SEE YOU ON THE

OTHER SIDE!

1,000

TRUTH 6

A TOUR OF HEAVEN / ISSUE 6 OF 8



What are the 1,000 years?

Highway to Heaven, Mile Marker 1,000



That's a LOT of dog years!

by Rick Melick

Last Time on the Tour



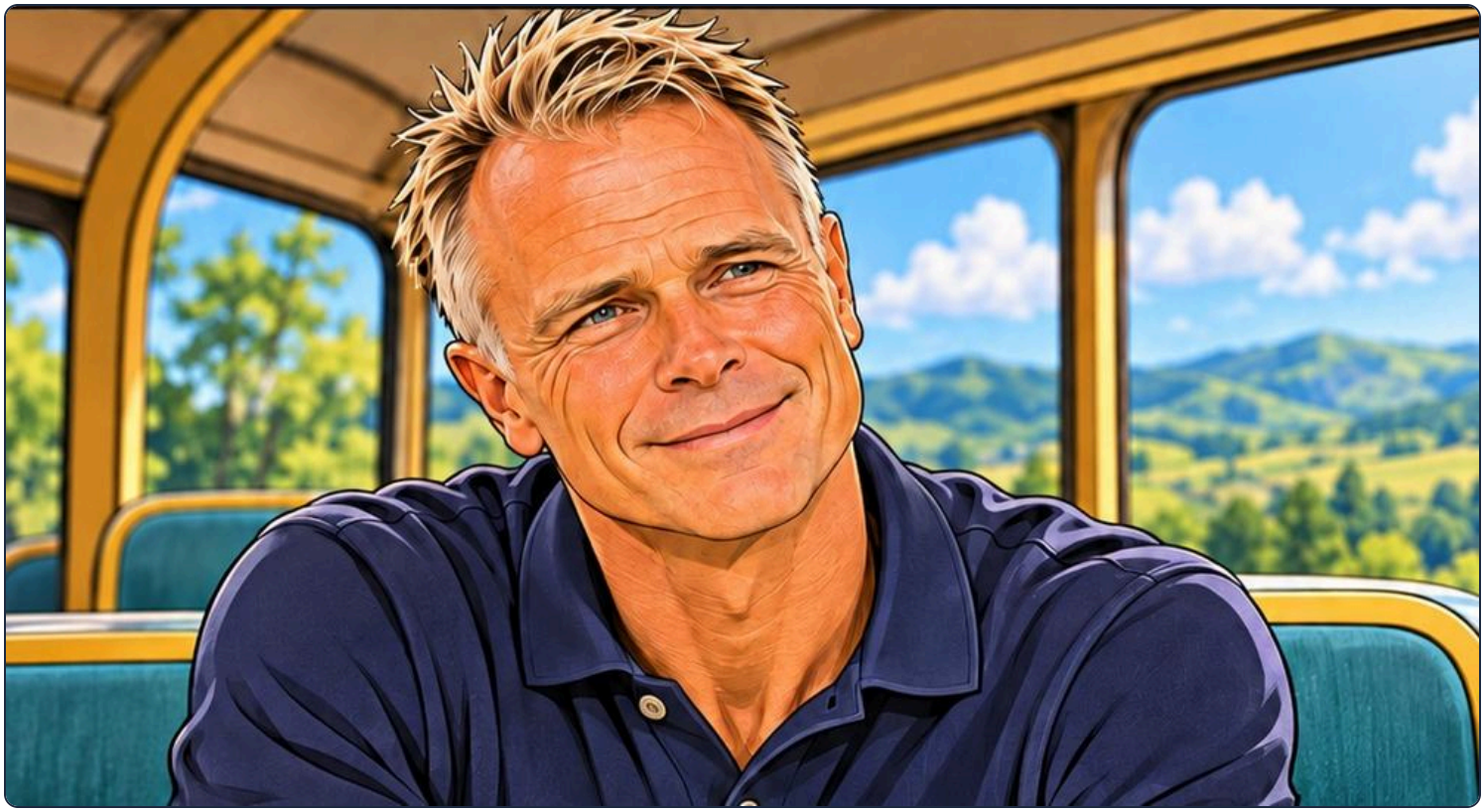
Jesus will return as King.

