

# Eternity

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*Andy Zelinski's sermon on eternity emphasizes its significance in reshaping our lives and priorities in light of God's eternal nature.*

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## Description

In this sermon, the speaker emphasizes the urgency of spreading the word of God and the need to wake up from our complacency. He highlights the contrast between people engrossed in their electronics and a businessman working tirelessly to provide for his family. The speaker also mentions the cry of blood, symbolizing the suffering and injustice in the world, and calls for repentance and a focus on eternity. The sermon concludes with a reminder of the staggering number of people dying each day without knowing God, urging listeners to examine their priorities and set aside their distractions to actively participate in sharing the gospel.

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## Transcript

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These messages are offered to all without charge by the freewill offerings of God's people. A special thank you to all who support this ministry. Can we bow our heads in a word of prayer? Dear Heavenly Father, we come before your majestic presence this morning, God of all eternity.

Lord, we pray that you would give us a vision of yourself this morning, that you would just come down and speak to us. Father, I just pray that you would use this trembling vessel as your mouthpiece this morning. I pray, Lord, that you would just cause it to be that I could just step into the background and let you preach the message and let you be all in all, for we're here for your glory, that's what life is all about.

And that is what eternity is going to be about, Father. Please prepare us this morning to do that. Lord, come and glorify yourself.

Let your spirit, your sweet spirit be felt here, teaching, instructing, just comforting and urging on that we might be changed into your image and that we might more perfectly do your will. Father, you know where I'm at. I come banging at your door just like that man at midnight.

I don't have any bread and there's a whole bunch of people here that are hungry, Father. And I just, I come banging at your door and I trust in your promises that you will meet needs. Take these crumbs, Father, and distribute them among others for your glory.

In Jesus' name, Amen. How I'm going to miss you all. We're going to miss you very, very much in the next year.

We've come to love this church like a family. And we will look forward to the time when we can see you again. We do request your prayers.

We go trembling, we go leaning on the Savior just like I am right now. And we want to remember you in prayer too. No matter what we're called to do, God is the one who must do the work.

And just like I prayed, we must stand in the background and let him do it. But that's for me to do and it's also for you to do. Keep on our faces and allow God to work through us and through our congregation.

Not doing things at our own cleverness. Or because we've done a certain thing a thousand times and we feel that we know how to do it. We have lots of experience.

I've shared this with a few, but I'll just repeat it now to some. I believe one of the reasons why God is allowing us to go to Ghana. When we first heard that call, yes, I think our hearts rose with joy.

And yet at the same time we scratched our heads a bit because all of my family feel very comfortable with the Spanish culture and with the Spanish language. And I just felt the Lord telling me that perhaps one of the reasons why he's allowing it to happen this way. Is because he knew that if we would go right to the Spanish culture, to a Latin environment.

That we would rely all together too much on the way we're used to doing things. And on past experiences and on past wisdom. And I don't want to do that, brethren.

I sure don't. I am afraid of that. Please pray for us.

That we would rely on the living God and that we would find his grace sufficient. This morning I want to preach about something that boggles my mind. I must confess that no matter how long I think about this topic, I cannot get to the bottom of it.

My mind is way too tiny and this topic is infinite. This message is infinite. It has an infinite theme.

And no matter how much I think about it, it just stretches my mind. And finally I give up and I can't begin to express it to you this morning. So if you see me this morning kind of struggling for words, it's because that is the way it is.

It's a topic that just makes you do that because of our human limitations. I'd like to talk about eternity this morning. I'd like us to think about eternity.

That's a thought that has been much on my mind as we've thought about going to Africa. But I can truthfully say that eternity is always on my mind. In my best moments, it is what is on my mind.

And in my worst moments, it's what I tend to forget. Eternity. It is a life-changing subject.

There is nobody who can think about the subject of eternity for a long time without being deeply changed by it. That's my testimony. And those who are limping and struggling in their Christian life would do well to think more on it.

Those who are struggling with sin. Those who are struggling to get on top of the situation. And those who are walking with God but are facing very difficult circumstances.

And it seems like there is no end to the tunnel. It just seems like they can't see any light ahead. People like that.

Maybe you're one of those. I don't know. Dear brother or sister, I don't know.

But I just enjoy you. I just encourage you to think about eternity. What it will do for your heart.

What it will do for your entire outlook. Thinking about eternity has the effect of just taking our priorities and allowing them to be jumbled all up again. And somehow they fall in order in a stack just the way God would have them to be.

When you think about eternity, when you think about this present life, we tend to prioritize. Yes, we do. But things somehow just don't find that stack.

They just don't find that order. But as we can keep our eyes on the fact that we are just going to be here for what does James say? A vapor. Our life is a vapor.

It comes and it goes. And we can keep our gaze fixed on that great beyond that will go on and on and on forever. Somehow it's a great prioritizer eternity is.

The thought of eternity. I believe God wants us to think about eternity. And more than just think about it, He wants us to live for it.

He wants us to live for eternity. Am I living for eternity? Just the fact that we're planning to go to the mission field does not preclude that I'm living for eternity. That is the decision that I must make every single day on my face before God.

Just allowing Him to sort through my priorities, to look at my heart and see what He sees there and to show it to me. That is the decision that you must make every day. To live for eternity.

