

In-N-Out CEO Talks Faith, Family and Legacy in Stunning Interview

In a candid interview with PragerU's Marissa Streit, In-N-Out President and CEO Lynsi Snyder shared her inspiring journey, detailing how her faith in God has guided her through personal loss and the pressures of running one of America's most beloved fast food chains.

Snyder, who inherited the company at the age of 17 after the tragic loss of close family members, discussed the challenges that came with the inheritance and the criticism she faced for receiving such a legacy. "For me, defending myself and trying to get into that, I just had to lay it down a long time ago," Snyder explained. As a Christian, she said, accepting persecution and judgment from others has been part of the process. "When you align yourself with Jesus, you're making enemies," she noted, emphasizing that her peace comes from knowing that God and the people who truly know her understand her dedication and hard work.

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Throughout the interview, Snyder spoke about her high-capacity work schedule, balancing meetings with vice presidents, department heads and her involvement in creative outlets like the merchandise department. She explained how her father's death pushed her to step into her role more fully, becoming the guardian of her family's legacy. "All the things I was passionate about, I'm able to do in some way here at In-N-Out or through ministry," she said.

Snyder also shared how forgiveness and grace have shaped her leadership style, having experienced significant loss and been

guided by God's grace. She believes that unforgiveness poisons people, and she advocates for forgiveness as a path to healing.

One of the unique aspects of In-N-Out that Snyder highlighted was the inclusion of Bible verses on their packaging, a practice started by her uncle, who became a Christian before he passed away. Snyder shared her personal touch on the Bible verses, including a verse on the fry boat about resilience, which holds deep meaning for her.

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Reflecting on her journey and the loss of her family members, Snyder said, "God knew that when I lost my family members that started this company and that were so special to me ... In losing them, you can't replace them. But God did know that I was gaining a giant family."

When asked what advice she would give her 20-something self, Snyder's message was simple yet profound: "Ultimately, God is good." She concluded, "He has blessed me ... and I think ultimately it just makes me love Him more."

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2025: Pastor Greg Locke's Vision for the Year Ahead

As the new year of 2025 approaches, Christians worldwide are looking for godly insight into what lies ahead. In a recent interview with Charisma Media, Pastor Greg Locke of Global Vision Bible Church offered his perspective on the spiritual trajectory of the coming year, calling for both vigilance and unity among believers.

Locke emphasized the need for the church to rise as a beacon of truth amidst growing cultural and spiritual challenges. "The Lord is shaking the nations, and the church must awaken to her purpose," he declared. This statement aligns with the biblical mandate in Hebrews 12:26-27: "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also heaven." He pointed to these times as an opportunity for believers to refocus on our mission to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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One of Locke's primary concerns for 2025 is the rise of deception within and outside the church. "We're seeing a tidal wave of lies and false doctrines," he warned, referencing 2 Timothy 4:3 (MEV): "For the time will come when people will not endure sound doctrine; but they will gather to themselves teachers in accordance with their own desires, having itching ears." Locke's caution serves as a reminder that having biblical discernment is crucial in navigating the spiritual climate of the new year and beyond.

In addressing societal issues, Locke specifically highlighted the importance of prayer and intercession. "We need to hit our knees and seek the face of God like never before," he urged.

This echoes 2 Chronicles 7:14: "If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." Prayer, Locke asserted, is the foundation for revival and healing in a world desperate for hope.

Unity within the body of Christ was another key theme of Locke's message. "The enemy's strategy is division, but God's plan is unity," he said. Citing John 17:21, Locke reminded believers of Jesus' prayer: "That they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You have sent Me." According to Locke, this unity is not merely organizational but deeply spiritual, forged through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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As the conversation drew to a close, Locke highlighted the necessity of vigilance in these tumultuous times. "We have to keep our lamps filled with oil and our hearts fixed on Jesus," he said, alluding to the Parable of the 10 Virgins in Matthew 25. To be prepared for what's to come, believers must rely on the indwelling and empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is the helper Jesus promised in John 14:26: "But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." Without the Spirit's guidance and power, achieving unity and fulfilling the Great Commission in a dark and divided world is impossible.

