

JERRY JOHNSTON

EXPERIENCE

17 years in evangelism internationally in 1,200 churches



15 years church planter/mentored 60 leaders called into full-time ministry 1996 - 2011



2 years television host, *100 Huntley Street*, Toronto 2012 - 2014

9 years 2014 - 2024

- Research and filmed interviews for the CHRISTIAN STRONG movement.
- Professor of Theology and VP of Innovation at Houston Christian University (Division 1).
- Co-founder of IG Transmedia.

EVANGELISM

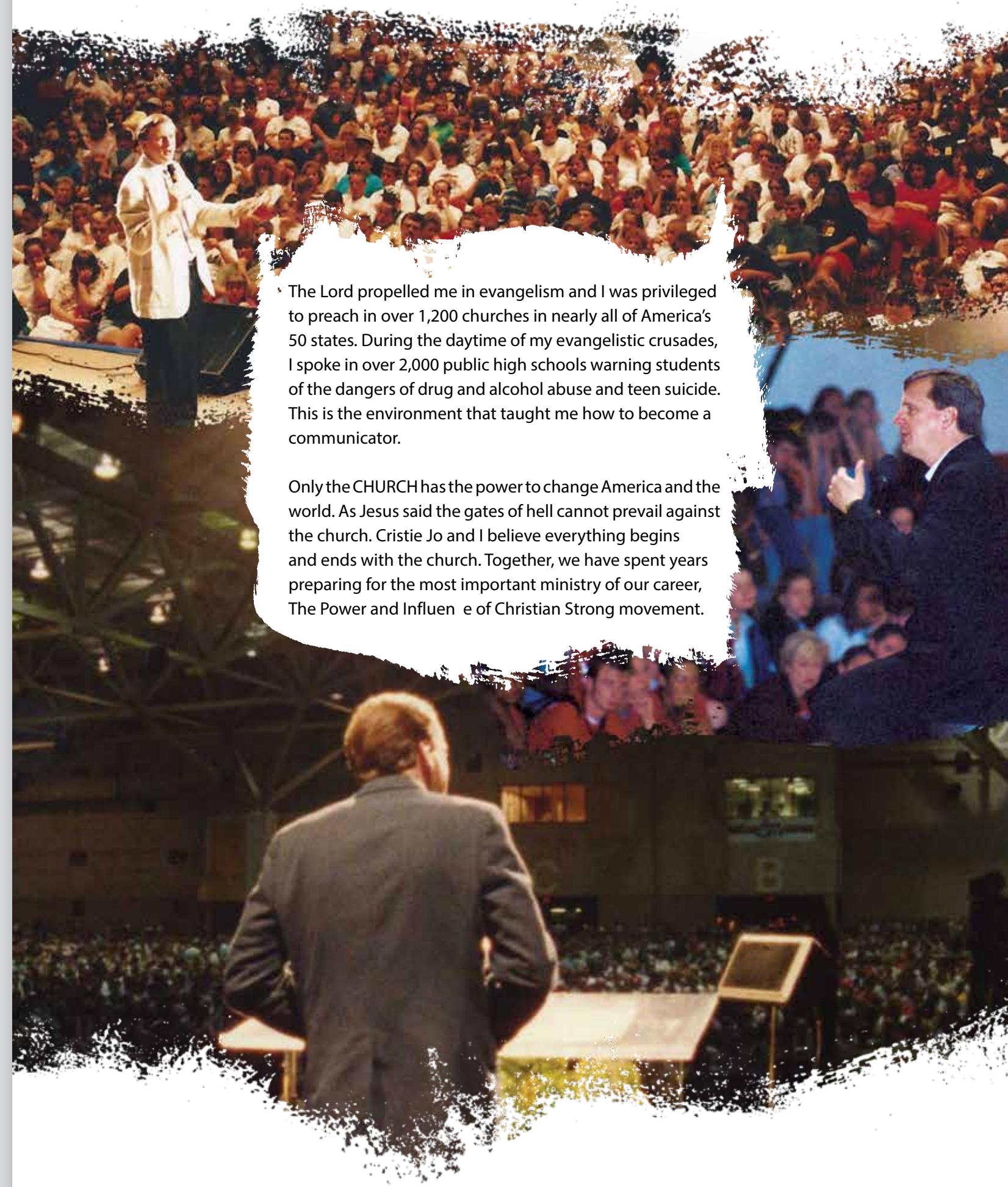


I came to Christ as a teenager at a summer youth camp ten weeks after I was checked out of a hospital on Easter Sunday. As a teen, I experimented with drugs and later called my dad at work and told him I wanted to kill myself.

