

# Behind the Scenes

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*We are bursting with excitement to share with you the news!*

*But we have to wait. . .*

*However, we have put hints in this newsletter about the upcoming fundraiser dinner on November 9th.*

*Look carefully! You might spot the clues and be able to deduce the theme.*

*Have fun! We look forward to seeing you next month at the dinner when we can make the reveal.*



## Change is in the Air!

*By Charlie Oliver*

It started small ... I needed a specific type and length of cable to hook up a new piece of equipment in our studio control room. Well, it didn't really start there, it actually began when we were looking at some older equipment and decided it was time to upgrade. Funny how one thing can lead to another!

So, there I was two weeks ago out in engineering, looking for a BNC cable. I found lots of cables, and it was on. Sorting. Bins. Dumpsters. Dump runs. Spring cleaning at the end of summer. What starts in engineering apparently doesn't end in engineering! Denise was back in the control room, organizing and choosing paint colors while Pastor Kip and John were setting up the new control panel and tuning the cameras. The energy and projects didn't end there and are ongoing. I'd give shout-outs to everyone here if I didn't know I'd exceed my article word limit! Let's just say change is in the air!

As I sat in the engineering truck yesterday morning, waiting in line at the recycling center, I contemplated the events of the past few weeks and pondered my own life. We often carry so much clutter in our lives, and it can become overwhelming, causing us to stack it aside instead of dealing with it.

God works in powerful ways when we give Him our stuff. Much like the recycling center, God is able to take our "garbage" and turn it into amazing things. That doesn't mean it's always easy. Even there at the end, I had to be careful, checking in and following the attendant's instructions on where to go, then

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### Important October Dates

**October 6 - Happy National Noodle Day!** Let's raise our forks to the incredible diversity and deliciousness of noodles from around the world. Whether you prefer the comforting embrace of Italian pasta, the savory satisfaction of Japanese ramen, the spicy kick of Thai Pad Thai, or any other noodle dish, let's come together to celebrate this versatile and beloved food. Noodles have been bringing joy to our plates for centuries, and on this special day, let's savor every swirl, slurp, and bite. Here's to the endless possibilities and flavors that noodles bring into our lives.

**October 22 - National Nut Day** is a celebration that lets us go nuts for nuts! Whether you prefer roasted, salted, or sprinkled on your ice cream, this is the day to embrace the nutty goodness and crack a smile with every crunchy bite. So grab a handful, share the love, and remember, on National Nut Day, it's perfectly acceptable to go a little nutty!

## Inspirational Musings

By Jeanette Stark

Do you enjoy a good riddle? For instance, "What belongs to you, but other people use it more than you?" I'll give a clue and the answer at the end.

Here is another riddle, and for this we go to the Bible and Judges chapter 14:

*Out of the eater came something to eat,  
and out of the strong came something sweet.*

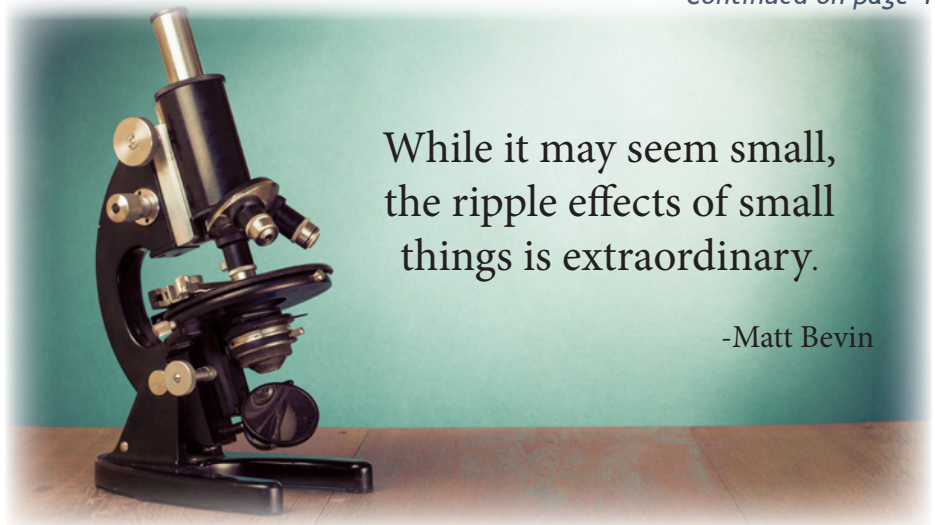
We don't know a lot about Samson's childhood. We know God blessed him. The Bible tells us the Spirit of God began working in him. Then we pick up with him wanting a wife, and not just any wife; this is a Philistine girl. Let's take a little trip to the picturesque vineyards of Timnah.

