakable white hardhats that its members wear. They were also often filmed in the midst of their rescue efforts in areas hard hit by regime airstrikes.

The evacuation was kept secret and was done via the use of minibuses that took group members and their families across the border in the middle of the night, starting at 9:30 p.m. local time. The Israel Defense Force has aided their exit from conflict areas by escorting around 400 members of the group, along with their families, all the way from Syria to Jordan, according to the Times of Israel. Their passage to other countries, after the three months they are allowed inside Jordan, has been guaranteed by the United Kingdom, Canada and Germany as of this time.

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Egyptian Pastor Explains How He Was Tortured for Christ Prior to His Escape



WASHINGTON — The Rev. Majed El Shafie was given the offer of a lifetime during his torturous imprisonment in Egypt as the ex-Muslim leader of a successful and rapidly growing underground church movement. Shafie, who was held in the torture chambers of Cairo's Abu Zabal Prison for seven days in 1998 as the leader of a 24,000-member Christian organization, was told by a guard after days of beatings that he would be free to go and given any car, house and pretty girl of his dreams if he would just give up the names of his brothers and sisters in Christ. The offer was tempting but not one that Shafie was going to take. After fooling the guard into thinking that he was going to tell him the names of his friends in exchange for a good meal of shish kebab, the only name that Shafie uttered was that of the organization's true leader — Jesus Christ.

What followed was another brutal attack by the guard and three more days of torture and imprisonment before Shafie was finally sent to a police hospital for three months of recovery. Shafie would be sentenced to death on three charges that were supposed to shut him and his faith up for good.

But thanks to the help of rented watercraft, Shafie escaped to Israel and was later given asylum in Canada, where he went on to create a human rights nonprofit that has helped countless persecuted believers from multiple faiths around the world over the last 15 years.

Salvation Experience

Coming from a prominent family of Muslim lawyers, Shafie said he was 18 when he accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior in 1996. He didn't waste time in following

the Great Commission and launched an organization that advocated for equal rights

for religious minorities in Egypt. It grew to over 24,000 people in just two years. It was on Aug. 15, 1998, when he was arrested from his office. "I was taken to the prison for seven days torture," the 40-year-old explained. "They started by shaving my hair off my head, putting my head in buckets of cold and hot wa-

ter, hanging me upside down. On the third day, they released dogs to attack me but the dogs didn't attack. After that, they crucified me for two days and a half."

"I Almost Died".

Shafie wasn't crucified with nails, but rather had his hands tied to a cross. At the end of the two days, Safie's hands were untied and he was subjected to another form of torment. "They made a cut on the back of my left shoulder to the bones and they rubbed salt in my open wound. I almost died," he recalled. "I was in the police hospital for three months. They didn't want me to die right away because that would have made me a martyr. What they do is they destroy your reputation first."

After his three months in the police hospital, Shafie was subjected to house arrest for a period of eight to nine months. He said that he was convicted on three charges: arranging revocation against the Egyptian authority, trying to change the official religion of Egypt from Islam to Christianity and loving and worshiping Christ.

"My statement was 'If loving and worshiping Christ is a crime, I am guilty as charged,'" Shafie said. According to the court, those were crimes that warranted the death penalty. Shafie's team found out about the sentence and warned him. He escaped his home imprisonment and went to Alexandria.

The Escape

There were really only two options for Shafie to escape the country since he was blacklisted and would be detained if he tried to leave on an airplane. He had to either cross over the mountains or go by sea to Israel.

He rented a jet ski and waited for the per-

fect time of the day to jet past two military ships — one Israeli and one Egyptian — that were guarding the border. Shafie decided that he was going to cross between the two boats because that was the only spot where troops on both boats could not shoot at him without aiming toward the other military ship.

"I waited until 5:50 p.m. with the sun behind me. Whoever looking at you would be blinded for a few seconds or two. I just bolted between the two boats. When I bolted between the two boats, the Egyptians and the Israelis aimed at me but that was when they realized that they were actually aiming at each other. That is called crossfire," Shafie detailed. "The last thing they want to do is start a new war in the Middle East just because of a guy crossing on a jet ski. Now when you go to Sinai and you go to the same point where I escaped, the boats do not stand against each other anymore. That is because my escape. They changed the whole system because of that."

