

# Miracles Are a Must!

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*Andrew Strom's sermon calls for a return to the full practice of New Testament Christianity, emphasizing the necessity of miracles, baptism, and the Holy Spirit in ministry today.*

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## Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes the importance of embodying the mission of Jesus in our lives. He highlights four key aspects of Jesus' mission: preaching the gospel, ministering to the poor, healing the sick, and casting out demons. The preacher emphasizes that these four elements are essential for a New Testament preacher and Christianity. He also emphasizes the significance of street preachers and the need to value and support them. The sermon concludes with a reminder of the importance of small group meetings and the power of prophetic utterances in those gatherings.

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## Transcript

Last night we spoke about Salvation Army and why that's applicable to today. What I'm trying to do, what I'm trying to establish this weekend is with a view to us becoming a New Testament. Are we New Testament just because we have the truth and we preach it? No, we're not.

That's not good enough. I've been doing that for a while now. I'm a guy who believes in preaching.

I believe in the power of the Word of God. I've seen people transformed just by preaching to them for a weekend. I've seen people utterly changed.

No question in my mind that an anointed Word from God, that just simply preaching can totally change people's lives. But I want to say to you that to limit a ministry to that is utterly sub-New Testament. It doesn't come close to the ministry of the Apostles.

It doesn't come close to even the ministry of the 70 that Jesus sent out, who were not Apostles. It doesn't come close to their ministry. You could say it's similar to John the Baptist.

The very height of Old Testament type. The very end of the Old Testament and the beginning of the New. That's as far as you can get with preaching, basically.

You can get to Charles Finney, power of God moves, but is it totally New Testament? Since Charles Finney came on the scene, we have seen in the church the recovery of the ministry of the Holy Spirit in a way that Charles Finney himself, I believe, would have embraced were he alive to see it. But simply, the church seemed to go from recovering this, repentance, recovering the new birth, recovering baptism, recovering gifts of the Spirit, and baptism in the Spirit, recovering... This is where we're at right now. We've got to see ourselves in the line of history and say, okay, how do we get the full New Testament Christianity back? Because the time has come.

We're in the last days. What kind of church does God want? When the devil is literally roaring in our society, he's dominant everywhere, what kind of Christianity will God raise up to match that? To match the devil in these days? I want to tell you, it's the original Christianity. Nothing less will do.

I don't want to live back where Charles Finney lived. And yet I've been praying all my life for that kind of anointing on my preaching. Almost all my life.

Over 20 years I've been praying for that anointing to be on my preaching. But I want to say to you, I can tell you right now that if I just live back 150 years ago where Charles Finney was, I won't fulfill the call of this day. I will not.

The call of this day is back to the fullness of New Testament Christianity. Nothing less will do. If we want to see revival today, we must recover the things that God has ordained for us to recover in this hour.

If we don't do that, we will not see the revival that God wants us to have. We won't see it. Charles Finney is not enough.

John Wesley is not enough. I embrace their teachings. I preach them all the time.

I try and strip them of all the jargon. You know, me and John Carly were having a discussion the other day. He was talking to me about entire sanctification.

And I just had to spend like a quarter of an hour discovering what he meant by entire sanctification. And I suddenly clicked. Oh, he's talking about what I preach as Romans 8 Christians.

Okay. Alright. Great.

Okay. You're right. We're on the same page on that one.

But the thing is, if we use 250 year old jargon all the time to people that have no clue what entire sanctification is, you know, this is why I try and strip it all away and I try and basically get down to the point of, okay, here's what God wants to do to your heart right now. He wants to clean you out. He wants to put you in a state where your conscience is clean and not only is it cleaned one time, you actually walk in that.

You walk before God clean inside out. Wow. What are we describing? Yes, entire sanctification.

Wesley preached it 250 years ago. But we've got to strip all of that jargon out of it so we can explain it to people. Because the gang members off the street, we talk our jargon to them and they just literally, you know, they have no idea what we're talking about.

So, God sending us all through a process, me included. Why? Because I'm such a preacher's preacher. I'm such a preacher's preacher that for long periods of time, I'll discard all the other stuff out of the New

Testament really at the end of the day.

I'm not really ignoring it. I'm just putting it to one side because preaching is so important to me. And I have to realize as a holiness and repentance guy, unless I watch myself, I'm going to just get stuck as a kind of John the Baptist guy.

But you've got to realize John the Baptist wasn't the fulfillment of New Testament Christianity. He in fact predicted it but did not enter into it. You know what I'm saying? So I don't want to be living back in John the Baptist.

I want to be living in the book of Acts which will far surpass the ministry of John the Baptist. Jesus said, the least of you will have a greater ministry than John the Baptist. That's what he said.

So, let's just have a look for a minute. I think we should start in Acts chapter 2. We're going to go through a few scriptures today because what we're looking at is what are the crucial things that make New Testament Christianity. Now when I say crucial, there's a whole movement, the house church movement today, which we're kind of part of in a way because where are we right now? We're in a house, so we're part of the movement, right? But I want to say to you, there's a lot of people out there that think that if we can just get into a house instead of a church building, we have recovered New Testament Christianity.

No. Are we any closer to New Testament Christianity? Maybe. Depends what you're doing in the house.

Nothing really changed. You just changed the shell that you meet in. The little shell that you meet in.

A lot of people think it's just some grandiose thing. I hate to pop their bubble, but it's kind of like, yeah, okay, you moved into a house. Wow.

You know what I'm saying? Yes, they did meet in houses in the New Testament. Is it a vital, absolute ingredient of New Testament Christianity? Not really. At the end of the day, it's down the list of crucial things you need to do.

Way down the list. What are the important things that really bring it about? After years and years and years of kind of looking at this and not really grasping it, I eventually came across what those things are. Let's just read about the book of Acts Church for a second.

I can go so many directions reading this scripture that I have to be careful not to just go down a lot of rabbit trails. We'll see what happens here. Acts 2 verse 37.

Now, you've got to realize Peter and the other apostles had just been filled with the Holy Spirit. The fire came down upon them. They started speaking in tongues, filled with the Holy Spirit.

Peter preaches a powerful sermon. Verse 37 says, When they heard this, this is the big crowd that gathered, they were pricked in their heart. They said to Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brothers, what shall we do? So that's how convicted they were.

