

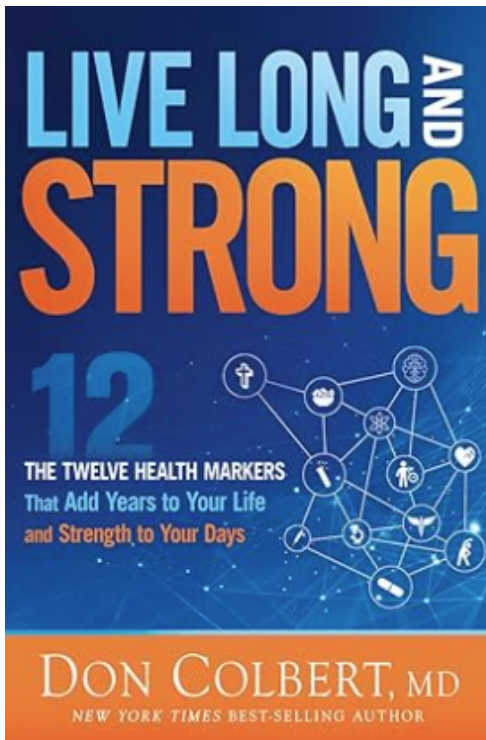
Kathie Lee Gifford Reveals Chronic Pain Battle and the Miracle She's Seeking

For decades, Kathie Lee Gifford has been known not only as a television personality and bestselling author but also as a Christian unafraid to speak publicly about her faith. Now, she is sharing how that faith carried her through one of the most physically difficult seasons of her life.

In an exclusive interview with *People*, Gifford reflected on a year marked by surgeries, injuries and relentless physical pain that tested both her body and her spirit. The veteran broadcaster said the suffering became so intense that she found herself longing for heaven—not because she wanted to end her life, but because she desired to be with the Lord.

“I wanted to die a few times,” Gifford told *People*. “I wasn’t going to hurt myself. I wasn’t going to kill myself. I just didn’t want to be here—[as blessed as I am](#).”

She made clear that her comments were about the severity of her physical pain rather than suicidal thoughts. Instead, she described praying, “‘Lord, if this is all you have left for me, I want to go home, ’” according to *People*.



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Gifford told the magazine that years of performing eventually caught up with her physically. Over the past year, she underwent a hip replacement, surgery for a broken arm and cataract surgery, while additional injuries led to further medical treatment. The setbacks also affected her ability to enjoy one of life's greatest blessings—time with her five grandchildren.

Unable to run and play with them as she once had, Gifford said she instead spent quieter moments sitting with them, singing songs and writing together until her health improved.

Today, rehabilitation has become part of her daily routine. According to People, Gifford continues physical therapy nearly every day and has also received stem cell treatments as she works to regain her strength. She said she is grateful that her recovery has progressed enough for her to be active with her grandchildren again.

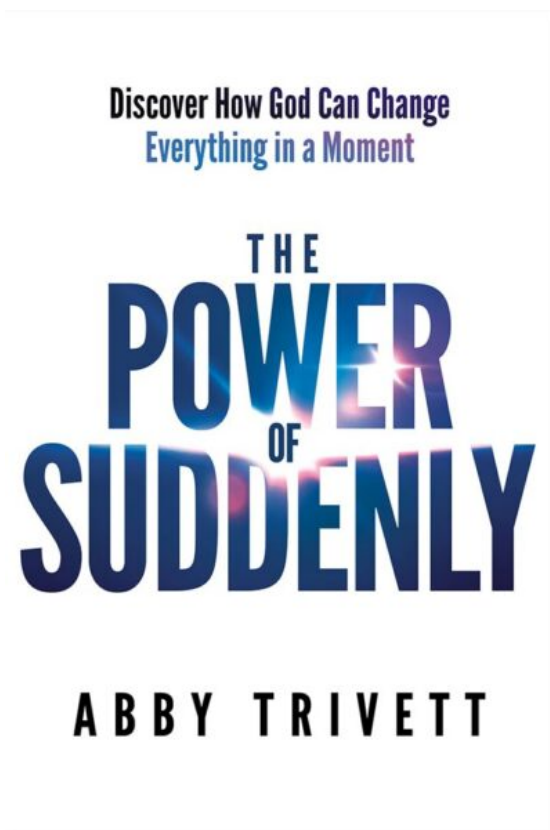
For longtime followers of Gifford, her openness about suffering is consistent with the faith she has displayed

throughout her career. Whether discussing loss, family or life's unexpected challenges, she has repeatedly pointed audiences toward her confidence in God rather than in circumstances.

That confidence also shapes the way she views her future.

More than a decade [after the death of her husband](#), Frank Gifford, she told People she has no plans to pursue another relationship. Even so, she refuses to place limits on what God might choose to do.

“If God wants to do something miraculous, like give me another great love... then I’m open to it,” Gifford said. “And so I leave room for the miraculous to happen.”



