

Deep Dealing - My Testimony

by Andrew Strom

Andrew Strom shares his powerful testimony of surrendering to God, the transformative experience of being filled with the Holy Spirit, and the importance of holiness and repentance in the Christian life.

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Scripture: Proverbs 4:23, Matthew 6:33, 1 Corinthians 14:26, Ephesians 5:27, Ephesians 6:17, 2 Timothy 2:21

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Description

In this sermon, the speaker emphasizes the importance of surrendering to God and establishing a position in Him. They mention the teachings of Wigglesworth and Reese Howells, who also discuss this concept. The speaker believes that God is searching for reliable individuals who are not consumed by worldly desires, such as money, sex, and power. They highlight the need for salvation and express a desire to preach the truth to the youth, using music as a means to reach them.

Transcript

I'd sit through altar calls Seriously during my teenage years, and I'd just be hanging on to the chair Not to go forward The reason I didn't want to go forward was because I knew that if I gave my whole life to God I knew that's what God wanted. He wanted Absolutely every part of me, and that's what I was resisting because even though my life was a hellhole it was my hellhole and And I wanted to hang on to that so So I resisted for years literally I would sit I would go to these Christian camps I would sit through the altar calls would go to these Christian events and the evangelist And I always knew God wanted absolutely every part of me, and I didn't know what he was going to tell me to do after that So I just resisted and resisted and my life was a total misery in fact. I was quite suicidal.

I was suicidal for Three or four years pretty bad so anyway Why I hang on to that I have no idea, but when I was 17 God finally yanked that rope hard enough to just make me You know I remember you know I just I just got to the point where I wanted to surrender to God and I started to hunger after God instead of running away and And Some friends of mine got filled with the Holy Spirit and the Baptist Church And the Baptist Youth Group, and I could see the change in them, and I thought man this this is all true So I got filled with the Holy Spirit and Suddenly I was like a lion and I would witness to everything that moved and I was filled with the love of God And I think that's what made the difference is when you get filled with the love of God And it's sort of like no one has to make you do anything for God It's sort of like you're filled with the love of God, and you just want to do everything you can for God, so That was a change that

occurred when I was 17 But after that I think is more applicable To you guys today, I mean My walk with God You know so that was that was over 20 years ago now One Of the things I noticed straight away when I got filled with the Holy Spirit was I Went through a real strong surge of repentance I remember this this lady coming to our church, and she was from YWAM and You know it's still pretty good today, I think in those days it was even more on fire Even still and and she was Saying that one of the things God showed her about repentance was literally make a list of stuff anything God brings to your mind that is In your life that you need you know you need to get rid of you know that's not right And she said she prayed through this list it was simple as this praying through this list Confessing and forsaking it's not enough to just confess it, but you've also got to forsake it in other words turn around and go the opposite way don't go back to it ever again and She explained this at church one day in the Baptist Church, and I went home I think that night and did exactly that Asked God to to show me all the things that I needed to Get rid of out of my life, and I did it and that was revolutionary that I noticed straight away the effect on my prayers like instead of Right From when I was 17 I almost never had the experience of just praying prayers and feeling like they bounced off the ceiling it was kind of like Because of the deep repentance and because I got filled with the Holy Spirit.

It was sort of like immediately I had a strong communication with God and very often like you know pretty much every day I was experiencing the feeling of actually being in the throne room of God and God was just showing me his holiness and His glory and it was almost like I could see it Not with my physical eyes but I could perceive the glory and the holiness of God and as I got closer and closer and Kept walking in a pure heart before God the more and more that communion was Became permanent became a permanent fixture in my life So I never had these spells of falling away, I never I never had spells of falling away I never had I never had doubts that God was real.

I never went never ever And really ever backslid in that sense at all from that from that moment onwards The other thing I noticed which is very similar to Charles Finney's experience that I read about soon after that Finney said He said by every effort I could make it did not seem like I was sinning in other words My he said I felt as though I was justified by faith And I was walking in it and I was walking in a state in which I did not sin And Finney actually said that after his conversion, and I had exactly the same experience as that Where it was no effort to keep my heart pure before God And you know still there'd be stumbling around going on because we're attached to this a body that you know a fallen body, but I hated sin.