Then Peter said to them, Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Okay, since we're recovering New Testament Christianity, let's ask a simple question straight up there. When was the last time that when you were leading someone to the Lord, you didn't just get them to repent, you took them straight to the nearest water and baptized them in water, and then you laid hands on them for them to get filled with the Holy

Spirit.

When was the last time you did that? Have you got people saved the way the apostles would get them saved? I want to say to you, no, you have not. Is it enough to preach just repentance? No. John the Baptist preached just repentance.

It doesn't get you the whole way into the New Testament. Is repentance enough of a gospel? No. John the Baptist preached it.

Was he preaching New Testament? No. He was just getting people to confess their sins, and he baptized them for repentance. In fact, that baptism wasn't even enough for Paul the Apostle.

When he comes across John the Baptist guys, he goes, oh, I'm going to have to baptize you guys again, in the name of Jesus Christ now. Because that was a baptism of repentance that John did. See what I'm saying here? Listen carefully to this guys.

If our Christianity stops at the end of John the Baptist's ministry, we ain't in New Testament ministry really at all. We're sub-New Testament. We can be very powerful in the repentance area, and still miss so much.

And say again, when was the last time that someone repented under your ministry? There's a lot of preachers in this room. Under your ministry, I guarantee you've gotten people to repent. You should have taken them straight down to the nearest water, said, listen, the Bible says that baptism in water is the death of your old life.

The death and burial according to Romans chapter 6. In fact, there's a whole chapter on baptism and what it will do to you. Is it just a symbol? Well, my New Testament never says it's a symbol. It just says it's a death and a burial.

So I believe the scripture, and all the guys that say it's a symbol, I'm sorry, I don't subscribe to your notion. I'd rather believe what the Bible says about baptism. Did they always do this throughout the book of Acts? Yes, they always did.

We may get on to those scriptures later. I just want to re-emphasize again, we want to be in New Testament ministry. We cannot just be holiness guys.

We cannot just be Charles Finney guys. We cannot be just John the Baptist guys. I'm renowned for being that kind of guy.

Why do they stick my sermons up on Sermon Index and all those kind of things? Because I'm that kind of guy. That's what they like. I want to say to you, it is totally inadequate to stop there.

To not do the New Testament things. To just do the John the Baptist things. It is utterly inadequate.

Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. What happens when you start doing that? When I was young, I was in Fiji one time, 23 years old. And the guy I was with, he was the main preacher.

I was just tagging along for the ride. And he got caught up in the ministry time. He said to me, there are seven guys in this house meeting that need to be baptized.

It was the middle of the night in Suba, Fiji, which has hardly any street lights. The harbor was maybe a mile away down the road. He goes, can you baptize these guys? So I said, yep.

And off we went. We walked all the way in the dark, all the way down to the harbor. And baptizing those guys, for the first time I felt what it was like to be living in the New Testament.

Because in the New Testament, as soon as you start doing things like they did, an excitement comes in here and it never goes away. You never lose that feeling. What happens to the jailer in the middle of the night? Remember the jailer? I think he was about to commit suicide.

They had just been let out by an angel out of prison and the jailer was pretty much going to end his life. And it says that when he believed the gospel, what did they do? They took him the same hour of the night and baptized him and his whole family. So baptizing in the middle of the night is scriptural.

What happens to the Ethiopian eunuch? He's driving along the road with Philip. He believes the gospel. What's the next thing that happens? Hey, look, there's water there.

What stops me getting baptized? And Philip's obviously keen as mustard to baptize the guy because he takes him straight away and baptizes him. Slam, bam, wham, that's how it's supposed to happen. Do we have New Testament Christians being made if we're just getting them to repent? I want to say to you, absolutely not.

The New Testament does not know any Christianity except Christianity that begins this way. We should look at this. I think we'd better.

Acts 8, everybody. This is the very next time when large numbers were converted in the book of Acts. Acts 8, verse 5. Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ unto them.

And the people with one accord gave heed to those things which Philip spoke, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. There's our secondary topic for tonight. Seeing and hearing the miracles which he did.

Are people seeing and hearing the miracles which we do? No. We wonder why we're out on the streets and we're pretty much, as far as New Testament standards go, completely ineffective. Let's be honest.

Completely ineffective. Why was Philip effective? They saw and heard the miracles that he did in the name of Jesus. We're going to get back to that point.

I'm still pursuing this baptism thing. Okay. Verse 7. And for unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice came out of many that were possessed with them.

And many taken with palsy and those that were lame were healed. Okay, so how many spirits cry out with a loud voice and come out of people when you're ministering? When I'm ministering. How many? Very few.

Almost zero all the time. A record of big fat zero is what most of us have. Listen.

I'm not trying to get at us here. What I'm trying to do is, if we don't strongly grasp this tonight, I'm only preaching on this one time, if we don't strongly grasp this tonight, our Christianity will not change. We'll keep doing the same old thing that's just as ineffective as it was yesterday and will be tomorrow unless

something changes.

People. One of the reasons I just moved to Phoenix was I came across a guy there who's so powerful in his anointing of casting out demons. I've never seen anything like it.

It's very sound, very scriptural. It's repented faith. And this guy sees demons screaming out of people everywhere he goes.

We were in Pittsburgh together. He got 30 people delivered in Pittsburgh. Did we see signs and miracles on the street in Pittsburgh? Yes, we did.

We saw abundance of signs in a sense. When we were on the streets, there was an abundance of signs and miracles happening in the meetings, in the back rooms in particular, continuously while we were there. These guys were there.

They'll tell you. All of them. Eight of them came out.

Now listen. That was New Testament Christianity. We lived in it for a while.

Do we live in it all the time? No, we don't. There's something wrong. If we come back home and we're not still living in it, something is wrong.

The thing that's wrong is with us. It's not with God. God didn't stop wanting that kind of Christianity to walk everywhere.

We stopped walking it out. Something happened. Okay.

Okay. Acts 8. We're still talking about healings and demons being cast out. Let's get on a bit.

Verse 12. When they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Notice, they didn't even bother saying they repented in this Scripture.

Brings me into question which is the most important thing. Now, I don't want to argue that point because I always preach repentance. And it seems to me that repentance leads automatically into baptism.

Why? When someone repents of their sins, it leads them to want total death of their old life. When someone is truly repentant, man, they can't get rid of that junk fast enough. If you tell them right then on that spot, listen, not only did you just repent of your sins, we now have a way because it's the New Testament of burying your old life in the name of Jesus Christ.

