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Hello and welcome to Scripture Untangled, a podcast by the Canadian Bible Society. My name is Joanna la Fleur. I'm a friend of the Canadian Bible Society and I'm going to be your guide for today's episode.

Today, Member of Parliament Richard Bragdon will be interviewed by seasoned journalist Lorna Dueck. 2026 is the 60th year of Canada's National Prayer Breakfast and we are delighted to welcome to Scripture Untangled the chair of that great gathering, Member of Parliament Richard Bragdon from the riding of Tobique Mactaquac in New Brunswick. Richard was a pastor and a realtor before jumping over to political office and he was elected in 2019 as an MP with the Conservative Party of Canada.

MP Bragdon brought to federal politics his background of community service and practical problem solving. He was born in Woodstock, New Brunswick and Richard and his wife Crystal had three children and they live between New Brunswick and Ottawa. Since arriving in Parliament, Richard has taken on a number of key responsibilities.

He has served as the Shadow Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Coast Guard, was Deputy Shadow Minister for Ethics and now currently serves as the Shadow Minister for Rural Development Canada. He's currently chair of the multi-party Canada-United States Inter-Parliamentary Group. But at the Bible Society, we know Richard best in his role as chair of the National Prayer Breakfast and the Leadership Dinner.

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As part of this role, he leads Ottawa's Parliamentary Prayer Gathering which is a weekly non-partisan gathering of parliamentarians where the party labels are dropped and MPs simply gather to share and pray together in the spirit of Christ. So, here's Lorna Dueck with Member of Parliament Richard Bragdon.

Lorna Dueck: Well Member of Parliament Richard Bragdon, we are delighted to have you here and we're catching up with you in your office in Ottawa, is that right?

Richard Bragdon: Actually, I'm just in the foyer outside the House of Commons in a booth and I happen to have house duty today so we're in a nice quiet booth. Hopefully it stays that way and we're doing the interview here in the foyer of the House of Commons.

Lorna Dueck: Okay and that's why I'm watching the clock so because you've got to get back into the House of Commons.

Richard Bragdon: Yeah, no worries. We're glad to be with you Lorna.

Lorna Dueck: Well, it is a wonderful adventure how you found yourself there in our House of Commons as a representative for Parliament there in New Brunswick and just tell us a little bit about how you got your foot going into politics.

Richard Bragdon: Well, it's an interesting story. I always had an interest in politics or followed it from a distance but obviously I started my working career or ministry I should say fresh out of high school, going to Bible college and then into ministry. But always followed politics and felt the importance that we need to pray for our leaders and those in authority. And I would attend the National Prayer Breakfast when my MP at the time was Mike Allen, and I would attend that as a pastor from that area and just felt it was always important that believers keep an eye on the affairs of their province, their community and their nation. And that as believers we pray for those in authority and part of that journey was, it's quite a story but some would say oh how can

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someone ever leave ministry and go into politics? Well, I didn't look at it that way. I felt like this was an extension of ministry.

Lorna Dueck: And we should say a little bit about ministry. You were both pastoring and you were in prison ministry.

Richard Bragdon: That is correct.

Exactly. So, I was on church at an interdenominational church in the Fredericton area. I was on staff with them for a number of years and that's still our home church where we go with our family, but then also got to work with a fine gentleman who you got to know as well Lorna who's now passed and that was Monty Lewis who established a prison ministry. It's a remarkable story.

Lorna Dueck: He met Jesus in jail, didn't he? Monty met Jesus in jail.

Richard Bragdon: That's right.

We would go in on prison ministry, and he took me on my first trip into a prison. And it was really quite an experience as someone in pastoral ministry to have the opportunity to go with someone like Monty, who had been doing a ministry. But he himself had been incarcerated and encountered Christ while he was in prison.

Changed his life and then he kept doing this, and as his health was deteriorating, and he saw something in me. He said, Richard, I know this may be out of the ordinary what I'm asking you to do, but I'd like for you to come on with me and come on the board of directors and help in this time while we're kind of in a season of transition as a ministry.

And so, knowing that I had so much to learn and had very little experience in that field but felt the pull towards that, I followed that and I'm so thankful because it led to so many things that I pull from now in this current chapter.

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Even being in elected office and it's inspired the private members bill that I was able to see passed into law and it's a remarkable journey how that happened.

