

Witnessing Cold Turkey

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“Personal effort for others should be preceded by much secret prayer; for it requires great wisdom to understand the science of saving souls. Before communicating with men, commune with Christ.”

***Christ's Object Lessons* p. 149**

“The Christian’s sincere interest and love startles people. Why? Because most of us are so caught up in promoting ourselves, loving things, and using people, that it comes as a pleasant surprise that someone genuinely cares without any ulterior motives.”

Philip Samaan, *Christ’s Way of Reaching People*

“Our family was talking about you again this morning after our Bible time. . . . There was something so different about you that I found very refreshing. Your quiet, gentle spirit spoke volumes and set you apart from the typical people who often come around. I know others can sense that as well and I can see how God can use you in a powerful way to draw people to Him.”

“Nothing is more needed in our work than the practical results of communion with God. We should show by our daily lives that we have peace and rest in the Savior. His peace in the heart will shine forth in the countenance. It will give to the voice a persuasive power. . . . Men will take knowledge of us, as of the first disciples, that we have been with Jesus. This will impart to the worker a power that nothing else can give.”

Ministry of Healing p. 512

“Without a living faith in Christ as a personal Saviour it is impossible to make our influence felt in a skeptical world. . . . It is in proportion to our own devotion and consecration to Christ that we exert an influence for the blessing and uplifting of mankind.”

Mount of Blessing, p. 37

Larry Alex Taunton in *The Atlantic*:

“Sincerity does not trump truth. After all, one can be sincerely wrong. But sincerity is indispensable to any truth we wish others to believe. There is something winsome, even irresistible, about a life lived with conviction. I am reminded of the Scottish philosopher and skeptic, David Hume, who was recognized among a crowd of those listening to the preaching of George Whitefield, the famed evangelist of the First Great Awakening:

“‘I thought you didn't believe in the Gospel,’ someone asked.

“‘I do not,’ Hume replied. Then, with a nod toward Whitefield, he added, ‘But he does.’”

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“Thousands can be reached in the most simple and humble way. The most intellectual, those who are looked upon as the world's most gifted men and women, are often refreshed by the simple words of one who loves God, and who can speak of that love as naturally as the worldling speaks of the things that interest him most deeply.”

Christ's Object Lessons p. 232

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CIVIL INATTENTION

“... in witnessing we break accepted privacy boundaries. The phenomenon of ignoring people in a public setting has been labeled ‘civil inattention’ and constitutes an important part of our social code. You ignore me; I ignore you, that way we can carry on the business of life without distracting one another.

CIVIL INATTENTION

Social researcher Joanne Finkelstein says that social inattention is ‘a means of making privacy possible within a crowd through culturally accepted forms of self-distancing.’”

Jennifer Jill Schwirzer, *Adventist Review* 8-5-2015, quoting Joanne Finkelstein in *The Art of Self-Invention*

“From time to time he [John the Baptist] went forth to mingle with men; and he was ever an interested observer of what was passing in the world. . . . With vision illuminated by the divine Spirit he studied the characters of men, that he might understand how to reach their hearts with the message of heaven.”

Desire of Ages p. 102



Unity > Truth?

