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[Likud MK presents plan to divide Temple Mount between Jews and Muslims - Israel365 News](#)

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In an interview with the Hebrew news site [Zman Yisrael](#) that was published on Wednesday, Knesset member (MK) Amit Halevi suggested a plan to divide the Temple Mount equally between Jews and Muslims. According to his plan, the Muslims will receive the southern area including Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Jews will receive the central and northern area of the mountain, including the Dome of the Rock. In order to implement this plan, he suggested removing Jordan from its custodianship of the holy site.

“Let’s start with the facts,” Likud MK Halevi said to Zman Yisrael. “The area of the Temple Mount is 144 dunams (37 acres). A small part of it is Al-Aqsa Mosque, at the southern end of the mountain. The Muslims expanded the mosque beyond recognition starting in the year 2000, when they annexed Solomon’s stables, excavating and removing huge amounts of dirt that included precious archaeological findings and building another large mosque in the space.”

“On the other side of the Temple Mount stands the Dome of the Rock structure with the Foundation Stone in the center. That is where the First and Second Temples stood. This is most of the area of the mountain, which is the holiest place for the Jewish people.”

“Muslims today call the entire Temple Mount ‘Haram al-Sharif,’” Halevi said. “This is entirely an evil lie. It’s a plot; the Al-Aqsa plot. Because of this plot, we cannot enter the mountain, a place that actually belongs to us. The Temple Mount became Judenrein.”

“At the Camp David conference in 2000, Ehud Barak proposed to build a synagogue in a subterranean area, and this was the signal for the great assault of the Muslims on Shlomo’s Stables, to turn it into a huge mosque. The Jews should not be under the mountain. They should be on top of the mountain. We must not allow the Al-Aqsa plot. What did the Muslims do? Turn the entire Temple Mount into Muslim territory.”

Halevi suggested that the Muslims continue to pray at Al-Aqsa Mosque, even though he maintains that they have transformed the mosque the place into a center of radicalism and incitement led by Sheikh Raed Salah, the leader of the Northern Branch of the Islamic Movement. “And it was precisely on the Jews that the government imposed restrictions.

“Despite these actions by the Muslims, the Israeli government limits the Jews on the Temple Mount,” Halevi said. “If they pray there, it does not transform the entire

Temple Mount into a holy place exclusively for Muslims. It never was and it never will be.”

“We will take the northern end and pray there,” said Halevi, “The entire mountain is sacred to us, and the Dome of the Rock is the place on which the Temple stood. This should be our guideline. Israel should take the lead. It will be a historical, religious, and national statement. If this does not happen then we are not actually the owners of the site. We are klutzes. What are we even doing there at all?”

Halevi is sure to ascend to the Temple Mount several times a year. Most recently, he was at the site on Jerusalem Day when he visited along with two other Likud MKs. While religious freedom at the site is mandated by Israeli law, his visit was heavily criticized by foreign governments including the US.

Halevi was unperturbed by the criticism.

“These are simple things,” he said. “This is the place of the First Temple and the place of the Second Temple built by the Jews returning from Babylonia. No one needs to examine the stones to know that it is ours, and until we say so, we are confirming the Muslim plot about Haram al-Sharif.”

“We are not breaking into anything. King David bought the land from the Jebusites. Arabs play soccer in the compound and hold picnics. We need to put an end to this. There are mosques in the south of the mountain and we respect that. Pray there and give us our share.

“For Muslims, the Dome of the Rock is a historical monument, not a mosque. For us, it is the Holy of Holies. If the Muslims want to come and pray with us in front of the place where the Temple stood, they are welcome,” Halevi said, quoting the Book of Isaiah, “For my house shall be called a house of prayer to all nations”.

Halevi’s partition plan also seeks to change the access procedures for the Jews to the Temple Mount. Today, Jews and tourists are only permitted to enter through the Mughrabi Gate and only during the few hours when the gate is open during the day. Halevi demands that Jews be allowed to enter through all the other gates, just like Muslims.

“We need to normalize the situation and remove the restrictions imposed on us. We must be allowed to go to the Temple Mount without police supervision. Why did this happen in the first place? Because we didn’t create the right narrative; that the Temple Mount is ours.”

