
HopeChannel
Stories of
HOPE
A Journey Through Inspiration and Faith



INTRODUCTION

Hope Channel is looking toward the future with a bold vision: to reach one billion people with the message of eternal hope by 2030. As you dive into the pages of this book, you'll meet person after person who found hope even in the midst of seemingly hopeless situations.

From the prostitute who turned from her ways, to the drunkard who became sober, to the tribal leader who was baptized, you are sure to be inspired by the countless testimonies of people from all around the world.

As you read, we encourage you to reflect upon each testimony through the questions provided. Remember, the same Jesus who reaches out to people across the globe is the same Jesus who, today, is knocking on the door of your heart.

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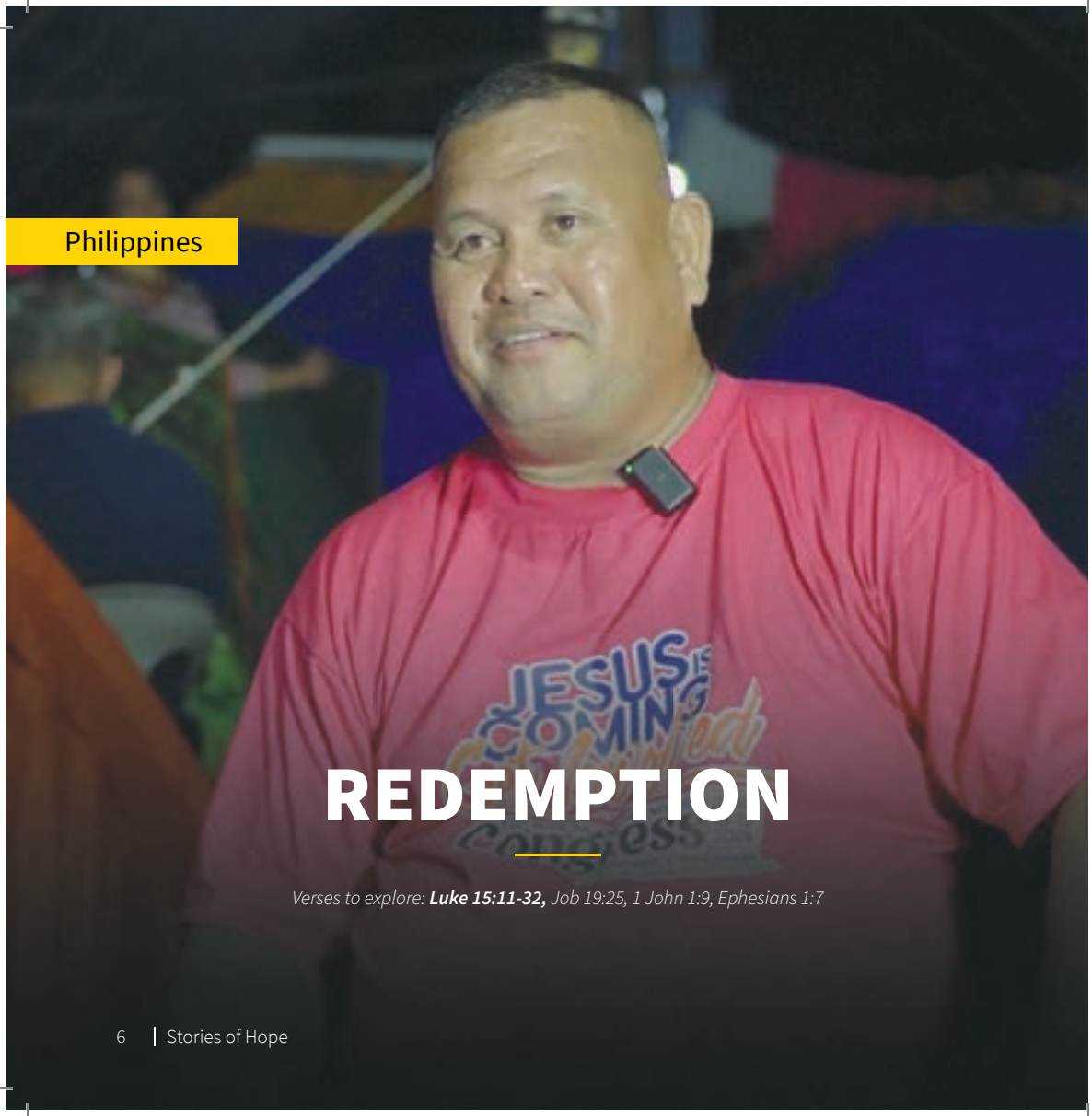
01

URBAN **HOPE**



Stories from bustling cities where **faith intersects with modern life**, addressing themes like loneliness, purpose, and the search for meaning in fast-paced environments.



Philippines

REDEMPTION

Verses to explore: ***Luke 15:11-32,*** *Job 19:25, 1 John 1:9, Ephesians 1:7*

"No matter your past, your present, or your circumstances..."

Have you ever been lost? If so, you can relate to the level of discomfort that follows once you realize you're somewhere unfamiliar. Such was the case for Arquel. Living as a bouncer, dealing drugs, and working as a pimp of nearly 20 girls, his life was dark and bleak. Arquel struggled with many addictions and violence, and although he believed in God, he felt lost and unable to find the path to freedom.

After he became seriously ill, Arquel was forced to slow down and face the reality of his life and the direction he was headed. It was during this time of reflection that he stumbled upon Hope Channel and found messages of hope and freedom, calling him to a life of joy and peace in Jesus.

