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June is one of the most exciting months of the year, filled with anticipation and a whole lot of joy for just about everyone. Summer is beginning, the school year is ending, young people are graduating from high school and college, and folks everywhere are looking forward to vacations, family trips, get-togethers, and sun-filled weekends of picnics, barbecues, and other good times.

And right at the center of a lot of those good times are the dads we celebrate on that one special day in June called Father's Day. It's a day set aside to thank the men who helped bring us into the world, recall the good times we've enjoyed, and honor them in every way we can.

fathers who were abusive, unengaged, distant, or absent.

The good news is that, regardless of what kind of earthly father we had, through Jesus each of us has access to a heavenly Father who loves us without measure, is ever present in our lives, and is absolutely committed to our good.



Michael W. Smith with Matt and Laurie

Recently Laurie and I sat down with singer and worship leader Michael W. Smith to talk about his own dad, and what he learned from him about the true character of the heavenly Father. Michael has laid it all out in his just-published book, *The Way of the Father: Lessons From My Dad, Truths About God*.

Calling his dad his personal hero, Michael writes that Paul Smith was the “kindest, gentlest man I have ever known. The person in my life who was always the most like Jesus to me and consistently reflected the qualities of my Abba Father.”

A blue-collar worker in a Kentucky oil refinery for over forty years, Paul effectively modeled to



heart of the heavenly Father—and the servant heart of Jesus—through his deep love, support, care, and commitment to his family, his compassion toward others, and in his faithfulness to his place and purpose in life.

Even in the years when Michael drifted from his faith, his dad and mom never stopped believing in him and praying for him. And throughout Michael's career in Christian music, no one was a bigger support than his father. “If there's any good in me—other than God at work in my life,” Michael once said, “it's because of my dad.”

Sadly, notes Michael, that presence of godly fathers is growing less and less common. “In our culture today, I am well aware that many people don't have my testimony of strong, godly parents,” he writes. “There was not a great father who reflected the image of God. Not even a good father. For some, no father at all. But part of the great news of the gospel is that

God was the first and the ultimate Father, so He can father you. In fact, He wants to father you. He longs to father you. At any age and any stage of life, He is there, ready. Regardless of the presence or absence of your dad or your mom, God can be a Father to you.”

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— Michael W. Smith, *The Way of the Father*

Reading those words, I can't help but reflect on how closely they parallel the vision and mission that is at the heart of all we do here at TBN. Across the earth there are untold millions—even billions—of individuals in need of a father's love and care. And for nearly fifty years the core message threading its way through every program we air is that there is a

heavenly Father who gave His most precious Son to adopt us into His forever family. That same heavenly Father promises to protect us (Psalm 23), guide us (Psalm 32:8), provide for us (Matthew 6:31-33), and to never, ever leave or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5).

Friend, we could never overstate the importance of your prayer and partnership with TBN as we deliver this crucial message of the Father's love to individuals around the world. Thank you for standing with us. Eternity alone will reveal the fruit of your commitment to this ministry.

Our love and prayers for you always,

Matt and Laurie Crouch

Embracing the FATHER'S HEART for You

Laurie and I are both grateful for the fathers we were blessed with, and thankful for the legacies they passed on to us of loving God and reaching others with His hope and grace.

Of course, I know from my own experience as a dad that at their best every father is imperfect and falls far short of all he would like to be and do for his kids. And it's certainly no secret that many individuals struggle with memories of

And for fathers who have fallen short, God extends the promise of forgiveness (1 John 1:9) and reconciliation (Malachi 4:6) because of the finished work of Jesus.

Nowhere is the life-changing truth of the Father heart of God more evident than in 1 John 3:1, which declares: “Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!”

his son the behavior and attitude of a man committed to excellence in what God had given him to do. “Even if he was sick, injured, or exhausted, all those years he was at his station working the swing shift,” writes Michael. “His work ethic and commitment to his co-workers were only surpassed by his love for his God and our family.”

