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A Conversation on the Road to Emmaus

One of my favorite scripture stories is the account of the two disciples walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus on Resurrection Day. Emmaus is about 7 miles west of Jerusalem. Grieving Jesus' death on Friday, they may have waited until Sunday to travel due to the Sabbath limit of .57 miles. They heard the governor and Jewish leaders had posted a guard of 100 at the tomb over the Sabbath. For Jewish leaders, who wouldn't enter Pilate's house before Passover, breaking the Sabbath to oversee the sealing of Jesus' tomb was striking. Ironically, this put 100 witnesses at the tomb when the angel rolled back the stone, and Jesus emerged in glory. The angel sitting on the stone seems to say, "Do you gentlemen have a problem with this?"

The two disciples had also heard about many graves which had been opened on Friday, and how several formerly dead people, now very much alive, had gone into Jerusalem proclaiming Jesus as the Risen Messiah. The ladies who often supported Jesus with food and provisions had tried to prepare Jesus' body for burial on Friday evening, but they had to stop because that was considered work and not permitted during the Sabbath hours. Wanting to finish the job, they got a very early start that Sunday, but as they walked to the tomb, they wondered how they would roll away the stone. More stories were circulating that the ladies had encountered angels, and that Mary Magdalene had even seen Jesus Himself. She related how He had not yet gone to His Father. Peter and John had been at the tomb and saw something only Jesus would have done. He folded the grave clothes neatly. Many have commented on that point, but the fact that He did that let everyone who knew Him personally know that He had really risen from the grave, as no one else would have thought to do that.



**David Bouduc,
President**



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President's Perspective

We pray daily for our listeners, especially that the Holy Spirit would help someone in need tune into one of our stations. We have heard more than once that a person wasn't looking for one of our stations but somehow their radio "tuned itself" to a STR Station. At first, they were annoyed, but then they heard something that piqued their interest, and the Holy Spirit worked on their hearts.

We are so blessed to live in a country with a Constitution that grants us the freedom to broadcast truths found in Scripture. Recently, during our weekly staff meeting, we started reading the chapter in *The Great Controversy* about William Miller. It was his view of Christ as a redeeming and loving Savior that piqued his interest in studying the Scriptures. Consider what the Lord did with him, just one man, to reach the multitudes. As William Miller studied the scriptures, he saw that the 2,300-day prophecy in Daniel 8:14 was about to be fulfilled. Led by the Holy Spirit, he used the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation to bring his listeners into a closer walk with Christ, preparing them for his coming.

We see so many things happening in this world. We know God is in control and that He wants to draw as many people as possible into His kingdom.

We praise God for the way He continues to provide for Strong Tower Radio. The enemy often uses financial pressures to try to discourage us. It is through these challenging financial times that God is teaching us that He will provide for our needs in the future. As an STR supporter, aren't you blessed when you hear how your prayers and financial support have brought one more person into a saving relationship with Christ? Thank you for those prayers and financial support of Strong Tower Radio.



Changing Lives: Tuned in

Chris Kacos doesn't recall how he obtained a Bible as a young teen, just that he liked it from the start and began reading it regularly. He grew up in an irreligious family, influenced by his mother's shame toward her street preacher father. Yet every Sunday afternoon, Chris's family went to his grandparents' house for lunch, and there he received a morsel of spiritual influence from his street-preacher grandfather.



Kam Ferguson,
Development
Director

A spiritual life further developed within Chris during the 1960's when numerous national leaders were killed. Civil foundations seemed to be cracking, and life felt insecure. The Hippie movement was gaining traction, yet some time spent with hippies convinced Chris that they were foolish, and he rejected their life approach. Chris's life search included marriage, children, and divorce, and he's now many years into his current marriage.

Chris has always loved music. He played guitar in nightclubs for many years. While performing, he saw many people searching for meaning and something better in life. Convinced that the Bible was true, yet Christianity unfaithful to it, Chris preferred quiet Bible study and music gigs over church attendance. His wife didn't understand this preference and periodically urged him to attend church with her more often.

Long ago, Chris recognized the narrative lies of television and movies and increasingly avoided them, favoring radio as his preferred media format. A self-described "radio junkie" who likes looking for far-off stations, he tuned in to Strong Tower Radio (89.7 FM, Grand Rapids) one day five years ago. It was Joe Crews who grabbed his attention with clearly spoken Bible truth. Chris kept listening.

