

Behind the Scenes

April 2024

Following Jesus From the Desk of Charlie Oliver

I saw Jesus.

I saw Him at Costco as a little boy scared and in tears was kindly led by a smiling lady with a comforting voice to an open-armed mother, who also smiled and assured her son that he was safe and found.

I saw Jesus behind the counter as I stood in line at a department store, in the genuine joy and spirit of service in the lady helping a customer.

I saw Jesus as I met with a group of Godly men, who on extremely short notice set aside their busy schedules to meet with me, to talk about how we as followers of Jesus can reach into communities, to connect with people the way Jesus did, solely focused on their good; revealing our Savior through how we treat others.

Yes, I've been wearing my God-goggles again, and they bring a singular thing into focus: this world needs more Jesus. Our communities need more Jesus. Which Jesus?

"Christ's method alone will give true success to reaching the people. The Savior mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, 'Follow Me.'" (MHH 734)

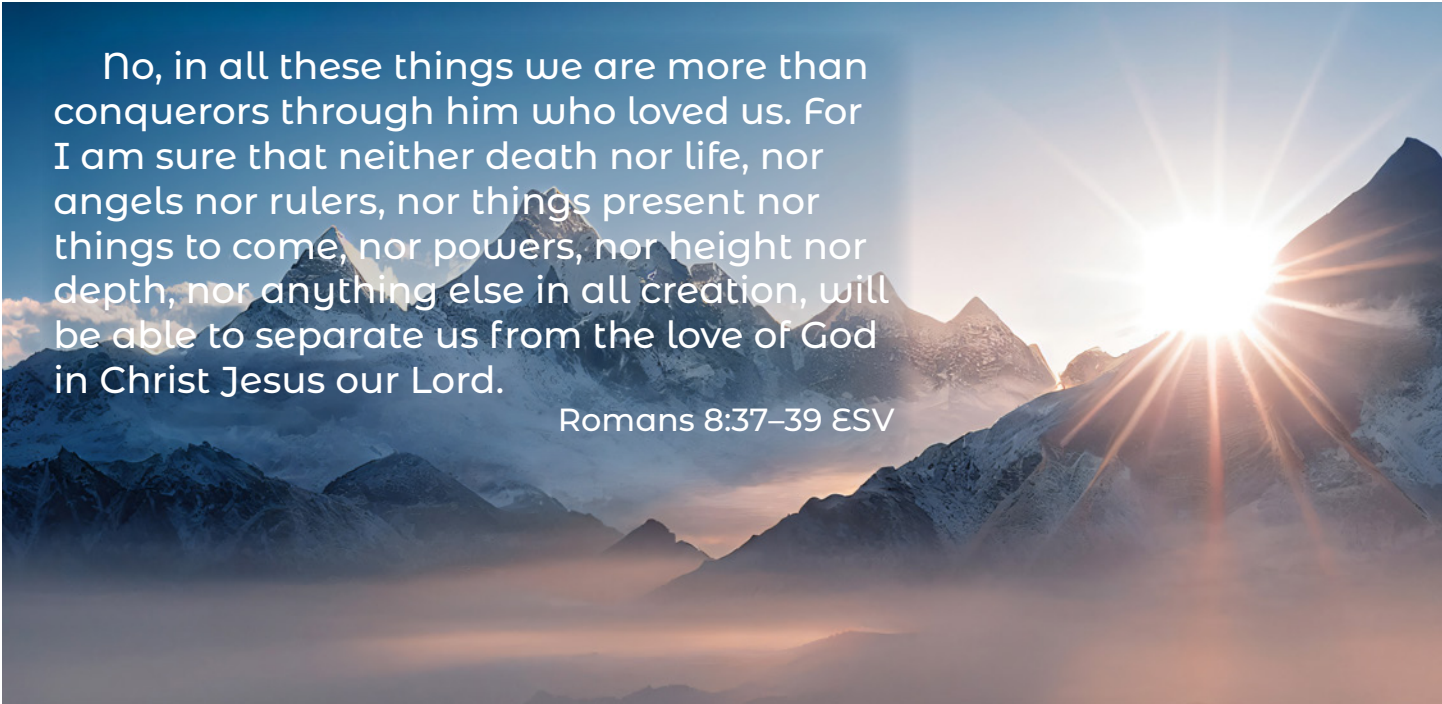
Better Life TV is changing focus but let me be very clear about this: it is not a change to something new; it is a return to its founding ideals.



Some of the methods used may be different, but the underlying principles remain the same. Recently one of our board members, Joan Peterson, found an original set of this ministry's "General Guidelines For Programming", which begins with this paragraph:

"We care what happens to our families, our society, and our nation. We wish to help individuals find more fulfilled lives as parents, children, singles, or married. We wish to assist persons everywhere





No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:37–39 ESV

Inspirational Musings

by Jeanette Stark

“God promises not to give us more than we can handle”. Have you ever repeated this phrase, or at the very least heard it?

