

Compelled by Wonder



Creation by Love



IN THE BEGINNING.....



In the beginning...



--there was wonder!



BUT IT IS THUS THAT IT HAPPENS

The MIRACLE Of LIFE



IN THESE BODIES
WE WILL LIVE

IN THESE BODIES
WE WILL DIE

WHERE YOU INVEST
YOUR *Love*,
YOU INVEST
YOUR *Life*.

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The Amazing Kingdom!

“Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth –”

An Emperor with no clothes

- Rich, wealthy, needing nothing Rev. 3: 17
- The reality – in debt, inadequate food distribution, oppression, poverty, disease, war, corruption, thought control, experts rule,
- Daniel five drama – from party time to – “your days numbered, found wanting, kingdom ending”
- Similarities with our day --
- The Decline & fall of the Roman Empire – Gibbon
- Three startling issues
- What’s next?

A Canadian story

- Peace Tower messages – Psalm 72
- Fabric of faith
- Stop apologizing!
- Will you run – or stand? Psalm 11
- I Corinthians 15: 58 - “therefore my brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you.”

Response to deception

- Jeremiah 29: 5-14
- Misapplied verse 11
- Rootless faith – Matthew 13: 21
- Perspective on trouble – II Corinthians 4:17
- Trouble's problem – Romans 8: 35
- God's end game - Jeremiah 32: 37-41

- Clip – Facing Giants

The King's Kingdom

- The kingdom of heaven is near – Matthew 4: 17
- You are chosen – John 15: 16 & 17
- Don not be silent - Acts 18: 9 & 10
- Way of the Kingdom - repentance, forgiveness, future
- What does the kingdom of heaven look like on earth?
 - People of worship & wonder
 - Dedicated disciples -- Daniel 11:32 “With flattery he will corrupt those who have violated the covenant, but the people who know their God will firmly resist him.”
 - Full engagement – zero unemployed

The cost of standing true



Olympics w/o violence?



The Power of Fruitfulness



Followers of Christ - Exodus 1

The Original Seventy

Exodus 1 and John 15: 16&17

2 Reuben, Simeon, Levi and Judah;**3** Issachar, Zebulun and Benjamin; **4** Dan and Naphtali; Gad and Asher.**5**

Eleven tribes?



Fruitfulness

- Genesis 1:28
- **28** God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.

Strategy for Kingdom Shift

- St. Patrick, the Reformers
- A message for the west - Jeremiah 28 & 29 – abandon fear, build your houses, plant your gardens, raise your families, prepare for the long haul!
- Amy Carmichael - 1867-1951 - rescued 1000 children – changed the culture - wrote many books (one of them – “Things as they are – mission work in south India”)- inspired Jim Elliott

St. Patrick





Let us not be surprised when we have to face difficulties. When the wind blows hard on a tree, the roots stretch and grow the stronger, Let it be so with us. Let us not be weaklings, yielding to every wind that blows, but strong in spirit to resist.

— *Amy Carmichael* —

AZ QUOTES

Leaders who do not value history are in huge danger

- Modern governments
- Modern churches
- Contemporary technology
- The all-important present; history is irrelevant
- Pitting Elders against Youth

The king's ignorance

- Control through slavery
- Choose who will live
- The abortion mill, Abuse of seniors, Euthanasia
- Communist China – the legacy of Mao Tse Tung!

Remove Faith from the Public Square?

- The evil agenda will fail – it doesn't work!
- 100 million Christians in China – and growing
- Vs. 86 million communist members
- By 2030 – China is destined to be the largest Christian nation on the planet!

China destroys churches again



And Christians





Hebrew women are vigorous!

- Babies live!
- Midwives refuse to obey a heathen king
- There is a basket in the river!
- And after Moses, there will be a Joshua!

Slavery – your past or present?

- Psalm 137
- Psalm 126
- The God you honored in slavery is the God you will worship after. Filled with a song - or filled with revenge The dirge changes to celebration. Barren-ness changes to fruitfulness