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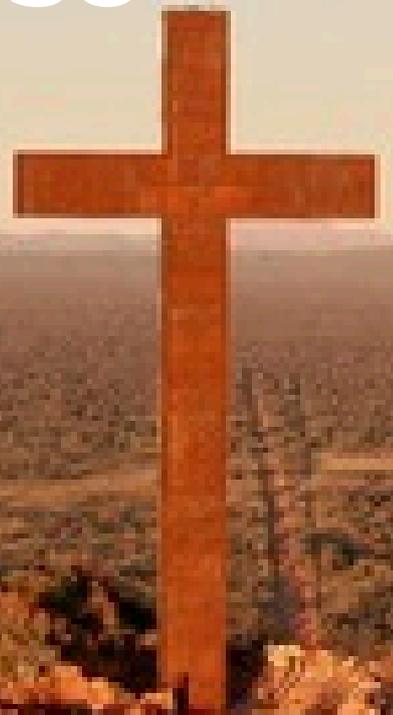
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Olive Tree Media – Equipping the Church

Olive Tree Media exists to help churches and individuals proclaim the Good News of Jesus in contemporary and engaging ways. Through its collection of high-quality video series, church campaigns, and training resources, Olive Tree Media brings together theologians, pastors, cultural commentators, and real-life testimonies to help people encounter Jesus, grow as a disciple and share the Gospel with others. Our resources are designed for Sunday services, small groups, schools and individual use, and are trusted by churches around the world.

Why Churches Use Our Series

- Relevant and accessible teaching for all stages of faith
- Compelling stories of transformation that inspire and encourage
- Practical church-wide campaign packs with coordinated sermon notes, small group guides, children's resources and promotional materials
- Powerful and inspiring video series that build up Christians and inspire seekers on their spiritual journey





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Encounter is a powerful 10-part video series that explores life-changing interactions Jesus had with people in the Gospels, alongside modern stories of people encountering Him today. Filmed in the UK, USA, Australia, Ireland and Africa, the series combines biblical teaching, cultural insights and moving personal testimonies.



Hosted by Karl Faase

Pastor, Host, Presenter and CEO of Olive Tree Media.

Karl has served in church leadership in Australia for more than 30 years. Together with his wife, Jane, he co-founded Olive Tree Media with a clear vision: to equip churches with high-quality resources.

Karl is passionate about inspiring church leaders to put evangelism at the heart of their ministry, **equipping every believer to invite others to consider Jesus and take steps of faith.**



Expert Guests

Encounter brings together the wisdom and experience of expert guests, who share biblical perspectives, contextual reflections and cultural observations.

In this series, Karl Faase is joined by: **Lynn Cohick, Michael Bird, Pete Greig, Justin Brierley and Sheridan Voysey.**





Powerful Testimonies

In the Gospels, we see Jesus meet people and transform their lives. Encounter retells these stories and pairs them with the experiences of people today whose lives have also been changed by Jesus. Hear powerful testimonies from writers, journalists, prisoners, outcasts, sportspeople and pastors who have encountered Jesus and been transformed.

Included in the series: **Paul Kingsnorth, Martin Shaw, Heather Tomlinson, Alanzo Paul, David Bennett** and so many more!





Key Features

- 10 Episodes covering encounters people had with Jesus, including Mary, Levi, Nicodemus, the man with leprosy and the thief on the cross.
- A flexible Church Campaign with the choice of a 10-week series or a condensed 6-week journey, featuring key episodes from Jesus' birth to His resurrection.
- Sermon outlines, small group discussion guides, a worship song, children's ministry resources, video clips for services and promotional materials.
- Testimonies from over 30 individuals sharing how Jesus transformed their lives.



Why Encounter?

- Re-introduces the stories of Jesus from the Gospels, unpacking their meaning and impact for today.
- Demonstrates that God is still meeting and transforming people's lives.
- Encourages a culture of testimony, where stories of faith are shared and celebrated.
- Unites the whole church in a shared journey and conversation.
- Equips people to grow in confidence - recognising God at work in their lives and sharing their faith with others.



Sermon Series Overview

EPISODE ONE: Encounter – Luke 1:26–35 (Mary & the Angel)*

Theme: God-encounters are normative and transformative.