I have difficulty in accepting the definition that the dictionary suggests for eternity. Because being humans, they can only use human terms to talk about this eternal, this infinite divine dimension. One definition is an unending time.

Infinite or unending time. Endless life after death, or they even had a little parenthesis, an eternity. An undesirably long period of time.

So and so talked for an eternity. An undesirably long period of time. For some, it will be that, and it will not be a chuckling matter.

For some, it will be an undesirably long period of time. A bottomless pit. A black hole that just goes on and on and on.

For others, it will be an endless hope, an endless joy. It will seem, 10,000 years will seem like a day. But these definitions that I just got done reading over, brethren, are limited in their ability to convey what eternity is because they're spoken in human terms and you can't do that when you're talking about an infinite subject.

Eternity is something that goes hand in hand with God, who is an infinite being. He is the one who dwells in eternity. There's a verse in the Old Testament that says, I can't quote it right now, but it says, who only are eternal.

Speaking about God. But He is the only one who has eternity kind of linked with His very being. We don't.

We don't. There was a time in eternity past, when all we were was a thought in the mind of God. That's all we were.

But now, we have a being, we have a body, we have a soul and a spirit, and we will exist. It's like a ray, if you've ever studied geometry, a ray that starts with a point and just goes on and on and on and on and on out in one direction. That is what our life is like.

So, we're not eternal in the same sense that God is eternal because there was a time when there was no Andy Zolinski, there was no Melesh. He was just a thought in the mind of God. But even then, God loved Melesh.

And He loved Andy Zolinski. So maybe in that sense, we are eternal. I don't know.

I guess I'll figure all that out. You can sense right from the very beginning, I'm struggling to really realize how we should define eternity because it's just beyond us. Man thinks about eternity as a dimension where there's lots of time.

And we can only do that because we've never known anything else. We sing, when we've been there 10,000 years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun. You know, that song just shows the human limitations in our ability to think about that dimension called eternity because there won't be any days there.

There won't be any sun. They have no need of the sun to light them because the Lamb is the glory thereof. He is the light of that city.

So, we struggle with these words. But you know, God Himself understands that. And in His Word, when He talks to us about eternity, He uses words that we can grope for and understand.

And He talks about, I'm thinking in Spanish now again, but when He talks about eternity, He says, Por los siglos de los siglos, the centuries of the centuries, is what it says in Spanish often when it talks about eternity. God uses terms that we can reach out for and at least begin to comprehend, but I want you to stretch your mind this morning, dear brother. I want us to stretch our mind and to gaze at this dimension that the Apostle Paul said is impossible for us to comprehend.

Turn with me to 2 Corinthians 12, verses 2 to 4. 2 Corinthians 12, verses 2 to 4. The Apostle Paul had the incredible opportunity to go to the third heaven and gaze into eternity. Something that we'll all get that chance to do sometime. We'll get the chance to do it, but none of us here has had that opportunity.

Unless I miss my guess. But I don't think so. Paul says, I knew a man in Christ about 14 years ago.

And here, I'll just state my conviction. I believe he's talking about himself. I think so.

I knew a man in Christ. His humility enjoins him to use language like this, but I think that's what he's talking about. I knew a man in Christ about 14 years ago, whether in the body I cannot tell, or whether out of the body I cannot tell, God knoweth, such an one caught up to the third heaven.

And I knew such a man, whether in the body or out of the body I cannot tell, God knoweth, how that he was caught up into paradise and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Unspeakable words. It means he saw things, and I'm just understanding he's struggling to say what he wants to say here.

And sometimes we misunderstand what he means, but I think he's saying that he saw things that he has no human way of describing. I think that's what he's saying. There is just no way to put into human words, into human language, the things that he saw there.

Oh, how he wishes he could, but he can't. He can't. That's what eternity is like.

It is unspeakable. Imagine a man that was born blind. Imagine a man that was born blind.

How would you go about explaining to him what the color red is like? What would you do? Would you say that it's... Well, it's a bright color. Well, he can't understand that. It's a warm color.

That doesn't mean anything to him. It's a cheerful color. You're not helping him very much, are you? He can't even begin to grasp it.

Why? Because he has never experienced that dimension. One of his senses has been deprived since he was born, and so when he hears the color red, it means absolutely nothing to him. Imagine a whole island full of people out in the ocean.

And on this island, all of these people are blind. This is imaginary, obviously. But imagine these blind people there, going about their lives, and all of a sudden, one of them has an experience and is permitted for ten minutes to see with perfect vision.

And he opens his eyes, and he looks around him, and all of a sudden, he experiences a totally different dimension. He has never in his life experienced sensations like this before. And he's all excited about it, and then all of a sudden, his sight goes away again, and he's blind, just like everybody else.

But he is excited about it. But my dear brethren, this is going to be a very frustrated person. He's going to want to tell everybody that he meets, what he saw.

But what words is he going to use? He can't. He's frustrated. Because there is no words.

He saw green, he saw blue, he saw the blue sky and the white clouds, and he saw the green grass, and he saw the waves coming in, He imbibed it, and he saw it, but he can't explain it. I think that's what Paul

was talking about. That's what Paul meant when he said, he saw things that he just can't even put into words.

Do you think God wants you to think about eternity? Do you think so? I do believe He does. I know He does. Think of all the words that would be lost from our vocabulary if we couldn't see.