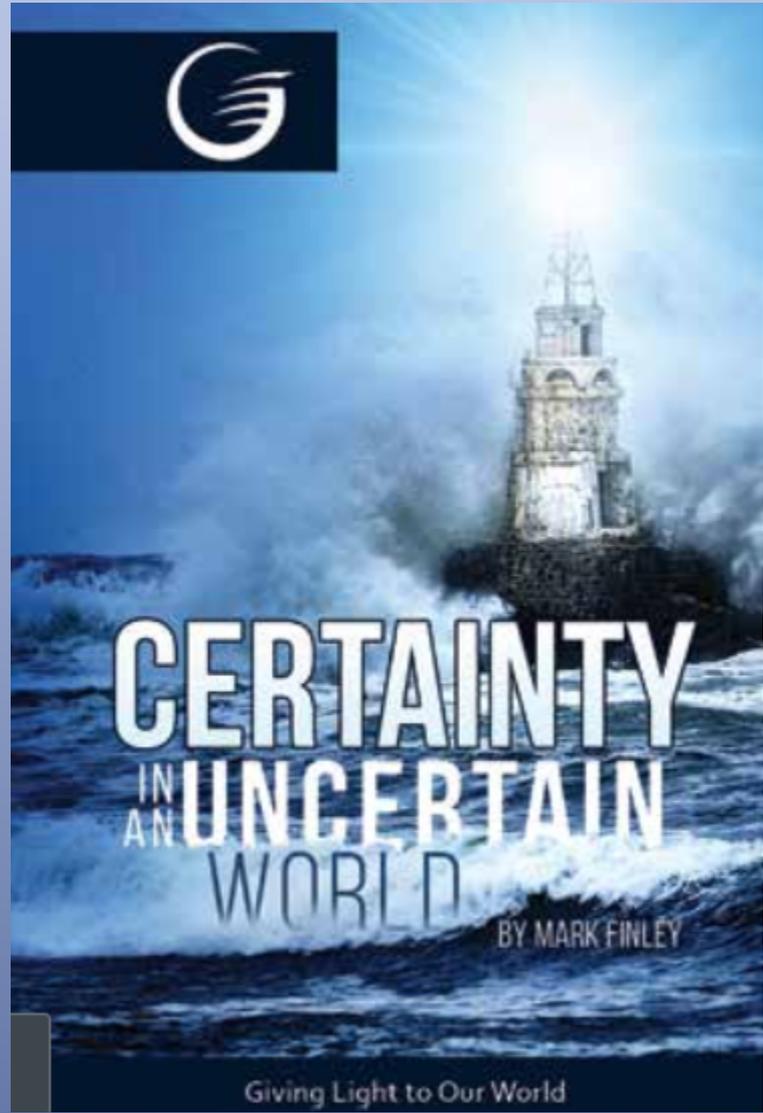
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HELP
FOR
loneliness



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CERTAINTY
IN AN **UNCERTAIN**
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BY MARK FINLEY

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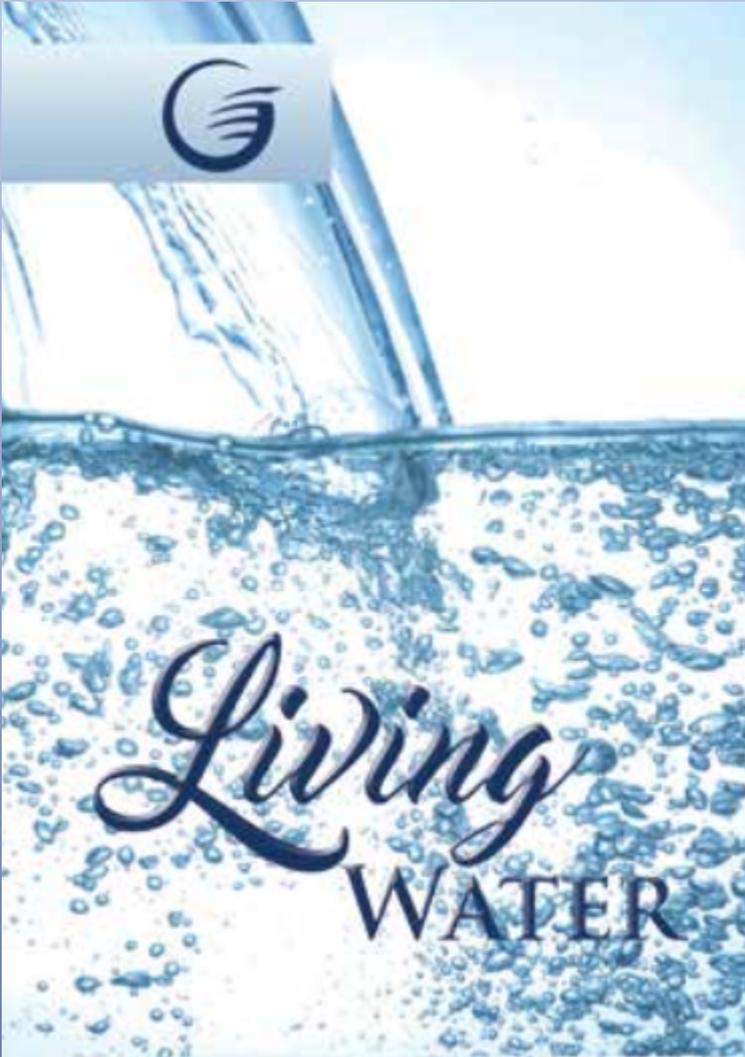
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DIABETES
undone



