



# FOUNDATIONS

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## Welcome To The Foundations Network!!



Welcome to the premier edition of our new newsletter “Foundations”. Our goal is to keep you up to date on the most recent happenings at The Foundation Network. The Foundations Network is a ministry reaching around the world through social media platforms, streaming live channels in both audio and video as well as On-Demand programming bringing you solid Biblical-based teaching, preaching, music, movie reviews, children’s programming, animation and so much more. The Network began in late 2022 and continues to reach thousands for Christ from our vast online presence. On page two, read the story of The Foundations Network, how we started, how we evolved and what is coming. Our prayer is that this newsletter will encourage you, bring you timely information that will enhance your walk with Christ.

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## The Vision

by Steven Madden

In November 2022 God allowed something to happen that would set me on a path that I had not ever dreamed about before; I lost my job!! Eight to nine years working as a software programmer for a large company and one Friday I got the call that my boss wanted to speak with me at 4pm. Inside I knew what was coming, the writing was on the wall, but I found myself laid off, an unemployed software programmer, designer and I was not getting any younger so the road ahead would be turbulent.

I trusted the Lord would meet our needs, and the severance package was enough to help us weather the stormy months ahead, but I didn't recognize until a few nights later, that God had a plan for this temporary set-back. I went to sleep, as I did every night, but the dream I had was brighter and more real than my other dreams. I saw a vast network reaching throughout the world bringing the gospel message and solid biblical teaching to its listeners, both Christian and non-Christian. I thought how could we do this when I am out of work and the money wasn't flowing. In the dream I was shown contributors that would help, but I needed to build this thing first.

Remember the movie, "Field of Dreams"? A movie that came with a phrase that set at the back of my head over the past few years, "if you built it, they would come". I have had other ministers and friends ask me why I hadn't pushed fund-raising for the first few years of this and I kept coming back to the reality that we needed to build this first and God would provide.

I brought the vision to our Pastor Paul Vincent, whom you see regularly on the network, to make sure I didn't eat too much pizza the night before and through various means, he would be the one to begin this journey with me.

## The Institute for Biblical Learning

One thing that bothered me and still bothers me, for that matter, is that we have so many proclaiming their Christianity, but what we see from their arena does not fully line up with their words. On social media, we have pages and feeds and walls that we can read other's posts after you become "friends" with them. Well, I looked at some





that I personally knew as well as others who would on one hand proclaim their Christianity, but then make posts with foul language, pictures of them partying and sharing other posts that were inappropriate as well as a bit conflicting with the way The Bible told us to live. I wrestled with this question, what would cause a person who once accepted Christ to feel it was okay to live in such a way that I saw represented on social media. Either they didn't care what the Bible said, or they weren't brought up properly or disciplined like they should have been. If you look clearly at the "armchair" theologians we have on social media today, my bet was on the lack of proper discipleship. So, the vision came to establish a non-profit organization that would lead this new ministry, and it would be called "The Institute for Biblical Learning". Our purpose is to provide proper discipleship for Christians to ensure they are adhering to solid biblical teaching. During this time we developed "Back to Basics" (B2B) with a plan to re-educate the masses from the beginning, taking from Jesus' encouragement to the church that left their first love, to do the first works.



## The Foundations Podcast

Pastor Paul and I began a podcast, first using audio from his office there at the church. We called it "The Foundations Podcast". We would discuss different bible relevant topics and bible teaching. We would push this out on social media via a site called RSS.com to the listeners. We began to see an immediate growth in our listener base and eventually began the podcast using video as our social media base grew. We were not only reaching those on RSS but began a page on Facebook. Each week we would not only broadcast to the church listeners but repost on Facebook for on-demand listening. We soon found ourselves at over 1000 viewers per episode and were thanking God for the growth.



## The More the Merrier



We began, what I call, Foundations University there at the church and invited others to come to weekly Bible classes. Both Pastor Paul and I would take a topic, and we would teach both classes on Sunday afternoons for eight weeks. We would record each lesson on video for play on social media for others to watch and learn. Our good friends Russell and Sheryl Lockhart were with us during those beginning times and Russell for years had done movie



reviews. We discussed having a program that would review the movies, but from a Christian perspective. Soon after, “Reel Perspective” was born and has continued on for over three years. Our wives had ideas of their own and began to collaborate on a possible program that would reach out to Christian women. They began recording Faith and Friends



at that time. We would do the same as the other programs and broadcast them on our Facebook page so others could watch.

## The Foundations Network

Our reach on social media began to grow as we acquired accounts on YouTube, Rumble, Instagram and soon to come TikTok for a specific type of video. In our first year, we saw the number of views rise to over 200,000 so we were motivated to create new programs and finally bring this under the guise of a single network, “The Foundations Network”. We were no longer a simple podcast, but we were quickly developing a network of programs aimed at reaching out to the Christian community and non-Christian community with the gospel message, teaching, preaching and more.



