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A WORD FROM CHARLIE

If we have learned anything from the last twelve months, it is the wisdom of God who wrote “you do not know what will happen tomorrow” and “you ought to say, ‘If the Lord wills we shall live and do this or that’” (James 4:14-15). We often presume upon our future and plans, but as someone has quipped, “We make our plans—and God laughs.”

When we travel to another country, I will often tell our mission team members that our plan B is God’s plan A. We have to admit we cannot predict tomorrow, only be as ready as possible. The apostle Paul said, “Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season” (2 Tim. 4:2a).

We remain ready, so as circumstances changed, our ministry adapted. I began teaching and doing church services and conferences online. And that continues today. We cancelled overseas GraceLife Institute missions, but I have also been able to do more writing and develop our podcasts on **Simply by Grace**.

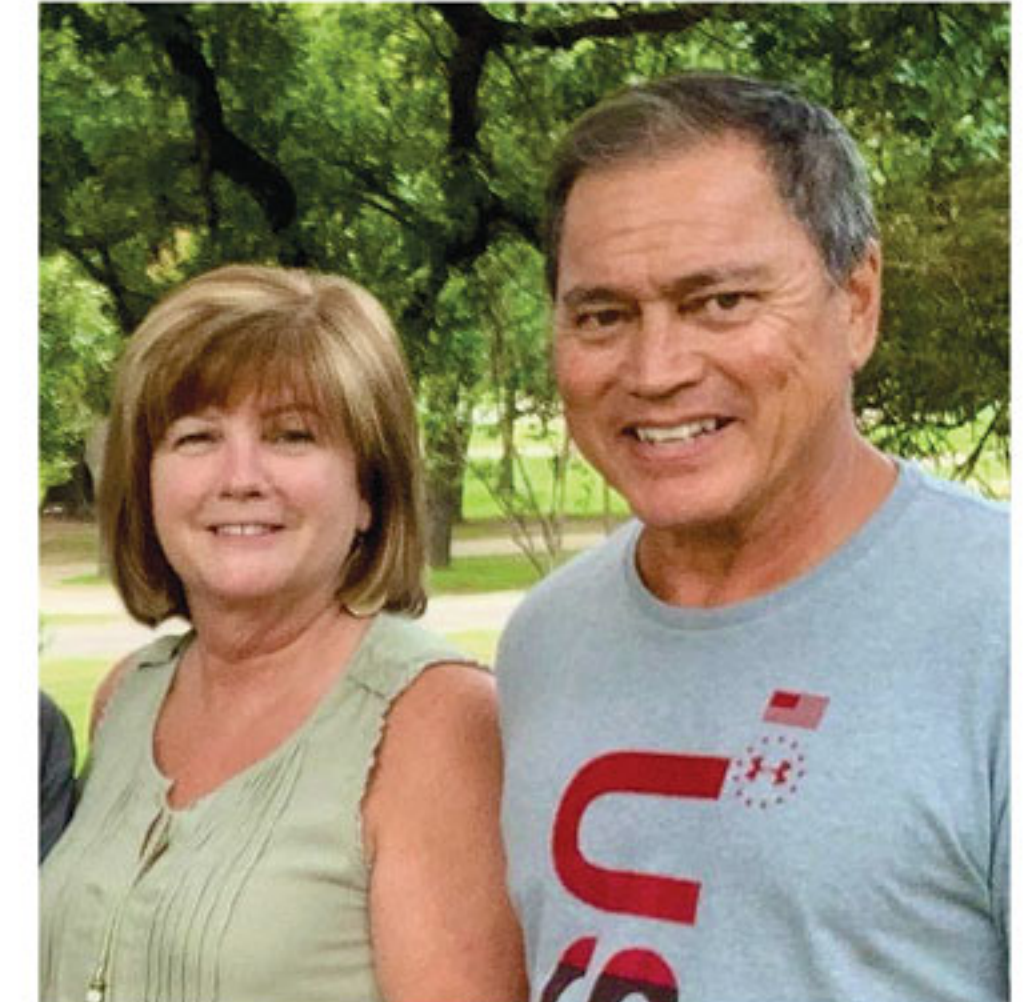
Feedback from the last twelve months of ministry has been more than encouraging. The Word of God’s grace has been reaching more people in more places than ever. I thank God for this and give Him the glory. But I also miss our in-person training with our good friends and ministry partners around the world. There is nothing like face-to-face fellowship!