I totally hated it. I hated it from With a passion I hated sin, and I feared the Lord because I'd seen his glory, and I've seen his holiness I knew he was a holy God not to be trifled with in any way I never had this kind of rosy conversion experience where I felt like I'd walk up to Jesus and have a little cuddle with him and Sit on his lap and white stuff to me. God was a holy God and I approached him with or Approached him as a father, but I approached him with or I approached him like you would approach a father Who who if he wanted to could could point at you and you'd die And you know you when you when you have a when you have a revelation of the holiness and the glory of God I mean in the in the The personality of God is like this He has 24 elders in the throne room who day and night Cast their crowns before him and cry out, holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty and And then they pick those crowns up and they cast them on the ground.

They see another aspect of God's holiness They cast them on the ground, and they say holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, and that was the God I knew That was the God that that was instilled in me, and so I feared the Lord and I hated sin And when you're in that state when you have those to me those are the foundations of the Christian life If you do not have those two things you have nothing You cannot walk as a Christian in my opinion and everything I've read In scripture and everything I read about revival after that

confirmed that opinion Is that if you do not have the fear of the Lord if you do not perceive him in his holiness, and if you do not Hate sin you cannot walk in Christianity. It doesn't work You walk a continuous life of just stumbling around and trying hard and that's not Christianity That is not Christianity. That is a that is a vague approximation of Christianity that's that's the cheap version that we sell everywhere today, but it's not it and I Didn't find that it was an effort to walk in that Because I Would be around people that were continuously striving against sin by that.

I mean they had sin in their life They're always getting in problems and trouble about it They would halfway repent of it and go back to it, and they were stuck in this vicious cycle I'd find myself around these people and I literally could not for the life of me understand it Because to me it was literally effortless Once my heart was clean to keep it clean and just walk in it What happens, you know, what did Jesus say he said? He who looks on a woman to lust after her has committed adultery with her in his heart Now that's a high standard of righteousness right there That's if you if you if you say that scripture to a lot of worldly people, they'll literally laugh at you Saying this is an impossible level of Christianity. Jesus said unless your level of righteousness exceeds that of the Scribes and Pharisees You know you have no place in me. Isn't that what he said? He said the Scribes and Pharisees are all about getting the outside of the cup clean and not about getting the inside clean That was their righteousness.

Their righteousness was all about How they kept clear of sin outwardly But inside it was all corruption and dead man's bones and all the rest of it is what Jesus was saying to them How do you walk before God in true holiness that's acceptable to him You have to walk in complete holiness of heart In other words you walk clean before God in here. Your conscience is clean and it's just your normal state I've been in places preaching that where Rooms full of people have looked shocked at me as though I'm saying something that's beyond Beyond believability that that that's the normal Christian life. Well, I'm just telling you that is that's it If you're walking in a state where you behold sin in your heart, I want to tell you you're not walking in the Christianity of the Bible If you're walking in a state before God where your conscience is not clean That's not Christianity Christianity is getting yourself clean and staying clean by the blood of the Lamb.

That's it Walking in it. What is walking in faith? What does it say? It says therefore being justified by faith. We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ therefore being Justified by faith.

What is walking in faith? It's walking in that state. I was just telling you about and When God gave it to me, I didn't understand it until I read a book by watchman a called the normal Christian life I suddenly clicked that that's what I was walking in As I suddenly as I was reading that book. I suddenly thought yes, of course is Romans 6 7 and 8 I totally understand this.

This is what I've been experiencing since I got filled with the Holy Spirit and I just I just walk in it and it doesn't Cost me nothing doesn't Take any striving and we know when when the opportunity comes no man. No man knows If someone's lusting No one else can tell you know, usually and when the chance comes, what do you do? You avert your eyes because you fear the Lord and you hate sin and you're walking with a clean conscience before God And so you you automatically avert your eyes when the chance comes to Take a \$5 note that's sitting on the counter somewhere and nobody's ever gonna know about it. Do you take the \$5 note? No, not because you're some great person, but simply, you know, not because you're Not because you're imposing some honesty on yourself, but just simply because you hate sin You don't want to do the things even in the secret place Even when the opportunity is there you do not sin You do not want to sin you avoid it like the plague because why you have a heart communion with God That is so precious to you nothing nothing is Acceptable to interrupt that communion When you start

walking in this and as time goes on and on as you're walking in it either communion with God gets stronger and stronger as You get rid of stuff out of your life Like it's not like there's not still stuff in your life.

