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Keep both eyes on the goal

Commitment, dedication and sheer hard work brought Team GB their greatest haul of Olympic medals in living memory. Their approach can inspire Christians.

During August more than 11,000 of the world's finest athletes competed at the Olympic Games in picturesque Rio de Janeiro. It was Great Britain's best Olympics for over 100 years with Team GB's 366 athletes winning 67 medals, putting it in second place after the United States. Who can forget Usain Bolt from Jamaica winning gold medals in the 100m, 200m and 4x100m relay for three successive Olympics; Britain's Mo Farah winning the 10,000m and 5,000m double for two successive Olympics; or the diminutive powerhouse American Simone Biles winning four gold medals and one bronze in gymnastics? Such athletes and their counterparts in the Paralympics due to start in September demonstrate some of the best human qualities.

Just under two thousand years ago when writing to the Corinthians, the apostle Paul referred to running, boxing, winning a prize and being disciplined (1 Corinthians 9:24-27) in order to establish a rapport with a Greek audience very familiar with the Olympic Games which occurred every four years and with the Isthmian Games, in Isthmia close to Corinth, held every two years.

As recognised by Paul, there are many parallels between our Christian way of life and the life of elite athletes. Let's examine just five.

Count the Cost

The coach sees the potential, but it is up to the budding young gymnast or athlete to make that total commitment. Are they disciplined enough to dedicate themselves to long hours of training, sacrificing many social activities in order to achieve their objective?



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God the Father calls us to the Christian way of life (John 6: 44). He knows that we can succeed, but we have to accept the challenge. Christ described it as "counting the cost" and added, "Whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple" (Luke 14:26-33). Are we willing to put our relationship with God above all other persons and things? Are we going to say "Yes, I'll do it?" Or will we look at the work required and say "No thanks."

Turn weaknesses into strengths

It is inspiring to learn how elite athletes have overcome weaknesses to reach the top. The American athlete Wilma Rudolf seemingly had everything stacked against her in early childhood. Born prematurely at 4 lbs 8 ounces, the 20th child of 22 children, most of Wilma's childhood was spent in bed. She suffered from double pneu-

monia, scarlet fever, whooping cough, chicken pox and measles. She was paralysed with the polio virus at the age of four. From age six she had to wear a metal brace on her left leg and foot which had become twisted. The doctors said Wilma would never walk again. However, she chose to disbelieve them. She was determined that someday she would walk and she did! At age 16 she was one of the four Americans who won bronze medals for the 4 x 100m relay at the 1956 Olympics in Melbourne, Australia.

At the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome, Wilma Rudolph won three gold medals – 100m, 200m and the 4 x 100m relay – the first American woman to win three gold medals at a single Olympic Games. She was the fastest woman on earth – not bad for someone who was told she would never walk again!

God isn't asking us to become sprint champions, but He is asking us to turn our weaknesses into strengths and to multiply our talents with His help.

In 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 the Apostle Paul reminds us that God is not calling the elite (the wise, mighty and noble) of the world. Instead God is working with the foolish, weak and base people to bring about His purpose. Why? So that we cannot say that we did it through our own efforts. God is doing it, but through human instruments that are obedient to His will.

John and Peter were fishermen when Jesus began working with them, yet scripture records how they later confounded the mighty: "Now when they [Jerusalem's religious elite] saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marvelled. And they realised that they had been with Jesus" (Acts 4:5-13).

Many elite athletes have had to strive to turn weaknesses into strengths. Christians are required to do likewise.

Trust your coaches

Obviously youngsters who aspire to become world-class gymnasts or cyclists cannot coach themselves. They have to trust that their coaches, often former elite athletes as well, can accurately assess weaknesses and strengths and develop training programmes that prepare them best for greatness. Sports writers attribute Team GB's phenomenal success in Rio to coaching expertise.

God the Father is the Master Potter shaping us as Christians. He is like our manager. We have a coach in Jesus Christ who understands human frailty. We have to trust that our coach has designed a programme that gets us ready for our future in the Kingdom of God and "that all things work together for good to those who love God" (Romans 8:28).