Throughout the book Michael writes of how his dad mirrored the

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Watch and Worship With the K-Love Fan Awards

The K-Love Fan Awards return to TBN June 4, as Matthew West hosts the only fan-voted awards program in Christian music. This year's show features performances by a "Who's Who" of contemporary Christian singers and worshippers, including Crowder, Steven Curtis Chapman, Bethel Music's Jenn Johnson, For King & Country, Cory Asbury, Natalie Grant, Elevation Worship, We the Kingdom, Tauren Wells, Mercy Me, and many more. Don't miss it!



TBN NEWS SPECIAL ON "CANCEL CULTURE." Erick Stakelbeck brought together Dr. Ben Carson, Dennis Prager, Phil Robertson, Pastor Andy Arguez, and Kevin and Sam Sorbo to talk about the rise of cancel culture and its possible negative impact on Christians and the values they cherish.



NEW TBN SERIES THE KINGDOM LIFE. Join filmmaker Shane Sooter on his nationwide quest to discover and embrace the supernatural life that is still available to followers of Jesus today.



MATT AND LAURIE INTERVIEWED FOX NEWS HOST SHANNON BREAM on how God uses women to fulfill His purposes. Shannon's new book is *The Women of the Bible Speak: The Wisdom of 16 Women and Their Lessons for Today*.

MICHAEL W. SMITH Father's Day Special

Don't miss this special TBN music worship program, as Michael W. Smith honors all fathers—and encourages us to run to the arms of the heavenly Father, who knows and loves us more than any earthly dad ever could.



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INSIGHTS ISRAEL & THE MIDDLE EAST is an exclusive TBN documentary series that gives viewers an inside look into modern Israel and its unique role in the Middle East. Produced by the TBN Israel studios, *Insights Israel* features stories about what the nation and people of Israel are accomplishing in regards to technology, innovation, faith, and more, and includes interviews from Israelis who are leaders in their industries and disciplines.

FROM SURVIVE TO THRIVE. Pastor Samuel Rodriguez joins Matt and Laurie to talk about his exciting new book and to lay out seven biblical principles that can serve as guideposts to help us embrace a God-given destiny that will impact our world!



God's Love Across Germany

In the land that birthed the Reformation, Bibel TV is changing lives.

A little over 500 years ago German theologian Martin Luther stepped up to the door of All Saints Church in the town of Wittenberg, and boldly nailed up his ninety-five theses, sparking the Protestant



Reformation that turned the nation of Germany—and ultimately the world—back to a Christian faith based solely on God's grace. Today that same clear message of hope and grace is reaching throughout Germany, and into neighboring Austria and Switzerland, via TBN's German-language affiliate Christian network Bibel TV.

Like much of Europe, over the past several decades Germany's spiritual fervor has grown cold, with churches standing empty and multitudes waiting in darkness for the message of salvation through Jesus. The good news is that younger generations of Germans are now

reaching out for spiritual truth, and Bibel TV is there to lead them to Jesus and encourage and mentor them through culturally relevant, Bible-centered programming.

Germany has over forty million television households, and Bibel TV is effectively reaching up to 690,000 of those homes every day with life-changing content—much of it supplied by TBN's studios and dubbed into German.

"It has been said that 'as goes Germany, so goes Europe,'" noted TBN's Matt Crouch. "And the truth is that Germany wields an incredible amount of influence over the culture and direction of the rest of the European continent. So we believe that effectively reaching the nation of Germany for Christ will have a tremendous impact for the Kingdom of God across Europe. That's why we're so excited about Bibel TV and how it is reaching homes and hearts for Christ throughout Germany."

To find out more about Bibel TV, and to watch it live, log on to www.bibeltv.de.



TBN's affiliate network Bibel TV is taking the love of Jesus to Hamburg (pictured) and across all of Germany.



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The Abraham Accords

TBN docuseries explores historic Middle East peace agreement

On September 15, 2020, President Donald Trump, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, and representatives from the nations of Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates, met on the South Lawn of the White House for the signing of the groundbreaking Middle East peace agreements known as the Abraham Accords. Guided largely by the Trump Administration, the agreements paved the way for the normalization of diplomatic and peaceful relations between Israel and a core of Muslim Middle East nations.

