

# 2020

## the STATE of FAITH

Journey Through  
Christianity's Global Spread

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*Inexplicable: How Christianity Spread to the Ends of the Earth*

The documentary series hosted by Dennis Haysbert



After thousands of miles, hundreds of grace-filled testimonies, and more than three years in the making, the documentary series, *Inexplicable: How Christianity Spread to the Ends of the Earth*, begins airing this month on TBN. The six episodes of this series are just the beginning of our yearlong journey of discovery called *The State of Faith 2020*. As a valued TBN Partner, we want you to be among the first to know more about this unequaled cinematic achievement and all of *The State of Faith 2020* programs and specials you can look forward to seeing on TBN throughout this year. Your prayers and support have been vital to the success of this Spirit-filled undertaking!

So, *how* did the Gospel message begin with 12 Apostles more than 2,000 years ago and inexpli-

cably become the faith of billions today? That’s a God-sized question. To uncover the answer, TBN will take you to 20 world regions throughout 2020, revealing stories of God’s historical presence and miraculous events of today. This month, we begin where Christianity all started, in Israel, then follow its spread in the Eastern Mediterranean.

“We give Jesus all the glory for giving us victory through Him. Laurie and I pray that you will be deeply encouraged, uplifted, and inspired by all of *The State of Faith 2020* programs.”

—MATT & LAURIE



EPISODE ONE

From the Cradle of Christianity

Airing this month on TBN



Your journey begins in 1st-century Jerusalem. Here, Jesus gave His disciples the Great Commission that forever changed history: “... go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone, everywhere” (Mark 16:15, TLB). The Apostle Mark took a route southward into Africa. Paul, Peter, and several others traveled north, eventually making their way to Rome, the heart of the empire. By AD 410, the once-invincible city had fallen to the Visigoths. Find out how Christianity, the empire’s official religion, fared after the dramatic turn of events.

EPISODE TWO

Europe: Heroines & Heroes of the Faith

Airs February on TBN



With 5th-century Rome in ruin, followers of Jesus continued spreading their message to the west and north. In episode two of *Inexplicable*, the journey takes you in their footsteps across Germany, Britain and Ireland, Spain, Eastern Europe, and beyond. Then, in the early 16th century, the church was brought face to face with challenges that sparked the Reformation and altered Christianity forevermore. The Church was divided for the first time in 1,000 years; how could it survive?



### EPISODE THREE

## Latin America: Glory, Gold, & God

Airs March on TBN



In exploratory voyages from the 15th to the 19th centuries, Columbus and several other Spanish Conquistadors carried the Gospel from the Caribbean Islands to Mexico and Central and South America. In Latin America, Christianity faced long-standing pagan practices among the Aztecs, Maya, and Incas. In spite of horrific cruelty, would the power of the Gospel shine a light in such darkness?

### EPISODE FIVE

## Asia: The Great Wall & Beyond

Airs June on TBN



Asia also played an important role in faith history. Between the 1400s and 1800s, Christianity took hold in Korea, Japan, China, and India, due in part to determined Jesuit missionaries. Yet Jesus' warning of Christian persecution and martyrdom came to pass in great numbers. How did Christianity survive in nations dominated by ancient cultures and religions?

### EPISODE FOUR

## North America: Mavericks in the New World

Airs May on TBN

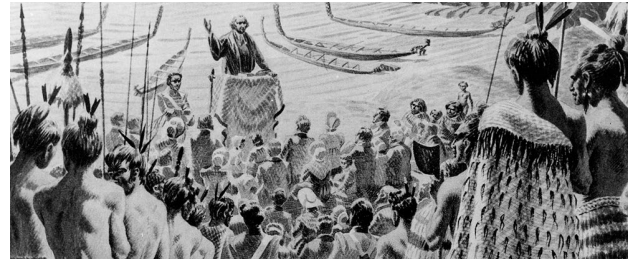


In the 17th century, English Puritans sought religious freedom in the New World. Landing at Plymouth Rock in 1620, they aimed to establish a Christian society. In time, as the Colonies marched toward independence, the church flourished and spread west. But as so often happens, new challenges arose. As America's unity was destroyed, how would the Gospel overcome hatred and fratricide?

### EPISODE SIX

## To the Ends of the Earth

Airs July on TBN



In the 18th century, Britain began sending lawbreakers to new penal colonies in Australia. Christian chaplains accompanied the unwilling travelers aboard the prison ships. Across the ocean, our journey concludes in Africa, where, despite persecution, missionaries are bringing many people to Jesus. Today, Christianity is growing faster in Northern Africa than in almost any other part of the world.

## So Much More to the Story

As part of our yearlong journey, we'll share much more about Christianity's expansion through other TBN programs, including 20 regional episodes of *Praise*, testimonies from Believers all over the world, and a new season of *Drive Thru History*, titled *To the Ends of the Earth*.

Like *Praise*, each of the 20 *Drive Thru History* episodes will take you to one of the 20 regions featured on *The State of Faith* 2020 journey, including Israel, the Eastern Mediterranean, China, North Africa, Southern Europe, the Caribbean Islands, Southeast Asia, South Africa, Brazil/South America, North America, the United Kingdom/Ireland, Australia, New Zealand/the South Pacific, Russia/Eastern Europe, Northern Europe, Latin America, Central Africa, India, Central Asia, and the Philippines/Indonesia/New Guinea. Plus, follow *The State of Faith* social media channels and website, [TheStateOfFaith.com](http://TheStateOfFaith.com), for additional content, updates, and schedules.