There is this there's things that God brings up to you You go. Oh my goodness. I never saw that it before I am so proud in that area I have such pride in that area and because you hate sin you get rid of it instantly you go God I repent of that Bang it's gone because I cannot stand to walk before God with anything in the way.

You know what I'm saying? I cannot stand it if God shows me one thing that is that is wrong Inside of me. I'll instantly repent. I'll instantly renounce it.

I cannot stand to go for a minute or an hour in That state I've got to get rid of it and that's just the normal Christian life. This is just pure Christianity We're talking about the most basic of the basic. Do you know what the shocking thing is? We don't tell anybody to walk in this I Have not in all my years of church heard one sermon on this I've never ever heard it taught to anybody I had to find it out by myself by reading an old book by a Chinese guy who was in prison when he when he Actually, he spoke it and it was written down Watch money was in prison for about 20 years.

No wonder the devil wanted to lock that guy up No wonder So it's a famous book normal Christian life Anybody can get it's on amazon.com as untold copies there for all kinds of prices secondhand blah blah blah. I checked it out the other day So I was walking in the state the other thing that I noticed in revival books is this What is agonizing prayer? This is the thing I was reading about with Charles Finney all the time. What is agonizing prayer? I decided that after having read all these revivals where they were doing this agonizing prayer that I would try it So I Literally got before God at the time.

I was working in a in a little store I was the manager and the sole person in there. I was running this little shop when I was 18 years old and I'd read enough about revival to know the ins and outs of what it was about. I Noticed that all the great revivalists would talk about this wrestling and agonizing and travailing Excuse me in prayer So I would shut the shop door, which I was allowed to do, you know at lunchtimes to have a break and I'd kind of fast every day until lunchtime and I wouldn't I wouldn't eat anything until I'd prayed and I would get down But behind the counter literally and just pour my heart out to God every day in this agonizing prayer And I found that as I was walking in this close communion with God My prayers were when I got into that mode of agonizing praying Was like the most powerful and effective prayer I'd ever done and I would be praying to God every day, which I still do God fill me more and more with your Holy Spirit and Make me an anointed revivalist like Charles Finney make me anointed like Evan Roberts from the Welsh revival This is all the stuff.

I've been praying over my own life since I was 17 years old my Whole desire became that I must see revival. I must be a carrier of revival I must have that anointing that when I when I speak it powerfully impacts people and so so that kind of prayer If you combine the things that I've just mentioned to you so far That kind of praying alongside just the experience of conversion that I've had and you just carry that through for a number of years The power and the communion with God that comes into your life through all of that is so strong that You're not at the mercy of any single person Spiritually if anybody comes at you with a doctrine or with a with a teaching that's new or with with stuff The revelation that's upon your life is so strong You're not swayed by anything if sin comes against you if the devil attacks you with all kinds of stuff Your place in God and your walk with God is strong enough to withstand every single attack of the enemy I know that by experience. I've been walking in it now for 20 years and And The other thing that

God showed me was to speak in tongues all the time I Started to realize after reading a few books that summer some of the gods real heroes in the earth were people that when they're walking around or just During their daily life.

They'd be praying in tongues a lot maybe for hours every day and You know, you don't have to Show it you don't have to speak out loud, you know, if I'm driving down the highway I can't try and hide it from people that I'm speaking in tongues all the time But that's what I'm doing almost all the time and I'm driving Quite a lot when I'm on the computer reading emails or whatever. I'm praying in tongues all the time Why do you do that? Because it says building up your most holy faith praying in the Holy Ghost and It does build up your faith and all these things the reason I'm sharing them is because I'm trying to impart to you the most practical things that I've come across that are like Power houses in your life and can become permanent power houses that never stop And they won't stop until the day you die and you can walk in these things and do them all the time and see dramatic results Dramatic results. They're very practical things Okay What else did God do to me? Well, I I prayed one of those classic prayers which goes like this God I give you open rights to do anything.