Although he was arrested in Israel, he was eventually released thanks to pressure from the United Nations and human rights groups. With the help of Amnesty International and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, he was relocated as an asylum seeker to Canada in 2002. He became a Canadian citizen in 2006.

"I started One Free World International. I started to defend people that used to be in the same position like myself," Shafie, who was the focus of the 2012 documentary "Freedom Fighter," said. Among those that his organization has helped are over 600 women and children who were held hostage by the Islamic State terrorist organization in Iraq as sex slaves. One Free World International has been heavily involved in helping finance rescue missions for Christians and Yazidis held by the jihadi death cult. Shafie said that they have spent nearly \$3 million toward that effort.

The Ministerial

Shafie said he was honored to take part in the first-ever State Department Ministerial to Advance Religious Freedom. With delegations from over 80 countries around the world in attendance, he felt it was a much-needed gathering that he hopes will grow and improve each year to advance the cause of religious freedom worldwide.

The Value of Forgiveness



Dr. Achoy Mathews

The walls of Jericho did not fall until Joshua marched around them and blew the trumpet, as God had instructed him. Abraham received what had been promised only when he obeyed. The Red Sea parted only when Moses stretched out his rod. Naaman was cured of his leprosy as he obeyed by dipping himself in the Jordan seven times. The ten lepers were on their way to show themselves to the priests when their leprosy disappeared. The man with the withered hand was healed as he stretched it out. The woman with the issue of blood was cured as she pushed her way through the crowd. The servants had filled the water pots, as Mary had instructed them; Whatever He says to you, do it (John 2:5). Faith is action. If your faith is not followed by deeds, it is dead. If you are standing in faith for God to do a miracle in your life, you must act as though you believe it to be true. If you act contrary to what you believe, your action reveals that you are

not really trusting God.

In this world, however, you live within the confines of time, and what God says does not always happen immediately. Miracles are not always instantaneous, nor are all healings, always immediate, but this does not mean to say that they are any less supernatural. When things take time to happen, however, we can easily become impatient and lose heart. The enemy loves to work on us in this area. If he cannot stop our miracle from coming, he will at least try to delay it. Attempting to make us run out of patience and lose faith. But in Mark 11:24 Jesus says, believe that you stand against them when they come. You will never be tempted, tested or attacked beyond your ability. And what is your ability? It has nothing to do with your physical strength or will power, nor is it your intellectual or emotional capacity. Your ability is your faith, the faith in your

heart, in the measure that God has given you, that you must put to use. This faith is your shield which quenches all the fiery darts of the enemy and enables you to hold your ground triumphantly.

The world is full of attacks and opposition and is in a constant state of change. Faith, on the other hand, has the capacity to conquer and overcome the world (1 John 5:4,5), and coupled with patience, it helps you go forth with God, in spite of your circumstance. Hebrews 10:36 says, for you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise. Galatians 5:6 says, For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love. Faith is made active, operational, and functional through love. Without love, faith is useless. Irrespective of how much knowledge or will power you may have, without love you will see no results. It is impossible to stand in faith for something and bless God while at the same time cursing your fellow man (see James 3:8-12). If you trouble receiving an answer to prayer, check to make sure

that you are walking in love.

One challenge we face in this area is that our concept of love has often been confused. Being loving has usually meant no more than being kind, well-mannered, and refined, with an all-around pleasant manner. But with such outward kindness and good manners the most heinous doctrines and faithless teachings have been spread, and their pleasant presentation has only made them easier to swallow. Love speaks the truth, and the "Word of God is truth. When people nullify what God has said under the guise of love and forgiveness, rebellion and backsliding are the result, regardless of how subtly the error may have been presented.

