

# Millions at Risk as Historic Famine Unfolds

It is easy to take for granted the ease with which we are capable of going to a grocery store and choosing from a wide variety of food in the West.

While this blessing came from honoring God and a system that brought forth abundance for the nations, there are many countries that have not experienced this and currently are [teetering on the brink of collapse](#).

This is the future millions in Sudan are facing, as the international outreach program World Vision warns the war-torn country will see “the worst levels of acute food insecurity” in its history.

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While governments and programs try and change the wording, it breaks down to one thing: Sudan is facing a famine of massive proportion.

World Vision highlighted five areas which threaten millions in the nearly failed state, which has seen fighting and food shortages now for decades:

- “Over half the population of Sudan (six million people) is facing crisis or worse conditions of food insecurity (IPC Phase 3 or above) between June and September of this year.”
- “Five million people (18% of the population) are facing high levels of acute food insecurity (IPC Phase 4, Emergency).”
- “Risk of famine across 14 areas is impacting local residents, internally displaced people and refugees in

Sudan from neighboring countries.”

- “UNICEF says nearly nine million children face acute food insecurity and over 700,000 children under age five are at risk of death.”
- “Humanitarian agencies need unhindered access and full funding of the humanitarian appeals for Sudan and neighboring countries.”

As reported by World Vision, “The last famine declaration in East Africa was in 2017 in South Sudan, and prior to that, 2011 in Somalia. In both cases, hundreds of thousands of lives were lost and children have suffered long-term impacts from malnutrition and loss of agriculture outputs. The situation in Sudan is similarly grim.”

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Getting tunnel vision [on the multitude of problems at home](#) makes it easy to not notice the indicators around the world of potential end-times indicators.

Jesus tells us these events must take place before His return, and one of them is famine as listed in Matthew 24:7. Just because it is not taking place in the West, yet, does not mean it is not here on Earth at this very moment.

Christians are called to be prepared at any given time for Christ’s return, and in doing so help those who are suffering in the world. For those who we feed and clothe out of compassion, so too are we serving Christ (Matt. 25:44-45).

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# AI Innovation Eases Content Creation for Church Leaders

Artificial intelligence, much like the internet, is here and it looks like it is here to stay.

While many are still [weary of the new technologies](#), with many of the minds on the frontline of its development warning of the dangers associated with the unproven AI, others are pushing forward into the new frontier in all areas of society and culture.

Including the church.

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Now, a new artificial intelligence platform, Pulpit AI, is set to launch later this summer, providing church leaders and volunteers a way to save time on everyday tasks by generating content from sermons to engage congregants beyond church walls.

Founded by Michael Whittle, Pulpit AI aims to support Christian leaders by simplifying the creation of content the church puts out.

Here are some of the ways he hopes Pulpit AI will [revolutionize work at the church](#):

- **Time Savings:** Pulpit AI aims to save hours by automating the creation of religious content, freeing up church leaders to focus on other tasks. It helps church media teams get past the initial struggle of starting from a

blank page.

- **Content Creation:** The platform repurposes uploaded sermons or religious podcasts into social media highlights, blog posts, discussion questions and other forms of content. It ensures that theologically solid source material is reflected in the output content.
- **Engagement:** Allows pastors to maintain a digital connection with their congregations throughout the week and on social media. Offers congregations content to interact with during the week, providing a homegrown alternative to online content from Christian influencers.
- **Support for Small and Medium-sized Churches:** Particularly beneficial for churches with limited or volunteer staff, providing operational leverage in media and resource creation. Aims to transform every church into a resourcing church for its congregation.
- **Technological Advancement:** Keeps pastors and church leaders up-to-date with technological advancements without compromising their role in sermon creation. Encourages theological and philosophical discussions about the use of AI in religious contexts.
- **Increased Efficiency:** Expected to save church staff hours each week, allowing more time for direct interaction with the congregation. Enables churches to be more involved in their congregation's digital content consumption and spiritual growth.

For some, the practicality of adapting to new technology seems like a no-brainer, but for others, allowing AI into the church is a security risk, a way to allow the secular world to influence the church.

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“Pulpit AI analyzes long form audio and video, then repurposes that into various forms of content,” Whittle says in an interview with Fox News. “Pulpit AI’s output is taken directly from the source material. If the source material is theologically solid, the content Pulpit AI creates will reflect that back.”

