

Larry Tomczak's Week in Review: Align with the 5 Things God's Doing Now #1

Charlie Kirk, Lance Wallnau and leaders gathered in D.C. with the Chad Pastor of 100,000 who said, "It's imperative we align with what God's doing now!" Acts 13:36 says, "David served the purpose of God in his generation and then fell asleep." Do you know with clarity and certainty what's happening from a spiritual perspective on our watch?

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From recent gatherings of senior leaders from across America, five areas were highlighted to help us "keep step with the Spirit," (Gal. 5:25).

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Take 10 and invest your time wisely so you redeem it and "run the race with perseverance fixing your eyes on Jesus," (Heb. 12:1-2) and "not boxing as one who beats the air," (1 Cor. 9:26). Make sure you stay focused on your faith journey!

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Pursuing Holiness: You Can Be Everything God Created You to Be!

We live in a very casual society today, and it's easy to carry this attitude over into our walk with God. Many are not as serious as they should be—allowing things in their lives that they really wouldn't want to be there if they thought Jesus was going to come back tomorrow. But God's Word is clear about what He expects of us.

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Does that mean that if you're not living a perfect life, you're not going to heaven? No, of course not. It's what Jesus did on the cross—not our own efforts—that freely gives us God's favor. But if we don't live consecrated and holy lives here on Earth, we won't experience the abundant life Jesus died to give us (John 10:10), and we won't represent Him in a way that makes others hungry for a relationship with Him.

Pursue is the operative word in Hebrews 12:14. To pursue something means you crave and go after it with all of your heart. So, this scripture is saying that if we are not *pursuing* holiness, we will not see the Lord. It has to do with how serious—or committed—we are in our walk with God.

If you have a deep personal, intimate relationship with God, you will want to change for the better. You won't be satisfied continuing to live the way that you were before Jesus, because the Holy Spirit lives in you—in your heart—and His job is to be your Comforter, Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener and Standby (John 14:16 AMPC). "He will guide you into all the Truth" (John 16:13 AMPC), and as He does, you'll begin to see things in your life that need to change so you can be closer to God and become all that He created you to be.

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I remember how my life really started to change after I got serious about my relationship with God and began studying the Bible. It's so wonderful to live with peace and joy and to have healthy relationships with my family and friends! It's made me want to continue spending every day trying to become a better person with His help.

God loves you, and He has an amazing plan for your life. The question is do you crave God with all of your heart and strength, or is He on the sidelines of your life while you continue living the way you want to live, regardless of what He wants? That's not the way to be happy and have the best life that God wants you to have.

Now, we all need Jesus because we have all sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). The word "sin" means to miss the mark—or God's standard—for us. But it also means to "miss" a reward. To miss the mark means you forfeit reward.

It doesn't mean you won't go to heaven, because your behavior isn't what gets you into heaven. But you won't enjoy the journey of your life here on Earth because you won't have God's wisdom and peace. And there will be rewards in heaven that you won't want to miss out on either.

Have you noticed that you can catch the flu from somebody but you can't catch good health from them? Just like a healthy lifestyle is something we have to choose for ourselves, so is holiness. However, you can catch un-holiness by hanging out all the time with wrong people, willingly and repeatedly being exposed to sin. People who willingly live sinful lifestyles all week long but go to church on Sundays are not pursuing holiness.

God has a purpose for us, and that is to be a light in a dark world—to show others the love of God and what it means to live for Him. People can't see Christ in our hearts; they see what we do. That means we must make good choices even when everyone else is making a lousy choice. I'm not talking about putting on a religious attitude that is judgmental and critical of others. I'm talking about knowing who we are in Christ and living the life He showed us to live, over and over, until those who don't know God begin to want what we have.

We must remember that whatever God tells us to do, He always gives us the ability, by His grace and with His help, to do it. What sense would it make for God to tell us to live holy lives if He didn't give us a seed of holiness on the inside of us? So, when I teach on holiness, my hope is that it provokes you to get closer to God and not settle for anything less than His best for you. And He wants you to show others the love of Christ as much as you possibly can, wherever it's needed.