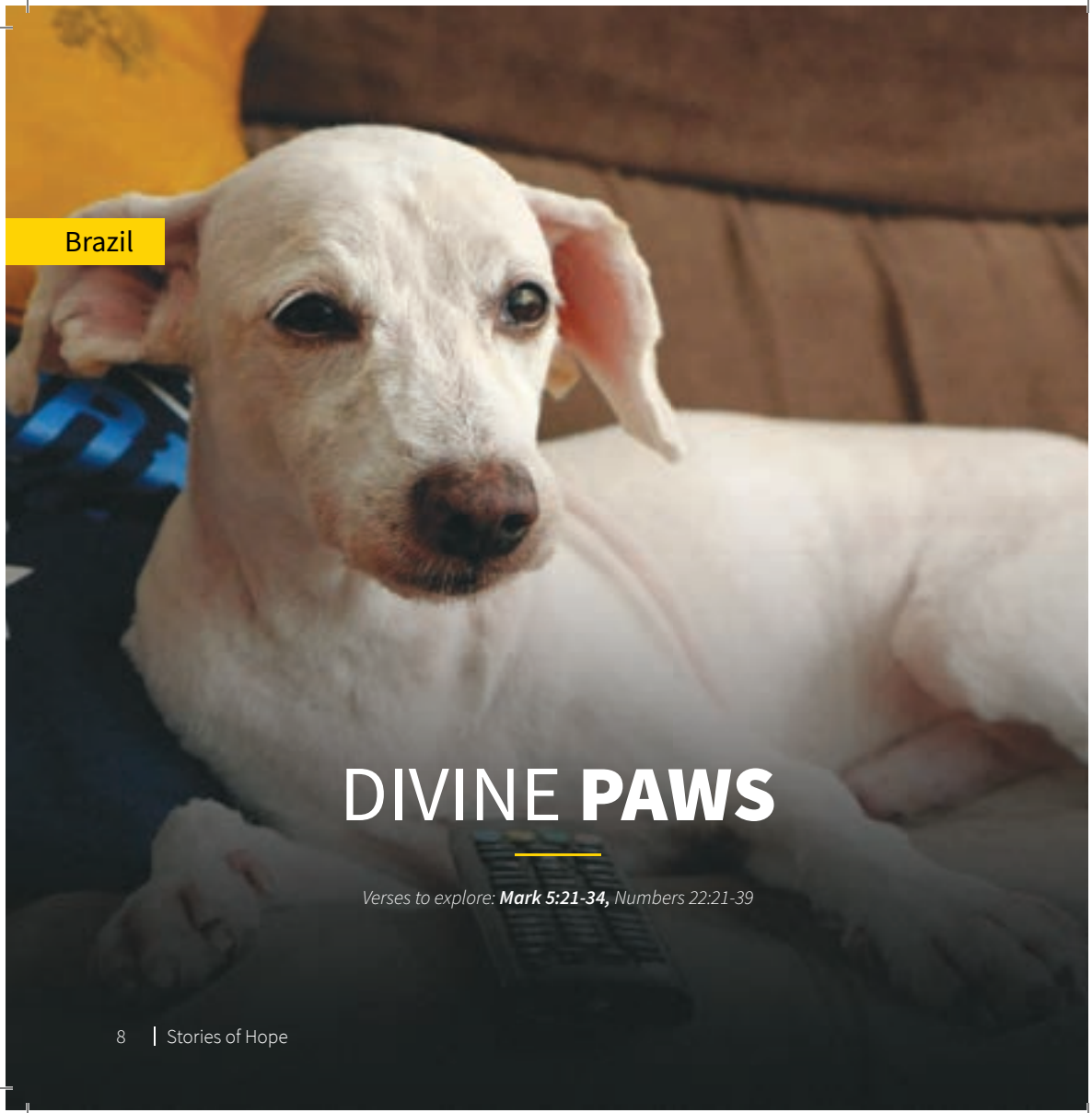
Arquel enthusiastically accepted the message of the gospel and left his old life behind. Soon after, he joined a Seventh-day Adventist Church where he was baptized and now serves as a deacon.

It is this message of redemption that God seeks to share with the world. No matter your past, your present, or your circumstances, God is able to bring eternal hope and healing as you accept His message of love and forgiveness.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

1. Have you experienced God's freedom and redemption in your life?

2. Are you willing to share God's message of love, freedom, and restoration with someone else?



Brazil

DIVINE **PAWS**

Verses to explore: ***Mark 5:21-34,*** *Numbers 22:21-39*

"Could it be that dogs, too, can be used by God?"

God can use anyone – or anything – to share His truth. The fascinating Bible story of the talking donkey who helped save a man from destroying himself is proof that God will go to great lengths to reach us.

It is often said that dogs are man's best friend. Not only are they loyal companions, there is also a special emotional bond that develops between the dog and its owner. Could it be that dogs, too, can be used by God?

Let me introduce you to Fabiola and Luisa – two Brazilian women unfamiliar with one another and living 800 miles apart, yet each struggling. Fabiola had just received a devastating cancer diagnosis, and Luisa was wrestling with a sudden divorce, the onset of disease, and a mother with declining health.

They both felt alone and hopeless.

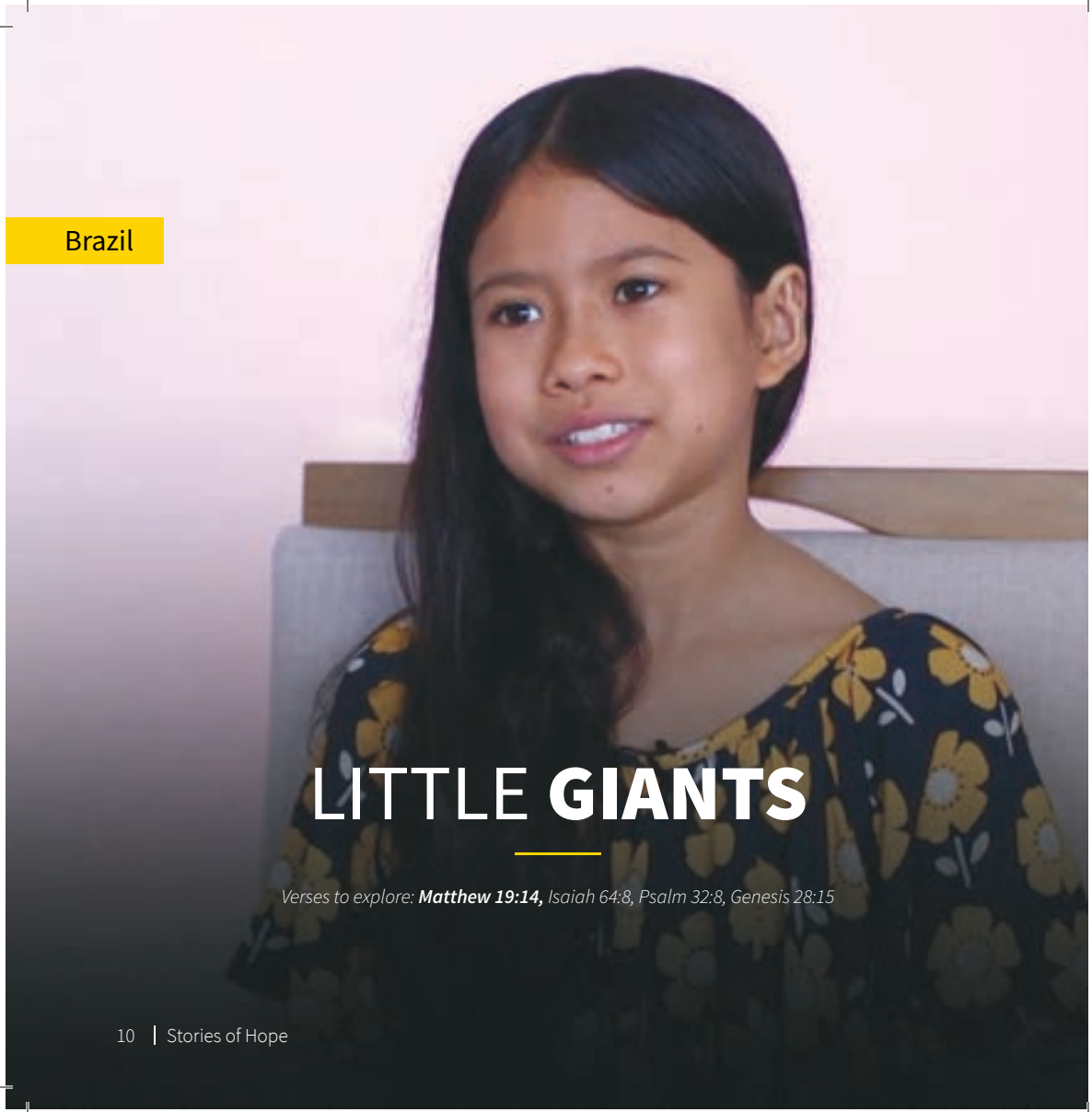
Yet, they share a similar story. Their furry friends, ever their loyal companions, stepped on their remote controls, changing the television channel to Novo Tempo, Hope Channel in Brazil.