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Although the “miracle” she referenced was not about her physical healing, Gifford’s words underscore that God still works in unexpected ways. Faith is not rooted in knowing

exactly how God will move but in trusting that He remains faithful regardless of the outcome.

Gifford's testimony also serves as a reminder that Scripture never promises a life free from hardship. Instead, it points believers to the hope found in Christ, even in seasons of suffering. As the apostle Paul wrote in Romans 8:18, "the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us."

While Gifford continues recovering physically, her story ultimately points beyond pain to perseverance. Even after enduring months of debilitating setbacks, she continues to place her future in God's hands, leaving room for His purposes—and, as she put it, for "the miraculous to happen."

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Jack Hibbs Reveals His Response to Israel, Iran and

the Storm Ahead

As headlines continue to erupt with reports surrounding Israel, Iran, Hezbollah, Hamas and escalating tensions across the Middle East, Pastor Jack Hibbs is urging believers to resist the temptation to become consumed by fear.

Drawing on the familiar account of Peter walking on the water, Hibbs reminded Christians that storms often arise even as they walk in obedience to God.

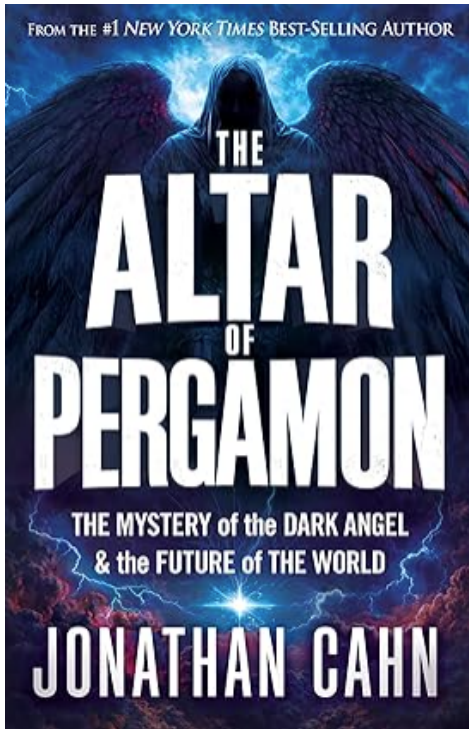
“Peter was in the boat that Jesus told him to get into,” Hibbs said. “A storm arose, and they believed they were going to die.”

The message centered on a [powerful biblical reality](#): obedience does not guarantee calm seas, but it does guarantee Christ’s presence.

Reflecting on Peter’s bold request, Hibbs praised the disciple’s understanding of Jesus’ nature.

“If that’s You, I know something about You, Jesus,” Hibbs said, paraphrasing Peter’s heart. “If You’re going to ask us to do something, it’s going to be impossible. You’re probably going to ask me something that is outside of my comfort zone.”

That, he said, is often how believers recognize God’s voice.



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When Jesus simply replied, "Come," Peter stepped out of the boat and walked on water until he shifted his attention from Christ to the raging waves.

Hibbs noted that Peter's downfall was not the storm itself, but where he fixed his attention.

"He looks at the waves and he begins to sink," Hibbs said. Yet Peter's desperate cry—"Lord, save me"—was immediately answered as Jesus reached out His hand.

Turning to today's geopolitical climate, Hibbs said many Christians are experiencing a similar struggle.

"I want to say all that to say this—that right now in our world, right now in our America, there's so much going on regarding Israel and Iran, Israel and Lebanon, Hezbollah, Hamas, Houthis—you name it."

He acknowledged that developments involving Israel are significant, telling listeners, "Whenever Israel is involved in anything, it's a big deal. It means God's at work. God's

doing something.”

However, Hibbs cautioned believers against allowing nonstop news coverage to dictate their emotional state.

“Living in the 21st century... we have access to some degree of war in real time. We’ve never had this before,” he said.

Rather than reacting emotionally to every headline, Hibbs encouraged patience and discernment, noting that modern warfare often includes strategic misinformation and psychological operations that ordinary observers cannot fully evaluate.

“Don’t get caught up into that storm. [Keep your eyes on Jesus.](#)”

Instead of panic, he urged Christians to pray faithfully for the nations involved.

“I am praying for the United States. I’m praying for Persia. I am praying for Israel. I’m praying for Lebanon. I’m praying for Syria.”

He continued with a reminder that God’s greatest concern is not simply what is happening among the nations, but what He is accomplishing within His people.

“He is moving among the nations. Just make sure He’s moving in your heart.”

As prophetic events continue to unfold across Israel and the Middle East, believers must remain anchored in God’s Word, steadfast in prayer and unwavering in faith. The same Savior who called Peter onto the water is still calling His people to step beyond fear, trust His voice and walk confidently through the storm, knowing that the King of kings remains sovereign over every nation and every headline.

