

Chris Pratt on Standing for Jesus: 'It Could Cost Me Everything'

Chris Pratt has made a name for himself as one of Hollywood's most beloved actors, portraying heroes like Star-Lord in "Guardians of the Galaxy" and the ever-goofy Andy Dwyer in "Parks and Recreation." But beyond the big screen, Pratt is a man on a mission—one far greater than any cinematic adventure.

In an exclusive interview with "The Christian Post," Pratt made it abundantly clear where his priorities lie: "I care enough about Jesus to take a stand, even if it cost me. It could cost me everything, but I don't care. It's worth it to me because this is what I'm called to do, it's where my heart is."

It's rare to see someone in Hollywood so outspoken about their Christian faith, but Pratt refuses to shrink back. "I'm a father of four. I want to raise my children with an understanding that their dad was unashamed of his faith in Jesus, and with a profound understanding of the power of prayer, and the grace and the love and the joy that come from a relationship with Jesus."

A Journey of Redemption

Pratt's faith journey hasn't been without its struggles. Though he never doubted the existence of God, he admits he wrestled with commitment and found himself slipping into old habits.

"The first time I walked up to the church altar and got on my knees and cried, I was a child," he recalls. "The next time I did it, I was still a child, I was 19. And then the next time

I did it, I was in my 30s. ... I'd make promises, but I didn't keep them."

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But everything changed in 2012 when his son, Jack, was born seven weeks premature, weighing only three pounds, 10 ounces. Watching his newborn struggle in the NICU was a defining moment in Pratt's life. "I prayed hard to God. I was in a season of transition spiritually at that time, and didn't quite fully understand. I made a deal with God again: 'I'm sorry, God, here I am again, asking for Your grace again.' And He really saved my son, and that was the moment [my faith] was cemented. My heart softened, and my faith hardened. That was the moment that I was like, 'Moving forward, I'm going to give my platform to God.'"

Using His Platform for a Greater Purpose

True to his word, Pratt has used his celebrity status to be a light in a dark industry.

"This platform was given to me for a reason," he says. "I want to affirm the people who are believers in Christ. I want them to hear me and say, 'Wow, that's cool. He's willing to say it. I'm going to stand up at work today and say it.' But I also want to reach out to the people who have no idea who God is... I want to be a light to people who've never seen light."

One of the tools that strengthened his walk with Christ was the "Bible in a Year podcast" on the Hallow app. "You get to books like Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy and my brain starts wandering four seconds in," he admits. "But when I hear it, it's different for me. ... It gave me a deeper, more comprehensive understanding of the Bible. It totally

strengthened my walk with Jesus.”

Faith in Action

Pratt isn't content to just talk about his faith—he's putting it into action. This year, he partnered with Jonathan Roumie and Mark Wahlberg to promote the Pray40 challenge on Hallow, a campaign encouraging believers to spend daily time in prayer and Scripture reflection during Lent.

“I thought, if I partner with Hallow, maybe I can amplify what is ultimately a really beautiful thing. This Bible in a Year podcast, the prayers, meditations—it's all soul food.”

He's also an outspoken fan of “The Chosen,” the hit TV series about the life of Jesus, which he watches with his son. “It's fantastic. Jonathan Roumie is amazing. The acting, the set design, the production value—it's really leveled up Christian entertainment.”

Navigating Criticism with Grace

Of course, not everyone appreciates Pratt's boldness in proclaiming his faith. He faces criticism from both secular audiences who view his faith as an anomaly in Hollywood and some Christians who question his choices. But Pratt isn't interested in engaging in online battles. Instead, he leans on Proverbs 26:20: “For lack of wood, the fire will go out. Where there is no whisperer, quarreling ceases.”

“I've never had someone walk up to me and say, ‘Hey, Chris, I want to have a conversation about your belief that offends me,’” he says. “It's all just noise online. ... We have to be

really careful with our words. It says in the Gospel that the tongue is like the most dangerous weapon, and just because you're putting it in your phone doesn't mean you're not speaking it."