Endurance, perseverance and patience.

Elite athletes are required to put in years of training. As soon as one Olympics is finished they begin preparing for the next four years later.

In the messages to the seven churches in Asia Minor, Ephesus was commended for its patience and perseverance (Revelation 2:1-3). Thyatira, too, was praised for its patience, but warned to hold fast (chapter 2:18-25). Philadelphia was praised for its perseverance but also warned to hold fast so "that no one may take your crown (chapter 3:7-12).

Note the repeated emphasis on enduring to the end, persevering and having patience. That is certainly required of top athletes; it is also required of Christians.

Stay focused on the goal

Tiger Woods, once at the top of the golfing world, knew at age four that he was going to become one of the world's greatest golfers. He kept his eye on that goal.

The Frenchman Jean-Claude Killy who was a leading skier from 1966-1968 began skiing at age three and dreamed as a child of becoming a world class skier. He kept his eye on that goal. Killy won the World Championships downhill in 1966, then two World Cups, and three medals for the downhill, slalom and giant slalom in the 1968 Winter Olympics in Grenoble.

British track cyclist Laura Trott had a photograph taken with cyclist Sir Bradley Wiggins with his gold medal

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around her neck at age 12. Inspired to go for Olympic gold, 12 years later in Rio she won her fourth gold medal.

Many Olympic champions had that early dream and focused intently on that goal, having the discipline, endurance and drive to bring it to fruition.

Likewise, once God calls us, we must remain focused on our goal of entering into His Kingdom. In Luke 9:62 Christ describes this with an agricultural analogy that his listeners would have understood. "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." A secret to creating a straight furrow is to keep your eye focused on a distant object. As soon as you look away the straight furrow is lost.

Top Olympic athletes and Christians are required to count the cost, turn their weaknesses into strengths, trust their coaches, display endurance, perseverance and patience and stay focused on the goal. They strive for medals of gold, silver and bronze; we strive for an eternal crown, and entrance into the Kingdom of God!

Wayne Topping

Beyond Today

Christ's transfiguration: Vision of the world beyond today

A few weeks before they witnessed the horror of His crucifixion, three of Christ's closest disciples accompanied Him onto a hillside. The vision they saw there caused them to marvel and gave them hope for the rest of their lives

It was early spring and Jesus, together with His disciples, had begun their journey towards Jerusalem. There, His adherents expected to keep the Passover with Him and the Days of Unleavened Bread that followed. Jesus knew He was going to His death and tried to explain this to them, preparing them for the horrors that lay ahead (Matthew 16:21).

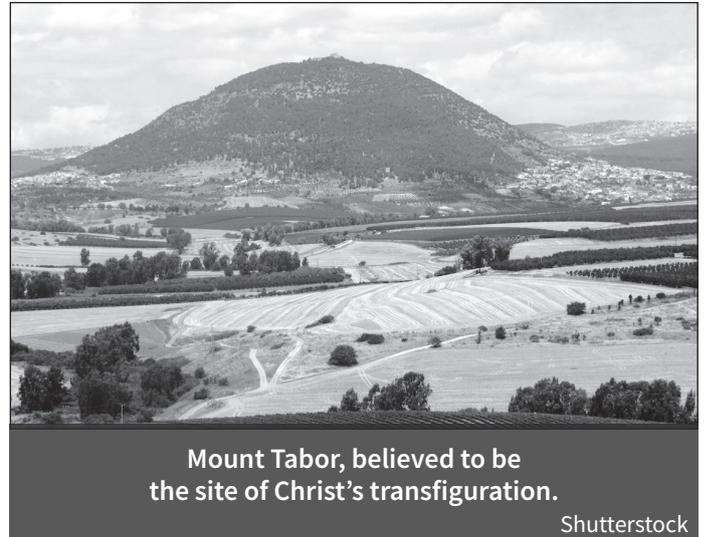
They were not a huge amount of help to Him in this regard— they just didn't understand. Even when He took these same three disciples aside to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane, they still could neither comprehend nor contemplate the agonising death He was about to endure.