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L.A. Marzulli Says Fifth UFO Encounter Confirms ‘The Great Deception’ Is Here

For decades, researcher and filmmaker L.A. Marzulli has sounded the alarm that the growing fascination with UFOs is far more than a scientific mystery.

Now, after what he says may have been his fifth personal UFO encounter, he is urging Christians to recognize the phenomenon for what he believes it ultimately represents: a coming spiritual deception.

Speaking in a recent video, [Marzulli didn't mince words](#).

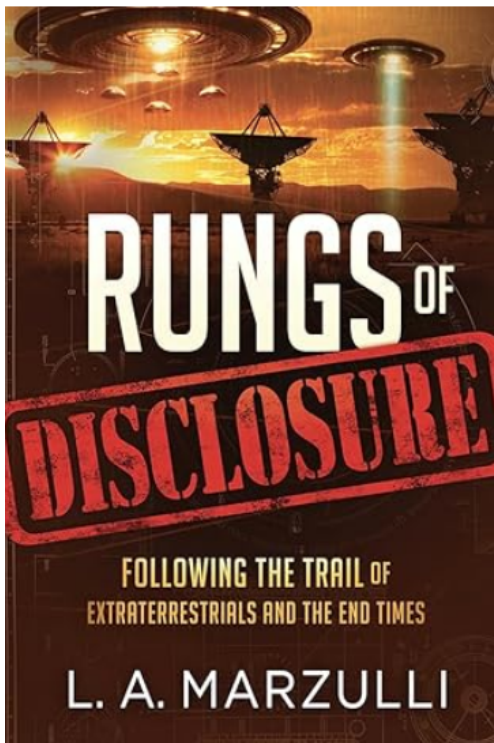
“UFOs are real, burgeoning, not going away. This is the coming great deception,” he said.

Marzulli recounted filming an unexplained object while standing outside with his wife, Peggy. The silent object appeared to drift, briefly change direction and eventually disappear from sight.

“We have an object, folks. And I don't know what this is,”

Marzulli said while recording the sighting. "There doesn't seem to be any sound at all."

Although he acknowledged the object could have had a conventional explanation, he said its unusual movement prompted him to classify it as what researchers call a possible "Close Encounter of the First Kind."



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The latest incident joins what Marzulli says are four previous unexplained encounters stretching back to his childhood. He recalled seeing a metallic craft while attending summer camp in Maryland at age 12.

"We looked at it for 15 to 20 seconds... and it just went up in the air. It was gone," he said.

He also described mysterious lights seen in California, Oklahoma and Florida, including one encounter in which he says an unexplained light disappeared immediately after he and Peggy began praying.

“We need to start to pray,” Peggy told him, according to Marzulli. “The moment we started to pray... the light just took off and was gone.”

Throughout the discussion, Marzulli repeatedly stressed that he does not seek paranormal experiences.

“I don’t go out looking for these things. I really don’t,” he said.

Instead, he encouraged believers to [respond spiritually rather than with fascination](#), repeating a phrase he says the Lord impressed upon him years ago:

“Rebuke first, ask questions later.”

Marzulli also challenged the increasingly popular narrative that alleged extraterrestrials are benevolent visitors.

“If they’re so wise and benevolent... why abduct children at five and six years old? Why implant them?” he asked while referencing years of research into alleged abduction cases.

Scripture repeatedly warns believers to exercise discernment in the last days. Jesus cautioned that deception would dramatically increase before His return (Matt. 24:4-5), while the apostle Paul warned that Satan himself “masquerades as an angel of light” (2 Cor. 11:14).

As conversations surrounding UFO disclosure continue to move into the mainstream, we are called not to fear sensational headlines or chase mysterious phenomena, but to remain firmly anchored in God’s Word, test every spirit (1 John 4:1), and keep our eyes fixed on Christ rather than signs and wonders that could ultimately lead many astray.

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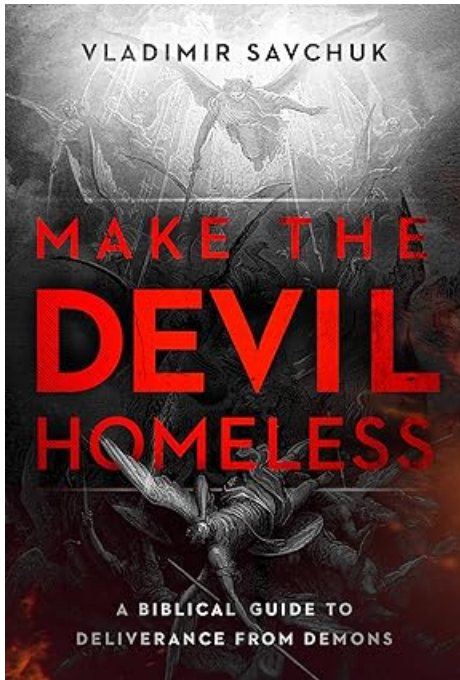
Franklin Graham Issues Stark Spiritual Warfare Warning: 'The Devil is a Deceiver'

As cultural confusion intensifies and spiritual darkness appears to be increasing across society, the Rev. Franklin Graham is issuing a major warning to the church: many believers are engaged in a spiritual battle they don't even realize they're fighting.

