

Witnessing for Jesus

by Arthur Blessitt

The most important thing in the world is sharing Jesus Christ with others, and we can overcome our intimidation and be bold in sharing Christ using creative ideas and the work of the Holy Spirit.

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Description

In this sermon, the speaker shares a personal experience of being given an unexpected opportunity to preach during a movie screening. He uses this moment to talk about the importance of witnessing for Jesus and sharing the gospel with others. The speaker emphasizes the excitement and joy that comes from sharing the message of salvation, even in unexpected situations. He encourages listeners to always be ready to share their faith and to rejoice in the Lord, regardless of the circumstances.

Transcript

Are you ready to go tonight? Oh, you don't know what I'm going to do tonight, do you? Everybody's waiting. We had a Jesus cheer last night, but let's get more conservative tonight, okay? I didn't wear my blue jeans. I dressed up real nice for you.

We'll get a little more conservative. Let's stand up, okay? And we're not going to do anything wild like a Jesus cheer. All I'm going to ask you to do is just raise your hand and say, Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Let's try it one more time.

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord. Glory to God. Amen.

Oh. Just turn around and tell somebody you love them, okay? You love them. I love you, preacher.

I love you. And I love you. God bless you.

All right. You can stop. Hold it, hold it, hold it.

Don't get too carried away. Some lady back here behind me, I heard her say, This is getting to be fun. You can be seated.

It is really wonderful to be here in the middle of this fabulous ice storm. Isn't that great? I mean, I am so excited. It's great to be outdoors just to see the living Christmas trees, right? Those trees just glistening there in the lights.

Ice all over them. I grabbed some ice off of one coming in here tonight and had me an icicle on the way into the church. It's just great.

What a beautiful day. And don't you ever say how terrible or try to pray God out of sending this beautiful ice storm. So many people, Well, if we had a better day.

Hey, this is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad. I never have heard them counseling a football game because it's snowing up in Minnesota.

Have you? They're just getting the snow all over them and still rolling those old balls. I can get excited about all this ice. I remember carrying the cross one time in Italy and it was just doing this.

And I was in the mountains and there was no place to spend the night. And it was cold, wind blowing, freezing, and raining. And I had icicles, you know, forming and cold.

And another guy, Mike Upton, was walking with me and we tried to wrap up in newspaper and it didn't do any good. And finally, I mean about midnight, it is so cold. And I'm just literally shaking and just trembling.

And Mike said, I think we're going to die of shock, you know. And I said, I don't know. I said, Lord, remember you said in the book of James, Elijah prayed and it rained not for seven years.

And he prayed and it rained. And I said, Lord, like Elijah, in the name of Jesus, stop the rain and the wind. And there was a flash of lightning and a big old thunderbolt rolling and it rained twice as hard.

I said, I love you anyway. A little water isn't going to drown me out. Bless that poor farmer that needs his crop watered.

I got to take it so he can get blessed. But that's how I feel about serving God is whatever God sends our way, it is good. Rejoice in the Lord always.

And again, I say rejoice. That rejoicing is to be constant. Our lips are to praise Him and thank Him in all things to the Lord.

Now today, I want to share with you about witnessing for Jesus. And when I say that, many of you are going to kind of get a... Oh, here we go again. Always supposed to be a witness.

Now we're going to talk about the most important thing in the world and that is sharing Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords with somebody else. But we're going to be excited about doing it tonight. Just like I'm excited about finding the cross.

Did they really call that magazine? And what did they want? Well, if they lost it, bless poor Southwest Airlines, I'll fly them out of here. It's not their fault. You know, just don't know what to do with crosses, I guess.

But anyway, I can't wait to get downtown. We've had a good day today. I mean, at the high school and then with the men and then somebody's business down there.

And people have been saying, Hey, did you realize that's about the worst sinner in town? What a great guy to me, you know. We've been having a good time today with saints and sinners. So if you've got any in town you know of, send them downtown tomorrow.