Key Points: Encounters may disrupt our plans, but they lead to greater blessings; saying “yes” to God costs something. Includes testimonies from Martin Shaw and David Bennett.

EPISODE TWO: Outsider – Mark 2:13–17 (Jesus calls Levi)*

Theme: Jesus notices and welcomes outsiders.

Key Points: The door to faith is open to all people. Jesus ate with everyone and longs to welcome the outsider. Includes testimonies from Alanzo Paul, Aaron McKitrick and Taiha Lee McKitrick.

EPISODE THREE: Seeker – John 3:1–7 (Nicodemus visits Jesus)*

Theme: Seeking leads to transformation, not just information.

Key Points: We should all seek the divine and see what Jesus had to say and be open to him asking more of us than we expected. Includes testimonies from Heather Tomlinson and Archbishop Kaniska Raffel.

EPISODE FOUR: Unexpected – Luke 8:22–25 (Jesus calms the storm)*

Theme: Jesus reveals His power in unexpected ways.

Key Points: Jesus’ silence is not absence, life’s storms reveal His power. Includes testimony from Paul Kingsnorth.

EPISODE FIVE: Excluded – Matthew 8:1-4 (Jesus heals the leper)

Theme: God reaches out and touches us where we are.

Key Points: Grace extends beyond social and spiritual exclusion - to those in need of healing and embrace. Includes testimony from Sam Wachiuri.

EPISODE SIX: Treasure – Mark 10:17-23 (Rich young ruler)

Theme: We all need to be careful with misplaced allegiance.

Key Points: We don't take wealth with us, we need an eternal perspective. Includes testimony from Max Jeganathan.

EPISODE SEVEN: Desperate – Luke 8:40-48 (Woman with bleeding)

Theme: Jesus heals those desperate for help.

Key Points: A desperate heart will seek, find and be hopeful for transformation. Includes testimonies from Dr Andrew Browning and his patient, Eli.

EPISODE EIGHT: Cost – Mark 10:35-40 (James and John)

Theme: Following Jesus will cost but it's worth it.

Key Points: Discipleship requires surrender and reprioritisation. Includes testimony from Joseph Wario Guyo.

EPISODE NINE: Grace – Luke 23:32-43 (Thief on the Cross)*

Theme: Grace is unearned and available to all.

Key Points: The brutality of the cross is a pointer to the significance of sin and the need for grace for everyone. Includes testimony from Dwayne Jack.

EPISODE TEN: Redemption – John 20:11-18 (Mary Magdalene)*

Theme: Death is not final.

Key Points: Redemption comes in the midst of grief, we are called by name and commissioned into a future. Includes testimony from Carlos Campo.

**Episode included in the 6-week series*



Encounter Kids Ministry Program

The Encounter Kids Ministry Program is a 10-week resource designed to help children discover the life-changing truth that when people encounter Jesus, everything changes. Each lesson explores a biblical story of encounter, while also showing that God still meets people today.

A highlight of the program is the video series hosted by Miah, who shares modern-day stories of people from diverse backgrounds whose lives have been changed by Jesus. The program is supported by a Resource Pack with printables and activities, giving leaders flexibility to adapt lessons to their group.

Program Overview

Big Idea

Throughout history, people who encounter Jesus experience life-changing transformation. This was true in the Bible - and it is still true today.

Memory Verse

“When anyone lives in Christ, the new creation has come. The old is gone! The new is here!” - 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

Bible Discovery Method

This program is designed to help children grow in confidence with the Bible. They'll learn the difference between the Old and New Testaments, how chapters and verses work, and how to find and use Scripture for their own growth - both now and into the future.

