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"I WOULD TALK TO GOD USUALLY WHEN I WAS IN A DESPERATE SITUATION OR CIRCUMSTANCE. I NEVER ASKED GOD TO CHANGE IT, I JUST ASKED HIM TO GIVE ME THE STRENGTH TO DEAL WITH IT...AND HE ALWAYS DID...AND HE STILL DOES."

# STEVE PEMBERTON

In *A Chance in the World* (an upcoming major motion picture), <u>Steve Pemberton</u> chronicles his journey from a neglectful foster home to becoming the Chief Diversity Officer of Walgreens. Sharing a remarkable story of resilience, faith and forgiveness, Pemberton inspires us to have the courage and strength to face adversity in life.

As founder and CEO of Homeboy Industries, the largest gang intervention and re-entry program in Los Angeles County, <u>Father Gregory Boyle</u> has dedicated his life to helping marginalized individuals find a place in society. A White House Champion of Change and author of *Tattoos on the Heart*, he has become a beacon of hope around the world who reminds us of the power of unconditional love.



Reverend Cornell William Brooks is the president and CEO of the NAACP, the nation's oldest grassroots-based civil rights organization. Sharing the riveting story of how he went from having nothing to becoming an attorney, activist, congressional candidate and pastor, Brooks has spoken before congregations of diverse faiths, communities, schools and businesses spanning the U.S. and Europe.

CORNELL BROOKS



One of the greatest wide receivers to ever play in the NFL, <u>Tim Brown</u> has continued his quest to inspire and motivate off the field, having penned *The Making of a Man: How Men and Boys Honor God* and *Live with Integrity*. Sharing personal triumphs and heartbreaks, he challenges audiences to evaluate the principles and priorities that shape their lives.

TIM BROWN





"NEVER REFUSE ANY WHO ASK YOU FOR HELP; IF YOUR POCKETS ARE EMPTY, GIVE THEM HOPE. YOUR EVERY ACTION MUST BE BORN OF KINDNESS, YOUR EVERY WORD SPOKEN WITH LOVE. LIVE AS GOD WOULD HAVE YOU LIVE, AND OTHERS WILL BE INSPIRED TO DO THE SAME."

# IMMACULÉE ILIBAGIZA

A survivor of the 1994 Rwandan genocide, <u>Immaculée Ilibagiza</u> is a living example of faith put into action. Crediting prayer for saving her life, she shares her extraordinary story in the international bestseller *Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust*. A passionate activist, she founded the Left to Tell Charitable Fund to help others heal from the effects of genocide and war.

A cultural icon of the 80's, best known for his role as "Mike Seaver" on the hit show *Growing Pains*, <u>Kirk</u>

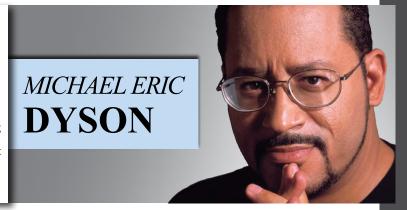
<u>Cameron</u> has since acted in several of Cloud Ten Pictures'

Christian-themed films. An impassioned philanthropist and speaker, he discusses what he considers to be the foundations of life: faith, family and values.

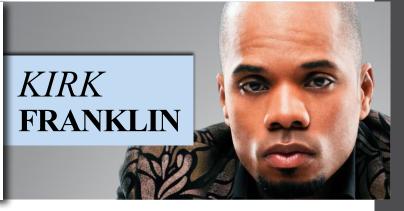


A renowned public intellectual and an ordained minister,

Reverend Michael Eric Dyson once stated, "When you have closed the Bible, you have neither closed God's mind nor shut God's mouth. God continues to speak, live and exist. I think we should consult the living God for the living word for living people dealing with death, destruction and despair in the midst of our hurt humanity. I believe love will conquer all."



The first Gospel artist ever to go platinum, <u>Kirk Franklin</u> has transformed and transcended the genre. Throughout his success, he never lost sight of his faith, remaining a devout Christian and leading a youth outreach program. Sharing views on faith in culture, hip-hop and the church experience, he encourages everyone to express their faith in uniquely meaningful ways.





"I HONESTLY FEEL LIKE WE, AS PEOPLE, ARE THE EXTENSION AND THE ARMS OF CHRIST, LOVING ON EACH OTHER. IT IS LITERALLY CHRIST REACHING DOWN AND LOVING US THROUGH OTHER PEOPLE, WRAPPING HIS ARMS AROUND US THROUGH OTHER PEOPLE."

# CHRISTY BEAM

Author of the *New York Times* bestseller, *Miracles from Heaven*—now a movie starring Jennifer Garner and Queen Latifah—<u>Christy Beam</u> shares the incredible story of watching her daughter Annabel miraculously recover from an incurable digestive disorder after falling three stories, headfirst. Beam inspires with a message of faith, family and what it means to never give up.

An Emmy-winning actress popular for such roles as "Debra Barone" on *Everybody Loves Raymond* and "Frankie" on *The Middle*, <u>Patricia Heaton</u> draws on her deep faith and strong social conscience to speak out on today's hot-button topics. Delivering refreshing honesty with a dose of humor, she speaks on religion, marriage, career and finding balance in life.

# PATRICIA HEATON



A high school basketball legend from Massachusetts,

<u>Chris Herren</u> realized his lifelong dream when he played for the Boston Celtics, only to lose it all to alcohol and drug addiction. The subject of ESPN's 30 for 30 documentary, *Unguarded*, and author of *Basketball Junkie*, he credits his sobriety to prayer and being saved by the grace of God.



