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BEHIND THE SCENES

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Dear Friend AND PARTNER

One of the very best things about being a follower of Jesus during the uncertain times we've all been facing is that He declares our victory is already won. In short, we are instructed to "fear not" regardless of life's circumstances — and that includes times of social or political upheaval, financial challenges, and even global pandemics and personal health concerns.

During a trip we took to Istanbul, Turkey a while back with Tom Newman, TBN's programming director, Tom met up with Reza Safa, the head of our Iranian Farsi-language network, TBN Nejat TV, to walk down to Istanbul's market. It happened to be a particularly volatile time in Turkey right before an election.

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As Tom and Reza were walking, people from every direction suddenly started running up to them, instantly recognizing Reza from TBN Nejat. With stern-looking officials gazing on, people in both Farsi and Turk-

ish began passionately sharing their testimonies and asking for prayer — which Reza gladly did, laying hands on them right there on the crowded city street, praying in Jesus' Name!

That unforgettable moment humbly reminded us all of the immeasurable impact TBN is



having throughout the world, now encircling it with nearly 70 satellite channels and 31 television networks in multiple languages—including across the Middle East.

Of course, Tom and Reza would admit that having such a conspicuously large group enthusiastically praying to Jesus on the streets of Muslim Istanbul was a little unnerving. But their decision to respond by praying and ministering to the crowd points up something important: There are times in life when God calls us to step out in faith despite the fears or uncertainty we may be facing.

In this edition of our *Behind the Scenes at TBN* quarterly report, that theme is front and center as we feature a sit-down interview Laurie and I had not long ago with our good friend Joyce Meyer (page 3). Joyce has a new book out entitled *Do*

It Afraid: Embracing Courage in the Face of Fear, and in our conversation she pointed out that faith does not mean the absence of fear, but is often our choice to move ahead in the face of fear, knowing that God has us covered in every circumstance.

That's just one of the great articles you'll experience in this TBN report. You'll also learn more about **Yippee** (page 5), our exclusive on-demand viewing platform for kids. Launched just a year ago, Yippee is rapidly gaining traction among parents who want programming for their children that not only entertains and educates, but instills moral and biblical values that are important for kids.

Plus, we have an important update on **TBN Africa** (page 6), which is reaching over fifty nations on the sub-Saharan continent with culturally relevant, life-changing Christian television.

We trust you'll enjoy this special TBN partner report as much as we've enjoyed putting it together for you. And thank you again for joining hands with us in these pivotal days as "the fields are white unto harvest" and cutting-edge technologies are enabling us to reach more individuals than ever with the hope and grace of Jesus.

We love and appreciate you,

PERFECT LOVE CASTS OUT FEAR

Joyce Meyer talks about her new book, *Do It Afraid*



Check out this powerful clip from Matt and Laurie's interview with Joyce Meyer, and view the entire program at tbn.org/praise-doitafraid.

As every corner of the earth has been impacted by the COVID pandemic and other turmoils, no emotion has been more front and center in the daily lives of people than fear. And never has it been more important for people to embrace the liberating truth that fear has been defeated through Christ's death and resurrection, and His perfect love casts out fear (1 John 4:18).

That's why *Do It Afraid: Embracing Courage in the Face of Fear*, the new book from TBN friend and programmer Joyce Meyer, is such a timely arrival for us all (see page 8). In it, Joyce assures us that as Christians we need not be afraid, and shows us how we can effectively stand when fear tries to come against us.

In a sit-down interview with Matt and Laurie Crouch, Joyce emphasized that when God tells us in His Word, "Fear Not" (Isaiah 41:10), He is not saying

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that we should never feel the emotion of fear. True, faith-filled courage, she explained, "is not the absence of fear." Instead, "it is moving forward in the presence of fear."

But how do we do that? Joyce pointed out that the only thing

that empowers us to move ahead in the face of fear is God's love, and His promise that He will always take care of us. "When God told Joshua, 'Do not be afraid,' (Joshua 1:9), he wasn't telling him not to feel fear," explained Joyce. "He was really telling him, 'You're going to feel fear. But when you do, don't run, because I am with you.'"

In fact, faith in God is key for every circumstance we face. "We don't have to be afraid because God will tell us what to do!" Joyce proclaimed. "When fear knocks on your door, send faith to answer." She added that throughout life, each of us will face a variety of fears and uncertainty. "It takes faith for us to step out into the unknown, where only God can guide us," she said.

The finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ on the behalf of those who love Him gives us the authority to stand in a place of victory in every circumstance we face. That means there is no place for fear. As the apostle John reminds us, fear is synonymous with torment, which is the opposite of God's love for us. There is no fear in the love He has for us. Praise God, it casts out fear!