Wherever you stand on the spectrum of opinion on this new technology, take the Bible’s advice and pray for wisdom and discernment when unsure about a situation. Read the book of Proverbs and ask God for wisdom in your daily routine and how to navigate this new world that we are entering.

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## **Terror Attacks Lead to Closure of 70 Churches**

No matter where in the world a Christian may find themselves, [we can expect to encounter attacks](#) from our spiritual enemy who has come to steal, kill and destroy.

This is what believers in the Plateau State of Nigeria are encountering, as some 70 churches from the Church of Christ in Nations denomination, which sports some eight million-plus members across 2,000 churches, have been experiencing for years.

Recently, radical Islamist Fulani herdsman have been attacking churches and villages in the African nation, and some

congregations have had to shut down in the wake of the religious violence.

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President of COCIN, the Rev. Amos Mohzo, said a large number of the closures are coming from the counties of Mangu and Bokkos.

“Our members were killed, people were killed, people lost their houses, many traumatized, and we couldn’t do anything,” Pastor Mohzo said in the wake of the Christmas Day attacks in 2023. “We were stranded, but we had to face the challenge, and Christmas was celebrated by displaced Christians in Internally Displaced People’s (IDPs) camps in spite of the tragedy.”

- Mangu County saw 40 COCIN churches close. “Most of these members of our church were displaced, and many of them are living in camps outside their communities,” Pastor Mohzo said. “Most of these Christians have been moving here and there trying to survive or find succor.”
- Bokkos has lost approximately 30 churches to the constant attacks. “All our worship church buildings in these communities were burned down by the terrorists,” Pastor Mohzo said. “Internally Displaced Christians from these communities are still living in camps outside their communities. And even now, most of them who are farmers are unable to go to their farms.”

This is not the only part of the nation of millions that is experiencing persecution either, as Christians in the northeast portion of the country have suffered through attacks from Islamic groups such as Boko Haram and the Islamic State West Africa Province.

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“We live together as a community,” Pastor Mohzo said. “However, with the coming of insurgency, the emergence of Boko Haram in Borno state, many of our people have been killed, and others have been driven out and displaced to other areas of Nigeria. Those who have no places to go to had to stay back and make up their minds to die when attacked by the terrorists.”

According to Morning Star News, “Nigeria remained the deadliest place in the world to follow Christ, with 4,118 people killed for their faith from Oct. 1, 2022, to Sept. 30, 2023, according to Open Doors’ 2024 World Watch List report. More kidnappings of Christians than in any other country also took place in Nigeria, with 3,300.”

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## **Pope Francis Steadily Removes Vocal Critics**

In a move continuing the trend of removing anyone opposed Pope Francis’ direction for the Catholic Church, [Italian Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano](#) has officially been excommunicated after being found guilty of schism.

Perhaps the Pope’s fiercest critic, Vigano has branded the leader of the Catholic Church a “false prophet” and “servant

of Satan” while condemning his embrace of left-wing policies.

As Charisma News previously reported, Vigano expected this to be the outcome when he received the summons to the Vatican.

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“I have been summoned to the Palace of the Holy Office on June 20, in person or represented by a canon lawyer,” Vigano wrote.

“I assume that [the sentence has already been prepared](#), given that it is an extrajudicial process,” he continues.

Vigano is so fiercely opposed to the Pope and the agenda of his reign, he even refuses to address him as such, and instead uses the Pope’s given name, Jorge Mario Bergoglio, when criticizing him.

“It is no coincidence that the accusation against me concerns the questioning of the legitimacy of Jorge Mario Bergoglio and the rejection of Vatican II: the Council represents the ideological, theological, moral and liturgical cancer of which the Bergoglian ‘synodal church’ is the necessary metastasis,” Vigano wrote in a public statement.

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The Pope has drawn the ire of many conservative and traditionalist Catholics during his tenure. His policies toward divorcees, the LGBTQ+ community, climate change, immigration and his anti-capitalism stance have angered many both in and out of the Catholic Church.

His removal of conservative voices within the Church hasn’t helped his image, either.

Pope Francis also removed Bishop Joseph Strickland of the

Diocese of Tyler, Texas, a conservative critic of his who claimed that the Pope's words and actions were "undermining the deposit of faith."

