SEE YOU ON THE

# OTHER SIDE!

TRUTH 7

A TOUR OF HEAVEN / ISSUE 7 OF 8



**What will the new earth be like?**

## Leaving the Light On



No more tears? No more RAIN? Sign me up!

by Rick Melick

# Last Time on the Tour






Jesus rules for 1,000 years.

Eight stops. Eight truths to remember.

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



**Pastor Rick:** Joy loves HOT showers. So hot the whole bathroom turns into a cloud.
**HSSSSSS**



**Pastor Rick:** One Sunday morning I needed the mirror. I couldn't see a thing.



**WIPE. HSSS. WIPE. HSSS.**



A Tour of Heaven, Stop 7.
**Pastor Rick:** Trying to imagine heaven is a little like that mirror. Every now and then we catch a glimpse. Then it gets foggy again. Our eyes just can't see it clearly yet.



**Pastor Rick:** But someday they will. And the Bible gives us some AMAZING clues.



**Baxter:** This is the stop Pastor Rick was MOST excited about. All aboard for heaven!



**Stop 1: Everything New!**
**Pastor Rick:** At the end of the Bible, John saw a new heaven and a new earth. The old world, with all its sadness and sin, was gone.




**God:** I am making everything new!
Revelation 21:5



**Pastor Rick:** New bodies that never get sick or tired. New hearts that never want to do wrong. And a new world that's even better than the Garden of Eden!



**Sofia:** Will there be animals?
**Pastor Rick:** I think there probably will be! God made animals and called them good. It makes sense he'd put them in his perfect new world.



**Baxter:** I would like it noted that Pastor Rick said "probably." I'm choosing to hear "definitely."



Stop 2: The City of God.
Pastor Rick: Remember the city from our very first stop? Here it is up close. Twelve pearl gates, always open. Walls covered with jewels. Streets of gold so pure they look like glass.



**Pastor Rick:** A crystal-clear river flows right from God's throne down the middle of the street. And on both sides grows the tree of life, with fruit every month.



**Eli:** Fruit every month? So there's FOOD in heaven?
**Pastor Rick:** Looks like it!




**Baxter:** Whoa fact! The city doesn't need the sun or the moon, because God's glory lights it up. And there's no night there. Ever!



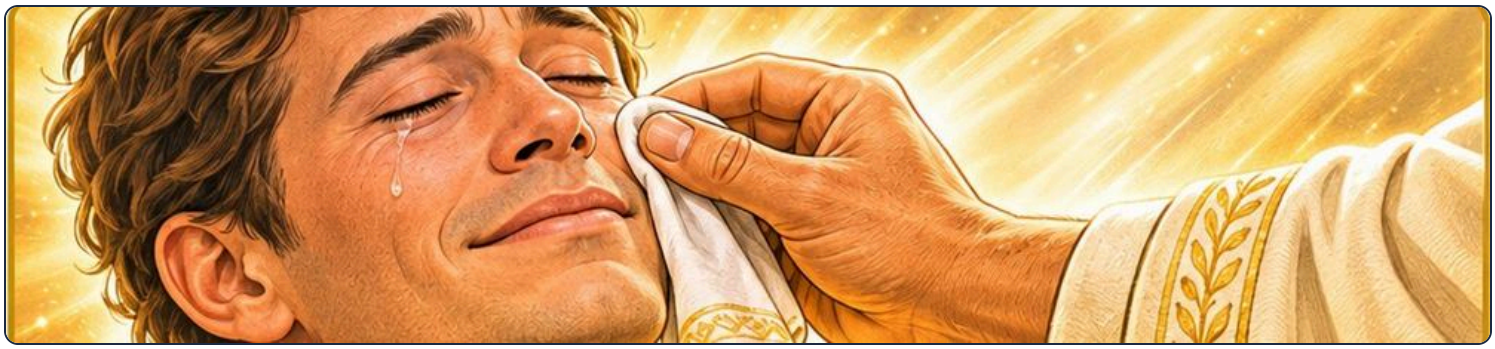
**Pastor Rick:** That's why this stop is called "Leaving the Light On." When you come home late, it feels so good to see the porch light on. It means someone is waiting for you.