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A close-up photograph of water being poured from a glass pitcher into a glass. The water is clear and creates a large number of small, light-colored bubbles as it fills the glass. The background is a bright, slightly overexposed sky.

Living WATER

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Grandma's
surprise

Giving Light to Our World *for Kids!*

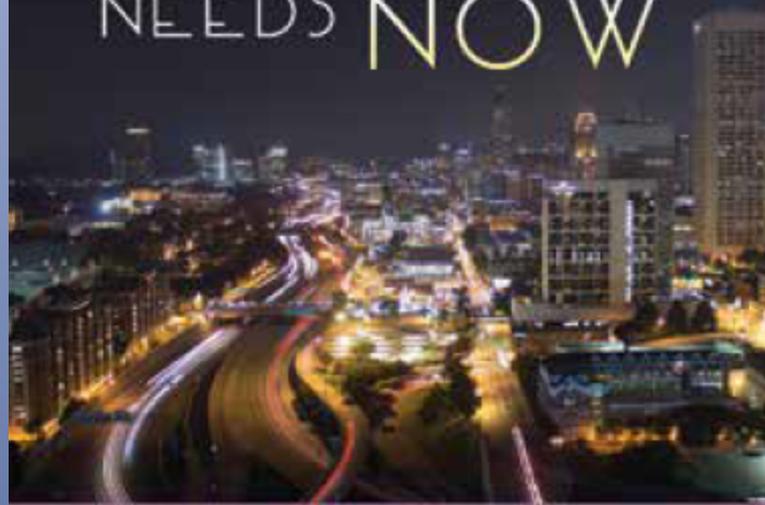


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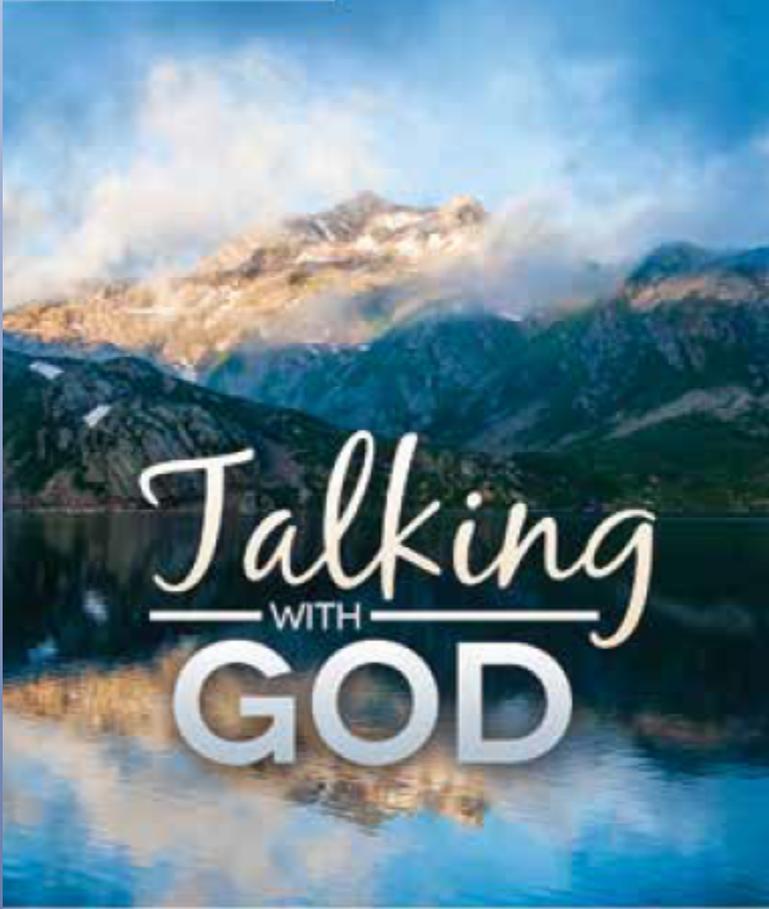