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## Jesus March Sweeps Through San Francisco

A mere week after sexual deviancy marched through the streets of San Francisco, a Jesus March broke out filled with [shouts of praise, a worship set and baptisms.](#)

On Saturday, July 6, social media posts on X (formerly Twitter) began filling peoples news feeds of the march, complete with video of the event and the baptisms and salvations that followed the march.

□ *Tenderloin San Francisco*

*Jesus March! Truck Drivers are showing their Bibles, homeless are leaving their tents joining the march, neighbors are looking out the windows!*

*Last week they flooded the streets with sexual perversion.*

WE ARE WRITING A DIFFERENT STORY□□□□□□  
[pic.twitter.com/CBXorN8REQ](https://pic.twitter.com/CBXorN8REQ)

– Sophia Lorey (@SophiaSLorey) [July 6, 2024](#)

Much of the commentary was provided by Sophia Lorey, Outreach Director CA Family Council according to her X bio.

“Last week they flooded the streets with sexual perversion. We are writing a different story,” she posted.

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There do not appear to be any celebrity leaders specifically attached to the march, just like with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Asbury University last year, but the group “California Will Be Saved” was tagged throughout the slew of posts highlighting the event, while co-leader of the group Ross Johnston posted from the event.

According to the California Will Be Saved site, “[Our mission is to bring the message of Salvation](#) to a broken and lost generation in California through worship, prayer, the proclamation of the Gospel, and hosting the Presence of Jesus everywhere we go. If California is saved, the world can be saved.”

That is a bold goal, and one that the state of California desperately needs.

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Marchers were filled with smiles and joy that seemed contagious, as even a trucker held out his Bible which he kept in the cab of his truck as they marched through sections of the city such as the LGBTQ+ stronghold, the Tenderloin District.

□ *San Francisco*

*A week ago, pride participants paraded the streets with perversion, urinating on each other in kiddie pools while kids*

looked on.

*This week: hundreds march for Jesus, 50 get saved, several (some children) get baptized in water!*

*THERE IS A BETTER STORY FOR SF! ☐☐ [pic.twitter.com/S1dqpkAR6b](https://pic.twitter.com/S1dqpkAR6b)*

*– Joel Mott (@joelmott3) [July 8, 2024](#)*

As posted by news contributor, author and de-transitioner Oli London, “The group prayed for the salvation of the city, which has seen crime and homelessness skyrocket.”

With more Christians taking a proactive role in bringing the gospel where it is most needed, America may yet stand a chance against the growing darkness in the world. And that is because the hope for every nation doesn't lay with any politician or political party, but with faith in Jesus Christ and repentant hearts for abandoning the ways of God.

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## **Roman Sewer Excavation Unveils Ancient Pagan Statue**

When guys say that they are thinking about the Roman Empire when they have time to ponder the mysteries of life, this probably isn't what comes to mind.

[During an excavation](#) in the ancient city of Heraclea Sintica,

Bulgarian archaeologists discovered an unexpected treasure: a well-preserved marble statue of the Greek god Hermes.

*Bulgarian [#archaeologists](#) stumbled upon unexpected treasure this week during a dig in an ancient Roman sewer -a well-preserved, the 2-metre tall marble statue depicting the [#Greek](#) god Hermes, at the remains of ancient city of Heraclea Sintica, near the village of Rupite, [#Bulgaria](#) [pic.twitter.com/nJUx6Qtub0](https://pic.twitter.com/nJUx6Qtub0)*

– Hans Solo (@thandojo) [July 6, 2024](#)

The 6.8-foot-tall statue was uncovered in the remains of an ancient Roman sewer system. This remarkable find was made close to the Greek border in southwestern Bulgaria, an area rich in history and archaeological significance.

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Lyudmil Vagalinski, [the lead archaeologist](#), explained the statue's pristine condition. "Its head is preserved. [It's in a] very good condition. There are a few fractures on the hands," Vagalinski stated, noting that the statue is a Roman copy of an ancient Greek original.

Heraclea Sintica, founded between 356 B.C. and 339 B.C. by Philip II of Macedon, the father of Alexander the Great, was a prominent city in the region now known as Pirin Macedonia. An earthquake in A.D. 388 caused significant damage to the city, leading its inhabitants to carefully place the Hermes statue in the sewer and cover it with soil, effectively preserving it for centuries.

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This statue's preservation highlights a cultural transition in the city. Although Heraclea Sintica's residents adopted Christianity following its establishment as the official religion of the Roman Empire, they still sought to preserve elements of their pagan past.

