



# Ambassador

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*Come to me.*

Get away with me and  
you'll recover your life.

I'll show you how  
to take a real rest

... learn the unforced  
*rhythms of grace*

... keep company with me  
and you'll learn to live  
*freely and lightly.*

– Matthew 11:28-29  
(The Message)

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## DID YOU KNOW?



At Revive Our Hearts, programs and other activities are being planned under the banner of “Wonder of the Word” as **Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth** teaches through the entire Bible in 2027 (a global endeavor), including this podcast for kids voiced by **Helen Jones**.



Partnering with TWR360, *A Word With You* (**Ron Hutchcraft**) is delivered now in six languages including Mandarin, Spanish, Hindi, Arabic, and Russian with Japanese launching shortly—all in addition to English, of course!



“On Finishing Well” is the latest addition to the extensive booklet series made available from *Grace to You*. This content features **John MacArthur’s** unpacking Paul’s strategy for lifelong devotion to Christ.

**“To be one of God’s “refreshment stands” means going out of your way to bring some love and support to a person who needs it. Your ministry of refreshment may take many forms but God’s promise is this: “He who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.”**

— Ron Hutchcraft

## THE LATEST FROM AMB-OS



**A**s a native Californian, I’ve become accustomed to (though never really comfortable with) **earthquakes**. I’ve lived through tremors at all times of the day—while swimming, sleeping, driving and walking. They always catch you off guard. To say it’s a bit unsettling is like saying skydiving without a parachute is a bit risky.

During an earthquake, **things move that aren’t supposed to**. Walls and ceilings moan and groan while tchotchkes rattle on bookshelves. Telephone poles sway like hula dancers. Pool water sloshes up and out. To make matters worse, time slows down which makes you wonder if you’ll be safe, and if the quaking will ever stop.

All that to say, as you may know ... **there’s been a tectonic shift in the technical world**. It’s both indicative of our times as well as it is forcing a change in the way we operate. Fortunately, we’ve known for some time that this “earthquake” has been coming.

Satellite delivery has effectively been “shaken out” of the market by the availability, stability and speed of terrestrial IP (broadband). Several members of our 25-year-old Christian Radio Consortium have already made the move off satellite. Now Amb-OS is too. The primary reason is that the satellite (SES2) we’ve been using is at its “end-of-life” and is not being replaced. **Broadband is cheaper, easier and can be as effective as satellite delivery.**

Though we’ll miss many of the features satellite provides, there are a number of positive results from this tremor:

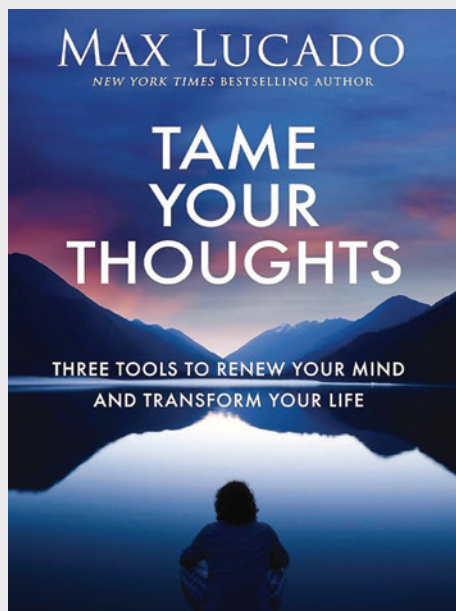
1. **Low Latency.** Amb-OS software has solved the delay often experienced with terrestrial IP. Amb-OS Svl has minimal “buffering delay” often experienced on other networks.
2. **“Automagic.”** We will switch all Amb-OS (100 & 200) receivers from satellite delivery to “Svl” (Satellite via Internet). The switch is transparent to you and does not require you to do anything.
3. **No Space Limitations.** Many stations don’t have room for a satellite antenna. With Svl, having line-of-site to a satellite is no longer necessary.

Yes, this change is a major shake-up for the industry, but in the end, we’ll all enjoy a more robust and flexible delivery system! And that’s a seismic change we welcome.

(If you have a question or want to know more, just drop us a note at [support@amb-OS.com](mailto:support@amb-OS.com)).

