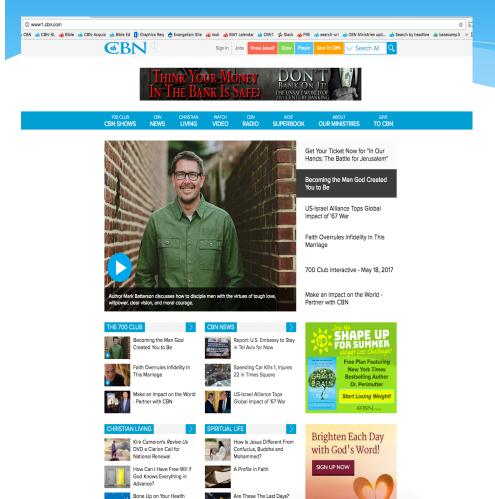
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A Workshop by Beth Patch

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## Beth Patch – Senior Producer

**Devotions** 

Spiritual Life

Bible Reading Plans

Church Finder

<u>Courses</u>

### Snapshot of my day

Decisions
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Planning
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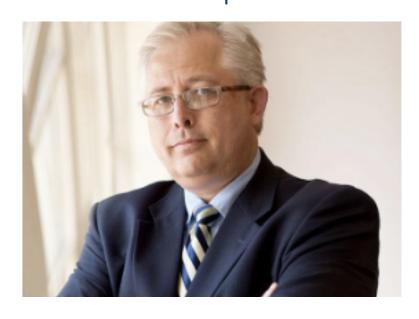
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### **Christian Living**



## **CBN.com** Entertainment

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Entertainment

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Chris Pratt Shamelessly Spreads God's Love in Children's Hospital





Did ABC Cancel Tim Allen's Hit Show 'Last Man Standing' for Its Christian Themes? Subsections – Movies, Books, Music, TV

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350-600 Words

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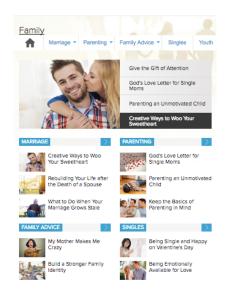
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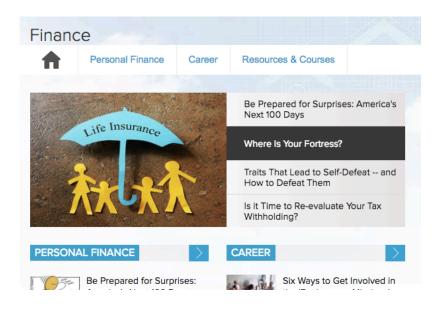
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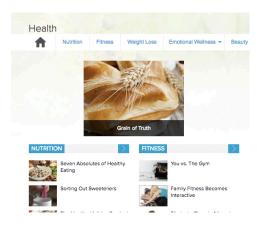
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#### Spiritual Life



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Topics

Questions

Courses

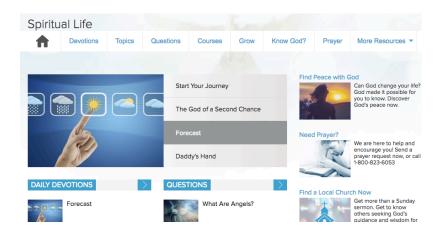
Grow

Know God?

Prayer

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### Spiritual Life



### Subsections – Questions, Topics

<u>Questions</u> <u>Topics</u>

Feature Articles 500-800 words Submissions to beth.patch@cbn.org

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#### **Devotions**

# Forecast I often wonder what my family and others observe in my life. Do they see me honoring the Lord? Read Today's Devotion Get Daily Devotional by Email Mark 1:35 Before daybreak the next morning, Jesus got up and went out to an isolated place to pray. Mark 1:35 Read/Listen to today's scriptures

#### Decent

Please Hang in There

Fri, 02/17/2017 Daddy's Hand

#### Trending Devotional Topics

Valentine's Day

### Requirements

- Story-oriented
- Include 2 Scripture/Scripture references
  - \* 450-650 words

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ENTERTAINMENT	www1.cbn.com/entertainment	Feature articles for Book, Music, Movie, TV (Le. topical lists - "Five Movies to Watch on Mother's Day") "evergreen	400-700	
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Candy Arrington

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#### Cathy Messecar

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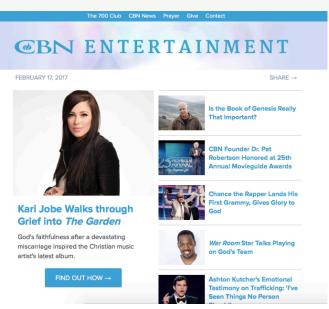
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- Leviticus 26:9

Read Today's Bible Passages →

Old Testament: Leviticus 26-27 New Testament: Mark 2

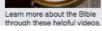
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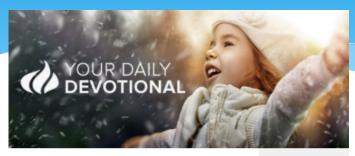


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February 20 Devotion & Scripture



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A story that haunts me is Jesus' encounter with a nameless, wealthy young man as he made his final journey toward Jerusalem.

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"I will look favorably upon you, making you fertile and multiplying your people. And I will fulfill my covenant with you."

Leviticus 26: 9

Read or listen to Daily Bible Reading Leviticus 26-27



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