Light, dark, bright, red, yellow, blue, orange, green, sea, sight, the list goes on and on and on and on. Think of how many other words we're going to have to learn over there. It stretches our minds.

And I hope, more than that, it stretches our hearts. I hope it has an effect on our life. I'd like to draw a little picture for you here.

It's possible you've heard this illustration already. I don't know. I'm just going to draw a horizon here.

Imagine a vast extension of sand. A vast beach. Here it is.

With the ocean waves coming in. Imagine the sand here. Let's say I pick up a handful of this sand.

And by the way, this beach goes on forever and ever and ever in that direction, but also it goes on as far as the eye can see in that direction too. And I grab a handful of this sand. Is there anyone here who would venture a guess how many grains of sand I have in my hand? Can anyone venture a guess how many grains of sand I have in my hand? No.

Wow. I wouldn't try. What about a bucket full? Let's just put a bucket here.

There's a bucket full of sand. How many grains of sand are in that bucket? Not sure if you can all see that. I hope it's recognizable as a bucket.

None of us would venture a guess. Let's say that every hundred years a little bird comes from a place way across the sea. He lands on the beach and he takes one tiny grain of sand in his beak.

And he takes that grain of sand and he flies back way across the other side of the ocean. Every hundred years. Every hundred years.

He comes back and he lands on the sand. How many grains of sand has he taken over there after a thousand years? Ten grains of sand, right? Would fit on the top of my little finger, right? How about after a thousand years? A hundred grains of sand. They would still fit on my thumb easily.

Ten thousand? A million? Would you want to go swim on that beach over on the other side? He hardly has anything. Even if he has a million grains of sand, he hardly has anything. A hundred years each time.

How long is it going to take for that bird to finish all the sand on that beach? And carry it all over to the other side? How long will it take? Well, you know, the grains of sand on this beach, brethren, are finite. They have a number. Because the Bible says that God, He measures the dust with three fingers.

So they have a number. It does have a number. We have no number for it, though, because it's way too big.

I'm sure there's no number in the English language that would do it. How much of eternity will have passed when that bird comes back for the final grain of sand? How much of eternity will be over? It'll hardly have begun. We'll just be getting started.

And again, that's using human speech. After an unfathomable amount of time, that bird will come back for that last tiny grain of sand. But eternity will have barely started.

And as I said, it goes on in both directions. Out that way and out that way. I can sort of begin to understand, like I said, the ray that starts here and goes out that way.

I can begin to understand that, yes, my life had a beginning. But it's going to go on and on and on and on and on forever. That I can kind of start to understand.

But when I think that this is not just a ray. It's a line and extends all the way out that way as far as I can see and goes on and on and on. That just blows my mind.

I can't understand that. The Bible seems to be telling us that eternity is a dimension where there is no time. Genesis 1.1 says what? In the beginning.

Of what? In the beginning of what? Well, and the evening and the morning were the first day, right? The first day. In the beginning of time. And finally, in Revelation, the Bible tells us that an angel is going to come.

Revelation 10.5 says, And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven and swear by him that liveth forever and ever who created heaven and the things that therein are and the earth and the things that therein are and the sea and the things which are therein that there should be time no longer. So what is eternity? Eternity is a dimension where time is not even existent. That's what I understand the Bible to tell us here.

They don't measure time there. It is endless. And so you can't use the word time to describe it.

There's no sun. There's no moon. God doesn't worry about the passing of time that way.

And that's where we're headed. We are headed for eternity. We will be there.

And again, I'm struggling to describe it. We're going to be there a whole lot more time than what we are here. I don't know how else to say it.

Time is just the period between the two eternities. And I'm going to give another little illustration here. Please bear with me as I describe this.

If I could describe eternity past with a swooping arc like this and eternity future with a swooping arc going like that. And here in the center, there's a tiny little dot, tiny little dash that we call time. I'm not talking about your life and my life.

I'm talking about everything that we just read about from Genesis 1-1 to Revelation 10. That time should be no longer. Actually, Revelation 21.

When it finally is all finished. How short should I make this jot? How short should it be? An inch? A centimeter? Should I make it a foot? They don't make pens with fine enough points for that. They don't make pens with fine enough points for that.

I'm not talking about your life and my life. I'm talking about everything that is time from the beginning of the creation of God until the end. That whole expanse is a dot that is so tiny that they don't make pens with

sharp enough points for me to put a little dot there and describe to you how short it is in comparison to eternity.

I'd like you to turn with me at this point to an unusual verse in Ecclesiastes. We're going to turn a corner now in our message and get to what God wants us to hear. He wants us to think about eternity.

He wants us to stretch our minds in relation to eternity. And I have to just add at this point if you're not ready to meet God in eternity and you are just living for this little tiny minuscule dot and your life is a tinier dot yet than that you know, what terrible insanity. What incredible insanity.

We can't even begin to, you know, the term poor soul doesn't describe it. If you're living for that little dot oh my friend, you're missing it. You're missing it.

Ecclesiastes 3.11 says this. Ecclesiastes 3.11 Ecclesiastes is a book you have to watch a little bit because it's God's revelation of man. And not everything you find in the book of Ecclesiastes is eternal truths that we're supposed to adopt but I do believe that this is one.

