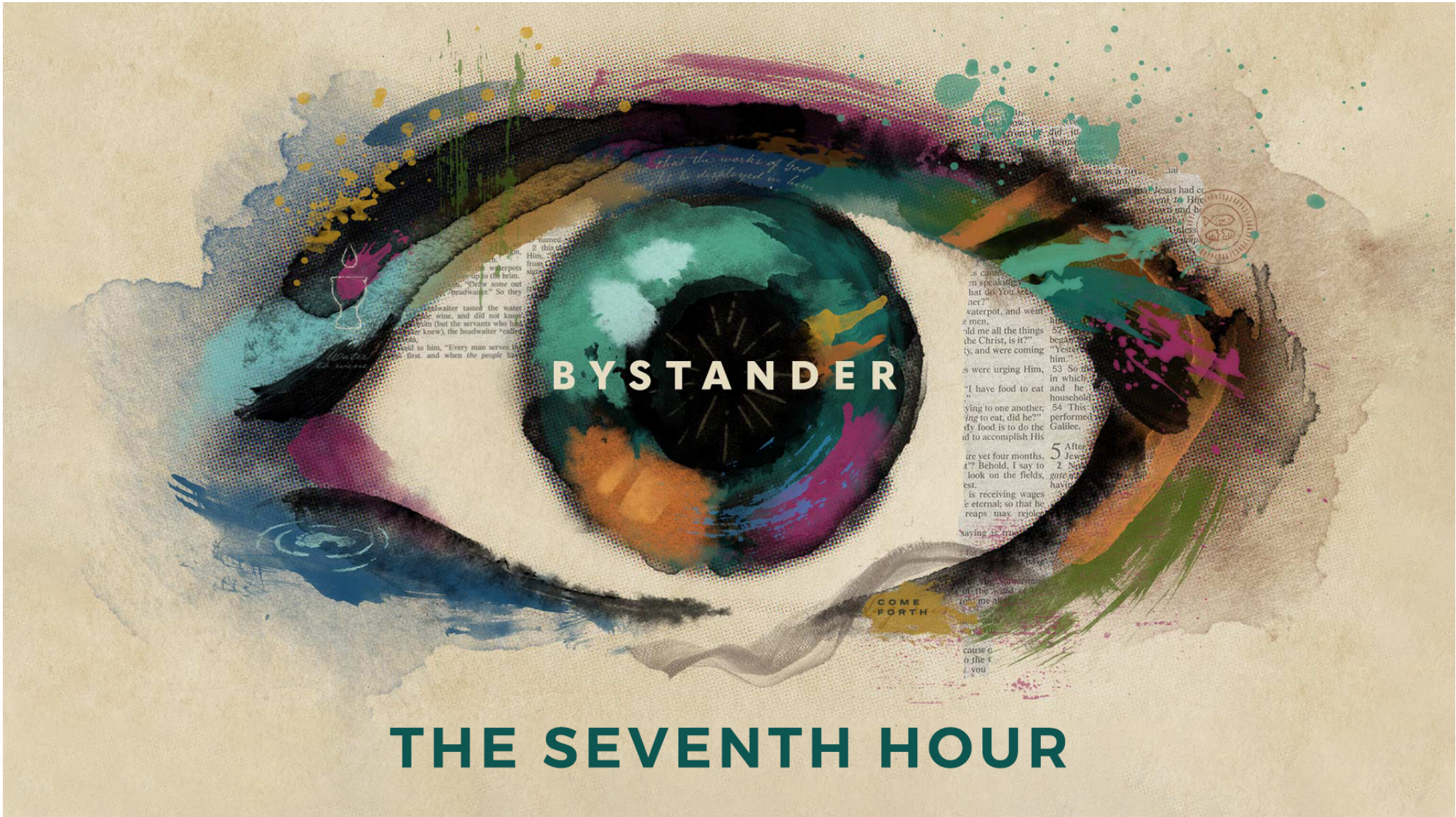




Forgiveness is up to you



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THE SEVENTH HOUR

*about the works of God
that he displayed in him*

... named
2 this
Him.
... the waterpots
... up to the brim.
... "Draw some out
... headwater." So they
... water tasted the water
... wine, and did not know
... (but the servants who had
... knew), the headwaiter called
... said to him, "Every man serves his
... first, and when the people had