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THE CHOSEN | A Powerful Look at Jesus' Final Hours

Season 5 of *The Chosen* is here, and with it comes the most intense and emotionally charged portrayal of Jesus Christ's final days before the crucifixion. According to series creator Dallas Jenkins, *The Chosen: Last Supper* stands apart not only in scale and production value but also in its raw and unfiltered depiction of the most pivotal week in human history—Holy Week.

Jenkins describes this season as being “The biggest season we've ever done by far, and that's because the story demands

it.” He elaborates, “Season One, set in the small town. Jesus’ ministry is just starting. He’s gathering one disciple, two disciples at a time. Now the entire region knows who He is. The word has spread, and it’s Passover week. I mean, this is the biggest week in the calendar for the Jewish people. Well over a million people, conservatively, are all gathered in one city centered around one place, the temple, in order to honor and remember Passover and Jesus enters into this, a majority of the people have heard about Him and believe He’s the conquering king and the coming Messiah—and a large chunk of people, the ones with the power, want Him dead. And they’re all gathered in one place, it is a powder keg.”

Jenkins eloquently captures the dramatic contrast that plays out across the week, “Those people who believed He was the conquering king, by the end of the week, also want Him dead. The setting is huge, Jerusalem is the big dog, all the people are there, this is a huge story that demands a big stage.”

This new season is particularly massive in its scope, and Jenkins notes of the cinematic potential, “That’s one of the reasons why we are really pushing people more than ever to see this in the theater, because this is big and you’ll feel that, and you’ll see that.”

Jesus: Confrontational Messiah

The Chosen: Last Supper unveils a side of Jesus that has been hinted at in previous seasons, but now commands center stage with unfiltered intensity. While many have become accustomed to the compassionate healer, the gentle teacher and the friend of sinners, Season 5 presents Jesus as the bold, unyielding Messiah—fearless in His confrontation of corruption, hypocrisy and spiritual blindness.

Jenkins highlights this transformation, stating, “You’ve never seen this side of Jesus before.” While earlier seasons have shown glimpses of His frustration—especially in His verbal

clashes with the Pharisees—Season 5 escalates into full-scale confrontation. “This is turning over the tables time. This is cursing a fig tree to death. This is Jesus standing in the Holy Temple, on the religious leaders’ own turf, and declaring, ‘How are you going to escape being condemned to hell?’ I mean, it’s just brutal,” Jenkins says.

This portrayal of Jesus may challenge some viewers’ perceptions, particularly those who envision Him solely as a figure of mercy and grace. Yet, this season shows with stark depth that Jesus was also a disruptor of the status quo, a revolutionary force in a corrupt religious system and an unrelenting voice of truth in the face of opposition. His words cut to the heart, exposing hypocrisy, confronting injustice and forcing those around Him—including His own disciples—to wrestle with the reality of His mission.

Jenkins himself acknowledges the high-stakes nature of this depiction: “This is kind of the ‘kick-butt’ season, where, before going to the cross, Jesus upends everything. He challenges. He rebukes. He calls out sin with unflinching boldness. And in doing so, He confuses His followers, horrifies His enemies and shakes the very foundations of power.”

For viewers, this season offers a deeply immersive Holy Week experience—one that is raw, intense and filled with moments that will stir emotions and spark conversation. Jenkins comes back to this central plot aspect, “Holy Week is the most important and impactful week in the history of the world, and this is by far our most intense season.” As *The Chosen* continues to push boundaries, this portrayal of Jesus as both the suffering servant and the fearless warrior of righteousness leaves audiences both shaken and inspired.

The Last Supper and the Jewish Connection

The significance of the Last Supper is a primary plot point,

Jenkins explaining that it must be understood through its Jewish roots, "I don't think that you can fully understand and experience Holy Week without understanding the Jewishness of it." He emphasizes, "Jesus came in and turned over the tables of the temple. Clearly He was upset, and clearly they're just making money, and He's telling them it's wrong to make money and to use the temple to make money. Well, it's not that simple."