There was one fellow that came today and to the meeting late this afternoon, brought a friend along, called him up and said, Listen, I've got something I want you to see. And the guy thought he was on a business deal looking at land. Now, that's the truth.

I think the brother may be here now. He got his buddy to come. The guy didn't even know who I was.

And he comes in and he's using some real nice language there and some of the Christians nearly faint. You know, that guy thought he was in there in an oil company, thought he was a business deal of some sort. And the guy finds out I'm the one carrying the cross.

He's doing what? And, oh, we had a great time. So tomorrow, I mean, call them up and say right out there in front of the Hilton, I think they've hit something. There may be oil out there.

There's something good in that park out there. Man, get all these little oil guys out there looking with their old checkbooks trying to buy that piece of land and we'll get them saved, okay, tomorrow. And all these ladies, y'all come out there with us tomorrow.

If you can, doesn't matter if it's raining, storming, sleeting, snowing, sun shining, we're going to give the devil a fit in downtown Midland tomorrow. And it's going to be dangerous to be lost. I mean, if your husband's lost, say, honey, I want to go shopping downtown about 3 o'clock.

Why go out here to the mall? I want to go downtown and get them walking around those streets tomorrow and we'll pick them off. It'll be great. And those of you getting out of school, you come on down as soon as you can about 3.30. We'll be meeting again down in that center area wherever it is and start out here at the church, carry the cross in here tomorrow night and then no telling what we'll do Saturday morning.

We'll take it one day at a time. I want to carry it right in the middle of that mall. I don't know, whatever.

We'll just hit it wide open. Some of the businessmen said, man, I'll bail you out of jail. I said, well, will you go with me to jail? Yep.

So no telling what we'll do Saturday. We'll announce it tomorrow night. But I want to talk and share with you about communicating Jesus Christ in the world.

How many of you are saved? Raise your hand. Hundreds of you. The others of you will soon be saved, we pray tonight.

But there are hundreds of us saved here tonight. Now I believe everybody that's saved has the want to tell others about Jesus because I believe it's impossible to be saved without caring for the lost because when you're saved, who is in you? The Holy Spirit of God. Christ is in you through His presence.

And what is the desire of the Holy Spirit? To bring others to Jesus Christ, that they might be saved. What is the desire of Jesus? Jesus said, I have come to seek and to save those who are lost. So the desire of the Spirit is for the lost to be saved.

The desire of Jesus is for the lost to be saved. The desire of God the Father is for the lost to be saved. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son.

So God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit desires for the lost to be saved. So if God desires it and His presence is in us, our inherent desire is to tell others about Jesus. But the devil has done a big brainwashing job on us.

He's given us the impression that outside the four walls of a church there's old grizzly bears out there that'll devour us every time you mention the name of Jesus. Hadn't he intimidated us this way? You go to class with somebody, you work on the job with somebody and they're fine and you enjoy being around them. You start to witness and suddenly you think they're a lion and you're a little pussycat and you say, I can't do it.

I'm scared to death. I tonight want to share with you to help you get free to do what the Holy Spirit wants you to do. Now many of you have used your mind trying to figure out where there's oil all around here.

You've used your mind to figure out how to do one thing or another. I believe God put our mind in us that we might use creative ideas and use our mind, our heart, and the work of the Holy Spirit to share Christ with everybody. I believe everybody will listen to Jesus if we are concerned and sincere enough to share Christ with them.

Now I'd like to just start out by trying to help those who are timid. Now I'm sure that there aren't any in this church, right, that are timid. Have you ever visited another city? I've lost my Jesus stickers.

Where are they, Joel? Can you get me some Jesus stickers? Just bring me the whole row. Oh, here they are. I knew I'd never go without a sticker.

Now this witnessing is designed for those who are timid. Some in Odessa, I hear, are timid Christians. None in Midland.

So tomorrow, if you are a timid Christian and you say, I want to tell others about the Lord but I just don't have the, I just can't do it. All you've got to do tomorrow, now we brought 3,000 Jesus stickers tonight so everybody could get one. And what we'd like for you to do tomorrow is don't be a fanatic, okay? Don't be fanatical.