When an answer to prayer seems to take a long time in coming, the devil wants us to become introspective and full of self-doubt. We might even become so inward-looking that we start believing that something from deep in our past is the source of our problem. Sometimes this is the case, but it is far more likely that you are simply neglecting to walk in love in your daily life. If you pray for revival but speak ill of all those who disagree with you, your answer will never come. If you have personal needs, but persist in slandering an individual every time you get together with your friends, you might as well forget about getting your prayers answered, if you pray for healing and hold feelings of resentment, bitterness, and disappointment towards others you need to forgive them. In mark 11:25,26 Jesus says, And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your father in heaven forgive your trespasses. In other words, forgiveness is a condition for answered prayer, while not forgiving is a hindrance. It makes no difference what others may have done to you or how right you are in bearing a grudge. Your obligation is always to forgive. And you are able to forgive because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us (Rom 5:5).

Some people forgive merely because they know they have a duty to do so, but they never really forget the wrong done to

Sparkling Wisdom!

- ❖ "Sometimes God allows what he hates to accomplish what he loves."
Joni Eareckson Tada
- ❖ "Death is no more than passing from one room into another. But there's a difference for me, you know. Because in that other room I shall be able to see."
Helen Keller
- ❖ "Work without love is slavery."
Mother Teresa
- ❖ Refuse to be average. Let your heart soar as high as it will. – **A.W. Tozer**
- ❖ Peace is so important. It's a gift God gives us, and it grows in us just like fruit grows on trees—with time and nurturing. The key to living in peace begins with pursuing God and the peace only He can give. – **Joyce Meyer**
- ❖ God allows us to experience the low points of life in order to teach us lessons that we could learn in no other way. – **C.S. Lewis**
- ❖ Forgive and give as if it were your last opportunity. Love like there's no tomorrow, and if tomorrow comes, love again. – **Max Lucado**
- ❖ Your greatest message will be spoken by your life, not your lips. – **Steven Furtick**
- ❖ God sends no one away empty except those who are full of themselves -
Dwight L. Moody
- ❖ What the world requires of the Christians is that they should continue to be Christians. **Samuel Adams**



Abigail Thyvilayil John

them. They remember it well and keep a careful account of how others have wronged them. They may be right about the fact that they have been wronged, but they are very wrong in keeping an account of it. They add up the wrongs done to them, meditate over them, and allow disappointment and bitterness to find a root their hearts.

God wants you to use the supernatural ability He has given You to love your enemies and forgive those who have wronged you. To forgive is to forget. This is how God forgive you. He covers over, blots out, and totally forgets your sins, as if you had never done anything wrong (Heb 10:17). This is the extent to which God forgives and He expects you to forgive in the same manner.

Rev. Jiji Paul, Win India

Believe and Be Blessed

in Mathew 13:58, "He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief." Jesus, the son of God who raised the dead, made the lame to walk, gave sight to the blind could not do many mighty works because of their unbelief. He was able and willing, but because and only because of their unbelief, He couldn't do miracles in His hometown. Indeed Jesus was limited by the unbelief of the people.

Dear brethren, if you and I embrace this unbelief, then we will fail to see miracles of God. It's not the fault of God, but rather it is the unbelief that limits and hinders the work of God. The unbelief sees impossibilities, but the true faith sees possibilities.

"Faith brings God into scene, and therefore it knows absolutely nothing of difficulties-yea, it laughs at impossibilities. In the judgement of faith, God is the great answer to every question- the grand solution of every difficulty. It refers all to Him, and hence it matters not in the least to faith whether it be six hundred thousand dollar or six hundred million; it knows that the God is all sufficient-it finds all it's source in Him. Unbelief says, how can such and the such things

be? It is full of 'hows' but faith has one greater answer to ten thousand 'hows' and that answer is - God" (C.H. Mackintosh)

"Our God is the God who specializes in impossibilities" (Mac Donald)

Nothing is impossible with God (Lk. 1:37, Gene.18:14, Jer. 32:36), and even everything is possible with whoever believes in Him (Mt.9:23)

Listen to these sayings

"Doubt sees the obstacles
Faith sees the way
Doubt sees the darkest night
Faith sees the day
Doubt dreads to take a step
Faith soars on high
Doubt questions who believes
Faith answers I."