“One of the reasons why the Temple Mount is not considered a place that is under Israeli sovereignty is because of Jordan’s political status on the Mount,” Halevi said. “This is a scandal, and the Jordanian status should be removed.”

“Are we giving status to a foreign country on the Temple Mount,” Halevi said. “Why would we do this? It is a historical crime,” Halevi said. “Why not give them status in the

Dizengoff Center [in Tel Aviv] as well? This is a terrible mistake. This status should be abolished. I know it's an agreement between countries, but we have to deal with this. It needs to be changed even if it is a process that will take time.”

Halevi intends to continue going up to the Temple Mount. He considers this to be of utmost importance to the people of Israel and to Israeli society.

“God should be relevant to Israeli society,” Halevi said.” What do we have in the mountain? We have no possessions, but we have the Ark of the Covenant and the Tablets of the Covenant with the Ten Commandments. This is the essence of the Temple Mount. The relationship with God is of the utmost importance. This is the purpose of the Temple in the end.

“We need to bring back this system of concepts, not to be ashamed of it, not to fear any security incident. We need to start the process. To say to the Muslims – you have a mosque, but you will not take over the Temple Mount. The fact that you have a mosque does not paint the whole mountain in a Muslim color. And it won't hold water anyway.”

“It is our Temple Mount,” Halevi said, quoting Uri Zvi Greenberg, considered one of modern Israel's greatest poets.

“Whoever controls the Temple Mount, controls the land of Israel,” Halevi quoted. “Whoever controls the mountain, attacks our belonging to this country. Whoever controls the Mount, threatens the Jewish and cultural identity of the country. This nation has a message; that there is God.”

Tom Nisani, CEO of Beyadeun Temple Mount advocacy organization, responded to Halevi's plan

“MK Halevi's desire to create real and impactful change including the cessation of discrimination against Jews, and return of the site to the hearts and minds of the Jewish people, is something we have been demanding for years,” Nisani said. “We will continue to act to strengthen voices that bring about this shift in policy until it is adopted in full!”

The Palestinian Authority's Higher Presidential Committee of Church Affairs [said](#) in a statement that the plan, which it described as “fascist aggression”, must be “stopped and confronted” as it would “drag the region into the furnace of a religious war”, placing the blame on the right-wing coalition led by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

AQSA ALERT: A HIGH PROFILE PROPOSAL TO SPATIALLY DIVIDE MASJID AL-AQSA

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— Masjid al Aqsa (@firstqiblah) [June 8, 2023](#)

“[The Temple Mount] is a pure right for Muslims exclusively, and we will not accept the presence of any other entity,” the statement read. “Just as the Church of the Holy Sepulchre is a pure right for Christians, and sharing it is a violation of sanctities. Defending Al-Aqsa is a national, Arab, Islamic and Christian duty.”

[WEF's Terrifying New Mission: Calls for AI to Write 'Unifying New Bible,' Create Religions 'That Are Actually Correct' \(westernjournal.com\)](#)

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The World Economic Forum has once again faced backlash from conservatives and Christians, as senior advisor Yuval Noah Harari recently proposed the concept of an AI-generated “new bible” to establish unified and “correct” religions.

This idea has raised concerns among Christians, who were already apprehensive about the preservation of faith and the unique human connection to the Bible amidst rapid technological progress.

Harari, an author and prominent figure at the World Economic Forum, contended that AI possesses the capacity to generate new ideas, distinguishing it from previous technological advancements — such as the printing press or broadcasting media.

According to a report from [Slay News](#), Harari explained AI’s role in writing a new bible.

“It’s the first technology ever that can create new ideas. You know, the printing press, radio, television, they broadcast, they spread the ideas created by the human brain, by the human mind,” he said during a forum called “A.I. & The Future of Humanity.”

“They cannot create a new idea.”

“You know, [Johannes] Gutenberg printed the Bible in the middle of the 15th century; the printing press printed as many copies of the Bible as Gutenberg instructed it, but it did not create a single new page,” he continued.

“It had no ideas of its own about the Bible: Is it good? Is it bad? How to interpret this? How to interpret that?”

Harari then candidly expressed the ultimate goal of the globalist agenda for the Bible: “AI can create new ideas; [it] can even write a new bible.”