## Raise A Hallelujah

We were missing a vital element to our network; music. Russell appeared eager since he was a part of a group to lead this endeavor. We felt a format for Indie or Independent



Christian Artists would be good in a flavor like “Austin City Limits” on PBS featuring live performances from music artists. So, from their front living room, we recorded the first episode of Raise A Hallelujah. They invited people to come to listen in their dining room converted to an audience format and even had a potluck spread of food for the listeners to

enjoy. When “We Are Legacies” took the stage and we could feel the presence of the Lord, then Adina and then Borderline sang “Let Me Tell You About My Jesus” and everyone in the



house began to sing along, our move into music was set. We needed licensing for this effort, so we purchased two CCLI licenses to cover the broadcasting.

## Live Streaming

So, with the accumulation of all these programs and with more adding monthly, I thought that this was beginning to look like a television station. Hmm. Television station? Currently we have streaming channels so the search for how to make this happen began. As a



programmer, I work in this world anyway, so why not use the talents and knowledge God gave me through the years to help this ministry. Soon came the vision for a 24-hour streaming channel that would broadcast all our programs. We tested out the best streaming platforms and Rumble won out, but also with multiple streams to YouTube as well.

This began to cost money every month, but we were dedicated to getting the job done for God. Our first month on Rumble netted us over 10,000 views so we kept it going.

## Foundations Network Radio

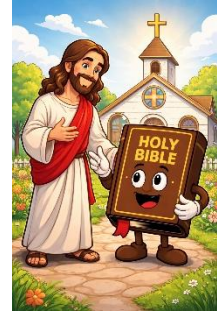
We were traveling and adding more ministries to our network and our eyes turned to music once again. If we could have a 24-hour streaming channel with our video, couldn't we also have a radio station? Maybe an Indie Christian radio station that would help promote their ministries and play music daily to minister to the listeners. I was a member of a Christian musician's group so I sent out an invite to Christian artists that would like to be a part of this new Indie streaming radio station. Several artists came back and provided the music for us to play. We later added the Independent Christian Artists Showcase and Jazz Break and more music keeps coming in.





## Let's Get Happy

We wondered how to reach children with this ministry and various attempts were made but everyone was busy with other efforts, so I somehow stumbled into animation. Our grandson helped me devise an idea for Happy, the Talking Bible character and through various technical means Happy came to life. We developed various adventures, often putting him in vicarious positions to bring the kids a Bible verse. He has been to Hades (ahem) to bring the kids the Word of the Lord. We even had our first Christmas Happy Special last year with much more to come. We added a couple characters to his group with Lady Pray and Steeples (church) and they formed The Discipleship Gang. We started to stream on TikTok and Instagram which provide our largest audience for animation as well as our other social media platforms and live streams.



## Where to Go from Here?

So, what about the future? Plans are in motion for an android app that will warehouse all our programming with other features. We have our sights on Roku TV and Amazon Fire TV in 2027. Our goal is to reach as many as possible with the gospel and do as Jesus commanded to make disciples of all nations. We continue to grow and this newsletter will help keep you at the forefront of what is happening with this ministry. We have begun to reach out for partners with this ministry. So, if the Lord moves on you to contribute, you can be a part of reaching the world for Christ through social media.



*Thoughts By Adina*

**“Broken Vessels - Restored”**

I wrote this back in 2005 when both my mom and dad were still with us. Since then, both have entered the Gates of that City, but the truth still holds and remains a part of me:

A few weeks ago, a friend of mine sent me an email. In it was a picture of the east side of the Carrizo Plain in the Temblor Range. It's 50 miles west of Bakersfield, CA. The words “God spilled the paint” were written in the email. I was so awestruck by the picture that I asked my dad to paint it for me for Christmas. I love it when he paints for me. I know it's something no one else has and I'll have it to remember him long after the Lord takes him home.

He's getting on in years now and he has a hard time walking, but his hands are still good. He's sort of color blind, so my mom helps him with the colors. That makes the paintings even more special to me.

This year for my birthday, my dad restored a table that had been in our family for a long time. The table used to have a mirror in it, but it got broken. I asked him to paint a picture of a cottage that I had loved to look at when I was a little girl living in California and to place it where the mirror had been. It wasn't until years later that I found out the cottage was the last place my grandmother ever lived. She died a year before I was born.

For some reason I was drawn to that cottage, and I would often stand at the gate and gaze down the lane and imagine myself there. Of course, with industry being as it is, the cottage is no longer there, but now I have a beautiful coffee table that memorializes a wonderful childhood memory.

I always loved that table as a child and even more so since my dad has restored it. He had to do a lot of work to fix it. When I found it in storage, it was broken in pieces. It had fallen apart because it was so old. It was an antique when they bought it. Anyway, my dad with my mom's help was able to restore it for me. I think it's one of the best gifts I've even been given.