When the people of Israel reached the border of the promised land Canaan, God told Moses to send leaders from each tribe to explore the land. Indeed, Moses had sent the twelve, but ten of them brought back the message of unbelief and destroyed the courage of Israel. Those who had fallen in faith failed to inherit the promised land, but those who had believed conquered and inherited. Faith allows you to conquer and inherit. Yea - just believe and be the conqueror, the conqueror of God's blessings. Believe and Be Blessed!

Someone once said, "We believe the Lord can do anything, but we expect Him to do nothing." All Christians do believe that Jesus as the omnipotent God who can do great things even today, yet they do not believe in the miracles that the Lord can manifest in their lives. If the Lord is able, then why are there not miracles today? If Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever why are miracles not occurring? The answer lies

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and legacy of the beloved king. Four nights a week, the ancient walls of the Tower of David Museum become a canvas for telling the story of the shepherd boy who would grow up to lead Israel.

Renee Sivan is the concept creation and curator of the museum's newest venture. She describes it as getting to know King David through paintings and sculpture of the old masters. "But we don't have objects, materials. There are no pictures of King David, so I decided to make it through art, pieces of art and they are the masterpieces, the big masters like Chagall, like Rembrandt, like Matisse, everyone, Michelangelo," Sivan explained to CBN News. "So it was the perfect thing ... let's travel through art to meet the king."

And in that journey, the audience learns how David became a universal figure.

"David in the Muslim religion is a prophet. For the Christians, he's in the roots of Christ. And for the Jews ... he reunified all the tribes in one site, in Jerusalem, the capital of the Jewish people," Sivan said. Tower of David Museum Director Eilat Lieber describes the production as a "gift" to King David. "To see the story of King David was a dream because, as you know, the citadel [David's Citadel] is called after his name. And he is the king who established the city and he is the king of the Bible and we feel it's a gift actually for him," Lieber said.

"King David left his legacy, which is the music and the songs of the Psalms," she continued. "While you are reading the Bible, you remember some stories, some you forget. So it [the light show] is not the full story, of course, but it's a taste of the experience of what is Jerusalem for us, what is Jerusalem for King David."

Behind the scenes, the production requires a huge technical effort. It takes 35,000,000 pixels, 18 laser projectors, 20 speakers and more than six miles of cables. System Designer Eli Geffen explained, "Each computer is connected to a projector. What is powerful is the software behind the system that synchronizes maps, controls and does almost everything behind the scenes for the show."

Yet the technology and the show itself are designed to bring people from all over the world to Jerusalem where they can connect.

Nurse Dismissed for Sharing Christian Faith with Patients Can Finally Return to Work

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A British nurse who was fired for talking to patients about her Christian faith has now been allowed to return to work. Christian Concern, which backed Sarah Kuteh, the nurse, revealed that the judgment, only recently made public, was delivered on July 26 by the Nursing and Midwifery Council. The ruling decided that Kuteh is "fit to practice" and that "it is in the public interest to return an otherwise experienced and competent nurse into practice."

Kuteh was fired back in June 2016 by the National Health Service following complaints by some patients that she had attempted to impose her religion on them. The nurse explained that all she was doing was referring to how her faith in Jesus Christ helped her overcome adversity. "I would ... reassure them, based on the joy and peace that I really have found in Jesus," Kuteh said at the time.

Now, the nurse says that she's overjoyed that she's been allowed to return to work and do what she loves. "I didn't expect to be sacked so I was shocked. This means so much to me because I can go back to the profession I love," she told a news agency on Wednesday.

Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust claimed that the case was never about religion and that the mother of three was initially dismissed for "gross misconduct." "Having made Sarah aware of several complaints from patients and asking her to refrain from preaching to them, her behavior continued unchanged. This resulted in formal warnings that ended in her dismissal,"



the Trust argued. "We took no satisfaction in having dismissed Sarah but must always act in the best interests of our patients and in accordance with professional codes of conduct."