Seeing Christ's future glory

Towards the end of Matthew chapter 16, Christ also told them of His future return in glory at the end of the age (verse 27). This He followed with an amazing prophecy: "Assuredly, I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom" (Matthew 16:28). The disciples must have been bewildered by this and it led to some believing that the kingdom of God would come very soon. However, this was not what Jesus meant.

"We beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."

Matthew's gospel has a chapter break here, but in Mark and Luke's accounts the narrative continues without a pause (Mark 9:1-8; Luke 9:27-36). About a week after this puzzling statement, Matthew records, "Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him" (Matthew 17:1-3). Luke's gospel tells us that it was Christ's death - His 'departure' - that they were discussing.



The disciples were astounded by this but a greater event was yet to happen which would terrify them: "A bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, 'This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!' And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid" (verses 5-6).

The account continues, "But Jesus came and touched them and said, 'Arise, and do not be afraid.' When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, 'Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead.'" (verses 7-9).

Clearly this vision had a link both to Christ's resurrection and to His future return to earth in glory. Scripture is silent on how the disciples recognised Moses and Elijah in their future resurrected glory (Luke 9:30-31).

A vision of hope

Both Peter and John mention this event in their writings. At the beginning of his gospel, John records, "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). This event was the only recorded time, when Christ's future – and past

(John 17:5) – glory was revealed to these disciples.

Peter wrote, “For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honour and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: ‘This is My Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.’ And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain” (2 Peter 1:16-18).

Nothing written by James, John’s brother, is known. He was killed by Herod early on in New Testament history (Acts 12:1-2), but it is fairly safe to assume that he found strength to face what he had to from the vision of the future he had seen.

Hope for us too

Christ’s transfiguration is a prophecy or revelation given in advance of what He will be like at His second coming. The way He appeared in His transfiguration is akin to how He will appear when He returns to earth as

its King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Moses and Elijah also appeared with Him, talking to Him face to face. In his human life, Moses had longed to see God’s glory, but was never allowed to see His face in its glorious state (Exodus 33:18-23). From this vision we know that Moses and Elijah will share in that glory at Christ’s return. We also know that we shall share in that same glory (2 Corinthians 3:18; 1 John 3:2).

Christ knew the manner and nature of His death but wanted to give His disciples a vision to inspire them. Ahead we face the time the Bible calls the Great Tribulation. Before that, wars, disasters and disease epidemics are foretold. This vision shows that whatever we face in this life, there is a resurrection of the dead and the saints will have a glorious future existence at Christ’s return – eternal life in God’s family.

For more information on these vital subjects, please request or download our free booklets *The Book of Revelation Unveiled* and *Christ’s Reign on Earth*.

David Fenney

God: A Friend to those who want to be His friend

Winston Churchill said in his address to the United States Senate in 1941, “He must indeed have a blind soul who cannot see that some great purpose and design is being worked out here below of which we have the honour to be faithful servants.” Indeed God has a great purpose for mankind as the pages of *Beyond Today* magazine and this Supplement testify. What purpose does God have for you. Is He interested in you?

The apostle Peter answers that question: “The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering towards us, not willing that should perish but that all should come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9 NKJV). God wants everyone to become part of His family.

In order for this relationship to develop we need to be in communication with God – talking to Him and letting Him talk to us. We communicate with God through prayer and He communicates with us through His word, the Bible. This is the foundation of our relationship with God and as that relationship develops we start to realise that we can become like Abraham, who was called “the friend of God” (James 2:23).

When we talk to our human friends, we talk about anything and everything. We can ask for their advice or opinions. Especially we can ask them for help in a time of need expecting them to help out just as we would for them in their time of need. These actions forge a bond that cements the friendship and so it is with God. Our interaction cements that friendship. Jesus Christ called

His disciples “friends” (John 15:12-17).

When I was at Forestry College we were sent out to assess the volume of standing timber on a plot of land. Calculations were to the fourth decimal point so a calculator was an essential, and expensive, piece of equipment. On returning to college the calculator was missing, obviously dropped in the plantation. My colleagues and I returned that evening to search the one and a half acre plot. During our absence it had rained heavily and the area was now half flooded. We split up to search in different areas leaving me alone standing over a puddle of murky water.

