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“The goal of hearing the heavenly Father’s voice isn’t just hearing His voice; it’s intimacy with Him.”

— Mark Batterson

There is nothing more important for each of us as Christ followers than hearing God’s voice and following His leadership. And in these days of increasing uncertainty all around us, that truth takes on a new urgency and emphasis. The good news is that God is constantly on the move in our lives and circumstances to turn our hearts toward Him so that we can clearly hear His message of love for us, and embrace His plans and purposes for our lives.

For Laurie and me, we’ve found that the three most effective ways we experience God speaking to us is: 1) through time spent in His Word; 2) through His Holy Spirit, that “still, small voice” whispering truth, wisdom, and direction within us; and 3) through interaction with others—fellow believers, pastors and

Christian leaders, and, not insignificantly, the many wonderful ministry voices available to us every day on TBN.

Of course, I think most of us would have to confess that the world around us is really good at creating distractions that can pull us off track so that we’re not as focused on hearing God’s voice as we should and on following His leadership. From music, movies, and television to the Internet and social media, more than ever before there is a discordant chorus of cultural voices all clamoring to be heard. And I think it’s fair to say that there are few of us who have not been influenced to some extent by these voices that are at odds with the One Voice we really need to hear above all others.

That’s why God’s grace is so crucial in our lives. When we find ourselves distracted or missing

out on what He wants to pour into our lives, He is there to make up our lack and move us back on track. In fact, in the midst all of the competing voices that call out to us, we can be assured that the voice of our Savior and Lord will rise above them all to guide us.

What does His voice sound like? In Psalm 29 David describes God’s voice as glorious, majestic, and powerful like thunder. “The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars,” David declares (verse 5), and, “The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness,” (verse 8). Yes, God can and does use His voice to remind the world of His undeniable lordship over everything. But that’s not the voice He most often uses with us, His beloved children.

As our friend Pastor Mark Batterson writes in his outstanding book, *Whisper: How to Hear the*

Voice of God: “God has an outside voice, and He’s not afraid to use it.” But, Mark adds, “when God wants to be heard, when what He has to say is too important to miss, He often speaks in a whisper just above the absolute threshold of hearing.”

That is what 1 Kings 19:12 refers to as God’s “still small voice” (NKJV). The New International Version calls it “a gentle whisper,” and when He is speaking to us closely, personally, as He does to those He loves and treasures most, I believe that is the voice He uses.

Pastor Mark explains it this way: “We lean toward a whisper, and that’s what God wants. The goal of hearing the heavenly

communicate His overflowing heart of love, mercy, and compassion toward us, and the special plans and purposes He has for us. As His children, that whisper is a voice we can clearly hear, recognize, and follow—even in the clamor of all the other voices that beckon to us—if we quiet our hearts and truly listen.

I’m pretty sure that is the kind of listening Jesus means when He says:

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. (John 10:27-28)

Friend, for almost fifty years it

cast schedule, every moment we are on the air twenty-four hours a day, our goal today is the same as when my parents, Paul and Jan Crouch, launched TBN with a small core of committed, praying partners back in May 1973. That goal, that vision, is to bring more “souls, souls, souls” (as my father used to say) into God’s Kingdom, and to encourage them as they seek to hear and follow Jesus through every season and circumstance of life.

Laurie and I are so deeply grateful to God for the many dear folks who have stood with TBN over the years, as well as for the new generation of partners who are taking up the baton of prayer and financial stewardship as we continue to blaze new trails of outreach across the earth. It is the commitment of people just like you that enables us to reach individuals and families on every inhabited continent with the gentle voice of Jesus, the Good Shepherd—filled with forgiveness, salvation, healing, and hope.

Thank you for joining us in taking His love to the nations.

Our prayers for you always,

Matt and Laurie Crouch

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Father’s voice isn’t just hearing His voice; it’s intimacy with Him. That’s why He speaks in a whisper. He wants to be as close to us as is divinely possible! He loves us, likes us, that much.”