At the NMC hearing last month, Kuteh's supervisor praised her as "a kind, caring, honest, friendly nurse" and "a valuable member of the team." On her part, the nurse admitted that giving her personal Bible to a patient was "going too far" and "crossing professional boundaries." She said that what she should have done is use a Bible from the hospital chaplaincy instead.

"We are delighted that Sarah Kuteh is once again able to practice nursing without restrictions," said Andrea Williams, chief executive of the Christian Legal Centre. "Those who know Sarah recognize what a caring, hard-working nurse she is, and the professionalism she brings to her job. Although it's disappointing that she was ever penalized for her actions — which were wholly motivated by compassion — we rejoice that Sarah is once again free to bring her skill and expertise to her role as a nurse," Williams added.

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issues addressed by Dermer and other speakers at the event, which was attended by approximately 5,000 people, according to CUFI co-executive director Shari Dollinger.

Other speakers on Monday included Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (live through satellite), retired British Col. Richard Kemp and Haley.

Haley, who was presented with CUFI's "Defender of Israel" award, elicited the loudest cheers from the crowd for her defense of Israel at the United Nations. "The United States will not just block the anti-Israel measures, we will shine a light on those that are responsible," said Haley. "There won't be any free passes for those who bully Israel at the U.N." "Sometimes, we are winning at the U.N. through persuasion," she added. "But there are other times when we just have to say, 'Enough is enough.'"

Dollinger, CUFI co-executive director, who is Jewish, told a news agency that the Christian characteristic of her organization is crucial. "We're a Christian organization, first and foremost," she said. "We are about faith, and we are about the fact we are united Christians for Israel—it's in the title."

Hagee, the founder, who emceed the event, reiterated the importance of Christian support for the Jewish state. "You often hear the phrase 'Christian anti-Semitism,'" he said. "There is no such thing as Christian anti-Semitism. Christianity is driven by the love of God."

Hagee concluded with fighting words, quoting former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill: "You ask what is our aim. I can tell you in a word. Our aim is victory, no matter the struggle, no matter the cost. Victory is our aim because without victory there is no survival."

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lost their lives, between August 8 and 20. The relief operations are progressing in all the affected areas and the center has assured that they are with us through this."Over 4,000 relief camps have been opened at various locations to accommodate the flood victims. It is estimated that just over a million people have found shelter in such camps. As floodwaters drained and rains let off across the state on Monday, lakhs of people confined to relief camps or rendered homeless struggled to bring back a semblance of normalcy to their lives. Those returning to what was left of their homes faced an uphill task of first cleaning the surroundings even as the state government sent out an SOS for more supplies of disinfectants and bleaching powder. As for those who lost their homes, the immediate priority was to ensure that they didn't fall prey to waterborne infections, especially leptospirosis and those related to the respiratory tract.

The state's water authority and electricity board are trying to restore supply in areas that have been without power and tap water for days. Around 77,000 of 85,000 mobile towers in the state have been restored. Problems persist only in Idukki district. The state has received 12,000 liters of kerosene and adequate number of LPG cylinders. The threat of disease is now a key concern, given the lack of clean drinking water. Animal carcasses and mosquitoes raise the risks. The health ministry has set up 3,700 medical camps across the state and put six specialized medical teams on standby.

The train services which had shut down following the non-stop rainfall in Kerala, have been partially restored. With the flood waters in Kerala receding rapidly, the Cochin International Airport, one of the three in the state and the busiest, will open on August 26 - after 12 days of closure. The airport was first closed on August 9, for a few hours, and then on August 15.

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has extended financial assistance for flood-hit Kerala, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said on Tuesday. As per news agency ANI, the UAE has offered Rs 700 crore financial aid to rebuild the flood-ravaged state. Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, through a series of tweets, had also urged everyone

Among The Women Who Changed the World – Mary, Mother of Jesus, Secures a Spot at 12.



Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ, was listed at No. 12 in a BBC History magazine poll where readers ranked the top 100 women in history who changed the world.