I have said it numerous times, offered as a promised comfort during a trial in someone’s life, even mine. But is that true? What if I have completely twisted 1 Corinthians 10:13? What if I was wrong? (Spoiler Alert: I was.)

Let’s look at the text:

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability but with the temptation, he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. (ESV)

Did you catch that? What is the topic? Trials? Hardships? Death? Pain? NO! It’s temptation. And I have been grossly misquoting this verse for most of my life.

The reality is that God just might allow things in our lives that we absolutely cannot handle on our own. Why? So that we will turn to Him for strength and help.

Can you recall those times in your life when you felt abandoned by the people you loved the most? Perhaps you even felt abandoned by God.

Sometimes our best-laid plans and ideas

are left trampled in the mud. Our marriage falls apart or our spouse dies. Our home foreclosed, our car repossessed, our job lost, a child missing, a debilitating illness or injury, and we wonder, “GOD! WHERE ARE YOU?”

Sometimes, life goes completely off the rails. When that happens, there is no way for you to get through it without Jesus. You are going to need to rely on God’s comfort, peace, and understanding. And the only way for you to fall back into that space is to start building it now.

Jesus told us that in this world, we will have tribulation! No sugar coating, it’s a fact.

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world, you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.

John 16:33 ESV

Planet Earth, in its present state, is really, really, hard, and sometimes super painful. But Jesus says, “I have overcome the world”, and that should bring you much happiness.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

John 14:27 ESV

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to enjoy a better way of life, have a commitment of faith, and enjoy wholesome recreation, practice healthful living, and grow as persons. In this way, we wish to strengthen the family and improve our nation.”

How do we do this? With programming that reaches a wide audience, balanced with content that enriches every part of their lives, and does not avoid challenging topics that are impacting our communities today. Through this, and through developing deeper connections within our communities, we will invite ALL people into a healthy community, where they can be enveloped by the love of Christ by serving and being served by His followers.

Friends, this also means some of our content will not be aimed at you. Just like that sermon that “misses a note” for you but is life-changing for someone else. We will mingle with others, desiring their good, and through our actions allow Jesus to invite them to follow Him.

Remember, Jesus left the ninety-nine, to find the one who was lost. What a privilege each of us has to surrender ourselves to Jesus Christ, allowing Him to reach others through our Jesus-guided actions.



Simple Truths Sabbath School

"Simple Truths" follows the Seventh-day Adventist Adult Sabbath School Study Guide. Watch Simple Truths on Better Life TV on Sundays at 9am; Fridays at 6pm and every Sabbath morning at 10 o'clock. Simple Truths is also now available on YouTube! Go to betterlifetv.tv, click Watch Now, click YouTube.

For the Lord gave us this command when he said, 'I have made you a light to the Gentiles, to bring salvation to the farthest corners of the earth.'

Acts 13:47 NLT



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Tips for Praying

1. Pray Simply

“The fewer the words, the better the prayer.”
-Martin Luther

2. Make Prayer an Integral Part of Your Day

Lift up short prayers throughout the day.

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,”
1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

3. Pray Expectantly

“Devote Yourselves to Prayer, being watchful and thankful.”

Colossians 4:2



Dear Better Life,

Just a few lines to express my love and appreciation for this ministry. It has been a great help and inspiration to me and I'm sure to countless others. You have my prayers and what I give in financial support, I have gained much more through all the programs.

-Murphy, OR

To all you special brothers and sisters at Better Life,

What great blessings and inspiration your programs bring to me now that I'm a shut-in. I can enjoy Sabbath School and church services. I also enjoy the soothing musics and pictures on difficult, sleepless nights.

May God bless each one of you and draw each us closer to our Lord.

-Marianne

Tips for A Successful Garden

Spring is here! Minds turn to outdoor activities. Gardening may be one of those activities you have thought of trying but not sure how to get started. Here are a few pointers.

Start small. It is easy to get excited about starting a garden when you see all the options of plants. Start small with a container garden or a small plot.

Build a network. You can learn from others. Search online for a Master Gardener program near you. Many have classes on gardening. In Oregon, you can go to <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg> for a program in your county.

Be willing to learn. Research for plants that will grow well in your area. Doing this will help increase your chances of a successful garden. Besides the Master Gardeners, there are other sources that can help, such as a local nursery or online.

Attention all visionaries!

Join us in illuminating the future of our studio! We are making a bold leap to LED lighting after decades of using incandescent bulbs. With your support, we can shine brighter than ever before. Be a beacon of change and sponsor a light today. Together, let's illuminate possibilities. Become a sponsor and bring better light to our studios and the light of Jesus to the world!



Better Life TV Program Schedule

April 2024

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

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