Jenkins continues, "For many people, this was their way of life. And for the religious leaders, not all of them were just selfish and greedy. Many of them are honoring rules that were handed down by God. Now they've just taken those rules and taken them too far, and some of their own human understanding and fleshly desires have interfered with it and turned it into something it wasn't meant to be."

The Passover connections are central to the Last Supper, and Jenkins recalls how they prepared the cast for these pivotal scenes: "We actually had Jonathan [Roumie] and the actors who portray the disciples get together with Rabbi Jason Sobel. We did a Passover meal together. We went into our synagogue, set a table and did the whole thing, and went through some of the liturgy before we filmed the Last Supper sequence. And that's the thing that I had never fully appreciated. Even though I've been a believer as long as I can remember, that what they were celebrating that week specifically connected to what was coming with Jesus on the cross."

The Importance of Holy Week

Holy Week is the central observance in the Christian faith, commemorating the final days of Jesus' earthly ministry, His crucifixion and His Resurrection. It begins with Palm Sunday, marking Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, where crowds welcomed Him with palm branches, symbolizing victory. The week progresses with key events such as the cleansing of the temple, His teaching sessions and the growing tensions between

Jesus and the religious leaders.

Maundy Thursday is significant for the Last Supper in the Upper Room, where Jesus instituted the sacrament of Communion, breaking bread and sharing wine with His disciples symbolizing His body and blood, and where 50 days later the Holy Spirit was given to the disciples. This sacred meal established the foundation for Christian worship and remembrance.

Good Friday marks the Crucifixion, the darkest day of Holy Week, as Jesus willingly gave His life for the sins of humanity. His suffering and death fulfilled Old Testament prophecy, bridging the gap between God and mankind. Holy Saturday follows, a solemn day reflecting on Jesus' sacrifice and the anticipation of His Resurrection.

Easter Sunday is the pinnacle of Holy Week—the day of Jesus' Resurrection, signifying victory over sin and death. For believers, it affirms Jesus as the Son of God and the promise of eternal life.

Emotional Struggle of the Disciples: Wrestling with Faith and Fear

One of the most compelling aspects of *The Chosen* has always been its ability to humanize biblical figures, portraying them as deeply flawed yet profoundly loved individuals. Season 5 is no exception, as it brings to life the raw emotional turmoil of the disciples in the face of Jesus' increasingly direct teachings about His impending death and Resurrection.

Jenkins points to a particularly striking dynamic: Jesus is not speaking in parables here—He is telling His apostles what is to come with extreme clarity: “Jesus is explicitly telling His apostles what’s going to happen. And it’s like, He actually says, ‘I’m going to die and I’m going to rise again.’ And they just don’t get it,” Jenkins explains. “Trying to capture that was difficult.”

It's easy for modern audiences armed with the hindsight of Scripture to wonder how the disciples could have been so blind to the truth. But this reaction misses a crucial point: their struggle was not one of intellect, but of expectation, fear and faith. These men had left everything to follow Jesus, believing Him to be the promised Messiah—one who would establish God's kingdom in a way they had envisioned for generations. To hear Him speak of His own suffering and death was not just perplexing—it was terrifying. Their entire worldview was being challenged, and their hearts wrestled with the tension between their hopes and His words.

In *The Chosen*, this tension is vividly portrayed. We see Peter, whose boldness masks his inner turmoil, refusing to accept a suffering Messiah. We see John and James, the "Sons of Thunder," grappling with the implications of a kingdom built not on conquest but on sacrifice. We see Judas, torn between his ambition and his devotion, struggling to reconcile Jesus' meekness with the triumph he longs for. And we see Thomas, Andrew and the others, wrestling with doubt, fear and the growing realization that following Jesus is leading them into the unknown.

This struggle is deeply relatable. How often do we, like the disciples, fail to grasp what God is doing even when He speaks plainly? How often do we resist His ways because they do not fit our expectations? The emotional blindness of the disciples mirrors our own—when faith demands surrender, when God's plan disrupts our comfort and when the road ahead seems to lead not to glory, but to the cross.

Says Jenkins, "We've been able to connect so well with the human emotions of the disciples. How will we see this affect Peter, James, John?"