Results from the BBC History magazine poll, revealed on Thursday, were gathered from experts in 10 different fields of human endeavors who each nominated 10 women they believed had the biggest impact on world history. "We then gave you, our readers the opportunity to vote for your favorite figures from that list. The results — presented here — may well provoke debate," BBC admitted as it presented the list, though did not reveal how many readers voted.

At the top of the list came Polish-French physicist and chemist Marie Curie, who won a Nobel Prize in two different sciences. Second on the list was U.S. civil rights icon Rosa Parks, who in 1955 challenged racial segregation in Alabama by sitting in a whites-only section of a bus and refusing to move. Third on the list was social reformer Emmeline Pankhurst, followed by computer programmer Ada

to contribute generously to provide relief to those affected. After the UAE, Qatar has come out in support of flood-hit Kerala by announcing a financial aid of Rs. 34.89 crore to help provide shelter to those who lost their homes

Lovelace; crystallographer Rosalind Franklin; British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher; philanthropist Angela Burdett-Coutts; writer and philosopher Mary Wollstonecraft; British military nurse Florence Nightingale; and birth control advocate Marie Stopes.

For Mary, at No. 12, the BBC writes that she is "venerated by both Christians and Muslims, and is probably the most famous woman in history. The actual details of her life are veiled as much as they are elucidated by the New Testament." Back in March, Mary was featured in another poll, this time commissioned by the Church of England, looking at "ideal mothers." The survey, which also included fictional characters, was conducted by ComRes which surveyed 2,015 adults. The late Diana, Princess of Wales, came out at the top spot. The voters' choice "my own mother" came in at second, followed by Mother Theresa at No. 3. Mary was ranked at No. 8, behind fictional heroes Molly Weasley from the Harry Potter books, and Mary Poppins.

as a result of the humanitarian crisis. The contributions are flooding from across the globe as Kerala begins building herself from the scratch.

A North Korean Christian Convert Reveals about Persecution in North Korea



A Christian woman, who defected from North Korea, said the world cannot “just sit and keep watching” as North Korea persecutes Christians and others.

Ji Hyeona spoke at the U.S. State Department’s Ministerial to Advance Religious Freedom event at the Harry S. Truman Building this week. She told her story of abuse and torture while trying to escape North Korea.

“Since I first escaped from North Korea in 1998, I have since escaped from the North a total of four times and got repatriated to the North three times until I finally came to South Korea in 2007,” Ji said, “In between, I fell victim to human trafficking and I was also subjected to abortion

violently forced on me even with no anesthesia because the North Korean regime couldn't accept what they call 'mixed love.'” She said she was repatriated three times and interrogated about her beliefs. “Just like Peter denied Jesus three times, I lied each of those times that I got repatriated and got interrogated,” she said.

Ji first tried to escape with her family in 1998. Her father was arrested and she never saw him again. She was then arrested and sent back to North Korea. That same year, Ji was arrested for trying to leave North Korea. She was sent to North Korea’s Jeungsan Camp No. 11 and held at the camp for more than a year. Then, in 2000, she escaped a third time, but was repatriated back to the country in 2002. She escaped for the last time in 2007 to South Korea.

“We cannot just sit and keep watching what they are doing because indifference is the most tragic tool that puts people to death and kills them,” she said, “Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said: 'The ultimate tragedy is not the oppression and cruelty by the bad people but the silence over that by the good people.'”

The Bible Reading Habits of Christians now – The Crossway Survey



The average Bible reader spent 24 out of the last 30 days reading Scripture in the early morning, read the Old Testament far less frequently than the New Testament, and found the Prophetic books of the Old Testament the most difficult to understand.

That’s according to a survey of 6,000 Bible readers by the Christian book publisher Crossway that examined Bible reading habits of those who read Scripture regularly.

Early morning is the most popular time of the day to read the Bible. Bible readers spent, on average, 24 days of the past 30 days reading Scripture in the early morning. The second most popular time was late morning (21.59 days), and the third most popular time early afternoon (20.75 days). Late evening (19.02 days) was the least popular time.

“Women are more likely than men to journal and use devotional resources” while reading Scripture. Men use commentaries more frequently than do women.