And here, this is what God says. He hath made everything beautiful in His time. Also He hath set the world in their heart so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.

Now that word world, the world in their heart is the Hebrew word olam. And I'd just like to read a few verses here so that you will understand with me that this has a much broader meaning than just the word world. I'm not going to take a lot of time for this but you can jot them down if you want.

Genesis 3.22 says And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us to know good and evil. And now, lest he put forth his hand and take also of the tree of light and eat and live unto olam. Is what it says.

It uses that same word. And live unto olam. Genesis 9.12 And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you for olam generations.

For olam generations. Genesis 9.16 And the bow shall be in the cloud and I will look upon it that I may remember the olam covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth. The olam covenant.

Genesis 13.15 For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it and to thy seed unto olam. To the world? Doesn't quite fit in. Genesis 21.33 And Abraham planted a grove in Beersheba and called there on the name of the Lord the olam God.

The worldly God. The God of the world. Exodus 14.13 is the last one I have.

And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord which He will show you today for the Egyptians whom you have seen today ye shall see them again no more unto olam. Isn't it pretty obvious what God is trying to say here? God has put olam in your heart. He has put olam in your heart.

Eternity. God has put eternity in your heart. Why has God put eternity in the hearts of men? Why? If you have eternity in your heart, why did God put it there? And what does that mean that you have eternity in your heart? I looked at the French Bible this morning and it said, He has put the thought of eternity in our hearts.

And I believe that that's true. I also believe that there's something beyond that. Because if it were just a thought, it would not have the effect that it has on people all over the world.

What does this olam do in the heart of a man? Well, it makes the savages, the heathen in Africa and in other countries bow down to sticks and stones. They are recognizing the fact that they have olam in their heart and they are seeking to live for something beyond them. Olam, eternity.

Why has God put eternity in your heart? You who know the truth, why has He put it in your heart, brother and sister? It is to grip you and it is to become the motivation of your life. The motivational force. Not the only one, of course not.

But a tremendously powerful motivational force. A tremendously powerful prioritizing force. Olam, eternity.

It's in your heart. God has placed it there to guide you through life, to help you to prioritize, to set your feet in the way of righteousness, so that your feet, instead of going the way of everybody else, would finally look unto God and cry out to Him for mercy. That's why He's put it in your heart.

If you're here and you don't believe God, if you're here and you don't know God, please be advised that you have olam in your heart. You have eternity in your heart. And God is appealing to that part of your heart that He has placed there.

Think. We're only living in this little dash. Consider.

What are you doing? Are you living for this dash? Or are you living for eternity? You're going to be here. Your life is a vapor. It just goes away like that.

Oh, if there were a button here on the wall that I could just push it, and the elders here could push, and the faithful brethren could push, we would push it many times over to help some people to just think about olam, about eternity. Oh, we would push it many, many times over. But we can't push that.

God has given it to you. He has put the keys in your pocket, so to speak. But there are so many who instead of thinking about olam, are living their lives for this tiny, tiny, infinitesimally small little jot.

Oh, may God have mercy on us. May God have mercy on us. God wants us to be driven by eternity.

He wants us to be driven by eternity. And I want to say, before I go any farther here, that it is very obvious to me when someone is gripped by the thought of olam. It is very obvious.

It is as simple as pie to see. The way they order their priorities, and the way they live their life, the thing that comes out of their mouth first, it's very, very obvious. I'm not saying that I can't be fooled.

I can. Sure I can. But over a period of time, what is in the heart comes out.

And what did God put in the heart? He put olam in the heart. And if that is what we are feeding, and if that's what we are concentrating on, olam is going to come out. Eternity is going to come out.

God wants fathers with olam in their hearts. Eternity in their hearts. God wants fathers with eternity in their hearts.

Beloved brethren, can you just take a few minutes, a few seconds right here with me, and look at the children that are sitting next to you. Please, just look away from me. Just look away from me, and look at

your children.

They have olam in their hearts too. They have olam in their hearts too, and they are going to be somewhere forever. God needs fathers.

God is looking for fathers with eternity in their hearts. He's put it there. But like so many, it is squashed.

And fathers can fall into the rut of just living for this tiny little jot. This tiny, tiny dot. Look at those children.

Do you love them? What would you be willing to do for them if they were sick or they were hurt? Maybe I should rephrase that. What wouldn't you be willing to do for them if they were sick or they were hurt? Dear brother, as you gaze at your children right now, may the thought of eternity remain in your heart. May it remain in your heart.

May you give to your children the gift of a father that is gazing constantly at olam. May you give to your children the gift of a father that is driven by eternity. So that when they grow up, they will have a memory of someone who directed their lives so in the midst of a society that is living for this little tiny dot.

Oh, please give your children a memory like that. Have a vision that you can influence not only their eternity, but eternity, period. Because you were a godly father that kept his eyes on eternity.

God told Abraham, go outside. And Abraham went outside. He looked up.

God said, look at all those stars up there. They're going to be there. You know, your descendants are going to be just like that.

He told Abraham. Because of the choices that you made. Did Abraham influence eternity? He sure did.

Was Abraham any more special than you are? Dear father, no, he wasn't. Your name wasn't there just because you were born about 4000 years too late. God wants fathers who can have that same vision and can pass it on to their children.

