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A LIGHT FOR MY PATH

One of the first Bible verses I memorized as a child was Psalm 119:105—part of a 3,000-year-old Scripture song. That amazing Psalm is all about the Word of God and embedded in the middle of its 176 verses are these memorable words: “Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path” (Psalm 119:105, NKJV). That inspired testimony was true 3,000 years ago, and it is still true today!

The Hope Channel global network of 58 affiliates is committed to helping viewers discover light for today and for eternity as they study the Word of God for themselves. In a world filled with darkness, we need the light of God’s Word more than ever before—and we need Jesus, the Light of the world, more than ever before. Through personal, prayerful, Holy Spirit-led Bible study, earnest seekers are led to a personal saving relationship with Jesus.

We are noticing something exciting happening all around the world in our global network. Through our programs, more and more viewers are signing up for personal Bible studies! For example, on a recent visit to Novo Tempo, our affiliate in Brazil, I learned their popular family life program has 1,000 viewers per month requesting personal Bible studies—and that’s just one of their life-changing programs! People are longing to discover light in the midst of the darkness.

Recently, my wife and I had the privilege of speaking at the Power From Above prayer conference in Georgia, USA. It’s always encouraging to meet a multitude of people who are blessed by God as a result of the Bible-based programming on Hope Channel. Several attendees shared how Hope Channel’s Bible programs helped them to connect with a local church family. Here’s what Judi, one of the attendees, had to say as her testimony of praise: “There is no substitute for the Bible! Hope Channel shares truth straight from the Bible—free from secular advertisements. Just a sharing of God! Is that beautiful, or what?! I am now in my seventh decade, proudly a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church because of Bible programming on Hope Channel.”

John noticed something different when the Holy Spirit led him to Hope Channel programming on DirecTV 368: “I had seen TV preachers before, but I would find them laughable and mock what I saw as insincerity and money grubbing. But the programs on Hope Channel were different. Young people were discussing the Bible in a way even a man like myself could understand. I found myself being drawn in and wanting to know more. Preachers like Dwight Nelson and Mark Finley helped convict me that all God’s commandments were still relevant today. And as I began to absorb the Bible by listening to it on my 45-minute walk each day, the Holy Spirit changed my heart.”



Both Judi and John were changed by a personal study of the Word of God. We would love to hear your story. How has God blessed your life through a personal study of the Bible? Which is your favorite Bible-based program on Hope Channel? You can write to us at shareyourstory@hopetv.org.

Encourage people in your circle of influence to watch Bible-based programs on Hope Channel and begin studying the Bible for themselves. We are excited to see what God will do in the coming year as we provide new Bible study resources for our viewers.

Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers!

Derek Morris
President, Hope Channel International, Inc.

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Your gifts make a difference and giving can still benefit you! While tax laws have changed, your support is needed more than ever. With your support we can achieve our mission. There are some easy ways that you can help us this year and make an impact on our work. Some of these gifts include benefits such as income and capital gains tax avoidance and lifetime income. Contact us to learn more.

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I WILL GO

BY MAHARANI LUMBAN-GAOL

If you watch Hope Sabbath School, you may recognize many of the participants. But did you know they are all volunteers? They are accountants, health professionals, students, engineers, evangelists, and many other positions. They choose to make time out of their schedule to participate and answer the call to “get involved” and “go” where Jesus leads. Get to know some of the participants and the tremendous work they do for God’s glory.



“Last year I returned to my homeland of Kenya and visited Uganda to conduct evangelistic campaigns. I traveled with my mother who had been in a fatal car accident but dedicated her recovery time to serve God. In eight weeks, we visited eight sites including churches, schools and hospitals. We had 382 baptisms at Segero Adventist Academy and 137 baptisms in Bugema Adventist School in addition to 5,000 prayer requests and 1,000 people counselled. We didn’t go because it was convenient or easy. Our bodies were falling apart from exhaustion, we spoke against injustices that could no longer be silenced,



fought many battles with those who believed women shouldn’t be allowed in ministry, but we preached until our voices broke. We witnessed many miracles, heard testimonies that haunt us till this day, prayer requests that broke our hearts, and we will never forget the smiles on the many faces of hope. After all these things, we believe there is a God who reigns above the confusion of this world and we have witnessed inexplicable accounts and evidence of His sovereignty. This was not the work of a young woman and her mother but the mighty power of God!” - **Liza Ngenye**

“In 2019, I was invited to go to Zambia as a singing evangelist during a week of prayer at Rusangu University. This trip would be a strong confirmation of God’s purpose for my life—to use the gifts He has given me to share Him with others. Whether it was praying and counseling students, or sharing the gospel through singing at the meetings, I witnessed God’s power in the lives of others, including in mine. I pray that I will continue to ‘go’ for the sake of God’s call and share Christ’s love through ministry. It is life-changing to serve Jesus, our loving Savior.” - **Adison Wood**



“I successfully owned and operated a construction company for 25 years and an asparagus farm and aerial lift rental company for 10 years. One day, I read the book Desire of Ages and came across the story of Zacchaeus—it completely wrecked my heart! How could an all knowing, all powerful Creator love a sinner like me? I cried and contemplated life, finances, God, heaven, and the future. A little voice in my head said, “Come, follow me.” When I thought about how Jesus treated Zacchaeus, I made the decision to completely sell my business and serve Jesus. It wasn’t easy, but it was worth it.