"Everything pagan was forbidden, and they have joined the new ideology, but apparently they took care of their old deities," Vagalinski explains.

The city experienced a rapid decline following the earthquake and was ultimately abandoned around A.D. 500. The discovery of this statue provides a fascinating glimpse into the cultural and religious dynamics of the time.

This discovery reminds us of the singular truth proclaimed in the Bible: there is only one true God. As stated in Isaiah 45:5, "I am the Lord, and there is no other; there is no God besides Me."

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## **MSG's Kairos Moment Seeks Permanent Impact**

In the midst of citizens of New York City dealing with daily crime, inflation and hopelessness, the Lord still showed up to remind His people that there is hope, joy and purpose [to be found in His presence.](#)

The event, called Adora America, saw thousands descend on

Madison Square Garden to pray and worship the Lord together.



This initiative led by the Latino church in NYC was a multi-ethnic gathering divinely designed to break the spirit of poverty over the Spanish-speaking church in America. The founder, Carlos Jimenez, operated in an extraordinary gift of faith, believing God for financial provision and was able to pay off Madison Square Garden two days before the event.

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Such a task is no small feat as the cost for renting MSG is astronomical, but through faith, over half a million dollars was raised to rent the Garden.

Some of the leaders involved include [Joseph Mattera](#), A.R. Bernard, Ben Paz and Carlos Jimenez, who all shared great grace with clarity, authority and vision that imparted faith and passion for God to the church.

“We trust this kairos moment will be a catalyst for greater unity and cooperation in the city and beyond among key leaders, pastors and churches,” Mattera wrote.

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According to their websites, [Adora America](#) “seeks to bring the body of Christ together for a time of prayer and worship” at each of their events.

“We believe that for God to establish a permanent increase of His presence and purpose in a region, the sons of God must come together in one place and one accord. (Acts 1:14) Adora America serves as a catalyst for this unity by leading the church to lift up an altar of worship and prayer in the city

and mobilizing them for coordinated evangelism.

“Adora America looks to collaborate with God in connecting the church of the Lord Jesus Christ in a region, so that we might preach the gospel and flood the earth with the message of the kingdom of God as one,” their statement continues.

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## **From Radical to Believer: America’s Impact on Freedom**

From shouting “Death to America” to now declaring “God Bless America,” [the testimony of Hormoz Shariat](#) is one that shines with the transformative power of Jesus Christ.

Born in Iran but becoming a dual citizen in America for his studies, Shariat has passionately expressed the misconceptions many are trying to spread regarding the United States and her role on the world stage.

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In a recent op-ed for Fox News, Shariat lists the many reasons he went from demanding the extermination of the United States, to loving and appreciating the freedom offered within her borders:

- America is the land of religious freedom: “By putting my faith in Christ, my life was transformed. My troubled

marriage was healed; my wife and I canceled our plans for divorce, and a new future unfolded for us here because of the religious freedom afforded.”

- America is the land of opportunity: “Here in America, you can dream and work to make your dreams come true. This country gave me an opportunity and provided support to pursue my educational dream.”
- America allowed him to serve the oppressed: “Because of the generous support of Americans to our ministry, more than 100,000 Iranian Muslims have come to faith in Jesus Christ.”
- America has a history of helping the world: “When a disaster strikes anywhere in the world—even in Islamic countries such as Iran—Americans and especially American Christians have always been the first to respond by sending people and money to aid victims.”

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These reasons, and more, showcase why a man who had only heard bad things about the world’s foremost superpower would radically change his stance once he experienced living in America firsthand. [He suffered through true oppression,](#) something most Americans know little to nothing about.

Yet Shariat continues to point to the true reason for the blessing that has encapsulated America throughout her brief yet impactful history: the faith of her citizens in the one, true God and in His Son, Jesus Christ. For without this faith in our Creator, there is no hope for the country.

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# Backlash Leads Tractor Supply Co. to Abandon Left-Wing Messaging

This past June saw a far more muted celebration of pride, but that doesn't mean the monthlong festivity was without some company or another causing [waves of anger among its customer base](#).

It took many by surprise when conservative commentator Robby Starbuck and his team exposed the rural-serving Tractor Supply Co. as beholden to the radical leftist policies which saw Target, Bud Light and others lose billions of dollars in market share.