Program Content

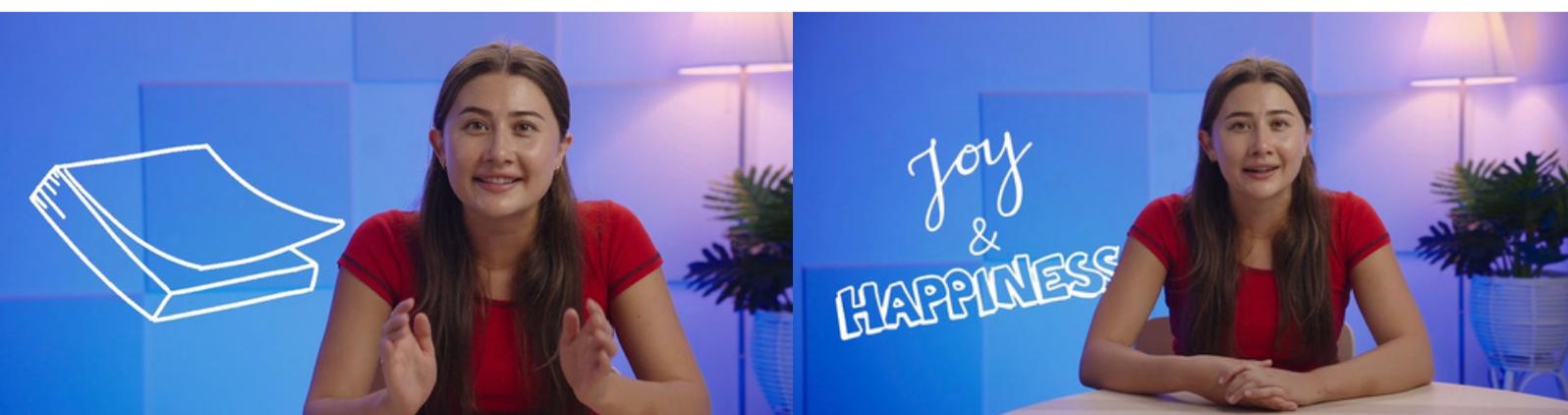
Each week's lesson offers a range of teaching ideas, games, and activities. We've intentionally included more content than a single session allows, so leaders can choose what works best for their setting.

Resource Pack

A companion Resource Pack is available with printable materials to support lessons.

Videos

Every session includes a short “now” life encounter video presented by Miah and brought to life with animations. These connect biblical truths with modern-day stories of transformation.





Church Resources

Flyers, graphics, printables, song charts

Churches also receive access to a suite of 'ready-to-go' resources to run Encounter as a church-wide series.

Available to download from the Watch+ platform:

- Flyers and invitations
- Prayer cards
- Sermon outlines
- Kid's ministry program
- PowerPoint templates
- Social media graphics
- Chord chart and lyrics to 'Then & Now' - Encounter's congregational worship song



Group Discussion Guide

Access to Watch+ for all your groups

When your church creates an account, you'll receive up to 100 access codes to share with group leaders and congregation members. These codes give them free access to the Watch+ platform.

With Watch+, small groups can view episodes together and make use of the interactive digital discussion guide.

Each episode includes thought-provoking questions that encourage deeper reflection, meaningful conversation and practical application of what they've learned.



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All of this is available on **Olive Tree Media's exclusive online streaming platform. Watch+** hosts a growing library of series, each accompanied by an interactive (digital) discussion guide, making it easy for churches and groups to engage with life-changing content.

When a church creates a **Watch+** account, they unlock additional resources to run Encounter as a church-wide series. This includes access to the full video series, sermon notes, and the complete kids' program. Small group leaders and church members are provided with a unique access code, giving them free entry to the platform, so the whole church can journey through the series together.





Getting Started

If you're considering running Encounter as a church-wide series, here are some simple next steps:

- **Watch** Karl's introduction video to get a feel for the series and preview the resources.

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- **Hear** from other church leaders about how they've used our series in their communities.

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- **Ask questions** of our team at Olive Tree Media to explore how it could work in your church.

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- **Sign up** for a Church/Large Group Partnership and start planning your launch.

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What Else Is On Watch+

Church partners get access to all our series and resources. Below are some of the most popular.

The logo for 'True North' features the words 'TRUE NORTH' in a serif font, with a compass rose icon integrated into the letter 'O' of 'NORTH'. Below it, the tagline 'a series for men' is written in a smaller, sans-serif font.