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Rather than responding with anger, Pratt chooses to pray for his critics and keep his focus where it belongs. "When I hear words or see words, when there's blowback—and I'm sure there's going to be blowback from this—I am just going to rely on God. ... I was called by God to do it, and if people don't understand me, I'm going to pray for them, and then I'm going to go back and hang out with my kids and play tag."

Pratt's unwavering commitment to Jesus in an industry often hostile to faith is nothing short of inspiring.

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How to Satan-Proof Your Home: What Every Christian Needs to

Know

Have you ever felt like something just isn't right in your home? Strange noises in the middle of the night, unexplained cold spots, electronics acting up or even your pets behaving oddly?

You're not alone.

Many people report eerie disturbances in their homes, and according to Scott Cumbee, there may be more to it than meets the eye.

Scott recently joined Jennifer Bagnaschi on the "Deep Believer Show" for an eye-opening discussion about how to Satan-proof your home. And trust us—you don't want to miss this conversation.

Scott shares his chilling testimony of seeing hell itself, but more importantly, he reveals how you can take control of your home and protect your family from spiritual dangers.



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Signs of Spiritual Disturbance

If you're experiencing things like:

- Unexplained noises, like knocking, whispering or footsteps
- Sudden foul odors, such as sulfur or rotting smells
- Unusual cold or hot spots in your house
- Flickering lights or electronics turning on and off
- Seeing shadowy figures or movements out of the corner of your eye
- Waking up with scratches or bruises

- Intense feelings of fear, anger or depression with no clear reason
- Your pets acting terrified or fixated on certain areas
- Items moving or disappearing without explanation
- Nightmares or sleep paralysis

Then you might need to spiritually cleanse your home.

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Immigration is one of the most pressing issues of our time. It's a conversation filled with emotion, political rhetoric and deeply held beliefs. But as Christians, the question isn't just about policies or parties—it's about truth. What does the Bible actually say about borders, nations and the role of government?

Pastor Jack Hibbs recently tackled this issue, and his perspective is worth considering. Not because it aligns with a particular ideology, but because it starts in the right place: God's Word, not emotion.

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1. The Danger of Emotion-Driven Theology

Too often, discussions about immigration are fueled by personal feelings rather than biblical truth. But as Hibbs points out, that's a dangerous approach, "Some of you are going to find out that you do not have a biblically based theology... You have a politically based theology, which is wrong. You have an emotionally based theology, which is wrong."

Emotions can cloud judgment. They change with the culture, the news cycle or the latest trending topic. But Scripture? It

remains the same.

2. Yes, The Bible Speaks on Borders

A common argument is that Christians should support open borders out of love. But does the Bible actually teach that?

Hibbs references Acts 17:26-27, where Paul tells us: “He has made from one blood every nation of men to live on the entire face of the earth, having appointed fixed times and the boundaries of their habitation, that they should seek the Lord so perhaps they might reach for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us.”

In other words, borders aren't a human invention—they're divinely ordained. Even Jesus used the imagery of a sheepfold, where a shepherd protects his flock within set boundaries (John 10:10).

3. The Hypocrisy of Open-Borders Advocacy

Many of the loudest voices demanding open borders live behind gated communities, lock their doors at night and expect security for their families. This contradiction is hard to ignore.

“If you don't think we should have borders, then why do you lock your doors at night? Why do you pay for homeowners' insurance?” Hibbs asks.

It's easy to call for others to bear the burden of unchecked immigration, but few are willing to live by the standards they preach.

4. Government's Role in Upholding Order

The Bible repeatedly emphasizes the necessity of government to maintain order and justice. Daniel 2:44 and Romans 13 remind us that governing authorities are appointed by God for this very reason.

Hibbs warns against dismissing these principles: "Did you know that you swear an oath to uphold the laws of this land and to defend the Constitution against enemies foreign and domestic? That's the law."

If we value law and order in our homes and communities, why wouldn't we expect the same for our nation?

5. Heaven Itself Has Borders

If borders are immoral, then why does Revelation 21 describe heaven as a city with walls and gates? Why does it distinguish between those inside and those outside?

Hibbs puts it plainly: "Heaven has walls. Heaven has gates. The Bible says all those who are outside the walls are cowards."

Clearly, borders serve a purpose—not just on Earth, but in eternity.