He further elaborated, “Throughout history, religions dreamt about having a book written by a superhuman intelligence, by a non-human entity. In a few years, there might be religions that are actually correct ... just think about a religion whose holy book is written by an [AI](#). That could be a reality in a few years.”

Christians would argue that they already possess a book written by a non-human entity with superior intelligence. The Bible's stated author is the Creator of the universe.

Harari and his fellow globalists, on the other hand, seek a more contemporary approach. He suggested that AI could write a new bible or other religious texts, offering the prospect of religions aligned with globalism and presumably more receptive to modern perspectives on sexuality and gender. This is not the first time he has expressed disdain for Scripture, calling it an ancient predecessor to ["fake news."](#)

Harari also highlighted the potential of AI to manipulate language and storytelling, suggesting it has the ability to influence society without resorting to direct physical force.

Christian critics, however, emphasize the divine authorship of the [Bible](#) and the personal connection between individuals and their faith.

They argue that the Bible has withstood the test of time, containing centuries of accumulated wisdom and spiritual insights.

Faith is regarded as a deeply personal and profound experience rooted in the human pursuit of meaning and a relationship with the one true God.

Christians caution against reducing religious teachings to mere information that can be manipulated or replaced by AI, firmly believing that the Bible is inspired by the Creator of the universe and cannot be rewritten by anyone or replicated by artificial intelligence.

As the world grapples with the rapid advancement of technology, Christians [urge caution](#) and discernment in integrating AI into matters of faith. They advocate for preserving the integrity and authority of religious texts and traditions.

Simultaneously, globalists at the WEF, represented by figures like Harari, seek to dismantle what they perceive as antiquated traditions in favor of more progressive and inclusive ideas.

The battle over this issue is expected to intensify over time.

[WHO announces launch of “digital health certification network” – will this become the prophesied Mark of the Beast? \(planet-today.com\)](#)

#bibleprophecy, #who, #digital, #markofthebeast

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On Monday, United Nations (UN) World Health Organization (WHO) director-general Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus [officially announced](#) the launch of his globalist body's long-awaited “global digital health certification network,” which in many ways looks like it could be part of the prophesied Mark of the Beast.

The purpose of this new WHO network is to track and limit the movement of people all around the world based on their obedience to government orders, especially during a “public health emergency” like the Wuhan coronavirus (Covid-19). When the next “pandemic” is launched, the WHO will be ready and waiting with this new network to control *everything*.

It seems as though the WHO's plan is to use this new network to oversee all buying and selling, i.e., commerce and the economy, during the next contrived global *event*, whatever that might be. Only those who can show digital proof of having obeyed the government's dictates, whether that be to get another “vaccine” or to receive some kind of electronic microchip implant, will be allowed to live.

“Never before in the history of the world has this taken place,” writes Leo Hohmann about what already took place during covid, and how next time it will be even worse. “It was unprecedented, and yet so few Christian leaders called it out for what it was.”

“What happened in 2020 and 2021 with vaccine passports was just a dry run for an expanded digitized ID program that will be global in scope ... Those who don't submit will be singled out as the enemies of the system and therefore a danger to humanity.”

(Related: YouTube launched a similar “certification” protocol for videos that contain any type of medical information – all content must align with WHO dictates, the Google-owned video streaming platform now says, or else they will be removed.)

Is this the envisioned new age, or will something else come along to tear it all down as a Great Deception while implementing the real New World Order?

According to Ghebreyesus, the new system is just the “first building block” of a system that, when complete, will control *everything* on the planet – or at least that is the intent. In Hohmann's view, the makings of what we already know about it look a whole

lot like the “evil system ... coming out of Europe, the revived Roman Empire spelled out in the book of Daniel.”

“It’s all being done to ‘help people move around’ during the next pandemic, which sounds like it has already been scheduled,” Hohmann explains. “Can you believe this?”

“Thank you, European Union, for your ‘excellent certification system that you have transferred to us,’ a contribution to the world that we could not live without. This is ‘a global public good,’ this monster says. ‘Soon after we will expand this infrastructure by incorporating other use, such as a digitized *international* certificate of vaccination, routine immunization cards, and international patient summaries.’”

