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WELCOME

to the Winter 2024 edition of **Sounding Out!**

I recently interviewed Dr Michael Reeves for my podcast, Sermonise, and I asked him why he is so passionate about preaching. He probably didn't realise that his answer was a great encouragement to me and that I've reflected on it a lot in the last few weeks. This is what he said:

'I think it's because preaching saved my life. I had struggled spiritually and intensely and it was a clear proclamation of the gospel to me that had brought me out of depression and spiritual struggle.'

Solid, faithful preaching from the Bible changes lives and Good News Broadcasting has been seeking to do this since we began seven decades ago. We have always sought to supplement the teaching of local churches and I do believe we play an important role. I asked Dr Reeves about this as well...

'At the time of the Reformation, at the time of the evangelical awakening, you get a lot of itinerant preaching outside of Sunday sermons. John Bunyan is preaching sometimes just in a hole in the ground and people will come to him. Whitfield and Wesley are expelled from Church of England pulpits, so they preach. The main diet of preaching should be from a local pastor but it is good to have as much preaching as we can.'

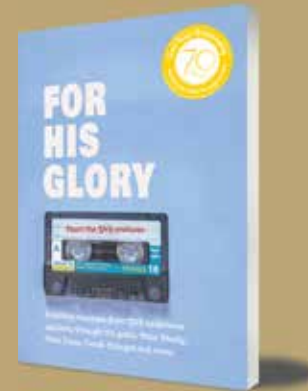
Amen to that! It is also sadly true that many people aren't able to make it to church regularly on a Sunday. In the last few weeks I have heard from a truck driver who works on Sundays, an Army soldier who is often away from home, an elderly woman who is suffering with ill health and a man in South Africa who all listen to our programmes every week. They are all so grateful for what we do. It's an exciting time for us as a ministry and there are more opportunities opening up for us on different radio stations across the world. Obviously there is a cost to this and we are already spending more than we receive so I would like to ask you to help.

The best way to help is to become a Ministry Partner. For a small donation every month you can join the 140 people (and a few churches) who already support us. Would you consider becoming a Ministry Partner to help us continue teaching the Bible through media?

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Ministry Partners

Our Ministry Partners will have received a free book with this issue of *Sounding Out* and we are offering a copy to all NEW Ministry Partners too!



Set up a monthly Standing Order of any amount (no matter how small), make sure we have your up-to-date contact details and, if possible, a Gift Aid declaration, then we'll get your book in the post to you!

Another way you can support GNB is by attending Ministry Partners LIVE. The last one for this 70th anniversary year is going to be a bit different with a Christmas theme on

Monday 9th December, 7.30pm

Zoom meeting ID 910 262 9144.
No need for a password.

We'd love to see you there!

MEET THE STAFF



**Introducing
Camila Shibemba,
our new Finance
Administrator!**

My name is Camila, I was born and raised in Portugal. I grew up in a Christian household, but it wasn't until I was 13 that I made my decision to follow Jesus, and I've never looked back!

I moved to the UK at 18 years old to study at worship school for one year and another year at Bible School in Cardiff. I then moved to Manchester and started university right at the same time I got married!

While at university I worked part-time for the church I am currently a member of - All Nations Church, Oldham and this is where I started working in administration and finance. After that I worked at a law firm in administration for three years before starting at GNB in July this year as Finance Administrator.

I truly have been enjoying working for GNB and it's a privilege to be part of this team, working to further the kingdom of God! I am expectantly waiting for what God will do in the years to come!

FAITHFUL DAY-CONFERENCE

What a great day - let's do it again!

A good number of supporters joined us for our second (and final) Good News Broadcasting day-conference of 2024 at Elmwood Church, Salford...

Our master of ceremonies was GNB Chairperson, Neville Patterson, who helped keep the day running smoothly. After the obligatory tea, coffee and pastries on arrival he introduced Derek Stringer who kicked off the teaching for the day with a message from Habbakkuk - 'When the world falls apart'. Of course Derek was already well-known to many of us as a former director of GNB and also as former Pastor of Elmwood Church.

After a short break Tom Ward brought a message from Hebrews 2 and 3 reminding us of the faithfulness of Jesus as fully God and fully man.

Lunchtime gave us opportunity to chat, browse the small bookstall and enjoy some fellowship with our supporters. We were so encouraged to hear some stories of how people came to be listeners and supporters of GNB.

Next on the agenda... meeting the GNB staff. We heard from Mel, Eamonn and Camila about their roles and also our chair of finance, Helen Farraday, who gave a short presentation to outline

GNB's current financial position. We used this information as fuel for prayer in small groups.

