



A WORD FROM CHARLIE

When I hear the now ubiquitous phrase “shelter in place” I’m reminded of Psalm 61:3-4, “For You have been a shelter for me...I will trust in the shelter of Your wings.” That’s not a bad place to be—sheltered in God Himself. Sheltering at home has not been so bad either. Here’s some things I have done since the lockdown:

- Finished and published my new book, *Fishing for Life* (see page 2 inside)
- Led an online Bible study for a ministry
- Recorded sermons for three church services
- Spoke live online at two church services
- Worked on and launched our Podcast ministry, *Simply by Grace* (see page 3 inside)
- Recorded new podcast messages
- Crossed off a whole lot of honey-do items on Karen’s list!
- Did a little more field research for my fishing book (see photo above!)



And now my schedule is filling up again. On the downside, I’ve had to re-schedule the May GraceLife Friends Israel Tour and three GraceLife Institute missions to Zimbabwe (June), Ghana (July), and Burundi (August). It has also been painful to hear about the hardships endured by our ministry partners and friends locked down in other countries. If God moves you to assist these partners financially, see page 3 inside.

As a child of God, you can also be sure that God your Father is sheltering you wherever you are. There’s a purpose in it--it’s not time to watch more TV, but time to seize the new opportunities to serve Him and those who He brings your way.

Please pray that God would use the *Fishing for Life* book and the podcast ministry to bring people to Jesus Christ and help them grow in Him. Thank you for your prayers and support as we navigate ministry in these challenging times.

Until all hear,

Charlie Bing
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June 14 – New Braunfels Bible Church, TX
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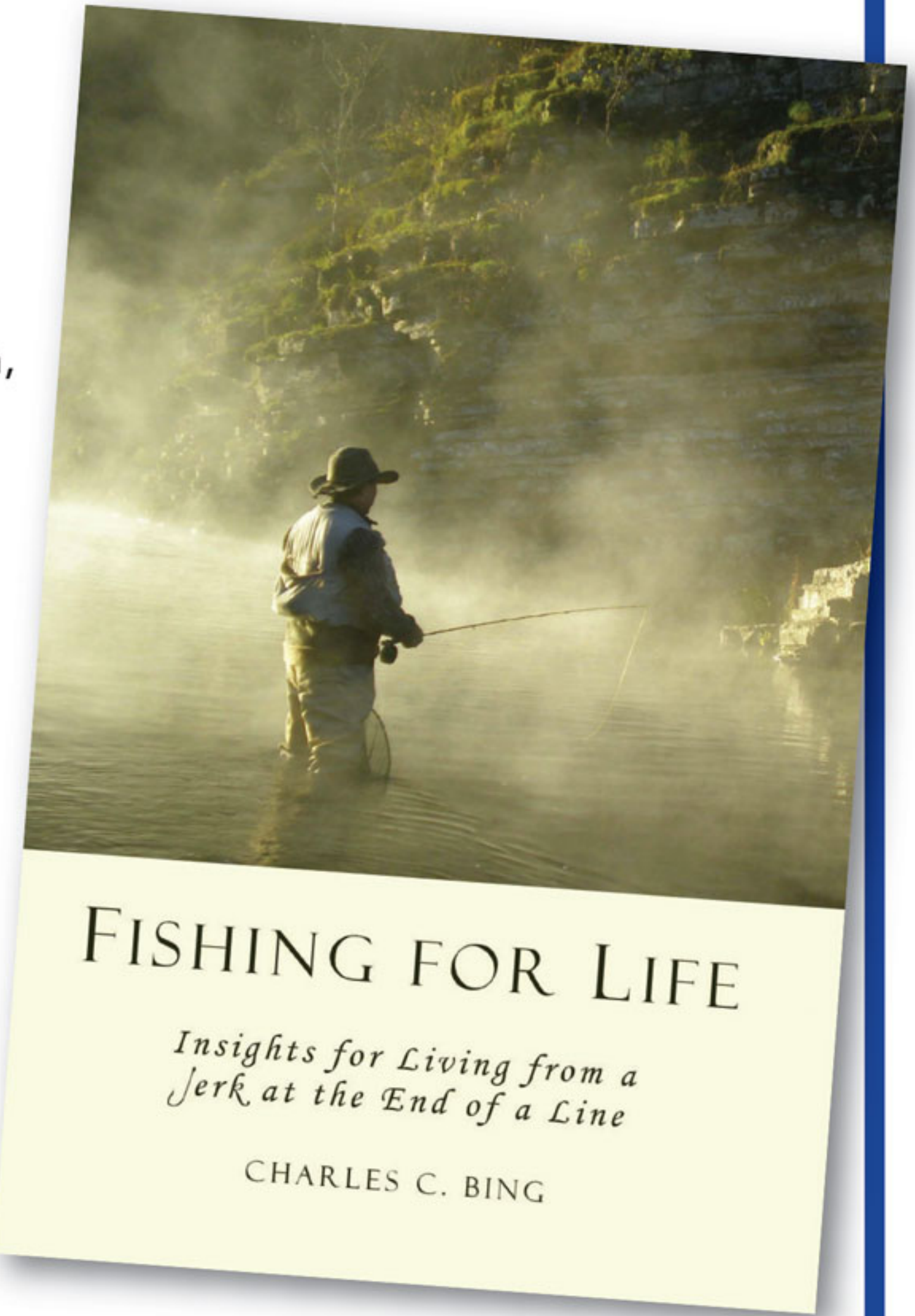
Fishing for Fish
and Men...
A new book!

