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Christmas, the season we celebrate the birth of Christ, as we should. He was born to us as a savior, which meant He would have to die for our sin; and He walked this earth for 33 years to show us the Living God and how to walk with Him. 1Pet.2:21, *"To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps."* Christ's commitment was clearly evident. Our faith requires commitment to Him.

There is an abundance of distraction in our culture to remove our focus from what's important. As believers, we are to practice the presence of Christ at all times. The following story is a great reminder, to me, of commitment, practicing His presence and living out what's important:

Todd met Lisa at Wheaton College, a Christian school near Chicago. After graduation they married and moved to New Jersey and took jobs at Oracle before starting a family. They had two young boys, David and Andrew. Their daughter, Morgan, wouldn't be born for four more months.

As Todd boarded United Airlines Flight 93, he didn't know that his life was about to end and he would never see his family again. When terrorists hijacked his plane, Todd used his cell phone.

He made an operator promise to call his wife. The last thing the operator heard him say was spoken to fellow passengers. "Are you guys ready? Let's roll!" The passengers then made an attempt to takeover Flight 93.

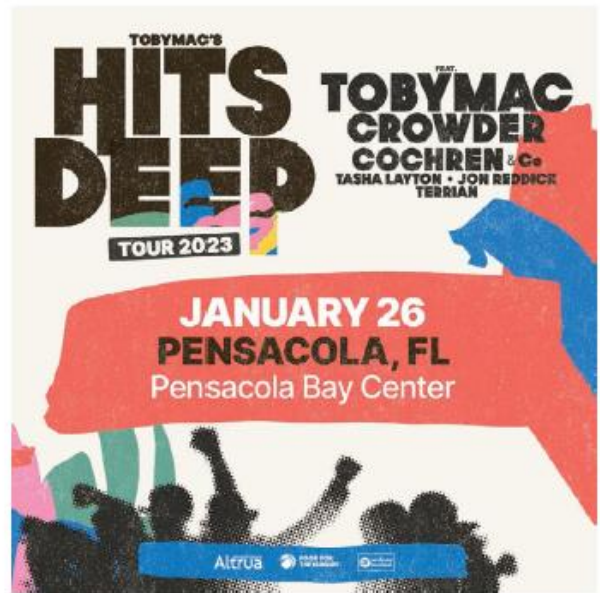
Moments like these test our spiritual moorings. People are grateful for heroes and they are grateful for Todd Beamer, but Todd was just an ordinary guy. What made Todd different is that he served an extraordinary God.



Later, Todd's wife would come and watch the cleanup at Ground Zero as workers meticulously separated what was garbage from what was valuable. Lisa says that made her think about what happens when tragedy strikes. When life is stripped to its barest essentials, people sift through the everyday muck in search of what's truly precious.

Todd Beamer found it. He was ready that day. Listen and maybe you can still hear his voice echoing that question every day through our radio ministries... "Are you guys ready?" That's what Goforth Media is all about. Reminding folks, through the airwaves, it's time to board flight 93.

UPCOMING EVENTS



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As we come to the end of another year, we must pause, look back and thank God for all that He has blessed us with and all that He has brought us through. At some point in time we have all been through personal trials and circumstances that cause us to trust in God at a much deeper level. This year has been one of those times. With the economic roller-coaster over the last couple of years and an uncertainty of what is to come, God has been faithful and continued to provide what is needed to keep our signal going strong. He is always faithful to be our provider, our comforter, our healer, our protector or whatever it is that we need Him to be. So, above all, I thank God for allowing us to broadcast the Gospel to the upper gulf coast. Also, I thank you, our listeners and supporters, for partnering with us along the way. Together we are making an eternal impact along the gulf coast and around the world via the world wide web.

May you have a very Merry Christmas & a Blessed New Year!



A note from engineering...

When Jesus says, *"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."* Power 88 actually takes that phrase quite literally! Radio works like this: Electrons are sent to the tower from the transmitter equipment and as the electrons travel up the AM tower or up the FM antenna photons are knocked off and turned into waves, which are essentially light! It is, however, a form of light we cannot see with the naked eye. So, RADIO is, by definition, letting the light shine!

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I know those wishes are very common this time of year, but it also really needs to be both said and received. As we move through the holidays, I'd encourage you to spend some more time in the Word of God. I've made it a goal to read my Bible more in 2023 than I have in any previous year. Will you join me in this endeavor? With today's technology, we have the opportunity to read God's Word just about anywhere, whether it's on a phone, tablet or even a book. We may not know what our future will hold, but we do know 2023 will be a year of new beginnings. It will be a year of both trials and accomplishments. In order to face this upcoming season, we need to be

aware of what God is doing in our lives. We can do that by being plugged in to His Word. Psalm 119:11 says "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you." That may be a good place to start. Another way to keep your focus on Christ in the upcoming year is to keep your radio dial at 88.5. We'll encourage you with messages and songs of Hope. Thanks for standing with us in 2023 and beyond!

Goforth Media wishes you

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HAPPY NEW YEAR