



## The Spotlight - April 2023



*We want to start with a big THANK YOU for every prayer said for us this year. We appreciate prayer, more than anything else these days, which shows how far we have come in our understanding of scripture since the days when, as a new Christian, I, Elaine, told a friend I didn't see the point in prayer!*

*As some of you know, this quarter has seen us travel a great deal, first to the UK for Jim to get a new passport and then on to Florida to welcome our new granddaughter, Eleanor Jane (Ella). Sadly, Jim was unable to join me because, as we later discovered, living in Iraq means we no longer qualify for visa waivers. We're now working on obtaining visas so that Jim can meet Ella in August and would appreciate your prayers for our applications to be successful.*

*Obtaining Iraqi visas is also a bit of challenge, so the University sends staff out of country every two months until long-term visas are processed. For our first visa run, we visited Jordan and what a joy it turned out to be. Besides, experiencing sleeping in a cave, we visited Mt. Nebo where Moses was shown the Promised Land and Petra where the Nabateans built a magnificent city by carving homes and community buildings out of rock! It took them 500 years to build, but they lost all for supporting the enemy of God's people. We also visited the Dead Sea, again rich in biblical history, and finally we went to Bethany Beyond the Jordan where Jesus was baptized. We were 'blown away' time and time again during our visit and totally recommend visiting if you have the opportunity.*

*Having already mentioned the value we place on prayer it may come as no surprise to hear that we recently launched a TLC World international prayer group with the self-explanatory title of 'Pause & Pray'. It's an initiative designed to help people receive an outpouring of prayer beginning as soon as a request is received and over the following 24 hours which happens because prayer team members live in different countries around the world. Requests to pause and pray are sent via WhatsApp (although a few members receive them via email) and it's proving to be such an easy way to bless people. If this sounds like something you'd like to be a part of, please let us know because the more members on team, the more support every request receives! Please know that it's not a huge obligation as we guarantee not to send you more than five*

requests in a day (unless you say you can cope with more) and there is no need to send feedback to us unless you sense a God call to do so. All we ask is a little acknowledgment of receipt - a thumbs up or some other emoji so that we know requests are getting through to you. Oh, and of course, we require everyone on team to treat every request with respect and in absolute confidence which is no more than you'd expect!

Also new is the trialing of a bi-weekly Saturday Zoom Service. The first one will take place at 3 p.m. (Baghdad time) on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April, the day before Easter. Our services won't follow a traditional format, but they will be designed for growth through the Word and discussion, albeit not endless as each service will last for no more than one hour. The idea is really designed for people who cannot attend a regular church, but course, all are welcome. Please let us know if you would like to join the first service and we'll send you a link in advance.

Here now are the messages featured in TLC World Family Room since our last newsletter. If you would like to watch any of them, just click on those which appeal to you or simply visit our website each weekend for the latest on offer.

[1. Why Did God Let It Happen? - Craig Groeschel](#)

[2. Heaven: Who Goes There? How Good Is Good Enough? - Andy Stanley](#)

[3. Happiness, Where to Find It - Greg Laurie](#)

[4. Conscience - Billy Graham](#)

[5. Taming the Tongue - David Guzik](#)

[6. The Joy that Defies Every Condition - Louie Giglio](#)

[7. A Conversation on Jeremiah 29:11 - Butch Yu](#)

[8. The Discipline of Self-Control - Charles R. Swindoll](#)

[9. Satan's Strategies - Mike Mazzalongo](#)

[10. The Daniel Dilemma - Chris Hodges](#)

[11. Why Can't I Forgive Myself? - Craig Groeschel](#)

[12. Getting Back on Track - Dan Maton](#)

[13. Christ Is Our Hope - Billy Graham](#)

We close now by wishing you a Happy Easter and, of course, ongoing blessings!  
Jim & Elaine

*"For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man."  
(1 Corinthians 15:21)*

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