

Think About Faith. An Update From Douglas Jacoby.

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Greetings!

Hello from my hometown of Jacksonville, Florida, where I preached the word today. After service there was a farewell from the church family for my mother, a member since 1979. She has recently relocated to Atlanta to be near us. Life goes on, doesn't it? We hope you're having a good March so far.

Writing month

I managed to stay put in Atlanta all February -- "writing month." The focus: Psalms, Exodus, and Genesis. I completed the main project, a short devotional book on Psalms, based on the 2013 podcast series. It's entitled *Thrive!* Perhaps you'd like to peek at a draft [chapter](#).

The Exodus book, for now, will have to remain a skeleton -- in the good sense (a firm yet light structure from which hangs a living, definable body). I'm ready to write it -- just not sure when. As for *Genesis, Science & History* (1997, 2004), my thinking has changed so much that the 3rd edition will have to be a radical rewrite, esp. the part on the relationship of science to Scripture. I can't believe how much I now disagree with myself -- at least the earlier version of me, a decade ago!

Prison work?

No, I haven't been engaged in prison ministry -- as noble a work as that is. The prisoner is the apostle Paul. Attempting to follow his thoughts, I recorded a four-part series on the Prison Epistles at North River, our local church. The four Prison Epistles are Philippians, Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon. If you'd appreciate this material, the series is now available at the [website](#).

In addition, I've taught twice in the Canadian School of Missions, lectured at Kennesaw State University, and delivered sermons from Romans 1, Romans 5, and Psalms 49 & 39. Most of these messages are up at the website. So even though I'm emerging from a writing month, it's probably also fair to describe it as a *talking* month. I know this is *good* for me, given my introvert nature. Given my druthers, I'd curl up and read / write. Yet I've notice that when I'm not engaged *publicly*, reaching out, sharing the Bible with friends, or inviting people to church, it affects me *privately*. (Are you like that, too?)

Northern Lights?

Upcoming trips include Los Angeles (campus ministry), Fort Lauderdale (International Teachers Service Team), and snowy Anchorage. Perhaps Atlanta's recent winter storms will have steeled me for Alaska. Not that I care about the cold. What I'd really love to see is the Aurora. I'm a little envious of the Britons -- currently the Northern Lights have been visible in many parts of the UK. Lucky them!



Even though we lived for many years in Northern Europe, including Scandinavia, we never beheld this wonder of God's creation. Except through an airplane window! Not the same as standing in the bracing cold and gazing upward.

Thank you

And speaking of gazing upward, I hope you know how much we appreciate your prayers. The International Bible Teaching Ministry is alive and well, thanks to so many of you.

Gratefully yours,

Douglas



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