*Massive victory to report. I've exposed the woke agenda @TractorSupply's corporate office for 3 weeks. Now they've responded.*

*Here's their statement:*

- They will no longer sponsor pride festivals!*
- They are ELIMINATING ALL DEI roles and they're retiring their DEI goals.*
- ... [pic.twitter.com/dKC91Gwykk](https://pic.twitter.com/dKC91Gwykk)*

*– Robby Starbuck (@robbystarbuck) [June 27, 2024](#)*

Starbuck's campaign, posted regularly on the breaking news social media platform X, exposed CEO Hal Lawton for pushing left-wing policies at the company.

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[Thanks to Starbuck's efforts](#), the backlash from Tractor Supply Co.'s predominantly conservative customer base saw the company reverse track and abandon the destructive practices that inhibit ingenuity and creativity while pushing division and racism.

Here are the five promises Tractor Supply Co. made in their public statement following their stock dropping suspiciously around the same time as Starbuck's revealing information campaign on the company:

- No longer submit data to the Human Rights Campaign
- Refocus our Team Member Engagement Groups on mentoring, networking and supporting the business
- Further focus on rural America priorities including ag education, animal welfare, veteran causes and being a good neighbor and stop sponsoring nonbusiness activities like pride festivals and voting campaigns
- Eliminate DEI roles and retire our current DEI goals while still ensuring a respectful environment
- Withdraw our carbon emission goals and focus on our land and water conservation efforts

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Starbuck's successful campaign shows what many Americans strive for in business: an environment that promotes an honest, hard-working meritocracy where you are judged based on your performance, not your skin color.

American values such as this have been the bedrock of the nation's success, and the roots of these values are found in

the Bible. By honoring these principles, we welcomed in an era of blessing to go along with the success of hard work, and we can do so again.

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## Megachurch Pastor Faces Sexual Assault Charges

The Christian church has a severe problem, and God is shaking it [to rid His people of this disgusting, perverse sin.](#)

Former pastor Zachary King, [who has a history of speaking](#) at a multitude of various megachurches, has now been formally charged with the following charges according to LEX18:

- procuring or promoting use of minor by electronic means
- first-degree rape
- first-degree sodomy
- third-degree rape
- third-degree sodomy
- first-degree sexual abuse

His victim? A 15-year-old minor which King admitted to having “sexual intercourse with the minor starting at age 15 in January 2023, continuing until April 2024.”

King had been preaching as recently as a few months ago at LexCity Church in Lexington, Kentucky, but he reportedly resigned once he was confronted by members of the church.

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According to King's LinkedIn profile he has been, "Campus Pastor/Senior Leader with 17+ years of experience in large church environments. Extensive knowledge and experience in leading large teams at multiple church campuses."

The predators that have been plaguing churches must be rooted out and justice must be delivered upon them and healing and restoration given to their victims.

From the Alpha Chi scandal to prominent pastors such as Mike Bickle, Robert Morris and many, many others, the sexual sin and abuse that has found itself rooted deeply in what is supposed to be the body of Christ is abominable to the Lord.

People can say all they want, "That's not the real church," but when major media outlets blast out "Christian Pastor" for all the world to see, the people reading it do not care what denomination they are with, they only attach this perversion to the perfect name of Jesus.

All according to the devil's plan.

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Following his arraignment, [King was back in court on Friday, July 5.](#) The presiding judge in turn found him to be a potential flight risk, while King and his attorney waved his right to a preliminary hearing.

Anyone with even the slightest amount of time spent reading the Word of God knows that the Bible speaks against sexual sins constantly, through both the Old and New Testaments. These sins are abhorrent to God, especially when they are committed against the children whom God loves so dearly.

Churches are being torn apart due to the sins of leaders, and this time can be used as a turning point to take the spotlight off of “celebrity pastors” as Dr. Michael Brown addressed on his podcast “In the Line of Fire,” and instead put the focus of the church back on God.

There is simply no excuse nor should there be any tolerance for this type of diabolical activity within the church, as there is already enough sexual sin within the world.

Vigilance, accountability and biblical discernment and literacy must be applied by all members of the church in these days of deception we now find ourselves living in. The enemy is on the move, and has the church in his sights. The most vulnerable among us must be protected, because if the Christian church is no longer a safe place for people to congregate, then no place on earth is safe.

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