

Faith-Based Media on the Rise: The Wonder Project Shines Bright

The rise of faith-based media in 2023 has been nothing short of remarkable, as the industry witnesses a surge in the production of Gospel-centered, uplifting content. Two industry insiders, Jon Erwin and Kelly Merryman Hoogstraten, have joined forces to create the Wonder Project, a production company that aims to elevate [the quality of faith-based movies and TV shows](#).

With over \$75 million in seed and Series A funding raised to date, the Wonder Project has garnered support from industry giants such as Lionsgate, Jason Blum and United Talent Agency. Dallas Jenkins, the creator of the successful series “The Chosen,” will serve as a special adviser to the company.

“We need to create a scaled solution for the heartland, for the audience that goes to school with my kids,” Hoogstraten told Variety in an interview. “I love the idea of doing so many great stories that are values-based. We just want to flood the world with hope right now.”

One of the standout projects of the year was “Jesus Revolution,” a film Erwin directed that surprised the industry with its impressive \$52 million box office haul. This sleeper hit not only showcased the talent of the Wonder Project team but also highlighted the growing demand for faith-based content.

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["The Wonder Project is tapping into a massive, global need. The faith and values audience is global, and the quality shows being developed will meet the long-standing and growing consumer demand," said Ian Doody, managing partner at Powerhouse Capital.](#)

The Bible reminds us of the importance of being a light unto the world. In Matthew 5:14-16, Jesus said: "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do men light a candle and put it under a basket, but on a candlestick. And it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven." This verse serves as a powerful reminder of the impact that faith-based media can have on our society.

"We're going to dream bigger because the audience wants more," Erwin says. "The content that we make can be infused with values and the things that pull us back together as a family and as Americans."

As the Wonder Project continues to expand and produce high-quality, values-based content, the future of faith-based media looks bright. With a focus on storytelling that is both engaging and uplifting, the company is poised to make a lasting impact on the entertainment industry.

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Are We Nearing the End? Americans Sounding Off on End Times

In a recent survey conducted by the Pew Research Center, a striking revelation emerged—40% of U.S. adults believe that we are [“living in the end times.”](#)

This substantial portion of the population holds a conviction that our current era is characterized by apocalyptic significance, raising questions about the factors influencing these beliefs and their prevalence among different religious groups.

Origins of the End Times Survey

The impetus for this particular survey was an earlier study in April 2022, which aimed to gauge Americans’ concerns about climate change. Surprisingly, the results revealed a significant segment expressing little or no apprehension about climate issues, attributing their lack of concern to a belief that God ultimately controls the climate. This connection prompted Pew Research to delve deeper into Americans’ religious views, particularly concerning the end times.

Belief Divide Among Christians

The survey disclosed a noteworthy divide among Christians regarding the belief in the end times. While 47% affirmed that we are currently living in this apocalyptic period, 49% held an opposing view. This internal schism within the Christian community underscores the wide variety of theological perspectives even among those who share the same religious framework.

Cross-Religious Perspectives

Beyond Christianity, the survey explored beliefs among individuals practicing non-Christian religions and those with no religious affiliation. Approximately 29% of respondents from non-Christian religions and 23% of those with no religious affiliation asserted a belief in the end times. This broad array of perspectives emphasizes the multifaceted nature of eschatological beliefs in contemporary America.

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Exploring Views on Jesus' Return

Central to Christian eschatology is the anticipation of Jesus' return. Over half (55%) of U.S. adults affirm this belief, with varying degrees of certainty regarding the timing of this event during their lifetimes. The survey found that 10% believe the Second Coming of Jesus will likely happen in their lifetime, while 19% are convinced it will not occur during their lifetime. The remaining 27% are uncertain about the timing.

Eschatological Perspectives: Premillennialism Dominates

To further dissect respondents' eschatological beliefs, the survey probed whether individuals thought Jesus would return [after a worsening or an improvement in global conditions.](#) The results revealed a notable preference for premillennial views, where 20% believed in a worsening of conditions before Jesus' return, compared to only 3% adhering to a postmillennial perspective, anticipating an improvement in conditions.