Eight stops. Eight truths to remember.

Read the panels from top to bottom. Take your time, ask questions, and enjoy the tour.



A Tour of Heaven, Stop 6.
Baxter: Good news, everybody! The serious stops are behind us. From here on, the story gets REALLY good.



Pastor Rick: Before we go on, let me tell you about another friend of mine who was very sick. I went to see her.



Friend: So... I leave this body behind?
Pastor Rick: Yep.



Friend: And I get to be with Jesus?
Pastor Rick: Yep. That's God's promise.



Friend: I am ready. I can't wait!



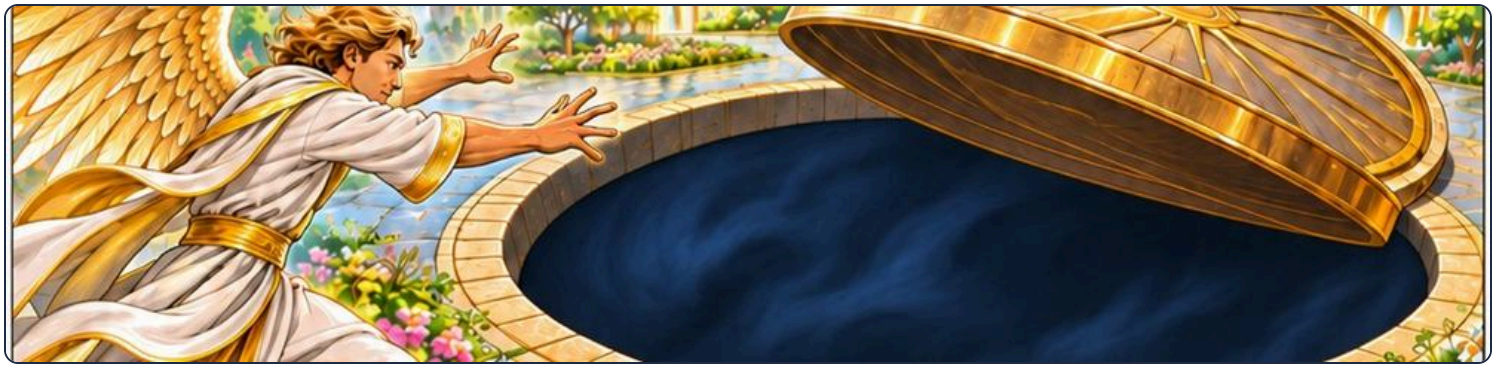
Sam: She wasn't scared at all.
Pastor Rick: When you know how the story ends, you don't have to be.



Stop 1: The Devil Gets Locked Up.
Pastor Rick: John saw this in a vision, in the book of Revelation. An angel came down from heaven with a key and a great big chain.



CLANK! CLANK!



SLAM!



