

Experiencing Church Hurt? The Message Every Christian Needs to Hear

It's a guarantee in life: we will all feel pain at some point in time. But what do we do when the greatest hurt we experience comes from the place we're supposed to feel God's presence?

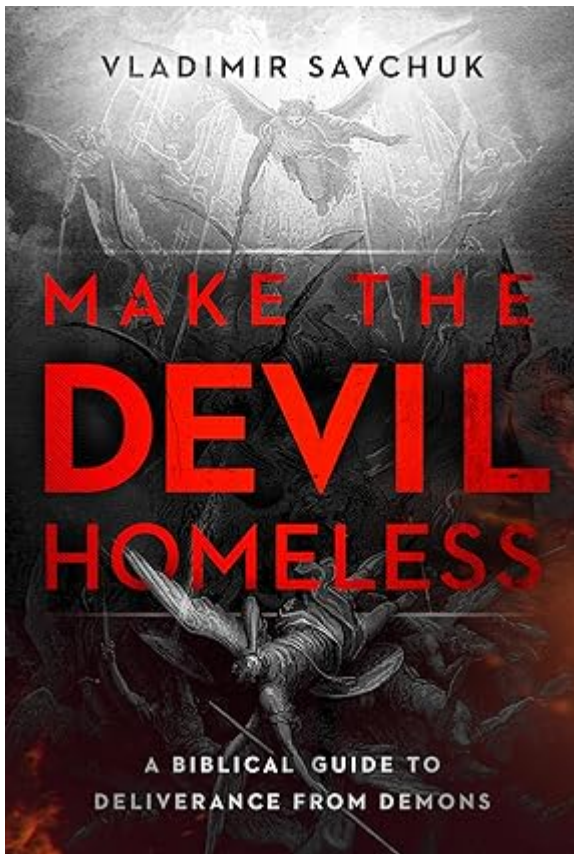
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In a recent message, [Lana Savchuk](#) gave a profound word about how Christians should handle church hurt as they navigate their relationship with others and Christ.

"Usually, we're not hurt by the church, but the people in the church," says Savchuk. "Christian people should be held to a higher standard because we are growing in Christ, we strive to be perfected into the image of Christ. But, we are still human beings. [We're still people](#)...people mature at different paces."

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In a world where pain is inevitable, few wounds cut deeper than those inflicted within the walls of the church—where we expect healing, not heartbreak. Yet even in these moments of betrayal or disappointment, God offers restoration. Lana Savchuk reminds us that while people may fail, Jesus never does.



[To order Vlad Savchuk's new book, Make the Devil Homeless, visit Amazon.com.](#)

The path to healing doesn't lie in abandoning [the church](#), but in anchoring ourselves more deeply in Christ and allowing Him to refine us through every trial. Don't let hurt push you away from the One who heals.

Watch the rest of the video from [Lana Savchuk](#) and discover how to move from pain to purpose—even when it hurts the most.

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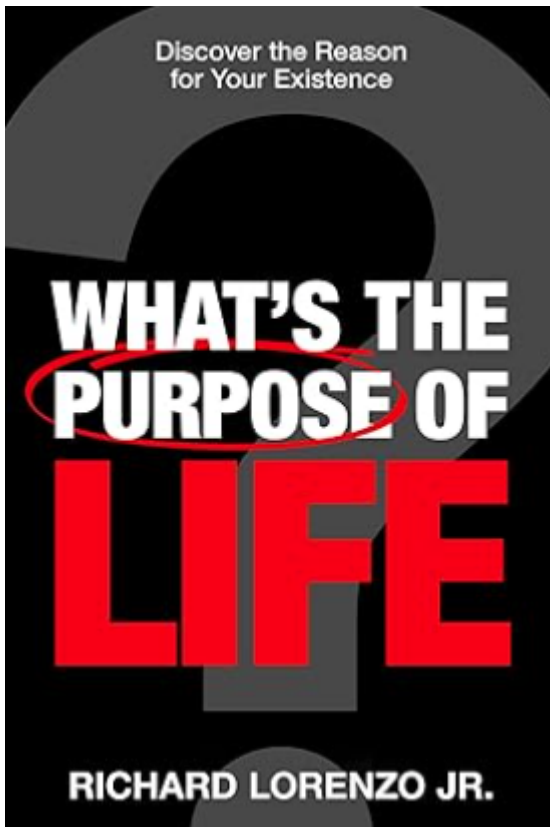
Is Skipping the Sabbath a Sin? Evangelist, College Students Battle in Bold Debate

Is it a sin if we do not keep [the Sabbath day](#)?