They will jump at it. If they are truly wanting to follow Jesus, they'll just go, yes, I want that. It takes me about one minute to describe to people.

I don't have to send them through a long course of understanding baptism. It takes me about one minute to explain it to people. So I just say to them, listen, the Bible says it's death and burial of your old life.

And if that's what you want today, that's what's involved in following Jesus, the old man has to go. He's got it all the way under. And we just take him and baptize him.

Simple. Okay. Philip's just baptized all these people.

Verse 14. Now, when the apostles, which were at Jerusalem, heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, who, when they were come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Ghost, Holy Spirit. For as yet he was formed upon none of them, only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

So they'd only been baptized in water. They had not been baptized in the Holy Spirit. That was unacceptable to the apostles.

They traveled all the way to Samaria to make sure they prayed for these guys to get filled with the Holy Spirit straight away. You notice that. Now we're just seeing here the exact same pattern that we just saw in Acts chapter 2. We're seeing that these people believed the word of God, totally believed the gospel, obviously totally repented.

It doesn't even tell us, but obviously they did. They were baptized in water by Philip. The apostles came down as soon as they heard about it and prayed for them to get filled with the Holy Spirit.

Listen to this. Verse 17. Then they laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, etc., etc. We won't go into that. Okay.

Repenting, getting baptized, getting filled with the Holy Spirit. How do you start doing things the Bible way? Let's look at it actually. Okay.

Note this down if you want to study this topic. Acts 10 and 11, the same thing happens in the next people group that they go after. Who was that? That was the Gentiles.

The first group of Gentiles. What happens to them? The Holy Spirit falls on them, and they start speaking in tongues and everything in the middle of the meeting while Peter's preaching to them. Acts 10.

Next thing, Peter says, right, it says he commands them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Commands them. Instantly.

Because when someone's got the baptism of the Holy Spirit has come upon them, it's time for them to get baptized in water. You don't muck around. Moving on.

Acts 19. Let's just all look at this one for a second. Confirms a few things that we've been talking about.

Okay. This is Ephesus. This is the Ephesians.

Paul meets the Ephesian guys for the first time. Acts 19, verse 1. This is the last one we'll look at. It came to pass that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul, having passed through the upper coast, came to Ephesus.

Finding certain disciples, he said to them, Have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed? They said to him, We've not even heard whether there be any Holy Spirit. And he said unto them, Into what then were you baptized? And they said, Into John's baptism. John the Baptist.

Then Paul said, John baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on him which would come after him. That is on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. There were about 12 men in all. So, what happens? Exactly the same pattern happens again.

What I'm trying to establish is this. Next time you're out there, I want to make this sermon as practical as I possibly can. Next time you're out there, I want to say it again.

If all you do is lead someone to repent, have you brought them into New Testament Christianity according to Acts? No, you have not. Unless they are baptized in water, how can they say, Yes, I've been buried with Christ in baptism. Fact of the matter is, they can't.

Does Romans 6 even apply to them? According to Scripture, it does not. If some guy has not been baptized in water, can they truly say, Yes, I walk in Romans 6? Answer, no. Romans 6 is out of limits for those people.

They can't even point to the time when they can say, I died, I was buried, my old life was buried with Christ in baptism so that I could be raised into new life. They can't even say that. They can't even say it.

So what do the apostles always do? Always baptize them straight away. What's the hardest thing in understanding this? I'll tell you what the very hardest thing is, is the first time you do it. Patrick and Joseph over in Detroit, they'd heard me teaching on this topic, they knew full well it was right, they checked it out in Scripture, they knew that what I was saying was true.

They got a gang member, gang leader actually, who wanted to repent, who did repent, out on the streets, got delivered of a whole lot of demons, this guy. Next thing you know, what's the next step? They knew full well what it was. I remember talking to them on the phone, and it had been about a week since this gang leader, right? A week since they had seen the guy repent.

And I said, So, have you baptized the guy yet? And they were kind of like really sheepish. I remember Joseph speaking to me on the phone. He goes, You know, I've been thinking about that continuously for about a week, or whatever.

We've got to baptize this guy. And I said, Listen man, have you got a bathtub or what? If you've got no decent water where you are, just run the bath, fill it with enough water, get the guy in there and get him baptized. My wife got baptized in the bathtub.

She came out of the water speaking in tongues. I'd say that's a pretty good thing to happen, don't you? Proves God's in it, don't you think? I think God's in the baptism in the bathtub business. Is it scriptural to leave it undone for a week? These guys knew full well.

They knew I was getting at them a little bit. I was very gentle with them. I just said, Man, you'd better get on to it.

Just do it. I said, Look, You just go, Do you believe that Jesus died for all your sins? And do you believe that God raised Him from the dead? And when they say yes to that, you say, Right. On confession of your faith, I'm going to baptize you now in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

And I always say, In the name of Jesus Christ. Bam. Not difficult.

The first one is always the hardest because for some reason, we have in our heads, Oh, this is a difficult thing. This is hard. Well, it's not hard.

And it's totally scriptural. What about when they need, after that, to get filled with the Holy Spirit? Do we leave them even as a baptized Christian? As a baptized person? No. That's completely unacceptable.

It's unacceptable to leave someone without the power of God. You know, I was raised a Baptist, and I went to the Baptist church all my teenage years without the Holy Spirit in my life. I would ask Jesus into my heart very often.

I was somewhat repentant and then somewhat not. I was one of those people. Somewhat repentant, somewhat not.

I'd been baptized in the water. I was left utterly without the power to lead a true, powerful Christian life. Was I walking in Romans 8? No way in the world was I walking in Romans 8. Not a possibility or a dream in my mind that such a power over sin existed as Romans 8. It was beyond my comprehension.

Entire sanctification would have just confused and demoralized me utterly. Okay. When I was about 17 years old, I noticed a couple of my Christian friends... Now, I had been to charismatic churches before and been kind of freaked out by them.

Anyway, a couple of my friends at the Baptist church started getting really spiritual, becoming deeply... you know, they moved me. When they would talk about God, I would notice, man, these guys, there's something going on with these people, you know. They were moving me towards God every time I'd just talk to them.

And there was a depth of spiritual life in them. They said to me, man, we just got baptized in the Holy Spirit. We just got filled with the Holy Spirit.