As Samson wandered amidst the lush vineyards of Timnah, he encountered a young lion that charged at him. The Spirit of God descended upon him, infusing him with a power beyond imagination, and with his bare hands, he grappled with the lion, easily ripping it apart. But it was not the lion that consumed Samson's thoughts. It was a beautiful woman he met in Timnah.

Days passed, and Samson returned to seek her hand in marriage. Yet, curiosity led him to take a detour, revisiting the site where he had defeated the lion. To his amazement, he found a swarm of bees had made a home within the lion's carcass, producing honey. He scooped up the honey with his hands, savoring its sweetness as he continued his journey.

Samson hosted a grand feast, where he proposed a challenge to his guests. He declared that if they could solve his riddle within seven days, he would reward them with thirty linen garments and thirty sets of fine clothing. But if they failed, they would owe him the same.

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While it may seem small,  
the ripple effects of small  
things is extraordinary.

-Matt Bevin



## Odds & Ends: Viewer Submission

### Sweet & Sour “Meatballs”

Compliments of Geri Wytcherley  
Originally Published May 2007

#### Ingredients for “meatballs”:

- 1 package Mori-Nu Tofu - firm
- 1 medium onion
- 1 teaspoon Vege-Sal or seasoned salt
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 - 2 tablespoon Bragg’s Liquid Aminos or soy sauce
- 1 cup pecan meal
- 1½ cups finely crushed saltine crackers or fine breadcrumbs dry

#### Ingredients for Sweet and Sour Sauce:

- 1 15 oz. can tomato sauce
- 1 cup seedless blackberry or apricot jam
- ½ teaspoon cumin
- ½ teaspoon Vege-Sal
- 1 - 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

#### Directions:

1. In a blender, blend tofu, onion, Vege-Sal, garlic powder, and Braggs until smooth.
2. Pour this mixture into a large bowl and stir in pecan meal and cracker crumbs. When mixed well, form into balls.
3. Put on sprayed cookie sheets. Bake at 350 degrees for 30-45 minutes or until golden brown.
4. Put baked “meatballs” into baking dish. Mix sauce ingredients together; cover meatballs with sauce and bake until bubbly.

Thanks for taking the time to read what’s on our mind, but we want to know what’s on yours? Do you have a miracle to share? Possibly a poem, photo or family recipe? Would you like to give someone a pat on the back or share an inspiring story? We cannot guarantee all submissions will be printed, but we’ll try. Our mailing address is:  
PO Box 766, Grants Pass, OR 97528,  
or email us at [newsletter@betterlifetv.tv](mailto:newsletter@betterlifetv.tv)

## Reaching the World

Emails, Letters & Phone Calls

Dear Better Life,

I’m so glad to hear everyone talk about the story of Joseph on Women in the Word. In my opinion, it is one of the most interesting stories in the Bible. How he went from captive to prince and in a different country, as well.

-YouTube

Joseph is my favorite story!  
Thank you!

-YouTube

Dear Better Life,

Thanks fo all you do for the cause of Christ. Your programs are a blessing. I appreciate the fact that Simple Truths Sabbath School is on Friday evening now.

Thanks for always being faithful.