I surrender everything to you and You can do with me as you like. I'd pray that to God repeatedly and God will always take you at your word when you do that and He decided and it was a good decision But from my point of view very very horrible decision at the time That I was going to go through a seven-year wilderness period completely outside the church We got involved with a very legalistic church. It was Pentecostal It was strong on tongues.

It was strong on baptism very weak in repentance I Would go up to the pastors of this church when I was there and I'd say you guys are not getting Repentance happening in this church at all. This is why all these problems are going on This is why people are falling away after three weeks, you know, you cannot be just baptizing people getting them with a tiny Little experience of the Holy Spirit and sending them out the doors. It's it's not working.

They're not getting rid of their sins They're not conquering sin. They're not there, you know The more I spoke about that to these pastors and of course, I was very unwise in the way I did it I would just go up there open my mouth and blast them for half an hour and I thought why are these guys not accepting me? Can't they see I can't they see I know it all, you know, man. I'm 18 years old, you know goodness sake So I would go and blast people not just not just them I'd tend to blast everybody that moved actually I was very prophetic.

I had a strong prophetic personality and and Within at least five minutes everybody around me knew it, you know Everybody in a room everybody in a room knew the kind of person I was was super intense Very serious. I was in touch with the holiness of God, but I hadn't learned in any way the love of God or Outworking my Christianity in such a way that I could relate to the body. I was just a complete Loose cannon, you know, and I didn't care what pastors thought I mean, you know I just had I didn't couldn't care less if I if I really believe something strongly I just go and absolutely tell them I didn't care for the other most famous preacher in the world So that's what I was like.

You guys are lucky. You didn't know me back then. I Got a friend who was just like that in his early days And he's he says praise God that we didn't come across each other in those days Because he was going imagine what imagine how bad we would have been together, you know When I went to university I used to walk around in now you think now you think my jandals are bad Those things that you saw in Minnesota

are jandals, right? I used to walk around in leather sandals because I somehow thought it was more prophetic, you know At least I didn't carry a staff But I definitely had the sandals So, yeah, I mean I was just just radically prophetic in that's in that way But God could see how self-righteous I was.

I mean, yes, I was walking in holiness of heart But I was also walking a tremendous self-righteousness. I I just was full of pride. I didn't care who I hurt I didn't care who I damaged.

I didn't care how I spoke. I would just I just used the Word of God as a sword a slashing sword all the time that was my permanent mode and I Was really using it like an axe not as a piercing Not as a piercing scalpel to people. I was using it like an axe and just slamming people with it all day That's what I did So God decided that I needed a wilderness time and I needed some crushing in my life, you know what crushing does It's like it's like when you have one of those Fragrances that is That needs to be crushed in order for the fragrance to come out It was like God had to stick me in this crushing mill where that hardness of heart that self-righteousness and pride was just Had to had to go There's some things in your life.

I believe you cannot get by laying on of hands or by a sudden experience of God I've had those experiences of God and they had not done the trick. I needed to be crushed I needed to go through a lengthy period of time where I was just in spiritual agony and You know, we We got we know we didn't get booted out we actually left the church that we'd been part of to start our own little group and When you're in a very legalistic church, this church was so legalistic they tried to stop me and Jackie from getting married we were engaged Jackie went back up north to Fongaray, which was a couple of hundred miles away They said to me we are not going to allow you to go up there You've got to stay in Auckland and they virtually were trying to split us apart That's how legalistic and controlling they were in fact a number of years later a poem of their past as if I remember rightly Came to me and said Andrew I just want to really apologize to you For doing that because I know that that was wrong terribly wrong. He'd come by that stage come out of that denomination and so praise God we still still ended up getting married anyway, but That was a very trying time when we got married.

We're still in this church. It was still as controlling and legalistic as ever and We decided to leave what I what I did the reason I stayed so long in there was because I knew if I left They would grab hold of Jackie and keep her and I would not be able to get her back It was cultish the way it was run. It was very very cultish and yet it was spirit-filled and it was baptizing people every day It had a little little mill going baptizing people getting them speaking in tongues You know getting them going to church Maybe not lasting too long.