Fabiola and Luisa's lives have never been the same again. They have found hope in Jesus – a hope that completely transformed their hearts and their lives as they emerged from the darkness of their circumstances into the light of God's love.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

1. How does it feel to know that God will go to great lengths to reach you?

2. How far will you go to reach someone else with the love of Jesus?



Brazil

LITTLE **GIANTS**

Verses to explore: ***Matthew 19:14,*** *Isaiah 64:8, Psalm 32:8, Genesis 28:15*

"God has a special mission for each one of us, even the youngest of us."

Children can have an influence far greater than their stature. The story of David, a young shepherd boy, who went up against a giant, Goliath, when no one else dared to, is one that has stood the test of time. It is an inspiring testament of the difference one courageous child can make in the lives of others.

Ten-year old Alice in Brazil is dedicated to sharing the message of hope and love of Jesus. As a regular watcher of Hope Channel Novo Tempo, Alice has committed her life to telling others about the happiness she's found in Jesus.

Together with her mother, she runs a YouTube channel that has grown to over 20,000 subscribers as she shares Bible stories for other children her age to enjoy and grow in Jesus.

God has a special mission for each one of us, even the youngest of us. He has promised that as we seek Him, He will guide us into the beautiful plan He designed. Seek Him with all your heart and let Him lead as you make yourself a willing and mighty vessel for Him.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

1. Have you surrendered yourself to be a mighty vessel for Jesus?

2. How can you be used by Jesus today?



Brazil

OVERCOMING **IMPOSSIBILITIES**

Verses to explore: ***Joshua 10:12-14,*** *Exodus 14:21-29*

"God is willing to move heaven and earth for you, too."

Have you ever wanted to do something but found yourself lacking the resources or the know-how to carry it through? Maybe you've thought up a great idea, a perfect solution, or even the ideal way to help someone out of a terrible situation, but when it came down to executing the plan, you fell short.

These were Josefa's circumstances. Josefa began watching Novo Tempo, Hope Channel in Brazil, and was immediately encouraged to share the good news that Jesus is coming soon. Feeling a strong conviction, she decided to partner with Novo Tempo as a financial supporter, or as they are called, an Angel of Hope. Unfortunately, when her excitement came face-to face with reality, she realized she had no money to contribute.

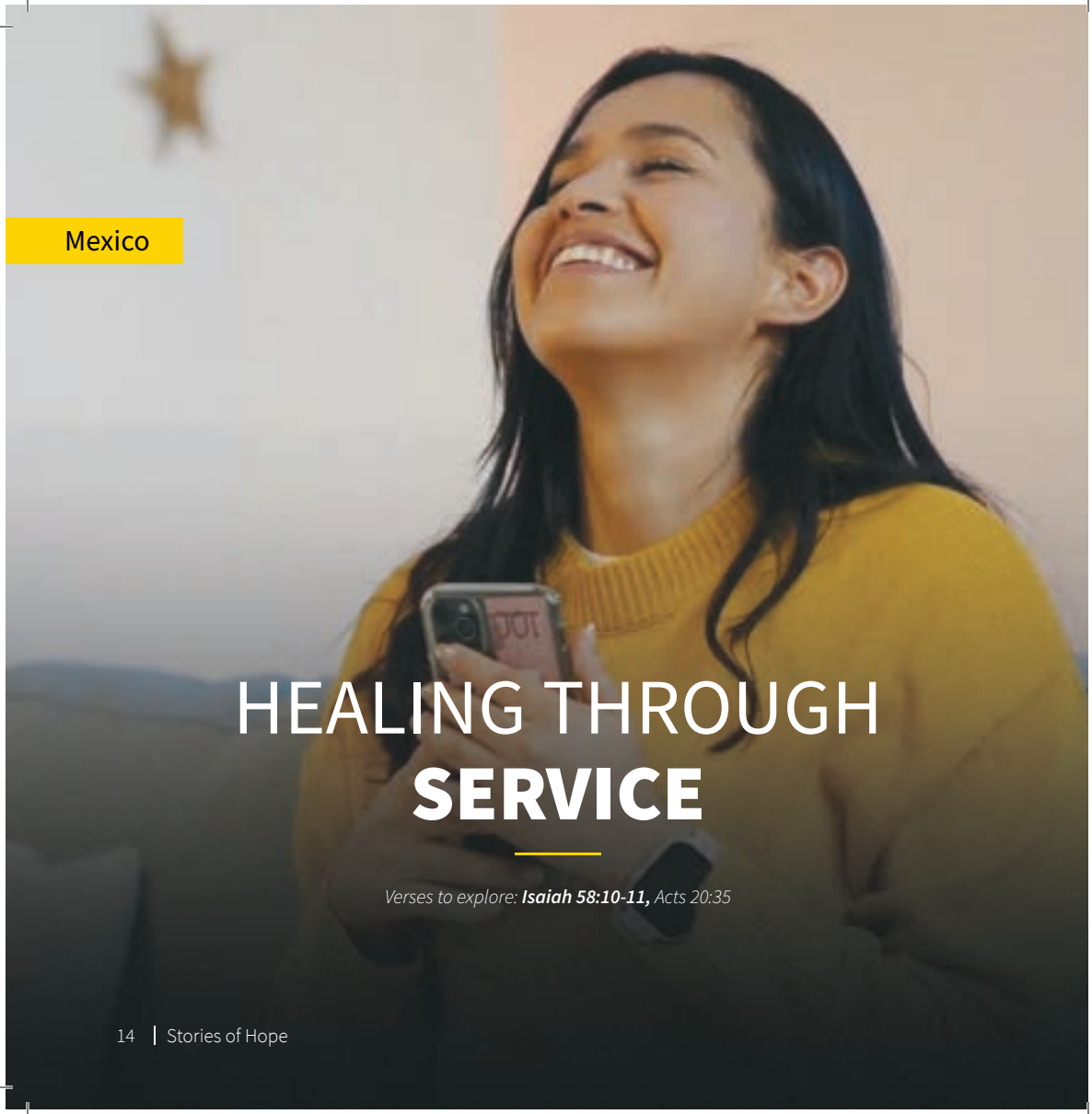
But, she didn't give up. Josefa began collecting cans to help support the project.* She is thrilled to be an Angel of Hope helping Hope Channel share the message of the gospel to all corners of the earth.

When times are bleak and things seem impossible, remember the God that can overcome all impossibilities. He is the One who dried up the Red Sea and told the sun to stand still. That same God is willing to move heaven and earth for you, too.

QUESTION FOR REFLECTION:

1 What can you do to make a difference in your own community?

**In Brazil, people can earn money by collecting and selling aluminum cans to recycling centers or cooperatives.*



Mexico

HEALING THROUGH **SERVICE**

Verses to explore: ***Isaiah 58:10-11,*** *Acts 20:35*

"As we seek to help others... we find that something in us changes."

The greatest joy in life comes from serving others. This is especially true during times of grief, despair, and discouragement.