— Jim Sanders





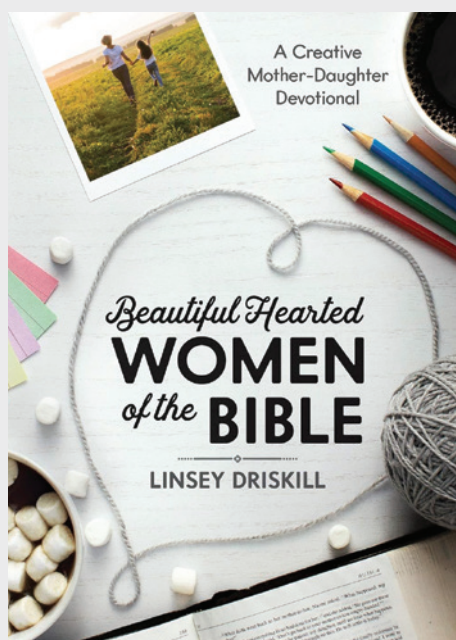
From **MAX LUCADO**

## Tame Your Thoughts: Three Tools to Renew Your Mind and Transform Your Life

With the platform of Romans 12:2 as the Scriptural basis for managing our thoughts, **Max Lucado** once again provides insight and encouragement for those struggling with the weight of worry, the fear of failing, the grip of guilt ... those and others that keep us from living in joy and peace.

Hear Max daily on "UpWords" (1:00); contact [Rebecca@ambaa.com](mailto:Rebecca@ambaa.com) for info.

WHAT'S  
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From **FOCUS ON THE FAMILY**

## Beautiful Hearted Women of the Bible: A Creative Mother-Daughter Devotional

Authored by Linsey Driskill, this **interactive 40-week devotional** is designed to be shared by mom and daughter (6-10 years of age). Each chapter includes questions and a simple prayer at the end of every story—along with practical ways to put your faith into action and creative activities to do together.

For details on all Focus programming, check our website or contact [Jennifer@ambaa.com](mailto:Jennifer@ambaa.com).



From **MERCY SHIPS**

## The Mercy Ships TV Series

In partnership with Angel Studios, a **new ten-episode series** about the mission and work of Mercy Ships is streaming this summer. The series will go behind the scenes, introducing viewers to some of those individuals and families from more than 60 countries who serve on the world's largest civilian-run hospital ships, providing hope and healing to some of the world's most impoverished nations.

Don't miss the stories of impact on "The Mercy Minute" (1:00 Daily) with Raeanne Newquist. Ask [Rebecca@ambaa.com](mailto:Rebecca@ambaa.com) for full details.

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# Navigating Culture as a Godly Family

**N**ow more than ever we need a trusted voice dedicated to shining a light on the world of popular entertainment in all its various forms.

Want to know what's happening in the world of movies, music, TV, social media, technology and all the rest? Everything your listeners want to know about these significant cultural influences is delivered in a daily bite-sized commentary and review format from a team of experts at **Focus on the Family**.

Anchored by contributors **Adam Holz** and **Paul Asay**, with a panel of reviewers alongside, "**Plugged In**" covers a regular rotation of the most timely topics from the timeless perspective of God's truth.

With the foundation of Colossians 2:8 underpinning efforts, the goal of "Plugged In" is to equip parents who want to wisely guide their family, giving them the essential tools they need to understand, navigate and impact the culture in which they live.

To add to your schedule, contact [rebecca@ambaa.com](mailto:rebecca@ambaa.com) or visit our website for options of either 1:00 or 2:00 editions of the feature.

**Good media discernment is about guarding our eyes and hearts before we watch or listen. And it's also about grappling with the entertainment we do see or hear. That's why we're devoted to guarding, discussing and grappling.**



**Adam Holz**

Adam is Editor of *Plugged In* and is the author of the NavPress Bible study *Beating Busyness*. Speaking from a family man's perspective, Adam is married to Jennifer with three children whose passions include swimming, gymnastics, drama, and piano. In his free time, Adam enjoys playing electric guitar.



**Paul Asay**

Serving as Director of *Plugged In*, Paul has also written for a number of other print and online publications. The author of *God on the Streets of Gotham: What a Big-Screen Batman Can Teach Us About Spirituality and Ourselves*, he has been married to Wendy for 35 years and has two grown children.



## More from Focus on the Family

You probably know that "Plugged In" isn't the only content available from **Focus on the Family** but in case you haven't looked lately ... here is the "family" of features offered by Focus for regular airing—check our website for auditioning or contact [Rebecca@ambaa.com](mailto:Rebecca@ambaa.com).

### Focus on the Family with Jim Daly

*Half-hour daily and weekends*  
Biblically-sound marriage and parenting help that's relatable, practical, and engaging!

### Adventures in Odyssey

*Half-hour daily and weekends*  
The now classic children's series that provides entertaining stories with eternal impact.

### The Boundless Show

*Half-hour weekly*  
For young adults who want to pursue faith, relationships and adulthood with confidence and joy.

### Focus on the Family Minute

*Daily one-minute*  
Resonating with the daily long-form, it's a nugget of truth for building strong families.