Young people from a local church invited me to camp and the last night, June 21, 1973, I received Jesus Christ as my Savior. The night I came to Christ, God called me to preach. My mother and father received Christ after they heard me give my testimony at church. I would have never come to Christ without the church!

Three months later I joined the Youth for Christ Preacher Boy Club and 22 students received Christ the first night I spoke at my YFC Club. God gave me a burden for my public school. In one year, we led over 200 of our classmates to faith in Jesus Christ. From the very beginning, I was an evangelist. I simultaneously graduated from a Bible Institute where I learned critical Bible doctrine.

YFC's Executive Director, Dr. Al Metsker, asked me to be their Evangelist-at-Large and sent me to preach in Youth for Christ rallies and clubs from Los Angeles to New York while I was still in high school. Dr. Metsker introduced me to Dr. Jerry Falwell, Sr. and he gave me a seven-year scholarship to Liberty. While in college, I served as his associate evangelist and preached in over 90 cities in local churches. Dr. Falwell asked me to preach on his nationally syndicated Sunday television show on 390 T.V. stations. My sermon was titled The Fear and Holiness of God.

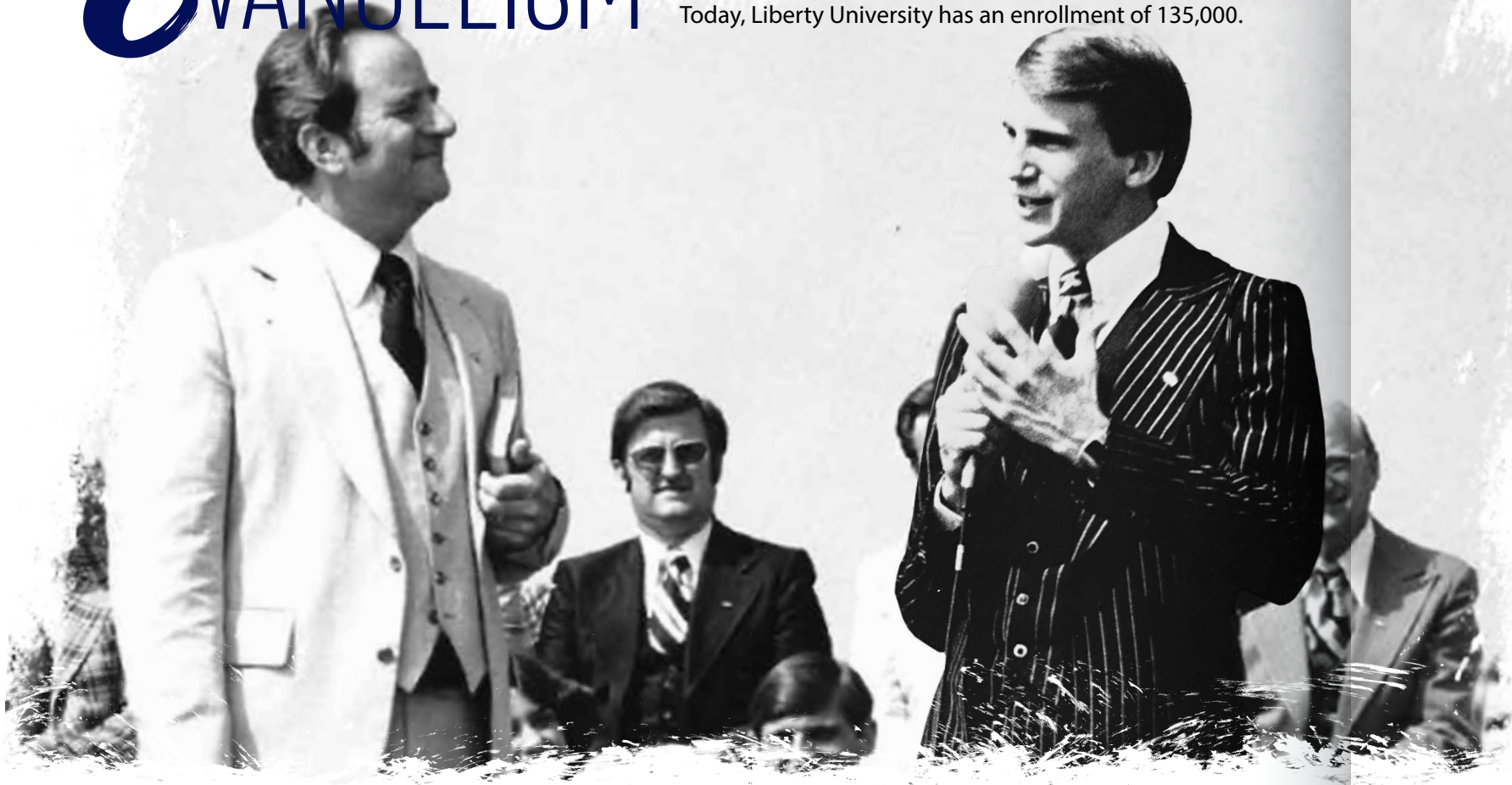


The Lord propelled me in evangelism and I was privileged to preach in over 1,200 churches in nearly all of America's 50 states. During the daytime of my evangelistic crusades, I spoke in over 2,000 public high schools warning students of the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse and teen suicide. This is the environment that taught me how to become a communicator.

Only the CHURCH has the power to change America and the world. As Jesus said the gates of hell cannot prevail against the church. Cristie Jo and I believe everything begins and ends with the church. Together, we have spent years preparing for the most important ministry of our career, The Power and Influence of Christian Strong movement.

EVANGELISM

Miracle of Liberty Mountain TV Special in. Dr. Falwell, Sr.'s vision stated "someday 50,000 students" will be enrolled. Today, Liberty University has an enrollment of 135,000.



