

# 'It Was God': Boy Who Swam 4 Hours to Save His Family Credits God for Miracle Survival

Miracles happen around us everyday.

Recently, God strengthened one teenage boy to help his family in a moment of peril.

In Western Australia, the Appelbee family went out on their kayaks and paddleboards in Quindalup, which is about 125 miles south of Perth, while on vacation. During this time, winds pushed them off the shore away from the Geographe Bay, as The Guardian reported. In a moment of desperation, mother Joanne Appelbee had her 13-year-old son, Austin, kayak toward the shore to get help.

However, things took another turn. Austin's boat filled with water, and he had to swim 2.5 miles back to land. Austin swam with his lifejacket on for the first two hours, then removed it to swim faster.

Despite the extreme danger of the rough water, Austin told 7 News that he was not doing this alone.



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"I don't think it was actually me that did that," Austin said. "It was God the whole time. I kept on praying, and praying, and I said to God, 'I'll get baptized'...and I went to church on Sunday."

Austin finally made his way to land, where he was able to contact authorities for help.

“I hit the bottom of the beach, and I just collapsed, and then after that, I had to sprint 2km to get to the phone,” he said, as The Guardian reported.

“I said, ‘I need helicopters, I need planes, I need boats, my family’s out at sea.’ I was very calm about it. I think it was just a lot of shock.’”

*NEW: 13-year-old Australian boy swims for four hours in cold and dangerous waters to save his mom and siblings who were swept into the ocean, says God is who got him to shore.*

*The family was on kayaks & paddleboards when they were swept about 2.5 miles out to sea.*

*After a...*

*– Collin Rugg (@CollinRugg) February 3, 2026*

While Austin didn’t know if his family was still alive, police found Austin’s mother, brother and sister still alive as they held onto their paddleboard 9 miles from shore.

In moments like these, we are reminded that God is not distant from the cries of His people—He is present, powerful and faithful to respond. Stories like this should stir our faith and bring glory to the One who still performs miracles today. In a world that often tries to explain away the supernatural, testimonies like Austin’s point back to the reality that God is still writing stories of rescue, redemption and protection.

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## **Shocking Footage Shows Jeffrey Epstein Being Asked If He Is the 'Devil Himself,' Mocking Jesus**

As tensions continue to simmer across the Middle East, many believers are revisiting biblical passages about the last days—especially those found in Daniel, Revelation, and 2 Thessalonians—regarding the Antichrist's coming.

As Mondo Gonzales said in a discussion with Oliver Melnick regarding the Antichrist, "When he comes in to declare himself to be God... Daniel tells us that he doesn't acknowledge any god except himself."

This aligns with interpretations of Daniel 11 and 2 Thessalonians 2, which describe a ruler who ultimately elevates himself above all worship.

Before this is set to take place, Melnick points out that the Antichrist is: "...going to have to earn the trust of the people

who have been left behind. And that's where he's going to probably do what appears to be miracles." This mirrors warnings in Revelation 13 about deceptive signs and wonders that lead many astray.

Central to this discussion is the temple.

According to Gonzales, the Antichrist's motivation for helping rebuild it is deeply sinister. "He wants the temple built because that's where he's going to go blaspheme... If you're going to blaspheme God, the best place to do it is in the heart of Israel, in the heart of Jerusalem, in the heart of the Temple Mount."

This reflects the biblical warning about the "abomination of desolation," when the Antichrist is believed by many to defile the Temple itself.

The two then turned to the red heifer ceremony, which is required by biblical law for purification in connection with Temple worship. Some believe geopolitical conditions may determine when such a ceremony could occur. "There's no doubt that the geopolitics that would allow the red heifer ceremony to happen, we know exactly where on the Mount of Olives, there's two pieces of property there," Gonzales says. "There is no doubt that the under that rubric of the Antichrist where he causes the Mosaic covenant to prevail for Israel, Daniel 9:27, there's no doubt that the most ideal be at that time."

While Christians hold differing interpretations of end-times timelines, many agree on one central truth: deception will come wrapped in promises of peace and unity.

The question is not simply whether these events could happen, but how close the world may be to witnessing them unfold.

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## **Roger Goodell Defends NFL's Upcoming 'Bad Bunny' Halftime Show Amid ICE Controversy**

The commissioner of the NFL, Roger Goodell, is once again defending the upcoming Super Bowl's Halftime performance by Bad Bunny.

According to Fox News, Goodell said, "Listen, Bad Bunny of the great artists in the world, and that's one of the reasons we chose him."

Goodell further stated that he believes Bad Bunny is the right fit for the job "to unite people" right now. Speaking of Bad Bunny's criticism of ICE during the Grammy Awards, Goodell stated:

*...he understood the platform he was on and this platform is used to unite people and to be able to bring people together with their creativity, with their talents and to be able to use this moment to do that and I think artists in the past have done that. I think Bad Bunny understands that, and I think he'll have a great performance.*

This unity, however, may not be for all people. As Bad Bunny previously stated, he plans to use this time to give thanks to "queer icons."



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When cultural movements celebrate identities, lifestyles or ideologies that conflict with biblical teaching, Christians are not called to bend under pressure or remain silent to avoid backlash. Instead, we are called to stand with humility, compassion and courage—anchored in God's Word, not public opinion.