STAYING SANE IN AN INSANE WORLD

In August author and speaker Lisa Harper hosted a one-hour TBN special themed on keeping our focus on God's faithfulness in a world filled with chaos.

"My guess is that most of us would press a rewind button for the past five or six months if we had the chance to do so," said

Lisa concerning the pandemic and social turmoil we've faced throughout 2020. "If we could somehow avoid the loss of life, and jobs, and the violence and division that have seemed all too prevalent, we would. But we can't."

While there's no rewind button on life's difficulties, she added,

"there is a redemptive way forward. If we put our hope in Jesus Christ, then the Bible tells us that we have the mind of Christ. That means we absolutely can stay sane in what seems to be an insane world. Even though chaos seems to be reigning all around us, it doesn't have to reign within us."

Check out the great encouragement from Lisa Harper, along with powerful messages from Bible teachers and authors Dr. Alicia Chole and Joyce Meyer.



A SOUND MIND IN AN UNSOUND WORLD

Author and speaker Dr. Alicia Chole offers biblical counsel on staying centered and peaceful in a world that is uncertain.



LIVING HOPE

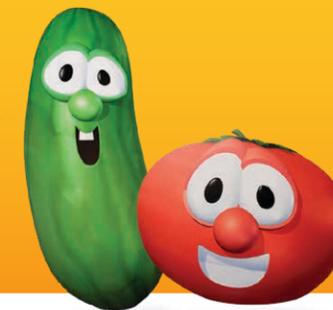
Joyce Meyer shows how God's grace is key to keeping our hope alive.



WALKING WITH GOD THROUGH EVERY SEASON

Lisa Harper encourages us to keep our focus on God's goodness regardless of our circumstances.

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Your go-to place for inspiring kid-friendly content!



With so much going on in our world right now, many families are facing a lot of uncertainty. And that means more than ever, children need all the encouragement we can give them, along with some safe space filled with joy, wonder, and faith.

That's why we're so thrilled about Yippee, TBN's exclusive online and app-based streaming service just for kids. Launched in 2019, Yippee is rapidly becoming a favorite option for parents who want to give their children programming that is entertaining, educational, inspirational—and totally safe from objectionable content. Yippee is filled with kid-friendly TV that reinforces the spiritual and moral values we all want for our children.

While there are other streaming and on-demand services with content for kids, none of them

have children and their parents covered like Yippee. Here are just a few reasons why:

Yippee is a safe place for kids anytime and anywhere. That's because Yippee's programming is selected and approved by those who know the importance of content that parents and grandparents can trust for children. There's absolutely no content kids shouldn't see, no intrusive advertising to worry about, and no hidden messages targeting children. It's 100 percent kid-safe television.

Yippee is faith-focused and values-based. We all know the importance of impacting children early with the truth of God's Word, and of reinforcing solid moral values. At Yippee, we carefully select all our programming and content to build children up and help them grow strong in character and their faith in God.

Yippee is just plain fun!

Let's face it. If programming doesn't entertain and hold their attention, kids are going to quickly lose interest. But that will never happen with Yippee! For starters, Yippee is the only streaming platform that has every classic VeggieTales episode, along with all new VeggieTales shows airing every month. Plus, we've got plenty of other kid-friendly shows like *Jay the Jetplane*, *Owlegories*, *Theo*, *Ryan De-frates*, *The Bethkes*, *Backyard Bible Camp*, *Dad Ventures*, and a lot more.



Best of all, we've made it super easy for your children to start enjoying Yippee today! Download the Apple or Android Yippee app for your smart phones and mobile devices, or visit us online at www.yippee.tv/tbn for a free, seven-day Yippee trial. Then sign up for our special TBN introductory offer and get Yippee for \$7.99 a month — or a whole year of Yippee programming and content for your kids for just \$67.

COVERING AFRICA WITH THE LOVE OF JESUS

Millions are finding hope and healing through TBN!



With a population of well over one billion people, sub-Saharan Africa is a massive harvest field for the gospel. And TBN Africa is covering the entire region with culturally relevant television programming that is bringing millions to Christ, and equipping them to walk out their faith with confidence.

TBN began its relationship with Africa back in 1986, when Paul Crouch Sr. first brought Christian television to what is now South Africa. Today viewers in over fifty sub-Saharan African nations are being touched and changed by a combination of the best of TBN's global ministry programming, along with exciting content produced exclusively for TBN Africa from

the network's studios in Johannesburg, as well as on location across the continent. TBN Africa is also introducing powerful teaching and ministry programs from new and emerging African Christian leaders and ministries.

"A majority of our ministry and teaching programs feature local and regional pastors, teachers, and church leaders."

Network manager Lucky Mbiko said that TBN Africa places a strong emphasis on programming that ministers the truth of God's Word to viewers across

the continent. "A majority of our ministry and teaching programs feature local and regional pastors, teachers, and church leaders," he said. "It is this type of programming that is raising up a new generation of Africans equipped to impact their neighborhoods, communities, nations—and the entire African continent—for the Kingdom of God."