Siriam's life was turned upside down after losing her four-year-old son to leukemia. It was an indescribable grief that caused her to isolate herself. As she looked for hope, she tuned in to *Don't Give Up–There Is Hope*, an evangelism series broadcast from Mexico on Hope Channel Inter-America and social media.

Through the series, Siriam came across Gabriela's prayer request in the comments section of the livestream for her son who had leukemia. Deeply moved, Siriam reached out to Gabriela, wanting to pray with her. The two connected, began studying the Bible together on Zoom, and formed a lasting bond. One joyful day, they met in person as Siriam watched her new friend publicly declare her commitment to Jesus through baptism.

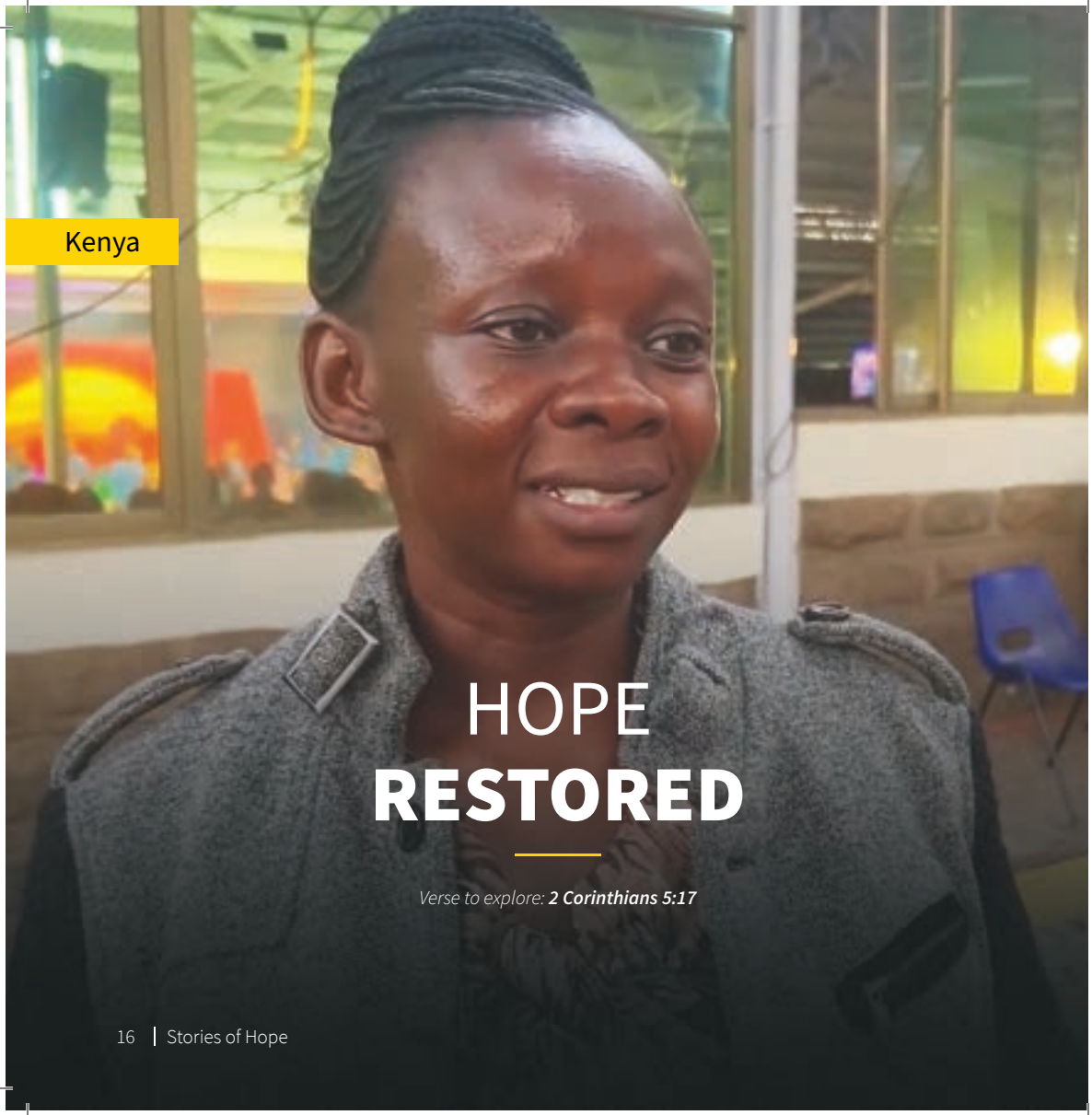
Through it all, Siriam found healing for her own grief. She has committed herself to sharing the gospel with whomever she can until the day Jesus comes and she is reunited once and for all with her little boy.

As we seek to help others going through challenging situations, we find that something in us changes. We find purpose. We find joy. And, best of all, like Siriam, we find healing.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

1. What can you do today to help someone who is going through a difficult situation?

2. Why do you think serving others is a remedy during difficult times?



HOPE **RESTORED**

Verse to explore: ***2 Corinthians 5:17***

"God can forgive me, and I can be a new person."

Have you ever had a day that started off on the wrong foot? You hoped it would get better, but it only seemed to get worse and worse? Emma from Kenya can relate. The only difference is that it wasn't just a single bad day – it was her life.

Emma was trafficked far away from home, abused both sexually and physically, suffering mental anguish. Later, she found herself as a single mother of two, including a disabled child. Not knowing how else to provide for her children, she resorted to selling her body.

Even after she made it back to Kenya and reunited with her family, Emma had gone through so much she simply had no hope. But when she heard of Hope Channel's evangelistic series *Hope for Africa* with Pastor Mark Finley being broadcast in 11 countries across Africa, she immediately decided to attend.

Blessed by what she heard, she returned night after night and finally decided to get baptized along with 194,000 others!

No matter what our lives may look like or what our past may reveal, there is hope in Jesus. As Emma put it, "No matter what I have done in life, God can forgive me, and I can be a new person." Amen!

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

1. Have you found hope in Jesus?
2. When was the last time you encouraged someone who felt hopeless?



02

10/40 WINDOW **HOPE**



Testimonies from the region spanning **North Africa, the Middle East, and Asia,** where people encounter hope amidst religious restrictions, economic struggles, and cultural barriers.



Ethiopia

HIDDEN **TREASURE**

Verses to explore: ***Matthew 13:44-46,*** *2 Corinthians 4:8-10, Romans 8:31-39*



"He has promised the Kingdom of Heaven to those who follow Him."