Insights from Evangelical Pastors

Seeking a more nuanced understanding, we turn to a survey conducted by Lifeway Research that surveyed 1,000 evangelical pastors. The findings shed light on pastoral perspectives:

- 64% of pastors stated that their church does not require staff to hold specific end times beliefs.
- 60% identified with premillennialism regarding the millennium described in Revelation 20.
- 57% claimed alignment between their views on end times and their congregation's.
- 24% reported a lack of consensus within their congregation regarding end times.
- 30% considered preaching end-time prophecies somewhat important, while 10% deemed it unimportant.
- 32% viewed spending time studying eschatology as somewhat important, with 10% stating it is not important.
- 27% acknowledged that interpreting end times is a divisive issue within their congregation.
- 40% held the unbiblical belief that the Christian church has fulfilled or replaced the nation of Israel in God's plan.
- 56% expressed an expectation of Jesus' return in their lifetime.
- Only 23% reported having traveled to Israel, highlighting the limited exposure to this historically significant region.
- 24% revealed discussing end times prophecy at least once a month with their congregation.

The survey results paint a complex portrait of American beliefs in the end times, showcasing a wide range of thought even within the Christian church. Whether rooted in biblical prophecy, geopolitical events or broader societal concerns, these beliefs continue to shape individuals' perspectives on the present and the future. Understanding these varied viewpoints is essential for fostering constructive dialogue and appreciating the various beliefs that define the Christian landscape.

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2024 Unveiled: Prophetic Perspectives With Joseph Z

In a recent Charisma News interview, prophetic voice Joseph Z provided a compelling glimpse into the spiritual landscape of 2024, offering insights that go beyond the confines of a mere calendar year. The prophetic message is laden with impactful words, dividing the future into distinct segments that demand our attention and, more importantly, our collective prayer and action.

The Roar and the War of 2024

Joseph Z begins by emphasizing that the prophetic insight for 2024 transcends a conventional understanding of time, describing it more as a season than a confined 12-month period. Two powerful words emerge from the spiritual realm: "Roar" and "War." The Roar signifies a divine declaration echoing through the corridors of time, while the War points towards both physical conflicts and spiritual battles.

Unveiling Cyber Warfare

The prophetic voice specifically highlights a vision concerning a cyber attack in Las Vegas, indicating that such incidents will not remain isolated but will escalate globally. Joseph Z feels in the Spirit that unparalleled and almost cataclysmic cyber attacks will occur, raising concerns about the vulnerability of digital infrastructures. Yet, amid the

impending challenges, a divine promise emerges—a standard will be raised, delivering innovative solutions and protection for those who stand firm in faith.

Global Conflicts and World War II Shadows

Z next delves into the geopolitical landscape, foretelling an upsurge in conflicts. Notably, the foretelling of Israel marching against its enemies came to pass, signifying a pivotal moment. He goes further, expressing concern about the potential for these conflicts to escalate into a worldwide conflict reminiscent of World War II. The call to action is clear—to intercede and stand against the plans of the spirit of antichrist.

A Year of More: Faithfulness Rewarded

The prophetic message takes an uplifting turn as Joseph Z conveys a message of hope. He emphasizes that 2024 will be a year of “more” for those who have been faithful. Drawing inspiration from parables like the talents, the assurance is that faithfulness will lead to an overflow of blessings. The promise is particularly poignant, suggesting that even in times of difficulty, those who stand firm will experience an abundance of divine provision.

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Coastal Fires: Natural and Spiritual Revival

Joseph Z prophesies about coastal fires, symbolizing both physical wildfires and spiritual revivals. While acknowledging the potential for natural disasters, the message pivots to a spiritual awakening—a revival fire that will spread from coast to coast. The prophetic insight suggests that, just as California may face physical fires, there will be a simultaneous outpouring of spiritual fire, igniting a revival

that transcends geographical boundaries.

Land Transfer: Victory Amidst Crisis

A powerful revelation surfaces—a year of land. Joseph Z interprets this as a season where promises delayed will be fulfilled. In the midst of economic challenges, the faithful can anticipate property ownership, symbolizing a paid-in-full victory for those who have remained steadfast.

Anticipating Deception and Unexpected Surprises

The prophetic word then shifts to caution against various deceptions set to unfold in 2024. Joseph Z highlights an increasing focus on the alien narrative, with the potential for it to become more prevalent in societal discussions. Additionally, he foresees climate change evolving into a religious-like status, manipulated for control. The interview underscores the importance of discernment in navigating these narratives.