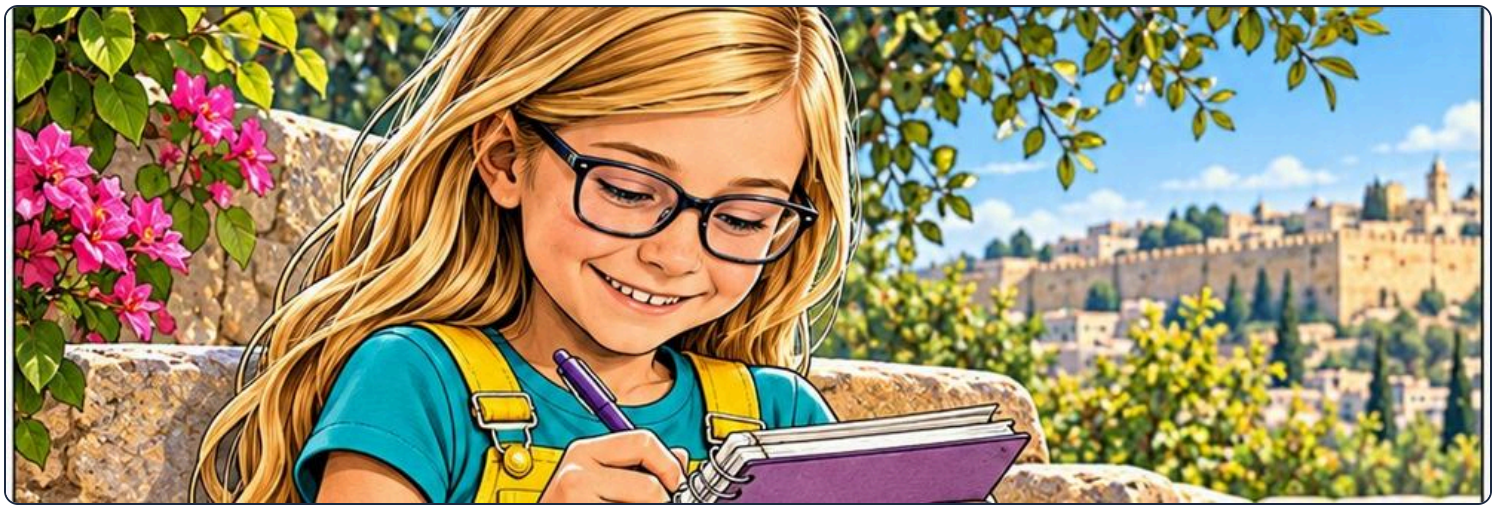
KA-CHUNK.
Pastor Rick: The angel locked Satan in a deep pit called the Abyss and sealed it shut for one thousand years.



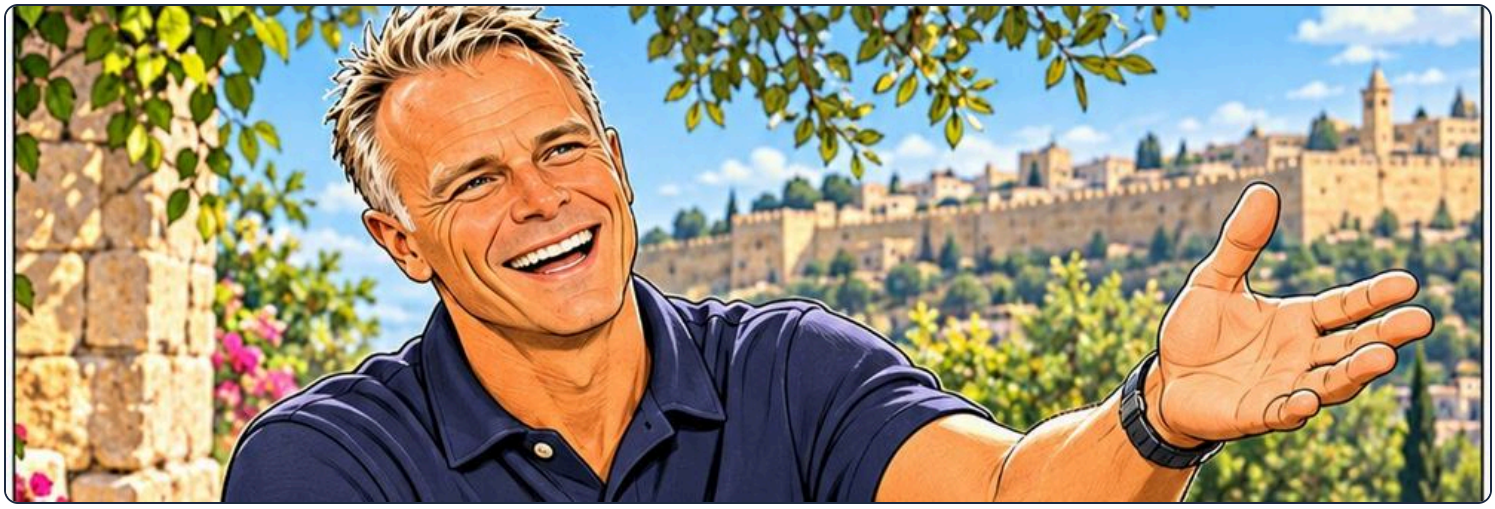
Eli: LOCKED UP! YES!