### Radio Theatre

*Half-hour weekly*  
Telling classic stories in a drama format for family entertainment unlike any other.





# Summertime!

Summer remains synonymous with time to refresh. Knowing that leaders need that as well, we asked a couple of our friends how they view summer days—maybe you'll resonate with these responses too!

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## About John Sorensen

Delivering encouragement daily on "Share Life Today," John serves as president of Evangelism Explosion—long renown for its commitment to equipping believers to share their faith.

### What do you most enjoy about summer days?

I enjoy how long the days are, giving more time for walks in the evening. Lacey, my English-cream Golden, likes it too!

### What activity (or non-activity) invariably puts fresh air in your lungs?

I enjoy quiet reading. My life is pretty noisy as a general rule, so reading in a quiet place always recharges my batteries.

### Any vacation experience that you would repeat if you could?

Ann and I have spent a few days in Denmark. I would gladly do that again.

### On vacation ... would you rather wander through an art museum or wander through the woods?

Well, Ann would prefer the museum, and I would prefer the walk. You know that saying... "When mama is happy, everyone is happy!" So I prefer the museum (hehe)...

### What's on the bucket list for a summertime visit—someplace you haven't yet been but would love to visit?

There are actually very few places where I have not been. But this summer includes some time up in Canada on a lake and some time in Athens, Greece. I'm looking forward to both.

### Is there any book or reading that you hope to make part of the summer season this year?

We are studying the book "Predictable Success" at the moment, and I plan to know it well this summer. On a more personal level, I'm reading "The Indispensable Right" by Jonathan Turley, and for fun, "The Last Storyteller" by Frank Delaney.

### Since we're talking summertime ... what do you most like to put on the grill? 😊

I've been experimenting with ribs and brisket on my new Traeger grill. If you made me pick, I'd choose the ribs. But I make a pretty mean salmon too ... Come over and you be the judge!



## About Carter Conlon

With a lifelong emphasis in ministry on prayer, Carter speaks with a pastor's heart daily with "It's Time to Pray" and weekends in the half-hour "A Call to the Nation."

### What do you most enjoy about summer days?

I think it's the ability to go outside and just enjoy nature. Ever since I was a kid, I enjoyed summer because it meant I was out of school. What I love most about summer is getting together with all my family. Thankfully, everyone gets along and it's a time of love and laughter.

### While on vacation, what's your favorite way to relax?

Playing with my grandkids. We have a family summer home, and I bought a lawnmower tractor just so I could pull my grandkids around in a wagon on the property. My neighbors laugh because in 12 years, it's the only thing I have ever used the tractor for.

### What do you recall as the "best summer vacation" you ever had?

I guess the best ever has been the last several years. We have had all the grandchildren together and we would rent a bouncy castle. Last year we got one with a waterslide and all of them, of their own accord, emptied a large sized bottle of shampoo into the water. You had to see it to believe it. It looked like a gigantic bubble machine. At the end of the day, we just lined them all up and washed them down with the water hose. No baths were necessary.

### What's on the bucket list for a summertime visit?

We had a trip to Lapland planned, you could take reindeer sleigh rides and sleep in glass dome igloos, while watching the northern lights. Unfortunately, this vacation had to be canceled because of the outbreak of Covid.

### Is there any book or reading that you hope to make part of the summer season this year?

I purchased a 28-volume set of outstanding Christian biographies. I hope to revisit the story of Samuel Morris, one of the most outstanding biographies I have ever read.

### Since we're talking summertime ... what's the favorite ice cream flavor?

Vanilla chocolate twist, soft serve in a cone. As inspired by the writing of this article, I have decided to get an ice cream cone within the hour! 😊



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# Fellowship and Friendships!

Great to have **David Wollen** (*Haven Ministries*) at AAA's office for some future-casting work as his leadership at the organization continues.



It's always a team effort for recording day with **Joni Eareckson Tada** ... and always such a joy!



The cheering section at Joni and Friends includes: Shauna Amick, Celeste Sharpe, Rainey Floreen, Daria Khong, and Catherine Cobb with Joni and Ken, alongside Jim and Diane Sanders.

Having marked 40 years with Salem, our hometown GM, **Terry Fahy** has retired from KKLA and it was "all hands on deck" for the farewell.



Saluting **Terry Fahy** (far right) are Jim Sanders with Salem Media Group leadership **Allen Power** (newly elected to the NAB Board) and **Ed Atsinger** (founder and Executive Chairman) at Salem.



Enjoying the celebration: Jim & Diane Sanders with **Jay Flowers** (Grace to You) and daughter, Madeline (just graduated from The Master's University), and **Chris Gould**.