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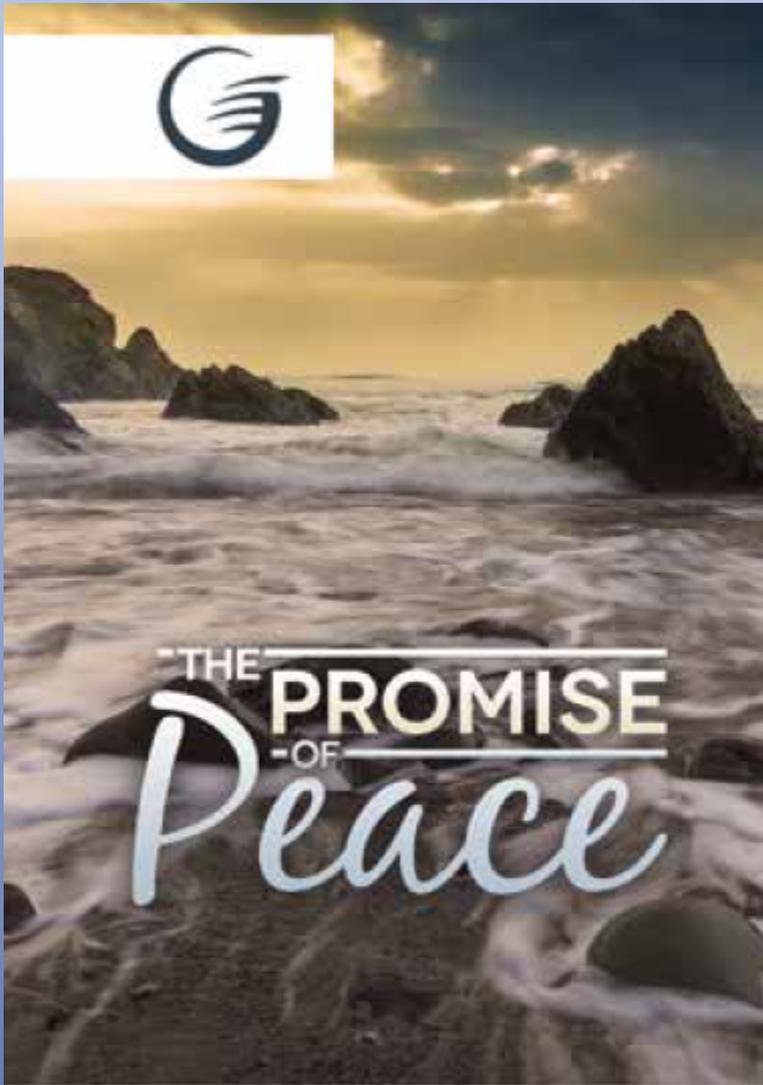


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Talking
WITH
GOD

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THE PROMISE
-OF-
Peace

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Hope for Families



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STEPS TO
health

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SUNDAY **FOOTBALL**
IS FOR _____

SATURDAY
IS FOR _____

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secrets
OF PEAK MENTAL HEALTH