A Great Surprise and Purging

A prophetic word of a great surprise captures attention in the interview—an unexpected win or upset that will mark institutionalism. Following this surprise, a purging is foreseen in business and the arts, where moral and influential misappropriations will be exposed. Specific mentions of public figures like Bill Gates receiving divine scrutiny serve as a stark reminder that accountability will extend beyond earthly systems.

A Call to Cooperative Prayer and Action

After finishing with the prophetic insights, Joseph Z emphasizes the crucial role of cooperation in the face of these revelations. Drawing parallels to biblical examples, he urges believers to pray against the timing of potential

adversities, highlighting the power of the ecclesia to influence and alter the narrative.

Joseph Z's prophetic word for 2024 offers a multifaceted perspective—one that acknowledges challenges, celebrates faithfulness and underscores the importance of spiritual discernment and collective action in navigating the complexities of the coming season.

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Pastor John Kilpatrick Warns: The Earth Reacts When Sin Defiles the Land

In a recent sermon, Pastor John Kilpatrick unfolded a profound revelation concerning the connection between sin and the Earth's manifestations. Pastor Kilpatrick, prompted by the Holy Spirit, emphasized the need to warn people about the signs taking place globally, shedding light on the spiritual perspective that sin affects the Earth profoundly.

The pastor highlighted the crucial distinction between divine actions and the consequences of the fall of Adam and Eve. He stressed the direct connection between the state of the land and humanity, linking them through the impact of sin. The message echoed the idea that the Earth, affected by the fall, [is now manifesting events that grab the world's attention.](#)

Drawing attention to the increasing prevalence of sin, Pastor Kilpatrick noted the rise of blatant rebellion against God, indicating a significant shift in societal values. He connected this surge in lawlessness to the prophesied manifestation of the Earth in response to the prevailing sin.

Pastor Kilpatrick then delved into the idea that creation possesses a form of intelligence. He pointed out that animals, trees and even the Earth itself exhibit an awareness of impending natural disasters. This understanding laid the groundwork for the main points he aimed to convey.

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The sermon then transitioned into three key points:

1. Cause and Effect of Human Actions: Pastor Kilpatrick elucidated that the sins committed by individuals have a direct and extraordinary impact on the land. He emphasized the biblical principle that actions have consequences and that the choices people make can affect the environment.

2. God's Judgment Manifested through the Land: The pastor underscored the biblical truth that the Earth, as part of God's creation, responds to the sin of humanity. He highlighted instances in the Bible where God's judgment was manifested through the land, drawing attention to the current state of the world as evidence of this divine principle.

3. Healing and Cleansing of the Land: Despite the grim consequences of sin, the sermon also conveyed a message of hope. Pastor Kilpatrick explained that, through repentance and adherence to God's ways, the land can be healed, cleansed, and made whole.

The sermon further detailed four specific sins mentioned in the Bible that defile the land:

a. Idolatry: Pastor Kilpatrick discussed the consequences of worshiping false gods and emphasized the exclusive nature of worshiping the one true God through Jesus Christ. Pointing to the story of Elijah versus the prophets of Baal, Kilpatrick noted that God will send the rain after true repentance of the people is brought forward. Without it, the droughts remain.

b. Immorality and Sexual Sin: The pastor addressed the biblical stance on sexual immorality, including homosexuality, highlighting the scriptural warnings against such practices. When these lifestyles become socially accepted, the cultures that allow them begin to degrade on all levels of society.

c. Shedding of Innocent Blood: Connecting to current societal issues, Pastor Kilpatrick spoke passionately about the shedding of innocent blood and its repercussions on the land. He drew attention to the biblical perspective on the sanctity of life, and that America's sin of abortion is profoundly affecting the land.

d. Broken Covenants: The sermon concluded with a powerful message about the importance of honoring covenants, both with God and with one another. Pastor Kilpatrick emphasized the consequences of breaking these sacred agreements and urged listeners to uphold their commitments.

The timely sermon served as a call to understanding the [profound relationship between sin and the Earth's manifestations.](#) Pastor Kilpatrick passionately implored individuals to heed the warnings, repent and seek God's mercy to bring healing and restoration to the land. The overarching message was clear: Sin has consequences, but there is hope in turning back to God and His ways.