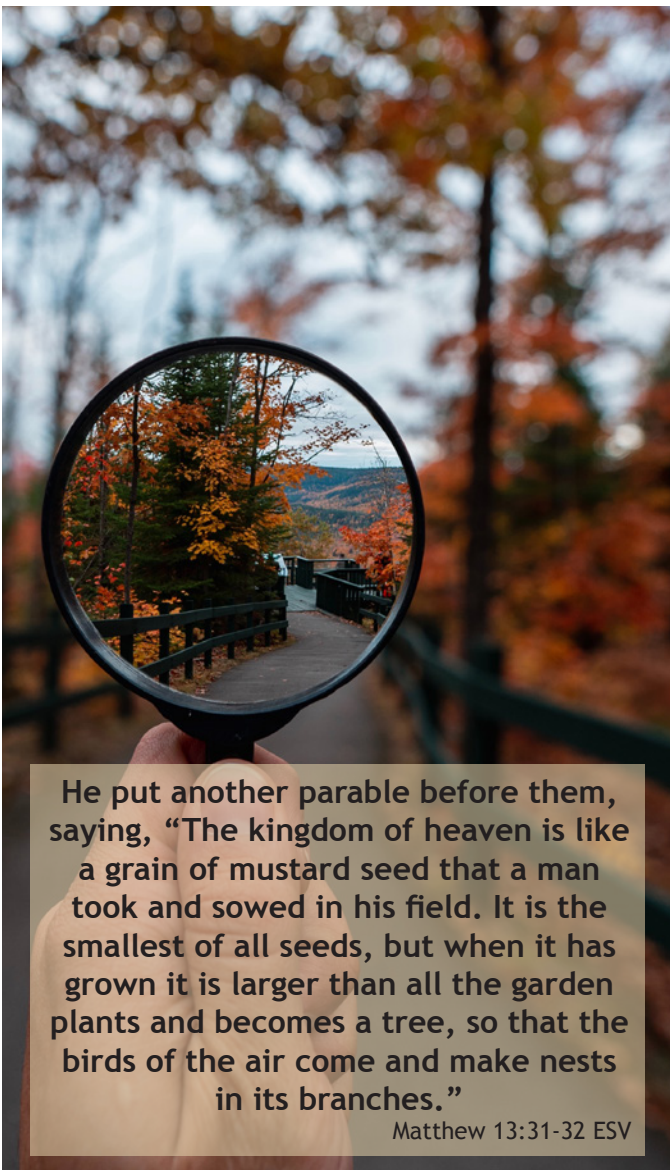
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walking and inspecting the ground for staples and nails before backing up to the pile (don't ask how I know to do this). But what happens next is no longer my concern. The recycling center will do what they do, and my stuff will be a benefit somewhere. Thank you Jesus for doing the same for me. Taking on my cares and burdens, somehow using them to bless both others and me in the process. -CO



He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

Matthew 13:31-32 ESV

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Eager to prove their wit, the guests accepted his challenge. Samson presented his riddle: "From the eater came something to eat, from the strong came something sweet."

Days passed, but the guests remained unable to decipher the riddle's meaning. On the fourth day, their frustration boiled over, and they threatened Samson's bride, coercing her to obtain the answer.

Desperate and in tears, she implored Samson, accusing him of not loving her enough to reveal the riddle's secret. Samson ultimately succumbed to her persistence, and she wasted no time revealing the riddle to her people.

As the sun dipped below the horizon on the seventh day, the townsfolk confronted Samson with the answer: "What is sweeter than honey? What is stronger than a lion?"

I encourage you to read this amazing story found in Judges chapters 13, 14, 15, and 16 again. As you do, remind yourself that in many ways, Samson is a type of Christ.

Like Jesus, Samson was a deliverer and savior figure for the Israelites. He was raised up by God to rescue the Israelites from the oppression of the Philistines. Similarly, Jesus is our Savior who delivers us from sin and spiritual oppression.

***"The one who has the bride is the bridegroom.  
The friend of the bridegroom,  
who stands and hears him,  
rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice.  
Therefore this joy of mine is now complete."***

John 3:29 ESV

Now, a clue for my earlier riddle: "everybody has one". Any guesses?

The answer to my riddle is: your name" and by calling us at 541-474-3089 and giving us your name, you will be entered to win a prize at our fundraiser dinner on Thursday, November 9, 2023. We hope to hear from you and be sure to tell us, you saw the "name clue" in October's newsletter.

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# Better Life TV Program Schedule