Baxter: Whoa fact! The Bible mentions the thousand years SIX times in Revelation 20. And a thousand years is about four times longer than the United States has been a country!



Maya: So what happens during the thousand years?



Pastor Rick: Some people call it the millennium. With Satan locked up, Jesus is King of the whole world!



Stop 2: Jesus Is King!

Pastor Rick: People who love Jesus will rule with him. The prophet Isaiah described wolves and lambs living together in peace. Some Bible teachers believe that happens during the thousand years.



Sofia: Streets so safe kids can play anywhere?

Pastor Rick: Nobody mean. Nobody in charge except Jesus.



Pastor Rick: I believe it's a real thousand years. Some Christians see it a little differently, and that's okay. The most important thing is that Jesus is King, and if you follow him, you'll be with him.



Baxter: A lion and a lamb taking a nap together? Maybe I'll make friends with a rabbit. (Probably not. But maybe.)



Stop 3: Jesus Wins!
Pastor Rick: At the end of the thousand years, Satan gets let out for a short time. He gathers a huge army and tries one last time to fight against God.



FWOOOSH!
Pastor Rick: It doesn't work. Not even close.



Pastor Rick: The devil is defeated forever. He'll never bother anyone again.



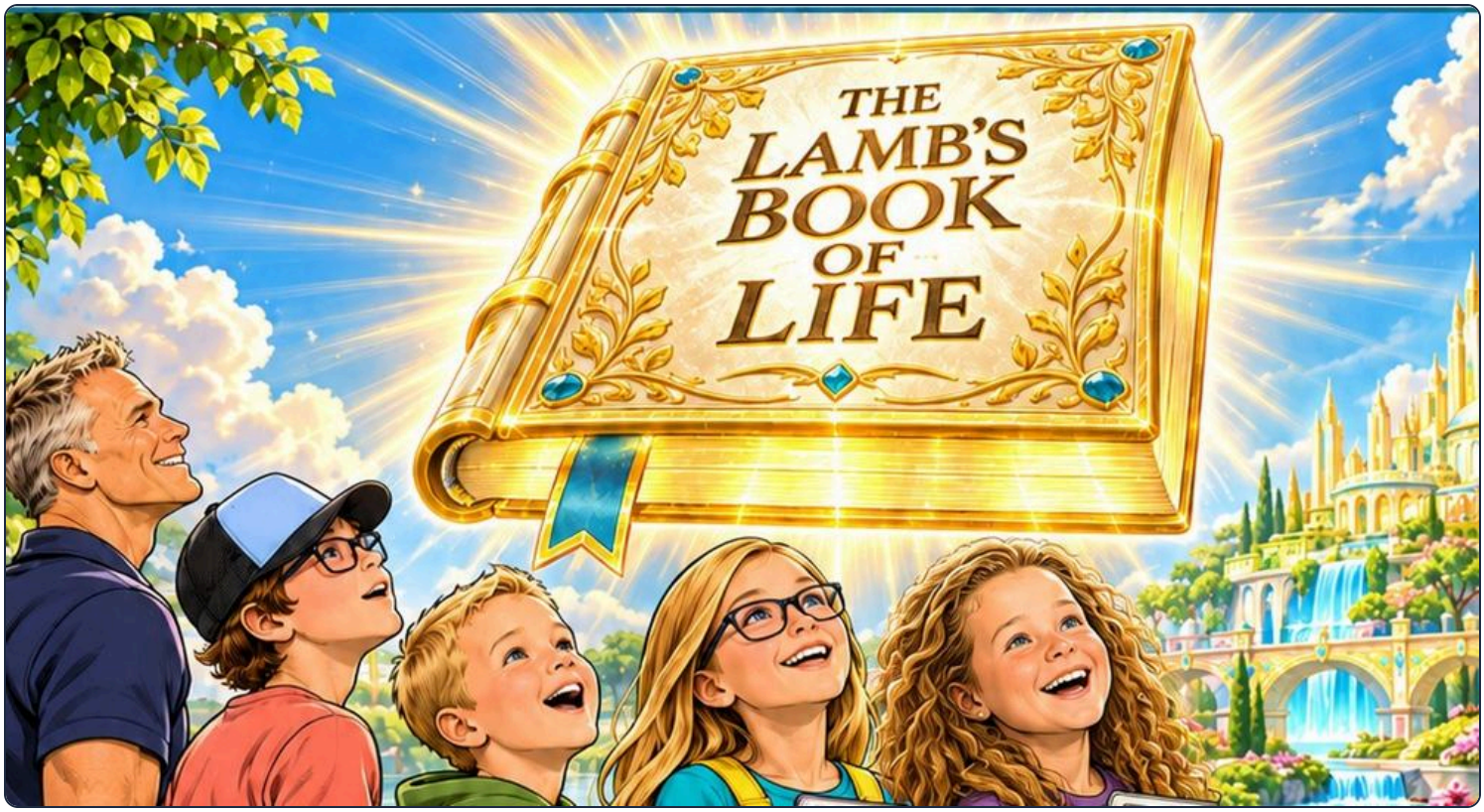
Pastor Rick: Lots of cartoons show the devil ruling hell like a king. Not true!