By portraying these raw emotions, *The Chosen* not only brings the Gospel narrative to intimate, relatable life, but it also reminds us of a fundamental truth: faith is not the absence of

doubt, but the courage to trust even when we do not understand. And just as Jesus was patient with His disciples, guiding them through their fears, He is patient with us. Their journey of faith—fraught with confusion, resistance and ultimate transformation is our journey as well.

***The Chosen: Last Supper* Is a Global Blessing That's Changing Lives**

When *The Chosen* Season 5 premieres in theaters on Friday, Mar. 28, it will arrive to anticipation unlike anything in the production's first four seasons. Fans around the world eagerly await this pivotal next chapter in the groundbreaking series that has captivated millions and reignited passion for the Gospel like no other show before. Series creator Dallas Jenkins says of the huge groundswell of hype, "I have not experienced this much anticipation for a season. From everything people are telling us, they just can't wait. And I can't wait to bring it to you." This season is a profound invitation to walk side-by-side with Jesus and His disciples in their final days together. Audiences will witness the triumph, the heartbreak and the ultimate victory that transformed human history. *The Chosen* builds on its powerful movement of faith, drawing people deeper into Scripture, strengthening believers worldwide and offering the unchurched an authentic encounter with the living Christ. In the stunning cinematography, the profoundly deep storytelling grounded in the show's widely respected biblical accuracy, Season 5 promises to bless the church and the world like never before.

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“There have been miracles throughout every phase of the filming of this series that just defy logic,” Roumie reflects. “The show is better than all of us individually. What God has done with *The Chosen* is greater than any individual contribution.”

A Season Like No Other: *The Chosen*’s Most Powerful Chapter Yet

As anticipation builds for its theatrical release on Friday, Mar. 28, Roumie looks back at the journey with awe and deep gratitude.

“None of this is to my credit, it’s all to His credit, and without Him and without His influence on my life, and the grace that He’s shown me in allowing me to turn to Him in a way that that I’d never turned to Him before.” For Roumie and the entire cast and crew, the process of bringing *The Chosen*

to life has been more than just acting—it has been a spiritual mission, one that continues to impact audiences in profound ways.

With its emotionally gripping storytelling, visually stunning production and deeply spiritual resonance, *The Chosen: Last Supper* promises to be the most powerful chapter yet. Every moment is carefully crafted to immerse viewers in the weight of Jesus' final days before the cross, delivering a portrayal that is as heartbreaking as it is breathtaking. "I think a lot of people are going to be kind of shocked, because it's such a passionate display of God's longing for the righteousness of His people," Roumie concludes.

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"There have been miracles throughout every phase of the filming of this series that just defy logic," Roumie reflects. "The show is better than all of us individually. What God has done with *The Chosen* is greater than any individual contribution."

A Season Like No Other: *The Chosen's* Most Powerful Chapter Yet

As anticipation builds for its theatrical release on Friday, Mar. 28, Roumie looks back at the journey with awe and deep gratitude.

"None of this is to my credit, it's all to His credit, and without Him and without His influence on my life, and the grace that He's shown me in allowing me to turn to Him in a way that that I'd never turned to Him before." For Roumie and the entire cast and crew, the process of bringing *The Chosen* to life has been more than just acting—it has been a spiritual mission, one that continues to impact audiences in profound ways.

With its emotionally gripping storytelling, visually stunning production and deeply spiritual resonance, *The Chosen: Last Supper* promises to be the most powerful chapter yet. Every moment is carefully crafted to immerse viewers in the weight of Jesus' final days before the cross, delivering a portrayal that is as heartbreaking as it is breathtaking. "I think a lot of people are going to be kind of shocked, because it's such a passionate display of God's longing for the righteousness of His people," Roumie concludes.

THE CHOSEN: LAST SUPPER | A Powerful Look at Jesus' Final Hours

Season 5 of *The Chosen* is here, and with it comes the most intense and emotionally charged portrayal of Jesus Christ's final days before the crucifixion. According to series creator Dallas Jenkins, *The Chosen: Last Supper* stands apart not only in scale and production value but also in its raw and unfiltered depiction of the most pivotal week in human history—Holy Week.