Speaking during an interview with CBN News, Graham said one of the greatest weaknesses in today's church is the lack of teaching on spiritual warfare. Without a firm foundation in Scripture, he warned, Christians become vulnerable to deception and the enemy's attacks.

"If you don't know God's Word, you're not going to recognize spiritual warfare," Graham said. "You'll just succumb to the attacks of the devil and not even know...be aware that you've been attacked."

Drawing from the biblical reality described in Ephesians 6, Graham emphasized that the Christian life is not merely a series of moral choices but an ongoing spiritual conflict. He said Satan's objective is not simply to tempt believers into isolated sins but to neutralize their faith altogether.



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"The devil is wanting to trap every believer, every Christian," Graham said. "If he can just get them into apathy where they just kind of don't care, then he wins."

According to Graham, biblical illiteracy leaves Christians exposed to the enemy's schemes. He described Satan as "a deceiver," warning that believers are deceived every day and often fail to recognize the source of the attacks they experience.

"We have to know the Word of God. We have to study," he said. "The devil is a deceiver."

Rather than only attacking individuals, Graham believes the enemy actively works to sow division within the body of Christ itself. He pointed [to the public criticism directed toward Erika Kirk](#) following the death of her husband as an example of spiritual warfare manifesting through personal attacks.

"She is a nice, sweet young lady who's grieving for the loss of her husband," Graham said. "She's attacked all the time—even by Christians. It just makes my blood boil."

He continued by identifying the deeper spiritual force behind such behavior.

“All this is coming from the devil,” Graham said. “He wants us to be at each other’s throats. He wants us to not only attack one another, but he wants us to fail and he wants us to fall.”

Later in the interview, Graham addressed the widely discussed letter he wrote to Donald Trump last October after hearing the president express uncertainty about whether he was “heaven-bound.” Graham explained that he normally keeps personal correspondence with the president private but chose to discuss the letter after Trump made it public.

His purpose, he said, was simple: [to clearly communicate the gospel.](#)

“We’re not...you can’t save yourself. I can’t save myself,” Graham explained. “We’re all sinners, and we’ve failed, and our sins separate us from God.”

He went on to summarize the heart of the Christian message, declaring that God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for humanity’s sins and rise again so that those who repent and believe in Him can have confidence in their eternal salvation.

Graham’s message serves as a reminder that the church cannot afford to ignore what Scripture repeatedly teaches—that “we do not wrestle against flesh and blood” (Eph. 6:12).

In a generation filled with distraction, compromise and growing spiritual confusion, the challenge is clear: Christians must return to God’s Word, recognize the reality of spiritual warfare and stand firm in the victory Christ has already won. The enemy’s greatest weapon is often deception—but the believer’s greatest defense has always been the truth of God’s Word.

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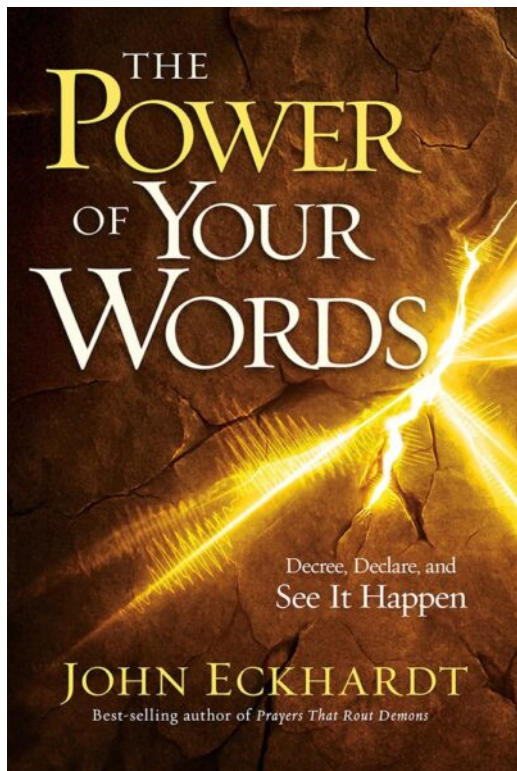
‘Don’t Stay Stuck’: John Eckhardt Says God Is Ushering Believers Into a New Season

As many Christians seek clarity about what God is doing in this hour, apostolic leader John Eckhardt is encouraging believers to prepare for what he describes as a divinely appointed new season—one marked by fresh revelation, renewed purpose and supernatural breakthrough.

During a recent teaching, Eckhardt centered his message on Isaiah 65, explaining that God’s pattern throughout Scripture is to announce new seasons before they arrive. Drawing from the Hebrew meaning of the word “new,” he said the concept is closely tied to the new moon, which in biblical Israel marked the beginning of a new month and was announced by the sounding of a trumpet.

