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## Message from Gary

*Gladiator II*, Ridley Scott's new movie, has generated interest and created excitement. It's taken the world by storm. With a budget of \$160 million, it tells the story of a gladiator who wants his revenge against the Roman Empire.

I'm presently in Morocco, working on film sets used to make *Gladiator II*. Our budgets were very different, but so is the story we filmed.

The story of *Gladiator* is pure fiction, whereas we were telling the true story of one of the greatest men who has ever lived. His name is Abraham.

Picture a man standing on the rooftops of Ur, in ancient Mesopotamia, a city gleaming with ziggurats and the bustle of marketplaces, when he heard God's call. And with those words, one of history's greatest adventures of faith began.

Abraham packed his belongings, gathered his household, and walked into the wilderness. His wife Sarah, beautiful and strong-willed, followed this seemingly impossible dream with him. Together they became wanderers, their wealth measured in camels, sheep and goats.

God promised them descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky. But years passed without a child. Human patience frayed. Sarah offered her servant Hagar as a solution, and soon Ishmael was born – but this wasn't God's plan. More years slipped by until finally, impossibly, laughter erupted in their tent. Sarah bore Isaac in her old age, just as God had promised.

Yet the journey wasn't smooth. Abraham faced famines and feuds, navigated tricky alliances with kings, met the high priest Melchizedek, and rescued his nephew Lot from war. His faith stumbled at times – he passed Sarah off as his sister, not once but twice, to Egypt's Pharaoh and then to King Abimelech, when fear momentarily overwhelmed him. But each failure became a stepping stone to stronger faith.

Then came the ultimate test: God said, "*Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and sacrifice him.*" On Mount Moriah, Abraham's heart split between love and obedience, until God intervened and provided a ram in the thicket.

In his twilight years, Abraham buried his beloved Sarah in the cave of Machpelah. He arranged Isaac's marriage to Rebekah, ensuring God's promises would continue into the next generation.

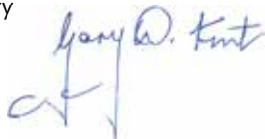
Sometimes the greatest adventures begin with a single step of faith into the unknown. After a life rich with adventure, love, miracles, and a close relationship with God, Abraham peacefully passed away at the age of 175.

And this is Abraham's legacy – not just in the cave of Machpelah or the sands of Canaan, but in every heart that dares to trust in God, every person that steps out into the unknown on nothing more than a promise and a prayer to follow God's leading.

For in the end, Abraham wasn't just the father of nations – he became the father of faith itself, showing us all what it means to walk with God and be His friend.

As we come to the end of another year, and look over all that has happened, may we like Abraham count our blessings and see God's leading and guidance in our lives. Robyn and I and The Incredible Journey team would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a happy and safe festive season and all the very best for the new year.

Blessings and best wishes,  
Gary



## Exciting things are happening in 2025

These events are where The Incredible Journey can share what we have done in the previous year, and the mission and vision for 2025 and beyond, and in 2025 we are planning two additional one-day events for those in Sydney and Melbourne.

– Lunch with Gary (Melbourne)

**13 April**

– Partnership Weekend (Gold Coast)

**23 – 25 May**

– Lunch with Gary (Sydney)

**13 October**



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# Christmas TRUCE OF 1914

As the cold winter of 1914 settled over the Western Front and Christmas approached, the mood on both sides was sombre. Many soldiers were experiencing their first Christmas away from home, and the contrast between the season's message of peace and goodwill and the daily reality of war and death was stark. But few could have imagined the scene unfolding on Christmas Day 1914.

Join Gary this Christmas week as he visits the trenches on the Western Front and investigates the day the guns fell silent. This new program will air across multiple channels:



- **YouTube:** Friday, 20 December at 6:30pm
- **9GEM:** Sunday, 22 December at 8:30am
- **GOOD TV:** Tuesday, 24 December at 10:00pm
- **3ABN:** Australia: Friday, 27 December at 9pm
- **Hope Channel Australia:** Friday, 27 December at 8pm

The free offer that will be available with 'The Christmas Truce of 1914' is our new booklet called **The Ultimate Gift.**

In a world filled with countless gifts and blessings, one gift stands above all others in its significance, impact, and transformative power for mankind: Jesus Christ.



< You can scan the QR code to request a copy.



