



Leaning in to God for 2023

Mark 1, 29-38





Steve Jobs, 1955-2011
Founder, Apple

As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. The whole town gathered at the door, and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Simon and his companions went to look for him, and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!"

Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come.

From Mark chapter 1

A scenic view of a river flowing through a lush, green landscape. The river is the central focus, with water flowing over rocks. The banks are lined with dense green trees and bushes. In the background, there are rolling hills or mountains under a clear blue sky. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

From Luke chapter 5

Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

A scenic view of a river flowing through a forest. The river is the central focus, with water cascading over rocks. The surrounding trees are lush and green, and the sky is a clear, bright blue. A semi-transparent dark blue overlay covers the middle portion of the image, containing white text.

From LBC Vision discussions

Rediscovering our confidence and
joy in the gospel &
Rediscovering church as family

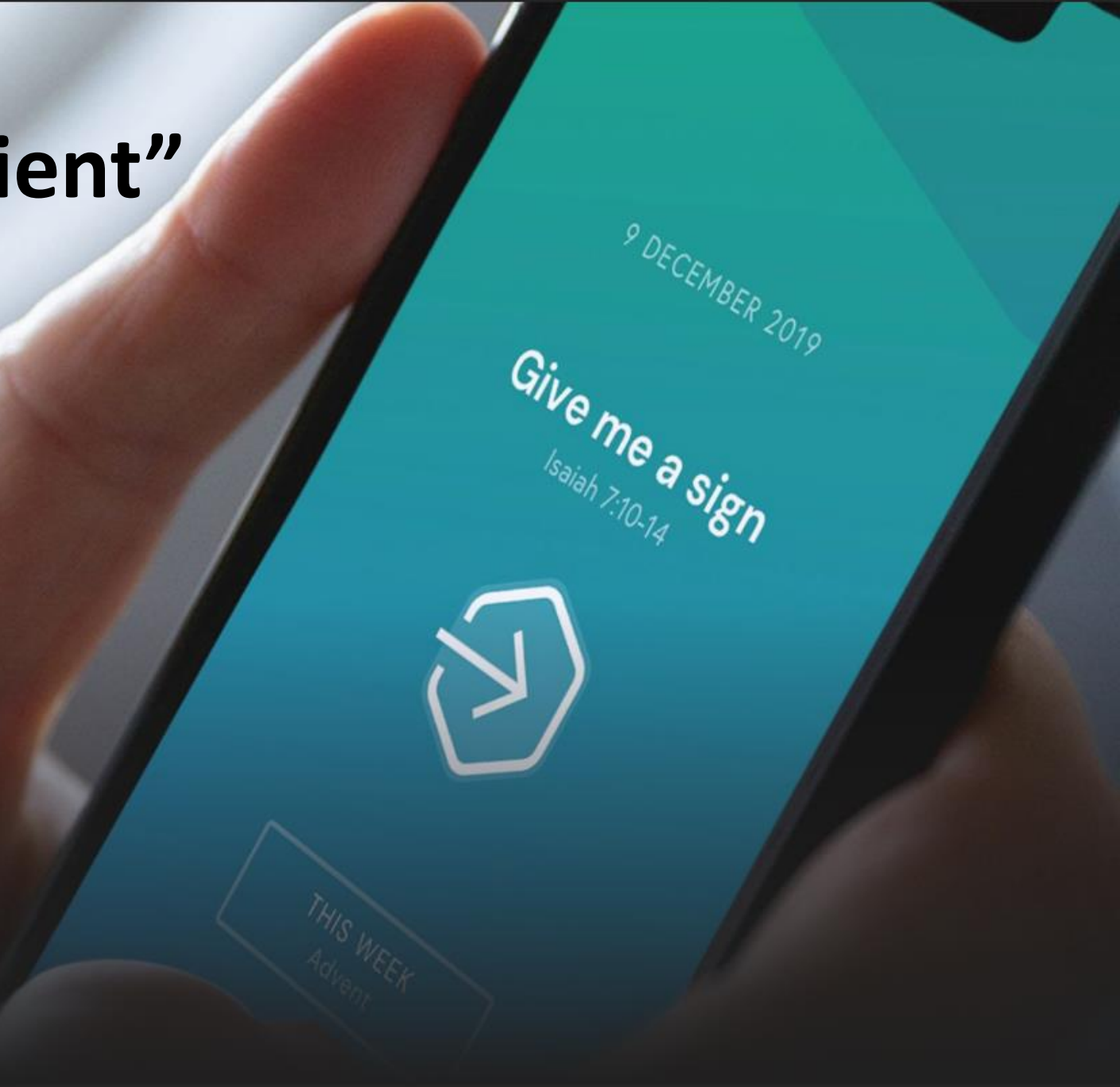


From LBC Vision discussions

Reconnecting with God
Reconnecting with each other

“Try something ancient”

Lectio 365 App





What could I do LESS in order to connect with God MORE?

- Not log in to your email after say ... 7pm
- Not watch streaming TV for ... 2 evenings a week
- Not watch late night TV
- Not do housework that could wait
- Less time certain pastimes
- Not “sitting around” when you could come and be a part of our gathering



What could we do to better connect with each other?

- Belong to a homegroup
- Come to prayer meetings and gatherings
- Social events – meals etc
- Day away or weekend away in 2023
- “Inside LBC” – newspaper sharing personal stories
- “This Time Tomorrow” on a Sunday morning
- Teaching program
- Run The Marriage Course
- Training in pastoral care
- Offer Bible reading aids we can do together
- Encourage Sunday attendance in person



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Good works – or God's work?