Lorna Dueck: And just remind us of what that private members bill is because like there's 13 prisons I think in your riding alone aren't there?

Richard Bragdon: In New Brunswick, there's provincial jails as well as there are three federal penitentiaries like, Renous and then there's Dorchester and Westmorland they call it. So medium security maximum... then when you add the provincial jails in there's several. But yeah, quite a bit, and then of course you have Nova Scotia, which is nearby that has some more prisons and jails that we would visit at that time when I was serving with Monty.

Lorna Dueck: As a Christian witness in jail yeah and you translate this into a private members bill that does what?

Richard Bragdon: Oh, it's amazing yeah that bill was inspired by Monty in that ministry and it was about stopping revolving door in and out of our prison system. So, the technical name was to establish a federal framework for the reduction of recidivism in Canada. So, it was to stop the revolving door in our prison system. So many people who become incarcerated, they end up going back into the life of crime and re-offending and ending up back inside.

Our objective through this bill was to establish a federal framework, a best practices around the country, and internationally, that got the best outcomes for stopping that revolving door. So that when someone had served their time, after they'd served their time and they were coming back in the community what could be the best types of programs and wraparounds to make sure they don't go back into prison.

And as we know Lorna the best ones by far statistically have been the faith-based programs. And so, I felt like this bill could enable not just faith-based programming but definitely have a space for faith-based programs, and non-profits and

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governmental programs, and interventions, and 12-step programs, and life skills development, all the wraparounds to be incorporated.

And so, our organization is doing that well and getting good results, let's pilot that in different regions of the country, and eventually see what works best and roll that out nationwide.

So, it did become a lot, I had to say, it had multi-party support, and it passed unanimously out of the senate and became a law in 2021, just before the election of 2021. And it's remarkable, how that came together, and Monty was a big part of the inspiration behind it.

Lorna Dueck: And I hope our listeners will forgive us for going down memory lane here a bit, but you had to fight to be able to keep churches as part of prison response, like faith-based institutions, all faith-based institutions. And so good on you, but that was a little sidetrack.

How did you then get called, prior to that, how did you get called from being a prison ministry frontline worker, a pastor, and now a politician.

Richard Bragdon: Oh, it's a remarkable story Lorna, I don't forget.

I was attending a prayer breakfast in Ottawa in May of 2014, with then Mike Allen was my MP for the area.

And we came and he joined us for the breakfast. And I had a pastor friend from back home you may know him; Verner Drost was a pastor of a friend from the Fredericton as well. He's at Smyth Street Cathedral, where Monty had gone to church.

He was with me, along with another friend, and we were attending the Prayer Breakfast. Being from New Brunswick, we were excited because the Speaker of the Senate at the time was Noël Kinsella, and he always loved it when New Brunswickers came to Ottawa.² He gave us the royal treatment—he welcomed us as guests, gave us a tour of the Senate, and then got us passes for Question Period.

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While Question Period was underway, one of his staffers came up and said, “Mr. Bragdon, Speaker Kinsella would like to meet with you and your friends after QP.” I said, “Oh, great—that would be wonderful.”

After Question Period, we went down to the Speaker’s chambers and into his office. We had a great meeting with him. He shared a lot of history, gave us a wonderful tour, and then sat down at the table with us. This was in May of 2014. He looked at me and said, “Richard, what’s going to happen in Tobique-Mactaquac?”

I said, “Well, that’s a great question, Mr. Speaker. We have a great MP, and those are very big shoes to fill.”

He said, “I know. But he’s not running again—and you need to.”

That came completely out of left field. It was an interesting question. Then he began naming people who had been in ministry and had served in Parliament historically in Canada. I thought, “Okay... this is not accidental. Obviously, there’s been some chatter.” I left that meeting swimming in everything he had just said and the questions he had put to me.

He said, “We’re familiar with your work in prisons, Richard. We’re familiar with your work with First Nations. We need more voices like that here in the House of Commons. You need to consider running in the next election,” which was scheduled for 2015.

Long story short, I started down that road. Pastor Berner, who was with me that day, said as we were leaving Parliament, “I don’t think you should let that one roll off you too quickly, Richard. I think maybe the Lord is opening a door here—you might want to examine it.”