That was a little mill. They had running and it was no good and Being with them made me more legalistic and proud than ever and so it was a good thing that you know as soon as I got married Virtually God was just showing me you've got to get out of here You've got to get out of here, and we just resigned virtually straight away because I knew I had Jackie safe So we got out of there Jackie hadn't been a Christian very long only only a year or a year or two and And it was really it was a pretty bad situation so we got out of there and and Started our own group and lo and behold we started repeating all the same patterns that were in the church that we just left because Religion was inside of me legalism was inside of me self-righteous self-righteousness, so we appointed our own little elders And in fact most of us were elders. We had so we had like no church and all elders that's what I was like and You know you know those little scenarios that you Maybe you guys don't know, but this is this is us playing church, and we did everything right man.

We had everything right I'm telling you we we ran our church meetings out of first Corinthians 14 26 I'm telling you man. Nobody did it better than us boy If it said two or three tongues and interpretations we did two or three tongues and interpretations I'm telling you nobody ran a meeting better than we did boy And all of that and for some reason God wasn't blessing it at all in fact. We'd had more blessing in the previous church.

We're in I Just could not work it out. I just sat around thinking man. Why is everything so unanointed was nothing working Where's all the flocks of people I mean we are the perfect church, you know That was like yeah, seriously.

No we weren't far off from thinking that stuff we were like we were as elitist as we had been we were as proud as you can get and We we saw the whole church is lukewarm apart from us. We've got it and God didn't share our opinion. It was such a shock to me.

I couldn't understand it for the life of me so What happened was that little fellowship started to kind of dissolve and break up because it was so clear that God's blessing wasn't on it and And our best friends and stuff had come out with us. They'd left the church with us as a little group of us and about five five of us, you know and our families kind of thing and You know, I was only 20 I was only 20 years old and So God started to challenge everything that I believed was right and proper with regard to doing church and even the gospel that I preached and everything I thought about Christianity and he started to just you know heck away at everything I thought I knew and I just started going into a crisis into a spiritual crisis and I got to the point This crushing went on and on and on I stayed right away from other churches because we didn't want to go near them They weren't right and and our thing wasn't working And so it ended up just being you know, me and Jackie by ourselves kind of out in the wilderness Not knowing what to do not going anywhere. Not not feeling like fellowshipping.

I didn't ever feel like witnessing I got to the point where I was so low Where the pride was being so crushed out of me I became the opposite of what I had been I I'd go into a room and I would just I would just hide away from people. I wouldn't even open my mouth I would never witness to anyone. I Had I had such low confidence in anything I said That's what God had to do to me to get religious pride out of me he just crushed the hell out of me for seven years and And At the end of that seven years God gave me a revelation now.

Remember all this time. I had never stopped praying. I was still doing agonizing prayer I was spending a lot of time every day with God Still reading the Bible still reading revival books still praying to God for revival all that stuff My communion with God was as strong as ever But it was clear to me God wasn't letting me get anywhere near the church again until he sorted my heart out Because I was dangerous around the church.

I did not treat it as God's beloved. I treated it as God's Hated and despised thing which I needed to correct That's what it was like so you can imagine the crushing that went on. I was a Pharisee of the Pharisees I really was I was a Pharisee of the Pharisees and And All of it after that seven years Almost all of it was gone.

Almost all of that was gone. And and yet I was still extremely crushed 1993 rolled around and God revealed to me actually a friend of ours Came and lived with us for a short time and just around that time it was some powerful stuff started happening just in our household Not really through this guy, but just we're doing a lot of prayer together and stuff next thing, you know God really showed up in my life One day and

just see just basically spoke a very simple word to me. He basically said stand Stand on the rock that I put inside of you stand in that place That rock that is always there that peace of God that is always there.

He said that's me Stand in that place of authority and command those things out of your life that you know are not of me every one of them one by one and When he revealed that to me he showed it to me as like being You know how Joshua was basically given a sword by God in a sense, you know, not Not physically given a sword, but he was basically God was saying Joshua take the land I give you the the authority Take the land. I'm not gonna do it for you. You have to march over the Jordan You have to go circle the the city of Jericho.

You have to go attack Ai and those other cities. You're gonna do it I'm giving you the authority to go and do it and on that day. That's what I felt like God was doing in my life You're saying There's untold dark strongholds in your life from the past All kinds of things which you know, you can't deal with you've tried repenting of them It doesn't seem to go deep enough to destroy the strongholds.

