

# Behind the Scenes

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*A dog does not  
know how to spell  
love, but he knows  
how to show it  
every day.*

-Unknown



## Expectations

*By Charlie Oliver*

I like processes and results. You do this, and that happens. It's the logic and clarity of math, a discipline that rewards effort and consistency. Every problem has a solution, and every choice has a consequence. I wish life was always so straightforward.

Last year, we adopted a new dog, filling the space left when we lost Cora earlier that year. Our son Wesley found Tilly at an animal shelter near Walla Walla. One thing led to another, and Wesley brought her home with him last Thanksgiving. Being a chocolate lab, like Cora, we thought we knew what to expect. We were so wrong!

Tilly likes her people, but loves Riley, our other dog. If Riley is around, Tilly is happy. This is a very good thing, and why we decided we should have two dogs. What we didn't know or understand was how much Tilly needs to be with her people. She doesn't like being left home alone, even if Riley is still there with her.

We found this out the hard way after kenneling Tilly outside with Riley while we were away at work one day, receiving a phone call from the neighbors that Tilly was over for a visit. This began a long series of events where Tilly would escape, and I'd try to secure the kennel further just to see her escape again the next day. Wash, rinse, repeat. And when I finally did succeed in securing the kennel, she was so traumatized by anxiety that we had to figure something else out entirely. This continues to be a journey.

Sometimes I feel like my Christian walk is similar. I have certain expectations of how God should work in my life, but then I face unexpected challenges or disappointments. It can be difficult to share the gospel with others when I struggle with my own issues or sins.

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## Important August Dates

**August 5 is National “Work Like A Dog Day”** - My dog mostly sleeps, he has his meals prepared and delivered every day. This could be a very good day... but it’s really all about appreciating people who work hard and are very productive. Maybe there should be a let sleeping dogs lie day then, maybe, we could get some sleep.

**August 16 is National “Tell A Joke Day”** - You’ve got to be kidding. Need we say more.



## Inspirational Musings

By Jeanette Stark

Have you ever known anyone to move away, say to the South, where they have that southern drawl? Then, you don’t talk to them for a while, and when you finally do, you notice they have a slight “accent.” Where did that come from?

According to a 2010 study by a research group at the University of California, Riverside, people subconsciously mimic other accents due to a phenomenon called “the chameleon effect”. The chameleon effect describes our human instinct to “empathize and affiliate” with other people.

It goes beyond just speech; we mimic what we see.

“Mimicry...serves an important social function. Recent experimental research has shown that people unconsciously mimic more when they have a goal to affiliate with others. Thus, if they want another person to like them, they start to mimic the other person more.” (Source: psychology.iresearchnet. com)

It goes beyond just speech and sight; we mimic other people’s emotions!

“Through biological programming, we imitate other people’s emotional displays—facial expressions, bodily gestures—and in doing so, we come to adopt their internal feelings. The biological mechanism is the mirror neuron system in the human brain. Our brain practices doing actions we merely observe in others, as if we were doing them ourselves.” (Source: psychologytoday.com)

Did you catch that?!

Our brain practices doing actions we merely observe in others, as if we were doing them ourselves, even the bad stuff. Usually, the bad stuff. That is powerful, my friend.

The Bible puts it another way.

***Do not be misled: ‘Bad company corrupts good character.’***

1 Corinthians 15:33 ESV

The moral of the story is to be careful of the company you keep.

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## Odds & Ends: Viewer Submission

Written by our reader, Marcia Mollenkopf

A walk in the woods where a fire had been  
 Not that many months ago,  
 Left me to wonder how long it would be  
 Before anything there would grow.



Then through the branches, so blackened and bare,  
 Where the ground began to slope,  
 I saw the start of a tiny green tree  
 Bringing a message of hope.

When trials, like fire, come into my life  
 And I see my dreams fall apart  
 That tiny green tree, a reminder to me,  
 Gives courage to make a new start.