“‘Blow the trumpet in the new moon,’” Eckhardt quoted from Psalm 81:3, explaining that the trumpet represented more than a calendar marker. [“A trumpet is a symbol of the voice of the Lord](#) or the prophetic word.”

According to Eckhardt, the prophetic ministry serves as God's means of announcing fresh moves of His Spirit before they unfold.



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“When God is about to do something new, He uses the prophetic word or the prophetic voice to decree it,” he said.

Pointing to Isaiah 42:9, Eckhardt emphasized what he believes is a consistent biblical pattern.

“Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things do I declare. Before they spring forth, I tell you of them.”

He argued that believers who remain attentive to God's prophetic voice are often better positioned to recognize and embrace new assignments rather than remaining trapped in old patterns.

Eckhardt also connected Isaiah 65 with 2 Corinthians 5:17, saying the “new creation” described by Isaiah [ultimately finds](#)

fulfillment in those who are in Christ.

He described kingdom living as a life no longer dominated by the curse, where God's people can build, plant and enjoy the fruit of their labor while walking beneath an open heaven.

"You will build houses and live in what you build. You will plant, and you will reap what you planted," Eckhardt said while expounding on Isaiah's prophecy. He added that God's promise includes answered prayer, declaring, "Before you call, God will answer. And while you're yet speaking, He'll bring it to pass."

Throughout the teaching, Eckhardt repeatedly encouraged believers not to become spiritually stagnant by clinging to past seasons.

"I don't want to be stuck in the old," he said. "I don't want to become obsolete. I don't want to become irrelevant. I don't want to become stuck in a past move."

Instead, he urged Christians to expect God to continue bringing fresh strategies, fresh revelation and fresh opportunities while remaining firmly rooted in biblical truth.

The message concluded with an extended prophetic prayer declaring "new favor," "new grace," "new wisdom," "new revelation," "new connections," "new doors," "new prosperity," and even "new suddenlies" over believers entering the month ahead.

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Eckhardt also declared that some relationships from previous seasons may come to an end—not necessarily because they were unhealthy, but because God is leading His people into new assignments.

“I’m untethering you,” he declared. “You’ll not be tethered to the old...you’re coming into the new.”

For believers navigating transition, the message serves as a reminder that throughout Scripture, God repeatedly introduces fresh seasons while remaining faithful to His unchanging character. Whether through Abraham, the ministry of John the Baptist, Pentecost or the birth of the New Testament church, God has consistently prepared His people for what He was about to do before the new season arrived.

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Along With Asbury, 3 More Seminaries Lose UMC Approval in Sweeping Shake-Up

Just days after the United Methodist Church removed four theological schools from its list of approved seminaries, denominational leaders are providing additional insight into the decision.

According to Baptist News Global, the United Methodist Church's University Senate voted during its regular four-year review process to remove Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky; Northeastern Seminary at Roberts Wesleyan University in Rochester, New York; Palmer Theological Seminary of Eastern University in St. Davids, Pennsylvania and Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota from its list of approved schools [for educating candidates for ordination or licensed ministry](#).

According to Baptist News Global, Roland Fernandes, who is the top executive of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry for United Methodists, said the decision followed an extended review process that included conversations with each institution's leadership.

"The University Senate takes this kind of vote seriously," Fernandes stated.

Susan Clark, the director of communications for the denomination's General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, shared that the reviews are designed to ensure that approved seminaries continue to meet the denomination's expectations for ministerial education.

"The reviews are designed to verify that candidates for ministry are formed in institutions that embody a United Methodist ethos and provide regular, substantive instruction in United Methodist history, doctrine and polity," Clark said.



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According to Baptist News Global, Fernandes said the primary concerns with these universities included the absence of a full-time United Methodist-affiliated professor to teach United Methodist history and polity, as well as an increased reliance on distance learning. Fernandes also said Asbury's published institutional views on sexuality, marriage and gender were incompatible with the denomination.

As Charisma previously reported, Asbury's removal quickly became the focal point of the announcement because of the

seminary's longstanding influence and its close association with the 2023 spiritual revival that captured the attention of Christians worldwide. [The revival that broke out at Asbury University](#) transformed Wilmore, Kentucky, into a destination for thousands seeking prayer, repentance and spiritual renewal.

In a statement released by Asbury Theological Seminary, President Dr. David Watson said Asbury complied with every request made during the review.

"We engaged fully and faithfully in the process and honored every request from the Senate in a timely manner," Watson said. "We were forthcoming with the requested documents and information. Throughout the process, we were honest and clear about our doctrinal and ethical standards, even when those differed from the recently amended Social Principles of the UMC. Their final decision to delist us was unilateral. While we had hoped for a different outcome, our focus remains steadfast on our unchanging calling."