- Evangelist-at-Large for KC Youth for Christ while in high school, spoke hundreds of times in YFC rallies, churches, and camps nationwide.
- Associate Evangelist for Dr. Jerry Falwell, Sr. while on scholarship at Liberty University. Preached on Dr. Falwell's nationally syndicated television show on 390 stations.
- Conducted evangelistic events in 1,200 churches in over 700 cities in the USA, Canada, Korea, Germany, the United Kingdom, and the Netherlands.
- Spoke in 2,000 public schools, private academies, and universities to over 3MM young people and invited students to evangelistic events where thousands came to faith in Jesus Christ.
- Witnessed over 125,000 recorded public professions of faith in Christ.
- Interviewed on 520 radio/TV programs on culture trends and topics derived from 13 authored books.
- Preached at Billy Graham's North American Conference for Itinerant Evangelists on the topic, "How to Prepare and Deliver an Evangelistic Sermon," in Louisville, KY.
- Preached at the Billy Graham School of Evangelism at Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL and Denver, CO during the Billy Graham Crusade.
- Preached at the Southern Baptist Convention Pastor's Conference with Dr. Adrian Rogers in St. Louis, MO, to 14,000 pastors.

"When the Lord puts his hand upon a man, there's very little to be added to it.

And through the years, it's been my privilege to be under the ministry of great men of God whom the Lord has touched.

I try to be friends of all who are friends of Christ, and I try to employ and use the men of God on whose ministry the hand of God rests.

It's a rarity when the Lord selects someone so very young to do such a very important work

Jerry Johnston is only 18 years of age.

I know all the dangers that surround the ministry of a young person—the dangers of pride, the foolishness of immaturity, and all the things that can injure and damage a ministry before it ever gets off the launching pad.

Jerry Johnston is also aware of these things. He's accepted counsel, listened to his elders, and, for his age, I think he is probably the most mature young man I know. He is yielded to the Lord.