It sort of reminds me of how the Lord can take something so broken, something someone else would just throw away, and restore it. Ecclesiastes 3:11 says, “He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end.”

Now to someone else my table may not be much, but to me it's priceless. I guess that's how God sees us. The world may never see our true value. We may be overlooked by the standards of man, but to God, we are priceless. Sometimes He uses man to help refine us, like my mom helps my dad, but often it is in the silence, in those quiet moments that we can feel Him moving and working and restoring us by His strong and mighty hand. As He



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restores us and refines us, we become not just a refurbished piece of junk, but we each become a priceless piece of art.

It is in the stillness of my dad's art that I have come to realize the depth of his love for me. In that stillness, I've come to realize the love the Father has for us as His children. Everyday He continues to form and shape, sculpt and paint, seeing the masterpiece we are to be. As we yield to Him, He creates a purpose for us, and we become something beautiful for Him and others to behold.

The old chorus says;

Something Beautiful, something good

All my confusion, He understood

All I had to offer Him was brokenness and strife

But He made something beautiful out of my life

It is in this lesson taught without words that my heart cries out to the Lord. "May we, as a body, be shaped as we yield to Your Spirit. Lord, restore and mend us in our brokenness until we are refined as vessels for your glory".



## Pastor Roy Cummings

What Does God Think of You?

Jeremiah 29: <sup>11</sup>for I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and hope.

How many times have we read or heard that scripture? How many times have we stopped to let the power of that verse direct our thoughts to understand that we have the privilege of living in the power of blessings that we do not even realize God has set in motion around us? God has set His thoughts toward us, how powerful that statement is. It doesn't mean that God had a passing thought or found Himself with nothing else to do, so He in His time of idleness had a remembrance of us. No. He focused on us; he looked directly at us and determined in His mind to see us. He set his thoughts on us, nothing else in that moment but us. It was intentional. What did He think? Did He think we were not worth His time, His effort, His love? No. He thought of our value and that His love toward us was never wasted. His thought was He wanted us to succeed; to have the tools we need to accomplish all the things we were created to accomplish. His thoughts were of peace and that peace opens a treasure trove of opportunity and advantages only available in Him. His peace creates for us the ability to function in His power, in the power of His word, His love, and His authority. His peace is a shield against evil that would destroy His desire for us to overcome the forces of destruction and hopelessness. The depth of God's thought is beyond our ability to comprehend. We say it, but do we truly understand it? His thoughts have been focused on us since before the beginning of time and His peace has been combatting evil since before the beginning of time for us. God did not just start his plans for us when we were conceived, His plans were put in motion before time began. He wants us to live in the future of His hope for us. God has designed a purpose for each of us, and he has determined that path and we can walk in it if we will allow His thoughts to guide us. As His children we have the promise of His future and His hope. What a privilege to live in that knowledge. May His blessings surround and keep you.

Pastor Roy Cummings



## Movie Perspective

With Russell Lockhart

### *“How Movies Shaped My Life”*

Seems like I have always loved movies. It’s a place where I can go off on adventures in space, the ocean, an exotic land, or just find adventure in a simple movie about another city other than my own. At an early age, I would get lost in a movie and feel the emotions of the characters and feel like I was traveling side by side with each one of them.

The first movie I remember seeing on the big screen was a re-release of *Song of the South* when I was a child. My mom took me for a matinee and started me down a path I was destined to walk. The songs and stories of Uncle Remus took me to another place, and I was excited to go along for the ride. I laughed, I cried, I was humming to the songs like I knew them already. I knew, even at that young age, I was experiencing something magical, and I did not want to stop.

Years later I would stumble across a film that solidified my love of movies and still my favorite movie of all time, *Casablanca*. I watched as many Humphrey Bogart movies as possible. He was my second hero in my life (first and still number one is my dad.)

I watched a lot of classics and learned to appreciate the old as I reached towards the future. The future was *Star Wars* in 1977, and 14-year-old Russell was so amazed at this new world that I saw that movie six times. I loved classics, new films, the B-horror movies like *Attack of the Killer Tomatoes*, romance movies like *When Harry Met Sally*, comedy like *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*...whatever I could watch. This well rounded and healthy appetite for different genres made me who I am today; a movie critic with twenty-eight years under my belt.

Today I use my power for good (sorry, superhero cliché) and I let Christians know what movies are appropriate to see, especially for kids. Years ago, Disney meant safe, wholesome, family friendly movies, but alas, it is not always so these days. Hollywood puts agendas in movies and Disney fell in that same trap. We give you honest reviews of movies, their agendas, and what is in them and if they would not be family friendly watching. Remember, it is up to US to demand wholesome films for our kids, and if we do not support their agendas with our money, they may have to go back to “the good old days.” I have already seen it working with Disney, they are changing their ways a little, together we can make a difference.