They're still there This is the key I'm giving it to you now stand in that place of authority which we all have and Command those things out of you in the name of Jesus. And so I spend the next three days Going through my life with a fine-tooth comb just praying to God and saying God shine your light inside of me I don't want any of these things left by the end by the time this is done and he just shined his light and I would Specifically renounce these things now renouncing to me is not what you hear in a lot of churches today, which is you know, like a little Verbal thing it's sort of like Oh Jesus. I renounce I renounce pornography in Jesus name Amen You know To me.

I don't know about you. I just find that dramatically ineffective and often doesn't work God was showing me that if you really detest these things with all of your being if you're not going to hang on to These things with any part of you Andrew then renounce them with all your being Don't just renounce them with your mouth Because plenty of people say that they are turning from things and they go straight back to it If you really hate this with all your being renounce it with all your being Renounce it from the depths of you in the name of Jesus Christ You're expelling the most ugly and hated thing out of you. That's the way you've got to renounce it I went through every single thing like that So there was like pride You know to me pride was like Still hanging on from the past religion legalism every Every link that I still had to my old denomination or any other, you know My upbringing and the Baptists and the Assembly of God I renounced all of that Renounced anything that had come down to me for you know, I just went through every possible thing Everything all of the bad junk that happened when I was a young kid being brought up all that stuff, you know, I Was so Transformed and even just the first day of doing that because all the major things I felt that suddenly they were all gone I don't know if you if you know what what it's like to be clean from the inside out.

I don't mean just clean from Sin, I'm talking about even the strongholds that spring up into sin. You know what I'm saying? It's like the devil can't even tempt you anymore Because the things he used to use inside you to tempt you with are all gone the strongholds, which I it's like a castle You know, so you have a castle Inside of you that's that's called pride Well, God had given me a sledgehammer to smash that thing down and and when the devil would tempt me with pride There was nothing inside of me to agree with him There was no stronghold of pride inside of me And when it when I'd see it sprouting little little roots and starting to grow up again I'd instantly recognize it and I'd say I renounce pride in Jesus name and ever since then of it You know all of those things that used to be a plague to me that used to devil used to Make my life hell. My inner mind was always in turmoil being tempted or Whatever over something all of it was gone.

My mind was so clear there was no temptations getting in and Churning around in there because the devil had nothing inside of me to work with and if I could discover anything I'd instantly renounce it This was the most apart from getting filled with the Holy Spirit. This was the most powerful transformation that ever happened in my life That ever happened Now the reason I'm telling you this stuff is not for any other reason but with the hopes that some of you or hope You know if it was a wonderful day All of you would go away and just literally put this stuff into practice because if you do it will transform your life If you do it will transform your life What did Jesus say about his own state he just said the devil has nothing in me What happens when the devil has nothing in you is this all of his temptations have to come from outside? All of his temptations have to come from outside you it's like you can feel the attack from outside But there's nothing in here agreeing with him You know guys know what? I'm saying. You just you can nod your head occasionally You know, I know this stuff is not commonly spoken of but I just I'm trying to take you to places Which if you can even partially go in these areas the victory in your life will be Astounding the victory in my life just through these basic things.

I've told you about today Has been so great the jumps from living here living at a Christianity here and just jumping in like in one or two days Knowing it you feel it you sense it every time you pray that you're in a new place with God You know, it's kind of like you've gone 200 meters closer to the throne room in one day, you know what I'm closer to the throne in one day You feel you sense it immediately the impact on your prayers is where you feel it straight away It's kind of like Wow the communion with God at this time Things would happen to me like I would spend just three hours just silent at night weeping before God Just the communion with God just thinking thoughts about God. It listless is like every night every night. I Would just spend hours Just sitting in a chair just tears rolling down my face just in the presence in the glory of God all the time and I'm not nothing here is being exaggerated.

It's just you know to me It's like standard stuff and ever after that you establish a place in God and you walk in it You never lose it. Yeah, it takes no effort to maintain it. It's just standard standard stuff.