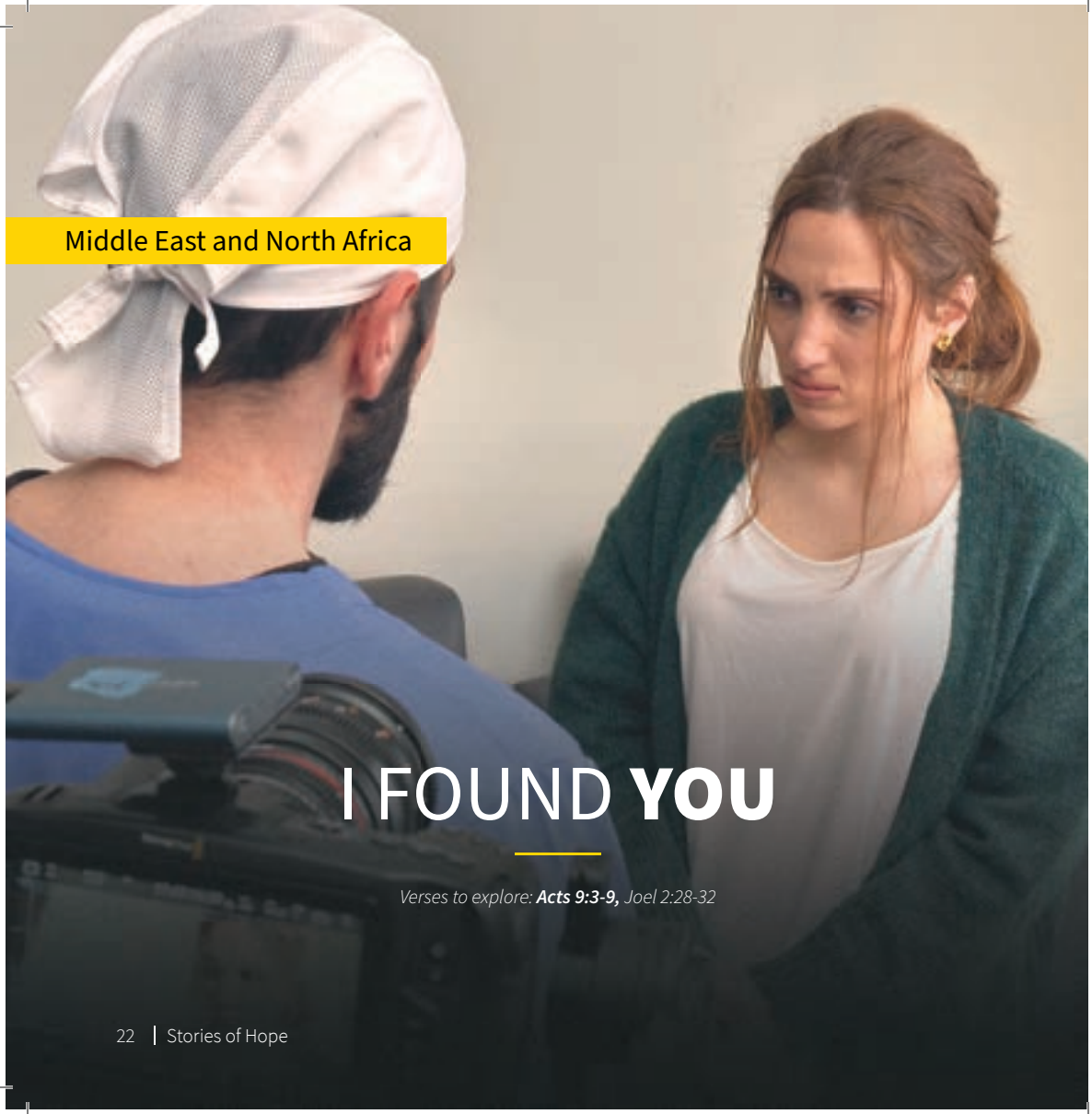
Ethiopia is one of the poorest countries in the world. Yet, many of its residents are finding riches beyond anything they could've ever imagined. Though war and conflict have separated families and loved ones, many have found a Friend from whom nothing can ever separate them. Beaten with stones, persecuted, and shunned, they have declared, "This is the truth. We cannot turn back." Government officials, church leaders, and university professors have started making changes and discussing their newfound knowledge with others around them.

Through Hope Channel in their language, these individuals have one thing in common – they have found Jesus.

In the Bible, the parable of hidden treasure tells the story of a man who sold all that he had to purchase a field with hidden treasure. The greatest treasure available to mankind is Jesus. He calls out and invites each one of us to joyfully seek Him with all our heart. In exchange, He has promised the Kingdom of Heaven to those who follow Him.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

1. Have you given all to Jesus?
2. Are you joyfully serving Jesus without complaint?



Middle East and North Africa

I FOUND **YOU**

Verses to explore: ***Acts 9:3-9,*** *Joel 2:28-32*

"Don’t be afraid. I have found you."

The anguish of losing a loved one has the ability to leave the best of us feeling hopeless and unsure of how to move forward.

These were the feelings Yasmina experienced as she suddenly found herself a widow and single mother to her three-year old son. Her late husband was a Christian, but she herself hadn’t yet found the same hope. It was during this time of great grief that she called out, “Why God?! Why should we die?!” She didn’t expect a reply, but God answered.

That very night, Yasmina had a dream she’d never forget. She saw a man, shining bright, full of kindness, and radiating peace. He calmly told her, “Don’t be afraid. I have found you.”

It took Yasmina ten more years to finally meet Jesus – the man of her dream. It was through a faithful mechanic that Yasmina connected with a couple who were able to answer her questions. Her heart overflowed with peace and joy.

Yasmina’s story continues to inspire others in the Middle East and North African region. Through Hope Channel Arabic-Alwaad, thousands more in this hard-to-reach region are able to learn more about Jesus – the man in their dreams and visions.

QUESTION FOR REFLECTION:

1 How might God be speaking to you in quiet, subtle ways?

Note: In the Middle East and North African region, sharing the gospel is dangerous, and those who choose to follow Jesus are often persecuted severely. It is in these regions that many report having dreams and visions of a man who is clothed with peace and who calls them to follow the everlasting gospel.



Nigeria

AIRWAVE **DELIVERANCE**

Verses to explore: ***Psalm 107:14,*** *John 8:31-36*



"Jesus promised to break the chains of sin and bondage."

Have you ever wondered what it must feel like to be free after imprisonment? Maybe you've been chained before – a slave to drugs, alcohol, lust, or addiction.

James lives in Nigeria and spent over forty years in bondage. He was a chief of a secret society known as *the masquerade*, practicing rituals of darkness and idolizing false gods. In spite of his prominent position, James felt an emptiness that no amount of wealth or status could fill.