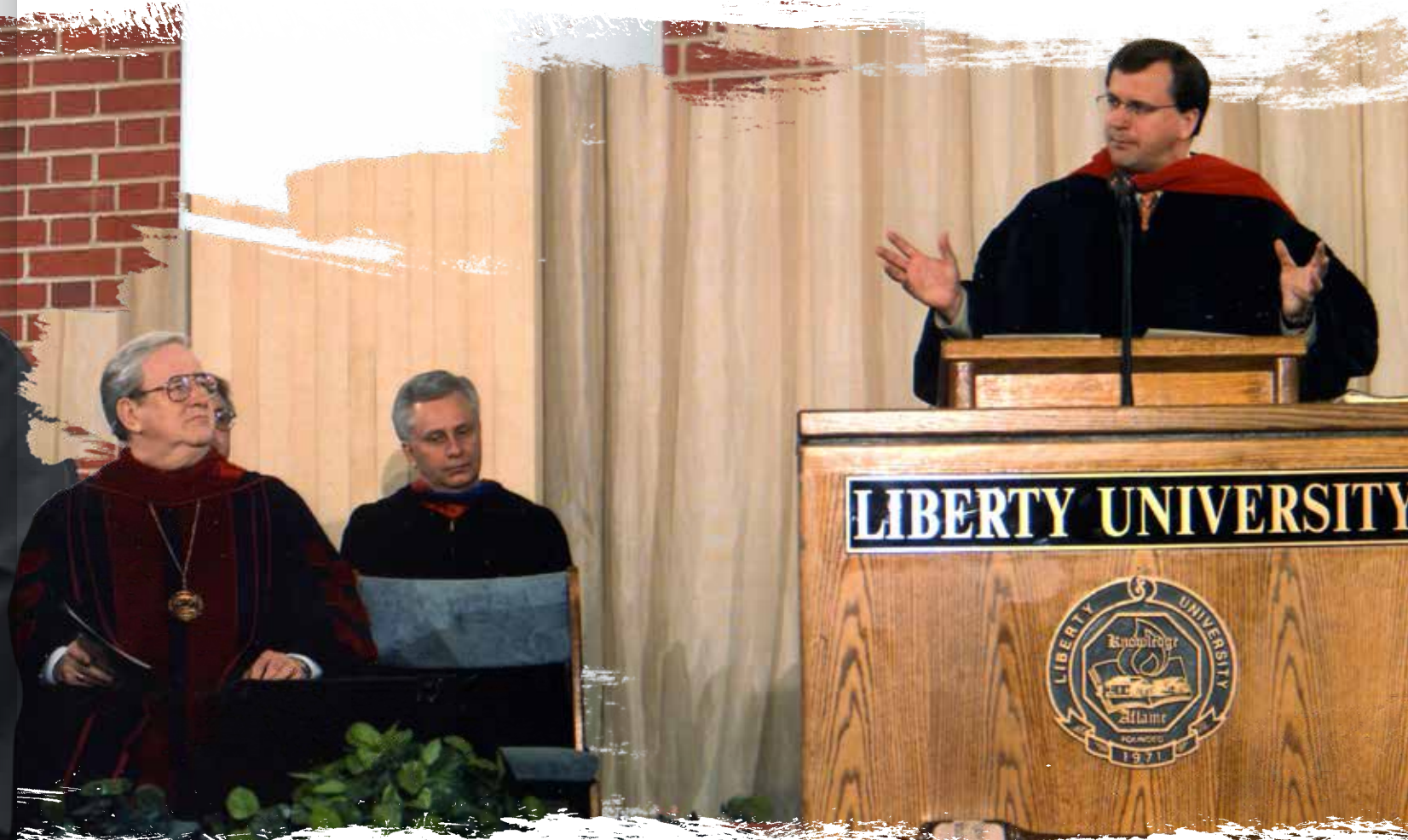
He has repeatedly told me, *'I want nothing in my life but that which honors my Christ. I want the Holy Spirit to lead me.'*

I was glad when Jerry decided to come to Liberty Baptist College. I was glad when he said, *'I want to go to college. I want to finish the seminary here, I want to get my doctorate, I want to get all the training possible because I want to be a polished shaft in the hand of the Lord.'*

So tonight, I want you to carefully and prayerfully listen to a young man I believe the world is going to hear from. I hope with these statements, each of you will bear him up in prayer. I suppose if Satan is ever going to destroy the ministry of Jerry Johnston, he will try to do it quickly. In the early budding days of his ministry so he needs our prayers probably more now than he will ever need them later. I want you to pray for Jerry Johnston, and I want you to listen as he preaches the word of God to you now."