Reports **Rick Whitmer** (Senior Director of Mobilization at Hutchcraft Ministries): "*The June edition of Update arrived while I was talking to Keith so we read Ron's blurb on his father together. KMOC has played a huge role in the history of the ministry—Wichita Falls is a special place.*" And with a special team including GM **Keith Sanderson**! (And thanks for reading *Update*!)





# Seasons of Rest

For more than 40 years, **Joni Eareckson Tada** has been “Sharing Hope” in her daily 4:00 feature as well as a companion 1:00 edition. We don’t know anyone who speaks more eloquently on this topic—and so many others! A prolific author, Joni’s most recent book is titled *“The Practice of the Presence of Jesus: Daily Meditations on the Nearness of our Savior.”*

When I think of rest, I think of having the freedom to sleep in on a Saturday morning until what—8:30, 9:00 AM, with no ringing telephone. For me, rest is meeting all my deadlines and using my computer to enjoy watching a John Piper sermon. Rest could just be sitting in the backyard with Ken enjoying the hummingbirds. Many of us picture something like this when we think of rest, but when it comes to “**resting in Christ**,” quite a different picture is painted.

Let me illustrate it with this quote from Henry Drummond. He puts it this way:

*“Two painters each painted a picture to illustrate his concept of rest. The first chose for his scene a still, lone lake among far-off mountains. The second painter threw on his canvas a thundering waterfall with a fragile birch tree bending over the foam. At the fork of the branch, wet with spray, a robin sat on its nest.*

*Now, the first painting was only stagnation. The second was rest, for **in rest, there are always two elements**—energy and tranquility, turbulence and silence, destruction and creation, fearfulness and fearlessness.*

**Thus, it is with Christ.** Christ’s life outwardly was one of the most troubled lives that was ever lived: tempest and tumult, the waves breaking over him all the time. But his inner life was a sea of glass. **The great calm was always there.** At any moment, you might have gone to him and found rest. Even when the bloodhounds were dogging him in the streets of Jerusalem, he turned to his disciples and offered them, as a lasting legacy, his peace, his rest.”

All of us can identify with Jesus’s tumultuous life when He walked on earth—constant interruptions, late nights, early mornings serving others, and even rejection, lack of understanding from his best friends. But ... **“This is what the Lord says:** ‘Stand at the crossroads and look. Ask for the ancient paths. Ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls ...’” (Jeremiah 6:16).

**Those ancient words are so needed today.** I’ll be the first to admit that it is challenging to carve out times for rest. How about you? Do you find yourself precariously perched over a chasm of some frightful predicament, much like that robin above the waterfall? If you are following Christ, it is doubtful He’s leading you by an idealistic quiet lake scene, far from the madding crowd. You are in the storm of things. You are feeling the winds of adversity. And there is nothing stagnant about that. So, let the waves roar. **Inside your heart can be a sea of glass when you rest in Jesus.**

*Jesus, I am resting, resting,  
In the joy of what Thou art;  
I am finding out the greatness  
Of Thy loving heart.*



Joni Eareckson Tada





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## Coming Up ...

*This is it ... a month that is "thoroughly" summer ... and yet on the cusp of a new season with eyes on the horizon for a new school year—and then the holidays to celebrate! However you decide to spend the best offerings of August, here are just a few more reasons to be glad it has arrived!*



**August 2-9:** Talk about refreshment! Join **Anne Graham Lotz** with Joel Rosenberg for a "Voyage of Faith"—cruising the wonders of His handwork in Alaska while digging into God's Word.



**August 8:** Their legacy includes three grown daughters (and sons-in-law), four grandchildren—and impactful ministry in so many ways. Happy Anniversary, Denalyn & **Max Lucado**.



**August 12-14:** **John Sorensen** ("Share Life Today") is in Athens (Greece) for Jerusalem Council II whose purpose statement proclaims that the Global Church must synergize together to finish the Great Commission.



**August 14-16:** In Wichita (KS), **Jim Garlow** is speaking at several events including at "A Night to Celebrate: Christians Standing with Israel and the Jewish People."



**August 20:** Don't miss celebrating this one! It's officially **National Radio Day** in the USA. Thanks to Marconi, Hertz, de Forest, Tesla, Fessenden ... and all the others who participated in the creation of such an impactful medium!



**August 30:** Their faithfulness to the Lord, and to each other, has been a hallmark of their impactful ministry. Blessings on this anniversary to Patricia & **John MacArthur** (Grace to You).



**August 30:** The balloons are going up today for **David Wollen** (Haven Ministries) who marks another birthday. So grateful for David's faithful leadership of Haven in this chapter of the ministry's nearly 100 year history.

## Worth Considering

*"A vacation is what you take when you can no longer take what you've been taking."*

— Earl Wilson