Watson also reaffirmed the seminary's longstanding doctrinal position on biblical marriage.

"The Senate's requirements, particularly those related to the UMC's 2024 Social Principles concerning 'Human Sexuality' and 'Marriage,' are not aligned with Asbury Theological Seminary's institutional ethos and the historic witness of the Christian faith," Watson said. "We affirm marriage as sanctioned by God, which joins one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union for life, as delineated in Scripture, and provides the sole context for sexual intimacy, helping to ensure the blessings of that relationship as God intended."

As the UMC continues to see major shifts and separation happen within the denomination, only time will tell what happens next to the United Methodist Church.

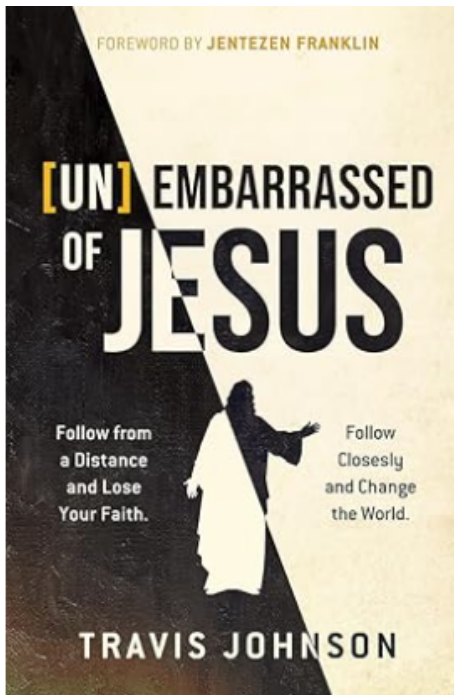
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Major Presbyterian Denomination Rejects Female Deacons as Another Is on the Brink of Collapse

The Presbyterian Church is facing a major shakeup at this very moment.

While the Presbyterian Church in America reaffirmed its [historic position on church leadership](#), newly released statistics from the Presbyterian Church (USA) paint a sobering picture of ongoing decline.

Meeting at its 53rd General Assembly in Louisville, Kentucky, PCA commissioners overwhelmingly rejected an overture that would have opened the office of ordained deacon to women, reaffirming the denomination's longstanding position.



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The vote came after the PCA's Overtures Committee recommended defeating the proposal, stating that the church's constitutional standards already provide "a sufficient expression of the biblical warrant, nature, qualifications, and duties of deacons," according to reporting by The Christian Post.

In a separate report by Protestia, the more liberal branch of Presbyterian Churches, PCUSA, is now experiencing a decline, with membership dropping from 1,045,848 in 2004 to 1,019,003 in 2025.

The demographic data [are equally striking.](#)

The report found that approximately 35% of PCUSA's members—289,671 people—are age 71 or older. In total, 60% of the denomination is 55 and older.

The contrast is difficult to ignore: one denomination is moving in a more conservative direction, while another is wrestling with shrinking membership, aging congregations and the challenge of reaching the next generation.

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Jesus Said the Stones Would Speak. Now the Western Wall Is Revealing the Truth.

For centuries, skeptics have questioned whether archaeology would ultimately contradict the Bible. Yet according to several of Israel's leading archaeologists featured on TBN and hosted by Mati Shoshani and Samuel Smadja, new discoveries beneath Jerusalem and across Israel continue to reinforce—not undermine—the historical backdrop of Scripture.

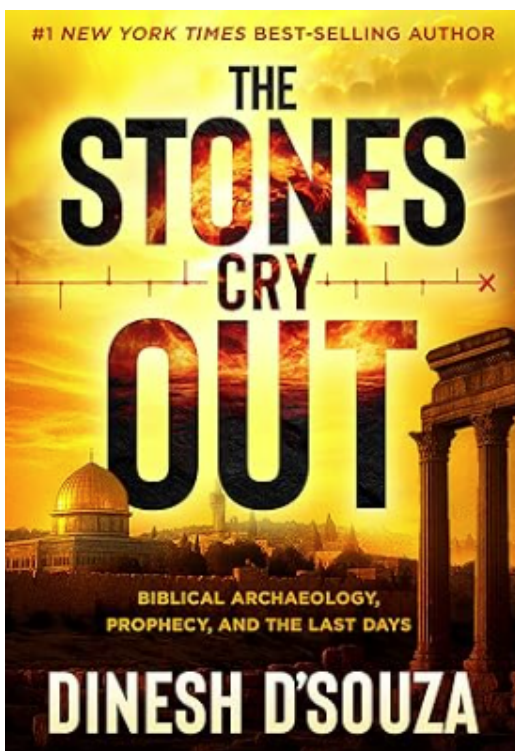
Throughout the program, Shoshani takes viewers beneath the streets of Jerusalem, where archaeologists are uncovering thousands of years of history layered beneath the modern city. Excavations reveal evidence spanning from the First Temple period through the Roman, Byzantine and Islamic eras.