That's the question a group of college students from Eastern Kentucky University [debated with evangelist](#) Nicholas Bowling. While the Sabbath is a good thing to provide us with rest and rejuvenation, there is danger in becoming too legalistic about how we do things. At the heart of this debate is not just the "when" we should observe the Sabbath, but also the "why" and the "how."

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One of the students pointed out that stealing and worshipping other gods are clearly recognized as sins—so why isn't breaking the Sabbath treated the same way, since it is the fourth commandment? She argued that since God sanctified the seventh day (Saturday) in Genesis before people even existed, the Sabbath was created for humanity.



[To order Richard Lorenzo Jr.'s new book, What's the Purpose of Life?, visit Amazon.com.](#)

However, Bowling pointed to the words and actions of Jesus, who often healed and allowed His disciples to pick grain on the Sabbath. Religious leaders accused Jesus of breaking Sabbath law, but He replied, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath," (Mark 2:27-28).

Bowling's statement points out the difference between legalism and relationship with God. Jesus fulfilled the Law, including Sabbath observance, and redefined its purpose—highlighting the heart behind it. It's not about following rules for the sake of rules, but about rest and connection with the heavenly Father.

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The apostle Paul further supports this in Colossians 2:16-17:

“Let no one judge you... regarding a Sabbath... which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.” The Sabbath, then, is a spiritual gift, not [a legal obligation](#).

While some of the students questioned why Sunday worship became the norm when it isn't commanded in Scripture, Bowling pointed out how the early church met daily to teach and preach about Jesus. The Sabbath provides great benefits for us, however believers shouldn't judge others for how they observe it. What matters most is the heart posture of honoring God.

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The Sabbath is still a gift—an invitation to rest and worship. But under the new covenant, believers are called to freedom, not ritual. As Jesus demonstrated, the greater Law is love—and that includes how we approach the Sabbath.

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Is the Rapture Just a Myth? Pastor Reveals the Shocking Truth

Is the rapture a real event yet to happen, or is it all just a sham?

In a timely and bold message, Pastor [Kap Chatfield](#) spoke on one of the most controversial doctrines in modern Christianity: the rapture of the church.

Look for Kap Chatfield's upcoming new book, Prosperity Is Not a Curse Word. Available soon on amazon.com.

“Is the rapture real?” he asks at the outset. “Is it a made-up doctrine, or is it rooted in Scripture?” With clarity and conviction, he affirms the rapture as a biblically grounded event, pointing to 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 as one of the clearest passages describing it. “‘Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds [to meet the Lord in the air.](#)’ That’s where we get the doctrine of the rapture.”

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Anticipating skepticism, from many, Chatfield addresses the familiar objection that the word ‘rapture’ is not found in the Bible. “The word ‘rapture’ isn’t in the English Bible,” he acknowledges, “but the concept absolutely is.” He explains that the phrase “caught up” in 1 Thessalonians 4 is the Greek word *harpazo*, which means “to seize, to snatch out or away.” “When translated into Latin, it’s *rapturo*, and that’s where we get our English word ‘rapture’ from.”

Chatfield also presents biblical figures who were snatched up by the Lord and taken to heaven while still alive, such as Enoch, Elijah and Philip: “They were snatched away by the Lord. God took them. That’s a picture of the rapture.”

He also warns believers not to be swayed by modern reinterpretations of the event. “There’s a whole group in the new age movement that says it’s not really about disappearing,” he explains. “They say it’s about ascending into a higher frequency. Not even close.”