GraceLife’s faithful supporters have fueled this spread of the gospel of grace. I am grateful for your prayers and financial support. We may not be able to predict our future in this life, but we have God’s guarantee of a future in His kingdom enjoying His eternal rewards for faithfulness to His cause.

Stay faithful and be blessed! That that means. Do you?

Until all hear,

Charlie Bing
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ISRAEL! Plan now for 2022! Our GraceLife Friends Israel Study Tour is May 15-27, 2022. This is more than a bus window tour. You will see sites not usually seen on traditional tours and our Christian guide will share meaningful biblical insights. Get more information through our periodical emails. Just drop a note to info@GraceLife.org to stay in the Israel info loop. Don’t wait too long—this is a trip of a lifetime!



Grace Means Go!

- January-May – Teaching Evangelism & World Missions, Chafer Theological Seminary, online
- January-TBD – Training Zambian pastors, online
- March 21 – Southwest Community Church, Miami
- March 28 – Bayside Community Church, Tampa
- June 23 – Grace Baptist Church, Stilfontein, South Africa
- July 2-3 – Free Grace Alliance Regional Conference, Miami
- July 9-17 – GraceLife Institute, Ghana (TBD)
- August – GraceLife Institute, Burundi (TBD)



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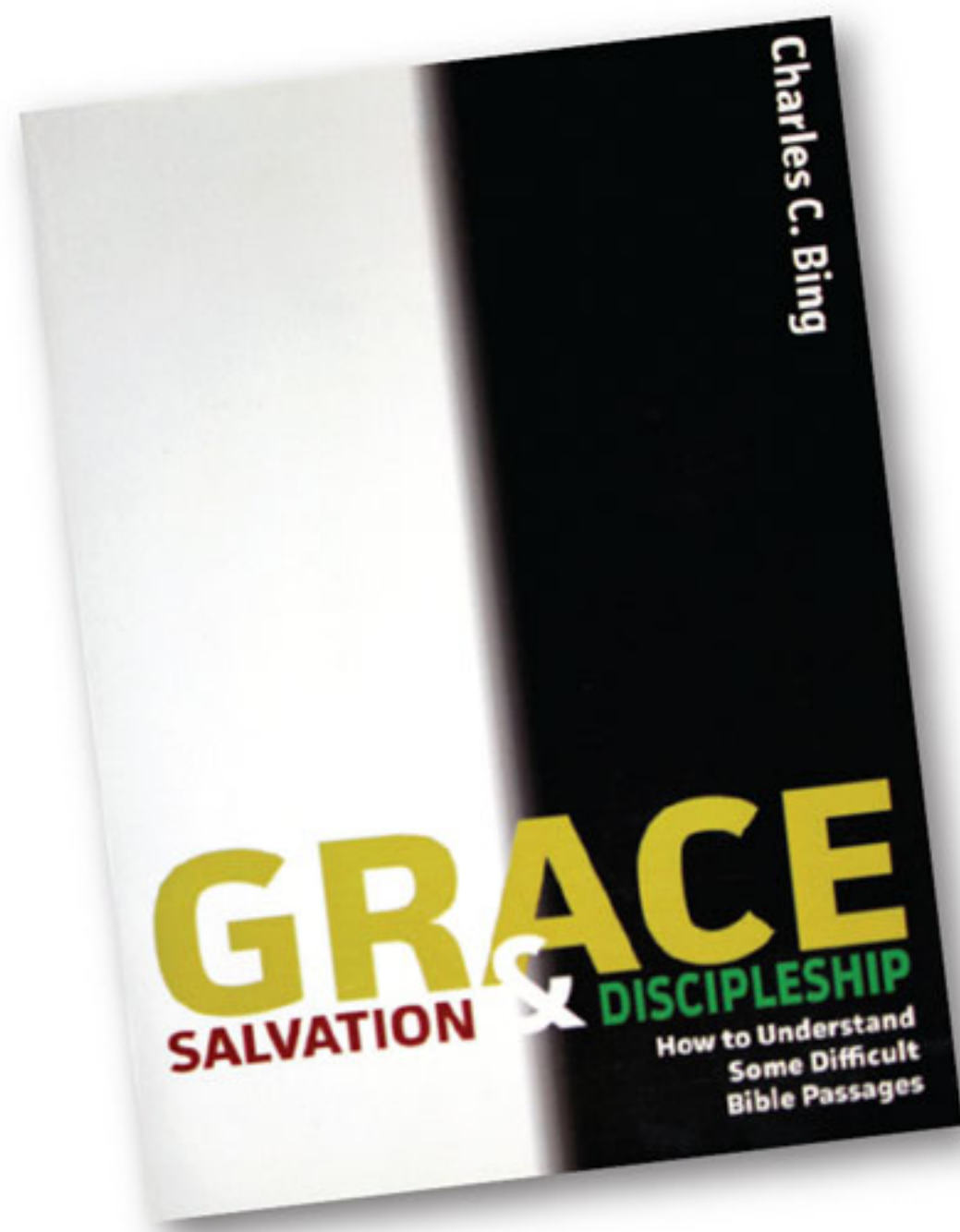
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Some Notes
from the
Vineyard