Israeli archaeologist Barak Monnickendam-Givon of the Israel Antiquities Authority explains that Jerusalem functions like an archaeological “layer cake,” [with each civilization literally built atop](#) the previous one.

“People living here in Jerusalem, they heard the prophets, they saw the kings of Judea,” he says. “From this time on, we have people living here pretty much till now till the 20th century... We’re trying to reconstruct how the city was built to the end state as we see it today.”

Those excavations have uncovered administrative buildings dating back roughly 2,700 years, ancient weights tied to the biblical shekel system and clay bullae bearing names that correspond with individuals mentioned in Scripture. Monnickendam-Givon says these discoveries provide valuable historical context for understanding the biblical world.

“We do have large evidence. So, we know that Jerusalem was the capital of Judea 2600 years ago,” he says. “We did find here, weights which are part of the shekel system.”



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The video also highlights how catastrophic events often become an archaeologist's greatest source of information. Because ancient cities were frequently destroyed suddenly, many homes

and everyday possessions were left untouched, preserving remarkable snapshots of life from centuries ago.

“When we have conquest, destructions, earthquake, fires, it’s all very good for us,” Monnickendam-Givon says. “I know it’s not good for the people living in the past, but for us, it’s perfect.”

Another featured archaeologist, Dr. Yaakov Billig of the Israel Antiquities Authority, points to discoveries around Robinson’s Arch and the Temple Mount that he believes [provide compelling historical evidence](#) of Jerusalem’s Jewish past.

“We found 350 coins with inscriptions on them. They say year two for the liberation of Jerusalem, year three, year four from the revolt against the Romans. That’s hard evidence,” Billig says. “We found part of our history.”

Billig also reflected personally on excavating the ancient streets beneath today’s Western Wall.

“I excavated the street, and I believed that about 60 generations ago, my ancestors walked on that street and did their shopping,” he says. “There’s no doubt. This is our story from generations ago. So that’s what makes it personal.”

The documentary later shifts to Tell es-Safi, widely identified as biblical Gath, where Prof. Aren Maeir of Bar-Ilan University has spent decades directing excavations.

“When we started excavating here, one of the first things we found here was this enormous destruction of the site, which we now attribute to Hazael, who, around 830 BC, destroyed the sites mentioned in 2 Kings,” Maeir says. “It’s the earliest known siege system in the world.”

Maeir says archaeology and Scripture often complement one another, even while scholars continue to study difficult historical questions.

“The Bible is one of the most complex texts that we have,” Maeir says. “...there are several examples of where it fits in perfectly.”

Every excavation offers another glimpse into the people, cities and kingdoms that fill the pages of the Bible, reminding believers that God’s redemptive story unfolded in real places throughout history.

As the video concludes, Smadja points viewers back to Jesus’ words in the New Testament.

“Remember the New Testament tells you that if you’re not going to speak, if you’re not going to proclaim the good news, the stones are going to speak,” Smadja says. “And we heard how much the stones can speak. How much the stones can testify about the love of God and the purpose of God to the Jewish people.”

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The Final Trumpet? Jonathan Cahn Says History Is Racing

Toward Revelation

The seven trumpets described in the book of Revelation are more than dramatic end-times imagery, according to No. 1 New York Times best-selling author Jonathan Cahn, who says they serve as God's urgent warning for believers to prepare for the return of Jesus Christ.

In a powerful teaching video, Cahn walked listeners through Revelation 8, Joshua 6 and several New Testament passages, arguing that the symbolism of the trumpet echoes throughout Scripture as a divine call to awakening, judgment and ultimately the establishment of God's kingdom.

Opening with Revelation's description of silence in heaven before the seventh seal is opened, Cahn described the moment as "the calm before the storm."

"Heaven is not naturally silent," Cahn said. "There is praise, there is motion going on... but now there's [silence because of what is about to come.](#)"

Throughout the message, Cahn explained that the repeated appearance of the number seven represents completion. He connected the seven trumpets to Israel's sacred calendar, particularly the seventh month—Tishri—which contains the Feast of Trumpets, the Day of Atonement and the Feast of Tabernacles.

According to Cahn, these biblical feasts prophetically foreshadow the closing events of history.

"The book of Revelation is about finishing up," he said. "It's about the end. It's about the completion."