There are 55 million Americans who like to fish. There are many books written about fishing and a few written to Christian fishermen. But there is no book written to bring fishermen to Christ—until now!

From boyhood experiences fishing in a neighborhood creek to bigger American waters and the challenging flats of the Caribbean, Charlie Bing relates his experiences of fishing with insights that take the reader deeper into life itself. *Fishing for Life* is a friendly, informal, and sometimes humorous collection of stories and insights woven together by the author's lifetime of fishing. He loves to fish, and anyone who enjoys fishing—even those who don't—will get hooked by this book and relish its life-changing gospel truths. And the cool pictures keep Charlie honest!

Charlie explains why he wrote the book:

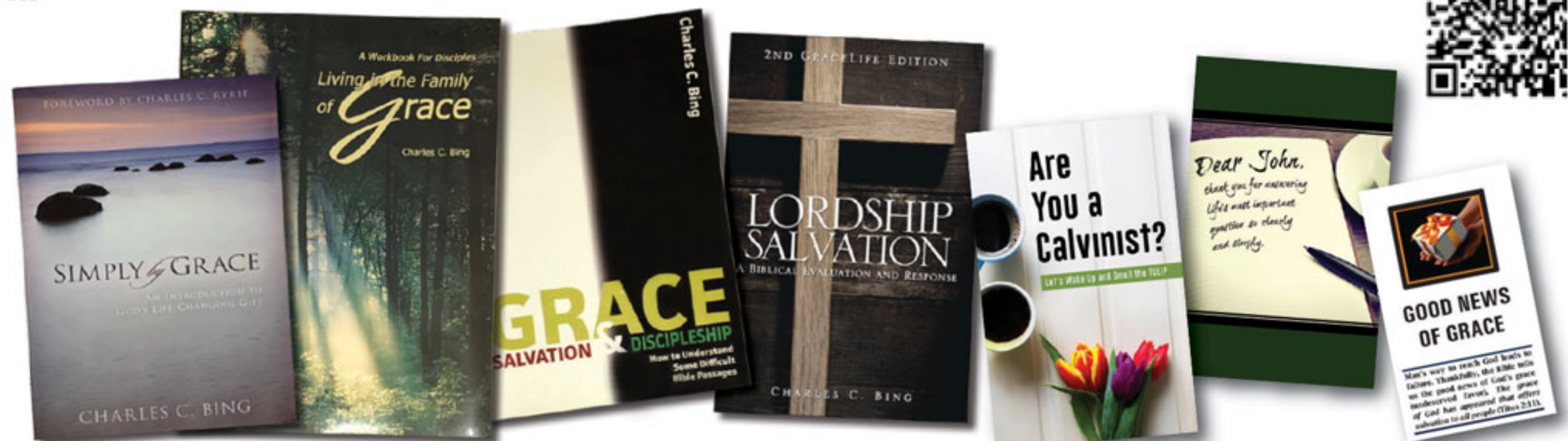
I wrote *Fishing for Life* because I love to fish and I love to tell and listen to fishing stories. But it's while fishing that I often find my connection to God and others. I want to share these stories and insights because I know of no book—not one—written to bring fishermen (and women) to Christ. Yet I see Jesus often spoke at fishing scenes to fishermen, began his ministry with fishermen, and challenged His disciples to become fishers of men. Seems like He was on to something!



An excerpt from *Fishing for Life*:

"It's been said, 'The tug is the drug.' We hook fish, then fishing hooks us. Unfortunately, many people are inoculated against this fishing addiction because of bad experiences—they never caught fish. That's why when I take others fishing, I do my best to make sure they feel the tug and catch fish. Bad experiences can cause us to abort many endeavors in life. I think of my experiences as a boy going to church and memorizing Bible verses and creeds. It all felt empty, so I quit religion—until I felt the Tug. I later discovered that God hadn't quit me."