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**AN
INTELLIGENT
FAITH?**

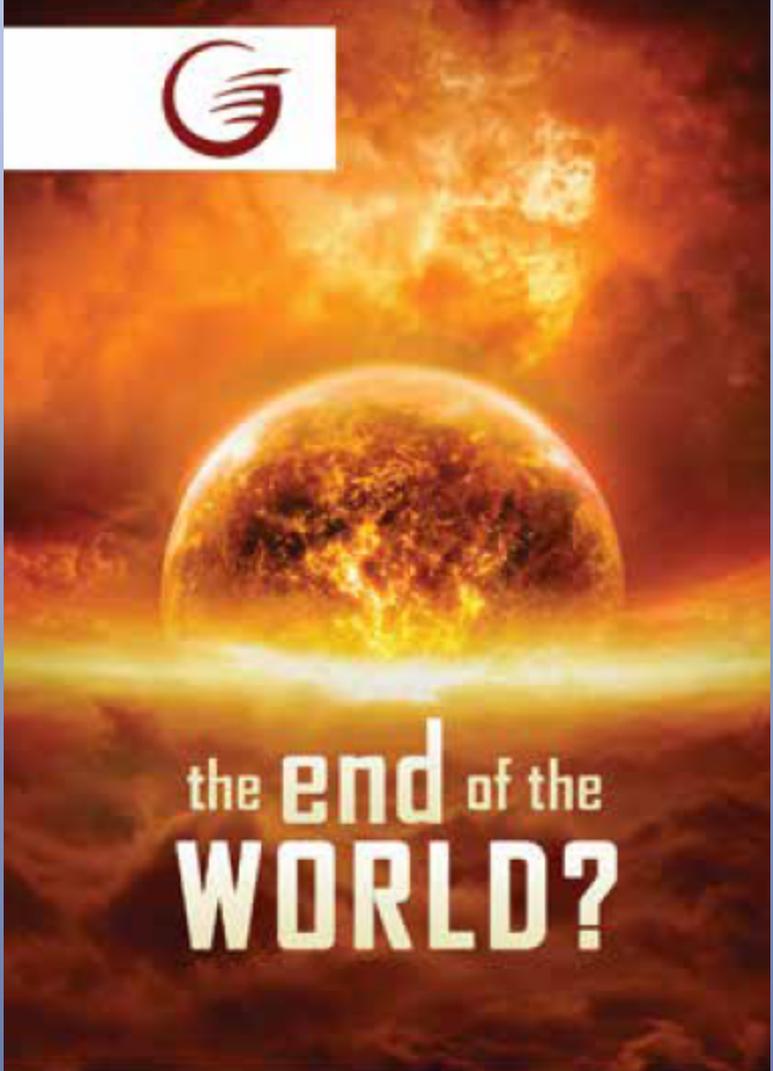




EVOLUTION IMPOSSIBLE



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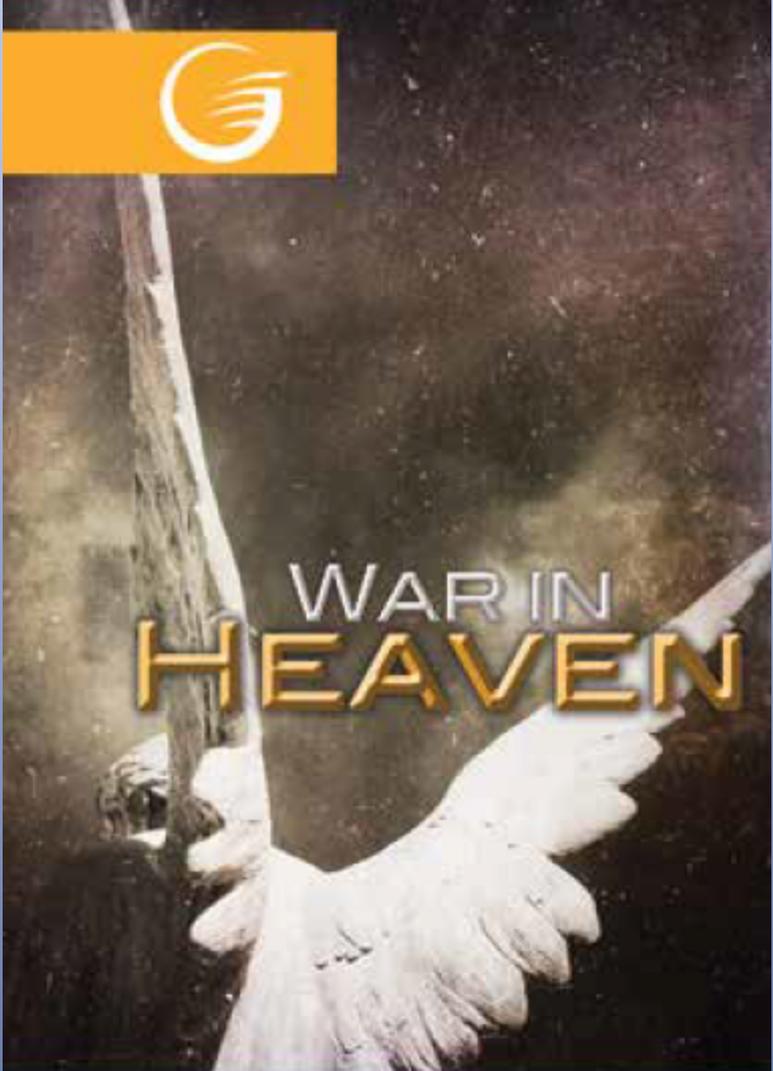
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Why I go
to Church on
Saturday