One guy said to me, my whole arm went like numb for half an hour or something and I got filled with the Holy Spirit and started speaking in tongues. Now, I knew all about that stuff and I was kind of freaked out by it. But the more that I was repenting and starting to draw towards God, I knew He was calling me towards that.

I somehow knew, if only I can get the Holy Spirit really impacting my life, my life will change. So, I'm 17 years old, it's about September. I finally gave in to God and said, I'm going to go around to that guy's place, I'm going to get him to pray for me, same as he prayed.

And I'm likely to get filled with the Holy Spirit and I know what's going to happen and my life is going to change. I'm not going to be the same person anymore. All the resistance that I put towards God, I just said, you know what, I can't live this way.

I'm not going to live this way. I'm going to surrender all to God. I went around there, the guy laid hands on me, prayed for me, just like we've been reading about.

I got filled with the Holy Spirit. The next day, I spoke in tongues. I didn't speak in tongues on the spot, I spoke in tongues the following day.

Now, was my life totally revolutionized? My life utterly, completely revolutionized. John Carlo could have come along that day and preached to me about entire sanctification, I would have gone, Amen brother!

Woo! Alright! Yeah, Romans 8 made sense to me. Why? Because I was walking in it, even though I didn't know it.

I just started walking in it. I started walking in freedom from sin. Not only freedom from sin, victory over sin.

There was not a moment at which I felt that sin had victory over me and could drag me back. No way, man. I'd repented, I'd been baptized, I'd been filled with the Holy Spirit.

Now, do you realize those things all happened on day one in the book of Acts? Imagine the kind of powerful Christians we're creating, that that's happening everywhere we go. Isn't that proper Christianity? The boost that we need right out of the blocks. New Testament Christianity.

That's a New Testament Christian. All the other types of Christians that we call, well, it's not New Testament, is it? I question, a lot of people are going to get really shocked when they get up to heaven and God's going to just say to them, Listen, did you guys have a Bible? Because, you know, if you love Me, obeying My commandments is in there, isn't it? You know, what kind of backwards thing were you playing at when all the way through Acts this is happening to every person on day one and you ignored it all? What kind of conversion experience? Preachers. I hate the thought of what God's going to do to preachers on Judgment Day.

Because they're getting up there one after the other and saying, Okay, so how many people do you think you got converted? Just sum it up for me. Over the years. Give me a ballpark figure, shall we? And then God's going to say, You know what? None of them were saved.

They didn't even repent. And even the ones that repented, you told them the Holy Spirit stuff was not to be bothered with and so they never got filled with the Holy Spirit. So all your people ignored everything I taught and everything I wanted for them and they walked in this sub-Christianity their whole lives.

And He's saying to the preachers, and guess whose fault it was? It's all your fault. All your fault. Entirely yours.

You were the teacher I sent to them. You were the one. They listened to you every week.

I think there is going to be an enormous judgment upon preachers. It says, Be not many teachers, they shall receive a harsher judgment. I hate to think what's going to happen up there on Judgment Day.

I really do. We have got to get people repenting, getting baptized, getting filled with the Holy Spirit on day one. This is basic New Testament Christianity.

Do I expect people to speak in tongues when they get baptized in the Holy Spirit? Yes I do. Yes I do. How many people worldwide, they estimate, especially in Revival countries, and by Revival countries I'm talking many of the African countries right now, Brazil, Guatemala, many South American, China, all through many third world countries where people are getting saved.

What's happening to them when they get filled with the Holy Spirit? Lions share of them will tell you. We're talking about hundreds of millions now. Hundreds of millions of people have been filled with the Holy Spirit worldwide and spoken in tongues.

They're living in Revival conditions in their nations. Just because we have a lot of lukewarm so-called Spirit-filled people in our day doesn't mean we abandon the experience. All it means is we kick their butt

and say, so when are you going to live holy? Because I heard you got filled with the Holy Spirit.

And you're telling me you got filled with the Holy Spirit just because you can speak in tongues and do a few things like that. No, I'm waiting for you to live holy and then I'll believe you. Now just because all that's going on in the charismatic woolly circuit, don't laugh, John Carlin.

That was an awfully serious comic. Just because that's going on out there in charismania land doesn't mean we abandon, we abandon the experience and say, no, this is not in the Bible. We should just say, listen, we just need a purer version of that and get rid of the junk out of it and go back to the purity of it because it is a Revival experience.

When was I revived as a human being? When I was 17 and got filled with the Holy Spirit. That was my revival. And I've not fallen from that experience literally the rest of my life.

Not fallen from it. Why? Because it was utterly the infilling of the love and the transforming power of God to walk in Romans 8, live in New Testament Christianity in here. That's what happened.

Bam! The gift of God, says the New Testament. It's the gift of God. Can't boast about it.

I didn't earn it. So let's get people into New Testament Christianity. Let's forget about excuses as to why we're just getting them to repent and that's it.

We're all holiness preachers here, so the automatic thing we do is get everybody to repent. Is it enough? The answer is no. Okay.

Back to Acts 2. Because we're not finished. We've now established how they got people converted. Quite different from our own time.

Then verse 41, Then they that gladly received His Word were baptized. The same day they were added unto them about 3,000 souls. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine, fellowship, breaking of bread, and in prayer.

There's a lot in even that verse there which I'm not going to go into. Notice they're taking communion every day. There's a significant thing.

Why are they taking communion every day? Boy, I can't spend much time on this, but I'll just go into it briefly. Why are they taking communion every day? Because my view of communion is this. Again, nowhere are we told in Scripture that it's a symbol.

Nowhere. What did Jesus say about it? He basically was saying this is My body given for you or broken for you. This is the blood of the New Covenant when He was handing it out.

What does it say in 1 Corinthians 11 about communion? We should be having communion a lot, people. In this kind of setting, it's easy to do. We should be having communion around a fellowship meal, which is what they would do.

They would have a fellowship meal together. Why is fellowship meal important? In biblical culture, a meal together means you accept one another. You deeply accept one another.

In fact, if you want to cast someone out from your fellowship, you stop eating with them. This is why later in one of the letters, I believe it was Paul saying, with such a one, do not even eat. With such a one, do not even eat.