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The Ancient Mystery Behind Hamas' Invasion

In a recent revelation, Rabbi Jonathan Cahn shared a profound mystery predicting the recent Hamas invasion in Israel, disclosed the night before the events transpired. During a Friday night service at Beth Israel, [Rabbi Cahn delved into an ancient mystery](#) foretelling an attack on Israel with specific details, documented in the transcript from his video message.

Rooted in God's instructions to Moses about the Jubilee over 3,000 years ago, the mystery signifies restoration and the return of ancestral possessions every 50 years. Rabbi Cahn meticulously traced this jubilean pattern through critical moments in Israel's history, revealing a divine orchestration that defies human comprehension.

The mystery first surfaced in 1897 when Theodore Herzl proclaimed the founding of the Jewish state, predicting its recognition by the world in 50 years. This set the stage for the UN vote in 1947 that brought Israel back into existence. Rabbi Cahn connects these dots, illustrating the precision with which the mystery unfolds.

The jubilean rhythm continued with the restoration of Jerusalem in 1967 during the Six-Day War. Legal recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's eternal capital came 50 years later in 2017, a proclamation issued by then-President Donald Trump. Rabbi Cahn reveals the intricate design of the mystery, emphasizing its impact not only on Israel but also on the global stage.

However, the mystery extends beyond historical restorations


into unforeseen realms. Rabbi Cahn contends that this jubilean pattern played a role in determining significant global events, including the exact entry of the COVID pandemic onto American soil. The pandemic's end and other pivotal moments align with this divine mystery, illustrating its pervasive influence.

As Rabbi Cahn unveils the jubilean mystery, he connects it to the recent Hamas invasion. Speaking on Oct. 6, 2023, precisely 50 years after the Yom Kippur War in 1973, he reveals that the mystery ordained another massive ground invasion of Israel. The intricate correlation between the jubilean timeline and the unfolding events on Israeli soil is astonishing.

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The timeline between the two events, the victory of the Six Day War and the subsequent Yom Kippur War, spans 2,315 days. Fast forward 50 years, marking a jubilee after the Six Day War, and the revelation becomes apparent. On June 5, 2017, the United States Senate passed a resolution declaring Jerusalem as the eternal capital of Israel, a significant victory on the 50th anniversary of the Six Day War.

Contemplating a spiritual backlash, the same number of days from the start of the Six Day War to its jubilee, applied to the Yom Kippur War, leads to Oct. 7, 2023. This date, the 2,315th day, aligns with a counterattack and calamity as Hamas invades Israel.

 The mystery deepens as leap years play a role in the timeline. While the Six Day War and Yom Kippur War had two leap years between them, the 50-year span only encompasses one leap year. Consequently, the attack by Hamas unfolded precisely on Oct. 7, 2023.

This intricate unveiling of events underscores a spiritual

battle transcending the earthly realm. As forces aligned against Israel spread across the globe, people unwittingly join a war that spans thousands of years—[a spiritual conflict with profound implications.](#)

The spiritual forces that guided Hamas on that fateful day weren't merely tactical; they were dark, ancient entities, principalities, attempting to fulfill an age-old vendetta against the Jewish people.

This revelation reinforces the biblical truth that evil is real, and Satan's specificity in targeting Israel stems from the nation's divine calling to be witnesses of God's reality. The spiritual war waged against Israel now extends into cultural arenas, influencing societies far beyond the Middle East.

To read about the ancient mysteries unraveled by Rabbi Jonathan Cahn, [click here.](#)

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Megastar Daddy Yankee Stuns Fans with Faith Declaration

Puerto Rico witnessed the power of salvation and transformation as Latin music megastar [Daddy Yankee bid adieu to his illustrious music career,](#) choosing to embark on a new journey as a devoted evangelist for Jesus.

The artist, known for chart-topping hits like “Gasolina” and “Despacito,” revealed his profound decision during the concluding show of his farewell tour in Puerto Rico, leaving 18,000 fans at the La Meta venue in awe.

In case you haven’t heard of Daddy Yankee before, to put into scope just how big of a worldwide musician he is, here are the numbers for the two songs previously listed: “Gasolina” has over 240 million combined views on YouTube and streamed 765,532,916 times on Spotify at the time of this article. As eye-popping as these numbers seem, they pale in comparison to “Despacito” which Daddy Yankee is listed on along with singer Luis Fonsi. On YouTube, “Despacito” is one of the most viewed videos of all time with 8.6 billion views, and has been streamed on Spotify 1,656,584,291.