As 2025 dawns, Locke's words resonate as a clarion call for all Christians to deepen our faith, seek the Spirit's leading and boldly shine as lights in the darkness. By embracing the

Holy Spirit as our helper, we can step into the new year with courage and purpose, ready to fulfill our God-given mission.

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Understanding Your Authority, Defeating Your Enemy

I went to church for years and never heard about the devil. It's not fun talking about Satan, and I don't ever want to put too much focus on him. But the truth is, we do have an enemy. First Peter 5:8b (AMPC) says, "That enemy of yours, the devil, roams around like a lion roaring [in fierce hunger], seeking someone to seize upon and devour."

If we're going to defeat our enemy, it's essential that we believe in the power and authority we have in Christ. That's the only way we can have the great life God wants us to have.

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There are so many Christians who seem to be going through their daily life by hoping they can make it through the day. They go from one issue or crisis to the next, and they lack the confident, bold faith in God that can keep them stable and full of His peace and joy amid the difficult circumstances of life.

The good news is, God doesn't want us to live in the emergency room of life forever. Instead, He wants us to get to the point

where we know what to do to have a great life and take responsibility for ourselves, trusting we can do whatever we need through the strength we have in Christ (Phil. 4:13). This means we know who we are in Christ (who He says we are in His Word) and how to walk in the authority we have as believers in Jesus.



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John 10:10b (AMP) tells us Jesus gave His life that we may "have *and* enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows)." When we accept Christ as our Savior and place our faith in Him, we receive the assurance of eternal life, but we also become "joint heirs" with Christ (Rom. 8:17 NKJV) and are entitled to have everything He is and everything He has: grace, peace, righteousness, joy, and power and authority over the enemy.

Matthew 10:1 (AMPC) says, "Jesus summoned to Him His twelve disciples and gave them power *and* authority over unclean spirits, to drive them out, and to cure all kinds of disease and all kinds of weakness *and* infirmity." God has given this authority to every believer. It's important to understand that Satan has power, but we have power *and* authority in Christ.

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The Mystery of Hanukkah, End Times and the Antichrist Spirit

Does the celebration of Hanukkah connect to the end times?

In a special Hanukkah message, Jonathan Cahn discussed what this holiday celebration means for God's people as we continue to get closer to the return of Christ.

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"Hanukkah is a foreshadow of the end of the age," says Cahn. "The events of Hanukkah were prophesied in the Hebrew Scriptures by the prophet Daniel. They are recorded and celebrated in the New Testament by Jesus Himself."

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"It is the most detailed prophetic foreshadow of the end times of any Hebrew holy day," he continues. "And there are prophetic ones like trumpets and others, but this is the most detailed. Daniel the prophet spoke of the 70 sevens, and there was one seven left over. That's seven years; that's what is called the tribulation period, that's the book of Revelation."

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Cahn points out that the ancient ruler, Antiochus, had a vehement hatred toward the Jewish people. It is God's light and triumph that came after this heinous government reign

where Hanukkah rose as a celebration. Antiochus, as Cahn explains, is a foreshadow of another sinister player who will rise during the end times.

“Antiochus is a foreshadow of the man called the Antichrist, the Beast,” Cahn says. “He thought he was God, and he came against the nation of Israel. He declared that all nations are going to be the Antichrist will do that.”

Cahn points out that the antichrist spirit has already found its way into the world, which he says is the reason why anti-Semitism is so prevalent. Because the Israeli people are God’s chosen people, they will never conform or fit into the mold of the world.

“The bible foretells that in the last days all the nations of the world will come against Jerusalem, come against Israel. That seems impossible, but you can already see it coming,” says Cahn.

During these last days, we must continue to look to the hope of Christ and His return no matter what circumstances we face.

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The House That Carter Built

A version of this article on former President Jimmy Carter appeared as the cover story of the April 1989 issue of Charisma magazine. We present this condensed version here in honor of the passing of the former president yesterday,

Sunday, Dec. 29, 2024.