## Reaching the World

Emails, Letters & Phone Calls

A lot has changed since Jesus walked this earth, but the mission has not; He wants us to share the gospel with everyone. We have methods of sharing that He didn't have available: television signals, streaming services, and the internet. Better Life is reaching farther than we could have ever imagined.

Here are a couple of notes we have recently received of people who are enjoying the programming from afar.

*"Praise God we can view you in Maryland! May God continue to Bless your outstanding work!"*

-PH, Maryland

This woman found Women in the Word on YouTube. *"This is the first video I've seen... I truly enjoyed this. I love the story of Joseph. Thank you ladies for sharing."*

-AF, Caribbean

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Why doesn't God protect me from this? Protect His people from bad things? There is just one thing to do: rely on His Word and His promises.

Jesus said in John 16:33 that we will have trouble in this world, but He has overcome the world. He also said in Matthew 5:45 that God causes the sun to rise and the rain to fall on both the righteous and the wicked. The difference? With Jesus we are never alone. He is with us now, amid our troubles, and He gives us the hope of eternity.

Revelation 21:4 describes this hope beautifully:

*He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.*

This is why we can share our testimony with others, even when things feel broken. It is not about us, but about Him. It is not about what happens to us, it is about how He is with us throughout. -CO



*The man who finds a wife finds a treasure, and he receives favor from the LORD .  
Proverbs 18:22 NLT*

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2 Corinthians 6:14 warns us to not be yoked together with unbelievers. And the question is then asked,

*For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common?  
Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?*

2 Corinthians 6:14 NIV

We need to keep our eyes on Jesus. We need to behold Him day by day, hour by hour, minute by minute.

*And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.*

2 Corinthians 3:18 ESV

By beholding the glory of the Lord, we become changed into the same image we are looking at.

A study published in the March 2006 issue of "Personality and Individual Differences" had twenty-two people, divided equally between male and female, judge the looks, personalities, and ages of 160 married couples.

The participants viewed photographs of men and women separately and were not told who was married to whom. The subjects consistently judged people who were married as being similar in appearance and personality. The researchers also found that couples who had been together longer appeared more similar.

If a man will come to look like his bride by staring at her over the years, how much more will the bride of Christ come to look like Christ by beholding Him. It's a beautiful thought.

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# Better Life TV Program Schedule