In a heartfelt speech delivered in Spanish after performing his iconic 2004 reggaetón hit “Gasolina,” Daddy Yankee, whose real name is Ramón Luis Ayala Rodríguez, conveyed the significance of this transformative moment. “My people, this day for me is the most important day of my life. And I want to share it with you because living a life of success is not the same as living a life with purpose,” he declared.

Acknowledging that his global fame, extensive travel and wealth failed to bring him the fulfillment he sought, Yankee expressed a newfound purpose in committing to Christianity. “I have to confess that those days are over. Someone was able to fill that emptiness,” he shared, alluding to his Savior.

Quoting a poignant Bible verse, he asked the audience, “What good will it be for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?” This set the stage for his proclamation: “That is why tonight, I recognize, and I am not ashamed to tell the whole world that Jesus lives in me and that I will live for Him.”

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Yankee, emphasizing the redirection of his talents, affirmed, “All the tools that I have in my possession, such as music, social networks, platforms, a microphone—everything that Jesus gave me—is now for His kingdom.” He expressed gratitude to Puerto Rico and invited his fans to join him in this transformative journey, urging them to “follow Jesus Christ, who is the way, the truth and the life.”

Concluding with a prayer, Daddy Yankee invoked divine mercy, [seeking the Father’s guidance to evangelize the world from Puerto Rico.](#) A visual spectacle accompanied his words, as light-up drones formed a cross and the phrase “Cristo Viene” (“Christ will come”) in the night sky, symbolizing the artist’s commitment to his newfound faith.

Daddy Yankee’s public declaration of faith echoes the transformative power of encountering Jesus. It serves as a reminder that material success, no matter how grand, often leaves an inner void that only a spiritual connection can fill. The artist’s decision to use his influence and talents for the kingdom reflects the biblical principle found in Matthew 16:26: “For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?”

The impact of celebrities finding salvation in Jesus is profound, as it provides an opportunity to share the gospel with a massive audience. In the case of Daddy Yankee, one of the largest audiences in the world. While it doesn’t elevate them above others, it highlights the multitude of ways individuals can serve within the body of Christ. Some, like Daddy Yankee, are given larger platforms to spread the message, demonstrating that each person’s unique gifts can be employed for the advancement of God’s kingdom. In the end, it’s a testament to the transformative power of grace, available to all who seek a purpose beyond the fleeting

treasures of this world.

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L.A. Marzulli Decodes Prophecy Amid Middle East Turmoil

In a recent interview with Charisma News, renowned Nephilim expert L.A. Marzulli delved into the prophetic pulse of the Middle East, particularly in Israel, shedding light on [potential biblical implications](#) and the uncertainties that lie ahead.

Marzulli expressed a cautious outlook, emphasizing that it is too early to interpret current events in the volatile region definitively. Referencing biblical prophecies such as Psalm 83, Isaiah 17, Ezekiel 38 and Jeremiah's prophecy which may well take place in Iran, Marzulli highlighted the potential significance of these occurrences in the context of end-time scenarios.

"Anything is possible, and everything is kind of looming [right now]," explains Marzulli. "We don't know. So, you know, we just sit there and watch. I don't make predictions because the Lord's not telling me, giving me, anything."

The expert's insights centered on the evolving geopolitical landscape in the Middle East. He pointed to the destruction of

Damascus, foretold in Isaiah 17, and the subsequent expansion of Israel's borders as outlined in Psalm 83. Marzulli underscored the intricate dynamics involving Russia, Turkey and other nations in the Ezekiel 38 prophecy, emphasizing the importance of understanding the geopolitical shifts and historical contexts.

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"We see just recently Russia and Libya talking about warm water ports and all this. The wildcard is Turkey. Anything's possible with Turkey," Marzulli warns. "The idea of the Ottoman Empire being cut up by the Brits and the French at the end of World War One, combining that with the Balfour Declaration. ...When the Ottoman Empire is being carved up, that's why the Jews get Palestine. Because everybody else got all the other land around it."