When former U.S. President Jimmy Carter and his wife Rosalynn joined Habitat for Humanity in 1984, their hands-on participation transformed the organization's visibility. The Carters first worked on a New York City tenement restoration, an effort captured by national media and highlighting Habitat's mission: eliminating poverty housing globally.

Unlike most former presidents, Carter chose a path reflecting his unorthodox nature. Known for his faith-driven leadership, he brought the same fervor to Habitat, a Christian nonprofit dedicated to providing decent, affordable housing. This alignment with his values led him to embrace Habitat's vision, despite the relative obscurity of the organization at the time.

In Atlanta's impoverished Cabbagetown neighborhood, Carter worked alongside nearly 1,000 volunteers to build 20 houses as part of Habitat's International House-Raising Week. Once dominated by substandard housing and urban blight, the area was transformed into a vibrant community. Carter's presence, from framing walls to painting porches, embodied his belief in service and equality.

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The former president and first lady fully immersed themselves in the project. Staying in college dorms with other volunteers and sharing cafeteria meals, they broke barriers between roles and statuses. Each morning began with devotionals, reinforcing Habitat's Christ-centered mission, which founder Millard Fuller passionately upheld despite pressures to secularize.

Carter's leadership extended beyond manual labor. He urged civic and religious leaders to contribute to Habitat's efforts, challenging Atlanta's churches to build one house annually. His advocacy drew attention to the staggering

housing crisis: over five million Americans live in substandard conditions, with 1.4 million homeless.

For homeowners-to-be like Jackie Gray, a single mother in a wheelchair, Habitat's program was life-changing. Participants contribute "sweat equity," working on others' homes before earning their own. Habitat charges no interest, and mortgage payments fund future projects, rooted in the "Economics of Jesus."

Carter's commitment was evident in his tireless work ethic. One evening, after a full day's labor, he volunteered for extra hours to help finish a lagging project. Later, he joined Habitat supervisor Leroy Troyer to ensure Gray's wheelchair-accessible bathroom was perfect, even praying together during the task.

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Beyond the construction site, Carter's influence on Habitat's mission remains profound. Habitat's projects expanded to numerous U.S. cities and internationally, with the Carters participating annually in what became the Jimmy Carter Work Project. Their dedication was a heartfelt demonstration of their belief in using faith for tangible change.

Carter's association with Habitat wasn't an isolated act of charity but a continuation of a lifetime of service. His upbringing in a family that valued equity and his presidency shaped his compassion for marginalized communities. Through Habitat, Carter leveraged his global influence to address poverty and housing, and the humanity and dignity of every person.

Fuller, a charismatic leader and visionary, described Habitat as "a movement of God's love in action." Carter repeatedly championed Habitat's mission, exemplifying Christianity in

practice—where faith meets action and transforms lives.

Today, Carter's legacy with Habitat for Humanity is a testament to what can be achieved when compassion and determination converge. It's not just about building houses but restoring hope, community and faith in shared responsibility.

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New Age or Biblical? The Truth About Manifestation

The concept of “manifestation” is everywhere, from social media influencers to everyday conversations. Declared Cambridge Dictionary's 2024 Word of the Year, its cultural relevance cannot be ignored. But beneath its trendiness lies a deeper question: What does manifestation truly mean? And more importantly, is it a practice aligned with light or darkness?

In a recent Charisma Media video, three prominent voices in Christian ministry—Joseph Z, Alan DiDio and Pastor Brian Gibson—unpacked the spiritual implications of manifestation. Their insights reveal a stark divide between practices rooted in biblical truth and those veering into New Age or even demonic realms.

Joseph Z: Discernment in the Spirit Realm

Joseph Z provided a sobering perspective on the visible and invisible forces at play. “The natural world is an extension

of the spirit world,” he explained, cautioning against blindly embracing cultural trends. He warned of “two forms of deviant prophetic voices” that are manifesting in this era: one like John the Baptist, which challenges and calls for repentance, and another “prophesying out of their own soul... ideology and worldview.”

This dichotomy underscores the need for spiritual discernment. While manifestation may appear innocuous, the power behind it must be scrutinized. As Z noted, “even Satan can appear as an angel of light” (2 Cor. 11:14).