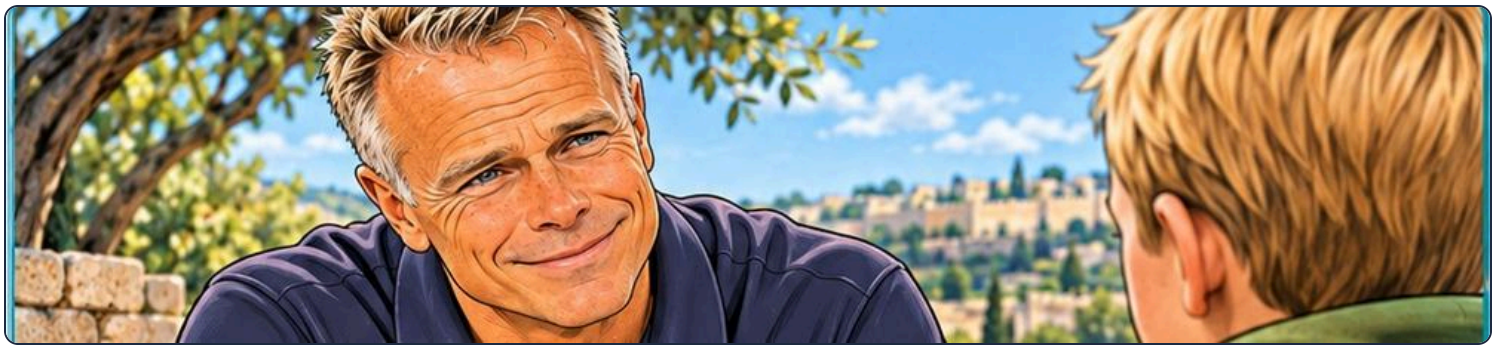
**Pastor Rick:** God is waiting for you. And his light is always on.



**Stop 3: No More Tears.**
**Sam:** My grandpa was really sick at the end. He was in a lot of pain.



"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or sadness. There will be no more crying or pain. Things are no longer the way they used to be."
Revelation 21:4 (NIrV)



**Pastor Rick:** No more hospitals. No more funerals. No more scraped knees or bad days. God himself will wipe away every tear. That's how much he loves you.



**Sam:** No more pain. I'm glad, Grandpa.



**Stop 4: I Drive, You Ride.**

**Pastor Rick:** One afternoon, Joy and I were driving to the grocery store. The sun was setting right in front of us.



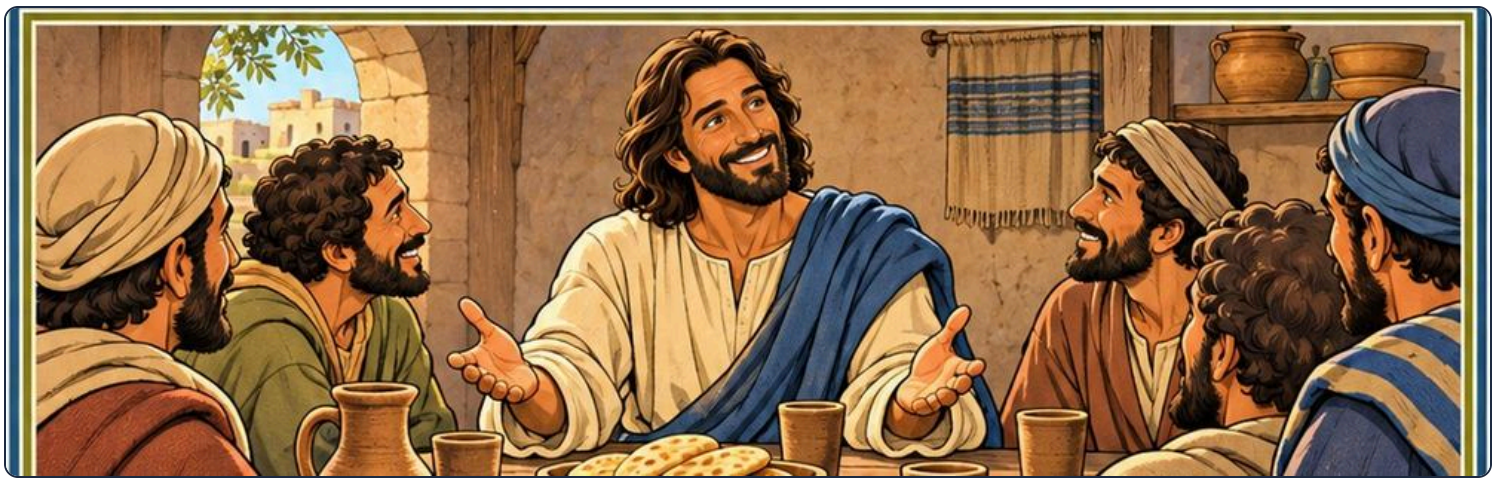
**Joy:** Stop! You have to stop! I can't see where we're going!