By unforeseen circumstances, I became part of the team at Hope Sabbath School (HSS). God used the program to continue transforming my life. Soon, I was praying and holding Bible studies with people all over the world. One of them was Golden Lapani, a Seventh-day Adventist evangelist from Malawi. We prayed for each other almost daily for about three to four months. I was impressed to ask him what I could do to help. He asked if I could help roof churches he had planted. I quickly reached out to churches and friends and

“I cried and contemplated life, finances, God, heaven, and the future. A little voice in my head said, “Come, follow me.”

God blessed us with enough money for 11 roofs. Soon, a team was sent to Malawi.

A year later, I accompanied another team and invited and arranged for a Pentecostal pastor from Kenya, who I had met and studied with online through HSS, to join us on our mission. We completed nine roofs that trip, and 31 to date, including five new church plants. The Pentecostal pastor is now studying Theology at Kamagambo College in Kisi Kenya. His wish is to become an Adventist pastor and prepare people for the second coming of Jesus. I am excited to see what God will do in the coming months and years.” - **Travis Maloney**

These are just a few of the many tremendous testimonies from Hope Sabbath School participants. It is inspiring to read how others have answered God’s call in their life and the miracles that have happened. We would love to hear your testimony! How are you sharing hope, getting involved, and following God’s call? Share with us at shareyourstory@hopetv.org.

There *is* Hope at Home

BY MAHARANI LUMBAN-GAOL

Stay-at-home mandates, public events cancelled, jobs lost, lives taken—the COVID-19 pandemic has drastically resulted in grief, fear, chaos, and uncertainty. The unprecedented and rapid spread has left people feeling vulnerable and isolated with “men’s hearts failing them for fear” (Luke 21:26 NKJV). It seems like every second another disheartening news update is shared. How can a broadcast network whose purpose is to spread hope, do so in a time like this?

On a Friday morning in mid-March, the Hope Channel team quickly realized that significant changes were happening. Local church buildings began to close and very soon, for the safety of everyone, gatherings across the country would be prohibited. With quick response, “the entire team pulled together and, in less than a day, created logos, graphics, found guests, and put together a fantastic new multi-hour program, which we called ‘*Hope at Home*,’” said Justin Woods, director of digital distribution for Hope Channel International, Inc (HCI).

For many individuals and families, church is a positive environment to celebrate God’s goodness with one another. Having that environment temporarily inaccessible has left many feeling lost and disappointed. “During times such as these, it is more important than ever to provide an environment of worship and prayer for our viewers so that they may feel uplifted and

remember we always have hope in Jesus,” said Derek Morris, president of HCI. With that in mind, *Hope at Home* launched the following day, providing viewers a way to worship from the safety of their homes through a live broadcast. In an effort to reach those outside of the Seventh-Day Adventist community, it re-aired on Sundays, broadening the audience and keeping the mission focus a priority.

Anchor shows like Hope Sabbath School and Let’s Pray held special live segments with interactive bible studies and powerful prayer sessions. The prayer requests flooded in from people worldwide needing physical, mental, and spiritual healing. “One viewer even shared how she was on the bus heading for church when she received a message telling her the church was closed. So she turned around, went home and watched *Hope at Home* as her church,” said Jason Miller, director of planned giving for HCI. “I had viewers who were crying on the phone, calling in, wanting to pray for family or friends impacted by the virus. Some even called in who were directly impacted themselves.” With everything cancelling left and right, it was important that prayer was not.

In addition, Christian physicians, psychiatrist, and health educators came to discuss COVID-19, precautionary measures to take, and mental health tips to cope healthfully during this isolating time. The connection between the mind



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The Hope Channel team maintains and runs the live broadcast of *Hope at Home*.

and body was a running theme with all the guests. Viewers learned about the importance of maintaining community and social support through virtual means. Psychologist Dr. Ann Hamel discussed how positive thinking and a spirit of gratitude can help manage the distress from a crisis. “Be intentional about making this an opportunity of growth, of peace, and of happiness. What Satan means for evil, God means for good.” Willie and Elaine Oliver remarked during their Real Family Talk segment. Instead of focusing on things that are out of our control and letting that overcome our emotions, they encouraged viewers to focus on what we can control.