Pastor Rick: The devil doesn't rule anything. He is punished, forever. He's dangerous, but he is NEVER in charge. God is always in charge.

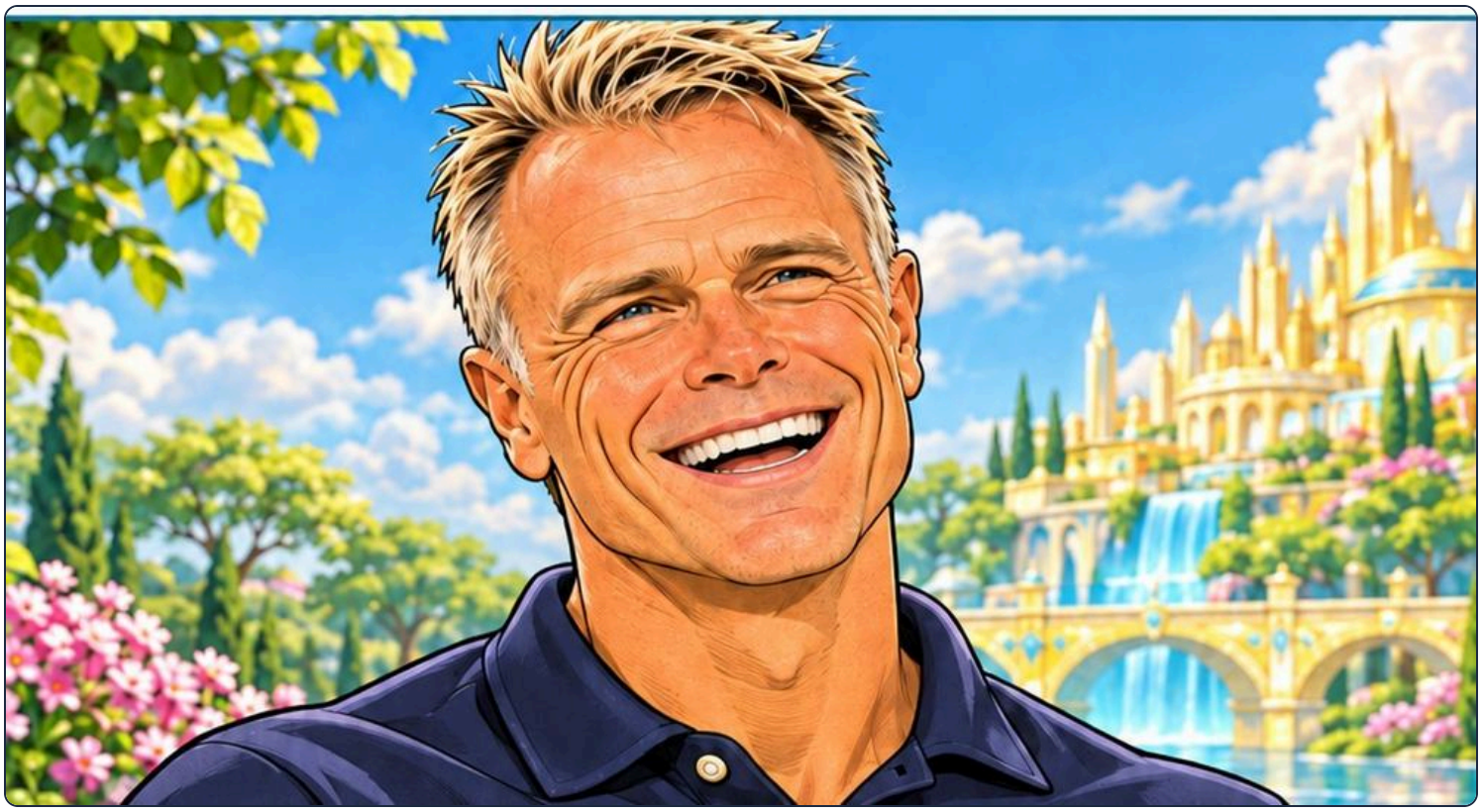


All Kids: JESUS WINS!



Stop 4: Is Your Name in the Book?

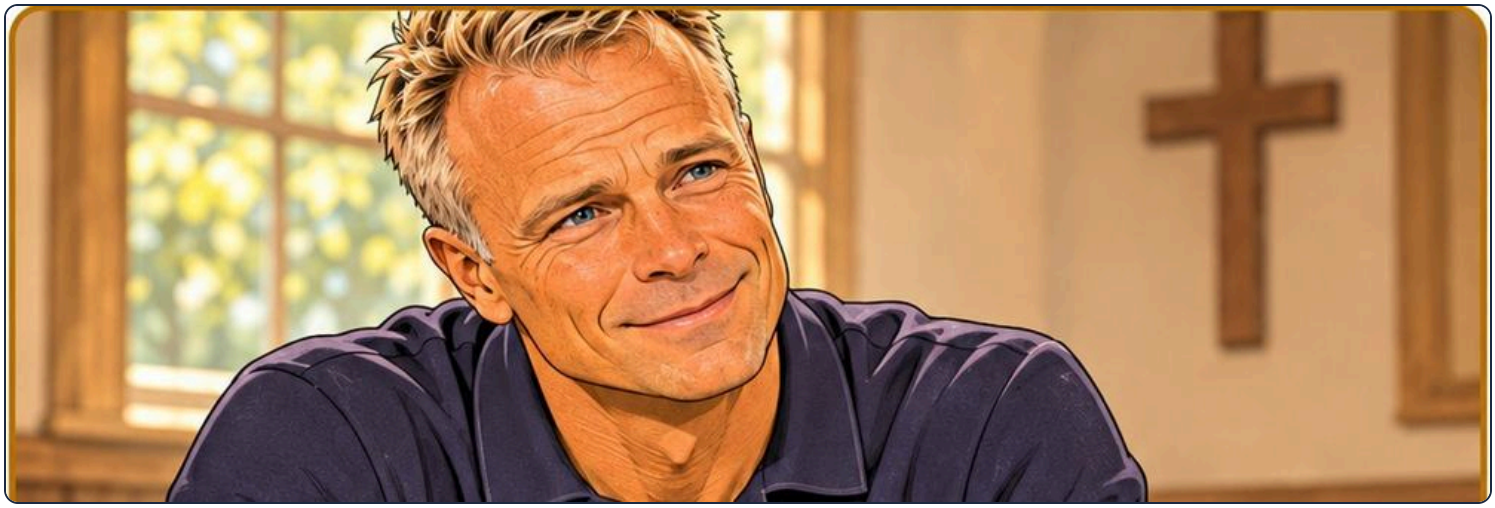
Pastor Rick: The Bible says God keeps a special book called the Lamb's Book of Life. "The Lamb" is a name for Jesus. Everyone whose name is written in it will live with God forever.



Pastor Rick: Which reminds me of a funny story.



Pastor Rick: Years ago, I was the pastor of a tiny country church. A church member's relative died, and I was asked to lead his funeral.
Treasurer: I know he was a Christian.



Pastor Rick: Well… he told people he didn't want to follow Jesus.
Treasurer: I KNOW he was a Christian.



