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Much More

As you scroll, you will find links to stories and testimonies that are all the result of YOU, our faithful friends and partners. Thank you!



OUR WHY

In October 2015, I sat in a bustling Beirut café, crying an unexpected flood of tears. I tried to regain composure, asking, "What is happening to me?" Finally, alone in prayer, the Lord made clear that I was experiencing a glimpse of His immense love for Lebanon and its people. That moment ruined me in the best way possible. He revealed to me His heart for this Lebanon and this region.

Inside this report, you will find stories and testimonies of lives touched by God's love—stories that YOU, our faithful supporters, have made possible. Each story reveals how YOUR support is fueling growth, expanding outreach, and planting seeds of faith that will change the Middle East. Join us as we celebrate these remarkable milestones, and your role in spreading the light of Christ across borders.

Article

WE TRAIN LEADERS AND CHURCH PLANTERS TO REACH THE UN-REACHED

BY MATT HATTAUGH



Ministry in Lebanon and the Arab world's unreached demands a strategic and Spirit-led approach. With over 500 million people across the MENA region, many of whom have never encountered the Gospel, the need for well-trained leaders and church planters is as urgent as ever.

The model of training and sending is ex-

emplified in the life of Paul, who not only preached the Gospel but also raised up leaders like Timothy, Titus, and many others. In his letters to Timothy, Paul instructs him to steward what he has learned, entrusting the Gospel to “faithful men who will be able to teach others also” (2 Timothy 2:2, NIV).

Paul’s approach shows us the power of mul-



tiplied leaders who understand their cultural context and can shepherd their communities in relevant and transformative ways.

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Article

THE CEDARS OF LEBANON

A BIBLICAL LEGACY

BY MATT HATTABAUGH



In the Bible, the cedars of Lebanon symbolize strength, durability, and divine blessing. These trees, which grew tall and strong in the mountains of Lebanon, were noted for their resistance to decay, making them ideal for construction. Solomon, in his wisdom, chose these cedars to construct the temple in Jerusalem. First Kings 5:6 recounts Solomon's words to King Hiram of Tyre: "Give orders that cedars of Lebanon be cut for me. My men will work with yours, and I will pay you for your men whatever wages you set." (NIV). The cedars became the framework, pillars, and temple adornments, representing the strength and beauty of God's

dwelling place.

The psalmist also uses the cedars as a symbol of righteousness and flourishing. Psalm 92:12 says, "The righteous will flourish like a palm tree. They will grow like a cedar of Lebanon." This imagery draws a connection between spiritual vitality and the strength of these ancient trees, suggesting that those

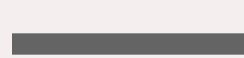
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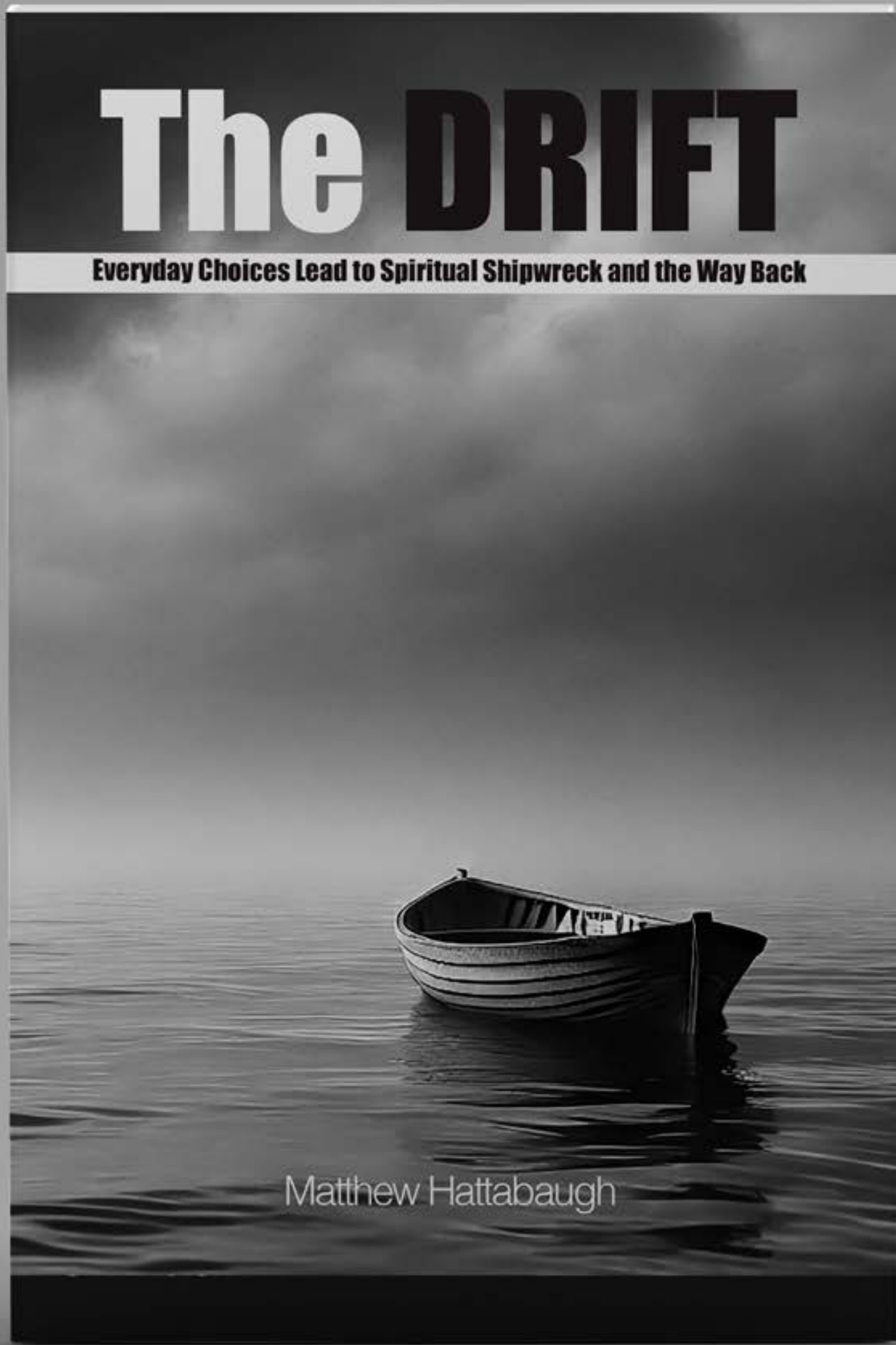
“TOGETHER, WE ARE BUILDING WITH THE 'CEDARS OF GOD,' CREATING A LASTING SPIRITUAL FOUNDATION IN LEBANON.”