These are Ghebreyesus’ exact words, by the way, as he stated them in announcing the new system at its official unveiling. He repeatedly emphasized and stressed the word *international* to make it clear that this is a *global* effort, not just an isolated-to-Europe kind of thing.

The corporate-controlled media is of course spinning it all as “good” news, arguing that this new “landmark digital health partnership,” to quote one misleading source, only aims “to strengthen global health security.”

It could be that this is all just a decoy, and that the real Mark of the Beast will come alongside a new and different order that tears this existing one down and replaces it with “freedom” and “liberty” as a Great Deception disguise. What do you think?

[Liberal mainline United Methodists see more than 5,000 congregations leave amid arguments over sex, gender | Fox News](#)

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Number of Methodist churches leaving denomination has surged in recent years

The [number of congregations](#) departing the United Methodist Church (UMC) exceeded 5,000 last week as the second-largest Protestant denomination in the U.S. continues to fracture over theological disagreements, mostly pertaining to human sexuality.

The number of churches that have been given the green light by their annual conferences to disaffiliate increased from approximately 4,600 early last week to 5,321 as of Friday, [according to UM News](#).

The number of churches leaving the UMC has surged in recent years, with approximately 2,000 congregations being approved to disaffiliate in 2022 and more than 3,000 this year.

[LAWYER REPRESENTING METHODIST CHURCHES TRYING TO LEAVE SAYS CONTENTIOUS SPLIT IS ABOUT 'POWER' AND 'MONEY'](#)

The data is based on reports "of U.S. annual conference reports, publicly available journals and reports of special annual conference sessions held in 2022 and this year," according to the outlet, which notes their numbers are more up to date than the denomination's finance agency, which has to wait on annual conferences to submit official reports.

The flood of disaffiliations comes after the General Conference in 2019 approved [Paragraph 2553 of the Book of Discipline](#), a church law that allows UMC churches to leave with their church property if they obtain the approval of two-thirds of their congregation and their regional governing body.

[UNITED METHODIST SPLIT GROWS MORE CONTENTIOUS AS GEORGIA CONFERENCE BLOCKS CONSERVATIVE CHURCHES FROM EXITING](#)

Churches that want to leave are also required to pay their share of clergy pension liabilities and [two years of "apportionments"](#) for the larger denomination, under the church law that expires later this year.

In 2019, the General Conference voted 438-384 to uphold the church's ban on ordaining LGBTQ clergy and [officiating at or hosting same-sex weddings](#).

Several traditionalist members of the [Methodist clergy told Fox News Digital](#) in 2022 that conservative churches are leaving in response to liberal leaders within the UMC choosing to disregard the 2019 vote by commissioning gay clergy and officiating same-sex weddings anyway.

Many of the departing churches are joining the newly formed [Global Methodist Church](#) or remaining non-denominational.

Hundreds of the churches attempting to disaffiliate have faced legal or financial hurdles as the UMC has demanded large sums to maintain their property, which has led to legal battles in some states, [according to the Christian Post](#).

'No Soul' -- German Church Holds Artificial Intelligence Generated Sermon (breitbart.com)

#bibleprophecy, #chatgpt, #church, #sermon

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FUERTH, Germany (AP) – The artificial intelligence chatbot asked the believers in the fully packed St. Paul's church in the Bavarian town of Fuerth to rise from the pews and praise the Lord.

The ChatGPT chatbot, personified by an avatar of a bearded Black man on a huge screen above the altar, then began preaching to the more than 300 people who had shown up on Friday morning for an experimental Lutheran church service almost entirely generated by AI.

“Dear friends, it is an honor for me to stand here and preach to you as the first artificial intelligence at this year's convention of Protestants in Germany,” the avatar said with an expressionless face and monotonous voice.

The 40-minute service – including the sermon, prayers and music – was created by ChatGPT and Jonas Simmerlein, a theologian and philosopher from the University of Vienna.

“I conceived this service – but actually I rather accompanied it, because I would say about 98% comes from the machine,” the 29-year-old scholar told The Associated Press.