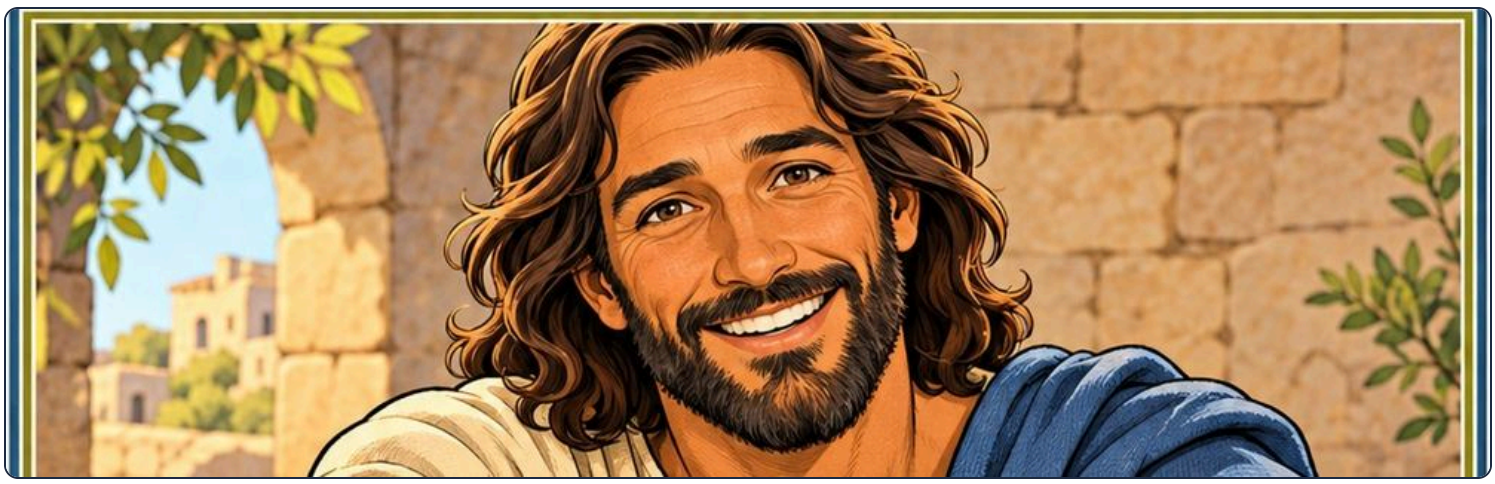
**Pastor Rick:** You don't need to see. I can see.



**Pastor Rick:** I drive. You ride.
**Pastor Rick:** Joy did not like that. I liked it a lot.



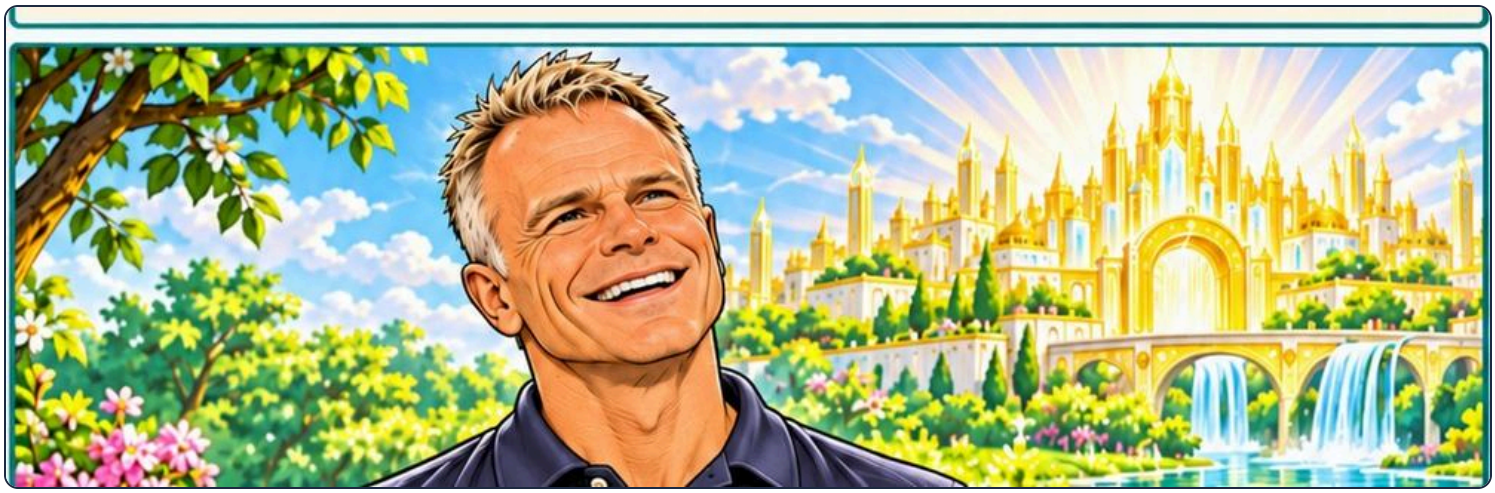
**Pastor Rick:** Jesus once told his friends he was going to prepare a place for them.
His friend Thomas said, in other words...
**Thomas:** Stop, Jesus! We can't see where you're going!