Derek then closed the day with a final teaching session: 'Insights on how to stay faithful.' All three teaching sessions can be heard on our website - just look for the link on our homepage.

Phil Baraniak kindly joined us to lead our worship throughout the day and thanks must also go to the volunteers at Elmwood Church who generously accommodated us by moving chairs, serving tea and coffee and operating the AV system.

What a good day it was - we hope everyone enjoyed it as much as the GNB team! It was good to take time once again to thank God for His faithfulness to this ministry for 70 years. Thank you to everyone who came along to join with us.

We would love to hold more day events in the future. If you would like us to bring one to your area then please do get in touch. We're particularly keen to connect with our supporters in the south. If we held one in London would you attend? Email info@gnba.net and let us know!

Derek Stringer



Happy conference-goers



Phil Baraniak



Great conference venue!



Tom Ward



The power of red lights

by Tom Ward

My family know that when it comes to driving I dislike both traffic and traffic lights. No-one wants to keep stopping at red lights. In my church we describe prayer to the kids using the illustration of a traffic light. Sometimes when we pray we get a red light which is when God says 'no'. Sometimes, an amber light which means 'wait and keep praying' and sometimes a green light which means 'yes'.

Thank God for green lights! I'm sure you have your own testimonies as I do, of God's miraculous intervention in response to prayer. Prayers for peace, for comfort, for strength, for boldness, for healing, for finances, for restored relationships, for people's salvation... the list goes on and on. But red lights are also a part of every believer's story, including those in the Bible.

Moses longed to enter the Promised Land. He pleaded with God to allow him to cross over and see it, but God denied his request. Red light.

The prophet Jeremiah prayed for the people of Judah, who were facing imminent judgment due to their persistent idolatry and rebellion against God. God instructed him to stop praying for them. Red light.

Throughout Job's trials he prayed for understanding and relief from his

suffering. Although God eventually responded to Job, He didn't directly answer his questions about the reason for his suffering. Red light.

In 2 Corinthians 12 the Apostle Paul describes the difficulties he's facing including what he calls his 'thorn in the flesh' - how he prayed about it three times but God said 'no'. Red light. Even Christ Himself, on the night before His crucifixion, prayed fervently asking if there was another way to accomplish God's will without going to the cross. God did not grant this request. Red light.

The truth is, green lights lead us to worship but they don't really lead to character change. Red lights do. I am more convinced than ever that God doesn't waste any situations in our lives.

Only God can take hard times and difficult situations in our lives and use them for our good. God specialises in using our weakness to show His power and He also gives us the grace we need to persevere.

Do we trust that God knows what He's doing? Do we trust that He has our best interests in mind? When God says 'no' do we trust that He will use the suffering to shape us more into the likeness of His Son?

We also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. Romans 5:3-4

No-one likes red lights but God can and will use them for your good and His glory.

PRAYER DIARY				
	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY
SUNDAY	Thank God for His faithfulness to GNB for 70 years.	Pray for more regular listeners to the Word Alive podcast.	Please pray for openings at new churches for Tom to preach.	Pray for Mel this month working on Sounding Out.
MONDAY	Please pray for Camila as she settles into her new role.	Please pray for a great Ministry Partners LIVE this month.	Give thanks for listeners to Word Alive in Africa.	Give thanks for increasing the GNB team.
TUESDAY	Give thanks for a good conference-day in Salford.	Pray that GNB staff will be refreshed over Christmas.	Pray for Camila in the day to day admin and finance.	Pray for Eamonn preparing Bible Focus messages.
WEDNESDAY	Pray for Tom in his study for programmes and preaching.	Pray for Eamonn as he produces Bible Focus week by week.	Give thanks for good feedback from Bible Focus listeners.	Please pray for Tom as he plans future projects.
THURSDAY	Please pray for many new Ministry Partners.	Please pray that unbelievers listen to Christmas programmes.	Pray for Tom in the day to day editing work.	Pray for an ever-increasing interest in GNB on social media.
FRIDAY	Pray that our weekend programmes will bless many.	Pray for the production of a second season of Convicted.	Please pray for new broadcasting opportunities.	Pray for many more listeners to become supporters.
SATURDAY	Pray for new listeners to discover Word Alive today.	Thank God for The Bible OverBrew and all its listeners.	Pray for wisdom for the board of directors.	Thank God for all His faithful provision for GNB.

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence. Hebrews 4:16

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

Konnnect 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* and
***The Bible OverBrew* on Spotify or your podcast app.**



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