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6. A Path to Compassionate Reform

Contrary to popular belief, enforcing immigration laws isn't about cruelty—it's about justice. However, Hibbs acknowledges that the current system is broken and in need of fixing.

This isn't about mass deportations or turning a blind eye.

It's about restoring order while offering a fair path forward.

Immigration is a complex issue, but the Bible offers clarity. Nations, borders and law are part of God's design. Compassion is essential, and so is truth.

A truly biblical approach doesn't ignore the reality of borders—it embraces them as part of God's order for the world. And if heaven itself has walls, maybe we should reconsider the idea that having them on Earth is somehow un-Christian.

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Is It God or Just Your Thoughts? The Truth About Hearing His Voice

In a recent episode of "The Shawn Ryan Show," host Shawn Ryan interviewed Angela Ford, a former U.S. Army remote viewer associated with the Stargate Project—a program that explored psychic phenomena for intelligence purposes.

During the interview, Ford recounted a UFO sighting from her youth, an experience that initially sparked her interest in the paranormal. □The conversation took a compelling turn when

Ryan inquired about her perspectives on religion, specifically the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

At that moment, Ford became visibly uncomfortable and momentarily speechless, an incident that has since garnered significant attention online. □

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This moment raises profound questions about the nature of spiritual encounters and the reality of demonic influences.

Many believe that experiences labeled as extraterrestrial encounters may, in fact, be manifestations of demonic activity. Ford's reaction to the mention of the crucifixion could be seen as an indication of the profound power inherent in Jesus's name over those who are demonized. □

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The Bible warns against engaging with mediums and spiritists, cautioning that such practices can lead to spiritual defilement (see Lev. 19:31). Ford's reaction when confronted with the topic of Jesus's sacrifice might serve as a poignant reminder of the spiritual warfare that permeates our world. □

In our modern society, it's easy to dismiss the concept of demons as archaic or symbolic. However, incidents like this suggest that spiritual entities—angelic and demonic—are active and influential. Recognizing this reality is crucial. Awareness of spiritual warfare equips us to seek protection and guidance through faith, ensuring that we do not

inadvertently expose ourselves to harmful influences.□

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20,000 Letters of Support? The Controversy Surrounding 'Woke Bishop's' Sermon

Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington has long been a voice for the progressive left, but her latest exploits reveal just how far she has strayed from biblical truth.

Budde, who infamously rebuked President Donald Trump the day after his inauguration in a sermon that was more political than spiritual, continues to champion leftist causes over Christian doctrine. Now, she is basking in the attention of her supposed supporters, claiming she has received over 20,000 letters of encouragement following her latest attacks on Trump and conservative values.

Budde recently posted a video on Facebook thanking her supporters, gushing about the letters, phone calls, and even gifts she has received. "I cannot tell you how much it has meant to me to receive the letters, phone calls, notes, gifts and expressions of gratitude, support and encouragement," she stated. She went on to paint herself as a courageous figure

leading a noble movement, urging her followers to “stand together” and “be brave.”

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This spectacle of self-congratulation raises serious questions: Who exactly are these alleged supporters? And why does she feel the need to highlight the volume of responses as if popularity equates to righteousness?

The Episcopal Church, which has seen dramatic membership decline in recent years, has increasingly embraced progressive activism to remain relevant. Budde’s letter-writing fanfare appears to be a calculated move to further entrench her as a darling of the leftist religious establishment. Rather than standing firm on biblical principles, she positions herself as a crusader for open borders, transgender ideology and government welfare programs—all while rebuking conservative policies as heartless and unchristian.

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One of the most glaring contradictions in her ministry is the Episcopal Migration Ministries, which took in \$53 million in federal funds in 2024 alone to resettle 3,600 individuals. While Budde preaches compassion and mercy, her church’s refugee resettlement arm benefits directly from government money, with a structure designed to maximize financial gain. Programs like “Preferred Communities” and “Matching Grant” make EMM’s efforts a lucrative endeavor, while the Episcopal Church even takes a cut from refugee travel loan repayments.

This raises significant concerns about conflicts of interest, but Budde remains silent on these inconvenient truths.