In other words, God uses His gentle, unmistakable whisper to

is this voice—God’s gentle, unmistakable whisper of love—that has been our joy to communicate and share with people across the earth through the television outreach of TBN. With every program we produce and air, every ministry voice we welcome to our broad-

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Pastor Michael Todd Premieres Exciting New Series on TBN!

He is part of a new generation of pastors and Christian leaders speaking truth and the love of Jesus into believers, the church, and the culture. Along with his wife, Natalie, Michael Todd pastors the multi-campus Transformation Church based in Tulsa, Oklahoma, with the vision to “represent God to the lost and found for transformation in Christ.”

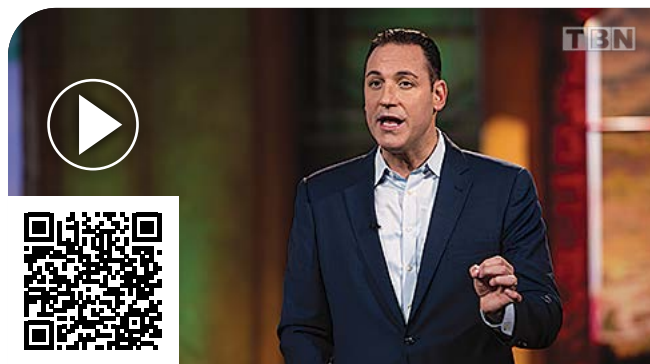
In February Michael launched a new daily TBN teaching and ministry program, committed to encouraging, inspiring, and trans-



forming people into the image of Christ.

Check out Pastor Mike’s exciting premiere program above, and join him Monday through Friday

at 7 p.m. / 6c for *Transformation Church with Pastor Mike Todd*—on TBN. And for more programs log on to tbn.org/miketodd.



TBN LAUNCHES NEWS FOCUS. Veteran investigative journalist Erick Stakelbeck has joined the TBN team to head up the network’s news focus, featuring a daily news break throughout the broadcast day, along with news and current events specials from a biblical perspective.



GATHER ROUND GOSPEL MUSIC TRIBUTE. Singer, songwriter, and worship artist Dante Bowe is joined by some gospel music favorites to honor this uniquely American musical genre, and the many talented singers and musicians who have made it such an important part of our faith and culture.

EXPLORING THE LAND WHERE JESUS WALKED

Dr. Shimon Gibson guides TBN viewers on a fascinating archaeological adventure



Matt Crouch joins biblical archaeologist Dr. Shimon Gibson on an adventure in and around Jerusalem to explore historically significant sites where Jesus walked—including the steps where He was judged and condemned to death, as recorded in Scripture.

In this exclusive TBN special Dr. Gibson gives viewers an up-close view of significant archaeological finds relevant to Christ’s final days leading up to his crucifixion.

Check out the clip above, and view the entire TBN *Praise* special with Matt Crouch and Dr. Gibson at tbn.org/shimongibson.



Left: Dr. Shimon Gibson and Matt Crouch examine an ancient mosaic at the remains of a site between Jerusalem and Jericho, known as the Inn of the Good Samaritan.

Right: Shards of ancient pottery found at an archaeological site near Jerusalem.

Better TOGETHER

Encouraging Women in Christ



International Women’s Day is observed around the world each March, and *Better Together*, TBN’s daily program just for women, responded with a special show devoted to encouraging women to embrace their authority in Christ. “Women are called to pursue God’s purpose, shift culture, and inspire the next generation,” said *Better Together* host Laurie Crouch. “Together, we can change our corner of the world!” View this special *Better Together* program and be encouraged in God’s plan and purpose for you!

TBN Is Shining the Light of God's Love Across East Asia

From the Philippines to India, and from Indonesia to Vietnam, Japan, Taiwan, and even into Mainland China, TBN Asia is broadcasting powerful, culturally relevant programming that is bringing individuals and families to faith in Christ, as well as providing the teaching and mentorship new believers need to grow in their faith.

“East Asia is crucial to TBN’s long-range vision to reach every nation and people with the love of Jesus,” said Matt Crouch. “Prayerfully, we believe that in the years ahead, hundreds of millions of people could respond to the gospel message because of TBN’s expanding presence throughout the Far East.”