TBN is excited to share Jesus' timeless message of hope and grace through *The State of Faith* 2020 initiative. We believe in a future when all the world will know Jesus as their Savior. With your treasured partnership, we will continue together, boldly shining the light of Jesus to all the world. Thank you, and may God bless you! **TBN**



## Get Closer to Jesus This Year

IN 2017, directors and producers from TBN stepped out in faith to follow the path of Christianity's beginnings around the globe. From Jerusalem to Europe, Latin America to North America, Asia to Australia, and finally, Sub-Saharan Africa, their journey is now your journey!

What they discovered will inform your beliefs and inspire your faith with documentaries that reveal the still-unfolding story of Jesus Christ in the world today.

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*What shall I return to the LORD for all his goodness to me? (PSALM 116:12)*

## VICTORIES & Breakthroughs



### God's Small Miracles

*Georgio and Kristan Rodriguez were married in 2004 and got pregnant for the first time in 2007. They live in Florida.*

In 2007, Kristan Rodriguez lay in a hospital intensive care unit in Florida. At 8 months pregnant, her condition had taken a turn for the worst. Her husband, Georgio, would have been at her side, except that he, too, was hospitalized. Following a business trip overseas, he had fallen ill, contracting a virulent infection.

Then, their first child was stillborn.

"Even if your faith is as strong as it can be, when you're tested, you can have doubt that comes from the enemy," Georgio said. "After we lost our first son, we didn't want to be out in public. We spent a lot of time at home."

*"Many of the programs on TBN helped to rebuild our faith."*

They had always been active Believers, but the situation tested their faith. In their grief, they turned to TBN and began to watch Christian programming. "Many of the programs on TBN helped to rebuild our faith," Georgio said.

After a second miscarriage, three doctors told Kristan she would never get pregnant again. The couple turned to foster parenting, then began the process of adoption. The Lord spoke to them at this time, revealing that when they opened their home to a child, God would bless them with a child of their own.

"When a word is spoken to you or you know God has something for you, faith and prayer get you through," Georgio said.

Today, their second son, Royal, is 3 years old, and they have a 15-month-old, whom they adopted.

*TBN Partners share how God is moving in their lives.*

*"Since I have been partnering with TBN, my whole life has changed. I have been free from drugs, alcohol, and nicotine. God is doing wonderful things in my life. I have been speaking over other people's lives, and they are being delivered also."*

JACQUELINE, AUGUST 2019

*"So thankful for the TBN prayer partner for praying for my right eye. God healed me of the bleeding while we were praying and gave me a new blood vessel, which the ophthalmologist later showed me in the pictures at the clinic. Praise the Lord!"*

CAROL, SEPTEMBER 2019

*"Thank you, TBN, for not forgetting about people who are in prison. I am an inmate in Arizona and have experienced so much peace and freedom, thanks to my relationship with Christ. A few of us women hold a Bible study, and we love and watch TBN. What a blessing!"*

CATHERINE, OCTOBER 2019

**TUNE IN TO TBN** for faith-filled programming that changes lives. To share how TBN has impacted your faith, please submit your story to [tbn.org/mystory](http://tbn.org/mystory) or use the enclosed prayer card.







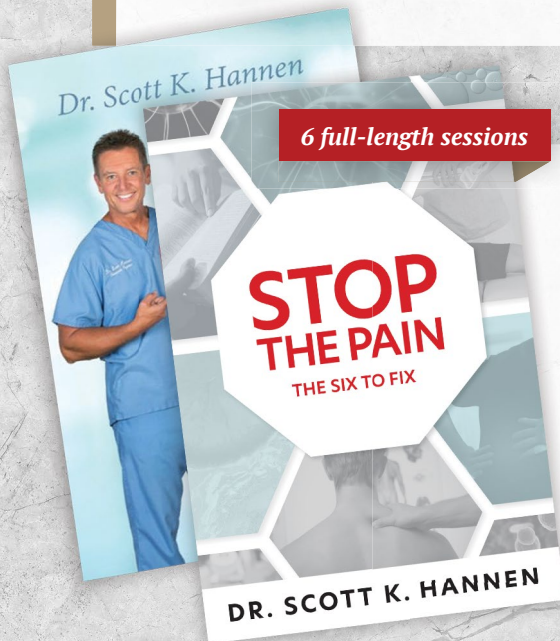
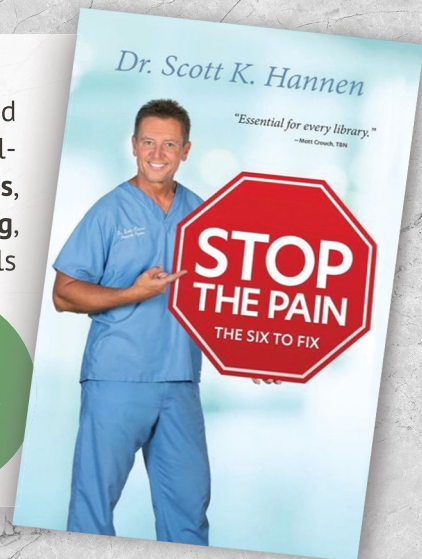
Matt & Laurie with Dr. Scott Hannen

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