Dr. Jerry Falwell, Sr.
Thomas Road Baptist Church

EDUCATION



- **Doctor of Ministry, Acadia University-Acadia Divinity College:** Wolfville, Nova Scotia, Canada (2012); Supervisor - Dr. Craig A. Evans; Thesis: "An Exploration of Rates and Causes of Attrition Among Protestant Evangelical Clergy in the United States" <https://scholar.acadiau.ca/node/1501>
- **Master of Divinity, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary,** (2009), Christian Education
- **BA, Midwestern Baptist College,** (2007) Biblical Studies
- **Honorary Doctor of Divinity, Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary,** (1997) bestowed by Dr. Jerry Falwell Sr.

EXPERTISE

16 FILM/TV DOCUMENTARIES

- Aids Among Teens (WORD Publishing)
- Pain Killers: Tracking the Prescription Drug Epidemic (Crossroads)
- The Power of Media: Sexualization of Teens (Crossroads)
- It's Killing Our Kids - Alcohol Abuse and Addiction (WORD)
- Rachel's Story: The Crosses of Columbine (JJ Association)
- Commitment: It's Time to Make Up Your Mind (Word)
- Kids and Gangs (WORD)
- The Cutting Edge (Jerry Johnston Association)
- Life Expose (Jerry Johnston Association)
- Why Suicide? Youth's Fatal Wish (WORD)
- The Edge of Evil (WORD)
- Decisions and Consequences (WORD)
- Incest (WORD)
- Inside Teen Suicide (Crossroads)
- Battling the Darkness (Crossroads)
- Profiling Teen Violence (Crossroads)

MEDIA

- Preached weekly on TVB Pearl, Hong Kong, China, Middle East Television, Cypress, and NBC and ABC Affiliates.
- As a TV host invited by David Mainse, Jerry helped set fundraising goals for Crossroads Christian Communications by leading their TV telethons and recruiting monthly donor support. Dr. Johnston designed and wrote two important books for Crossroads Publishing: *Why They Die: Curing the Death Wish in Our Kids* and *Christian & Demons*. He produced four TV documentaries: *Inside Teenage Suicide*, *Battling the Darkness*, *The Power of Media: The Sexualization of our Youth*, and *Profiling Teen Violence*, which supported the success of the telethons.

500 MESSAGES/200 SERMON SERIES

- Gifted by the Holy Spirit in evangelistic communication, expository Bible preaching, and teaching.
- Expertise in evangelistic strategy to grow the church, mentor believers to strength, and reverse the secularization trend.
- Original research and filming on the nation's demographic crisis unparalleled provided to make believers strong. Filmed interviews designed for television programs/streaming/documentaries.

14 BOOKS

- Inspire Your Kids to Greatness (Zondervan Publishing)
- Going All The Way: The Real World of Teens and Sex (WORD Publishing)
- The Last Days of Planet Earth (Harvest House)
- Daniel: Principles of Leadership, Success, and Achievement (FF Publishing)
- It's Killing Our Kids: Teenage Alcohol Abuse and Addiction (WORD Publishing)
- Who's Listening: What Our Kids Are Trying to Tell Us (Zondervan Publishing)
- Apostasy Now: Similarities and Differences of Belief Systems (FF Publishing)
- Why They Die: Curing the Death Wish in Our Kids (Crossroads)
- How to Save Your Kids from Ruin (Victor Books)
- The Edge of Evil (WORD Publishing)
- Christians & Demons (Crossroads)
- The Thrilling Prophecies of Mr. Z and Jesus: Jerusalem, the Jew, and You (FF Publishing)
- Why Suicide? What Parents and Teachers Must Know to Save Our Kids (Oliver Nelson Books)
- Equipping for Evangelism: How to Prepare and Deliver an Evangelistic Sermon (NACIE: Billy Graham Evangelistic Association)