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Jesus, he insists, was crystal clear about what the rapture would look like. “In Matthew 24:40-41, Jesus says two men will be in the field—one will be taken, the other left. Two women grinding at the mill—one taken, one left. That [sounds pretty literal to me.](#)”

The heart of Chatfield’s message centers on readiness. He quotes Luke 21:36, where Jesus says: “‘Watch, therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass.’” Then he adds, “That word escape came out of the mouth of Jesus. Some people don’t like that word. They think it means cowardice. But it’s God’s mercy.”

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Ultimately, [Chatfield says](#) the rapture is not a fringe belief or escapist fantasy.

“It’s not a myth. It’s the greatest rescue mission in human history. It’s how the church goes up before the wrath of God comes down.”

As the world spirals into deception and distraction, the call to live awake, alert and aligned with God has never been more critical. This is not about fear, but about faith—a bold, expectant readiness for the return of Christ. The moment will come without warning, and when it does, only those who are truly prepared will be taken. Now is the time to examine your heart, walk in holiness and live with eternity in view.

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LA Marzulli: The Real Reason Governments Won't Disclose UFOs

Will the government ever give us better insight into what they know about UFOs?

In a compelling discussion with Prophecy Watchers' Gary Stearman, researcher and author L.A. Marzulli unpacked the growing global call for [UFO disclosure](#)—and why it may be far more spiritual than any of us could have realized.

“There are those who are really pushing for disclosure,” [Marzulli acknowledges](#). “In other words, they want the governments of the world just to come clean and admit that this phenomenon is real.”

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While some expect governments to reveal soon what they know, Stearman remains skeptical of any genuine transparency. “I don't see disclosure in the classic sense happening,” he says, suggesting that the truth is too deeply entangled with national interests and dark spiritual forces.

The crux of the issue, according to Marzulli and Stearman, lies not in distant galaxies but in earthly alliances. “To disclose this dark presence that's been around literally for millennia would trip up the plans of too many world governments, whom I believe to be in league with these intruders,” Stearman says.

This notion, that governments are working hand-in-hand with dark principalities, just may be more than any person can handle in the physical realm.

“It could be that the [governments of the world](#) are sort of in over their head,” Marzulli says. “In other words, they’re dealing with these entities that are so much more powerful than they are that they’ve lost control of, really, everything, in some ways.”

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“To have made a deal with the devil, in the classic sense—literally—is to find oneself in a trap,” Stearman warns. Governments, he believes, have bartered away something far more precious than they expected. “At first, it sounds like maybe you can win... Maybe you’ll get something out of it that’s worthwhile. And then later on, you find out that there were [parts of the deal](#) you didn’t know about in the beginning.”

Stearman also speculates that reverse-engineered alien technology may be behind recent advancements, but at a steep price: “What was the price? The price was, I think, to give up certain control... It probably involves world economies, lines of force, power, human enslavement—and ultimately, in the plan of the Antichrist... the control of the entire population.”

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These revelations point to a disturbing intersection between advanced technology, global power structures and spiritual deception. What appears on the surface as scientific curiosity or [extraterrestrial fascination](#) may, in fact, be part of a far deeper—and darker—agenda.

As the world anticipates formal disclosure, the real question is what these entities already have cost humanity. The stakes are higher than we imagine, and the deception is currently underway.

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Most Powerful Moments of Kathryn Krick's Deliverance Ministry You Have to See!

In a powerful compilation of deliverance testimonies, Kathryn Krick shares jaw-dropping accounts of people being radically set free by the power of Jesus Christ. From physical healing to emotional and spiritual breakthrough, the video captures the [awe-inspiring moments](#) that can only be explained by divine intervention.

Krick recounts countless miracles she's witnessed—[people healed](#) from cancer, infertility, deafness, muteness, schizophrenia and other afflictions. One remarkable moment occurred during a revival in Nashville when a baby who had been crying uncontrollably for over an hour suddenly stopped after prayer. The baby, who had been deaf in one ear, was later confirmed by doctors to have regained hearing.

Another unforgettable story involves a worship leader who had lost her voice for months due to a mute spirit. After intense

spiritual warfare and prayer, she was miraculously able to speak and sing again—right there in a public park, to the sound of [rejoicing all around](#).

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Perhaps one of the most moving accounts is that of a young man battling addiction to heroin, meth, pornography and more since age 16. After renouncing these strongholds and receiving prayer, he was delivered—not only from addiction but also from the excruciating withdrawal pain in his legs.