President Trump, for his part, wasted no time in exposing Budde's duplicity. After she called on him to "have mercy" on illegal immigrants and refugees, Trump fired back, demanding an apology and rightly calling her out as a "Radical Left hardline Trump hater." He further highlighted her failure to address the real consequences of unchecked migration, including violent crime committed by illegal migrants—an issue that Budde and her progressive allies conveniently ignore.

Budde's brand of Christianity has become little more than a political movement draped in religious language.

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Pastor or Conman? Church Leader Sentenced for \$500K Fraud Scheme

Another scandal involving a church leader has made headlines, and it's a sobering reminder of the need for integrity in Christian leadership.

Former Assemblies of God pastor Brian Keith Herring has been sentenced to 17 years of probation, 800 hours of community

service, and ordered to pay \$100,000 in restitution after pleading guilty to stealing over \$500,000 from Harrison Faith Church in Arkansas.

As reported by "The Christian Post," Herring, who was also a former city councilman, was accused of stealing nearly \$525,000 in 2021. Court records show that an audit revealed he had taken funds through credit card purchases and other transactions. When investigators initially tried to contact him, his home was empty and listed for sale.

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What's concerning is how Herring framed his downfall. Instead of taking responsibility, he blamed a former friend, saying, "I remember when it all changed. I remember it was a board meeting... I had a close friend... that had some sin in his life, and I sat down and I said, 'We need to talk about some things.'" He alleged that this friend later turned on him and sought to have him removed from leadership.

Herring insisted that the accusations were unfair, claiming, "They never called me. They never asked my side of things... We were destroyed." He painted a picture of himself as the victim, even as financial evidence stacked up against him.

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When stories like this surface, it's easy to feel disillusioned. Pastors are supposed to be shepherds of the flock, not wolves in disguise. This is why Scripture is clear that those in leadership are held to a higher standard. James

3:1 warns, “Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.”

At the same time, it’s important to remember that church leaders are still human. They are not above temptation, and they need our prayers just as much as our accountability.

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Fake or Faithful? 5 Clear Signs of a True Prophet

The Middle East is once again on the edge of a major conflict, and this time, it’s in one of the most prophetically significant cities in the Bible—Damascus.

As reported by CBN News, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has ordered the IDF to prepare for potential military action in Syria, specifically in a suburb of Damascus, to protect the Syrian Druze community from a new Islamist regime. While the geopolitical ramifications of this are immense, there is also a deeper, biblical layer to this unfolding crisis.

For those who follow biblical prophecy, any mention of war in Damascus raises an immediate red flag. The book of Isaiah

contains one of the most striking predictions about the fate of this ancient city:

“Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap,” (Isa. 17:1).

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This verse has long been viewed as an end-times prophecy, one that suggests the eventual destruction of Damascus as a city. While Damascus is one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world, the Bible warns of a future where it will be left uninhabitable.

Could the current military tensions between Israel and Syria be setting the stage for this prophecy to be fulfilled?

What War in Damascus Could Look Like

A direct military confrontation between Israel and Syria in and around Damascus would be no small conflict. Israel possesses one of the most advanced militaries in the world, with superior air capabilities, missile defense systems and intelligence operations. Syria, on the other hand, remains war-torn and divided, with various factions—including Iran-backed militias and terrorist groups like HTS—vying for power. However, Syria does have one thing that could escalate a war rapidly: the backing of Iran and Russian interests in the region.



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If the IDF were to engage in direct military action near Damascus, it could trigger wider involvement from Iran, which

has long used Syria as a staging ground for attacks against Israel. In response, Israel would likely retaliate with airstrikes targeting Iranian and Hezbollah forces, a scenario that could pull in other regional players like Turkey and even Russia. The fallout could be catastrophic—not just for Damascus, but for the entire Middle East.

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What Comes Next?

If this military confrontation does escalate, the future of Damascus would be grim. Isaiah's prophecy foretells the complete destruction of the city, something that has never happened in history. Could a future war between Israel and its enemies in Syria lead to the fulfillment of this ancient warning?

While no one can predict the exact timing of these events, Bible prophecy makes it clear that Damascus will one day be completely destroyed, and that wars in the Middle East will escalate as we approach the end times.

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