You just walk in it and Wigglesworth if you ever read Wigglesworth eats talks about this He talks about and Reese Howells if you ever read those books you took they talk about this Establishing a position in God and you just walk in it. It becomes your natural state of being so 20 years of all this stuff, you know God God God has to deal with us if he wants to use us if You will actually pray to God and seriously mean it and say God you do anything in my life that you like I will surrender everything to you. God will start this process It's probably gonna hurt But the the victory that it gets to is so worth it You know what I'm saying? God is desperately searching the earth today, especially America he's searching the earth to find reliable people who will not get caught up in money and Sex and power tripping to raise them up to speak to this generation He is desperate to find these people because every time he raises people up in America, they get caught in money If you want to ruin a young preacher today Just chuck money at him stick him in a church where they give him Generous tithes and see how long it takes for him to be completely ruined Get there get the the Board of Elders who you know between them are earning \$300,000 they start putting pressure on the young man Oh, we just don't like that area that you're preaching in brother.

You just you know, just we love you we just want you to just tone it down a little bit and just Just play by that play the game a little bit and and we'll just keep tithing to you brother Don't worry about that. You know, your finances are covered You know, this is the the six subtle ways that money is ruining the American church Not to mention people get into pride and sexual immorality on a daily basis and preachers in America Now God is searching. He is searching this land to find young men and women who will rise up and be True spokesmen for him who cannot be got at that way Not just not that way but not in

deception and pride either, you know He's just searching for people that have dealt with these areas in their life And if he can trust you, he will raise you up if he can trust you he will raise you up if he knows that if he puts you at a certain level you instantly fall.

He won't take you to that level He will not put you there because he doesn't want to lose you You know if he knows that You know, whoever He he knows that if he puts some people in front of 30 people They're okay, and if he sticks them in front of 50 people they will fall over They will get pride in the head because 50 people are listening to them and 50 people and you know I'm getting affected by them and they'll just fall over. He knows that make yourself Through all the weapons that Jesus gives you make yourself into a person that God can trust that has got rid of the junk Get rid of it and God will trust you with much He'll test you in the small things and he'll make you ruler over much. That's what it says in the parable Tests you in the small things Okay enough lesson giving for the day To those guys that you know, I know a bunch of you guys have just come out of a very legalistic church background Very extremely similar to mine.

In fact, even the doctrines are almost the same Those are the very things that have to be renounced, but you know what? I renounce those things but also all the personal things in my life or all of those personal things Renouncing with words is not enough Renounce things from the depths of your being you've got to get off by yourself to do this when I do agonizing prayer I never ever do it in public Never I've never never Been able to even get myself into that place It is always something I do just with me and God when I'm renouncing stuff I am so violent in a sense spiritually speaking when I'm renouncing stuff out of my life. I never do it in front of other people Never do it. It's like casting demons at yourself except it's it's you're actually bringing down strongholds.

It's not demons They're strongholds in your life. I never do it in front of other people I get off by myself where I can just completely Get violent with the darkness in my life and attack it with the sword of Jesus that he gave me and That is what you've got to do. You spend time alone with God Get violent with sin get violent with strongholds.

Do not take any quarter from them Do not allow your pet sin to dominate your life Find your pet sin and make that the first thing you kill in Jesus name The sword is given to us people God gives us the sword and says, okay, you're gonna take the land First land that needs to be taken is in here. Then God can trust you with land out here. You know what I'm saying? He wants the kingdom established in your life first, then you can start taking the kingdom Get it that's simple stuff, but it's It's the basis of it's the basis of the new move of God.

I'm telling you The new the coming move of God remember that it says in the Bible. I'll just finish with this It says in the Bible that Jesus returning for it for a church without spot or wrinkle or any such thing Now you think about that for a minute and just compare it with what we've got today How does God get for himself in the last days? a church that is without spot or wrinkle or any such thing the only way I can see it is The gospel that we preach in the last days has to take us to such a level in God that truly we are Without spot or wrinkle, you know what I'm saying? We cannot have a cheap gospel in the last days that just that just ekes us over the line of salvation whatever that is, I don't actually even believe in that but but say here's the salvation line and And we just we just get people to kind of claw their way over into that and praise God We've got ourselves a church. No, that is not it the church of the last days May be living in the midst of tremendous persecution like in other countries We don't know if that's gonna hit here But I tell you one thing I do know about the coming revival and I really believe it is we have to preach such a gospel That it so purifies the heart of the church That Jesus can return happily for that church and at the moment it's

such an Absolute disaster area.