What are you doing? What's Jesus doing? This is significant. What's Jesus doing when He's eating and drinking with the sinners? Now there's an interesting point. What is He saying to them? He's saying to them, listen, if you will come to Me, I'm accepting of you.

In fact, I'm in a fellowship with you around this table. And we're going to have communion together. In essence is what He's saying.

And this is why the Pharisees were up in arms. How can you accept these people? How can you eat with these people? They're sinners. Anybody can tell you they're sinners.

But Jesus is saying, they're coming to Me, man. You guys just come to Me and argue. These guys come to Me, they will listen.

These people are My friends. You're not My friends. These people are My friends.

Yeah, they're the sinners. You call them sinners. I call them My future apostles.

So that's what's happening with the meal. We need to have more of that. Fellowship around a meal.

We need to have communion every day. Why? Because Jesus said about His body, He said it was the bread come down from heaven. You know, John 6. The bread coming down from heaven.

What are we partaking of if we can partake of communion in faith and with prayer? We can partake of the bread of life. We can, if we'll believe it. If we'll take it.

How do we know that communion has some power in it? Because in 1 Corinthians 11, it says, you don't even know this, but some of you are eating and drinking judgment upon yourselves by partaking of communion in a disorderly way or in a wrong fashion. Why? Why? Because you're not in unity. You're not even accounting your brother as a brother.

You're rushing forward and getting it all yourself. You're being greedy. You're being selfish.

And communion is all about communing with one another and communing with God and partaking of the bread of life and the blood of the new covenant in a fresh way. And I have in many meetings prayed that over the communion as we took of it. And it's been such a powerful time.

So powerful because people start to go, hey man, this is not just symbolic. This has spiritual, it's definitely a spiritual power. It can be for the good or for the bad.

So we've got to account our brothers and sisters. We've got to be in unity together and let's have communion together. Know what I'm saying? Okay.

Moving on. We're trying to recover all of New Testament Christianity in one sermon. Fairly ambitious.

We haven't even reached the really important points I wanted to make actually yet. Fear came upon every soul. Now listen to this.

Many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all that believed were together. They had all things in common.

They sold their possessions and goods and parted them to every man as they had need. And they continued daily with one accord in the temple. The temple area that they were in by the way was a vast courtyard area.

Open air courtyard. These guys were street preachers. Do you realize that? When it says they met every day in the temple, where were they meeting? Massive, the size of the courtyard they met in was five and a half football fields in size.

Open air meetings every day. If we don't value our street preachers in this life, we're not valuing the apostles or Jesus or John the Baptist or John Wesley or untold revivalists down the ages. These guys are street preachers.

That's who they are. They continued daily with one accord in the temple, breaking bread from house to house. They did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people.

And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. Okay. The difficulty with New Testament Christianity and recovering it is what is the important thing? What are the important things in there? Because there's so much that we could try and do.

We could try, for instance, the selling of possessions and living in common. Good thing to do. Some Christians do that.

Not a bad thing to do at all, especially if they're freeing up resources for the poor. Not a bad thing to do. Will that in itself bring you into New Testament Christianity? I want to tell you, no, it won't.

It won't do it. I know people who live that way. They live that way very successfully.

It's very hard to do actually. And are they really close to New Testament Christianity? Do they see any power? Are they getting people converted? Are they ministering in a New Testament way? Seeing New Testament things happening every day? No, they're not. They've got one little piece and it's not the important piece.

After years and years and years of really... On the odd occasion, God would just give me a bit of more revelation about what's really important in New Testament Christianity. What are the things that really bring it about? The things that I came up with were these. The first thing is the Gospel that we preach.

I'm not going to spend a lot of time on that because I believe for the large part that's the thing we've got a handle on. Sadly, it's not enough. That's why out there we're rather ineffective.

We're not getting many converts. Most of us preachers in this room can go out on the streets and preach as much as we like even after a lot of prayer and even with an anointing, which I've done on numerous occasions and see very little in the way of results. Are we being New Testament in doing that? Not particularly.

We have one piece of the New Testament. We're doing it well, but it's just one piece. It's not enough.

What are the second, third, and fourth most important things? These are absolutely crucial. We see it in the way that Jesus sent the 70 out. We see it in the way that Jesus sent the 12 out.

We see it every day in the Book of Acts. What are these things? Number one, they're ministering to the poor. Hugely important.

We take away emphasis on that. You have to realize we take away Jesus' entire congregation. Who did He preach to? Who was He sent to? Who did He always prefer? Literally, who did He prefer? The poor.

Why is it important? Because even today, same as back then, who are the people that are sick? Who are the people that are likely to be in jail? Who are the people that are getting into trouble, have no money, so they're stealing? There's prostitution going on. Why? Because the woman way down in that poor area can't even supply food for their children and they're going into prostitution. This is happening all around the world right now.

As we speak, there are thousands upon thousands of women around our world right at this moment who hate going into that lifestyle and do it because literally their children are starving and there is only one thing between them and starvation and they go into prostitution literally to provide for their family. Did you realize that? That is absolutely commonplace all around the world. Not so much here, but in every third world nation you'll find that.

Does Jesus have pity on those women? Yes, He does. Believe it. He goes to the poor people first and He ministers amongst them and He says, Listen, if you will come and accept My words and listen to Me, I'm going to bring you in.

I'm going to sit you down at My table and I'm going to commune with you despite the fact I know exactly the sin that you're into and it's serious sin. This is what He's saying when He's gathering the sinners together and bringing them in. I came to seek and save that which is lost.

He doesn't go to the rich people. We talked about this last night so I won't belabor that point. The other utterly crucial things that are happening continuously in New Testament ministry and I say this as a preacher's preacher and a guy that doesn't really move in these things but realizes that unless I start doing so I am not living a New Testament preacher's life.

I'm not. Healings must be occurring on an absolutely regular scale at a high level. I'm not talking about growing out people's legs on television.

I'm talking about we have to be seeing the deaf hear and the lame walk and so on. Jesus made no bones about it sending out the 70, the 12, and everybody else. Heal the sick, He said.

Cast out demons. There's our fourth one. Cast out demons, He said.

And these signs shall follow them that believe. We all know these kinds of Scriptures. Now we're going to look at a few of these Scriptures and I want you to put in mind the type of Christianity that occurs when you step over the boundary that we are all in.

We're all in preacher land. Pretty much everybody in this room. We're all in preacher land.