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Midnight	It's Coming	Coming Out	Country Wisdom	Bible Answers	Gospel Outreach		Praise!
12:30 AM	Secret Life of the Desert	Women in the Word	The Incredible Journey	Earth's Final Conflict	Maranatha Mission Stories		Your Favorite by Request
1:00 AM	From Sickness to Health	3ABN Homecoming	Sanctuary, Salvation & Our Savior	Women in the Word	Revelation's Ancient Discoveries	Doug Batchelor	Daniel All Access
1:30 AM	David Klinedinst	Boots 'N Bibles	Stories of Faith	Receiving the Word	Better Life Today	Catching the Light	Revelation Now
2:00 AM	Digital Disconnect	Unlocking Bible Prophecy	Nature Music	White Horse Media	Adventist World Radio	Secret Life of the Desert	2:00 AM
2:30 AM	Evolution Impossible	When We Talk	The Whole Message	Nature Music	Worship Hour Special Series	Multitude of Counselors	2:30 AM
3:00 AM	The Seventh Day	Stories of Faith	Better Life on Tour	GP Worship Hour	NEWSTART Now!	Ultimate Prescription	3:00 AM
3:30 AM	The Carter Report	When We Talk	Fountain View Music	Amazing Facts Presents	Contending for the Faith	Maranatha Mission Stories	3:30 AM
4:00 AM	Amazing Adventures	Impact Canvasback	Exercise Variety	Exercise Variety	Nature Music	Amazing Facts Presents	4:00 AM
5:00 AM	3ABN Today	Exercise Variety	3ABN Today Live (repeat)	3ABN Today	Exercise Variety	Gospel Outreach	4:30 AM
5:30 AM	Your Favorites by Request	Bible Answers	Secret Life of the Desert	Shelly Quinn Presents	ASI Conventions	Nature Music	5:00 AM
6:00 AM	It's In The Bible	Authentic Variety	Worship Hour Special Series	The Seventh Day	Nature Music	Enjoy Healthy Eating	5:30 AM
6:30 AM	GP Worship Hour	Authentic Variety	Ken Cox Ministries	Variety	God's Last Message to the World	Variety	6:00 AM
7:00 AM	Simple Truths Sabbath School	The Carter Report	Ken Cox Ministries	Fountainview Music	House Calls	Pioneer Media	6:30 AM
7:30 AM	Ken Cox Ministries	Adventist World Radio	Ken Cox Ministries	Help! I'm a Parent	Ken Cox Ministries	Secrets Unsealed	7:00 AM
8:00 AM	Boots 'N Bibles	Off the Grid	Maranatha Mission Stories	Ken Cox Ministries	Ken Cox Ministries	Secrets Unsealed	7:30 AM
8:30 AM	Exercise Variety	Abundant Living	Cook :30	Lineage	Jesus for Asia Now	Behold the Lamb Presents	8:00 AM
9:00 AM	Better Life Today	Heaven's Point of View	Body & Spirit	Better Life Today	Amazing Facts Presents	GP Worship Hour	8:30 AM
9:30 AM	3ABN Today Live (repeat)	3ABN Today	Unstacked Purpose/Intimate Clarity	Action 4 Life	Body & Spirit	Women in the Word	9:00 AM
10:00 AM		Variety Hour	3ABN Today	Receiving the Word	Journey 'n Journals	Fountainview Music	9:30 AM
10:30 AM		Variety Hour	Variety Hour	3ABN Today	3ABN Today	Unlocking Bible Prophecy	10:00 AM
11:00 AM		The Whole Message	Evolution Impossible	The Whole Message	White Horse Media	Variety Hour	10:30 AM
11:30 AM		Journey 'n Journals	The Incomparable Jesus	The Whole Message	White Horse Media	Kids Time Praise	11:00 AM
Noon	Receiving the Word	Bible Buzz/Sing Along	Kids Time	Bible Gems/Creation Crafts	Kids Time	Jesus 101	11:30 AM
12:30 PM	Women in the Word	Creation Case	Kids Time Praise	Kids Time Praise	Kids Time Praise	Secret Life of the Desert	Noon
1:00 PM	3ABN Sabbath School	Nature Music	Secrets Unsealed	It's Coming	Bible Answers	It Is Written	1:00 PM
1:30 PM	Worship Hour Special Series	Catching the Light	Country Wisdom	Prophecy Unsealed	3ABN Today LIVE	Secrets Unsealed Presents	1:30 PM
2:00 PM		Unlocking Bible Prophecy	Gospel Outreach	GP Worship Hour	GP Worship Hour	Boots 'N Bibles	2:00 PM
2:30 PM		Summer Camp Meeting	Behold the Lamb Presents	Doug Batchelor	The Whole Message	Boots 'N Bibles	2:30 PM
3:00 PM		Stories of Faith	Better Life Today	Catching the Light	Kitchen Fun	White Horse Media	3:00 PM
3:30 PM		The Seventh Day	Adventist World Radio	It Is Written	Grandma's House	Nature Music	3:30 PM
4:00 PM		Ken Cox Ministries	Ken Cox Ministries	Ken Cox Ministries	Islam & Christianity	Mark Finley Presents	4:00 PM
4:30 PM		Nature Music	Featured Ministries	NEWSTART Now!	Simple Truths Sabbath School	3ABN Today	4:30 PM
5:00 PM		Native New Day	Maranatha Mission Stories	Your Favorites by Request	GP Worship Hour	Discover Prophecy	5:00 PM
5:30 PM		Mark Finley Presents	Prophecy Unsealed	Jesus 101	3ABN Family Worship	Jesus for Asia Now	5:30 PM
6:00 PM		Celebrating Life in Recovery	Unstacked Purpose/Raw Questions	Unstacked Purpose/Raw Questions		Fountainview Music	6:00 PM
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