He liked the Bible narratives, the history and children's stories, and the clear messages that made Bible truth plain, rather than man's traditions. After three years of listening, Chris visited the Lowell Riverside SDA Fellowship and stated to those who greeted him: *"I've been listening to Strong Tower Radio for 3 years and decided to do something about it."*

Chris has been attending Lowell Riverside church for the past two years and has faced trials along the way. His son was recently sentenced to a prison term, and while it was difficult to see happen, Chris views it as providential.

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So, while the two disciples made their 7-mile journey to Emmaus, they were sad and confused. They noticed another traveler join them, but like Mary at the tomb, they didn't recognize that it was Jesus. He asked them what they were talking about. They questioned Him, asking whether He was the only Stranger in Jerusalem who did not know what had happened to Jesus or the events of that day.

Jesus used their answering question to then ask them one of the most important questions in Scripture, "Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into His glory?" **Luke 24:26**

Jesus then opened the scriptures to them, starting with the writings of Moses and the Prophets as well as Psalms, showing how the Messiah would fulfill all of the prophecies. John the Baptist had called Jesus the Lamb of God, which pointed back to the Sanctuary services. John and Jesus both said that Jesus was the Light of the World. Isaiah had told how the Messiah would be a "suffering Servant". David foretold Jesus' death in **Psalms 22**. For several hours that Sunday afternoon, Jesus opened their minds to how the events of His life had been foretold in the scriptures. Jesus had not come to change anything in the Law or the Prophets' writings; no, He had come to fulfill them! He had foretold that He would rise again on the third day, but they were too blinded by their sorrow to see the fulfillment of His prophecy.

When the travelers reached Emmaus, they invited Jesus to eat with them and likely stay the night. The encouragement and scriptural clarity He had provided must have been deeply comforting, leaving them eager to hear more. Although Jesus appeared ready to continue on, they "constrained" or implored Him: "Please, Sir, stay with us!"

Jesus never turns down an invitation like that. He stayed with them, and at the meal, they asked Him to bless their meager food. They immediately recognized Jesus when they saw Him take the bread, bless it, and hand it to them. He certainly must have had a smile on His face when He knew they recognized Him. Then, He vanished from their site, for His work for them was done. The excitement jumps off the page, "Did not our heart burn within us, while He talked with us by the way, and while He opened to us the scriptures?" - **Luke 24:32**. They immediately headed back to Jerusalem to tell the 11 disciples.

On a good day, it takes the average person about 20 minutes to walk a mile. The moon would have been full, but it still would have taken at least 2 hours to get back to Jerusalem. Most likely, they got back to Jerusalem after sunset on Sunday evening.

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In the Jewish mind, they would have arrived in Jerusalem after Monday had started, since a day in the Scriptures begins at sunset, not midnight.

I can imagine the excitement as they told the 11 disciples how they had walked with Jesus and only recognized Him when He blessed and broke the bread. Then suddenly, Jesus appeared in the room. The two disciples would have immediately recognized Jesus, but the 11 disciples and others there were terrified. Jesus asked them why they were troubled and still doubting. Jesus asked for some food and invited them to touch Him. He then opened the Scriptures, the writings of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms to the 11 disciples. I'm sure the two disciples clung to every word as they heard Jesus re-tell the fulfillment of the Scriptures in His life's ministry.

This is the goal of Strong Tower Radio: to open the scriptures to our listeners to reveal God's Character. Won't you support us with your prayers and financial gifts as we broadcast the Emmaus Road message of God's Character of Love revealed in Christ?



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A life of sin led to the sentence, and the prison time provides a good opportunity for his son to seriously encounter God's love.

Shortly after his son landed in prison, Chris was diagnosed with cancer and is currently dealing with its effects on his life. Conviction also grew stronger to take his stand for Jesus Christ in baptism and join the only church he knows that honors all of God's law and doesn't follow human traditions.

In September 2025, after studying with head elder Kevin Barrett, Chris declared his love and dedication to Jesus Christ and His everlasting gospel. He was baptized in a local lake by pastor Darrell LeRoux. Praise God!