“What is so beautiful about the Adventist health message and the message God has given to His church is we are holistic beings: body, mind, spirit, social, emotional, relational,” said Dr. Peter Landless, director of Adventist Health Ministries for the Adventist world church. Health messages were intertwined with spiritual messages to demonstrate that

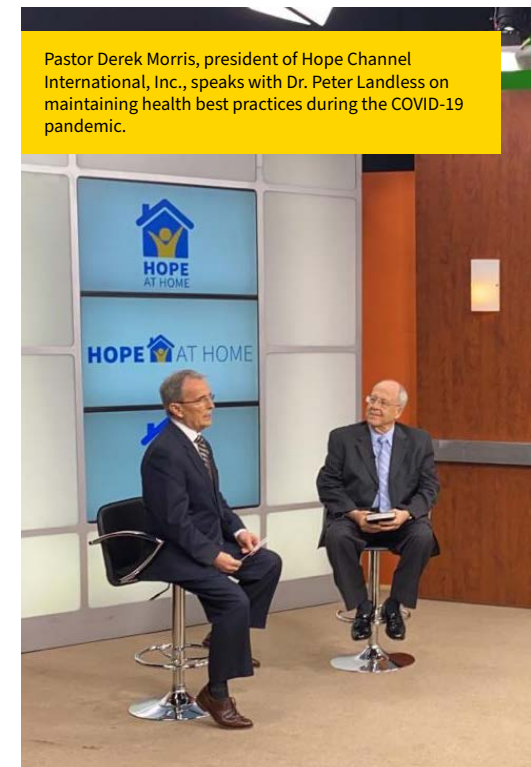
it is not about preserving long-living sinners but pointing them to Jesus and living a truly abundant life.

Viewers were blessed by special messages each week, rekindling hope and reminding viewers the God we serve. “We will see a small cloud approaching... soon the entire sky will be filled with millions of angels from heaven for the climatic day of Jesus’ return...the One who created us, the One who lived for us, the One who died for us...the One who is coming to take us home,” Elder Ted Wilson, president of the General Conference of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, inspiringly exclaimed during his devotional message. “What an opportunity to realize soon when Jesus returns, God will bring to us perfect health, perfect existence throughout eternity.” Viewers were stirred and encouraged to put their trust fully in Christ. Through *Hope at Home*, an imperative lesson was learned—church is not about a building, but about the people and community.

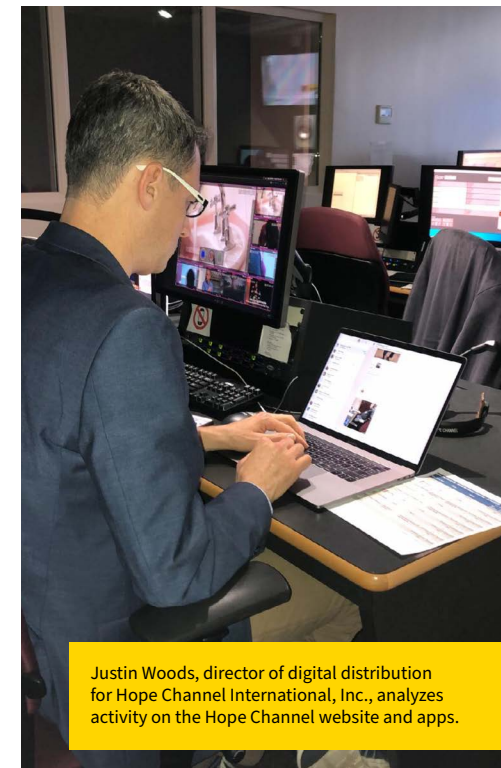
“We’ve had a phenomenal response from our viewers,” says Woods. “Our viewership was more than twice the normal for the first episode and triple the following weekend. We had calls from people who found *Hope at Home* by flipping through the channels.” Comments of appreciation flowed in as well. Lorna McLeod English thanked Hope Channel “for providing relevant, encouraging programming in response to the Coronavirus situation.” Jhoy Silvano commented that “it’s really a great privilege to be here and share this beautiful program.” But just as much as viewers were blessed, the Hope Channel team was too. “It was exciting because I realized that whatever we said right there was being carried to people all over the world,” remarks Miller. “We knew we were living in a unique time in the history of our country and world

and it was a blessing to be part of the spiritual solution to the crisis.”

No matter what crisis, adversity, or pandemic hits, hope can be found amidst it all. The Bible clearly writes how this is going to end—there will be no more suffering, disease, virus, or death. Jesus will overcome the world, so why should we fear and worry when we know the outcome? John 14:27 (NKJV) says, “Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” Keep your eyes on Him; Jesus is coming soon!



Pastor Derek Morris, president of Hope Channel International, Inc., speaks with Dr. Peter Landless on maintaining health best practices during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Justin Woods, director of digital distribution for Hope Channel International, Inc., analyzes activity on the Hope Channel website and apps.



WATCHERS TO DOERS

By Maharani Lumban-Gaol

**If God is good, why is there pain and suffering?
What happens after you die?
Why does the God of the Old Testament appear ruthless?
How do we know the Bible is the inspired Word of God?**

Millions of people have asked or thought about questions like these at least once in their life.