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A large, white, feathered angel wing is the central focus, set against a dark, starry background. The wing is positioned diagonally, with the tip pointing towards the top right. The feathers are detailed and appear to be made of a soft, downy material. The background is a deep black with scattered white stars and a subtle, hazy glow around the wing.

WAR IN HEAVEN

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DEATH'S
SILENT
TRUTH

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today's **10**
commandments

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Ancient scrolls
DISCOVERED
in forgotten
caves

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WHAT'S
WRONG
WITH
GRANDPA?

Giving Light to Our World *for Kids!*



THE GIFT OF JOY

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A Gift for You



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TOTAL MEMBER INVOLVEMENT



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“... a potentially ground-breaking new study that shows how face-to-face conversations, even brief ones, can change actually voters’ minds on hot-button issues, and that opens up a brave new world for candidates and causes.”

MSNBC reporting on Stanford research

MSNBC: “Even on an issue . . . that deals with people’s deeply held beliefs—knocking on doors, engaging personally, you see, that can have an impact on moving those votes?”

Dave Fleisher, Leadership Lab: “That’s what the data shows. When we take the time to have those conversations, 1 in 10 voters are changing their mind—and changing their mind in a way that lasts.”

Stanford Business School researcher David Brockman: “It seems like there might be something about personal interaction and the way in which you can build rapport and get people to be comfortable with the person they are talking to. . . .”

“At first, Fleischer and his team tried cerebral arguments and appeals to fairness in their doorway conversations. . . . ‘That failed miserably,’ he said. Eventually, the canvassers tried eliciting more emotional experiences. . . . ‘That changed everything.’”

New York Times Magazine

“Columbia University political-science professor Donald Green” conducted “experiments on voter behavior” and found “that canvassing is a more effective mobilization tool than telephone calls or direct mail.”

New York Times Magazine

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John 4:6-7, NKJV

Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give Me a drink.”

John 4:20-24:

“Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father.

“You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

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Luke 24:18-19:

“Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?” And He said to them, “What things?” So they said to Him, “The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word. . . .”

Jesus spoke to people “. . . in a way that made them feel the completeness of His identification with their interests and happiness.”

Gospel Workers, p. 45

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Ecclesiastes 11:6:

**“In the morning sow your seed,
and in the evening do not
withhold your hand; for you do
not know which will prosper,
either this or that, or whether
both alike will be good.”**

God “is speaking to the hearts of men and creating an inexpressible craving for something they have not. The things of the world cannot satisfy their longing. The Spirit of God is pleading with them to seek for those things that alone can give peace and rest—the grace of Christ, the joy of holiness.”

Steps to Christ, p. 28



Many “are longing for some divine assurance, some spiritual hope. Many long for something that will bring to an end the monotony of their aimless lives. Many in official life feel their need of something which they have not. Few among them go to church; for they feel that they receive little benefit. The teaching they hear does not touch the heart. Shall we make no personal appeal to them?”

Ministry of Healing, p. 210

Matthew 28:18-20:

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“It is in doing Christ's work that the church has the promise of His presence.”

Desire of Ages, p. 825

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