Realising the impossible task that lay ahead I prayed to the Creator of all for some help. Then I decided that I had better do something so why not start right now, right here? I rolled up my sleeve, plunged my hand into the cold, murky water – my hand touched the calculator. We were not in the plantation more than 5 minutes before we were heading back to college. After drying it out the calculator worked even though it had been submerged in water for several hours.

Although that incident occurred over 40 years ago, I still remember it. I recall that my Friend was there for me in a time of need and is still there for me. Since then I have asked Him for help many times, but, as in all friendships, we have to keep talking to each other.

To learn more please request our Bible Study Guide, “How to Build a Close Relationship with God.”

David Payne

Winning the battle for your mind

Satan loves negativity, especially when he can infect our minds with it. God has provided a strategy to counter this.

In his plan for the destruction of humanity, Satan the devil has a master card. The apostle Paul called him “the prince of the power of the air” (Ephesians 2:2). With that power he can broadcast attitudes. He could broadcast love and peace, but he is the epitome of negativity and he wants us to be like him. Thus, negativity is what he broadcasts.

Satan wants to mould us in his image. His formula is simple. He bombards us with the negativity of this world – his world (John 14:30). His tools include distractions on television, in other forms of entertainment and the internet, where themes and topics are rarely positive and uplifting. Sometimes his influence comes via our work colleagues or neighbours, or, worse still, our friends, by what they say or do, or what they want us to do. We can protect ourselves by following biblical advice to be aware of what is going into our minds and of the potential effects of the kind of company we keep (Philippians 4:8; 1 Corinthians 15:33).

If we give in to Satan’s negativity, he has gained an inroad into our thinking – a pathway into our mind. And “as a man thinks in his heart, so is he” (Proverbs 23:7). So the formula is very simple.

Overcoming Satan’s negativity

Satan’s strongholds of negative thinking include fears, doubts, anxiety, bitterness or dislike – growing, unchecked, into hatred. Additional traits would be anger, pride and stubbornness, including a refusal to accept God’s rule in our lives. The apostle Paul was very much aware that a Christian will experience many periods of spiritual warfare and that Satan’s strongholds must be pulled down (2 Corinthians 10:4). Whether we like it or not, we are not only battling our own human nature, but evil powers as well.

Winning these battles requires “bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ” (verse 5).

What are the thoughts that must be brought into captivity and destroyed? They are the thoughts of negativity, broadcast by the wicked one. It is vital that we make advances in this battle for our minds because negative thinking will eventually destroy our faith.

These battles are part of our spiritual development and we have the mighty power of God on our side. However, we need to know how to use that power. The apostle

Paul likened both our defensive and offensive needs to the dress of a Roman soldier (Ephesians 6:13-17). While all the aspects of the armour of God mentioned in these verses are important, “the shield of faith” and the “sword of the spirit, which is the word of God” are the most relevant in the context of resisting Satan.

While negative thoughts can destroy faith, a strong faith can “quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one” (verse 16). Faith knows and relies on God’s promises

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and does not crumble in the face of the devil’s negative broadcasts.

The sword of the Spirit is the one offensive weapon provided to Christians. It is the word of God found in the Bible (verse 17). This is our spiritual daily bread, by which we grow and can increase our faith (Romans 10:17). Knowing God’s word is vitally important and cannot be overemphasised.

After forty days of fasting in the wilderness, Jesus encountered the devil, who tried to tempt him to sin, even quoting scripture out of its spiritual context (Matthew 4:6). How was the devil defeated? In every case, Jesus accurately quoted scripture. After resisting Satan’s wiles Jesus commanded him to depart and Satan had to obey. The Son of God used the sword of the Spirit – the Word of God – and we need to do the same.

James, “the Lord’s brother,” instructs that if we submit to God and resist the devil he will flee from us (James 4:7). We do that with the sword of the Spirit, using the word of God.