... the
... Jesus had co
... went to Him
... and he
... Jesus
... camp



... waterpot, and when
... men,
... told me all the things
... the Christ, is it?"
... ty, and were coming
... s were urging Him,
... "I have food to eat
... ing to eat, did he?"
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... id to accomplish His

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... Behold, I say to
... look on the fields,
... est.
... is receiving wages
... eternal so that he
... reaps may rejoice
... saying is true

**COME
FORTH**

... of the Samaritan
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... told me all
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BELIEVE IN-SPITE-OF PEOPLE

➤ **“LIVING-AS-IF” PEOPLE**

**IS IT THEIR “BLIND FAITH” OR
IS IT OUR “WILLFUL BLINDNESS”?**

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Following Jesus (Christianity)
is not about “just believing”
or “taking it by faith.”

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*That (Jesus) which was from the beginning,
which we have heard,
which we have seen with our eyes,
which we have looked at
and our hands have touched -
this we proclaim concerning the Word of life (Jesus).
The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it,
which was with the Father and has appeared to us.
We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, ...*

1 John 1: 1-3a NIV

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JOHN'S GOSPEL: SEVEN SIGNS

1. **The Wine Maker:** Six Stone Jars and a Nudge (John 2: 1-12)
 2. **The Choreographer:** Long Distance Healing (John 4: 43-54)
 3. **The Rule Breaker:** It's Never Too Late (John 5: 1-15)
 4. **Lord Algebra:** $5 + 2 = 5,000$ w/R 12 (John 6: 1-15)
 5. **The Water Walker:** Faith is Spelled R.I.S.K (John 6: 16-24)
 6. **The Eye Opener:** Never Say Never (John 9: 1-12)
 7. **The Grave Robber:** Punctuating His Power (John 11: 1-44)
- **Easter Invitation to Believe:** What do you believe?

*Jesus performed many other signs
in the presence of his disciples,
which are not recorded in this book.
But these (seven) are written that you may believe
that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God,
and that by believing (by faith in Jesus)
you may have life in his name.*

John 20: 30-31 NIV

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The first sign, water to wine,
foreshadows (points to)
the eighth and final sign.

This second sign of the seven,
when Jesus heals a royal official's son.

This second, seventh hour sign, was a
long-distance miracle that happened
within a stones throw of the first.

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*Once more he visited **Cana** in Galilee,
where he had turned the **water** into **wine**.
And there was a certain **royal official**
whose **son** lay **sick** at **Capernaum**. When this man
heard that Jesus had **arrived** in Galilee from Judea,
he went to him and **begged** him to **come**
and **heal** his **son**, who was **close to death**.
“Unless **you** (people) **see** signs and wonders (miracles),”
Jesus told him, “you will never (**not**) **believe**.”*

John 4: 46-48 NIV

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*The royal official said,
“Sir, (ku’rios) come down before my child dies.”
“Go,” Jesus replied, “your son will live (I promise!).”
The man took Jesus at his word (believed)
and departed for home (Capernaum).*

John 4: 49-50 NIV

He **walked** home
by **faith**
not by **sight**.

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While *he* was still *on the way*, his *servants*
met him with the *news* that his *boy* was *living*.

When he *inquired* as to the *time*
when his *son* got *better*, they said to him,
“*Yesterday*, at *one* in the afternoon, the *fever* left him.”

Then the father *realized* that *this* was
the *exact time* at which Jesus had said to him,

“Your *son* will be *live*.”

So *he* and his *whole household* (family) *believed*.

John 4: 51-53 NIV

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Walking (living) by faith is not
walking by hope or wishful thinking,
it's living every day as if
Jesus is who he claimed to be.

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What is the **reason**
Christianity changed the **world**?

A new command: Love one another
“**As I**” have loved, “**so you**” must love

“**By this** everyone will know...”
Ambassadors of a unique **brand** of **love**

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Then Jesus told *him* (Thomas),
“*Because* you have *seen* me, you have *believed*;
blessed are *those*
who have *not seen* and yet *believed*.” ...
But *these* are written *that* you may *believe*
that Jesus is the *Messiah*, the *Son of God*,
and that *by believing* (by faith in *Jesus*)
you may *have life* in his name.

John 20: 29 & 31 NIV

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It's not enough
to just **read** the **stories**.

At some point you have
to **hear** the **music** (believe).

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