The AI church service was one of hundreds of events at the convention of Protestants in the Bavarian towns of Nuremberg and the neighboring Fuerth, and it drew such immense interest that people formed a long queue outside the 19th-century, neo-Gothic building an hour before it began.

The convention itself – Deutscher Evangelischer Kirchentag in German – takes place every two years in the summer at a different place in Germany and draws tens of thousands of believers to pray, sing and discuss their faith. They also talk about current world affairs and look for solutions to key issues, which this year included global warming, the war in Ukraine – and artificial intelligence.

This year's gathering is taking place from Wednesday to Sunday under the motto “Now is the time.” That slogan was one of the sentences Simmerlein fed ChatGPT when he asked the chatbot to develop the sermon.

“I told the artificial intelligence ‘We are at the church congress, you are a preacher ... what would a church service look like?’” Simmerlein said. He also asked for psalms to be included, as well as prayers and a blessing at the end.

“You end up with a pretty solid church service,” Simmerlein said, sounding almost surprised by the success of his experiment.

Indeed, the believers in the church listened attentively as the artificial intelligence preached about leaving the past behind, focusing on the challenges of the present, overcoming fear of death, and never losing trust in Jesus Christ.

The entire service was “led” by four different avatars on the screen, two young women, and two young men.

At times, the AI-generated avatar inadvertently drew laughter as when it used platitudes and told the churchgoers with a deadpan expression that in order “to keep our faith, we must pray and go to church regularly.”

Some people enthusiastically videotaped the event with their cell phones, while others looked on more critically and refused to speak along loudly during The Lord’s Prayer.

Heiderose Schmidt, a 54-year-old who works in IT, said she was excited and curious when the service started but found it increasingly off-putting as it went along.

“There was no heart and no soul,” she said. “The avatars showed no emotions at all, had no body language and were talking so fast and monotonously that it was very hard for me to concentrate on what they said.”

“But maybe it is different for the younger generation who grew up with all of this,” Schmidt added.

Marc Jansen, a 31-year-old Lutheran pastor from Troisdorf near the western German city of Cologne, brought a group of teenagers from his congregation to St. Paul. He was more impressed by the experiment.

“I had actually imagined it to be worse. But I was positively surprised how well it worked. Also the language of the AI worked well, even though it was still a bit bumpy at times,” Jansen said.

What the young pastor missed, however, was any kind of emotion or spirituality, which he says is essential when he writes his own sermons.

Anna Puzio, 28, a researcher on the ethics of technology from the University of Twente in The Netherlands, also attended the service. She said she sees a lot of opportunities in the use of AI in religion – such as making religious services more easily available and inclusive for believers who for various reasons may not be able experience their faith in person with others in houses of worship.

However, she noted there are also dangers when it comes to the use of AI in religion.

“The challenge that I see is that AI is very human-like and that it’s easy to be deceived by it,” she said.

“Also, we don’t have only one Christian opinion, and that’s what AI has to represent as well,” she said. “We have to be careful that it’s not misused for such purposes as to spread only one opinion.”

Simmerlein said it is not his intention to replace religious leaders with artificial intelligence. Rather, he sees the use of AI as a way to help them with their everyday work in their congregations.

Some pastors seek inspiration in literature, he says, so why not also ask AI for ideas regarding an upcoming sermon. Others would like to have more time for individual spiritual guidance of their parishioners, so why not speed up the process of writing the sermon with the help of a chatbot to make time for other important duties.

“Artificial intelligence will increasingly take over our lives, in all its facets,” Simmerlein said. “And that’s why it’s useful to learn to deal with it.”

However, the experimental church service also showed the limits to implementing artificial AI in church, or in religion. There was no real interaction between the believers and the chatbot, which wasn’t able to respond to the laughter or any other reactions by the churchgoers as a human pastor would have been able to do.

“The pastor is in the congregation, she lives with them, she buries the people, she knows them from the beginning,” Simmerlein said. “Artificial intelligence cannot do that. It does not know the congregation.”

[Popular Actor in The Chosen Converts to Christianity: 'I Can't Help but Talk About' It - Michael Foust \(christianheadlines.com\)](#)

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A well-known actor in *The Chosen* is opening up about his faith journey, saying he had never had a personal encounter with Jesus until he took the role in the Bible-based hit series and was influenced by Christians behind the scenes.