Jenkins describes this season as being “The biggest season we’ve ever done by far, and that’s because the story demands it.” He elaborates, “Season One, set in the small town. Jesus’ ministry is just starting. He’s gathering one disciple, two disciples at a time. Now the entire region knows who He is. The word has spread, and it’s Passover week. I mean, this is the biggest week in the calendar for the Jewish people. Well over a million people, conservatively, are all gathered in one city centered around one place, the temple, in order to honor and remember Passover and Jesus enters into this, a majority of the people have heard about Him and believe He’s the conquering king and the coming Messiah—and a large chunk of people, the ones with the power, want Him dead. And they’re all gathered in one place, it is a powder keg.”

Jenkins eloquently captures the dramatic contrast that plays out across the week, “Those people who believed He was the conquering king, by the end of the week, also want Him dead. The setting is huge, Jerusalem is the big dog, all the people are there, this is a huge story that demands a big stage.”

This new season is particularly massive in its scope, and Jenkins notes of the cinematic potential, “That’s one of the

reasons why we are really pushing people more than ever to see this in the theater, because this is big and you'll feel that, and you'll see that."

Jesus: Confrontational Messiah

The Chosen: Last Supper unveils a side of Jesus that has been hinted at in previous seasons, but now commands center stage with unfiltered intensity. While many have become accustomed to the compassionate healer, the gentle teacher and the friend of sinners, Season 5 presents Jesus as the bold, unyielding Messiah—fearless in His confrontation of corruption, hypocrisy and spiritual blindness.

Jenkins highlights this transformation, stating, "You've never seen this side of Jesus before." While earlier seasons have shown glimpses of His frustration—especially in His verbal clashes with the Pharisees—Season 5 escalates into full-scale confrontation. "This is turning over the tables time. This is cursing a fig tree to death. This is Jesus standing in the Holy Temple, on the religious leaders' own turf, and declaring, 'How are you going to escape being condemned to hell?' I mean, it's just brutal," Jenkins says.

This portrayal of Jesus may challenge some viewers' perceptions, particularly those who envision Him solely as a figure of mercy and grace. Yet, this season shows with stark depth that Jesus was also a disruptor of the status quo, a revolutionary force in a corrupt religious system and an unrelenting voice of truth in the face of opposition. His words cut to the heart, exposing hypocrisy, confronting injustice and forcing those around Him—including His own disciples—to wrestle with the reality of His mission.

Jenkins himself acknowledges the high-stakes nature of this depiction: "This is kind of the 'kick-butt' season, where, before going to the cross, Jesus upends everything. He challenges. He rebukes. He calls out sin with unflinching

boldness. And in doing so, He confuses His followers, horrifies His enemies and shakes the very foundations of power.”

For viewers, this season offers a deeply immersive Holy Week experience—one that is raw, intense and filled with moments that will stir emotions and spark conversation. Jenkins comes back to this central plot aspect, “Holy Week is the most important and impactful week in the history of the world, and this is by far our most intense season.” As *The Chosen* continues to push boundaries, this portrayal of Jesus as both the suffering servant and the fearless warrior of righteousness leaves audiences both shaken and inspired.

The Last Supper and the Jewish Connection

The significance of the Last Supper is a primary plot point, Jenkins explaining that it must be understood through its Jewish roots, “I don’t think that you can fully understand and experience Holy Week without understanding the Jewishness of it.” He emphasizes, “Jesus came in and turned over the tables of the temple. Clearly He was upset, and clearly they’re just making money, and He’s telling them it’s wrong to make money and to use the temple to make money. Well, it’s not that simple.”

Jenkins continues, “For many people, this was their way of life. And for the religious leaders, not all of them were just selfish and greedy. Many of them are honoring rules that were handed down by God. Now they’ve just taken those rules and taken them too far, and some of their own human understanding and fleshly desires have interfered with it and turned it into something it wasn’t meant to be.”