There is this innate inquisitiveness about the bigger picture of life; people are constantly craving for something more. But despite all the earthly solutions out there, that empty and unfulfilled impression remains. That is where Christ comes in. When people encounter Jesus and start to have an intimate relationship with Him, they are moved into a higher experience of love and joy. Every relationship requires communication, and God is so thoughtful that He left us love letters—the Bible—to learn more about Him, His character, and His unrelenting love for us. It resonates with people from all over the world and from all different times in this dynamic, ever-changing history.

Hope Channel realizes the weight of responsibility to be messengers of the

gospel. How can we, knowing that there are life-invigorating truths in the Bible, not create programs that direct viewers to a personal study with it? It is not enough to have viewers solely watch and intake information, but to actively and intentionally learn for themselves with the Holy Spirit's leading. Programs like Bible HelpDesk, inVerse, and Hope Sabbath School encourage and lead viewers to personally study their Bible. In addition, we understand that figuring out where to start or how to study can be difficult. That is why these programs collaborate with various study guide resources for viewers to use.

"These guides could form the first valuable steps to introducing someone to the Bible and the God who loves them above all else," shares Hannah Luttrell, host of Bible HelpDesk. "They cover major themes of the Bible in a practical way and are great for seekers looking for God or for believers who want to strengthen their understanding of

the Bible." Bible HelpDesk is a live program where Bible experts discuss and answer viewer's questions. However, it does not exist solely to give compelling answers but ultimately encourage viewers to study the Bible for themselves.

"In the first month after Bible HelpDesk launched, the number of Bible study requests doubled. Within a few months, that number tripled, then quadrupled! Our Hope Channel team is rejoicing, and I have no doubt there is rejoicing in heaven!" exclaims Derek Morris, president of Hope Channel International, Inc. Hannah further shared, "January saw the numbers go up by 500%!" As questions continue to flood in and be answered, interest in Bible study guides continue to grow.

Another program God is using to stimulate personal Bible study is inVerse. In a roundtable discussion, four varied people approach Bible study in a practical, approachable manner. Its target audience includes collegiate and young adults with some topics especially focused on the unique experiences these groups face. The show is supplemented by the inVerse study guide, a modern design structured to induce critical thinking and active learning. "The responses have been overwhelmingly positive coming from different parts of the globe," shared Justin Kim, host of inVerse. "It is translated into French, Portuguese, Croatian, Russian, Spanish, and in the works for many other languages. The impact of these guides has been far-reaching."

One of our anchor programs, Hope Sabbath School, is an interactive Bible study with a diverse group of young adults. "Participants aren't just sharing their personal opinions. Rather, they are earnestly seeking to discover the light that is found in the Word of God, apply it to their lives, and share that light with the world," shares Morris. "As a result, viewers are motivated to study the Bible for themselves." A digital lesson plan on the Hope Channel website allows

viewers to follow along. The on-screen and off-screen are bridged, and there is a community that is formed between the host, panelist, and viewer.

The impact shows like these have on emboldening viewers to personally study the Bible in conjunction with study guides have been miraculous. "We've heard of young adults coming back to church because of the show and study guides," exclaims Kim. "We know of individuals that have changed their minds about suicide because of the joy of the Word, both written and Living!" Guides are an important addition because it offers a direction when studying a specific topic. They are a crucial tool in Hope Channel's efforts to move viewers from mere consumption of information to active involvement and participation.

You can access the various Bible study guides in a number of ways. Sabbath School Quarterlies and inVerse study guides can be easily ordered through your local Sabbath School class, Adventist Book Center, AdventistBookCenter.com, or Amazon. If it is not in your region, seek support from your respective unions and publishing houses. Hope Channel offers two free courses at HopeBibleStudy.org—the "Discover Bible Guides," which helps readers learn about the major themes of the Bible and "Focus on Prophecy" course that is a chapter-by-chapter study of the books of Daniel and Revelation. All of these guides are ready to be used by you!

"It's a humbling reminder that so many of us here at Hope Channel are links in the chain that leads people to salvation in Jesus," remarks Luttrell. Hope Channel will prayerfully continue to create programs that changes viewers from watchers of the Word to doers of the Word.

Passion for Mission

By Sarah Fonseca, Fundraising Coordinator

Feeling blessed by the interactive Bible studies on Hope Channel, a viewer from West Indies wanted to send a gift but could not financially give a large amount. Worried she would not make ends meet, she prayed to the Lord and was given the answer to become a sustaining partner. Every month she generously gives ten dollars.

Her faithful recurring gift is multiplied by blessing Hope Channel viewers around the world with Bible-based programing. She is a missionary and Hope Channel is her ministry.

For Jesus said, “give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you” (Luke 6:38 NIV). With a giving heart and a passion for mission, you are spreading the love of God to viewers across the globe from your very home. Regardless the size, the Lord is using your gifts to transform lives.