Drawing attention to the ongoing tensions in the region, Marzulli touched on the possibility of the scenarios escalating, particularly if Iran and Hezbollah become actively involved. He speculated on the potential outcomes, intertwining biblical prophecies with contemporary geopolitical events.

"I think there's the possibility, when you look at the prophetic pulse of what's going on in the Middle East, the possibility of Psalm 83; the destruction of Damascus, if Israel goes up and destroys Damascus all hell is going to break loose," says Marzulli. "...And we know from Ezekiel 38, that God Himself shows up, so this is different."

As tensions continue to rise in the Middle East, Marzulli's insights offer [a unique perspective that intertwines biblical prophecy](#) with contemporary geopolitical realities. The interview serves as a thought-provoking exploration of the

prophetic implications of current events and the uncertainty that shrouds the region's future. As believers watch and wait, the convergence of biblical prophecy and geopolitical developments remains a topic of profound significance and discernment.

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Jonathan Roumie Shares Insights on Faith, Prayer and the Journey to a Deeper Relationship with God

Los Angeles-based actor Jonathan Roumie, renowned for his portrayal of Jesus Christ in "The Chosen," recently spoke with Fox News Digital about [his Christian faith, prayer life and a special Advent prayer](#) challenge he's undertaking in collaboration with the Hallow app. Roumie's commitment to his Christian values and the impact of prayer on his life serves as an inspiration for believers seeking peace and tranquility amid the chaos of the world.

Roumie emphasized the transformative power of prayer, expressing the importance of disconnecting from the divisive and anxiety-inducing aspects of life by connecting with Jesus. His collaboration with the Hallow app aims to guide people through a 25-day Advent prayer challenge, offering prayers,

meditations on Scripture, Bible readings and more.

The actor stressed that building a habit of prayer is more accessible than people might think. He shared, "As you consistently tap into that habit, you find your relationship with Jesus growing deeper and deeper, just automatically." This, he believes, leads to an experience of greater peace, joyfulness and the ability to face life's challenges with resilience.

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Roumie also addressed the challenge of maintaining focus on prayer in today's distracting world. He acknowledged the role of technology in contributing to distraction but also highlighted the Hallow app as a tool to combat such distractions. With thousands of prayers and scriptural meditations available, Roumie finds the app a valuable resource to create quiet moments with the Lord, regardless of one's location.

Reflecting on personal experiences, Roumie shared a pivotal moment of surrendering to God, a simple act that led to transformative changes in his life. He encouraged others to trust in God amidst challenging times, stating, "God hasn't forsaken us. He's faithful to us to the very end."

The Hallow app, not a replacement for Scripture but a complement, provides robust access to the Bible, including Roumie's narration of most of the New Testament. The app also offers resources for mental health and music, enhancing the prayer and worship experience.

[Roumie emphasized the impact of playing the role of Jesus in "The Chosen"](#) on his own faith journey. It prompted him to examine and deepen his relationship with Jesus, challenging him to grow closer and fostering a deeper prayer life.

As Christians navigate the stresses and strains of life, Jonathan Roumie's insights serve as a call to action. To deepen their prayer lives, believers can find restoration and purpose, recognizing the transformative power of surrender and cultivating a relationship with Jesus through consistent prayer. As Advent unfolds, Roumie's collaboration with the Hallow app offers a meaningful opportunity for believers to embark on a journey toward a more profound connection with God.

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Dem Strategist Says Christians More Dangerous Than Terrorists

In a recent interview on HBO's "Real Time with Bill Maher," Democratic strategist James Carville, the "Ragin' Cajun," sparked controversy by asserting that Christian Republicans [pose a greater threat to the United States](#) than Islamic terrorists.

Carville specifically targeted U.S. House Speaker Mike Johnson, alleging that his beliefs and affiliations are a fundamental danger to the nation.

During the interview, Carville declared, "Mike Johnson and what he believes is one of the greatest threats we have today to the United States. This is a bigger threat than al-Qaeda to

this country.” He went on to describe his perceived threat as ‘Christian nationalists,’ as a significant peril, claiming they have infiltrated key positions, including the Supreme Court.

U.S. House Speaker Mike Johnson responded to Carville’s remarks, expressing disbelief and disappointment. Johnson called the accusations “twisted and shameful,” urging the Democratic Party to condemn Carville’s comments. He emphasized the need for unity and understanding among Americans, irrespective of their religious or political affiliations.