The Passover connections are central to the Last Supper, and Jenkins recalls how they prepared the cast for these pivotal scenes: “We actually had Jonathan [Roumie] and the actors who portray the disciples get together with Rabbi Jason Sobel. We

did a Passover meal together. We went into our synagogue, set a table and did the whole thing, and went through some of the liturgy before we filmed the Last Supper sequence. And that's the thing that I had never fully appreciated. Even though I've been a believer as long as I can remember, that what they were celebrating that week specifically connected to what was coming with Jesus on the cross."

The Importance of Holy Week

Holy Week is the central observance in the Christian faith, commemorating the final days of Jesus' earthly ministry, His crucifixion and His Resurrection. It begins with Palm Sunday, marking Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, where crowds welcomed Him with palm branches, symbolizing victory. The week progresses with key events such as the cleansing of the temple, His teaching sessions and the growing tensions between Jesus and the religious leaders.

Maundy Thursday is significant for the Last Supper in the Upper Room, where Jesus instituted the sacrament of Communion, breaking bread and sharing wine with His disciples symbolizing His body and blood, and where 50 days later the Holy Spirit was given to the disciples. This sacred meal established the foundation for Christian worship and remembrance.

Good Friday marks the Crucifixion, the darkest day of Holy Week, as Jesus willingly gave His life for the sins of humanity. His suffering and death fulfilled Old Testament prophecy, bridging the gap between God and mankind. Holy Saturday follows, a solemn day reflecting on Jesus' sacrifice and the anticipation of His Resurrection.

Easter Sunday is the pinnacle of Holy Week—the day of Jesus' Resurrection, signifying victory over sin and death. For believers, it affirms Jesus as the Son of God and the promise of eternal life.

Emotional Struggle of the Disciples: Wrestling with Faith and

Fear

One of the most compelling aspects of *The Chosen* has always been its ability to humanize biblical figures, portraying them as deeply flawed yet profoundly loved individuals. Season 5 is no exception, as it brings to life the raw emotional turmoil of the disciples in the face of Jesus' increasingly direct teachings about His impending death and Resurrection.

Jenkins points to a particularly striking dynamic: Jesus is not speaking in parables here—He is telling His apostles what is to come with extreme clarity: “Jesus is explicitly telling His apostles what’s going to happen. And it’s like, He actually says, ‘I’m going to die and I’m going to rise again.’ And they just don’t get it,” Jenkins explains. “Trying to capture that was difficult.”

It’s easy for modern audiences armed with the hindsight of Scripture to wonder how the disciples could have been so blind to the truth. But this reaction misses a crucial point: their struggle was not one of intellect, but of expectation, fear and faith. These men had left everything to follow Jesus, believing Him to be the promised Messiah—one who would establish God’s kingdom in a way they had envisioned for generations. To hear Him speak of His own suffering and death was not just perplexing—it was terrifying. Their entire worldview was being challenged, and their hearts wrestled with the tension between their hopes and His words.

In *The Chosen*, this tension is vividly portrayed. We see Peter, whose boldness masks his inner turmoil, refusing to accept a suffering Messiah. We see John and James, the “Sons of Thunder,” grappling with the implications of a kingdom built not on conquest but on sacrifice. We see Judas, torn between his ambition and his devotion, struggling to reconcile Jesus’ meekness with the triumph he longs for. And we see Thomas, Andrew and the others, wrestling with doubt, fear and the growing realization that following Jesus is leading them

into the unknown.

This struggle is deeply relatable. How often do we, like the disciples, fail to grasp what God is doing even when He speaks plainly? How often do we resist His ways because they do not fit our expectations? The emotional blindness of the disciples mirrors our own—when faith demands surrender, when God’s plan disrupts our comfort and when the road ahead seems to lead not to glory, but to the cross.

Says Jenkins, “We’ve been able to connect so well with the human emotions of the disciples. How will we see this affect Peter, James, John?”

By portraying these raw emotions, *The Chosen* not only brings the Gospel narrative to intimate, relatable life, but it also reminds us of a fundamental truth: faith is not the absence of doubt, but the courage to trust even when we do not understand. And just as Jesus was patient with His disciples, guiding them through their fears, He is patient with us. Their journey of faith—fraught with confusion, resistance and ultimate transformation is our journey as well.