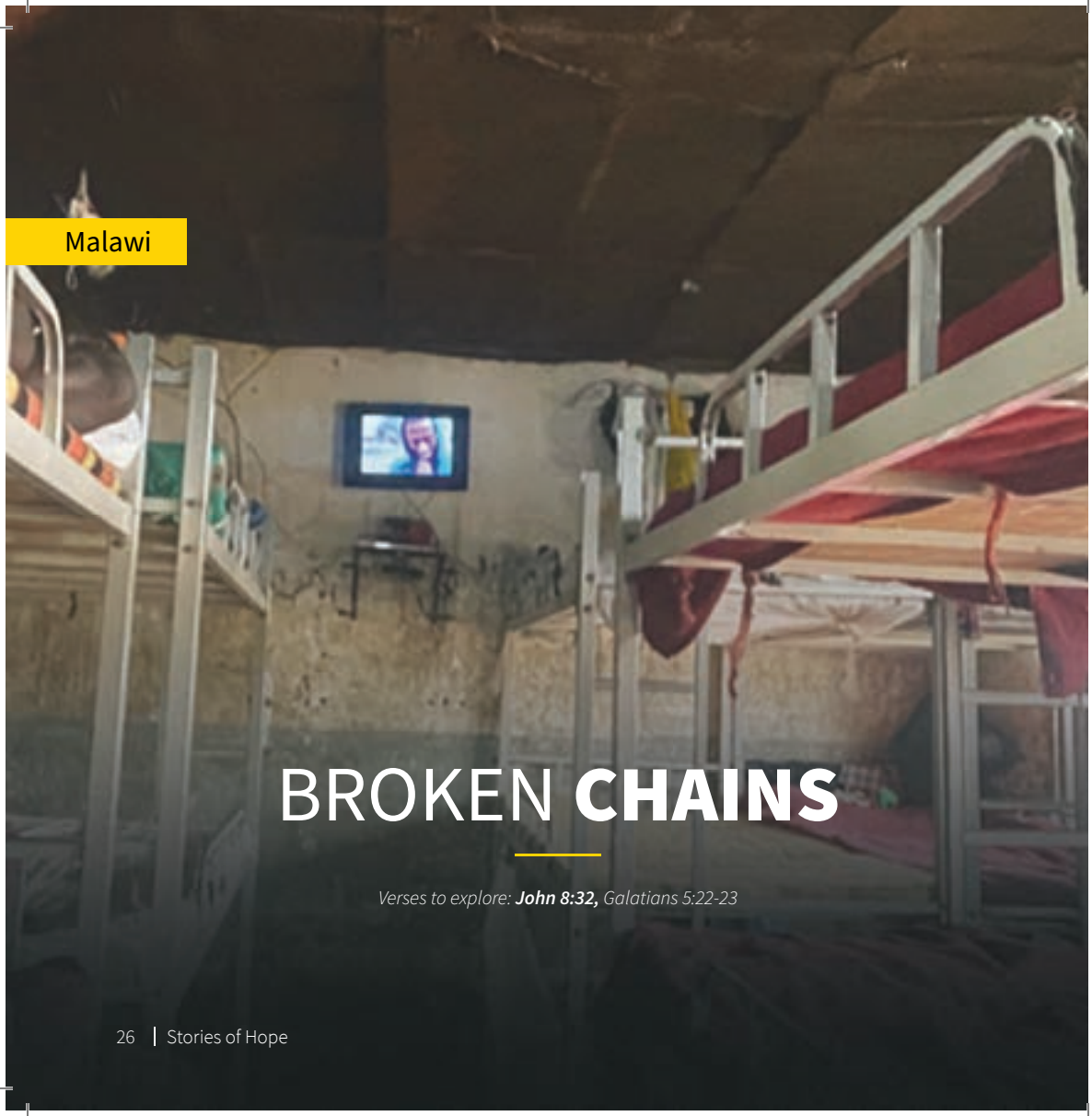
Hope Channel's evangelistic series *Almost Home* was the intervention James needed. Through this series, he heard a message of eternal hope and a God who loves him so deeply that He sent His own Son on a rescue mission.

As James embraced the gospel message, he finally found freedom. As he and his wife stepped into the waters of baptism along with over 21,000 others, he found the peace he'd been looking for his entire life. Today he testifies, "For the first time, I am happy and free."

Jesus has promised to break the chains of sin and bondage in our lives and give each one of us happiness, freedom, and peace. It's up to us to accept it.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

1. Have you found true freedom in Jesus?
2. What can you do to help someone else find freedom in Jesus?



Malawi

BROKEN **CHAINS**

Verses to explore: ***John 8:32,*** *Galatians 5:22-23*



"No matter what you are going through, Jesus can give you freedom."

There are prisoners walking among us. Held in chains of sin, negative thoughts, feelings of low self-worth, depression, and ill feelings toward others, they are prisoners of despair.

James was a prisoner in Malawi, who, along with 121 other inmates, gave his life to Jesus through baptism after watching Hope Channel and being inspired to begin Bible studies and join the prison chapel services.

As you turn on your television, you may not think about the prisoners in Malawi who tune in to Hope Channel to hear messages of the only freedom they may ever experience again – freedom in Jesus. From Malawi to New Zealand, prisoners are being set free – even while being imprisoned.

No matter what you are going through, Jesus can give you freedom. He alone has the power to break the chains that bind you. He can free you from negative thought patterns and life-destroying habits. Are you ready to be set free? Indeed, Jesus holds out His hands to you, ready and willing to deliver you.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

1. Have you truly been set free?
2. What is a Bible promise you can claim today and share with someone else?



03

POST-CHRISTIAN **HOPE**



Testimonies from societies where **secularism has overtaken traditional faith**, showcasing individuals rediscovering spirituality.



United States

THE POWER OF **A SHARED STORY**

Verses to explore: ***Philippians 1:6,*** *Acts 9:1-22, Galatians 1:16*

"In God's hands, your story can also become a testimony."

The story of a small group of people who became the founders of a movement that has grown to over 22 million people is a story that, even today, continues to inspire millions around the world. It is a powerful story of transformation and miracles that is still spreading hope and impacting the hearts of people of various religious backgrounds. It is the story of *The Hopeful,** a true story of courage, longing, and faith – and it's one of the most powerful testimonies of God's work on earth.

A story has the power to change a life. It has the power to save.

Did you know that your story is no different? In God's hands, your story can also become a testimony – one that can plant seeds of hope and lead others to Him.

Today, give your life to Jesus – wholeheartedly. Surrender all to Him and place yourself in His hands. Let Him take control. Let Him be the Author. He has promised to write something beautiful, a story worth sharing with the world.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

1. Have you given your life to Jesus, without holding anything back?

2. Are you ready to share your story with others?

**The Hopeful* is a recent film produced by Hope Channel that shares the story of the beginnings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.



Belgium

DIGITAL **REALITY**

Verses to explore: ***John 15:13,*** *Deuteronomy 31:8*

"Have you ever felt lonely? Call on Jesus."

A survey done by the American Psychiatric Association in 2024 found that over 30% of adults feel lonely at least once a week. Loneliness has been associated with increased risks of both mental and physical health issues.

Such was the case of Virgie, a resident of Belgium. As she looked for hope and guidance during the COVID-19 pandemic, she turned to her Bible. Unfortunately, Virgie quickly became disillusioned as she couldn't make sense of what she was reading.

Thankfully, hope was restored when Virgie stumbled upon a livestream from Hope Channel South Philippines while scrolling through social media.

It was the start of something new. Her life was about to change.

As Virgie was drawn into the livestream, she began following multiple series on the channel and connected with digital missionaries who replaced her loneliness with words of encouragement, guidance, and spiritual growth. With the help of their counsel, Virgie understood the Bible and no longer felt lonely. She chose to be baptized and has newfound purpose, hope, and joy!

Have you ever felt lonely? Call on Jesus. He is the Friend who never leaves, the One who always listens and draws near. He is the Faithful Companion who has promised to never leave you nor forsake you.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

1. What do you normally do when you feel lonely?
2. How can you reach out to someone who is lonely?



United States

RELENTLESS **RESCUER**

Verses to explore: ***Luke 15:1-7,*** *Psalm 18:35*



"As a shepherd tenderly guides and directs his sheep, so God seeks to lead us."

There are times in life when we don't just feel discouraged – we feel aimless. The illustration of a shepherd is often used to show our relationship with God. As a shepherd tenderly guides and directs his sheep, so God seeks to lead us.