So, I talked to my wife, Crystal. We began a discernment process, talked to friends and people we trusted. Then, of course, I reached out to Mike Allen. I sent a little Facebook message to my MP, who had announced he wasn’t running again. I wrote,

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“Hey, is there any possibility we could have coffee sometime soon?” He wrote back, “Oh, that would be wonderful. I look forward to hearing about your potential candidacy for Tobique-Mactaquac.” And the rest is history.

He was so encouraging, and a wonderful mentor in the journey.

But Lorna, the story takes another twist. I ran in 2015. I resigned from all the charitable organizations I was involved with. We took a step of faith. I spent that year getting to know people, seeking the nomination, and then running in the election. And that was the year when every seat in Atlantic Canada went to Liberals—and I lost that election.

You can imagine what I was thinking: “Oh man... maybe I didn’t hear God at all. What if something’s off here? I felt so strongly that I was supposed to do this, and here I am. Where do I go from here?” You go into that whole discernment process— “Maybe I blew it. Maybe I didn’t hear right. Something’s wrong.” It was devastating. I had used my own RRSPs—my own savings—to run. And then you wonder how to step back into ministry after that, especially if you think you might want to run again.

I was in a real season of wilderness.

But the good news is, long story short, God made a way. A private-sector company approached me about working with them for three and a half years while I was in between campaigns, and that allowed me to go back and try again. I was still able to volunteer in ministry, volunteer behind the scenes, and keep pursuing public office—going to community events, staying involved—while selling real estate to make ends meet.

And then, in 2019, I was elected.

So that’s the broken road that brought me here.

Lorna Dueck: Well, not “here” exactly, because we’re doing this in 2026 now. But yes, thank you—that is a nail-biter of a story. Cracking open your own RRSPs to run...

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Richard Bragdon: Well, I had to step away from charitable organizations in order to pursue office, and then what do you do when the bottom falls out of what you believed you were supposed to do?

But look, Lorna—I would never trade that period of time. As much as I would never want to relive it, in many ways, I wouldn't trade it. I draw from those experiences all the time. And one thing about it: if it doesn't come easily, you appreciate it. You know what it takes to get here. And for those of us who are people of faith, I don't feel I'm here by accident. If you're here by design, then it's a sacred calling.

The only way I can describe it is this: I didn't feel pushed into this—I felt pulled into it. It was an inescapable pull. That's the call of God in our lives sometimes. We're pulled toward something, and you can't fully explain it. Many people in Christian circles don't quite understand how someone could feel called into politics of all things. But God calls people into every arena of life. We need more people of faith in the legal profession, in media, in politics, in teaching—you name it.

Lorna Dueck: In all of them. All across the earth.

Exactly, Rich.

So, tell us, Richard—how did you come to faith? How did your journey with God begin?

Richard Bragdon: I came to faith as a young man. I was raised, thankfully, in a Christian home. But going back before I was born—shortly before—I learned that my mom and dad were not believers at the time. Dad was working at the pulp mill in Nackawic. Mom was a waitress and homemaker. Dad struggled with alcohol, and their marriage was having challenges.

They went to a little community church in Hartfield, where I grew up. They were both at their wits' end. In that little Baptist church, they felt something they could only

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describe with an old-fashioned word—conviction. They felt they needed to get right, to change some things in their lives. And that’s where their journey of faith began.

I’m so thankful for that. Even though my dad had been an alcoholic, I never witnessed that personally because he had a life change before I was born. So, I grew up in a Christian home, with Christian influence. It was a modest home—Dad at the pulp mill, Mom as a waitress and homemaker—but faith surrounded us.

My own personal encounter came at age 13. Many people wouldn’t believe this, but I was terrified of public speaking. I did not like communicating in front of people. In Grade 5, I had a traumatic experience during an oral presentation—someone made a comment, I froze, panicked, and ran out of the classroom. I was embarrassed and thought, “I never want to speak in front of people again.”

But at a camp meeting in the summer of 1990, when I was 13, I had a major life change, and it—

He came—I’ll never forget it. I felt like I was the only one in that camp meeting that night when the invitation was given to give your life to Christ. So, I surrendered, and I gave Him everything. Out of that came an interest in debate clubs at school and public speaking competitions. The passion for politics was there, and the passion for ministry was there, and I had no idea where it was all leading. But that’s how some of the journey unfolded. Thankfully, I walked with the Lord through all kinds of things—ups and downs and valleys—eventually into ministry, and now this.

