

'The Chosen' Phenomenon: People Are Getting Saved Around the World

"The Chosen," the TV series that chronicles the lives of Jesus and His disciples, has become a global phenomenon, sparking spin-off projects, memorabilia and more.

Among the projects that stem from the popular show are a book series and interactive Bible study aimed at helping viewers better connect with Scripture.

Amanda Jenkins, wife of "The Chosen" showrunner Dallas Jenkins, most recently authored, "God's Goodness for the Chosen: An Interactive Bible Study Season 4," a project she says explores the main theme present in season four of the show: human suffering.

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"The show itself really has to do with a lot of suffering," Jenkins told CBN News. "We're starting to see that Jesus is allowing His followers to suffer. He's not removing suffering when He's being asked or in the way He's being asked."

She said this dynamic personally resonated as it's been true in her own life. Similarly, while working on the show, the Jenkins family faced their own struggles.

"I was kind of begging the Lord to heal my daughter," Jenkins said. "She's got a chronic illness and Dallas and I were really suffering watching her suffer. My co-writer was going through a different but same, thematically, season of life."

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The irony, of course, was that Jenkins was helping prepare a Bible study that would inspire others on this very issue. As she explored the matter, she said she came to realize that “seasons of suffering really are more about God in the suffering and how His goodness eclipses our suffering.”

Jenkins candidly shared feeling as though she was doing something wrong as she grappled with her daughter’s own health battles.

“I felt like, I’m doing something wrong. Like, I can’t get out from underneath this. ... I’m working so hard. I’m trying everything I can think of,” she said. “I’m taking her to every specialist in our particular case that I can get a hold of. I’m praying. ... I’m laying it down in faith. I’m doing all the things, and I’m still suffering.”

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