Hello Friend,

Apparently, Jesus didn’t like waste. (Do you?) After He miraculously multiplied the loaves and fishes to feed the 5,000, He said, “Collect the pieces that are left over so that nothing is wasted” (John 6:12). If Jesus cares about salvaging fishy dinner scraps, how do you think He feels about saving the very souls He created?

Every year, Americans waste $30 billion annually from unused gift cards and rebates. The devil is likewise counting on millions of souls neglecting God’s free gift card of salvation. But together we can be the difference between a wasted gift and eternal life!

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An Amazing Fact: The average American household is sitting on about $300 worth of unused misplaced gift cards. That’s about $30 billion nationally that goes unredeemed—it’s like money simply evaporating!

After a long day of my exceptionally poor behavior, my third-grade teacher, Mrs. Weinbaum, pulled me aside for “a little talk.” I don’t remember everything she said, but I do vividly remember this: “Douglas, I hate waste. You can do something wonderful with your life, and you’re wasting it goofing off in class.” I knew she was right—and it scared me. The idea that I could waste my only chance at a successful life arrested my attention. I never forgot her words.

And now I hate waste—especially when I do it. I once carried around a $25 restaurant gift card in my wallet for so long, the place had gone out of business by the time I tried to use it. I was a little sad when I threw the useless gift card in the garbage can unredeemed.

But this is just a small example of loss. No waste in our lives can compare with the tragedy of someone wasting the greatest gift of all—the gift of eternal life with Jesus. And sadly, most people in our troubled world are so deceived, wasting their lives and don’t even know it.

Will you please join me in redeeming more of these precious souls, people who are on the verge of simply evaporating?

It’s hard for me to comprehend the heart-rending sorrow Jesus feels about the needlessly wasted lives of His rebellious children. Nor can I find adequate words to describe the grief the lost will feel when they discover they have squandered the gift of eternal life. “The harvest is past … and we are not saved!” (Jeremiah 8:20).
This is why Jesus came and died—to prevent the most catastrophic loss imaginable—a person’s opportunity to live forever. This is the whole purpose of Amazing Facts: to redeem lives from the ultimate waste! And we can only do this with your faithful partnership.

**A Gift to Jesus Is Never Wasted**

Do you remember the story when Mary poured her gift of expensive ointment on Jesus’ head and feet? Judas complained it was wasteful, but Jesus defended Mary’s generosity, saying, “Wherever this gospel is preached, what this woman has done will also be told” (Matthew 26:13 NKJV). A gift given to Jesus, small or large, is *never* wasted.

As you are thinking of gifts for your family and friends at this time of year, I ask you to remember the other people … the many countless souls … who are missing out on the gift of God’s precious Son.

We can give them the gift of truth that will set them free. Let’s not waste this opportunity. Amazing Facts is reaching millions every month and giving them the chance to accept Jesus into their lives and experience the freedom and joy He wants them to have.

You are a vital part of our team, and your gift today couldn’t come at a better time. Thousands have found the gift of life through our TV, radio, Internet, publishing, training, and live evangelism. But we know we could reach even more if we only had additional resources.

That’s why your gift of any size this month is a priceless and eternal transaction. **Please give today.**

God bless you for your faithfulness,

Pastor Doug