A father that was driven by eternity and that ordered his house that way too in his priorities, in his preferences. I'm going to change sides now. Mothers.

God wants mothers that are driven by eternity. Dear sisters, I'm going to tell you the same thing that I told the brethren. Just take a minute and gaze at your children.

Maybe you did a little bit ago. But do it now. God bless you, sisters.

We love you. We appreciate you. Where would we be without you? Sometimes you probably feel like you're just a workhorse that is churning out meals and clothes and bandaging cuts and cleaning house and teaching school and running errands and doing the shopping and throwing the garbage away and just churning and churning and churning.

I'm sure you feel like that. But dear sister, is that all it is for you? Is that all it is for you? Are you gazing at Olam as you go throughout all those routine that routine drudgery? Do you see that enormous expanse out beyond you? Is that what's motivating you, dear sister? I plead with you. I plead with you.

Give your children an example of what a mother is that in the midst of all this churning, in the midst of all this flywheel motion, and no, I know, just because you learn to gaze at eternity won't make all the work go

away. I realize that. But your children need a vision of a mother who in the midst of all the drudgery can look through and see eternity and can in the midst of her day point her children to God.

Are you gazing at eternity? Beloved sisters, oh, I know, your task is heavy. About 18 years ago, Bill Gates from the Microsoft Corporation invented a platform for the computer that could do multitasking. It could do several things at the same time.

And he marketed this and really took off because Windows, as we've heard of it, can do several things at the same time. And he thought that this was something new, but the fact was that 6,000 years before that God had invented it already and he called it Eve. I know, your load is heavy.

Please try to remember as you go throughout that load, as you go throughout your day, that that is not what it's all about. You are, in some senses, the principal vessel of love to your children. Brother Emmanuel preached on that here, that it's a mother's nature to give and give and give.

God bless you for giving. In the midst of your giving, don't forget Olan. Don't forget eternity.

God needs young people with eternity in their hearts. Yes, he does. The Bible says, flee youthful lusts.

Why? Why? Because of Olan. Eternity is coming up. You don't want to miss it for anything, young person.

You don't want to miss it for anything. God needs young people with eternity in your hearts. And I'm not just talking about escaping hellfire.

I'm talking about young people who can truly make a difference for God in this life and in the afterlife. Oh, you need Olan in your hearts, young people. Yes, you do.

I remember very, very well. And I'm going to just bless the young people this morning. I just want to bless you for the blessing that you have been to me.

I... You know, there was a time when we were coming here to charity that one of the big questions that I had in my heart was, what kind of young people do we have here? What kind of young people? And I, probably more than some, I have been privileged to work along with some of you in Spanish class and in other activities. I've gotten to see your hearts. And yes, you're young people, just like other young people with your struggles and your temptations.

But you have blessed my life so much because I sense in you that you have your eyes on Olan, on eternity. I sense that. There was a day when I was sitting here and the service was dismissed.

Brother, I forget which one it was, but one of the brethren dismissed the service. And as soon as the service was dismissed, I noticed a group of about five or six young people that jumped up and went back through the doors and went down the stairs. And I had pretty much policemen in me at that point.

And I decided I was going to go and just see what this group of young people were doing because in the setting that I was from, that would not have been seen very good to just hop up and go out of the service. And I wanted to see where these young people's hearts were. You know, even though my heart at that point was struggling with issues, I wanted to see where theirs were, where theirs was.

And what I saw changed my outlook. It brought tears to my eyes. And I just want to bless you and I want to encourage you.

I saw that group of young people on their faces crying out to God for some of their unsaved friends. And I don't have words to express what that did to me. I just don't have words to express it.

Are you doing it yet? Dear young people. Are you doing it yet? Do you have your eyes on eternity? Are you carrying that torch further? Are there still some impromptu prayer meetings? Dear young sisters. You can be prayer warriors too.

Are you doing it yet? Oh, please. Please do it. Please keep that torch burning.

There are young people that are still coming in through the doors that are yearning for spirituality. They're yearning for a right relationship with God. And they're yearning to see a group of young people whose hearts are on fire for God.

And they come in here and they see, God forbid, it's not this way. At least I hope not. A bunch of frivolity and a bunch of fun and games and everybody talking about cars and everybody talking about boys and girls and the whole shebang.

You know, God have mercy on us. But that is what happens sometimes. Dear young people who are seeking for reality in their life and they go to a congregation and instead of seeing young people with hearts bowed down before their Creator, just seeking for Him with all their being, what do they find? They find just a bunch of people that are living for this tiny little dash.

Dear, dear young people. How I love you. How I will miss you.

My Spanish students, I'm just going to talk to you, my Spanish students, the young people of Charity Christian Fellowship and the young people that are listening to my voice on the tape. Please, please, live for Allam. Live for eternity.

God needs businessmen with eternity in their hearts too. Yes, He does. He needs businessmen with eternity in their hearts.

Business is a God-given blessing. The ability to earn a living for our families is a tremendous blessing from God. There are some who don't have it.

There are some because of disease or because of some accident, they're in a wheelchair and they can do absolutely nothing and their families have to fend for themselves. But God needs businessmen with Allam in their hearts. And not just businessmen.