We're all preachers. We're pretty good at it. We're comfortable with it.

We're anointed in it for the most part. And man, we can do it well. It's the thing we're confident about.

We're preacher land guys is what we are. We're sub New Testament. We're not living there.

We taste it for a time. We tasted it in Pittsburgh. Those that were there, didn't we? We tasted New Testament in Pittsburgh but we don't walk in it all the time.

We walked in it for five days or whatever. Amen? Yeah. So how do we walk in it? Well, it's not like the Holy Spirit hasn't been given to us.

We have the Holy Spirit same as the apostles did. Part of it is lack of faith, lack of pressing in, lack of accounting this thing as important as our preaching. And that's the key right there.

See, we, like myself, have spent years and years and years praying for massive anointing of God upon my preaching. And I think I'm a bit of a success when I get a bit of an anointing going on my preaching. Well, I look into the New Testament and I say, Andrew, your Southern New Testament, it's not good enough.

If you live there, you are not going to see the revival that you are after. Simple as that, pal. Get your act together.

That's it. Turn with me. And we need to press into this because we're losing time.

Turn with me to Luke 4.18. Very familiar Scriptures, some of these. But I want you to notice new things about them. Luke 4.18, the famous Scripture where Jesus talks about basically what His mission in the earth is.

Remember our four things? The Gospel, the poor. Not just to go out amongst the poor, by the way, and come back, but to be involved with them. Jesus didn't just go and meet with them and come home to a safe place.

He would go and basically live amongst to a degree. Of course, He was with His disciples most of the time. They were poor people.

Luke 4.18, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because He has anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor. Why would He say that? Okay, of course, He's quoting Scripture. But I want to remind you again that everything confirms that He went deliberately to the poor.

He's anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor. He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord. This is the mission statement of Jesus right there.

So, He is not just liberating using the Word of the Lord. That's an important part. He is recovering the sight of the blind.

He's causing the lame to walk. He's bringing deliverance to the captives. So what does He go about doing? It even describes on many occasions what did Jesus go about doing? He goes about healing the sick, casting out demons, and preaching.

All the time. All three interchangeable. Who is He doing it to? The poor, continuously.

And I want to say to you, those four things make up a New Testament preacher and a New Testament Christianity. And if we haven't got those four things happening in our midst, we are not New Testament at all. Not New Testament at all.

It is impossible to merely preach your way into this. If I could have preached my way into it, believe me, I would have done it. If preaching was the way in, no.

We have to go to the right people. We have to have the anointing of God upon us. Or we have to go with people that have it.

Now what was some of the keys in Pittsburgh? You know, Lena, just to give you an example, let's go straight out of our midst here. Patrick, from Detroit, already walks in a miracle anointing. In fact, it's increased since Pittsburgh because I've spoken to him about it.

He said God gave him a revelation of this. Now Patrick is a very gentle giant of a guy. He's working in the slums of Detroit.

So he's preaching every day. He's putting his life on the line every day. He's going to the gang guys.

He's going to the prostitutes. He's getting the prostitutes away from their pimps. What do the pimps want to do to Patrick? They'd quite gladly kill him, some of these guys.

No joke. Thanks, brother. Good catch.

Patrick's there amongst the very people that Jesus went to. Jesus went to the criminals, sent his disciples to the criminals, going to the highways and byways, he says. So that's where Patrick is.

Patrick gets electricity. When it's time to lay hands on people and pray for them to be healed, some of you guys saw this. Patrick gets electricity going through his hands.

And since Pittsburgh, it's increased. And he's seen a lot of healings, dramatic healings on the streets. He's laid hands on people and seen them fly backwards as demons roared out of them.

Totally demonized people. You've got to realize most homeless people you see out on the streets are demonized. In Jesus' day, everybody knew who was demonized.

Today, where are they? They're walking along the streets muttering to themselves. They're homeless. They're in the hospital under sedation trying to keep them from bipolar disorder, etc., etc., or hearing voices.

That's where they are, man. That's where all our demonized people are. Okay, so Patrick's seen this stuff.

Lena gets filled with the Holy Spirit and speaks in tongues one night in Pittsburgh, prays through the night and gets an anointing of healing. And I'm out there on the streets with them the following day. We're out on the streets preaching and just witnessing to people.

This old lady shuffles around the corner. Not that old, actually. In her 50s, her body is almost completely shut down with diabetes, this woman.

She just shuffled around the corner. Me, Patrick, Monica, Lena. And we were just our witnessing team, you know.

We said to the lady, you know, would you like prayer? Turns out she prays every day. She's been baptized in water. She believes.

She really wants to live for Jesus. Praise God, we've got a lot of things going for us in this case here already. So Lena gets this incredible shaking hands thing going on when she's praying for people.

So Patrick and Lena together, we're all praying for this lady. She has tremendous heart problems. She said, I'm dying to us.

She said, I'm slowly dying. She's gotten to that point, which is an awful sign, where they start getting their toes amputated and stuff because all the circulation has gone out of their legs. She's at that point.

She's one or two years away maybe from death, this woman. And she looked it, man, I'm telling you. So they start down in her legs.

They pray for her heart. They pray for her diabetes. They pray for everything that's wrong with this woman.

And I'm watching and she's bit by bit, every part of her body is getting completely healed, totally healed on the spot. Bam, bam, bam, bam, bam. And the next thing, this lady goes, and she walks off.

She's on her way to the post office. She walks off. And we see her on the way back and she's walking like this, marching down the street.

She's got her cane like this. Now she came around that corner going like this with her cane. She's marching down the street.

She's going, praise God, kind of thing. And she breezes past. That's New Testament.

That's New Testament Christianity. That's New Testament 101 Christianity. We live that way in Pittsburgh and I guess you guys saw some more healings on the streets.

I'll tell you what, watching Patrick and Lena both with a healing anointing on and praying for the same person is powerful. And I want to say to you that if we cannot get more people into that. How did Lena get that anointing? Praying all night.

You guys pray until 6 in the morning, correct? Monica and Lena and Erica, was it? Aurora. Okay. Praying all night.

And Hosea goes, man, I missed out on that prayer meeting. A bad prayer meeting. To miss out on a bad prayer meeting.

This is the kind of thing that has to be happening continuously if we are going to walk in the New Testament. If we want to go back into our shell and do the things that we're comfortable with, let's just look at literally two more Scriptures to finish off. I want to look at the way Jesus described His ministry.