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Krick also describes a [powerful deliverance](#) of two young sisters tormented by suicidal thoughts and demonic manifestations. After their family renounced occult ties and generational curses, the girls were completely set free.

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These are just a few of the incredible moments that showcase the freedom available through Jesus Christ.

Don't miss this powerful video—watch below and witness the transforming power of God for yourself.

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The Church Is Ignoring This Commandment—and Rabbi Schneider Says It's Dangerous

Have we been missing the whole point of God's Law?

Rabbi Kirt Schneider, host of Discovering the Jewish Jesus, joined Paul Begley to share insights from his latest book, [Decoding the Torah: Applying Ancient Wisdom in a Modern World](#). This new work dives deep into the 613 commandments of the Torah and brings spiritual applications relevant to both Jewish and Gentile disciples of Jesus today.

"This is the most profound book that I've ever written," [Rabbi Schneider says](#). "It's been in my spirit for about 10 years." His passion is to show that far from being irrelevant, the Torah reveals the very heart of God. "Jesus said in Matthew 5 that He didn't come to abolish the law and the prophets but to fulfill them," Schneider emphasizes. "God's self-revelation is within His Law."

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The book aims to correct the misunderstanding among many Christians that the law no longer applies. "We're not under the law in terms of legal requirement, but that doesn't mean we throw away the baby with the bathwater," he said. "Without the law, we really don't know how to walk with God."

One example Schneider gives is the commandment in Genesis

32:32 forbidding the eating of the thigh muscle, which commemorates Jacob's [encounter with God](#). After wrestling all night, Jacob was blessed—only after [God dislocated his hip](#). “The hip area is considered the seat of pride,” Schneider explains. “Before God could bless Jacob, He had to break his pride.”

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Schneider also spoke on the principle of Sabbath rest. “The Sabbath is not just a law—it’s a creation principle,” he says. “God rested on the seventh day and was refreshed. He created it for man. It’s a day to stop doing, to be refreshed, to become a human being rather than a human doing.”

Another Law discussed came from Exodus 20:26, which instructed priests to ascend to the altar via a ramp, not stairs, to avoid exposing themselves. “This [speaks to us of modesty](#),” Schneider says. “We’re to dress in garments of glory and beauty—not to draw people to our flesh.”

Schneider highlighted a second powerful Law found in Exodus 23:2: “You shall not follow the masses in doing evil.” In a world where cultural trends often contradict biblical truth, this command remains vital. “We are not to be conformed to this world but transformed by the renewing of our minds.”

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Rabbi Schneider's [Decoding the Torah](#) isn't just a theological deep-dive—it's a prophetic call to rediscover the heart of God through His commandments. Far from outdated or irrelevant, the Torah pulses with divine wisdom meant to shape how we live, worship and walk in holiness today. For believers hungry to go deeper, this book offers more than insight—it offers transformation.

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Lisa Bevere and Girls Gone Bible: The Truth about Women in Ministry

In today's American church, a concerning undercurrent is becoming more visible—a [religious spirit](#) that seeks to restrict rather than release. Much like the religious leaders in the book of Acts who tried to silence Peter and John, there are forces within the church that resist those who preach the name of Jesus, especially when it challenges tradition. This spirit often masquerades as order or reverence but is rooted in fear and control, discouraging obedience to the Spirit of God.

This resistance has become particularly evident when it comes to women preaching and teaching the Word of God. Despite a biblical and spiritual mandate for all believers to preach the Gospel, there remains a widespread push-back against women stepping into roles of influence. In a powerful interview with [Girls Gone Bible](#), Lisa Bevere tackled this topic and how the church should respond to the role of women when it comes to sharing the Gospel.

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The Call and Commission of Women

Across the globe, women are rising with a fire to proclaim the Gospel, responding to a divine calling to go and share the

Gospel to all of creation. Yet, some religious leaders attempt to suppress this movement, drawing rigid lines based on gender rather than anointing. The truth remains: while not all are called to pastor, all are commissioned to preach. As Lisa Bevere points out, this includes both sons and daughters, as clearly revealed in the prophetic promises in Joel when God said He would pour out His spirit on both sons and daughters.