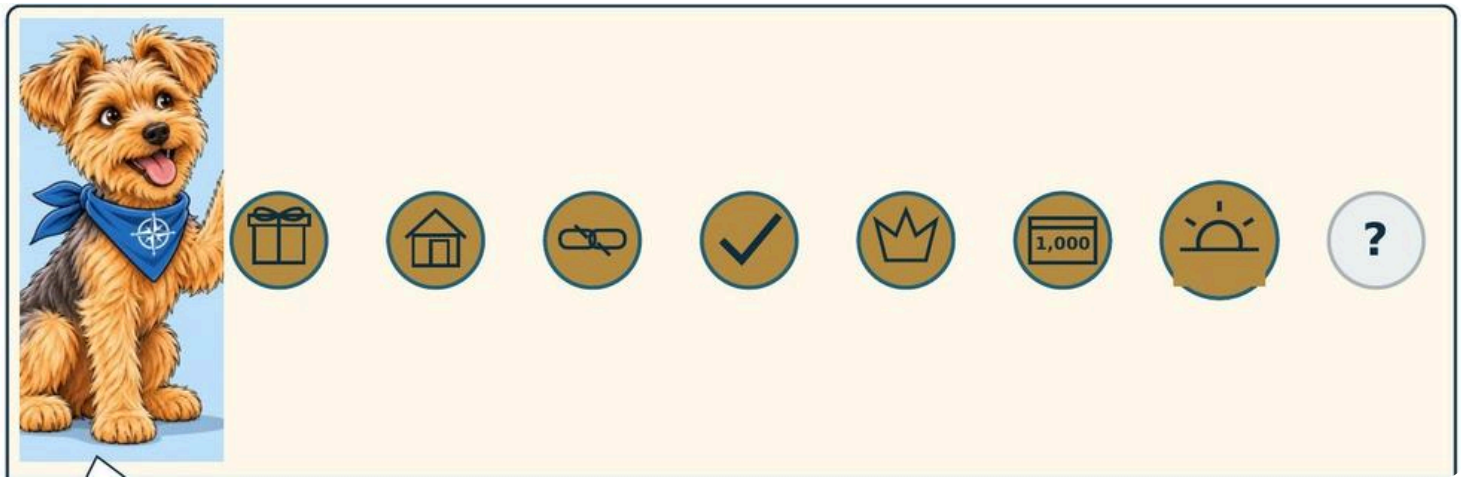
**Jesus:** I am the way and the truth and the life.
**Pastor Rick:** In other words: "You don't have to see. I can see. I'll take you there.
I drive. You ride."



**Maya:** So what's the best part of heaven? The gold? The pearls? The fruit?



**Pastor Rick:** We don't know everything about the place. But we know a lot about the Person. The very best part of heaven is being with Jesus.




**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. 7. God makes all things new. NEW!

**Baxter:** Say all seven! One more stop. The last one is all about YOU.

# Your Tour Notes

Something I want to remember...

A question I want to ask...

A picture of what I learned...

# Talk About It with Baxter

What does God promise to make new?

What broken thing do you look forward to God making right?

Tell someone why you don’t need to fear the future.

## REMEMBER IT!




**God makes all things new.**

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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