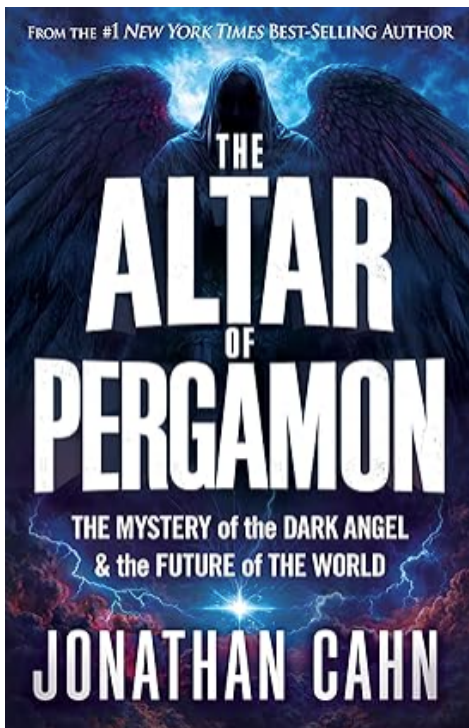
Cahn also revisited what he believes was an extraordinary providential moment during the 2020 national prayer gathering known as The Return. He recounted how six shofars were blown

at precisely the same second President Donald Trump announced his Supreme Court nomination, which later helped pave the way for the overturning of Roe v. Wade.

Cahn presented this as an example of symbolic timing rather than political advocacy.

“The trumpet... has become a vessel,” he said, emphasizing that God often works through unlikely instruments to accomplish His purposes.

The heart of the sermon, however, centered on the striking parallels between Joshua’s conquest of Jericho and the seven trumpets in Revelation.



[To order Jonathan Cahn’s new book, The Altar of Pergamon, visit Amazon.com.](#)

Just as seven priests carrying seven trumpets marched around Jericho before its walls collapsed, Cahn said Revelation portrays seven angels sounding seven heavenly trumpets before the kingdoms of this world fall under Christ’s reign.

“[What happens in Revelation](#) when the seven trumpets are sounded?” Cahn asked. “The kingdom of the world comes tumbling

down.”

He noted that Joshua ultimately led Israel into the Promised Land after Jericho’s fall, while Jesus—whose Hebrew name is Yeshua—will ultimately usher believers into God’s eternal kingdom following the final victory over evil.

“The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Messiah,” Cahn quoted from Revelation.

Rather than encouraging fear, Cahn urged Christians to respond with spiritual readiness.

“The trumpets say get ready,” he said. “Get right with God.. The King is coming.”

As wars, global instability and moral confusion continue to dominate headlines, Cahn challenged believers not to panic but to live with eternity in view.

“The trumpet tells us the King is coming,” he said. “Therefore, live in a manner worthy of that fact.”

In an age marked by increasing global turmoil, Christians would do well to heed Jesus’ own words to “be on the alert,” remembering that history is not spiraling out of God’s control—it is moving toward the glorious return of the King of kings.

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Earthquakes Are the Birth Pains: John Ramirez Warns the Church to Wake Up

As earthquakes continue to shake various parts of the world, evangelist John Ramirez believes Christians should pay close attention—not simply to seismic activity, but to the spiritual condition of the nations.

In a recent video message, Ramirez pointed to Jesus' prophetic words in Matthew 24, where Christ described earthquakes [as part of the "birth pains" leading up to His return.](#)

"God is setting up the stage for the coming of the Messiah," Ramirez said. "The Christ, the Son of the living God, Jesus of Nazareth."

Ramirez reminded listeners that Christ's first coming was marked by mercy.

"When He first came, He came as an attorney to plead your case and my case," he said. "But when He's coming back, He's not coming back as an attorney. He's coming back as a judge to judge the righteous and the wicked."

The evangelist then turned his attention to Venezuela following reports of a recent earthquake there. While expressing compassion for those affected, he also challenged what he believes is the nation's growing embrace of Santeria and other forms of spirit worship.



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Ramirez, who spent 25 years involved in Santería before becoming a follower of Jesus Christ, argued that public celebrations honoring spirits such as Changó reflect the kind of idolatry Scripture repeatedly warns against.

“I was one of those, and I got saved,” Ramirez said. “Praise be to God.”

According to Ramirez, believers should never rejoice when tragedy strikes.

“We do hurt for the people,” he said. “We don't rejoice over that.”

Instead, he called on the body of Christ to respond with prayer rather than condemnation.

“We pray for mercy,” Ramirez said repeatedly, [emphasizing that God's desire is for repentance](#) and salvation.

Throughout Scripture, idolatry is portrayed as a serious offense against God. From the warnings given to ancient Israel to the New Testament's repeated exhortations to flee from

idols, the Bible consistently calls believers to worship the Lord alone. While Scripture teaches that God judges nations, it also reveals His heart to extend mercy to those who turn to Him in repentance.

Ramirez urged Christians to embrace their biblical role as spiritual watchmen during what he believes are increasingly significant prophetic times.

“Our job is to be the watchmen on the wall,” he said. “To pray for Venezuela and the surrounding people around the world that their eyes will be opened to the truth of Jesus Christ.”

Ramirez’s central message is unmistakable: believers should respond to global upheaval not with fear or celebration of judgment, but with repentance, compassion and earnest intercession. As earthquakes, wars and growing instability continue to dominate headlines, his appeal echoes the biblical call for God’s people to stand in prayer, proclaim the gospel and point people toward the only lasting hope found in Jesus Christ.

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