While the mainstream media largely ignored covering the historic agreements, TBN is producing



David Friedman interviews President Donald Trump.



White House Photo

an important four-part original documentary series, entitled *The Abraham Accords*, that explores the background, negotiations, and complex process that brought the Middle East nations together to sign onto the diplomatic initiative.

Hosted by former U.S. Ambassador to Israel David Friedman, *The Abraham Accords* features sit-down interviews with former President Trump, former Vice President Mike Pence, former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, senior presidential advisor Jared Kushner, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, and many other world leaders and experts.



Matt with Vice President Mike Pence.



Don't miss this exclusive series, airing later this year — only on TBN.

Pastor A. R. Bernard: "Thank You, TBN!"

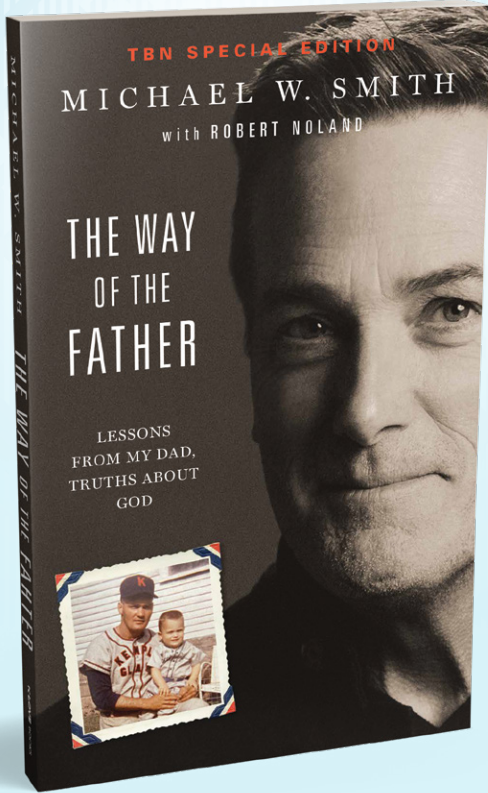


Pastor of the 45,000-member Christian Cultural Center in Brooklyn, A. R. Bernard is one of the most influential and respected evangelical Christian leaders in the New York City area, bringing a message of justice and reconciliation for all individuals and families—with the love of Jesus Christ at the center. Pastor Bernard is also a strong proponent of Christian television and a longtime friend of your TBN. Check out his video message here—and thank you for your prayer and partnership with TBN.



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REFLECTIONS *of the* FATHER

In his new book *The Way of the Father*, Grammy® winning singer-songwriter Michael W. Smith offers a deeply personal reflection on the life and legacy of his father, Paul Smith, relating the many ways in which his dad modeled the love and faithfulness of the heavenly Father. Sharing how his dad inspired him using biblical principles and virtues, through this deeply engaging account Michael shows that no matter who our earthly parents have been in our lives, our Abba Father will never fail us.

Our thank you this month for your gift of any amount to TBN!



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In *Seven Men: And the Secret of Their Greatness*, Eric Metaxas presents exquisitely crafted short portraits of seven historic, influential Christian men: George Washington, William Wilberforce, Eric Liddell, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Jackie Robinson, John Paul II, and Charles Colson. Each biography brings to life a man who stood strong in the face of nearly overwhelming opposition and circumstances. Through these stories of faith and fortitude, *Seven Men* encourages us to lift our gaze to the author and finisher of our faith.

For your gift to of \$35 or more, receive *The Way of the Father* and *Seven Men*, along with Michael W. Smith's instrumental music CD, *Still: Volume 1*, an encouraging album perfect for prayer and reflection.



A Worship Experience With Michael W. Smith

We're also excited to offer Michael W. Smith's special music CD/DVD set *The Surrounded Experience*, which captures the TBN-hosted evening at Nashville's Bridgestone Arena featuring an audience of over 12,000 joining Michael in a glorious time of praise and worship.

Receive *The Way of the Father* and *Seven Men*, *Still*, and *The Surrounded Experience* as our thanks for your gift to TBN this month of \$175 or more.

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