Silencing women in ministry undermines the very mission of the church in these crucial times. He is calling forth a generation—[men and women alike](#)—to stand, speak and serve.

God's Generosity in the Last Days

This prophetic promise from the Lord that He would pour out His Spirit on all flesh is a radical declaration of His love, not a reward for spiritual achievement. In these last days, His Spirit is falling on individuals and groups that may surprise traditional mindsets. This includes those outside the usual church settings, demonstrating that His outpouring is about love for humanity, not human approval.

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Rather than resisting this move, the church must embrace it. God is using people who may not fit the mold, and He is not asking for permission to do so. His mission is too urgent to let tradition hinder the harvest.

Restoring Unity Between Men and Women

The division between men and women in ministry mirrors the fracture that began in the Garden of Eden. Blame, control and

competition have replaced [the harmony God intended](#). But Jesus came to restore what was lost, and this includes the unity and collaboration of men and women in the church. Instead of fighting with one another, we are all called to fulfill the Great Commission and speak the truth in love.

The call today is for all believers to be fully engaged in the work of the kingdom. It's not about who holds the microphone but whether Christ is being lifted high. As the church enters a pivotal season, it must move beyond debates and embrace the full body of Christ—male and female—empowered and united for the mission ahead.

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The time for division and hesitation is over. God is calling His people—men and women alike—to rise in boldness, unity and obedience. The Spirit is moving beyond the confines of tradition, pouring out on all flesh with purpose and power. The church must cast off the religious spirit that limits and embrace the full measure of God's calling. In these last days, every voice yielded to Christ matters. It's not about who speaks, but that Jesus is proclaimed.

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Former FBI Agent with Glenn Beck: Demonic Secrets and Pure Evil While Working Undercover

In a gripping and thrilling interview with [Glenn Beck](#), retired FBI Special Agent Scott Payne pulls back the curtain on the unseen secrets and the personal cost of living undercover. From infiltrating biker gangs and the KKK to witnessing rituals involving demons and pagan sacrifices, Payne's story is one of danger, moral conflict and ultimately redemption.

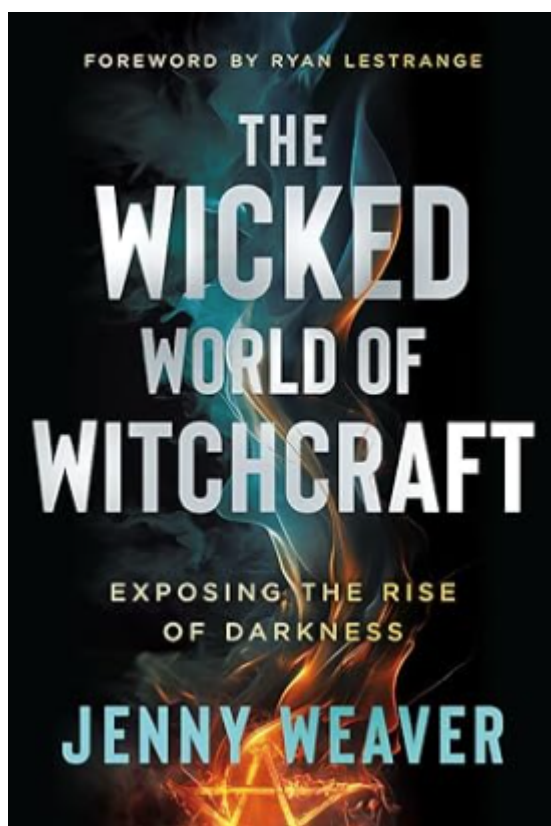
Payne spent years immersed in deep undercover work, often forming real bonds with criminals he was working to expose. "The friendships are real," Payne said. "There are times when one of the guys is crying, saying 'I love you, man.' That one hurt." In one operation, Payne infiltrated the Outlaws motorcycle club for two years, gathering evidence of insurance fraud, car jackings, drug deals and even murder plots.