He needs workers. He needs hired men with Allam in their hearts. And what does that mean? Well, as I said, if you're gazing at Allam, it's going to take your priorities and it just jumbles them up and it stacks them in God's way.

That's what it does. That's the effect that it has. God needs businessmen and hired men with Allam in their hearts.

Yes, He does. We are living in the midst of a society and... Oh God, help me to say this with the right spirit. We're living in the midst of a society that looks at life through the wrong glasses.

If I may say so. We have inherited glasses that we've received from our parents, from our culture, from everybody around us and we put those glasses on and we look out at life and that's how we see life. But

they're not God's glasses.

They're not God's glasses. And we have to sometime, somehow, take off these glasses and put on God's. It's interesting as you read.

I wasn't planning to talk about this but I will take a little bit of time to talk about it. If you go to the Gospels, you will read a portion there and I don't have it... I believe it's on the Sermon on the Mount. Come to think of it.

Yes, I believe it is. Where Jesus is talking about material things. He talks about the lilies, how they dress and how God clothes them and don't take thought for your life.

You know the whole thing. And in the middle of this whole chapter, it gives this example. It says, the light of the body is the eye.

If therefore thine eye be single, thy body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, then thy body shall be full of darkness. And if the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness.

And then after that, he goes on and he's talking about material things again. Do you notice that? Do you ever think about that? What does that tell you? Open your eyes. It means that that verse also is about material things.

It means that the emphasis there is trying to say that if you're looking at life through the wrong goggles, you're not going to see things right. If you're living for this little dash businessmen and workers, you're not going to see things right. You're going to go out there and you're going to live for the things that everybody else is living for.

God have mercy on us. We need to take off these goggles and put on God's goggles. Please receive it for me with love.

I give it with love, not with any condemnation. I realize that I need you to balance me out on this point. I realize that.

And I bless those of you who have done that. I'm grateful for you. But can I be bold and say, will you please, please accept that word and take it to the Lord seriously.

Just do that. Take it to God and pray about it. God needs church leaders with Olam in their hearts.

Yes, He does. He needs church leaders with Olam in their hearts. My dear brethren here, I love you too.

I respect you. We hold you to the throne of grace. We are thankful for the leaders that God has given us.

Across the church, brethren, who with the anointing of the Holy Spirit, who can speak into our lives and we feel God speaking to us. We need church leaders with Olam in their hearts. With a vision for eternity.

With a vision, and I tremble to talk about these things because I'm not in the ministry here. But with a vision of what disunity will do. With a vision for what Satan wants to do in the church.

We need leaders with Olam in their hearts. Constantly. God bless you.

We need missionaries and mission boards with eternity in their hearts too. Yes, we do. If we lose sight of that, we'll just be doing motions.

I know what mission work like that is like. I know what that is like. Just going through the motions.

Just doing it out of a sense of, you know, well this is something that must be done. We gotta do it. And you lose sight of eternity.

And what is always the effect when God's servant, who is supposed to be having his eyes on eternity, loses sight of eternity? There are souls that don't find their way to the Savior. That is always the effect. When missionaries, when mission boards start looking around at the waves and the winds, tempestuous, and they feel that they're sinking, and they start crying out to each other, and they start looking all over the place, instead of looking to the omnipotent God, then, dear brethren, and I tremble as I'm saying this, I tremble.

Please understand that. I'm not wanting to... In my heart, there are no hammers. There are no arrows for anybody.

When we look at the winds and the waves, boisterous, somehow things kind of go off course. And we end up going down a road that God didn't intend. And then after a bit, we realize, we realize that we're on the wrong road and we need to wake up, but we have to go all the way back there.

Is there a shortcut? Is there a way around here? Is there something to do? How can I get back? I have to walk all the way back. And it's painful. And it's hard.

God wants mission boards and missionaries with Olam in their hearts. I have a parable for you to consider this morning. You may have read this already.

I don't know. Listen to these words. I stood on a grassy sward, and at my feet, a precipice broke sheer down into infinite space.

I looked, but saw no bottom, only cloud shapes, black and furiously coiled, and great shadow-shrouded hollows and unfathomable depths. Back I drew, dizzy at the depths. Then I saw forms of people moving single file along the grass.

They were making for the edge. There was a woman with a baby in her arms and another little child holding on to her dress. She was on the very verge.

Then I saw that she was blind. She lifted her foot for the next step. It trod air.

She was over. And the children over with her. Oh, the cry as they went over.

Then I saw more streams of people flowing from all quarters. All were blind, stone blind. All made straight for the precipice edge.

There were shrieks as they suddenly knew themselves falling and tossing up of helpless arms, catching, clutching at empty air. But some went over quietly and fell without a sound. Centuries were set at intervals, but the gaps were too great.

Why was no one stopping them at the edge? Then I saw like a little picture of peace. A group of people under some trees with their backs turned toward the gulf. They were making daisy chains.

Sometimes when a piercing shriek cut the quiet air and reached them, it disturbed them and they thought it rather vulgar noise. And if one of their numbers started up and wanted to go and do something to help, then all the others would pull that one down. Why should you get so excited about it? You must wait for a definite call to go.

You haven't finished your daisy chain yet. It would really be selfish, they said, to leave us to finish the work all alone. Another group wanted to send out more sentries but could find few candidates.