The Old Testament Prophetic books (Isaiah-Malachi) are the section of Scripture hardest to understand. Nahum is the book least likely to have been read in the past month. Matthew and Psalms are the books most likely to have been read during that time.

The Old Testament is far less likely to have been read in the past month than the New Testament. Genesis, Psalms, Proverbs and Isaiah are the Old Testament books most likely to have been read.

The books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts and Romans are the most popular books to read in the New Testament.

The biggest barriers to reading the Bible, according to the survey: 1) not having enough time, 2) lacking motivation and discipline, 3) feeling intimidated, and, 4) struggling to apply the Bible to everyday life.

Website Launched

www.theendtimenews.com

It is an honor and privilege to announce that our website www.theendtimenews.com and Android and IOs applications were launched on 20th of July, during the 16th IPC North American Family Conference held in Dallas, USA. Along with other servants of God, the occasion was blessed by Pastor Baby Varghese as he prayed and dedicated the website and the applications for the glory of God



and to the service of His people. The switch on ceremony was followed by a short thanksgiving speech from the chief editor of the endtime news, Mr. BaijuYacobEdavila.

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“Last night, Wynter was taken from us suddenly but we know that she was only taken into the hands of the God that she loves with her whole heart,” he wrote. “Though we grieve, we are doing so with hope. And though we hurt, her life and her legacy will continue on through each one of us, especially my four daughters. Thank you for your prayers, specifically for them.”

The niece of pastor and author Tony Evans, Pitts made a name for herself as an author of books for tweens and girls. She wrote the tween devotionals *For Girls Like You* and *You're God's Girl*. Her latest book, *God's Girl Says Yes: What God Can Do When We Follow Him*, was released this month. She and her husband, Jonathan, co-authored the 2017 book for parents, *She Is Yours: Trusting God as You Raise the Girl He Gave You*. They also were featured on a *Family Life Today* radio broadcast and in the marriage-enrichment *Parent Compass* video series.

She is survived by her husband and four daughters. Daughter Alena was featured in the movie *War Room* jumping rope.

Alena Pitts, her oldest daughter, wrote: “My heart hurts like never before. Comfort seems far. Anxiety is extremely present. It still feels like a dream that I will wake up from soon. I will remember those thirty minutes for the rest of my life. And I will remember the pain I felt as I found out.” Alena added, “But the surgeon who was on site who is also a family friend repeated this phrase to me as I walked down that hospital hallway. And for some reason I couldn't forget them. As they told me my mom had passed, these words continued and still continue to pound in my head. ‘I'm gonna tell you something I need you never to forget, ok? You serve a big God. A big God. Don't you ever forget that. I serve a big God. Obstacles will be thrown at me but my God is still there. He knows what he's doing and he's got a plan. ... I continue to ask myself why me. Why did He choose my family? But I'm reminded He's in control. So even as I weep and grieve, I can smile with joy because I'll see her again.”

America Threatens Turkey with Sanctions on account of pastor's imprisonment.



President Donald Trump demanded that Turkey must release Pastor Andrew Brunson from house arrest immediately. In the succinctly worded tweet, the President assured “large sanctions” if Turkey did not release the “innocent man of faith.”

Turkish courts released Brunson from his 21-month imprisonment on Wednesday and placed him under house arrest because of health concerns. He is said to be wearing a monitoring bracelet till his trial starts in the month of October.

Turkish authorities imprisoned the longtime pastor and missionary after a failed coup attempt in 2013. They accused him of having ties to a group led by American cleric Fethullah Gulen and the Turkish Workers Party. The Turkish government considers both groups to be terrorist organizations. Brunson claims he has no ties to the group and does not take part in political activities in his pastoral work.

Trump spoke with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan during a meeting with NATO allies earlier this month. Trump agreed to release a Turkish citizen imprisoned in the United States in exchange for Brunson's release. The President believed the deal to be ironclad until he was blindsided by the Turkish government's decision to keep Brunson under house arrest. This led to a tense phone call between the two leaders, followed by President Trump's angry tweet.