Janae grew up in the church, but had become disillusioned and was on her way out but then, when she inadvertently ended up in the studio audience of *Hope At Night,* a Hope Channel production where real people share real stories of faith. She realized God was speaking to her through their stories, and she planted her feet in Jesus.

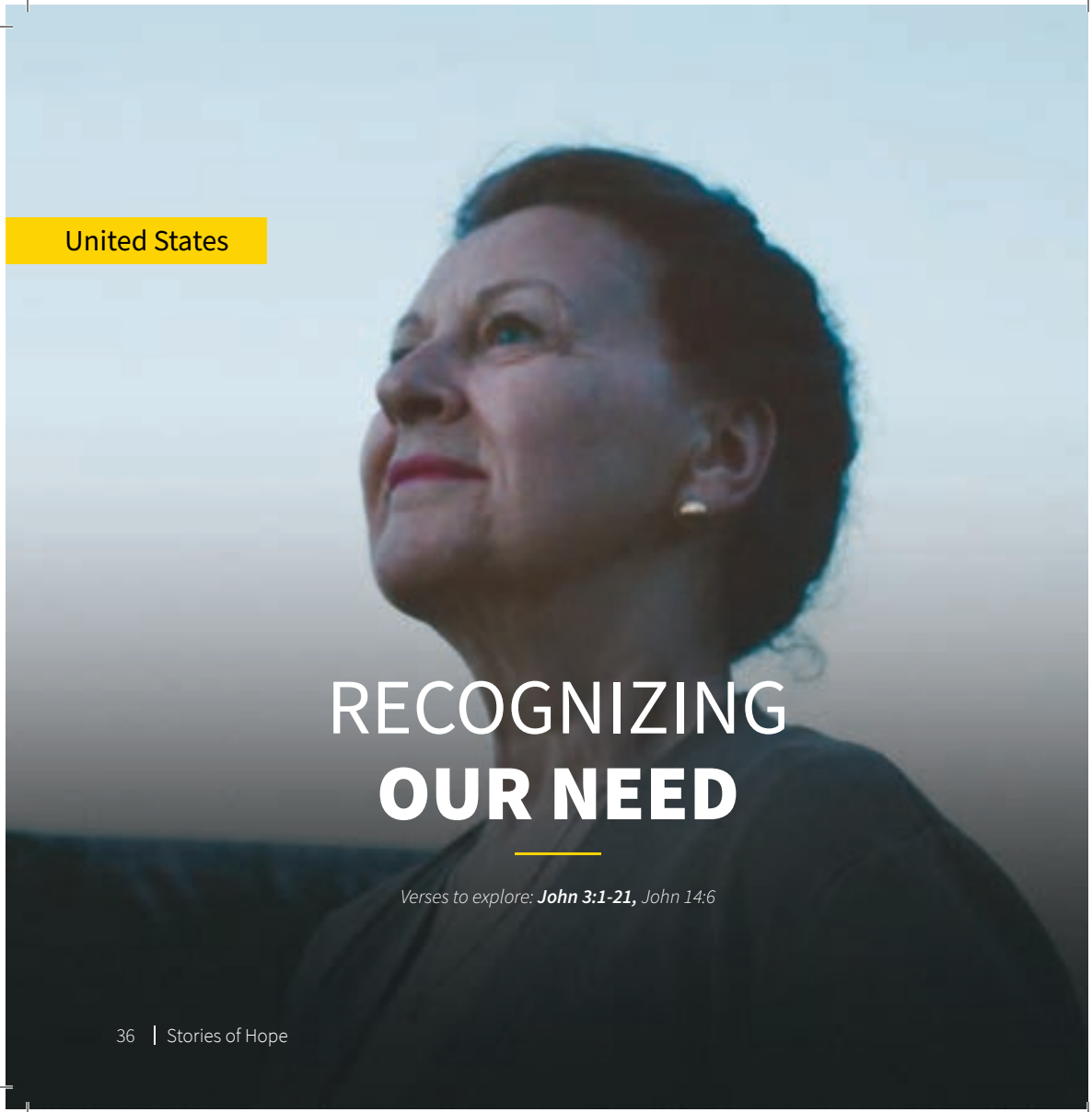
Sheldon, too, had wandered away, but, feeling a nudge from God landed upon Hope Channel's Inverse Bible study program, eventually leading him back to Jesus.

Just as God led Janae and Sheldon back to Him, He led Jane, too. Although she grew up in the church, experiencing abuse from a close family member filled her with feelings of disdain for God. But, after an accidental encounter with Hope Channel, her hope was revived.

Just as a shepherd would leave all to find a single lost sheep, Jesus left heaven to rescue you and me. He is the Gentle Shepherd who is ever seeking to lead us into His fold.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

1. Have you wandered from the fold? Do you hear God calling you back?
2. How can you help lead someone who has wandered away from the church?



United States

RECOGNIZING **OUR NEED**

Verses to explore: ***John 3:1-21,*** *John 14:6*

"The gospel is the answer to life's greatest challenges."

The key to solving every problem begins with recognizing there is a problem. You and I were born into a world where fallen humanity has made its imprint. It doesn't take us long to realize something is wrong, something is missing, and there is a problem.

Tamara's adult daughter was living a life of drugs and alcohol. Giving up her infant daughter to her mother, she felt lost and hopeless. One day, something changed. Tamara had been watching *The God Series* on Hope Channel and decided to share it with her daughter. It was at that point that something changed in her daughter. She recognized her need for a Savior and began to embrace the message of eternal hope she was hearing.

As she followed the series and explored the truths of the Bible, she decided to commit her life to Jesus and get baptized.

Jesus is the answer to the problem of sin and suffering in the world. The gospel is the answer to life's greatest challenges. As we recognize our great need for a Savior and open our hearts to receive Him, we experience a new kind of peace even in the midst of a broken world.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