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Alan DiDio: Creating Space for the Holy Spirit

Alan DiDio highlighted the church’s role in reclaiming the concept of manifestation. “What if the church got a hold of that word and said we are going to create an atmosphere conducive to the manifestation of the Holy Spirit?” he asked. He emphasized the superiority of God’s power over the demonic forces we face, declaring, “Greater is He that is in us, than he that is in the world.”

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For DiDio, manifestation rooted in biblical truth involves faith and surrender to God’s will. It’s not about affirming personal desires but aligning with God’s divine plan. As he put it, “Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well” (Matt. 6:33).

Pastor Brian Gibson: Miraculous Manifestations

From healing miracles to inexplicable phenomena like “gold dust” appearing in his church, Pastor Brian Gibson described these moments as signs of God’s presence. “When you preach the

gospel, stuff happens,” he said, emphasizing that such occurrences point to the miraculous nature of God.

However, Gibson’s approach remains grounded. “I’m a gospel preacher,” he clarified. “These other manifestations... they happen because when you preach the gospel, signs and wonders follow.” For Gibson, the key is staying focused on the gospel rather than being distracted by the phenomena themselves.

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Manifestation: A Choice Between Light and Darkness

These various perspectives shared with Charisma Media converge on one critical point: manifestation is not merely a trendy concept but a spiritual practice with eternal implications. The source of its power—whether of God or demonic—makes all the difference.

New Age practices often promise control over one’s destiny through affirmations and rituals, but these methods can open doors to forces beyond one’s understanding. In contrast, biblical manifestation is about faith, obedience and partnering with God’s purposes. “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding” (Prov. 3:5) remains the guiding principle.

The words shared by Z, DiDio and Gibson serve as a call to action for believers: discern the spirit behind manifestation practices, create space for the Holy Spirit and focus on the gospel’s transformative power. As DiDio aptly put it, “What if it’s time for the manifestation of every prophetic word that’s been spoken over your life to be fulfilled?”

Yet, the questions remain. Will you align with the darkness of self-reliance, or will you surrender to the divine mystery of God’s promises? The answer could shape not just your life but

your place in eternity.

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16 Signs of American Decline, and Why We Are at Fault

When I write about “the collapse of society,” a lot of people out there think that I am exaggerating.

Sadly, the truth is that I am not exaggerating at all. The United States was once the greatest country in the world, but now we have become one of the most self-destructive societies that the world has ever seen. We have turned our backs on the values of our forefathers, and we are literally destroying everything that they worked so hard to give us.

Recently I came across a quote from historian Arnold Toynbee that really resonated with me.

In the mid-20th century, historian Arnold Toynbee, who had studied the varying fates of 28 societies, said: “Civilisations die from suicide, not from murder.”

He is right.

Most great civilizations throughout history have been destroyed from within, and now the exact same thing is happening to us.

The following are 16 signs that America is literally

committing suicide right in front of our eyes.

1. Our suicide rate just keeps going higher and higher.

According to new data from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the suicide rate in the United States recently reached its highest peak since 1941.

2. Meanwhile, our birth rate just fell to the lowest level ever recorded.

In 2023, the US fertility rate fell another 3% from the year before, to a historic low of about 55 births for every 1,000 females ages 15 to 44, according to final data published Tuesday by the CDC's National Center for Health Statistics. Just under 3.6 million babies were born last year, about 68,000 fewer than the year before.

Since 2007, when the fertility rate was at its most recent high, the number of births has declined 17%, and the general fertility rate has declined 21%, according to the new report.

3. As a society, we are increasingly rejecting the traditional family unit. As I discussed the other day, the percentage of the population that is single and childless is now greater than the percentage of the population that is married with children.

4. Instead of greatly valuing our children, we are becoming an anti-child society. In Texas, law enforcement authorities tell us that there is an epidemic of mothers abandoning their children.

Statewide, according to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, at least 18 babies have been abandoned this year. The latest occurred just before Christmas at a Whataburger in San Antonio. A decade ago, the number was seven.