TBN Asia’s director, Tony Flores, explained that the network combines the best of TBN’s global programming, with locally and regionally produced preach-



ing, teaching, and other ministry content, reaching across eastern Asia in Tagalog, Korean, English, and other languages.

Among the newest programming produced at TBN Asia’s state-of-the-art facility in Manila is *Bible Study in the Sky*, a daily series featuring Bible teaching from Filipino pastors that is bringing encouragement and inspiration to viewers across the Philippines and beyond.

Flores added that this year TBN Asia is working with the Asian Theological Seminary, a Bible school based in the Philippines, to launch a special pro-

gram designed to train pastors living in distant provinces who may not have access to Bible and theological teaching.

“We’re also partnering with the Philippine Bible Society to produce an animated series to help children learn about God’s Word and the love of Jesus,” he said.

“TBN Asia’s life-changing programming is making a difference in the lives of untold millions of people across East Asia,” said Pastor Flores. “Only eternity will reveal the great Kingdom harvest that has come through TBN’s presence here.”



Tony Flores



Manila, Philippines, one of the cities being touched by TBN Asia.

Go! Share How God Is Reaching China With Hope and Grace

Through our year-long *State of Faith* series, TBN is traveling the world to show the powerful impact of the gospel. Recently we checked in on China, a massive East Asia nation of nearly 1.4 billion people. While China’s government prohibits the Christian faith, God’s love is still reaching this officially atheist land.

Scan the QR code and check out the TBN special showing how God’s love is changing hearts and lives in China. Then use the enclosed **Share Card** to bless someone you know with this life-changing TBN content.



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An estimated 100 million citizens of the officially atheist People’s Republic of China claim Jesus as Savior and Lord!

CeCe Winans on the Global Impact of TBN



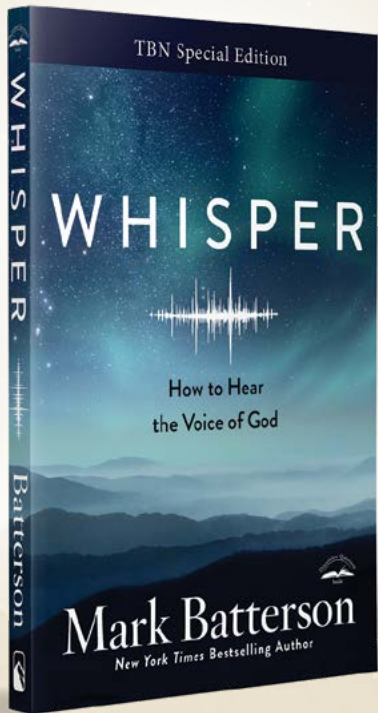
With a dozen Grammys and twenty-two GMA Dove Awards, CeCe Winans is the most-awarded female Gospel artist of all time. She has sold millions of albums, been at the top of the Gospel charts throughout her stellar career, and used her music to share God’s love at some impressive venues—including the White House.

CeCe is also a longtime friend of TBN, who knows the importance of TBN’s global broadcast outreach in getting the incomparable truth of salvation, hope, and healing through Jesus to individuals and families across the earth. “TBN may be the only church some people will ever know,” says CeCe, “and the only voice they’ll hear telling them that Jesus loves them.”



Check out this heartfelt testimony from CeCe on the important impact TBN is having around the world. Then go to tbn.org/cececoncert to view CeCe Winans’ recent music special on TBN.

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God Is Speaking — to You!

For those who wonder if God still speaks to people today, pastor and author Mark Batterson has an enthusiastic, faith-filled answer: Yes! In *Whisper: How to Hear the Voice of God*, Pastor Mark shares seven powerful ways God uses to actively communicate with His followers today, weaving divine messages of love, encouragement, and insight that give Kingdom light to our daily walk with Him.

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Dwell in His Presence

Have you ever wondered if anyone really cares? In *You Are Never Alone*, pastor and *New York Times* bestselling author Max Lucado shows how Jesus is walking with you through every season, helping you to dwell in the grace of His finished work at the cross, and trust Him as your ever-present source of help. Pastor Max's poignant, biblical teaching will help you embrace the truth that you are never without hope, because you are never alone.

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