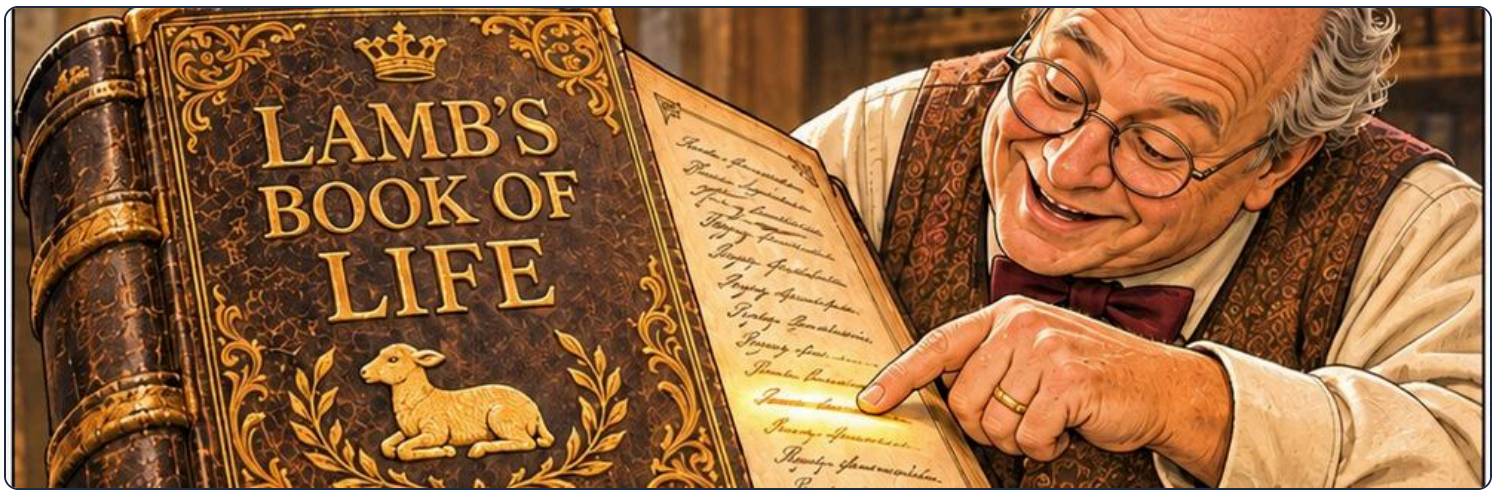
Pastor Rick: How do you know?



Treasurer: I've got the Lamb's Book of Life!
POOF (dust cloud)



Pastor Rick: Do you have the Ark of the Covenant back there too?



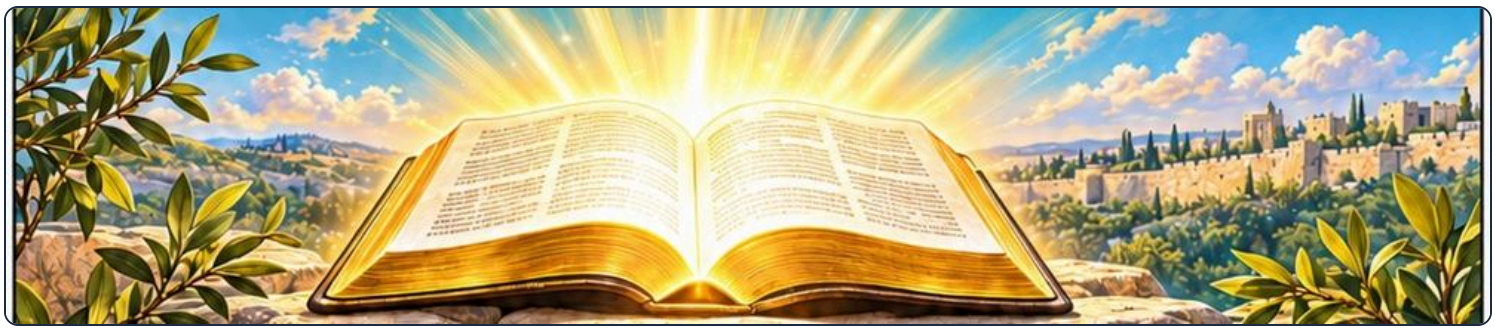
Treasurer: He was baptized here when he was eight years old. His name is in the Lamb's Book of Life!
It was the church's record book. (Pastor Rick wrote his own name in it later, just to be safe.)