1. When was the last time you truly felt your need for a Savior?

2. How can life's challenges draw us closer to God instead of away from Him?

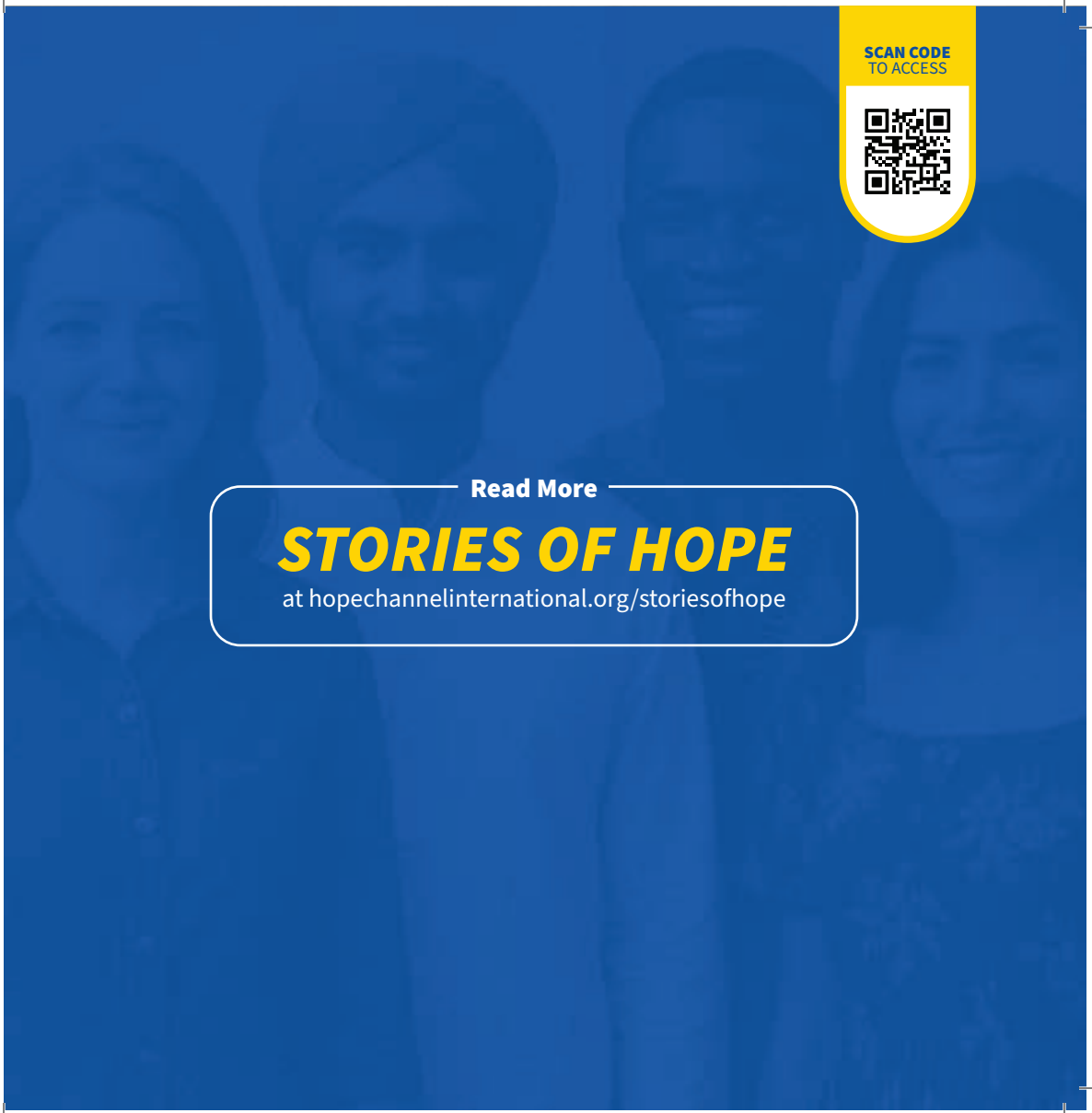
FINAL WORDS

The verdict is clear – there is still hope in Jesus! The many stories you have read in this book are just a fraction of the stories of God working through Hope Channel. If you'd like to be continually inspired, we invite you to watch *Stories of Hope* to hear more about the incredible work happening through Hope Channel's global network.

With 88 channels reaching all corners of the earth, we are sharing the everlasting gospel by using media that pushes through language, government, or religious restrictions. As you daily commit your life to Jesus, remember the Great Commission we have been given: "Go…and make disciples of all the nations…" (Matthew 28:19, NKJV).

We invite you to join us in sharing God's message of hope with one billion people by 2030. As you partner with us, we pray that your own hope is renewed. Together, we look forward with great anticipation to Jesus' soon return!

** Visit hopechannelinternational.org/storiesofhope to learn more.*



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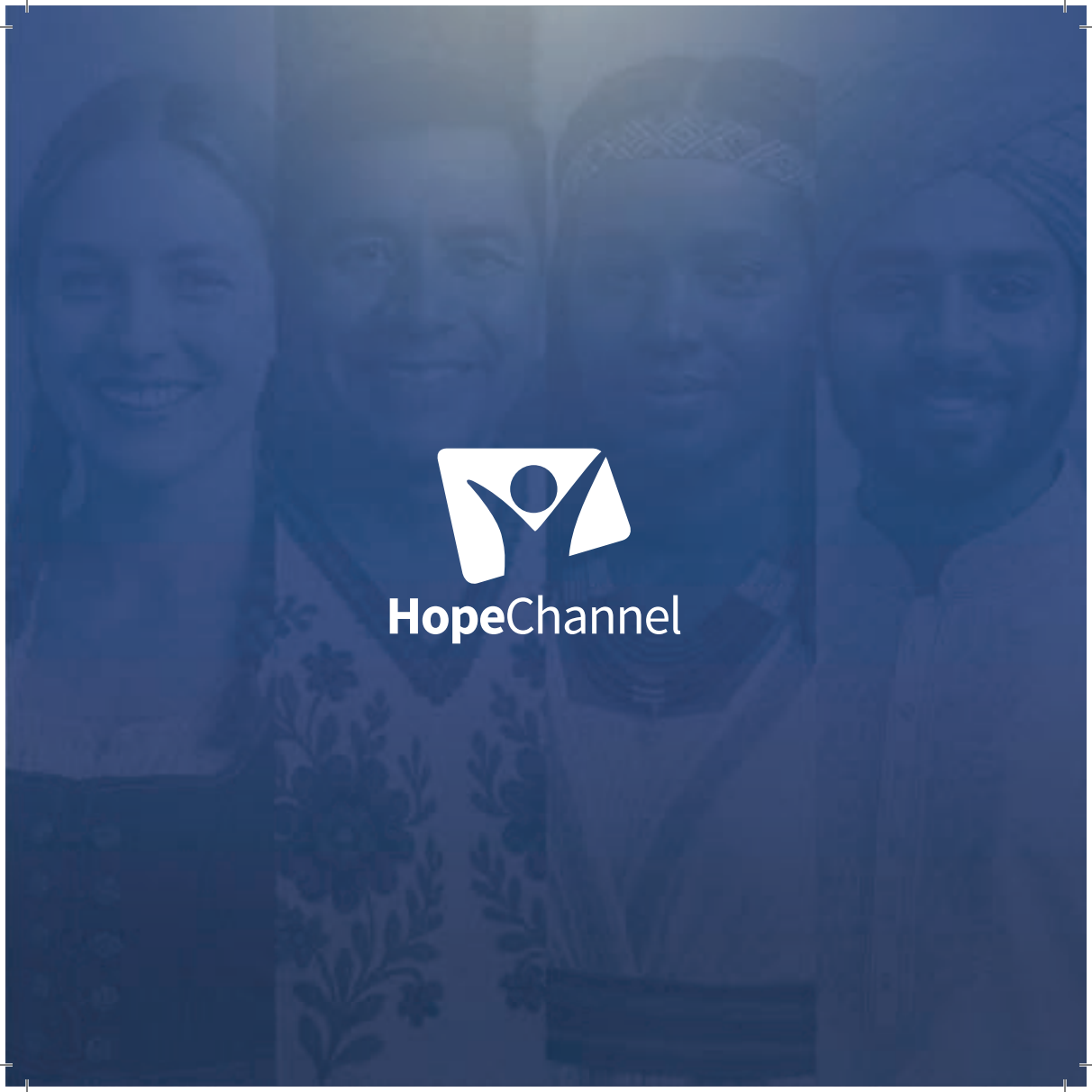
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