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WELCOME

to the Winter 2025 edition of Sounding Out!

You might be asking yourself why we have a random photo of the Manchester skyline on the front cover... well, that is the view from the studio window in our new office.

We moved up to the fourth floor of the main building on the Wilsons Park business estate at the end of July. Although it is much smaller than the old unit - it works really well for us.

We share the floor with two hair salons, a recruitment agency, a theatre company and a homeless charity. We are still getting used to the etiquette of a shared kettle but it's nice to have more neighbours than we had previously and hopefully we will get to have many gospel conversations over the months and years ahead.

After a lot of research and delays, the studio itself is now half way through its soundproofing. The new insulated ceiling has been fitted along with a soundproofed door. All that remains to be done is to add tiles to the walls. I want to say a huge 'thank you' to those of you who donated to this project - I am so grateful for your generosity. We hope to have a photo of the completed studio to share with you next time.



It was all hands on deck to assemble the Ministry Partners' gift!

MP3 PLAYERS IN MALAWI

I recently met with Mike McCabe, the director of Zambesi Mission, an organisation working in Malawi and Northern Mozambique. As we have been broadcasting Word Alive across Malawi on satellite and FM stations for a number of years I was interested to see if we could further our work there with their help.



Mike suggested starting 'listening clubs' among the students of the Evangelical Bible College of Malawi (EBCOM), one of their partners. We supplied three solar-powered radio/MP3 players loaded with our Bible-teaching programmes and Mike was able to deliver these in person to the students on Graduation Day.

At the moment, this is a pilot scheme but, if it proves to be of real benefit to the students at EBCOM then we would love to send more MP3 players and programmes in the future. Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the world - please pray that God would bless these resources to the Christians there.

MINISTRY PARTNERS' GIFT

Occasionally we send out a gift to our Ministry Partners to thank them for their regular financial support. With this issue of *Sounding Out* we've sent a flash drive containing all 52 episodes of *The Bible OverBrew* podcast along with the reading scheme and notes. If you're considering reading the Bible in a year when January comes and you'd like this little package rather than listening online then do contact us. We would love you to become a Ministry Partner but if that's not possible perhaps you'd consider a one-off gift to help cover costs.



BLESSINGS THIS ADVENT

Thanks for taking the time to read *Sounding Out* and for your interest in Good News Broadcasting. I hope you'll have a blessed Advent taking time to remember the birth of the Saviour!

Tom



KEEP GROWING

In Acts 17 the Apostle Paul visited Thessalonica as part of his second missionary journey. Some Jews and Gentiles responded to the gospel positively and a church was quickly planted, but the vast majority of the population were antagonistic and in fact the opposition became so fierce that the Apostle had to flee after only a few months in the city.

Understandably, Paul was desperate to know what had happened to the brand new believers and the infant church after his departure.

*When I could stand it no longer,
I sent to find out about your faith.
I was afraid that in some way the
tempter had tempted you and that
our labours might have been in vain.*

1 Thessalonians 3:5

Paul was concerned that the young Christians had not weathered the storm of persecution or the temptations of the world which Jesus had outlined so graphically in His parable of the sower.

Paul was hoping that they were at least surviving in the difficult climate

but when he heard back from Timothy he was pleasantly surprised. They weren't just surviving - they were thriving!

We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 1: 3-4

Paul mentions three virtues that they are growing in that are often placed together in the New Testament - faith, hope and love. We see them together most famously here:

*And now these three remain:
faith, hope and love. But the
greatest of these is love.*

1 Corinthians 13:13

These are qualities that you would expect to see in mature Christians but it's amazing that the Thessalonians were exhibiting these qualities so early in their spiritual walk.

Paul goes so far as to say:

*'You became a model to all the
believers in Macedonia and Achaia.'*

1 Thessalonians 1:7

These believers are already an example for other Christians to

follow! So what does Paul say to these Christians that have already grown so quickly in the Lord?

*We instructed you how to live in order
to please God, as in fact you are living.
Now we ask you and urge you in the
Lord Jesus to do this more and more.*

1 Thessalonians 4:1-2

Paul effectively says 'Well done. Keep going!' And it's the same call for us today. Whether you have been a follower of Jesus Christ for five months or five decades there are always areas you can and should grow in. If you're not sure which specific areas to pursue, maybe start with faith, hope and love. You could start with these questions:

Is my **faith** sitting dormant or is it producing fruit each day?

Is my **hope** dependent on my circumstances or is it grounded in the life, death and resurrection of Christ?

Am I doing the right things with the wrong motives or are my actions prompted by a deep and growing **love** for God and others?

Whatever you do... keep growing.

Tom Ward

CURRENT PROGRAMMES

WORD ALIVE

In this five part series Tom goes through one chapter per session highlighting the context of Paul's letter to the Thessalonians and how we, like the original recipients, are called to be ready for trials, ready for temptations and ready for the return of Christ.