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Though he was posing as a criminal, Payne never forgot who he truly was. "I'm still me. I'm still Scott," he emphasized. But the line between acting and reality blurred. "When I'm sitting across the table from a pedophile who's hiring me to kill the kid he molested... maybe that is acting," he admitted. "We don't call it an acting school, but you've got to personify something else."

Working undercover in white supremacist circles added another layer of psychological strain. "Can I really bond with a violent white supremacist? I can try to find something to talk about... but you're sitting in a room full of what you [know is](#)

[evil.](#)” Still, Payne acknowledged that not every individual he encountered was purely malevolent. “Sometimes I look at them and think, ‘That could have been me.’ They grew up in this environment, they chose that path. I chose this one.”



[To order Jenny Weaver's new book, The Wicked World of Witchcraft, visit Amazon.com.](#)

Amid the darkness, Payne credits his faith for keeping him grounded. “My faith has carried me through a lot of things,” he said. Raised in a Christian home with two grandfathers who were pastors, Payne’s early years were steeped in faith, though he strayed dramatically during his teenage years. “I ended up going into full-blown Satan worship—wanting to sign a contract in blood and all this crazy stuff.”

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Payne even had a face-to-face encounter with a demon, which forever [changed his worldview](#) on the spiritual realm.

“...when I rolled over what I saw was all red like a watery image, and it was a demon looking at me, smiling with his crooked finger and nails,” Payne says.

He traced that descent into darkness to unresolved trauma and emotional pain, particularly after his parents’ divorce. “Looking back, I could see that... I was probably saying something else a little more vulgar in my mind like, ‘I don’t care,’ and that went into everything I did.”

That same vulnerability, Payne explained, is often what extremist groups exploit. “Gangs, cults, radical movements—they’re all looking for somebody who has a need to belong.”

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Today, Payne is not only sharing his story, but also offering a warning. [Evil is real](#), he insists, and far closer than most Americans realize. “There’s a lot of people out there that just don’t know how evil the world can be—or is.”

Still, he holds onto hope. “I’m an optimist, a glass-half-full guy,” he said. “And my faith... that’s what pulled me back.”

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Creation, Dinosaurs and the End Times: What Scientists

Found Will Blow Your Mind

Creation screams of the glory of God. However, people continually debate [the existence of dinosaurs](#), if our planet today could contain these creatures and what we will see next in the end times.

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Trey Smith unpacked some of these questions by visiting the Creation Evidence Museum in Glen Rose, Texas. Here, people will find fossilized human footprints seemingly embedded alongside dinosaur tracks, a discovery that would upend the accepted timeline of Earth's history if verified. The museum argues that such findings are not isolated anomalies but pieces of a much larger puzzle pointing to a biblical account of creation and the flood.

The Pre-flood Biosphere: Recreating the Days of Noah

One of the most ambitious projects underway at the museum is a massive hyperbaric chamber designed to [replicate conditions](#) believed to exist before Noah's flood. This "preflood biosphere" is based on the idea that Earth's atmosphere once contained higher levels of oxygen, pressure, and carbon dioxide—conditions that may have contributed to longer lifespans, greater vitality and even physical differences in creatures and people.

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This controlled environment has already produced fascinating results. Researchers claim that venom from a copperhead snake placed in the chamber underwent a structural change, losing its toxicity and becoming more like a healing serum. These findings suggest that the pre-flood world described in Genesis may have been far more sophisticated and biologically dynamic than modern models can account for.

Spiritual Implications and Prophetic Connections

For Christians intrigued by end-times prophecy, the implications of this research stretch beyond science. If the biblical account of creation and the flood can be supported with physical evidence, it provides credibility to the rest of Scripture—including [prophetic warnings](#) about the return of Christ and the final judgment. The pre-flood labs not only point to what once was but serve as a sobering reminder of what is to come.

In Matthew 24, Jesus warns that the days leading up to [His return](#) will mirror the days of Noah. By exploring the conditions of the ancient world, believers can gain insight into the spiritual climate of the end times. Just as judgment came swiftly and unexpectedly in Noah's day, so too will it arrive again. Understanding creation isn't just about the past—it's a glimpse into the future.