Let's go to Luke 7. Verse 20. Just a couple of Scriptures to finish this off. Remember that John the Baptist was put in prison.

He sent a couple of his guys to ask Jesus, are You the One? Are You really the One? Jesus described His own ministry here. And it's interesting what Jesus emphasized. When the men would come unto Him, this is Luke 7.20, when the men would come unto Him, they said, John the Baptist sent us saying, are You He

that would come or should we look for another? And in that same hour, listen to this, He cured many of their infirmities and plagues and of evil spirits and unto many that were blind He gave sight.

Then Jesus answering said to them, Go your way and tell John what things you have seen and heard. How that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached. Notice all of those things.

To the poor the gospel is preached. And blessed is He who is not offended in me. Now Jesus just described His own ministry there.

In a way He's encapsulating what He does every day. He's healing the sick. He's opening blind eyes by the power of God.

He's preaching to the poor. He self-described His ministry right there. Now when He sends out the 17 and the 12, we're not going to look at it, but you can easily look it up later.

What happens? Remember they come back, it says they came back rejoicing. They sang, even the demons are subject to us through Your name. So what are they going out doing? They're casting out demons.

He says go everywhere, preach the gospel of the kingdom, or preach, repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Little variations there. He says heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, freely you have received, freely give.

So the 70 go out doing that. They're healing the sick. They're casting out demons all the time.

They're preaching a very simple, very piercing gospel. Does that continue into Acts? Yes, it multiplies in Acts. We find Philip going to Samaria.

What does it say? The demons are crying, leaving. Philip walks into town, and all the demons decide coincidentally to leave town. Such is the impact of Philip's ministry.

That's what our ministry has to be like. Now we don't start at that level. We start down closer to what we saw in Pittsburgh where we're starting to see regularly people getting delivered of demons, people getting healed, the sick being healed.

We've got to pray and pray and pray for that anointing. I believe... Is there anybody in this room who has ever experienced the thing where they get hot hands when they go to pray to someone to be healed? Anybody experience that? Okay. Most likely you are called to a healing ministry.

I just want to say that flat out right now. The other hallmark of a lot of people that are called to a healing ministry is they have been healed themselves of something. Usually.

Very often. It doesn't have to be them. God is distributing gifts.

Does He say He'll do that? Yes. The Holy Spirit's job is actually to distribute gifts. Miracles and healings and all kinds of things are amongst them.

Prophecy and tongues. Are we having tongues and interpretation in our meetings? No. Why not? Well, we should be.

Let's do a final scripture. Let's talk about this because this is important. How do we get into the gifts in a practical way? 1 Corinthians 14.

Remember, you're very unlikely to move in the gifts of the Holy Spirit unless in your own meetings they're flowing. You know what I'm saying? It's unlikely. You're just going to go walking out there having never prophesied in your own little gathering.

You're not going to walk out there and start prophesying to people. That's unlikely. It may happen, especially might happen with this group.

I'd say prophecy is in the utmost in this group. A lot of us, including Joe and Kayla, a lot of us are prophesying while we're praying. A lot of us are prophesying while we're preaching.

We all know that pretty much. You get into a zone and man, it's not even you talking anymore. It's God.

A lot of us preachers experience that fairly regularly. So prophecy is not the big problem here. I want to say though, tongues and interpretation should be seen commonly.

And that will convict people who come in because they've probably never seen it done properly. You know, like I had. I used to go to these charismatic meetings.

Everybody spoke in tongues or sang in tongues as loud as they could. And I was sitting there going, what are these people doing? How is it supposed to operate in the New Testament? Well, someone speaks out in tongues. My wife does this.

I don't do it. My wife literally has this calling and this anointing on her. She speaks out in tongues.

Sometimes she sings out in tongues. She's got a beautiful voice. And she's done that literally from the day she got filled with the Holy Spirit.

No one had to train her in it. She did it in the next meeting she went to. Spoke out in tongues, out loud, and somebody interpreted out loud in English.

And that's the way it's supposed to happen. It's not that difficult. You know, when someone speaks out in tongues like that, what I always encourage people to do, I just say, right, we're just going to seek God right now.

And if God is putting words in your mouth or words in your heart that you feel match what was just spoken in tongues, you just start speaking. Start speaking and you just let it roll out. Because most likely, the interpretation of that tongue will come rolling right out.

And it'll be prophetic in nature. It'll touch the hearts of the people in the room. You know, we're missing grade A basic stuff.

1 Corinthians 14.26. Listen to this. By the way, this is the only description that we have of a small group or you can say medium size type of meeting in the entire New Testament. I'm going to say that again.

It's the only description we have. This is not really a preaching meeting, although I'm sure preaching occurred in it. Okay.

1 Corinthians 14.26. How is it then, brothers, when you come together, every one of you has a psalm. Now, a psalm is a spiritual song. A lot of people will talk about that particular use of that word there and they'll say most likely they could be talking about, yes, everybody's singing, but also every one of you.

No, this is talking about someone spontaneously singing out to God maybe. Someone almost prophesying in song. Maybe someone even speaking in tongues in song.

For interpretation, let's keep going. Okay, so every one of you has a psalm, has a doctrine or teaching. So your teachers will be put into use in the meeting.

Has a tongue. Has a revelation or a prophecy there. So I would expect that people will prophesy in the meetings.

People will speak out a word as though it's coming from God. Do these things just happen? No, they don't. They happen when you seek God for them.

What is it they say? Stir up the gift that is within you. If we all sit there, it's like God gives me two arms, but I never use my right arm. Well, I'm going to go to use it in 20 years' time, and where will my arm be? It will be like a shriveled little skeleton arm.

I'll go to shake someone's hand, it will be like, I don't know, shaking hands with a robot. A mental hand or something. If I leave gifts dormant in my life, what will happen to them? They won't progress.

They usually will regress. They'll usually just get stunted. If I have that hot hands thing, man, I wish I had what you guys get.

I've never had that hot hands thing happen to me. It's almost a sure sign that God wants to give you or has given you a gift of healing that needs to be stirred up. And I want to say this to you, get your life totally as pure as you can get it.

Get every stronghold of the enemy out of your life, and you'll find as you do that, the gift will grow in power. And you also need to step out in faith with that. When someone is sick, you need to be the one that offers to pray for them.