***The Chosen: Last Supper* Is a Global Blessing That’s Changing Lives**

When *The Chosen* Season 5 premieres in theaters on Friday, Mar. 28, it will arrive to anticipation unlike anything in the production’s first four seasons. Fans around the world eagerly await this pivotal next chapter in the groundbreaking series that has captivated millions and reignited passion for the Gospel like no other show before. Series creator Dallas Jenkins says of the huge groundswell of hype, “I have not experienced this much anticipation for a season. From everything people are telling us, they just can’t wait. And I can’t wait to bring it to you.” This season is a profound invitation to walk side-by-side with Jesus and His disciples in their final days together. Audiences will witness the

triumph, the heartbreak and the ultimate victory that transformed human history. *The Chosen* builds on its powerful movement of faith, drawing people deeper into Scripture, strengthening believers worldwide and offering the unchurched an authentic encounter with the living Christ. In the stunning cinematography, the profoundly deep storytelling grounded in the show's widely respected biblical accuracy, Season 5 promises to bless the church and the world like never before.

Iran Unveils New Underground 'Missile City'

In a video released on Tuesday by the Tasnim News Agency, the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) unveiled a new underground "missile city."

The underground facility is claimed by Tehran to be "one of the hundreds of missile cities operated by the [IRGC]," the Jerusalem Post reported, and is the third to be unveiled in the past month.

"Kheibar Shekan (900-mile range), Haj Qassem (850-mile range), Ghadr H (1,240-mile range), Sejil (1,550-mile range), and Emad (1,050-mile range) missiles, as well as Paveh cruise missiles, are reported to be held in the city," the report stated.

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The video shows Iran's Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces Mohammad Bagheri and IRGC Aerospace Forces Commander Amir Ali Hajizadeh walking through large underground corridors filled

with missiles.

In one scene, Iranian military officials can be seen walking over a large Israeli flag on the floor of the facility.

“Iran’s iron fist is far stronger than before,” Bagheri states in the video, saying it is “10 times stronger than True Promise I,” the first of the two missile attacks Iran launched against Israel.

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“All the [defensive] dimensions that are required for generating a [military] capability that is 10 times [stronger than] the one deployed during Operation True Promise II,” he says, according to the translation. “The enemy will definitely fall behind in this balance of power.”

The recent announcements of Iran’s underground “missile cities” come as the Trump administration threatens military action against Iran if a nuclear deal cannot be reached.

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“There are two ways Iran can be handled: militarily, or you make a deal,” Trump said earlier this month. “I would prefer to make a deal, because I’m not looking to hurt Iran. They’re great people.”

U.S. special envoy Steve Witkoff echoed Trump’s statements in an interview on Sunday.

“Our signal to Iran is let’s sit down and see if we can, through dialogue, through diplomacy, get to the right place,” Witkoff said.

“If we can, we are prepared to do that. And if we can’t, the alternative is not a great alternative.”

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10 Commandments Monument Returns to Kentucky Capitol Grounds

The Ten Commandments are once again taking their place on the grounds of Kentucky’s state Capitol, marking a powerful return of one of the most enduring symbols of moral law and religious heritage in American history.

As reported by The Christian Post, House Joint Resolution 15 passed decisively in both chambers of the Republican-controlled legislature and became law Thursday without the signature of Gov. Andy Beshear.

The resolution authorizes the return of a granite Ten Commandments monument originally donated in 1971 by the Kentucky State Aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Removed in the 1980s during construction, and later blocked by a court decision in 2002, the monument will now be restored to its original location within 180 days.

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Supporters are praising the move as a restoration of both heritage and religious liberty. “We applaud the Kentucky legislature for restoring a part of Kentucky’s history,” said Roger Byron, senior counsel for First Liberty Institute. He emphasized, “There is a long history and tradition of public monuments and displays that recognize the unique and important role the Ten Commandments have played in state and national history.”