The devil is described as a roaring lion, seeking prey that he can devour (1 Peter 5:8). However, he is not able to prey on just any one. He has to *seek* whom he may devour. If we are correctly using the tools with which God has provided us – the shield of faith and the sword of the Spirit – we will be able to resist him.

For more information, please request or download our free Bible Study Guide, “The Sword of the Spirit, The Word of God.”

Andrew Burns

How to enhance your Bible study

To live by every word of God, Christians must be familiar with what the Bible actually teaches. Here are some ways to deepen your study and to keep it fresh.

The entire Bible, both Old and New Testaments, is the inspired Word of God. To live by every word of God, we need to keep in mind that God is directly speaking to us through the words we are reading (Matthew 4:4; 2 Timothy 3:15-17).

It's easy to let everyday concerns interfere, so it's a good idea to schedule regular Bible study time. Before you begin ask God to guide your study and show you His will. Remember that it is He who gives true understanding through His Word. You cannot gain it on your own (Psalm 119:33-34).

Be willing to admit error when Scripture corrects you, even if it means letting go of a long-held belief or tradition. Approach the Bible with a teachable, humble attitude. The Word of God judges our innermost thoughts, and can reveal the flaws in our character. Be ready to heed its correction (Acts 17:11; Isaiah 8:20).

Read through the Bible from cover to cover at least once. This will help to give you a broad familiarity and perspective as a foundation for further study.

Sometimes, concentrate on one subject, doctrine or a book. Use a concordance or other study aid such as a Bible dictionary to put together all the scriptures relevant to a subject so you can see all that God has to say about it (2 Timothy 2:15).

Jotting down notes and explanatory comments in your Bible or a notebook will help you remember key ideas or related scriptures. Some people use a marking system with colours or symbols for different categories such as doctrine, correction, prophecy, etc.

Ponder what you have been learning during your Bible study. Reflect on how you can apply the verses in everyday life (Psalm 119:97-104).

Establish and test God's Word

If something seems hard to understand, consider using what you have already learned as the starting point. Never establish doctrine on a scripture that seems confusing or even contradictory. Let clear biblical passages shed light on those you find difficult to understand. Scriptures

do not contradict each another; they complement one another (2 Peter 1:20).

Put God's Word to the test by practising the things you are learning. Acknowledge how His ways bring positive change in your life. The best way to prove that God's commands and teachings bring true peace and blessings is by living them (Malachi 3:10).

Once you have proved something to be true, stick to it unless there is compelling biblical evidence to the contrary. While new evidence may overturn your previous conclusion, this must be the result of serious study in God's Word. False teachers can lead you astray. Ask God to help you remain true to His teachings.

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Q In Colossians 2:14 Paul speaks of “ordinances” nailed to a cross. Does this mean God’s Law was done away with when Jesus died on the cross?
FAQ

A The New Living Translation helps make the meaning much clearer: “He cancelled the record that contained the charges against us. He took it and destroyed it by nailing it to Christ’s cross.” In our modern justice systems, a parallel to the “handwriting of ordinances” (King James Version) would be a formal written order of a death sentence issued after the evidence against the accused criminal – in this case, us – had been examined.

Colossians 2:14 speaks of a death warrant rightfully issued because we have all sinned by transgressing God’s spiritual law (1 John 3:4). Since “the wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23), we have all earned that sentence. However, the death sentence is mercifully commuted when we repent of sin and seek God’s forgiveness. The apostle Paul’s wording is a dramatic characterisation of the benefit of Jesus Christ’s sacrifice. The death warrant bearing our names and the sins we have committed is nailed to the cross of Christ, who willingly took the death penalty against humanity on Himself.

Forgiveness, however, is more than a pardon because the penalty for our spiritual crimes wasn’t merely set

Let the Bible Answer...

What does the Bible teach about how to treat the elderly?

Principles are found in Leviticus 19:32; Job 32:4-9;

Proverbs 17:6; 23:22; 1 Timothy 5:1-2.

Specifically in regard to widows: Deuteronomy 24:17-22; 1 Timothy, 5:3-8; James 1:27.

aside. It was paid in full by Jesus’ sacrificial death for us (1 John 1:7-9).