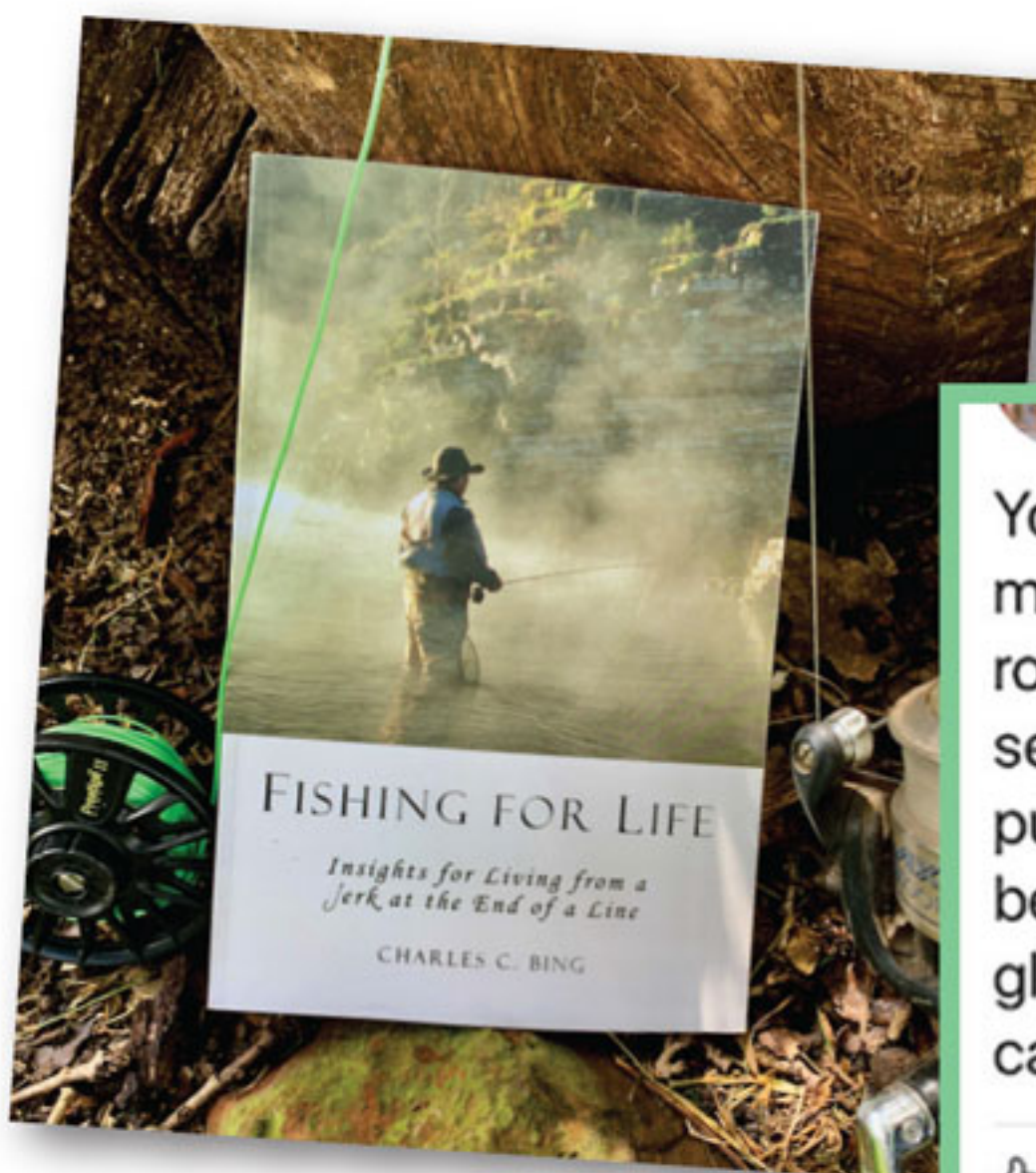
“Teaching hermeneutics and homiletics in higher education for the last twenty years, I have discovered that many students experience great difficulty interpreting various Scriptures because they don’t understand the difference between what Dr. Bing describes as A truth (salvation/justification passages) from B truth (passages that address sanctification/discipleship). This lack of knowledge has caused those same students to overlook important theological concepts such as eternal security and assurance, as they failed to distinguish between these two categories. However, armed with Dr. Bing’s insights from his book entitled, *Grace, Salvation, & Discipleship*, students of Scripture are better prepared to eliminate such challenges that they may encounter when reading and interpreting Scripture. In short, this book is a great resource to have at one’s fingertips anytime he is engaged in studying God’s word.” Dr. Mark (Dean) Haywood, ThM, J.D., DMin, Provost, Grace School of Theology