Please pray for Chris and his wife. As they face his challenging health situation, ask that they have the peace of God that passes understanding and fully trust Him with the outcome. Glory to God for another changed and changing life!



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CURRENT EVENTS

Tom Mejeur



**Production
Director**

As you receive this newsletter, we are airing Strong Tower Radio's Easter/Resurrection special programs (Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday). No radio station or network airs more Easter programs than Strong Tower Radio!! (That we are aware of!) Palm Sunday, March 29, begins the countdown to Easter with *Eight Days that Changed the World*. The Eight Days program airs each day of Passion Week, based on historical and Biblical research. The **Your Story Hour** dramatizes the Passion Week story for children and adults. There are other Easter programs with songs and stories, including Strong Tower Radio's **Variety Hour**, which has featured several classic programs over the years. In addition, there are dramatized readings of the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, with nearly 120 hours of Resurrection programming spanning eight days from Palm Sunday to Easter!

Our regular programs include Pastor Jay Gallimore's *Galatians* commentary on Fridays at 1 p.m. and Sabbaths at 5 p.m. through May.

On our flagship **Strong Tower Radio Today** program, we have a variety of topics. The 1st week of April, our program reviews this month's newsletter articles, April's *National Child Abuse Awareness Month*, and other locally produced programs. The **Garden Guy** is the 2nd week of the month. In the 3rd week, we air our interview recorded at The French Huguenot Church in Charleston, SC which was founded in the 1680s as a sanctuary for French Protestants fleeing violent religious persecution. They settled in Charleston seeking religious freedom, land, economic opportunity, and to establish their first church. It is a delightful discussion with the current pastor of over 30 years. The final week programs introduces us to a Christian musician and producer, who has worked in both secular and sacred media.

In the **Strong Tower Radio Feature** program, we air an episode on bear safety. We interviewed Michigan Department of Natural Resources expert Dr. Jared Duquette at Jay's Sporting Goods, Webb Wildlife and Education Center about bear encounters and advice in such situations. These special and locally produced programs are for you, our listeners, to enjoy throughout April, exclusively on Strong Tower Radio, "Where God's Character IS Proclaimed!"

Grow Where You're Planted

Some people pine away for a better place to live and think that they would do so much better in a different location. Others imagine that if they only had better opportunities, such as a better education, a better job, a better “whatever” in their life, then they would finally thrive. While true in some cases, this is often self-deception based on a distorted view of reality.

Christians aren't immune to this distortion and often pine away for a better placement or way to work for God, or think they'd have a much greater impact by focusing their missionary efforts on a faraway place. This distortion often results in the local mission field being overlooked or downplayed as less important.

We aren't to focus only on the local mission field either. In fact, the attention given to the local region directly correlates with our attentiveness to foreign mission fields. It's not one or the other; it's a mission mindset. Jesus' words to the first disciples, recorded in **Matt 28:18-20**, echo down to us today: “Our field is the world!”

This informs the mindset that we are to adopt, since it isn't natural to us. Our natural inclination is to let someone else do the work, seeing ourselves as unqualified, lacking resources, or some other excuse to justify our inaction. Contrast this with ‘trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified,’ described in **Isa 61:3**.

I praise the Lord for the many readers, listeners, and supporters through whom God sustains numerous ministries, including Strong Tower Radio (STR). You continue to develop that mission mindset that embraces Jesus' counsel to “sow beside all waters.” You fund far-away mission efforts and the 24/7/365 evangelistic work of STR in the Great Lakes region, primarily Michigan and Illinois, yet with a growing body of global listeners via web streaming. You're growing where you've been planted!

The fit word continually spoken via airwaves persistently yields more precious fruit, as changed lives testimonies so beautifully affirm!

Thank you for adopting the mission mindset of Jesus Christ and thereby glorifying God as a tree of righteousness planted by Him right where you are.



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| 4/04 | 11:00 a.m. | Kam Ferguson | Jackson Seventh-day Adventist Church |
| 4/11 | 11:00 a.m. | David Bolduc | Marion Seventh-day Adventist Church |
| 4/11 | 11:00 a.m. | Kam Ferguson | Cadillac 13th Street Seventh-day Adventist Church |
| 4/25 | 2:30 p.m. | Kam Ferguson | Rally - Cedar Lake Seventh-day Adventist Church |

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