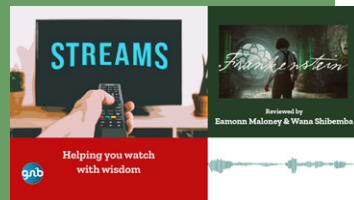
BIBLE FOCUS

In next week's *Bible Focus* Eamonn is starting a series titled *The Road to Glory*, exploring what it truly means to follow Jesus. Each day he'll look at the different aspects of this journey: exploring His call to ordinary people; the cost of denying ourselves; the challenges we face; the character He shapes in us and the reward waiting for us in Heaven.



STREAMS

This week on *Streams*, we're diving into the number one film in the world right now, *Frankenstein*. It's a fresh and modern take on the classic story, and we'll be asking just how true it stays to the original novel that inspired it. We'll also explore some of the deeper themes the film raises: judging others by appearance rather than character; what it means to give or take life; and how far science goes in its desire to play God. We'll also reflect on the powerful message of forgiveness that runs through the story.



CHRISTMAS

Keep an eye on our website for Christmas programmes and podcasts coming up! We hope you'll find time to tune in - details on the back cover!

	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
SUNDAY	Thank God for His word and that it is heard on radio.	Pray for positive feedback from Word Alive this weekend.	Pray that more stations would broadcast our programmes.	Please pray for spiritual refreshment of GNB staff today.
MONDAY	Please pray for the successful completion of the studio.	Pray for Camila as she tackles the admin work.	Pray for Tom as he considers future GNB projects.	Pray for wisdom in directing GNB finances.
TUESDAY	Pray for Tom as he studies for Word Alive teaching.	Please pray for the GNB Board of Directors.	Please pray that more listeners would become supporters.	Pray for the preparation of Easter programmes.
WEDNESDAY	Pray for more Bible Focus listeners.	Pray for gospel opportunities in the new office location.	Pray that God would sustain <i>Voice of the Gospel</i> , Poland.	Please pray that the reach of our Bible teaching would increase.
THURSDAY	Pray for the production of Christmas programmes.	Please pray for Eamonn as he produces <i>Streams</i> .	Pray for the development of new gospel partnerships.	Pray for Tom in weekly programme production.
FRIDAY	Pray for a refreshing weekend for GNB staff.	Pray for those starting <i>The Bible OverBrew</i> reading scheme.	Please pray for Mel in the day to day design and website work.	Ask for God's clear guidance for Tom and the Board.
SATURDAY	Pray that the 'listening clubs' would get off to a great start.	Pray that new people would discover Word Alive on TWR.	Pray for positive feedback from EBCOM students.	Thank God for continuing to sustain GNB's ministry.

Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Psalm 36:5

RADIO GUIDE

Premier Christian Radio

Digital Radio: DAB Premier
TV: Freeview 725 or Sky 0123
Radio: MW 1305, 1332, 1413, 1566
Word Alive: Sunday 6.30am

Trans World Radio

TV: Freeview HD Channel 733,
Sky 0138 or Freesat 790
Word Alive: Saturday 6.00am,
Sunday 6.00pm

Branch FM

Radio: 101.8 FM
Word Alive: Sunday 6.00pm
Bible Focus: Weekdays from 12 noon

Hope FM

Radio: 90.1 FM
Word Alive: Sunday 7.30am

Gospel 4 Grampian

Internet: www.g4g.org.uk

Blessed Radio

Internet: www.zeno.fm/radio/blessed-radio-uk
Word Alive: Sunday 6.00pm

Radio North

Radio: 846 AM
Bible Focus: Weekdays 8.45am

Radio Star Country

Radio: MW 981
Word Alive: Wednesday 5.30pm

Konnect Radio

Radio: 846 AM
The Everlasting Way

Flame CCR

Radio: MW 1521 or Internet DAB
GNBA Show: Weekdays 10.35am

C.O.G. Grand Radio

Internet: www.coggrandradiouk.org
Word Alive: Wednesday 8.00pm
Bible Focus: Weekdays 7.00pm

Cross Rhythms

Radio: 101.8 FM (Stoke),
and 96.3 FM (Plymouth)
The Everlasting Way: Saturday and
Sunday breakfast shows from 7.00am

Genesis Christian Radio

Internet: www.genesischristianradio.org
Word Alive: Weekdays 6.32am, 1.31pm
Bible Focus: Weekdays 4.00am,
9.15am and 4.00pm

Tune in on your radio or TV or listen any time at gnba.net.

**You can also find *Word Alive*, *Bible Focus*, *Sermonise*, *Streams*
and *The Bible OverBrew* on Spotify or your podcast app.**



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