## Sydney Lunch with Gary

On Sunday, November 24, we held a fundraiser lunch at the Rydges Norwest in Baulkham Hills, Sydney. At the event, Gary shared what the ministry has done in the past 12 months and the plans for 2025.

It was a fantastic event and a great way to celebrate the wonderful blessings the Lord has provided for The Incredible Journey ministry to reach people with the everlasting gospel.

The program began at 10 am with morning tea, followed by presentations by Gary Kent and a three-course vegetarian lunch.

Mark your calendars! We plan to run a similar event in 2025 in Melbourne (April 13) and Sydney (October 13), as well as our yearly Partnership weekend on the Gold Coast (23 – 25 May).



## Every Home Christmas Spectacular

Every Home for Christ (EHC) held its inaugural Christmas Spectacular at NSW Parliament House on Wednesday, 13 November. The Incredible Journey was invited to attend and feature one of our new programs. We premiered 'The Christmas Truce of 1914', and Gary recorded a special short message from Morocco.

The event also featured a nativity scene, performances and hymns.

Every Home for Christ is a Christian Mission organisation dedicated to reaching every home on earth with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It works in 100 countries, partnering with local Every Home for Christ organisations, which are managed and staffed by national workers.



## Filming in Morocco

At the end of October, The Incredible Journey production team flew to Morocco for a 3 week filming engagement comprising 16 new programs and re-enactments. Morocco is a great location to film historical/biblical re-enactments as the terrain resembles the Middle East, and there is also a film studio containing sets with architectural motifs of the biblical era.

Here the team filmed programs on Queen Vashti, Queen Esther, a series on Abraham, and various programs in the new 'Dead Men Do Tell Tales' series – Dead Sea Scrolls, Tel Dan David Stele, Moabite Stone, Cyrus Cylinder and more.



## Highest Requested Offers of 2024



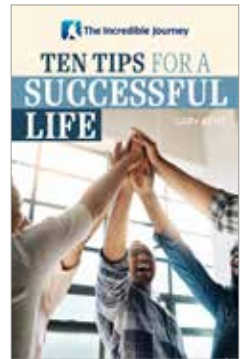
Total Booklets Sent: **969**



Total Booklets Sent: **877**



Total Booklets Sent: **1,253**



Total Booklets Sent: **968**

- With a total of **20,661** booklets posted and **16,485** emailed.

### **Bible Studies** (*Discover and Revelation*)

- Total Number of Individual Lessons Sent = **4,089**
- Total Number of Courses Started = **734**
- Total Number of Courses Completed = **33**

## Testimonies

- You and this channel are an important part of sharing God's word with and around the world. Thank you for all you do in your sacrifice to do this work. It is hoped to meet you on the sea of glass and shake your hand!
- I love the Incredible Journey channel, not just because they went far and beyond in giving us great content but is also giving historical/true stories that can be used as an illustration to biblical truths and sharing the gospel. More blessings and success to your ministry, Pastor Kent.
- This is a very motivational channel. I am grateful for the inspirational teachings.
- Truly one of the best channels on YouTube. THANK YOU TIJ for all your work!
- I absolutely LOVE this channel! I live in America and I just heard of it a few weeks ago! Every single episode has been wonderful. The C.S. Lewis one was one of my favourites and also the one about the Cadbury Chocolate company.
- I get encouraged by your videos and calming voice. Your explanations are detailed and clear. May God bless your ministry. Love from Zambia.
- These videos are amazing at providing context about the world history, but as well talking about gospel and God word.

## New Programs



This program shares the story of Corporal Leslie 'Bull' Allen, a courageous war hero raised in a Ballarat orphanage. As a WWII stretcher bearer in the Australian Army, he braved intense enemy fire at the Battle of Mount Tambu to rescue over a dozen wounded men. His bravery earned him recognition, and his image remains in the Australian War Memorial—a testament to his heroism and the profound impact of war. Bull's life offers lasting lessons in courage and resilience.



# The Bravery of 'BULL' ALLEN



If you haven't watched these programs yet, visit our website [tij.tv/media-library](http://tij.tv/media-library)

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**Leaving a Bequest** – If you are considering a gift in your last Will and Testament for The Incredible Journey, please contact [info@tij.tv](mailto:info@tij.tv) and we'll be happy to assist you.