Subject of the hit film *When the Game Stands Tall*, legendary coach <u>Bob Ladouceur</u> is credited for leading his Catholic school football team on a twelve-year winning streak. Now a sought-after voice of inspiration, he shares with audiences the elements that anchored his success: a strong adherence to faith, personal responsibility and pursuing perfection in daily life.

BOB LADOUCEUR





"I CAN'T DROP MY GOD TO FIT IN, AND I WON'T. GOD IS BUILDING AN ARMY ALL OVER THE PLACE, IN HOLLYWOOD AS WELL. SO IT FEELS GOOD TO BE A PART OF IT."

# TRAI BYERS

Known as "Andrew Lyon" from the hit television show, *Empire*, actor and singer <u>Trai</u>

Byers has taken the entertainment industry by storm. Off-camera, he uses his fame for good as a dedicated philanthropist, devout Christian and passionate anti-violence advocate. Able to connect with audiences of all types, he speaks on the topics that led his life in the right direction: faith, education and entertainment.

News One Now host and syndicated columnist Roland Martin has interviewed newsmakers ranging from U.S. presidents to top athletes and entertainers. A man who is also very passionate about religion, he authored Listening to the Spirit Within: 50 Perspectives on Faith, and speaks about the important role faith plays in everyday life.



A veteran, Rhodes Scholar and the founder of BridgeEDU, acclaimed author Wes Moore has dedicated his work to exploring the meaning of life. In his critically acclaimed bestsellers, *The Other Wes Moore* and *The Work*, he probes the choices people make in life, sharing indispensable insight about what it means to create lives that matter.

WES MOORE



Former co-host of the Emmy-winning talk show, *The View*, actress and comedian <u>Sherri Shepherd</u> is known for her magnetic personality and sense of humor. A passionate activist and follower of Christ, Shepherd is an avid supporter of such organizations as the March of Dimes and Embrace, and has partnered with the YAI National Institute to raise awareness for children and adults with disabilities.





"I THINK IT IS INCUMBENT UPON ALL OF US TO DIG DEEP WITHIN OURSELVES TO RESPECT THE WISHES OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND OUR DEMOCRACY TO HOLD FIRM TO OUR BELIEFS BUT NOT SO MUCH THAT WE HURT OTHER PEOPLE BY IMPEDING PROGRESS."

# **SEANASTIN**

Son of the legendary Patty Duke, <u>Sean Astin</u> in an acclaimed filmmaker and actor best known for his roles in the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy, *The Goonies* and *Rudy*. A vocal advocate for mental health awareness, he candidly and compassionately shares his experience with Duke's bipolar disorder and his ongoing personal journey with faith.

An Academy Award-winning actress and star of *Do You Believe?*—a film heralded as the Christian *Crash*—Mira Sorvino is also a documentary filmmaker and UN Goodwill Ambassador. Passionate about impacting the greater good, faith infuses every part of her life as she continues to be a powerful activist and voice for important global causes.

# MIRA SORVINO



One of the most widely-read and highly-regarded voices in American journalism, <u>Cal Thomas</u>—an evangelical Christian—has been a trusted commentator for over three decades. Offering unique views on everything from politics and culture to ethics and religion, he lends a uniquely informed viewpoint to the major issues of the day.



From the competitive world of professional modeling to life in the Hollywood fast lane and single motherhood, actress <a href="Janine Turner">Janine Turner</a> has relied upon her unwavering Christian faith to strengthen her resolve in troubled times. She inspires audiences with stories from her own life as well as the spiritual lessons that have comforted and sustained her.

JANINE TURNER





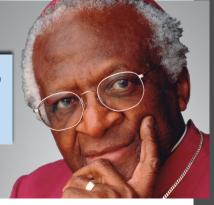
"ONCE I STARTED TO GET ALIGNED WITH THE GOD IN ME, SOMETHING HIT ME HARD: I LEARNED THAT OUR WORTH, OUR VALIDATION, OUR PURPOSE AND OUR ACCEPTANCE DON'T STEM FROM WHAT WE SHOULD DO. THEY DON'T STEM FROM WHAT WE HAVE. THEY DON'T STEM FROM WHAT WE'VE DONE OR WHO WE WERE. THEY STEM SIMPLY FROM THE FACT THAT WE ARE. WE ARE ALIVE. WE ARE HERE. WE ARE CREATED OF LOVE BECAUSE WE ARE CREATED OF GOD."

# GRACE (GEALEY) BYERS

Star of the hit television show, *Empire*, <u>Grace (Gealey) Byers</u> was born in the Caymans and raised by two deaf parents. Sharing the many blessings in her life, she lends insights into challenging social and cultural experiences, reminding us all to have compassion for each other as we continue to grow.

One of the world's most stirring voices for peace, Nobel Prize winner Archbishop Desmond Tutu soothes souls and rallies hearts with his passionate proclamations of hope, faith and dignity. With a deep, abiding love for all humanity, he leads the world in the search for spiritual values, understanding forgiveness, and the significance of truth and justice.

# DESMOND TUTU



Without any medical explanation or warning, Nick Vujicic was born limbless. Today, he has accomplished more than most people accomplish in a lifetime. The founder of Life Without Limbs, Vujicic believes that there is a purpose in each of the struggles we encounter in life. He inspires audiences spanning the globe, sharing how faith and trust in the Lord can be the keys to overcoming challenges.

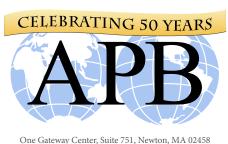
NICK VUJICIC



Praised by *The New York Times* for his "ferocious moral vision," <u>Dr. Cornel West</u> is one of America's most provocative public intellectuals. A professor of philosophy and Christian practice at Union Theological Seminary and professor emeritus at Princeton University, Dr. West weaves together the traditions of the black Baptist Church, progressive politics, and jazz in his writing, speaking and teaching.

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