Brunson, a North Carolina native, served as the pastor of a small evangelical Presbyterian congregation in the coastal city of Izmir. He and his wife have worked in Turkey for twenty-three years.

Other members of President Trump's administration spoke out and took action after Wednesday's action by the Turkish courts. Vice President Mike Pence spoke about

Brunson's case during a speech at the Ministerial to Advance Religious Freedom. He said that Brunson “is an innocent man” and that the move to house arrest was “a welcome first step, but it is not good enough.” He told the applauding audience that administration has worked tirelessly for Brunson's release and that Brunson “deserves to be free.”

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo spoke with Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu over the phone. The two discussed the threat of sanctions, though officials did not elaborate on the details.

The Senate included an amendment proposed by Senators Jeanne Shaheen, D-N.H., and Thom Tillis, R-N.C., in the National Defense Authorization Act. The amendment prevents the shipment of F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Aircraft to Turkey until the Defense Department reports to Congress on the potential effects of Turkey's attempt to purchase an air and missile defense system from Russia. The Senators said the amendment was in direct response to the continued detailing and prosecution of Brunson. In a statement released by Shaheen's staff, the two Senators said, “Senators Shaheen and Tillis felt it inappropriate and dangerous to send Turkey F-35 aircraft at this time, while the Turkish government continues to wrongfully imprison Americans and U.S. embassy staff.”

President Erdogan has not responded personally, but Foreign Minister Cavusoglu tweeted, “No one dictates Turkey. We will never tolerate threats from anybody. Rule of law is for everyone; no exception.”

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Kerala Floods: The Worst in the Century!!

Hundreds have died and almost a million people have been rendered homeless in flood-hit Kerala. Relief teams have been working tirelessly to rescue people and to ensure food, water and medicines reach each and every person in the state. Over 400 people have died and the losses have been estimated at over 20 Billion (Rs. 20,000 crores). Heavy rainfall over the last two weeks has been the worst since the unforgettable flood of 1924 which lasted about three weeks and caused huge damage to life and property.

The monsoon in Kerala normally begins in the first week of June, but from the second week of May on incessant rains reported across this southern state as part of summer rains. This untimely rain resulted in flood in Alappuzha-the low lying geographical area of the state-in the first week of June, when the actual monsoon had commenced. The flood damaged the crops, claimed a few lives and sent thousands of people to relief camps. The water started receding from the third week of June and situation was under control and the people went back to their homes.

In the weeks followed Kerala had seen over 250 per cent more rain than normal between August 8 and August 15, causing the state authorities to release water from 35 dangerously full dams. 14 districts have been put on red alert since then from Kasaragod in the north to Thiruvananthapuram in the south. Hundreds of landslides were reported in most of these districts taking almost 100 lives. The landslides and the incessant rain caused the flood across the river beds in the state.

Chengannur – a town in Alappuzha was severely affected by the flood and at five villages around Chengannur several thousands of people got stranded in their houses and even in their terraces, waiting for the rescuers. The rescue operation in these areas were carried out by the joint efforts of the army wings

and the fishermen from Kollam District, who also rescued several thousands of people with their boating skills in the sea. The rescuers searched each and every home for trapped people and delivered food and water to people who were comparatively safe. Several dead bodies also were recovered by them. In some areas, where boats could never make it to, the stranded people were air lifted. The rescue operations are in full swing in some areas in Chengannur where there is water clogging.

"The prime minister visited Kerala and took stock of the situation. He has promised assistance and whatever it takes to rebuild the state. He announced an immediate assistance of Rs. 500 crore. Before that Home Minister Rajnath Singh and Kiren Rijiju had sanctioned Rs. 100 crore and Rs. 80 crore, respectively. The Centre has also declared the floods in the state as a calamity of "severe nature", paving the way for national assistance in various forms, officials said. The central government has also scaled up the relief and rescue operations. The Army, Navy, Indian Air Force and the National Disaster Response Force have been continuously engaged in rescue and relief operations in all the 14 flood-hit districts in Kerala. Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan said, over 400 people

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