## We Are Legacies

Can anything good come from COVID? Well, let me introduce you to a trio of musicians who came together as a result of this plague on the world. Romans 8:28 tells us that God works all things together for good and sometimes great. When the world was forced indoors and churches could not gather for services, God laid it on these ladies'

hearts that there was a need for worship. Thus, **We Are Legacies** were born. Brooke, Jade and Ashlyn came together and formed this new Indie group dedicated to uplifting the name of Jesus through worship.

Their intent, at first, was to go “live” on Facebook to have times of praise and worship where the listeners could join in even though confined to their homes. They felt this would bring encouragement to the masses, feeling the weight of the pandemic. They began to write their own music, establishing themselves as an Independent Christian group and performing a mixture of both worship music and the new creations they wrote.

As the pandemic subsided and the church attempted to return to normal, they began to look for opportunities to perform at various events. They were even featured on our first

broadcast of “Raise A Hallelujah” for The Foundations Network. They even hit the road earlier this year and performed as we had the opportunity to record their performance and feature them on a short program called “On the Road with We Are Legacies”.

Their goal is simple.

“...to facilitate an environment, through worship, that allows people to connect intimately with God.”

### Where do they envision themselves in the future?

“We hope to continue our ministry and walk in God’s will as He opens doors for us to serve His purpose. We pray that we are vessels that only bring Him glory and honor.”





## *Consider This*



“Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great.”  
Luke 6:47-49

Have you ever known someone to lose their faith in God, following a great tragedy, asking “How could a loving God allow this?”

Many think that giving a comforting answer is what is needed. Maybe it would be more helpful to ask them to help you understand what they mean by ‘faith’. Faith must have an object; it must be in a ‘who’ or a ‘what’.

Many have “accepted / invited Jesus into their heart”, resulting from an inoffensive “God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life” sermon.

It’s likely this person has put their faith in Jesus to give them a better life, free of pain and loss. It would be understandable then that tragedy would shake or destroy their faith.

Steve Camp’s song ‘Carry Me’ describes the same experience.

“I was told that trouble couldn’t touch a child of God. But when the trials came furiously, they nearly sucked the life out of me....”

The truth is, God never promises life circumstances will bring us love, joy, peace, patience, etc.

Read Galatians chapter 5 again.

These things come from within; products of a life surrendered to walking in the Spirit.

This is a sinful, selfish world, at enmity with God; one that deserves God’s wrath and judgment.

And we are not standing outside that world looking in. We are part of it. Every one of us has lied, stolen, lusted, and put other things before God, and our own conscience testifies against each of us.

The wrath this world deserves, we deserve.

That is the bad news that the “wonderful plan” sermon leaves out. And without it, the good news makes no sense.



The good news is that Christ, God Almighty in the flesh, took the judgment we deserved on the cross and rose from the dead. He doesn't ask to be invited in as a guest. He commands us to repent.

"Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent," Acts 17:30

Jesus said, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

Mark 1:15 NKJV

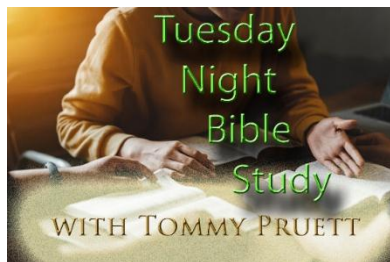
That is the foundation on the "Rock" (Luke 6); not a better life, but a Savior.

A faith built on the whole Gospel doesn't collapse when tragedy comes, because it never rested on easy circumstances in the first place. It rests on faith in Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection, to take on Himself the punishment due the individual. The flood still comes, but the house stands.

So, the next time someone tells you a tragedy cost them their faith, instead of comforting them with "just have faith", gently ask them about their faith. If the honest answer is a life God was supposed to keep safe from trials or tragedies, you may have an open door to share the whole Gospel they may never have heard.

If tragedies or trials weaken your faith in God, verify your own foundation, then help others to do the same.

Shawn



What do you get when you cross the latest in computer/internet technology with good solid teaching of the Word of God? You get what we call the Tuesday Night Bible Study on The Foundations Network.

Pastor Tommy Pruett leads this Bible Study with several joining via Google Meetings on the Internet to conduct an in-depth look at the Bible and various issues that affect today's Christian. The study lasts for around 30 to 45 minutes each week and allows for the participants to give their own take, testimonies of Real-Life experiences in their life and so much more.

If you would like to join the study, contact Tammy at [pruettbiblestudy@gmail.com](mailto:pruettbiblestudy@gmail.com) or tune in each week on The Foundations Network to listen to the study. We provide it in both On-Demand formats and on the 24-hour Live Stream from our website <http://foundationsnetwork/TFNLiveStream.html>. See you next week!!



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