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FACEBOOK post from a committed fisher of men:



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Your fishing book cost us \$600.00! At a gas station in Nevada my husband left his wallet on top of the car. An hour down the road he realized what he had done and turned around. While searching (unsuccessfully) around the gas station, a truck pulled into the pumps. License plate said FLY FISHNG. I had been reading your book and knew I had to give it to him. He gladly accepted it. I pray for his salvation, no matter that we lost cash and gift cards totaling \$600.

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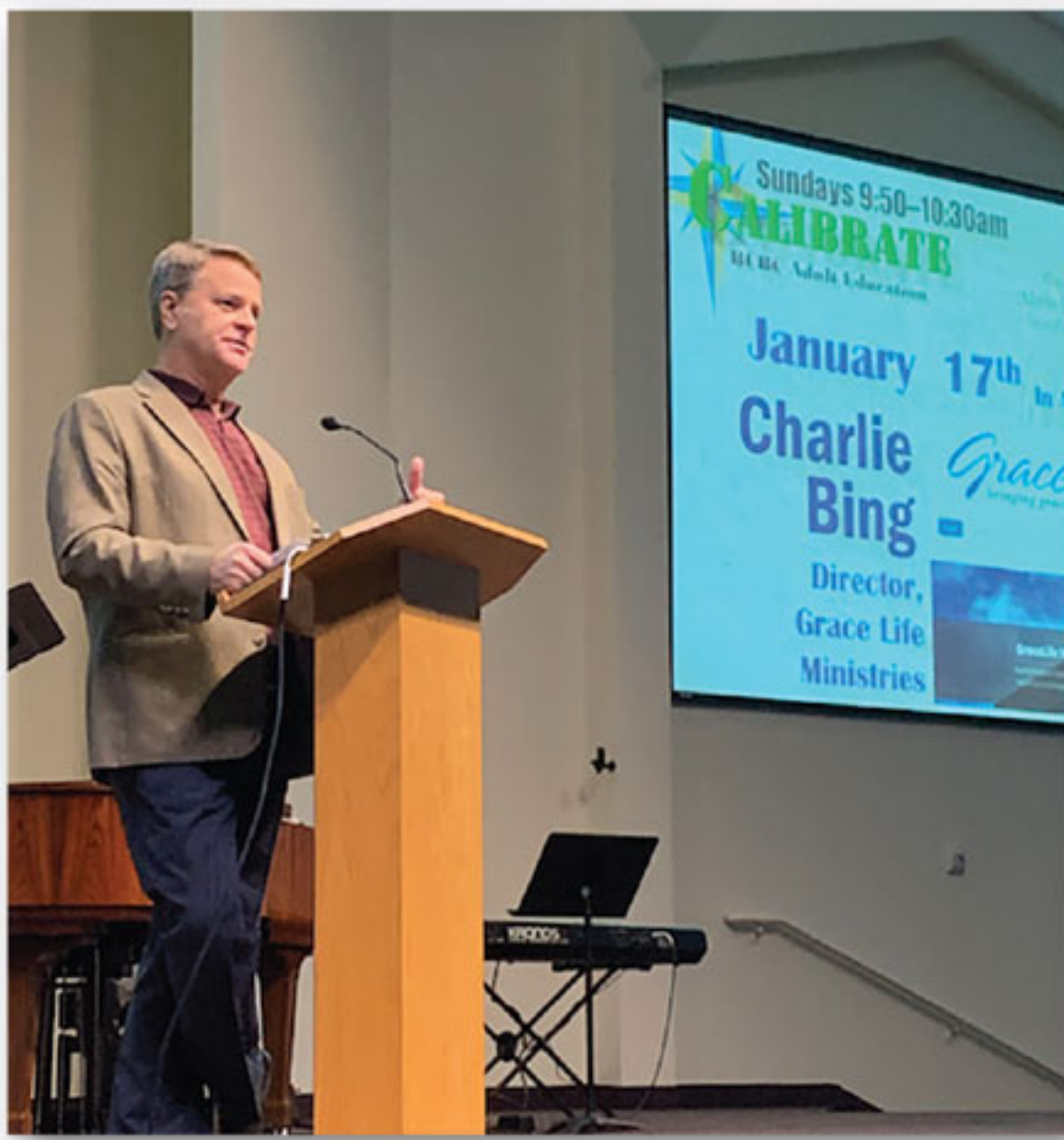
PRAY

- **For Pakistan** – Raheel. S. is starting an online Urdu Bible school to train pastors. It is difficult to train in physical meetings. Estimated need for startup and translating books into Urdu: \$5000.
- **For Myanmar** – The nation and our Christian friends experienced a military coup that erased democratic reforms and threatens religious freedom. Future GraceLife training there is uncertain. Pray that our friends’ faith remains strong and the gospel of grace continues to spread.
- **For Burundi** – Anicet Ndikuriyo’s main Grace Bible Church is in danger of losing their lease on their main meeting place and office. They must purchase the property or will have to buy and develop their own. Estimated need: \$45,000.

Ministry in Focus



In December, Charlie preached a Christmas sermon live to a church in Myanmar. In January, he preached to Victor Street Bible Chapel, Dallas (online) and at Bear Creek Bible Church, Keller, TX, pastor John Salvesen. In February with Karen at Garth & Kasie Oliver of TrueQuest Outfitters couples' retreat, TX



Encouraging Words

From Missionary Pablo Cenepo-Torres in Peru

*Since the first time you came and as I had mentioned to you before, your presence here as short as it was, it began "a movement" away from Reformed soteriology toward a more biblical one. Of course, we had been teaching this but sometimes you need more outsiders coming to help folks seal the idea. So, giving out your *Simplemente por Gracia*, helped put that concept in key individuals' minds. I remember one fellow particularly that used to accuse us that we were not preaching the "Pure Gospel." This fellow and many others have since become avid readers of the concept of grace and soteriology from a more biblical approach. ... So, when they read the book you kindly brought to give away, it began the journey that now we can say has produced a group of folks that are totally committed to a grace-based gospel. With that in mind, they approached me the other day to see whether I could get more of your books to pass on to people here in northern Peru.*

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