"We are excited to see how local and regional churches, ministries, and Christian leaders are partnering together through TBN Africa to take the life-changing message of Jesus to individuals and families across Africa," said TBN's Matt Crouch. "I believe we are witnessing a mighty revival that is spreading across the continent—and will help reach the world with the hope and grace of Jesus."

Find out more about TBN Africa, and view the network live, at TBNAfrica.org.



His Good Pleasure

Pastor D Robinson, TBN Network Director of Pastoral Care

Have you ever taken time to think about why you are here on earth at this time in history? Why did God create you, what is your purpose, and how can you fulfill that purpose?

Created to Glorify God

A long time ago some historical church fathers posed those very questions, and they found from Scripture that our main purpose is to "glorify God, and to enjoy him forever."

In the book of Revelation we get a glimpse of this in word and action when the twenty-four elders fall down before God's throne and cry out in worship: "You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created" (Revelation 4:9-11, NKJV).

Another translation of that passage says that God created us "for His pleasure." When I think about this scene in heaven, with God's creation bowing down before Him and declaring His glory, it gives me a whole new perspective about my relationship with the Creator of the universe.

Far too often the focus of our relationship with God is our

needs and what He can do for us. But what if, in the midst of our personal concern, we were to intentionally shift our gaze from ourselves to the One who is worthy of our worship and praise?

If we were to do that, the change in our attitudes and in the atmosphere of our surroundings would be profound. Isaiah 26:3 tells us that if we keep our mind—our heart, our focus, our attention—fixed upon Jesus, He will keep us in perfect peace, because we trust in Him.

"You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power" —Revelation 4:9

There is no better way to do that than to express your love, your devotion, your praise, your worship of Him, and your trust in Him. I can tell you from personal experience that as you fix your gaze upon Jesus, and make Him the center of your attention, your enjoyment of His presence will increase dramatically.

Right about now I can hear some people saying, "But Pastor D, shouldn't I bring my needs to God in prayer?" And the answer is a huge "YES!"

Come boldly to God's throne, where you will find abundant mercy and grace for every need you have (Hebrews 4:16).

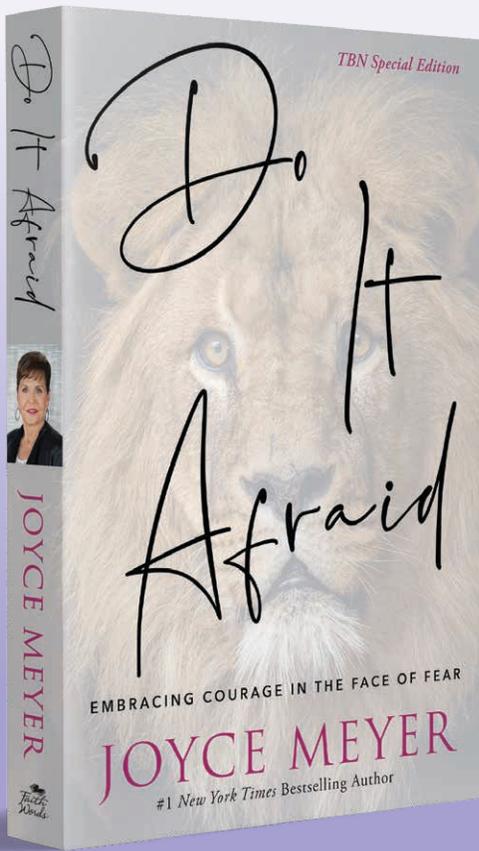
Declarative Worship

Just like David does in Psalm 103, turn your requests into declarative worship and say: I bless You, Oh, Lord, and I will not forget the benefits you provide me. You forgive my sin. You heal my body. You redeem my life from danger. You crown me with Your lovingkindness. You satisfy me with every good thing, so that my youth is renewed like the eagle's.

As God's child through faith in Jesus you can rest assured that His will is to bless you and do you good. If you're among those who struggle to truly embrace that truth, here is what Jesus declares: "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32). That's right! God is pleased to equip you with everything you need to prosper in every way and to fulfill His purposes in your life.

Never forget that here at TBN we lift you up in prayer, and are committed to helping you become all that God created you to be. You can reach us for prayer any time at 714-731-1000.

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**DON'T LET
FEAR**

**KEEP YOU FROM
*God's Best!***

It is one of the most common emotions faced by every person who has ever lived. But as God's child you can rise above fear. In her latest book *Do It Afraid*, bestselling author and teacher Joyce Meyer shows you how to stand up to the fears that try to hold you back, and embrace Holy Spirit-empowered courage and faith in the face of every obstacle.

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