One sentry, a girl, was compelled to take her furlough though there was no one to take her place. Once a ewe caught at a tuft of grass that grew at the very brink of the gulf. He clung convulsively and called but nobody seemed to hear.

Then the roots of the grass gave way and with a cry the ewe went over, his two hands still holding to the torn off bunch of grass. And the girl who longed to be back in her gap thought she heard the ewe's cry and she sprang up and wanted to go at which they reproved her, reminding her that no one is necessary anywhere. The gap would well be taken care of, they knew.

And then they sang a hymn. Then through the hymn came another sound like the pain of a million broken hearts rung out in one full drop, one sob, and a horror of great darkness was upon me for I knew what it was. It was the cry of blood.

Then thundered a voice, the voice of the Lord, and he said, What hast thou done? The voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. The darkness still shuddered and shivered about me. What does it matter after all? It has gone on for years.

It will go on for years. Why make such a fuss about it? God forgive us. God wake us up out of our callousness.

God shame us out of our sin. God cause us to set our eyes on eternity. There are 80,000 people that die each day.

They go over the cliff. Some of them know God. How many? Just a handful, that's all.

Around 80,000 people. That means roughly 3,333 every hour. That means 55 every minute.

That means almost one a second. Over, over, over, over, over, over. They're still coming.

And over here, here we are. We're playing with our PDAs. I'm going to get my PDA out here.

Playing with our little electronics. And, yeah, there they go. Over.

Oh, look. Yeah, I won that one. Oh, here comes one of my enemies.

Okay, got him. And here we are, playing with our electronics. And over there is the businessman.

And he's over there working. And he has plenty for his family to eat. He has plenty to give them.

He has plenty to put on the table. All of his children are clothed. But he works more and more and more.

And he's there. I don't want to give any examples of businesses because I... Let's say he makes pitchforks, okay? There's no one here that I know that makes pitchforks. Okay.

He's there putting his pitchforks together and working long hours. And finally, at the end of the day, he goes home exhausted and he plops in bed and he doesn't have time with his children. While he's there making pitchforks, there goes another one.

And there goes another one. And there goes another one. As far as the eye can see back that way, one a second.

One a second. One a second. It's time to wake up.

How's your daisy chain going, my brother? How's your daisy chain going, my sister? How's it going? We must ask ourselves these questions. We must identify our daisy chains and put them aside. Sure, we have to work.

Sure, we have to provide for our families. But when we do it with Olam in our hearts, we'll do it a little bit like Jesus. He was sent to be our perfect example.

Sure, I know, he didn't have a family to support. I understand that. That's often quoted.

Peter did. He spent hours of time and lived with a bare minimum just so that he could save a few. That's what Paul said.

He's stretching himself forth so that he might by all means save a few. Oh, dear brethren, let's identify our daisy chains. Let's throw them away.

Let's throw them away. It's time to stop. I feel like I could preach for a long time yet.

But it's time to stop. Parents, youth leaders, we can keep on going. Have eternity in your priorities.

Have eternity in your activities. Eternity is coming. Are we living for this little tiny dot? I say that to a group that I know in my heart doesn't want to do that.

Let's keep each other sharpened up. Let's keep each other sharpened up. Let's fall on our faces for each other.

Let's fall on our faces for revival and ask God to revive us. To bring repentance from our sin. That sin of making daisy chains.

Let's bow our heads in prayer. Dear Father, we thank you for your precious word. We thank you for minds that can understand it.

Lord, we just pray that you would take the words spoken. If there's anything that I said, Father, that was not according to your will, Lord, I just pray that you would cause it to fall down and be forgotten. But Father, I pray that you would take the words that you spoke and cause them to be planted in many hearts that it might grow up and bear fruit for your glory.

In Jesus' name. Amen. One thing.

That will I seek after. That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life and behold the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in His temple. You know, what are we after? Where's my priorities? So many things were shared.

So many beautiful truths. We live in America. And whether we like it or not, we are influenced and affected with those glasses.

You know, that word picture of those glasses. We must, we must cast those off and put on the mind of Christ and eternity. One man stated it this way, Lord, stamp eternity upon my eyes, upon my heart.

I thank the Lord for the word that came to us this morning. It's a serious word. Let us take heed.

We could probably give an invitation this morning, but I think you answer that call in your heart. You respond to the Lord. And I'd like to just open it up for some time here for anyone to share.

If you have a word to share, a confession or a testimony, I want to give you that opportunity. What am I living for? That little invisible dot. Almost invisible.

If someone would have something to share, just mind the Lord. Raise your hand and get a microphone to you. Front here, brother's side.

We can be edified. We can sharpen one another. We can repent.

Is there someone else? Get your hand up and get a microphone to you. Yes, go ahead. I've been preparing a lot for taking the teams into Ghana, West Africa.

And I've spent a lot of time or actually almost every spare minute that I have in preparing for it, reading the scriptures, reading different books. And I've been deeply impressed with one book that I've been reading. And there were these people from South America that were incredibly hungry for the gospel.

They were incredibly hungry for the gospel. And God had set eternity in their hearts and had opened a doorway into their culture for the gospel to enter through. And it seemed the entire people group was open to the gospel.