Rowena from Qatar writes, “I don’t know when it began, but with the help of Hope Channel, I renewed my relationship with God, my marriage was strengthened, I am no longer depressed, and my burdens are light. I don’t know how many lives were changed like mine because of Hope Channel but I’m positive that many more will be.”

Transformations like Rowena would not be possible without your mission-based support. The lives of viewers are changed by impactful programing, strengthening their spiritual growth and drawing them close to God.

As a Hope Channel missionary, you are helping viewers find comfort during difficult times. Olive, a viewer from Canada, was brought back to her faith after 30 years by switching network providers and finding Hope Channel. One day she was faced with a stressful situation with her son. She could not find the words to pray. She decided to switch from watching the daily news to Hope Channel and she found Let’s Pray.

Olive shares, “I called the prayer line and one of the lovely prayer warriors prayed with me. Immediately, I felt a calmness and was able to find the words to pray with my son. Thank you, Hope Channel, for all that you do, for reaching the lives of so many aching souls like mine.”

Olive was covered with prayer when she could not bring herself to pray. Because of faithful givers like you, Hope Channel viewers don’t have to pray alone. A global prayer community is right there waiting to pray and provide encouragement to those in need.

One Sabbath morning, a young lady came to visit a church in Canada. Marion, a long-time viewer of Hope Channel, sat with her and they became better acquainted. He noticed the visitor was having trouble understanding the lesson.

He remembered he had access to Hope Channel in his pocket and introduced the visitor to the Hope Channel app on his phone as a tool for her to study the Bible. This visitor was not only exposed to an in-depth Bible study but opened to a variety of gospel-centered programing at the palm of her hand.

Because of your generosity, Hope Channel is no longer just accessible through television. The Hope Channel app can instantly be downloaded and accessed with internet connection in any part of the world. People can instantly share Hope Channel with one another in real time on their smartphones.

Jessica from Florida was having trouble understanding the Bible study lesson. She shares, “I’ve been so blessed by the Hope Channel ministry and thank each of you for answering the Lord’s calling! By watching the class online, you all have helped me better teach my own Sabbath School class at my church and lead me into a deeper relationship with Jesus.”

That is our prayer at Hope Channel; that viewers will not only be blessed and deepen their relationship with Jesus but spread the gospel by teaching others what they have learned.

Thanks to you, Hope Channel is reaching lives in 212 countries. But there is more to be done. There are people in this world who have yet to feel the love of God, know the gospel and the promise of an eternal life.

Jesus is coming soon! Help bring viewers to the foot of the cross. Choose today to partner with the Lord and make Hope Channel your ministry.



INSIDE HOPE CHANNEL

BY JUSTIN KIM

I've been in pastoral ministry for about 15 years and currently serve as an assistant director of the Sabbath School & Personal Ministries department for the Seventh-day Adventist Church's world church. I am currently the editor of the young adult inVerse Bible Study Guide, but I have also been an overseas missionary, a department director, a co-founder of the GYC movement, and involved in various campus ministry positions. Having graduated from a Catholic high school, majored in sociology and biology at the Jewish Brandeis University, and researched at Harvard Medical, I had a diverse educational background, concluding with studying theology and pastoral ministry at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. Generally, I love books and I hate cilantro. Specifically, I have one wife, Rachel and two sons, Noah and Nathaniel. Quarterly, I host inVerse telecast on Hope Channel with the best team of friends.

My experience with young adults on university campuses helped me realize that it is important to inspire students to get deep into the Word of God, center their experience on Jesus, and to be an active and confident Seventh-day Adventist. In our world, we are grasping for things that make profound impacts upon our personal lives and are inspired with narratives, excellence, and aspirations. Look at the increasing obsession of self-development videos and programs. Meanwhile, the Bible sits there full of life, but often untapped because of the initial difficulty of understanding it. Bible study guides, if done right and in concert with the Holy Spirit, can help us access these truths.

The inVerse Bible study guide was created for young adults from a dearth of attractive Scripture- and Christ-centered Bible studies out there. While there are plenty of good Bible resources, there weren't those that had a simple

and intentional methodology in mind. Although created for Sabbath School, the system can be used for any weekly meeting.

Removing all days of the week and dates, inVerse goes through each of the steps of Bible study and places them one for each day, paralleling a classic Sabbath School lesson. inScribe involves writing out the Bible passage. inGest looks for observations in the passage. inTerpret attempts to understand the passage. inSpect compares the passage with other verses. inVite focuses on Jesus throughout the passage. inSight brings in Spirit of Prophecy commentary. Lastly, inQuire lists questions for discussing the passage with others.

Additionally, in our tech-savvy society today, the guide seeks to utilize the best of both analog and digital worlds where both the hand-utensil-paper experience connects with the finger-swipe-screen experience. The Journal edition uses QR codes that monopolizes the endless space of the digital and interfaces with the tangibility of paper. The Devotional edition has all the text printed and is available in North America. The audio discussion is also available as a podcast form too. When utilizing all of inVerse's features, it's quite an amazing experience!