Imagine the certified copy of an execution order with your name on it being hammered onto the beam on which Christ was crucified – right next to His body, splattered with His life’s blood – to show that you do not have to die for your spiritual crimes. This is the striking illustration Paul presents in Colossians 2:14.

Those who claim that this passage refers to the cancellation of God’s law misrepresent Paul’s powerful teaching analogy. After all, if Jesus came to do away with His Father’s law, there would have been no need for Him to give His life for us since “where there is no law there is no transgression” (Romans 4:15; 5:13).

Again, likening the approach of those who believe God’s law was cancelled to what takes place in our modern justice system, they in effect are saying that commuting the death sentence of a murderer has cancelled all laws against murder. This obviously makes no sense.

To further understand the effects of the sacrifice of Christ, forgiveness and real conversion, please request our free booklets *The Road to Eternal Life* and *Transforming Your Life: The Process of Conversion*. To study the purpose of God’s law and why it is illogical to argue that Jesus abolished it, also request the booklet *The Ten Commandments*.

Q Why are there so many denominations in Christianity? How can I know which one is right?
FAQ

A Jesus Christ prophesied that there would be great religious diversity among those who claim to be Christian and represent Him. Matthew 24:4-5 says, “And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying [that] I am the Christ; and shall deceive many” (KJV).

As for the existence of the Church that Jesus founded on the Day of Pentecost in AD 31, Jesus Himself promised that this Church would always exist. Specifically, He said, “I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18). Therefore, God’s Church does exist somewhere today.

The Bible explains that this Church will accurately reflect the teachings and message of Jesus Christ. It will be preaching His true gospel in the world (Matthew 28:19; 24:14). By comparing what the Bible says God’s Church will be like with the churches we see around us, we can discover where God’s Church is today.

Because this is a foundational subject that deserves much time and attention, we suggest that you write for our free booklet *The Church Jesus Built*, or read it online. This booklet addresses these important questions in much greater detail.



Letters From Our Readers

New reader comments

I have recently received my first copy of *Beyond Today* magazine (May/June 2016). It was so informative and helpful and answered so many questions that I have had for many years regarding the turmoil in the Middle East. You were able in one article to explain everything I wished to know and for that I am grateful. I have recently placed a request for three brochures and I wonder if it's possible to send any back issues of your *Beyond Today* magazine to read, as I feel there will be more to learn.

It is difficult for me to spend too long on the computer so I prefer to read an article in print form. I fully understand if this is not possible and thank all who make this material available for free. It is much appreciated.

Reader from Plymouth

Your magazine makes me want to go to my Bible and look up what you say and read it for myself, which I think is a good thing. I have started to read the Bible right through again from Genesis to Revelation. I did this about a year ago.

Reader from Scotland

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Bible Study Course

By doing the *Bible Study Course* I've learned so much more about the Bible and how to understand it more. Thanks also for all the information and booklets I've received whilst doing the course. It has helped me understand what God's plan is for mankind and what our role is in this plan.

Anonymous

Strengthens faith, relieves doubt

I really look forward to and enjoy *Beyond Today*. It's a blessing that brings relief from doubt and fear in a confused world.

Reader from Dorchester

I look forward to receiving your booklet *You Can Have Living Faith*. It is getting increasingly more difficult to sustain one's faith in these end times.

Reader from Dorset

I have found that my faith has waned a little lately because of world events. I pray the words of this booklet [*You Can Have Living Faith*] will

help me regain my strength.

Reader from Cheshire

Beyond Today is wonderfully informative and has considerably strengthened my faith.

Reader from Tadley

Subscriber letter responses

Thank you for your letter of encouragement in these frightening times. Thanks also for the regular magazines, which are enlightening but also comforting.

Reader from Ossett

Thank you very much for your helpful and informative letter. As we see the world quickly changing to becoming more godless, it is vital that we pray for our children and grandchildren and for those who send out the Gospel's good news and warnings, as you do.

Reader from Devon

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Could you send me some extra *Beyond Today* Supplements. I would like to give them to people; they are so good!

Reader from Devon

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