Lorna Dueck: Yes, including the fact that you have been a pastor. Tell us about that a little bit.

Richard Bragdon: Yeah. As a pastor, it’s been... they used to say in school, “Oh, he’s either going to be a preacher or a politician.” I just happen to have the privilege of being both now. As a pastor, I remember starting in ministry after going to Bible college. In first-year Bible college, there was a gentleman I had always looked up to. I

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had hoped someday to be able to job-shadow him a little bit, or work under him and learn the ropes. That was Joe Beasley, who was pastoring in Fredericton at the time.

He took a chance on this young fella and said, “Yeah, bring him out of first-year Bible college.” He hired me on. I went into a mentorship program and served with him for nearly—well, it was 18 years I worked with Pastor Joe. I was his assistant. I started in youth, then moved into assistant and associate pastor roles for a number of years with Joe at our church.

Our church, where we spent most of our time, was originally an independent church. It became interdenominational, and we went through that transition period. Now we have so many different denominations represented within our church family. It was an amazing period of time to be in ministry, and I learned a lot from Pastor Joe. He was a true mentor and is still a close friend.

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Lorna Dueck: Beautiful. And now that you are well-ensconced in your multiple elections to Parliament, you are stepping into big leadership shoes on several committees, including a Canada-U.S. committee. Tell us a little bit—these are early days of trying to figure out our relationship. What are you experiencing, leading in that kind of portfolio?

Richard Bragdon: It's been an amazing thing how that door opened, because I just felt to do it. I always had a passion for the Canada-U.S. file. We have many friends south of the border. I represent a border district. And this is a staggering thing, Lorna: 93 per cent of the exports of New Brunswick go to the United States. That's everything—from food from our farms, to lumber, to machinery, to paper products, to power. We export so much of our goods, and we have the law of proximity—we are next door.

My district is actually the originating or destination point, depending on how you look at it, of the I-95 corridor that goes all the way down the eastern seaboard. It basically comes right into Woodstock, New Brunswick, where my district is. So, there is a connection there. I'm passionate about that.

I had a good working relationship with Senator Collins from Maine throughout COVID, and we were dealing with a bunch of cross-border issues. So, it was an area of passion. Then the position of co-chair came up—to be elected at the AGM—and it was happening this past fall. I thought, "You know what? No harm in trying for this." Normally it goes to the government side, but it really comes down to whoever has the members and who shows up to vote at the AGM. We had a really good, robust turnout, and I secured the position as co-chair.

But it's a unique time to be there. This is such a critical hour for Canada-U.S. relations. I encourage people to look beyond all the noise. There's a lot of noise right now—hype, tweets on one side, outbursts on the other, and it gets used politically on both sides. But what you find, when you're having conversations with counterparts—Congressmen and women, both Republican and Democrat, and whether it's Liberal

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or Conservative here—is that I have great hope that this lasting relationship will continue.

It's a 200-year relationship, with 78 per cent of Canada's trade going to the U.S. They are our biggest customer by far. Plus, we fought in world wars together. In no way, shape, or form should we allow a temporary circumstance to become a permanent breach.

So, I think the role is very much to maintain the relationships as much as possible and keep things as positive as possible. I've had the privilege of meeting so many wonderful people there with whom we have great connections. And yes—fellow believers as well. It just happens that one of the co-chairs on the U.S. side, a congressman, is a believer who attends their weekly prayer gathering as well. We formed a really neat connection there. Those are the kinds of relationships I'm so thankful for, and I think we can weather the storm.

Lorna Dueck: Well, good for you—and New Brunswick needs you to, given that trade ratio. But you just made a beautiful segue to a very big part of your portfolio, and that is Canada's National Prayer Breakfast, which you alluded to. Tell us how you got—well, first of all, we should probably explain for those in our audience who don't realize: every spring—this year it's March 24th, I believe—is the National Prayer Breakfast. And it's Canada's 60th Prayer Breakfast. This is a phenomenal thing. Just describe it to our audience for a moment, because you are the chair of it.

Richard Bragdon: It's an absolute... it's the highlight of my week. We have a weekly prayer gathering that happens for parliamentarians, out of which the National Prayer Breakfast comes. It's an amazing event that has been happening now for 60 years. It's incredible.

Lorna Dueck: Across party lines.