And you need to make faith-filled prayers. What are faith-filled prayers? In the Scriptures, you see people commanding people to be healed in the name of Jesus Christ. They don't just go, Jesus, Jesus, please heal so-and-so.

I'd really love it if you'd heal so-and-so. It's none of that. Listen, man, in the name of Jesus Christ, rise up and walk.

It's that kind of stuff. Usually you don't do that on day one, but I'm telling you, it takes faith to step into this stuff. Smith Wigglesworth would throw dead bodies against the wall and say, let in Jesus' name.

I'm not expecting you guys to do that on the first day. I think I had to throw one dead body seven times against the wall. Yeah, I believe it was his wife.

You're right. Okay, when you come together, brothers, every one of you has a psalm, has a doctrine, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.

Let all things be done. Now, will those things just pop up in the meeting? Maybe. But most likely they won't pop up out of nowhere unless we all seek God for them and say, right, we expect tongues and interpretation in this meeting.

So let's pray to God right now. I guarantee there are people in this room with the gift of speaking out in tongues. And by the way, I believe this is a different category to people that just pray.

I pray all the time in tongues. I have never spoken out in tongues. Neither has God ever moved upon me to do so.

I believe it is a category of ministry gift is what I believe about it. And certain people have that on them and they should speak out in tongues and there will be an interpretation. There should be prophecies flowing in these meetings.

There should be an occasion in many of our meetings where we stick people in the hot seat. You guys may have seen that kind of thing where you literally get a chair and you say, who wants to be prayed for? And while that person has been prayed for, lo and behold, someone gets an inkling of, you know what sister? I really believe that the problem that you've been having is related to your attitude towards your mother or whatever it is. You're not honoring, etc.

etc. So if someone's getting a word for the person that's helping them in their situation, there's prayer going on. There might be healing going on.

There might be someone who hasn't got filled with the Holy Spirit and needs to speak in tongues. We should be praying for people for that all the time. Listen, this is basic stuff.

If it's not happening, I want to say this to you. We cannot enter into what God is calling us into. We cannot.

So from now on, one of my objectives is if I don't have a powerful gifting in an area, I try and get with people that do. I try and get around people and minister with them going out with people that move in deliverance, people that move in healing. So we need to go out.

Let's just wrap things up right now. What's God calling us into? How do we get to New Testament? God's calling us to those four things. Most of the rest of everything else will follow.

We start getting people converted, we need to make them into disciples. We need to do discipling with them. We need to turn them into powerful New Testament Christians.

We've got to teach them all the things Jesus teaches us. So that will happen automatically. What we've got to start doing is these four things.

And what I want us to do really is seek God for them and also find out who in our midst has these things and bring them forth. Part of that bringing forth is them dealing with anything in them that's holding them back as well. So those are totally practical things.

We haven't really got time to do a practical demonstration of it I don't think tonight. But what I do want to say is when we go out there on the streets we've been talking some of you guys missed this but on a totally practical level we've already announced this. We talked last night about the early Salvation Army.

About a month ago I announced formation of what we're calling the Revival Army. Revival Army. What does that thing exist to do? It doesn't just exist to go out there and preach on the streets.

There's plenty of that already happening. One of the things we have to be going out there I believe God's going to call us to this is holding healing meetings on the streets. Where we stick up a big banner that says We see Jesus heal people all the time.

Come and get prayer. And we start feeding people. Feeding the homeless.

Everybody's doing that kind of thing. Everybody's doing little bits of this stuff. But I want to see us feeding the homeless people having a sign like that up and saying Listen, we do see Jesus heal people all the time.

Come and get prayer. If you're sick, a lot of them are. A lot of them the demons are causing the sickness.

Notice how many times someone needed healing in the New Testament Jesus casts out a demon out of them. He doesn't just say be healed. The demon is causing the sickness.

Even deaf and dumb spirits. Right? So we're either casting out demons. We're healing the sick.

And we're also preaching. But boy, I tell you what. They've seen healings.

When someone sees a demon cast out when you really see a demon cast out I mean it just changes your life. If you've never seen a demon cast out of someone and you're just an unbelieving person. I remember seeing the first one that ever happened to me in a Baptist church in New Zealand.

Down the front this woman just went nuts. These guys were just praying for her. It seemed very normal service.

Right? I'm sitting down the back. I'm 15 years old. And suddenly, literally, this piercing scream writhing and contorting.

And they're saying, Demon get out of this woman in the name of Jesus Christ. And suddenly, The thing leaves her. Honestly, I sat there.

This was my thinking instantly. Remember, I'm not a Christian yet. I'm not a true Christian yet.

In fact, I was totally half-hearted and didn't know if I ever would be. This was the stage I was in. I watched that thing and the instant thought that went through my head was this.

It's all true. It almost hit me with the force of a truck. It was that thought it was.

It's all true. And I almost ran. Like, I seriously, I considered it.

A huge part of me wanted to run down the front and just fall on my face and cry out to God. Serious, no joke. That's the effect it had on me.

I suddenly thought, It's all real. Everything in the Bible that my parents tell me is true. I suddenly see, My goodness, there are demons.

They get cast out of people. Everything is true. It's not a theory.

It's the truth. That's the effect of one kingdom coming against the other and we suddenly find out God is more powerful than the devil. Jesus' name is as powerful as they say.

Yes, it is. He wins over demons, man. He just, Pam, and they've got to go.

Okay? This is the ministry God is calling us into. Again, just to close on this, I was saying to John Carlo just a couple of weeks ago, I said, You know what, man? God is calling us all higher this year. We want to come into the thing.

We want the Revival Army to be more than just a bunch of people that go out and do street ministry in the normal kind of way. God is calling us higher. We have to go out there with the power of God and the demonstration of God, not just words.

Amen? Amen. Okay, and one of the things we're going to do, and this is going to bring us about, and I want us to think about this, all of us in leadership here is this, we have to honor those, we have to bring forth, would be a better term, those amongst us who have giftings, we need to encourage them, we need to give them opportunity to flow in those giftings, and it needs to happen in here and out there, right? That's the practical outworking of it. We've got to encourage these people.

We've got to be saying, you know, right, let's get everything happening as it should be. Let's bring these giftings forth. There's many in here that have giftings.

Of course, we all do. We all do. Alright, everybody stand up.

We're going to pray together.

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