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In a world increasingly dismissive of biblical truth, these experiments serve as a bold reminder that the Word of God is not only a matter of faith but is being confirmed through physical evidence and observation. For Christians longing to understand the mysteries of creation and prepare for the return of Christ, this is more than scientific curiosity—it's a prophetic call to awaken, discern the times and stand firm in truth.

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Are Millions Falling for a Counterfeit Gospel?

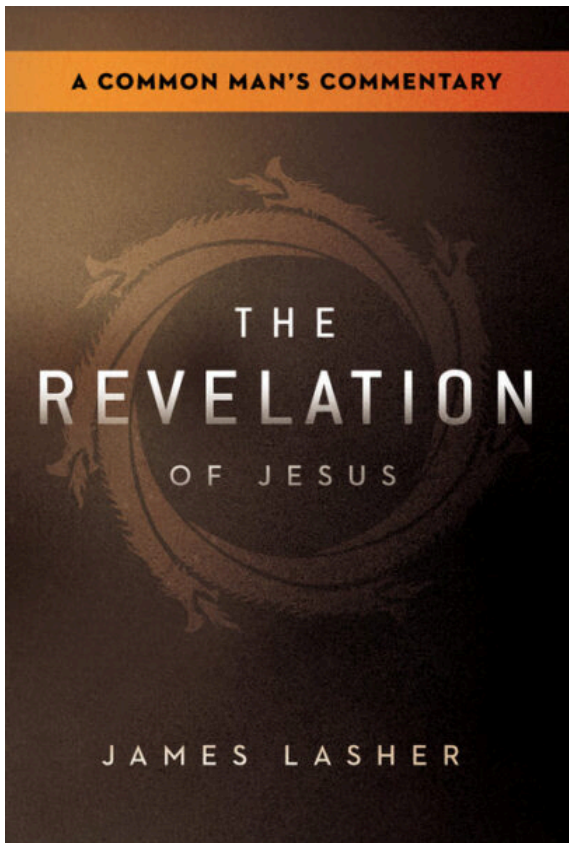
Could a large segment of the Christian population be falling for a false gospel?

Former Catholic Mike Gendron is sounding the alarm on what he calls “the greatest lie the devil ever told”—a deception keeping millions bound [in spiritual darkness](#).

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Speaking to Ezekiel Azonwu on the We Need to Talk podcast, Gendron pulled no punches as he shared his personal journey out of [Roman Catholicism](#) and into a life transformed by the gospel of grace. “I was in bondage to religious deception for over 30 years,” Gendron said. “The only way I could ever know the truth is to abide in God’s word.”

For Gendron, the turning point came when he opened the Bible for the first time at the age of 35. “I began reading the Bible for the first time, and that’s when I realized the truth was going to set me free,” he said. “And the truth did set me free.”



[To order James Lasher's new book, The Revelation of Jesus, visit Amazon.com.](#)

What he discovered shook him to his core. "As a Catholic, I did everything I could to try and become right with God," he explained. "It wasn't until I opened the Bible that I realized the only way to be right with God is by faith in the all-sufficient, all-perfect, finished work of Christ."

Gendron warned that many Catholics are trusting in their religion rather than in Jesus Christ alone. "It's a religion that offers [another Jesus and another gospel](#) and another spirit," he declared. "They have been indoctrinated with the greatest lie the devil ever told—that you can merit heaven through your own good works, your own religious rituals and sacraments."

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With deep concern, Gendron pointed to the eternal consequences

of believing a false gospel. “The greatest danger facing Catholics is [the same danger](#) facing everyone who has not come to Christ with empty hands of faith,” he said. “They are rejecting the only means of salvation.”

He also emphasized the urgent need for the true church to step in. “Our goal is to point people to the true Christ and the true gospel,” Gendron stated. “We want them to trust the Word of God over the teachings and traditions of men.”

This revelation ignited a passion in Gendron to reach others with the same truth that set him free. “I now have a love and a compassion for Roman Catholics that I never had before,” Gendron said. “They’re where I was for over 30 years. I was a [victim of deception](#), and they are too.”

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In a time when truth is under assault and deception wears a religious mask, the call is clear: believers must return to the unfiltered gospel of Jesus Christ. This is not about attacking denominations, but about awakening hearts to the reality that not everything wrapped in Christian language leads to salvation.

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