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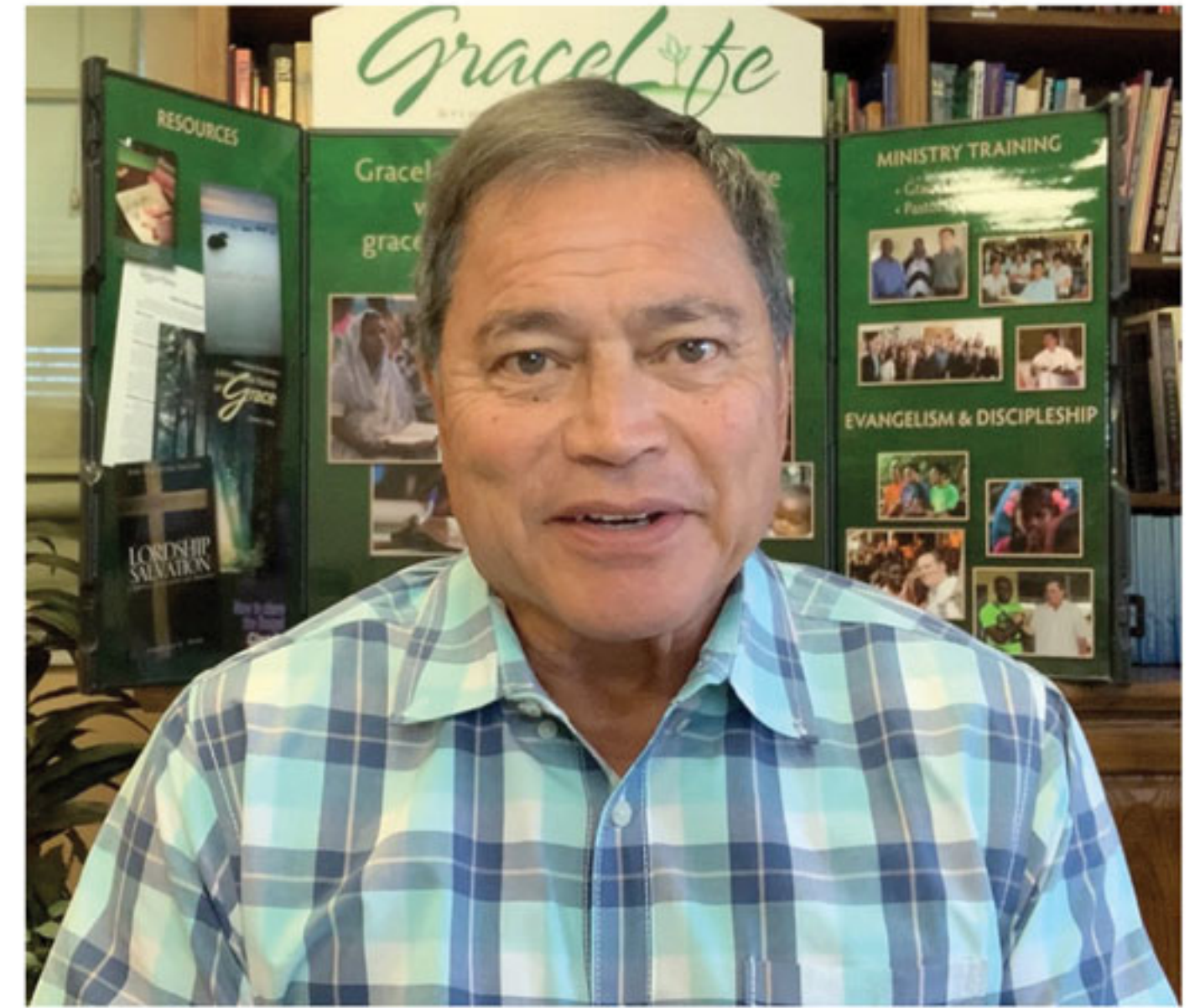
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What a typical church message looks like while sheltering at home, at least for Grace Life Church in Pineville, NC, (March) Bayside Community Church in Tampa (April), and Victor Street Bible Chapel in Dallas (May).

The coronavirus has disrupted and threatens life in some of our poorer countries where we train pastors. Many of the pastors and the church families have to shop almost daily, yet they are severely limited in their travel. We have no budgeted funds for helping with their physical needs, but we will send any money that is designated for them. If you would like to help, please designate your special gift "pandemic aid" and we'll make sure it gets to those in need. Thank you.



Encouraging Words

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I look at your sermons and GraceNotes regularly. I am so thankful the Lord has used your ministry to keep my eyes on Jesus and not on trusting in my strength or performance. I have always struggled if I'm saved. . . Your focus on Grace and how that works with justification, sanctification and "scary" verses is so appreciated. Lordship salvation made those verses easy to understand at first, but now looking back are inconsistent with eternal security and grace through faith alone. I really appreciated in one of your GraceNotes you explain that a gospel that "backloads" works is not the gospel. . . I just thought it was important to let you know that your ministry focus on grace is rare. It's really the key to the whole Christian life. I know there are many others who need to understand grace and the simplicity of believing in Jesus. Thank you for the clarification in my walk with Jesus.
Jason C.

OK... BUT IF YOU WANT YOUR MEMOIR TO BE A BEST-SELLER, YOU'LL NEED TO PUNCH IT UP A BIT



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