And had the gospel reached them at the right time, what a different day that would be for their history. And it was said in that book that the Europeans, they had the gospel during that time and were merely sitting around and exactly in the sense that he described what brother Andy shared today, they were just sitting around doing their stuff, making daisy chains and these people were going over the edge and waiting. And had they even known, I believe, had those people known that the gospel, what they were looking for is there in Europe, they would have done anything to get there.

But it never reached them. And eventually, that door of opportunity was closed. The conquistadors came down from Spain and totally wiped out that people group.

And I was just so deeply impressed that God, maybe there are people today like this that are so open that God is telling them to wait. Jeremy is coming. Or maybe brother Daniel is coming.

Or Jared or whoever it is. And has that in their history that just wait a little bit longer. He is preparing.

He is doing what he needs to do. He has eternity in his heart. I'll send him.

I was just so deeply impressed. God, send me. And my prayer is that we would be finished with the small things, the low living and apply our hearts and our lives to the things that really matter.

So that God can use us to bring the gospel because that's what life is all about. That's right. Hand in the back.

Go ahead. Amen. Amen.

Bless God for that message. Thank you brother Andy. You know, I think that little story at the end just wrapped it up so well.

And it just seems like so many times there's people want to go. Maybe we hear the call in our heart. And somebody reminds us that our daisy chain isn't quite right.

You haven't finished your daisy chain. Or whatever it is. And it's unpopular to go answer that call.

Like Jeremy shared. And many times I believe you misunderstood. People don't understand.

Why did he leave this nice peaceful setting? Or whatever it is. And each of us I believe has a different way, a different calling in our life where God wants us to answer that call. But it's not easy.

That's why not many people do it. It's not easy to stand out there and be a century. But eternity will record those who do.

And I think the burden in my heart or my testimony is nobody said it was going to be easy. Nobody said that you won't be misunderstood. Nobody said that you do it perfect the first time.

But just an encouragement that if you're hearing the call of God in your heart stand up and make a difference for eternity even in small ways. Start right where God calls you. Even when you're misunderstood.

Face into the wind. And He will surely take you on to even greater things. And affect eternity in greater ways.

And finally we aren't here to win everybody's approval. We aren't here to always be understood. We're only here to win the approval of our Master and the one He calls us.

Thank you for sharing. May we meditate deeply on the word today. Let it sink into our hearts that our priorities are God's priorities.

And we need to do that every day. Continually. Is there someone else? A hand on the sister's side.

I want to bless my husband for having that view of eternity and for guiding us in that direction. When he went part time we knew it would mean doing without some things that the world says is important but he had his eye on eternity. And he's using that time with his eye on eternity in training our children and in doing other things with that eternity in his heart and guiding us in that way.

And one of the practical things that has helped was the books by K.P. Yohannan. He's got a book Living in the Light of Eternity. And I remember meditating just on that title before I could even open up the book because I thought that's it, that's what I want.

And as my husband has been reading the books and reading them also to us it really keeps us focused in our daily decisions. And now as we look forward to our trip to Holland and on through Europe to Italy with our eye on eternity into a town in Italy where there's only one born-again Christian in the whole town. And as we go there to minister to them we have our eye on eternity and that's the only way we can take such a big undertaking because we know we're doing what the Lord wants.

And I just want to bless my husband and thank the Lord for giving us that. We still have a way to go but I just bless him and bless the Lord for helping us in that. I know we'll never regret it because nothing else is going to matter at the end.

It's the only thing that lasts. Not just our eternal security but also going on and telling others about the Lord. That where they've never heard in a town, in countries where they've never heard it's not a pagan land like it is in Africa but these people are just as lost and they need to hear it as well.

Amen. Scriptures say the time is short. It remaineth to be as if those that had wives as though they had none.

Those that possessed as though they possessed not. Jesus said of this man who had his heart fixed in the wrong direction. Who built bigger barns.

Said this night thy soul shall be required of thee. Then who shall these things be? Many, many warnings in the Scripture. Many admonitions.

Eternity. There's a hand over there. Thank God for the message.

It spoke to my heart. And my heart is to see that more and more. Eternity.

The Lord has been dealing with me now. Being more open and being more willing to share with people. I know I share quite a bit at gas stations but I know we don't all have to go to the mission field in Africa or somewhere but I know there's lost people all around us and we have a responsibility there.

So the Lord spoke to me in that area to be more willing and to dedicate my life to that. Pray for me. Amen.

Every day we meet them and they're on their road to their eternal destiny. Every day we meet them. Jesus said behold I come quickly.

Blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book. Again he says and behold I come quickly and my reward is with me to give every man according as his work shall be. Did Danny Troyer have any idea that he would not get out of the bed he was able by his own strength to enter? Did he realize? When we think of that little dot and then the even smaller dot of my own life.

Jesus says behold I come quickly. I urge you today don't just write this off. God forbid if you should just leave this service with a sneer or a snicker.

Don't you write this off. Jesus said behold I come quickly. I have sent my angel to testify unto you these things in the churches said the Lord Jesus.

Revelation 22.16 I am the root and the offspring of David the bright and the morning star. God bless you. We love you.

We are grateful for what God is doing. But this is just another one of God's steps in taking us on. So thank you and thank you Lord for the word today.

Thank you for sharing. Brother Ron do we have a song we could have at this time and we'll have some more now.

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