This Bible study guide was conceived first and later an opportunity to have a televised Bible study discussion was presented. We pitched the idea of inVerse and by God's grace, it's been really popular. The inVerse Bible study guide and the inVerse show have had a synergistic effect. It's one thing just to watch or just to study. But having the two together through the ministry of Hope Channel and the Bible study guides has made a tangible difference!



What is Revolutionary about?

Oleg: The life of Jesus and his teachings are so important that there are four biblical narratives about him, the Gospels. These four narratives about the life of this one person have challenged people throughout history. However, today we tend to forget or even disregard how bold Jesus' life and his teachings were and still are. Sometimes we create the Jesus we like. So, *Revolutionary* tries to take us on a journey of a re-discovery of Jesus. The series takes a closer look at the earliest documents about Jesus, the Gospels, and recent research about the first century world he lived in. But his life and his teachings can also help us to understand ourselves in the 21st century. This is what *Revolutionary* does by looking not only at Jesus in his first century context but at his impact on our lives today.

Sergio: The Gospels' presentation of Jesus is like nothing you see anywhere else, including – and sometimes especially – within the world of religion. That tension between the bold, clear, decisive picture of Jesus that you see in the Gospels and the murky, varied, and sometimes-conflicting pictures of Jesus we see everywhere else is what drove us to create this show. What we propose to the viewer from the very beginning of *Revolutionary* is, "Forget everything you know about Jesus and let's take a look at the earliest-written, most cohesive documents about his life: the Gospels." Not only that, let's explore the world he lived in to gain even further insights. For someone who claimed to be the Son of God and the Way of Life itself – something no other major religious founder claimed, by the way – surely the most important question we can ask about him is

“Who was this man?” More than that, what could he possibly say about our lives today? The answer is, quite a lot; and it’s probably not what you think. That is the journey we take the viewer on in *Revolutionary*.

What role did you play in the series?

Oleg: Co-creator, co-producer as well as a host for *Revolutionary*.

Sergio: Co-creator, producer, writer, and host are some of the roles I played on *Revolutionary* but really, I’m just extremely grateful for the opportunity to work with such amazing and talented people.

What inspired the series?

Oleg: Studying the revolutionary life and teachings of Jesus, it is impossible not to notice how we, at times, underestimate his significance and counter-cultural impact. It is a never-ending journey of peeling off layers of presuppositions about Jesus and re-learning the life and teachings of Jesus. So, it was my dream to work on a series about Jesus that takes into consideration the latest research and archaeological finds about Jesus’ times and explore what difference this fresh look at Jesus can make. Our cooperation with Sergio led to a presentation of not only the life of Jesus in the first century but also to exploration of the impact of his life and his teaching on our lives today.

Sergio: Oleg had been wanting to make a documentary about Jesus set in Israel for a long time, so when he finally got the chance, I was really excited for him. When he approached me about producing it and hosting it with him, I thought he was crazy. What place did I have in a documentary set in Israel about the life of Jesus? I told him, “I’ll support you any way I can. I’ll produce it if you need me to, but I have nothing to add as a host.” He was insistent, however, and this back and forth went on for a few days. Then one morning I woke up and had the idea for the show: What if it wasn’t just in Israel? What if we didn’t just explore who Jesus was in

the first century, but asked how that life was relevant for us today in the 21st century? I knew the other half would have to be in New York. It was a concept that demanded two hosts and two different perspectives. We ran with that idea and never looked back.

Who is this series intended for?

Oleg: *Revolutionary* is intended for a person who wants to learn more about Jesus, who might have heard about Jesus, or even grew up in a Christian environment. The intention of the project is to present Jesus as the Gospels do: here is the presentation of Jesus and it is up to you whether you want to allow his life to impact yours.

Sergio: I think it’s for anyone who’s genuinely interested in seeing Jesus in a new way. The presentation of Jesus in *Revolutionary* will challenge people from the very religious to strident atheists. We all worked very hard to create a show that embodied the qualities of Jesus we admired most; something bold, unique, dynamic, fascinating, compassionate, and, ultimately, life-changing.

What was your best memory from the filming?

Oleg: The best memory was to work together with the crew of young guys who are very dedicated followers of Jesus. Anthony Belissimmo, our director, main videographer, and editor of the project, dedicated years of his life to make this presentation about Jesus look amazing. During this project his mother’s life was succumbed to cancer, but he kept on working on this project since he believed that this presentation of Jesus is his life’s goal. Erik Edstrom, extremely talented in videography, volunteered more than two months of his life as our cameraman. Joey Diaz volunteered two months of his life as a sound person. These are the people who tirelessly worked to make this presentation of Jesus compelling and beautiful. The best memories are us working together, hauling hundreds of pounds worth of equipment up the mountains, down into the cities, filming extremely early in the mornings and

late at night. Seeing the dedication of these guys and their patience with us as hosts was rewarding. Most importantly, it was my greatest joy to work together with and learn from Sergio Gonzalez, co-creator and main producer of this project.

