

# Explore the Bible Series for May 7: God's light awaits at the end of the journey

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## God's light awaits at the end of the journey

- Isaiah 49:1-53:12

**By James Adair**

*Baptist University of the Americas, San Antonio*

**Isaiah 49:1-6**

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## BaptistWay Bible Series for April 30: Competing loyalties

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**BaptistWay Bible Series for April 30**

## Competing loyalties require discernment

- 1 Samuel 20:1-18; 35-42

**By Joseph Matos**

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## Family Bible Series for April 30: Don't let fear interfere with sharing the gospel

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**Family Bible Series for April 30**

# Don't let fear interfere with sharing the gospel

- Acts 2:1-4, 22-24, 32-33, 36-41

**By Greg Ammons**

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## Explore the Bible Series for April 30: When God wants to do a new thing, saddle up

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**Explore the Bible Series for April 30**

## When God wants to do a new thing, saddle up

- Isaiah 44:1-48:22

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An entire generation or more of Jews had been born and had grown up in

Babylonia, far from their ancestral home. It was common practice in the ancient world for great empires, after they had conquered a territory, to transplant the leading citizens—the ruling family, aristocratic classes and priests—to a distant land and resettle them there.

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## **Prayers enable Texas team's ministry in Spain & Portugal**

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The "Texas Hoedown" was used as an ice-breaker by a Texas Baptist mission choir in secular locations such as the military base near Caceres, Spain. Amanda Gore, Jennifer Seaton, Lacy Moses, Krystle Coalson and Peggy Gibson, all from First Baptist Church in Mineral Wells, perform for troops. (Photo courtesy of David & Joy Borgan)

# Prayers enable Texas team's ministry in Spain & Portugal

**By Ken Camp**

*Managing Editor*

MINERAL WELLS—As if leading four-dozen Texas Baptists from eight churches on a choir tour and mission trip to Spain and Portugal didn't create enough stress for Jim Clayman, troubling preliminary medical tests meant he needed to schedule a biopsy three days before the group's departure.

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## Texas Baptist Forum

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## Texas Baptist Forum

### **Baylor's Christian mission**

Joseph Bottum's recent commentary regarding Baylor University (published in several periodicals) is, as Mark Twain once commented about rumors of his death, greatly exaggerated.

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## **Out ((Loud))**

*"I remain convinced that racism is the greatest sin in America, because it is the problem which keeps us from dealing with our other problems together. It is an affront to the God who loves all the world (John 3:16). Loving our neighbor as ourselves is basic to following Jesus (Matthew 22:39)."*

**Jim Denison**

Pastor of Park Cities Baptist Church in Dallas (godissues.org)

*"You will waste your cancer if you do not believe it is designed for you by God. It will not do to say that God only uses our cancer but does not design it.*

*What God permits, he permits for a reason. And that reason is his design. If God foresees molecular developments becoming cancer, he can stop it or not. If he does not, he has a purpose. Since he is infinitely wise, it is right to call this purpose a design."*

**John Piper**

Baptist pastor and author of the Reformed tradition, writing on the eve of his surgery for prostate cancer (BP)  
*"Our nation cannot afford a shrill and shallow debate that distorts reality and reduces the options to 'cut and run' versus 'stay the course.'"*

**Thomas Wenski**

Bishop of Orlando, writing on behalf of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops regarding the war in Iraq  
(RNS)



Drawing upon a single personnel decision, Bottum invites readers to witness “Baylor University’s apparent collapse” under secular pressure. While both legal and practical concerns limit a university’s ability to discuss or respond to criticism regarding tenure decisions, I write to affirm that we, at Baylor, remain committed to our distinctive Christian mission within an academically rigorous, yet nurturing, environment.

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## **Hispanics called to pray about immigration**

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**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

DALLAS—Texas Baptist leaders are calling Hispanic Texas Baptists to pray about the debate on immigration reform.

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# **Lenten observance 'culture shock' for some DBU students**

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DALLAS—Students who entered chapel at Dallas Baptist University recently found themselves immersed in ancient traditions different from the worship styles with which many of the evangelical students are familiar.

“Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,” read Rose Johnson, associate professor of English. The lights were lowered and the students stood and repeated St. Francis of Assisi’s prayer with reflection.

The worship experience marked one aspect of Lenten observance at DBU.

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## **HPU in North Africa**

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## **HPU students in North Africa**



Fifteen students from Howard Payne University participated in a 10-day trek across North Africa during spring break, led by Mary Carpenter, director of the school's cross-cultural studies program. Ashley Hayes (left) visits the hospitality offered by a Bedouin family. Erin Houchin (above) enjoys a camel ride through the desert.

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# **Cybercolumn by Brett Younger: April's Foolish Newsletter**

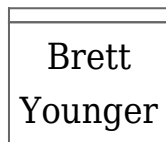
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# CYBER COLUMN: April's Foolish Newsletter

**By Brett Younger**

What do people expect from their church newsletter?

Everyone wants news about upcoming events, updates on members, crossword puzzles, recipes, and fishing tips, but beyond that we're not sure.



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## **Reccord mulls resignation from NAMB while some trustees warn of firing**

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**By Greg Warner**

ATLANTA (ABP) -As embattled Southern Baptist leader Bob Reccord met with prominent pastors April 13 seeking advice about his future, several of his own trustees at the North American Mission Board urged him to resign as the agency's president.

Reccord took the brunt of a scathing report issued by NAMB trustees March 23, which faulted the missions leader for poor management, autocratic decision-making, extravagant spending on failed ministry projects, apparent conflicts of interest in no-bid contracts for a friend, and creating a "culture of fear" that prevented staffers from questioning the abuses.

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**By Robert Marus**

RICHMOND, Va. (ABP) — Another controversy is brewing at the Southern

Baptist Convention's International Mission Board, which reportedly is set to dismiss two of its missionaries in West Africa for cooperating with non-Baptist colleagues to plant a church that isn't "Baptist" enough.

According to several news sources, blogs and the couple's pastor, IMB officials have given Wyman and Michelle Dobbs an April 15 ultimatum to resign or be fired. The Dobbsses have been missionaries to an unnamed, unreached people group in the small nation of Guinea for eight years.