

Meet Reza. Once a Muslim, Now a Middle Eastern Faith Warrior

"There are people doing tremendous things for God. People whose stories need to be heard."

When I look at how far TBN has come in carrying God's Word to the nations of the world through television, I often find myself thinking about the people God has connected us to in order to make that happen. Behind the many logos of the TBN Family of Networks are some extraordinary individuals.

This month, I want to introduce you to one gentleman in particular—Pastor Reza Safa. He's one of the reasons TBN has made notable inroads in some key Islamic countries. You need to hear his story!

How a Muslim Met Jesus

I remember when my dad and I interviewed Reza Safa for a *Behind the Scenes* segment from our studios in Madrid, Spain. I recall being amazed and inspired by the details of Reza's journey from Islam to Christianity. And how he eventually came to be the director of *TBN Nejat*, which broadcasts the Gospel to millions of Farsi-speaking Muslims across the Middle East.

This sweet, confident, Middle Eastern man was so happy to be sitting with us in our Madrid studio and to have the opportunity to share his amazing testimony with my father and our partners.

Reza had grown up a Shi'ite Muslim in Iran and was very

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antagonistic toward Christianity. However, while he was away from home in Sweden, someone gave him a copy of the Bible translated into Farsi. From the time he was a child, he had been taught the Christian Scriptures had been corrupted ... but he decided to crack it open anyway. The words he read pierced him to the center of his soul.

He found himself fascinated by all the accounts throughout the Gospels



of Jesus healing people. He read and reread those same healing stories for hours each day. He wondered, *Could this be true?!* The idea that it was *absolutely* true—history word-for-word was more than he could fathom.

He passionately told me and my dad about the moment he simply asked, "Jesus, are You the Son of God the Bible speaks of? Reveal Yourself to me, and I'll give You my life."

The next morning he heard the voice of God speak to him for the very first time—audibly! The Lord said one simple thing: "Reza, your sins are forgiven."

For the first time in his entire life, he felt peace. After 30 years of following the rituals of Islam and feeling disconnected from God, his life was changed when Jesus showed up and revealed Himself clearly.

"After He spoke," Reza told Dad and me, "it was what I felt that let me know Jesus was real. I no longer felt guilt. As a Muslim I always felt guilty when I failed at praying in the morning. But that morning when I heard God tell me I was forgiven, I fell back asleep and had the best sleep I had ever had!"

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Conversion Leads to Radical Service for the Lord

Eventually, Reza left Iran and moved to Madrid to follow the call of God. He started a church for Iranian expats and refugees and served as pastor for a season. This prepared him for the next big step into God's destiny for his life—creating the first Farsi-language Christian network aimed straight at the hearts of the Iranian people.

He started small, but eventually Reza's faith to follow God led him to my father and TBN. It was a divine connection. What started small has now become a major force for the Gospel. *Nejat TV* is the most-watched Christian network broadcasting to the Middle East, with Reza serving as TBN's managing director.

What I love about this story is that Reza was simply someone God touched with His transforming hope and grace. That love freed Reza, and now he is being used mightily by God to free others in his homeland and beyond.

How mightily? Iran is the fastest-growing evangelical region in the world. One of the last things Reza told my father during our interview was because of our broadcast efforts—an estimated 50,000 Muslim youth receive Jesus every month.

That's when Dad said, "Things are changing, and people in the Middle East are hungry for Christ!"

Things are changing. That's why it's



so exciting that *TBN Nejat* is currently delivering amazing, uplifting, Jesus-honoring content in Farsi—the native language of more than 60 million souls worldwide. A good deal of this powerful ministry content is delivered by former Muslims who understand the culture, speak the language, and know how to communicate to those steeped in Islamic culture and traditions.

We couldn't be more thrilled to have Reza leading *TBN Nejat*, and we're so

grateful for his commitment to sharing Jesus with the world. Together, we're making a tangible impact on a vast, previously unreached region.

One Person Can Make a Difference

Yes, Reza's story is proof that one person, transformed by an encounter with Jesus, can make a tremendous difference. That's why I want to thank you for your ongoing prayers and gifts of support that make you a vital part of high-impact efforts like TBN Nejat.

You're a key part of this new chapter in Reza's amazing story. And you're making countless other stories like his possible as well. Thank you!

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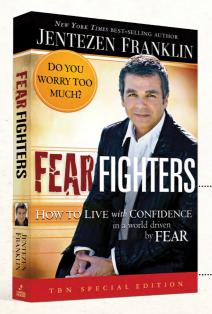
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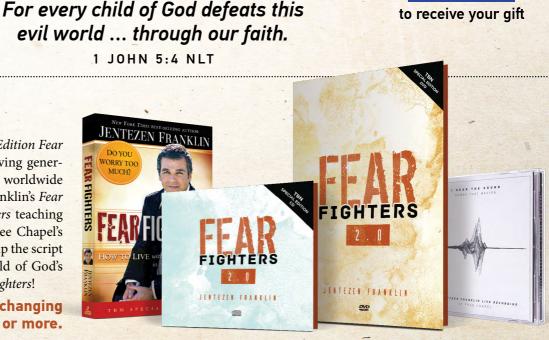
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