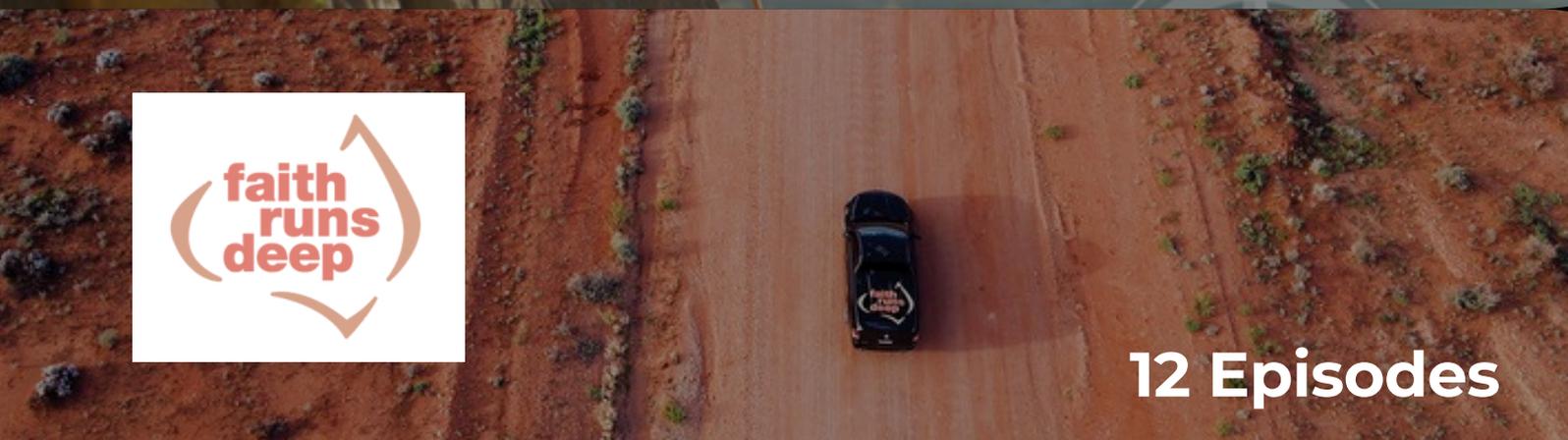
TRUE
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A large, semi-transparent compass rose is centered in the background of this section, which also features a background image of a person climbing a rock face.

8 Episodes

The logo for 'Faith runs deep' consists of the words 'faith runs deep' in a lowercase, sans-serif font, enclosed within a stylized, upward-pointing arrow shape.

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An aerial view of a dark-colored car driving on a winding dirt road through a red, hilly landscape.

12 Episodes

The logo for 'Jesus the Game Changer' features a cluster of colorful dots in various sizes and colors (red, blue, yellow, green) to the left of the text 'JESUS THE GAME CHANGER' in a sans-serif font.

JESUS THE
GAME CHANGER

The interior of a grand, classical-style building with high ceilings, columns, and arched doorways.

3 Seasons

The logo for 'Towards belief' features the word 'towards' in a lowercase, blue, sans-serif font, followed by a right-pointing arrow and the word 'belief' in a bold, lowercase, dark blue, sans-serif font.

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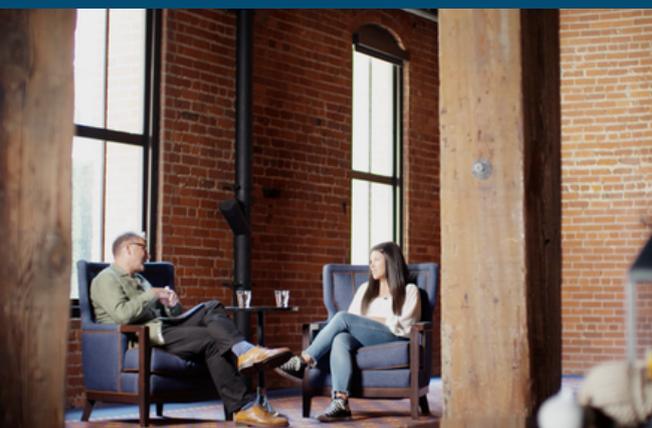
The exterior of a large, multi-story building with many windows and a classic architectural style.

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Video Series For:

- Small groups
- Outreach events
- Christian Studies lessons and Chapel services
- Mid-week courses
- Parents and family seminars
- Men's groups





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