It’s twisted and shameful that a leading Democrat strategist says millions of Christians in America are a greater threat than foreign terrorists who murdered more than 3,000 Americans.

The Democratic Party should condemn this. But they won’t.
<https://t.co/jc9xbVSkKI>

– Speaker Mike Johnson (@SpeakerJohnson) [December 3, 2023](#)

The inflammatory remarks by Carville highlight a concerning trend of accusations against Christians in the United States. The country’s foundation on biblical principles and the fact that many Founding Fathers were Christians themselves seem to be overlooked by the Democratic activists.

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This narrative appears to be a continuation of attacks on Christians in America, particularly from the radical left, aiming to marginalize and exclude Christ-based perspectives from the public sphere. The accusations against Christian Republicans as a supposed threat echo a broader sentiment that seeks to remove God and anything associated with Him from

various aspects of society.

[As Christians face such challenges and accusations,](#) it is essential to find strength and encouragement in the teachings of the Bible. The Scriptures remind believers that persecution and opposition are not unfamiliar territory. In Matthew 5:11-12, Jesus encourages His followers, saying, "Blessed are you when men revile you, and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be very glad, because great is your reward in heaven."

Verses like this confirm that Jesus knew with absolute certainty the verbal insults and attacks His followers would endure in His name.

While the world may turn against believers, the Bible assures them of God's strength to endure and thrive under persecution. Philippians 4:13 declares, "I can do all things because of Christ who strengthens me." As Christians navigate challenging times, they can find solace in these promises, knowing that their ultimate hope rests in the unchanging truth of God's Word.

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Unity in Christ: Reflections on the Flat Earth Debate

On a chilly Saturday evening, the tent of Global Vision Bible Church in Mount Juliet, Tennessee, echoed with passionate

arguments as Pastors Greg Locke and Dean Odle engaged in a heated debate over a question that has come back to prominence in recent years—is the earth flat or a sphere? While many anticipated a civil but passionate debate grounded in biblical and scientific evidence, [what unfolded was a dramatic clash of ideas](#) that ended with an abrupt halt, police intervention and a shattered sense of unity.

Both Pastor Locke and Pastor Odle, deeply rooted in their convictions, believed their positions were biblically sound. Locke argued for a spherical earth, drawing on scientific evidence and interpreting biblical passages that he believed supported his viewpoint. On the other side, Pastor Odle presented a flat earth perspective, also claiming biblical backing and scientific evidence as well as subject matter experts who were in the audience.

The debate, lasting more than four intense hours, saw emotions running high as each pastor fervently defended his position. Unfortunately, these emotions eventually boiled over, the event collapsing in an abrupt end and subsequent chaos with unconfirmed reports of drug use in the parking lot and property damage to vehicles.

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In the aftermath of this regrettable incident, it is crucial to reflect on the teachings of the Bible regarding unity, humility and controlling one's emotions.

Each pastor has responded to the event and its ongoing fallout, with Pastor Odle discussing the power of apologies when emotions get the better of you at his church. Meanwhile, Pastor Locke and Global Vision Bible Church released a statement on the events through social media, addressing the whole episode the following morning as “a needed sifting of

[the] church.”

The Bible calls believers to be united in purpose, emphasizing the importance of love and understanding in the face of disagreements. In Ephesians 4:3, we are reminded, “be eager to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

It is evident that during the debate, both pastors allowed their emotions to take control, a battle every person deals with on a daily basis. Proverbs 15:1 advises, “A soft answer turns away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger.” In the pursuit of truth, it is crucial to remember the virtues of humility and respectful dialogue, guided by a desire for genuine understanding rather than a desire to win an argument.

As Christians, [we are also called to forgive and seek reconciliation.](#) Colossians 3:13 urges us, “Bear with one another and forgive one another. If anyone has a quarrel against anyone, even as Christ forgave you, so you must do.” Healing and restoration are achievable when we extend grace to one another, acknowledging our imperfections and embracing the teachings of Christ.

The incident at Global Vision Bible Church serves as a reminder of the importance of maintaining unity in the body of Christ, even in the face of passionate disagreements. As Christians, we must strive to embody the love and forgiveness taught by Jesus, allowing these principles to guide our words and actions, fostering a spirit of unity within the church and the broader Christian community.

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