As the world grows louder in defining its own version of truth, the Church must grow stronger in faithfully living out biblical principles, refusing to compromise what God has clearly spoken.

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## **Jill Biden's Ex-Husband Charged With Murder of Current Wife**

The ex-husband of former First Lady Jill Biden has been arrested and charged with murdering his current wife, Linda Stevenson.

According to NBC News, William Stevenson, 77, is currently

facing first-degree murder charges in the state of Delaware.

While additional details have not been given regarding Linda Stevenson's death, the report from New Castle County noted that police responded to a "domestic dispute Dec. 28 at a residence in the Wilmington area," as NBC stated.

Linda Stevenson was discovered unresponsive in the couple's living room. While officers attempted to provide lifesaving measures, she still passed away. William Stevenson's indictment was based on the conclusion of a "weekslong investigation."

William Stevenson is being held at the Howard Young Correctional Institution following his failure to post a \$500,000 bail.

As CBS News reported, Stevenson and Jill Biden met in 1969 before getting married the next year. The two divorced in 1975. Biden has not yet commented on the situation.

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# Amanda Grace: Epstein Files, Celebrity Fallout, Political Turmoil and a Prophetic Unraveling

In a compelling prophetic message called “The Jezebel Prophecy, 2026, & Your Calling,” Jonathan Cahn draws a striking parallel between ancient Israel’s spiritual decline and America’s current trajectory.

Cahn begins by recounting the biblical narrative of King Ahab and Queen Jezebel, who led Israel into idolatry and moral decay. He highlights Jezebel’s orchestration of Naboth’s unjust execution to seize his vineyard, symbolizing the corruption of power and the persecution of the righteous. “This actual story... is really what seals the downfall of Ahab and Jezebel,” Cahn notes, emphasizing its relevance to contemporary events.

Cahn then drew parallels to modern times, asserting that America mirrors Israel’s apostasy, embracing ideologies akin to the worship of Baal, Ashtoreth and Molech—manifested in sexual immorality, gender confusion and the devaluation of life. He warns, “We’ve been living in a nation that also, like Israel, knew God... but has been falling away.”

Cahn then took a deep dive into looking at the life of the late Charlie Kirk, whom he likens to Naboth—a righteous man standing against prevailing cultural tides. Cahn suggests that Kirk’s assassination was not merely a political act but a

spiritual counterattack from forces aligned with Jezebel's spirit. He points to eerie coincidences, such as the proximity of Kirk's death in Orem, Utah, adjacent to a town named Vineyard, drawing a symbolic connection to Naboth's vineyard. "Charlie Kirk was executed right outside the place called Vineyard," Cahn observes.

Cahn also highlights the involvement of an organization named Jezebel in a witchcraft plot against Kirk, reinforcing the spiritual warfare theme. "The woman of Jezebel... sought to place a curse through witches on Charlie Kirk," he states, drawing a direct line between ancient and modern manifestations of Jezebel's influence.

In response to these spiritual battles, Cahn calls believers to adopt the spirit of Elijah—marked by boldness, unwavering faith and a commitment to truth. "Elijah did not live in the fear of the culture," he declares. He emphasizes the importance of prayer, scriptural grounding and spiritual discernment in navigating these tumultuous times.

"If you'll rise to that calling as an Elijah for this hour... You will see what Elijah saw... to change the course of a nation, even history." He encourages believers to live lives that proclaim, "The Lord is God," believing that such commitment can usher in revival and transformation.

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# John Eckhardt's February 2026 Prophecy: The 'Springboard Month'

In a stirring prophetic message, apostle John Eckhardt declared February 2026 as a month of divine acceleration, spiritual recalibration and unprecedented breakthrough.

Drawing from Job 22:28, Eckhardt emphasized the power of decreeing God's Word to shape the course of the month and the year ahead.

"When you pray and decree, it sets your course for the month and for the year," he stated, urging believers to actively engage in prophetic declarations.



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Eckhardt highlighted the unique nature of February, noting its rare calendar configuration with exactly four of each weekday. He interpreted this as a sign of divine uniqueness, stating, "February will be an unusual month... I pray for something different, something unusual to happen."

Central to his message was the concept of February as a "springboard" into one's destiny. "The Lord said, 'Launching board, springboard.' I'm going to cause you to launch from my springboard," he proclaimed, encouraging believers to view past setbacks as setups for divine comebacks.

Eckhardt also spoke of a spiritual "recalibration," likening it to adjusting a malfunctioning firing pin. "I'm adjusting and even fixing your firing pins... you're going to fire and shoot prayers and launch prophetic utterances that will hit

the target,” he declared, emphasizing a renewed focus and effectiveness in spiritual endeavors.

He urged believers to embrace the unusual and to be open to new prophetic expressions. “This will be a month of the unusual... I’m going to put unusual words in your mouth,” he said, encouraging the faithful to document divine revelations and to remain sensitive to God’s voice.

Eckhardt then prophesied about the emergence of new prophetic voices and ministries. “I’m going to raise up new ministries... when you hear it, it’s going to jump in your spirit,” he stated, signaling a season of spiritual awakening and activation.

As we enter into a new month and a new prophetic season, this is the time to press into prayer for all that God has in store for the body of Christ in 2026.

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