5. The number of abortions in the United States is actually higher than it was before “Roe v. Wade” was overturned.

Abortion has become slightly more common despite bans or deep restrictions in most Republican-controlled states, and the legal and political fights over its future are not over yet.

It's now been two and a half years since the U.S. Supreme Court overturned “Roe v. Wade” and opened the door for states to implement bans.

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6. Approximately one out of every 10 abortions in the U.S. happens “via pills prescribed via telehealth to patients in states where abortion is banned.”

But now, it's become more common for pill prescriptions to be made by telehealth. By the summer of 2024, about one in 10 abortions was via pills prescribed via telehealth to patients in states where abortion is banned.

7. Tissue from aborted fetuses is used in some of the most horrifying ways imaginable.

8. A woman was just burned alive while she was riding the subway in New York, and everyone is acting like this is perfectly normal.

A grand jury has indicted the man accused of fatally setting a woman on fire a New York City subway train, Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez announced.

Investigators said Sebastian Zapeta, 33, used a lighter to set the unidentified woman's clothes on fire as she slept inside a train car at the Coney Island-Stillwell Avenue station on Dec. 22.

Zapeta used a shirt to fan the flames, according to the criminal complaint. He is charged with one count of 1st degree murder, three counts of 2nd degree murder and one count of 1st degree arson related to the attack.

9. Thanks to the self-destructive border policies of our politicians, an ultra-violent Venezuelan gang is now entrenched in 18 U.S. states.

Fears are growing over the spread of a violent Venezuelan gang across the U.S., with experts warning the mobsters could have a foothold in more than half the country by February next year.

It emerged earlier this month that Tren de Aragua, which has been dubbed the 'epitome of evil' and 'MS-13 on steroids', is already operating in 18 states.

This includes some of the most remote corners of the America in Colorado, North Dakota, Montana, Nevada and Wyoming. The bloodthirsty criminals also maintain strongholds in major cities across Texas as well as New York and Chicago.

10. Even when criminals are arrested, they are often put back into the streets over and over again. In Florida, a 31-year-old man was just arrested for the 35th time.

Police say Kevin Campana, 31, was arrested for his 35th time in Volusia County after stealing a car and attempting to escape officers Dec. 23.

The Edgewater Police Department says Campana broke into Hibiscus Wholesale Auto Parts Inc. on Monday and stole a car while wearing no shoes.

Officers say Campana attempted to escape police in a car chase, which ended in a head-on crash with a K-9 units car.

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11. Kids are committing very serious crimes all over the country. In fact, a 9-year-old kid was just arrested for being involved in a carjacking in Baltimore.

Local news Fox Baltimore reports three juveniles, including a 9-year-old, and two adults were arrested last Sunday in connection to an armed carjacking near the 3900 block of East Lombard Street.

“Once there, officers spoke with a 32-year-old woman who stated while stopped at a stop sign at Grundy at Bank Street, four male suspects approached her vehicle. One suspect, described as a white male, produced a metal tool, smashing her window. The suspect then proceeded to drag the woman from the vehicle and fled the location in the victim’s car,” the local outlet said.

Officers arrested a 21-year-old man, a 15-year-old boy, a 19-year-old man, a 16-year-old boy, and a 9-year-old boy after a short foot pursuit. The 21 and 16-year-olds were taken to the Central Booking Intake Facility, while the 15-year-old was taken to the Department of Juvenile Services. The 9-year-old was released to his parents.

12. To a very large degree, we have allowed our lives to be dominated by the technological control matrix that is being constructed all around us. I really like how Denis Villeneuve recently made this point.

Denis Villeneuve, director of the hit sci-fi franchise Dune, expressed dismay about how individualism has suffered during the age of Big Tech.

Speaking with the Los Angeles Times, Villeneuve lamented that

“human beings are ruled by algorithms right now,” adding that he keeps a strict no cell phone policy on his movie sets.

“We behave like AI circuits. The ways we see the world are narrow-minded binaries. We’re disconnecting from each other, and society is crumbling in some ways. It’s frightening,” he said.