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Midnight	It's Coming	Coming Out	Country Wisdom	Bible Answers	Gospel Outreach		Praise!
12:30 AM	Secret Life of the Desert	Women in the Word	The Incredible Journey	Earth's Final Conflict	Maranatha Mission Stories	Your Favorite by Request	Your Favorite by Request
1:00 AM	From Sickness to Health	3ABN Homecoming	Sancary, Sabatons & Our Savior	Earth's Final Conflict	Revelation's Ancient Discoveries	Doug Batchelor	Daniel All Access
1:30 AM	David Klinedinst	Boots 'N Bibles	Authentic	Women in the Word	Better Life Today	Catching the Light	Revelation Now
2:00 AM	Digital Disconnect	Unlocking Bible Prophecy	Stories of Faith	Receiving the Word	Adventist World Radio	Secret Life of the Desert	Revelation Insights
2:30 AM	Evolution Impossible	Stories of Faith	Nature Music	White Horse Media	Worship Hour Special Series	Multitude of Counselors	Revelation Insights
3:00 AM	The Seventh Day	When We Talk	The Whole Message	Nature Music	Ultimate Prescription	Ultimate Prescription	Revelation Insights
3:30 AM	The Carter Report	Impact Canvasback	Better Life on Tour	GP Worship Hour	NEWSTART Now!	Maranatha Mission Stories	Amazing Facts Presents
4:00 AM	Amazing Adventures	Exercise Variety	Fountain View Music	Amazing Facts Presents	Authentic	Contending for the Faith	Gospel Outreach
4:30 AM	3ABN Today	Exercise Variety	Exercise Variety	Exercise Variety	Animal Encounters	Nature Music	Nature Music
5:00 AM	Your Favorites by Request	Bible Answers	3ABN Today Live (repeat)	3ABN Today	Exercise Variety	Exercise Variety	IIW Sabbath School
5:30 AM	It's In The Bible	Authentic	Secret Life of the Desert	3ABN Today	3ABN Today	3ABN Today	3ABN Today
6:00 AM	GP Worship Hour	Variety	Variety	Shelly Quinn Presents	ASI Conventions	Optimize for Life	Bible Answers
6:30 AM	Simple Truths Sabbath School	The Carter Report	Worship Hour Special Series	It's In the Bible	Nature Music	Cook :30	Bible Answers
7:00 AM	Ken Cox Ministries	Adventist World Radio	Ken Cox Ministries	The Seventh Day	Variety	Enjoy Healthy Eating	Catching the Light
7:30 AM	Boots 'N Bibles	Off the Grid	Maranatha Mission Stories	Variety	God's Last Message to the World	House Calls	Stories of Faith
8:00 AM	Exercise Variety	Abundant Living	Lineage	Help! I'm a Parent	Ken Cox Ministries	Secrets Unsealed	Pioneer Media
8:30 AM	Better Life Today	Heaven's Point of View	Better Life Today	Ken Cox Ministries	Ken Cox Ministries	Secrets Unsealed	Simple Truths Sabbath School
9:00 AM	3ABN Today Live (repeat)	3ABN Today	Action 4 Life	Ken Cox Ministries	Ken Cox Ministries	Secrets Unsealed	Simple Truths Sabbath School
9:30 AM	Catching The Light	The Whole Message	Unstacked Purpose/Intimate Clarity	Ken Cox Ministries	Ken Cox Ministries	Secrets Unsealed	Simple Truths Sabbath School
10:00 AM	Journey in Journals	Bible Buzz/Sing Along	3ABN Today	Ken Cox Ministries	Ken Cox Ministries	Secrets Unsealed	Simple Truths Sabbath School
10:30 AM	Receiving the Word	Creation Case	Variety Hour	Ken Cox Ministries	Ken Cox Ministries	Secrets Unsealed	Simple Truths Sabbath School
11:00 AM	Women in the Word	Nature Music	Variety Hour	Ken Cox Ministries	Ken Cox Ministries	Secrets Unsealed	Simple Truths Sabbath School
11:30 AM	Better Life Classics	Catching the Light	Variety Hour	Ken Cox Ministries	Ken Cox Ministries	Secrets Unsealed	Simple Truths Sabbath School
12:00 PM	Worship Hour Special Series	Unlocking Bible Prophecy	Evolution Impossible	Ken Cox Ministries	Ken Cox Ministries	Secrets Unsealed	Simple Truths Sabbath School
1:00 PM	Authentic	Summer Camp Meeting	The Incomparable Jesus	Ken Cox Ministries	Ken Cox Ministries	Secrets Unsealed	Simple Truths Sabbath School
1:30 PM	Good News for Muslims	Stories of Faith	Kids Time	Ken Cox Ministries	Ken Cox Ministries	Secrets Unsealed	Simple Truths Sabbath School
2:00 PM	Strategies for Strongholds	The Seventh Day	Kids Time Praise	Ken Cox Ministries	Ken Cox Ministries	Secrets Unsealed	Simple Truths Sabbath School
2:30 PM	Lineage	Ken Cox Ministries	It's Coming	Ken Cox Ministries	Ken Cox Ministries	Secrets Unsealed	Simple Truths Sabbath School
3:00 PM	Better Life on Tour	Nature Music	Prophecy Unsealed	Ken Cox Ministries	Ken Cox Ministries	Secrets Unsealed	Simple Truths Sabbath School
3:30 PM	Native New Day	Native New Day	Prophecy Unsealed	Ken Cox Ministries	Ken Cox Ministries	Secrets Unsealed	Simple Truths Sabbath School
4:00 PM	Celebrating Life in Recovery	Mark Finley Presents	Prophecy Unsealed	Ken Cox Ministries	Ken Cox Ministries	Secrets Unsealed	Simple Truths Sabbath School
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