He couldn't even think he would hardly know where to look to find Without spot or wrinkle or any such thing He wouldn't even know where to begin in America or in New Zealand or in that the other Western countries I mean he can find a pure church in China Why because the police make sure they're pure by killing as many as they as they can every year or beating them up or torturing Them, you know that it just purifies the church Everybody in the Chinese church is totally serious with God Everybody in the Chinese church has their life relying on the fact that they are here from God We don't we're not like that and God to do it in America either has to bring terrible persecution Or he has to bring preachers, which he's done in the past Finney and Wesley and all those guys Finney and Whitfield and all them Who preached such a gospel of righteousness that it purifies the church through and through and that is my preferred method I don't want to see America become a hellhole where Every street there's a Gestapo unit looking for the Christians trying to kill him I don't want America to become that in order to become pure. I don't want to see that I want to see America have such preaching of righteousness that the church in their heart is utterly pure before God utterly pure before God and That's not a cheap Christianity. It's not a cheap gospel and I'll close with that because guys that's what I that's what I believe we need to preach by the way, Jason Well, I'm while I'm remembering this things.

I'm leaving tomorrow Jason and Ian and all you guys that are in the band Ian was mentioning that you're talking about maybe, you know Getting music happening and going to the church and preaching that to me is something that must be done Because of you know as I wrote that article about the unsaved church The unsaved church is as much a mission ground as down in Madison where we went outdoor keep doing that as well but You know, my view is the body of Christ is a mission field Body of Christ is a mission field. We've got to get these people saved if I had my way I'd preach in every youth group in America right now because my belief is that so few are walking in salvation as It is in Scripture That's why we have the nightmare going and music will gain you access. And in fact, that's what we're using in Kansas City Music music will gain access to the ear of the youth and we just simply preach the truth at them So I want to encourage you guys in that I just thought I'd say it while I remembered it because I might forget to say it to you okay, let's just stand and pray everybody and I'm gonna I'm gonna pray You can sit down again if you want to after you hear what I'm gonna say, but I'm gonna pray for those that are standing that God would bring you into In fact what I'm gonna say is while I'm praying this prayer if you are totally Surrendering to God in a new way today.

I mean the kind of process I'm talking about Total surrender to God. I want you to be raising at least one of your hands in the air to God while I'm praying okay, and You know the implications of that with me. It's been a 20-year journey some of which has been hell God took me there wasn't the devil It took me there God took me through hell for periods of time.

So he may want to do that with you What I'm saying is we're giving God permission and in fact, we're actively saying God I surrender all to you in a new way and if that's your prayer today, I want you to raise your hands with me as we're praying and I'm just gonna pray for all of us that God would bring us into Just total communion with him in a new experience and a new Repentance and a depth of renouncing stuff and all those things I've been talking about. So let's pray Father God, I just I just pray for all of us father that are standing here that you will Bring us into a far greater depth in you father God that we will not be stuck with shallow Christianity that will not be stuck with certain sins Whether they're internal or external things that we're involved with that we know are wrong, but we can't seem to break out of them father those strongholds in our life of pride and rebellion and Whatever other things we've had problems with down the

years and we can't seem to get rid of it father in Jesus name We give you permission to go to the depths of us to shine your light into us So we can repent and renounce the things that are that are blocking our walk with you That are blocking our progress with you father God and for all of us that have our hands raised right now father We totally surrender to whatever process you want to take us on to make us totally clean Pure vessels that you can trust with revival that you can trust as preachers Who will not get stuck in immorality or fall away or get prideful or whatever it is father Please make us ones that you can trust with revival that you can make into preachers of righteousness God send us forth in this corrupt generation father to find those whose hearts are Yearning for you and let us be reliable and trustworthy ministers of the gospel God, I pray you would work deeply in all our hearts. We give you permission We surrender all to you and we ask father you'd work mightily in our lives shine your light into us Show us what we must renounce show us what we must take the sword to father God and and show us our authority in Jesus to command those things out of us and to walk in purity and righteousness before you father God I Just pray your holy presence with all of us here that we would all just walk so close to you father That we had no new communion with you Every day every day getting more and more and more let us hunger and thirst after righteousness and after you God Holy father.

We pray your blessing anointing on every single person here in Jesus mighty name Amen

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