13. Just like ancient Greece and ancient Rome, we have allowed sexual immorality to run rampant. The following case from Georgia should be a major league wake up call for all of us.

Two Georgia men who were convicted in the sickening sex abuse of their two adopted sons are headed to prison for the rest of their lives.

A judge decided that married gay couple William and Zachary Zullo—once darlings of the LGBTQ scene in Georgia—will each serve 100 years in prison, recording the sex acts and providing videos of the abuse to other pedophiles, 11Alive reported.

The horrific abuse was believed to take place when the boys were as young as three and five years old.

14. Needless to say, that case in Georgia is not as isolated incident. In a previous article, I explained that there are now 795,000 registered sex offenders in this country.

15. In the 1940s, almost 80% of all Americans belonged to a church or some other type of religious institution. Today, that figure is down to just 45%.

In the late 1940s, nearly 80% of Americans said they belonged to a church, synagogue, mosque or temple, according to Gallup. Today, just 45% say the same, the analytics company noted, and only 32% say that they worship God in a house of prayer once a week.

16. Thousands of churches have been permanently shutting down all over America, and many of the old buildings are now being used for other purposes.

Some former churches are being converted for businesses or residential use. One old Methodist church in Atlanta, which was down to about 60 members when it closed, was sold to a luxury real estate developer seven years ago. Now, it's become a series of 3,000-square-foot condos.

If we stay on the road that we are currently on, our society will die.

But if we reverse course and start doing what is right with all our hearts, anything is possible.

We were once a light to the entire world, and we can be that light again.

But at this moment our society is racing into the darkness, and it won't be too long before our self-destructive behavior catches up with us in a major way.

Michael Snyder's new book entitled "Why" is available in paperback and for the Kindle on [Amazon](#), and you can subscribe to his Substack newsletter at [https://michaelsnyder.substack.com/](#).

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5 Stunning Stories From 2024

that Left Us Speechless

With 2024 coming to a close, we've seen a variety of things happen over the past year. From demonic Superbowl scenarios, to a prophetic eclipse that passed over the United States, to the two assassination attempts on Donald Trump and his reelection, 2024 has left us with lots of surprises. Below are five of the stories that left us speechless.

1. 'Massive Altar' for Red Heifer Sacrifice Constructed In Israel

Back in March, Charisma reported on the construction of a "massive altar" made for a red heifer sacrifice to take place. As we continue to see the preparations being made for the prophetic sacrifice that ultimately will lead us into the building of the Third Temple, the significance of the red heifer has had people both inside and outside of Christianity talking about what this will mean for the Jewish people and the Middle East.

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2. Taylor Swift's Latest Blasphemous, Anti-Holy Spirit Album

Taylor Swift may be the biggest pop star in the world, but she certainly made her thoughts about Christianity known this year when she released her latest album "The Tortured Poets Department" which used biblical themes to promote blasphemous lyrics with explicit content. Continue to lift up the star in prayer, that she may come to know the truth of the gospel.

3. Steven Lawson Dismissed From Dallas Church Following an 'Inappropriate Relationship'

Former pastor of Trinity Bible Church of Dallas, Steven Lawson, was dismissed from his position earlier this year when

it was discovered and announced by church elders that he had an inappropriate relationship with a woman. Charisma further reported that the relationship between the two lasted for five years before the news went public.

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4. Dr. Tony Evans Relinquishes Duties Due to Personal Sin

Another story which shocked the Christian community came this summer when Dr. Tony Evans of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship made the decision to step away from his duties as pastor for a a "healing and restoration process established by the elders." While the manner in which Evans "fell short" has not been disclosed to the public, his move out of this position was quite unexpected.

5. The Day of the Prophetic Red Heifer is Almost Here

2024 continued to be a year of prophetic importance regarding the coming red heifer sacrifice. As Charisma reported, the biblical requirements of finding heifers that meet the ritual standards is no easy task. However, red heifers from Texas were flown to Israel that do measure up to the mark. The ashes for the red heifers symbolizing purity out of the shadow of death, something with great importance to both Christians and Jews.

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What is the Biblical Response to Orbs, Angels and UFOs?