Richard Bragdon: It's multi-party, non-denominational, and non-partisan. We ask people, when they come—and this year again we have the Prime Minister, the Leader

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of the Opposition, the Leader of the Green Party, a representative from the NDP, the Speaker of the House, a former Speaker of the Senate, and the National Chief for Indigenous Peoples are all confirmed to be coming. At the head tables, you see a reflection of the mosaic of Canada's composition—electorally and representative wise. They come from various parts of the country, and they know this is a Christian prayer gathering. There will be Scripture readings, someone sharing the theme address, and prayers offered. All faiths are welcome to attend, but it is a Christian prayer breakfast. We pray, and we call upon the Lord for our country and for our leaders.

At the weekly prayer gathering, we tell people that we don't wear partisan labels here. That's not what comes first. What comes first is our shared belief in Christ—that we are part of one family—and our recognition of our need to call upon Him and seek His will and His guidance. It's really exciting what's happening with the prayer breakfast on a weekly basis, as well as what's happening nationally.

Lorna Dueck: I think we should unpack that a little bit, because it is astonishing that in a busy place like Parliament Hill, you folks find a room. I've actually been there, and you pray sincerely, quietly, and warmly. It's a beautiful cross-partisan prayer meeting every week, isn't it?

It's personal.

Richard Bragdon: If Christians could be aware of what happens weekly there, I think it would be so encouraging for them. Every time the House is sitting, we meet on Wednesday mornings at 7:15 a.m. in a neutral location. We come together and pray together. A different MP or Senator shares each week on a rotational schedule. It could be a testimony, a Scripture, or something on their heart. Then we have a chance to comment on what they've shared—what thoughts it triggered in us—and then we pray together.

We pray for our leaders, for our country, and that God would give us wisdom. Sometimes we're praying for family situations or someone battling illness. We bear

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one another's burdens. It's the highlight of the week for me, and others have said the same.

A long-term MP who's now retired but still lives in Ottawa—Jack Murdoch—has been coming for years. He told me recently, "Richard, in all the years I've been coming—42 years—we have never seen as high a regular weekly attendance as we're seeing right now." So, Canadians can be encouraged. There is a good number of people of faith gathering together here, praying for Canada as parliamentarians.

And that has led to the National Prayer Breakfast. This year, I'm glad to report, Lorna, that we're facing a good challenge: we are completely sold out for the breakfast. There are only a handful of tickets here and there that we're working on, but we have a waitlist for that. The dinner still has seats available—there are still tickets for that.

Lorna Dueck: This is March 23rd is the Leadership Dinner in the evening, and the next morning is the breakfast.

Richard Bragdon: Exactly.

The response has been tremendous. We're very thankful. It sends such an important message to the leaders attending—that there are people of faith who take this seriously, who are praying for their country.

Lorna Dueck: And they're coming for prayer.

Because you do not announce who the speaker is or who the musician is. Are you going to give us a little tip?

Richard Bragdon: I can, actually. We did put it out, but it was well into the process. We don't overdo it, but I'll tell you—we're very excited about having Pinball Michael Clemons, Michael "Pinball" Clemons, as our guest speaker. Pinball is the speaker this year, and we're thrilled. He's a joy, and I think he'll be such a blessing.

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We also have special musical guests: the Salvation Army's staff brass band and songsters, as part of the 60-year celebration. Then we have Richard Paul, a First Nations Christian musician who does great work—a long-time personal friend who leads worship in our church. And Elenee, a Juno-nominated Christian artist, a Métis woman from Saskatchewan. A great cross-section—good music and a good speaker.

Lorna Dueck: Okay, I just got goosebumps, because you just shared more sparkle about the National Prayer Breakfast than anyone will find online. You can Google it—you won't find this—because your team keeps the focus on: only come if you're truly interested in praying for our country. But now, for the audience listening to this just a week or two before the Prayer Breakfast, they're going to get to know the lineup.

And the Bible Society is very pleased to be a sponsor of the National Prayer Breakfast. We love it. We do a great video—we should mention—about the Scripture that is in Parliament, all over those beautiful buildings, which we love to highlight in our Bible Society booklet.

Richard Bragdon: Oh, please let me, – I just love the Canadian Bible Society, and I love the folks like you who are involved, and of course Mel and Sue Finlay. They're such wonderful parts of what we're seeing happen here on the Hill and as part of the Prayer Breakfast.

