



Christianity at a Crossroads, a four-part film series capturing the many challenges and complexities of Christian life in America today, will launch on PBS stations on Thursday, October 1.

The films are currently being released on [Journey Films' YouTube channel](#), where anyone who signs up for the company's [newsletter](#) can watch them commercial-free. The first episode was released this past Monday, 9/21/26. Subsequent episodes will be released each Monday for the next 3 weeks.

Episode 1, [Reading the Signs](#) takes a 'big picture' look at what is happening across America today – both the decline of Christian churches as well as the places where church is nothing short of thriving. It features profiles of an historic and vibrant African American congregation, as well as an intimate look at a struggling congregation preparing to close after more than a century of service to the community.

"Our intention is not to challenge all the data of decline," says filmmaker Martin Doblmeier. "Rather, we want to put a human face to the numbers and explore how decline is far from the whole story if you know where to look."

Award-winning filmmaker Doblmeier is also the producer and director of many other documentary films with a religious focus. Several in DVD format are available for loan from Foothills Presbytery's Resource Center: documentaries about the lives and influence of [Dietrich Bonhoeffer](#), [Howard Thurman](#), [Reinhold Niebuhr](#), [Abraham Heschel](#); and a film about [chaplains](#) from various faith traditions and the wide professional settings in which they serve. All except the Bonhoeffer film are also currently streaming on PBS Passport.

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