who belong to God are rooted and steadfast, able to withstand life's challenges because of their firm foundation in Him.

The temple built by Solomon was magnificent, a place where...

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New Book

THE DRIFT: SHIPWRECK & THE POWER OF DAILY DECISIONS

BY MATT HATTAUG



In today's world, where distractions abound and the pressures of success and self-fulfillment are louder than ever, staying connected to God's purpose is challenging. In this environment, we need to be intentional, watching for the subtle drift and steering back to the safety of God's purpose. Drift does not have to end in shipwreck. There is always a way back.

Release: February 2025
On Amazon.com



Outreach

EXPERIENCE CHRISTMAS IMMERSIVE CHRISTMAS STORY IN BEIRUT



In seven days, GoChurch Beirut shared the Christmas story with **5,455 people** during the EXPERIENCE Christmas outreach.

At this event 4 Lebanese churches/ministeries joined together to engage with attendees. GoChurch outreach team connected with **300 people** unchurched people during this event.

[Check out this video clip>>>](#)



Article

GROUPS CENTERED CHURCH

BY MATT HATTABAUGH

At the core of GoChurch Beirut's model are our Grow Groups—small, intimate gatherings where individuals share their lives, support one another, and walk together in faith. Grow Groups meet regularly in homes and other casual settings throughout Beirut, creating an environment where genuine relationships flourish. Here, members gather to study the Word, share their personal journeys, pray for each other, and offer encouragement through life's highs and lows.

Our Grow Groups operate under four guiding values: Care, Accountability, Activation, and Communication (CAAC). These values serve as a foundation for each group, ensuring every member is seen, valued, and encouraged to grow in their faith. This commitment to CAAC is inspired by the early church model found in Acts 2:42-47, where believers met in homes, broke bread together, and supported one another in all things. At Go-Church, this relational discipleship is practical

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“GOCHURCH ISN'T A BUILDING; IT'S A FAMILY WHERE EVERY ONE IS KNOWN, VALUED, AND ENCOURAGED TO GROW.”

and essential for an authentic Christian community.

Through Care, Accountability, Activation, and Communication, our Grow Groups create a setting where discipleship is authentic, practical, and transformative. The stories of...

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Article

FAITH & LEADERSHIP

BY KRYSTEL BADDOUR

I often ask the Lord, “Why me? Why now?” At a time when I claimed to hate God and rejected His existence, I wondered why I was chosen when others seemed to have more potential, ability, and resources. The answer I received was clear: “I equip the called, not call the equipped.”

Being in ministry isn't easy; the more you carry, the greater your responsibility...

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Article

BEIRUT TO BAGHDAD

BY ELIA CHMEIS

I met members of GoChurch Beirut and began to develop friendships with them. Eventually, I was invited to attend a Big Sunday event at the church and later joined an Alpha course. I continued because of the deep friendships I had formed. I remained quiet during the sessions, avoiding conflicts over our differing beliefs, but I felt immense love and acceptance from everyone.

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QUICK HITS

Generational Replication: Focusing on 2 Timothy 2:2

November marked a significant milestone as 79 students completed the first level of our Bible training center. These are not just students; they are nation changers. Together, they represent a powerful force for change, equipped to transform lives for God's glory.

Spotlight: CityGate Church, Zahle, Lebanon.

They organized the largest Gospel outreach event we have ever witnessed in Lebanon. Over 500 people gathered just 10 kilometers from the Syrian border...[continue reading](#)>>

Chaos & War.

From 7 October 2023 to September 2024, there were 10,200 cross border attacks. Over the past year, Lebanon has been engulfed in a crisis that has affected every aspect of life. With escalating tensions, political instability, and an economic crisis gripping the nation...[continue reading](#)>>

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