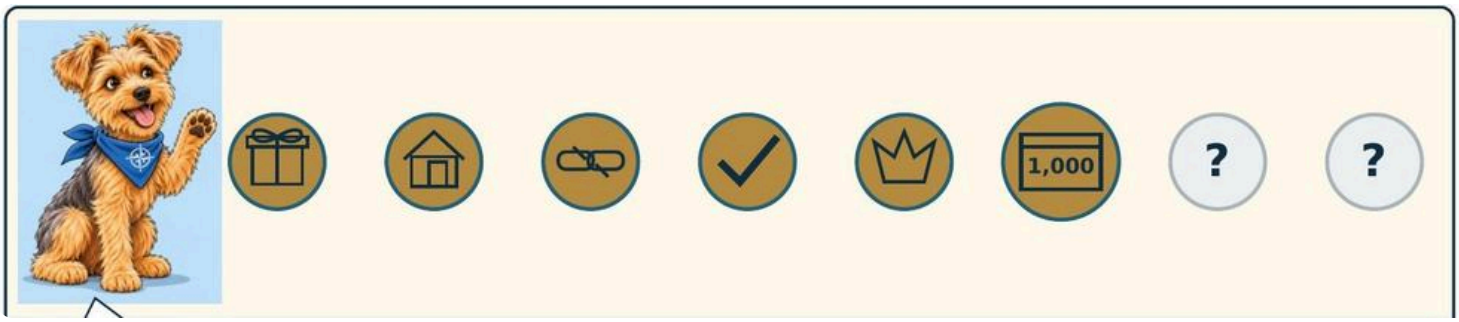
Maya: But that's not the REAL book, is it?



Pastor Rick: Nope. The real Lamb's Book of Life is kept by God. Your name isn't written there because of a church record. Your name is written in it the moment you decide to follow Jesus.



"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God. Believe in me also." John 14:1 (NIrV)



REMEMBER IT! 1. Heaven is God's gift. 2. At home with Jesus. 3. Keep trusting Jesus. 4. Say yes to Jesus today. 5. Jesus will return as King. 6. Jesus rules for 1,000 years. NEW!
Baxter: Say all six! Next stop: we finally see the city. And someone takes a VERY hot shower.

Talk About It with Baxter

How long does Revelation 20 say Jesus will reign?

What do you look forward to about a world Jesus rules?

Explain this week’s truth in your own words.

REMEMBER IT!



Jesus rules for 1,000 years.

Say the truth in your own words. Then tell someone!

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Meet Pastor Rick!

Pastor Rick Melick is a pastor in Des Moines, Iowa. He loves telling stories (especially funny ones) and helping people of all ages find out how much Jesus loves them.

Pastor Rick's Fun Facts:

He has lived all over the country: California, Washington, Texas, Tennessee, Arkansas, and now Iowa.

He is a chaplain for the Iowa State Patrol. He helps state troopers and their families when life gets hard.
He once read the Gospel of John one chapter a week, every day, with a different colored pen each day. It took him 21 weeks to finish the whole book!
He's married to Joy, his best friend. She usually gets the last laugh.

Pastor Rick's big question is: "What will matter most to me five minutes after I die?" His answer is Jesus. He hopes it's yours too.

MEET BAXTER, YOUR TOUR GUIDE!

Hi, it's me, Baxter! I'm Pastor Rick and Joy's dog, and I'm totally real.
I weigh 13 pounds. That's 13 pounds of pure tour guide!
I'm a scruffy tan terrier mix. Nobody knows exactly what breed I am. I like to keep people guessing.
I do NOT like rain. Not even a little.
I DO like rabbits. And treats. Mostly treats.
My big sister, Daisy, is a 60-pound poodle. She's WAY bigger than me, but she likes to stay home, so I do all the touring!
Thanks for taking the tour with me. See you on the other side!



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