Nick Shakoour, who portrays Zebedee, told Christian Headlines that the series has had a significant impact on his life. His character is the father of James and John.

"It's been a major change," Shakoour told Christian Headlines, referencing his life.

Creator and director Dallas Jenkins, a self-described evangelical, has been open about the series employing Christians and non-Christians alike for the cast and crew, saying the goal is to hire the best person for each position.

Shakoour said he grew up in a Christian environment but never had a personal conversion. He told Christian Headlines he has been influenced on the set of *The Chosen* by the "behind-the-scenes people who are Believers" and by "their friends and in running in their circles and starting to seek out God through them."

"And it all accumulated to last September, where I was invited to a church conference where the next thing I knew a bunch of people surrounded me ... and laid their hands over me and started praying," Shakoour told Christian Headlines. "And I was able to experience what it was like to experience the Holy Spirit going from outside to in and it set my body into flames."

The experience, he said, was overwhelming.

"It felt like my organs were all being burned away and I was being vibrated and microwaved at the same time," he said. "That's the best way I can describe it."

Shakoour said he feels like a new person.

"I literally felt like I was given a brand new body – brand new everything," he said, choking back tears. "... But since that's happened, I don't have the sensation of hunger, and I don't get thirsty. So now I've got to go out of my way to remind myself to drink water and eat – and I [formerly] was someone that would [eat] six meals a day ... for the workouts. And it's like God came and went, 'No, you don't need all those six meals.'

"My mind is blown by what's happened. So the show's been a blessing and I've loved acting in it. But it's definitely been the conduit that I can't help but talk about."

Shakoour said he learned that a lead construction worker on the set of *The Chosen* had prayed that an actor would convert. That construction worker also said the construction team had written Bible verses on the walls of the sets before they painted them. Incredibly, the first home they wrote Bible verses in was that of Zebedee.

"He said, 'We got together as a construction crew, and we prayed for one of the actors to receive the Holy Spirit, and [that the actor] would become the seed that would spread the gospel,'" Shakoour said. "... It's been one mind-blowing thing after the next with what's been happening in and outside of the show."

Shakoour and the rest of the cast and crew are currently filming Season 4.

[High School Valedictorian Shares the Gospel during Graduation Speech - Amanda Casanova \(christianheadlines.com\)](#)

#bibleprophecy, #gospel, #valedictorian, #graduation

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The valedictorian of a high school in South Carolina shared the gospel message during her graduation speech, speaking about how God carried her through the loss of her mother.

Lydia Owens, the valedictorian of Woodmont High School in Piedmont, South Carolina, said that two years ago, her mother died, and she soon realized that her identity could not be placed in performance or achievements, [ChruchLeaders.com reports](#).

“You are so much more than how well you perform,” she said.

“If you place your identity in what you accomplish, and you believe you are only good enough if you succeed, what happens when you fail?” Owens added. “What happens when you don’t have a lot of money or you don’t have a lot of friends?”

“Placing your identity in the things of this world will disappoint you, because they are only temporary.”

The crowd applauded throughout her speech.

“When everything else in my life felt uncertain the only person that I could depend on to stay the same was Jesus,” she said.

“My perspective of success drastically changed, because I realized the many years I spent placing my worth in my academics meant absolutely nothing in eternity.”

Owens is the daughter of First Baptist Simpsonville executive pastor Brian Owens.

“Brian Owens is one of my best friends in life, and truly a hero of a dad,” First Baptist Simpsonville Lead Pastor Wayne Bray wrote on Twitter. “So I am proud of Lydia as her Pastor, but maybe even more so as a friend to her dad. She lives her faith and is willing to shout it for the whole world to hear. Yes, tragedy struck Lydia's life, and its impact was great. But she is a living example that God's grace is greater!”

Owens reminded her classmates that God loves and values them all.

“No matter what your future holds, please remember that life is so much more than how successful you are. Even if you accomplish all of your dreams or none of them at

all, you are still valuable and still good enough, because you are made in the image of God,” Owens said.

“You don’t have to worry about whether or not you’ll be successful because God promises that his grace is sufficient for us and his power is made perfect in our weakness.”