The Canadian Bible Society did an incredible job at our last Prayer Breakfast, producing a video about how Scripture is woven throughout our nation's capital. The fingerprints of faith are here. There are Scriptures inscribed on our Parliament buildings, the Peace Tower, the Memorial Chamber. There are verses over the Cabinet rooms. You've done such a good job capturing it in your books—Sacred Engravings—which highlight the Scriptures throughout Parliament. We make that available at each table:

Lorna Dueck: "They shall give the king His wisdom and have dominion from sea to sea."

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Richard Bragdon: “Without a vision, the people perish.” So many Scriptures are engraved.

The video last year was fantastic, and I’m excited that the Canadian Bible Society is doing another video this year, in line with the theme about how, We Are Not Alone.

That theme has a two-fold message. First, the promise of Christ in Matthew 28:20: “Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end.” His name is Emmanuel—God with us. We know God is with us, so we are not alone.

The second part comes from Hebrews: “We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses; let us therefore run the race... looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.” We have many other believers in Canada who have gone before us and who are with us now. We are not alone as believers. And sometimes, in leadership and as people of faith, when you see all that's happening around us, you can feel pretty isolated.

The encouraging, good news—and what excites me about this year’s hopeful theme—is that no, we are not alone. We have the promise of Scripture and the assurance that He is with us. But we also have a great cloud of other believers who have gone before us. I’m looking forward to the video; I haven’t seen it yet, but I’m excited. I just know CBS will do a great job with it.

Lorna Dueck: You’ve given us a really good look at your passion for gathering people and your passion for the Bible. Let’s close by your personal practice. With the pace of a travelling Member of Parliament—back and forth from New Brunswick to Ottawa every week—how do you find time? What is your practice with the Bible?

Richard Bragdon: Thank you. And look, I’ll be the first to say I need to spend more time in the Word than I do. But I try to carve out time. I’ll take a book and say, “Okay, I’m going to take this book and work my way through it.” I try to mix it up: I’m doing a Psalm each day, and right now I’m in one of the letters of the epistles—I’m just starting

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First Timothy. I also usually have an Old Testament book on the go; I'm just starting Daniel. So, I've got those three, and I work through them.

I confess, not every day do I get as much read as other days. But carving out time is important. It's a time of reflection. Sometimes it's late at night when my brain won't shut off, and that's a great way to wind down. Other times it's early in the morning.

I couldn't do this without the tremendous support of my wife, Crystal, and our family. It's a family commitment, and the sacrifices they make enable us to do what we do. I couldn't do it without them. And I have a great staff—you can't do this without great people that work with you, that carry the load. That's the importance of having a team. There's no way to do this well unless you have good people around you, a great family, and people praying for you from coast to coast.

The most encouraging thing I ever hear, Lorna, is when I go to the doors or I'm at a community event, and someone says—often at just the right moment—“Oh Richard, we pray for you all the time. We have your family picture on our fridge, and we pray for you.” I walk away from that feeling totally encouraged.

I'll tell you one moment that I hope encourages your audience. After the 2021 election—my second election—I was coming off the top of the Hill, walking down from Parliament toward the office. I was feeling this heaviness for the nation, thinking, “Lord, when will breakthrough ever come?” It was a heavy period of time, and I just felt that weight.

I'll never forget what felt like a divine whisper from within: “Richard, I've never required a majority to bring about great change. All I've ever needed was a remnant.” Immediately my mind went to Joseph, Esther, Nehemiah, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego—all these ones who were not in the majority yet had tremendous influence for the cause of the Kingdom, being positioned where they were for such a time as this.

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I was reminded of that. And I thought, you know what? In Canada, we definitely have a remnant across the country—people who are praying for our country and believing God for great things for Canada. And there's a remnant now in this House that is growing. When you have that many from all parties gathering weekly when Parliament is sitting, praying for one another—there are reasons for hope. I believe there are better days ahead for our country. Believers need not give up in the midst of this. Be not weary in well-doing. Keep on believing. Keep praying.

Lorna Dueck: Well, that's a wonderful note on which to close, and one on which all of us can reflect—praying for our Members of Parliament, our Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition. Thank you so much, Richard Bragdon, for being with Scripture Untangled today.

Richard Bragdon: Glad to be with you. Thank you, Lorna. It's been an honour.