Sergio: My memories all revolve around the shared bond we created as a crew. Singing doo wop songs with Erik to keep our spirits up in the hot New York summer, Elroy helping me to see a new side of the city by telling me about growing up in Harlem, driving with Anthony through the dusty roads of Galilee searching for a perfect spot to film, dodging mule carts on the tight streets of Jerusalem with Joey, and my long talks with Oleg after another long day of filming was done.

What was it like being in Israel?

Oleg: Israel is my favorite place to visit. Every visit to Israel for me is followed by rethinking of the meaning of what it really means to be a follower of Jesus.

Sergio: I could go on and on about our experience in Israel but the memory that I cherish most dearly is being there with the crew on our first day of filming on the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus gave his sermon on the mount. Standing there in a field of vibrant yellow wildflowers under an impossibly blue sky thinking that this is right where Jesus gave the sermon that changed my entire life is a memory I will carry with me always.

What was the greatest lesson you learned from this series?

Oleg: First, I learned a great deal about how to write the script for such a serious project and everything that goes into filming outside the studio. Second, it was fascinating to learn what peoples’ perceptions about Jesus today are.

Sergio: I learned how much hard work, planning, and dedication it takes to create something like *Revolutionary*, and that doing it is impossible without a dedicated team.

From Oleg, without whom this project never would have started, to Anthony, without whom it never would have finished, to everyone in between, this was a true labor of love.

Why do you think people should watch it and what do you hope they take away from it?

Oleg: First, to those who heard about Jesus, *Revolutionary* will help them learn more about Jesus and his significance for the 21st century in a non-intrusive, non-dogmatic way. Second, *Revolutionary* will help those who thought they knew everything about Jesus to peel off some layers of traditions and misconceptions about him. Every episode tries to present Jesus in a compelling, fresh, new, and life-transforming way...

Sergio: The reason I think people should watch it is the same reason we set out to make it: there has never been anyone in all of history like Jesus of Nazareth and seeing him for who he truly was is a life-changing experience.



SATURDAYS AT 3PM EST

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PDT	MDT	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
12:00am	1:00am	It Is Written	Lifestyle Magazine	It Is Written Canada	Lifestyle Magazine
12:30am	1:30am	Breath of Life	Unhooked	Westbrook Hospital	Cliff!
1:00am	2:00am	New Perceptions			
1:30am	2:30am				
2:00am	3:00am	Amazing Discoveries Mark Finley	Masterstroke	Hope Channel Classics	Sabbath School Study Hour
2:30am	3:30am		Inside the Bible		
3:00am	4:00am	Daily Hope			
3:30am	4:30am				
4:00am	5:00am	Scenic Praise			
4:30am	5:30am	My Story, My Song	Life's Beat	My Story, My Song	FAQ
5:00am	6:00am	It Is Written Canada	Sabbath School Study Hour	Down to Earth	Mark Finley Presents
5:30am	6:30am	Adventures in Mission*		Stupid Money	
6:00am	7:00am	Hope at Home	Breath of Life	Loma Linda University Church At Worship	Cross Connection
6:30am	7:30am		Inverse		Lifestyle Magazine
7:00am	8:00am		Daily Hope		
7:30am	8:30am				
8:00am	9:00am		Transformed	Help! I'm a Parent	Let's Pray!
8:30am	9:30am	The Incredible Journey	Mission 360	Mums at the Table	
9:00am	10:00am	Loma Linda University Church At Worship	Table Talk	Jesus 101	The Incredible Journey
9:30am	10:30am			Mission 360	Down to Earth
10:00am	11:00am	A. Facts w/ D Batchelor	Everlasting Gospel Doug Batchelor	Kingscliff	New Hope 7th Day Adventist Church
10:30am	11:30am	Bible HelpDesk			
11:00am	12:00am	Transformed	Go Healthy for Good!		
11:30am	12:30am	Spencerville Church			
12:00pm	1:00pm	Table Talk	It Is Written Canada	Hope Sabbath School	Speak Up
12:30pm	1:30pm		Stupid Money		Naturally Gourmet
1:00pm	2:00pm	Hope Sabbath School	Help! I'm a Parent	Mark Finley Presents	Transformed
1:30pm	2:30pm		Animal Encounters		Mums at the Table
2:00pm	3:00pm	Real Family Talk	Into the Bible	Parker's Puzzle	Creation Case
2:30pm	3:30pm	Down to Earth	Real Family Talk	Tourchlighters	Parker's Puzzle
3:00pm	4:00pm	It is Written	Naturally Gourmet	Into the Bible	Bible HelpDesk ^{LIVE}
3:30pm	4:30pm	Beyond the Search	Revival for Mission	Animal Encounters	Maranatha Mission
4:00pm	5:00pm	Creation & GeoScience	Go Healthy for Good!		
4:30pm	5:30pm				
5:00pm	6:00pm	Revival for Mission	Hope Sabbath School	Speak Up	Let's Pray! ^{LIVE}
5:30pm	6:30pm	It is Written Oceania		Stupid Money	
6:00pm	7:00pm	Kingscliff	Hope Trending	It is Written Oceania	Real Family Talk
6:30pm	7:30pm			InVerse	Beyond the Search
7:00pm	8:00pm	A. Facts w/D Batchelor	Go Healthy for Good!		
7:30pm	8:30pm	Faith & Life			
8:00pm	9:00pm	Adventures in Mission	Hope Sabbath School	Transformed	Let's Pray!
8:30pm	9:30pm	Maranatha Mission		Faith & Life	
9:00pm	10:00pm	New Hope 7th Day Adventist Church	Revelation of Hope Taj Pacleb	Revolutionary	Real Family Talk
9:30pm	10:30pm			Cross Connection	Revival for Mission
10:00pm	11:00pm	Jesus 101	Bible HelpDesk	Kingscliff	Revelation of Hope Taj Pacleb
10:30pm	11:30pm	Beyond the Search	Spencerville Church		
11:00pm	12:00pm	Hope Sabbath School	CCC Campmeeting	My Story, My Song	Mission 360
11:30pm	12:30pm			Scenic Praise	Cross Connection