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Vic Jeffries of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, the organization that donated the original monument, expressed joy at its return: “We’re glad to have ours back where it belongs.”

While some opposition was voiced, the overwhelming support from lawmakers and advocates highlights a growing recognition of the foundational role the Ten Commandments have played not just in Kentucky, but in the broader American story.

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For centuries, the Ten Commandments have served as a moral compass, shaping the legal and ethical framework of Western civilization.

In the United States, they’ve inspired laws, influenced cultural values and provided a clear standard of right and wrong. America’s founding was deeply rooted in biblical principles, and the values found in the Ten Commandments—honor, justice, integrity and reverence for God—are woven into the fabric of the nation’s identity.

The return of this monument is more than a symbolic gesture; it’s a reminder of where we came from—and a call to remember the moral foundations that continue to guide us today.

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40,000 Revival Prayer Groups Spring Up as Christians Face China's Aggression

China's saber-rattling has been escalating in recent years. "Tensions are peaking. Beijing's belligerence is once again making Taipei jittery," said a report from WION News.

China's military even released a video in 2023 showing what simulated attacks on Taiwan would look like. "A war here in Taiwan would have catastrophic economic consequences not just for this island, but for the whole world," warned SkyNews London in a report from Taipei.

The tiny island off the mainland coast is now facing almost daily Chinese military harassment. "Taiwan is beefing up its military and training with new U.S. weapons," reported CBS News, as its military prepares for possible full-scale war.

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While the war drums grow louder by day, Taiwan's Christians are taking to their knees by night.

"The united prayers and fasting prayers of the churches in Taiwan are much more than ever before. It's an unprecedented prayer movement," Brian Lu, pastor of Shekinah House of Bread

of Life in Taipei, told CBN News.

All across this island, people are meeting every day, 24 hours a day, to pray for revival, unity, repentance, and protection over their land.

“I believe something so simple is starting to have such a huge impact upon people in the church and also the people around the church,” said Gordon Huang, a prominent church leader here.

Huang pastors one of Taiwan’s most well-known congregations. His church sits atop the iconic landmark known as Taipei 101 in the heart of the capital city.

He fears war with China is coming and wants Christians to be ready.

“I think one thing for sure is that people are going to be so shaken and people will want to hear the Gospel. Are you ready or are you going to be on the run yourself?” Huang told CBN News.

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That theme of shaking gripped Don Young two years ago. “I had heard from the Lord: ‘Time is short, the hour is urgent, it’s time to pray’,” he recalls.

Young served as an American missionary in West Africa for 15 years and has traveled the world teaching Christians how to have a deeper prayer walk with the Lord.

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‘The Chosen’ Stars Tease Heart-Stopping Season 5 Twists—Are You Ready?

The premiere of “The Chosen” season five has been highly-anticipated by fans all over the world. Now, in an exclusive interview with Charisma Media, two of the show’s cast members, Elizabeth Tabish and Paras Patel, are sharing what viewers can expect this season.

Tabish, who plays Mary Magdalene, points out how the show created a sweet but intense moment where Jesus has His last supper with His female disciples prior to His death and crucifixion.

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“They get to sort of take care of Him for a moment in the ways that He’s taken care of them for so long,” Tabish says. “It’s a very tender scene, and it’s very unique, I think, to our show.”

Patel also gave a sneak peek into how his character, Matthew,

handles the momentous shifts happening in this season.

“For Matthew, he is observing and trying to make sense of things happening. He’s seeing behaviors from Jesus that he’s never seen before. So, he’s trying to understand, but then he’s also like, ‘Let me write this down.’”

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Patel further gave a sneak peek into what it was like to film the historic scene of the Last Supper, knowing the weight and significance it carries.

“It was heavy, but it was just a beautiful moment,” Patel says.

With tender and heartfelt scenes like Jesus’ last supper with His female disciples and the emotional weight of the iconic Last Supper, the series continues to bring fresh depth and humanity to familiar stories. This next season promises to capture both the awe and intimacy of walking alongside Jesus, making it a powerful and unforgettable chapter for viewers.

See ALL of Charisma Media’s coverage of ***The Chosen*** here!

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