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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SABBATH	CDT	EST
It Is Written Oceania	Lifestyle Magazine	Everlasting Gospel Doug Batchelor	2:00am	3:00am
Lineage Journey	FAQ		2:30am	3:30am
New Perceptions			3:00am	4:00am
			3:30am	4:30am
Revelation of Hope Taj Pacleb	In the Footsteps of Paul	Inside the Bible	4:00am	5:00am
	My Story, My Song	Cliff!	4:30am	5:30am
Daily Hope		Hope Sabbath School	5:00am	6:00am
			5:30am	6:30am
Scenic Praise			6:00am	7:00am
My Story, My Song	Help I'm a Parent	Jesus 101	6:30am	7:30am
Jesus 101	Cross Connection	Hope Sabbath School	7:00am	8:00am
Speak Up			7:30am	8:30am
A. Facts w/D Batchelor	Sabbath School Study Hour	Hope at Home	8:00am	9:00am
Mums at the Table			8:30am	9:30am
Daily Hope			9:00am	10:00am
			9:30am	10:30am
InVerse	Maranatha Mission		10:00am	11:00am
Adventures in Mission	Real Family Talk		Inverse	10:30am
Parker's Puzzle	Into the Bible	Hope at Home	11:00am	12:00am
Torchlighters	Parker's Puzzle		11:30am	12:30am
Mark Finley Presents	Loma Linda University Church At Worship		12:00pm	1:00pm
			12:30pm	1:30pm
Go Healthy for Good!	It Is Written		1:00pm	2:00pm
	Adventures in Mission	Breath of Life	1:30pm	2:30pm
New Perceptions	Faith & Life	Revolutionary	2:00pm	3:00pm
	A. Facts w/D Batchelor	Revival for Mission	2:30pm	3:30pm
Sabbath School Study Hour	New Perceptions	The Incredible Journey	3:00pm	4:00pm
		Bible HelpDesk	3:30pm	4:30pm
Into the Bible	Breath of Life	ANN	4:00pm	5:00pm
Creation Case	ANN	Mission 360	4:30pm	5:30pm
Animal Encounters	Let's Pray	Transformed	5:00pm	6:00pm
New Hope		Jesus 101	5:30pm	6:30pm
Go Healthy for Good!	Hope Sabbath School	Table Talk	6:00pm	7:00pm
			6:30pm	7:30pm
Transformed	Bible HelpDesk	Lineage Journey	7:00pm	8:00pm
Revolutionary	Revival for Mission	Maranatha Mission	7:30pm	8:30pm
Lifestyle Magazine	Transformed	Adventures in Mission*	8:00pm	9:00pm
Bible HelpDesk	Spencerville Church	Family Reunion	8:30pm	9:30pm
Go Healthy for Good!	The Incredible Journey		9:00pm	10:00pm
	Lineage Journey		9:30pm	10:30pm
InVerse	Let's Pray!	Saturday Night Specials	10:00pm	11:00pm
Stupid Money			10:30pm	11:30pm
Lineage Journey	Table Talk	New Hope	11:00pm	12:00pm
Unhooked			11:30pm	12:30pm
Cross Connection	Hope Sabbath School	Revelation of Hope Taj Pacleb	12:00am	1:00am
			12:30am	1:30am
Cliff!	New Hope	CCC Campmeeting	1:00am	2:00am
Scenic Praise	Faith & Life		1:30am	2:30am

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