Peel the sticker off slowly. And just take the sticker when you go to work at the bank or at your oil office or there in your high school or at the university, wherever it is, calmly place it on the end of your nose and just go about your daily business and just stand there serving customers or anybody else that comes in. And it won't be long till somebody says, did you know there's a red thing on the end of your nose? And you just say, I'm sorry but I'm a timid Christian and I have a hard time witnessing for the Lord.

And I thought this way, I'd somehow let you know. Now, some of you are sitting out there saying, that is stupid, that's dumb. I can witness better than that.

Then do it, alright? You got caught, didn't you? If you've got a better plan for winning your office to the Lord, do it. I'm not saying you've got to put a sticker on your nose, but if you can't think of anything else, I mean, if you're so embarrassed you won't go around your neighborhood and tell them how to be saved, then just put a big balloon over your house and say, we're embarrassed but we're saved. And the neighborhood will find out somehow we've got to get loose enough to let the Word start spreading that

Jesus Christ is alive.

I love these little red Jesus stickers. I devised them years ago to give out in Hollywood, back in the back alleys and all where the drug addicts and drug dealers are all dealing drugs and everything. And I'd go down in the alley and I'd say, hey man, y'all want some reds? And they'll say, yeah.

How much are they? I say, free, got paid for 2,000 years ago. They don't drop very well, but they sure stick. You can just get out and share Jesus Christ everywhere.

Now, sometimes you say, well, if I was carrying a cross, like Arthur Blessed, I'd have a way to witness, but I'm not. Sometimes you can carry a cross and they don't even know what you're talking about. I was carrying the cross through England and a news reporter was writing a story and the photographer took pictures and was ready to take the pictures and there were two guys walking with me.

And as the photographer got ready to take the picture, he said, would you mind standing there holding your cross with your two disciples on either side of you? I said, no, no, they're not my disciples, they're the Lord's. He said, pardon me, would you have your two Lords stand on either side? I was in Northern Ireland and you know they've been fighting in Northern Ireland for more than a decade. I mean, they're just fighting and killing and there's barbed wire everywhere and roadblock barricades they put up and all kinds of children growing up in the middle of these wars.

And I was giving out the Jesus stickers and I'd stuck them around and one day one of the students went to school and he was wearing a Jesus sticker and his teacher saw it and she said, what is that you're wearing? She thought she'd get a witness out of him. She loved the Lord. He said, oh, it's a wee badge, he said.

And she said, well, where did you get it? He said, oh, some guy stuck it on me. And she said, well, what was he doing? He said, I don't know, dragging half of a barricade down the road. But we've got to in this world communicate, right? If we're not communicating and getting the message through, no matter what we're doing, it's in vain.

I think the preacher read there when I put the Jesus sticker on Billy Graham last Sunday night. Some of you all were telling me about it. I was in Northern Ireland and Billy Graham had called and wanted me to take him out to meet with some of the people, the IRA and the Protestant leaders.

And I had been over there a long time and knew them all, so I agreed to arrange these meetings and take him out. But nobody, no bodyguards, no news media, just quietly. And then the next day he could have a press conference, but we were just going along.

And I remember getting out and he said, man, he said, this is your territory, not mine. I'd never been out in anything like this. What do I do? And I'd stuck a Jesus sticker and he'd put a Jesus sticker on and he stuck it somewhere down like that and I was giving him a strip of stickers to witness with and tracks.

And we were putting them in the pillboxes where the British troops were and zigzagging down through the middle of the battlefield. And I saw his sticker down here like this. I said, hey, you don't put your sticker down there.

You've got to put it right here. And he said, why? I said, you see, if one of those snipers decides to shoot you, he'll zero in on the red dot and if he hits you here, it'll take you all day to die. If it's right there, you'll go

like that.

He put that sticker up there like that. He never took it off. He kept looking around.

We were going down the road and he said, do I see guns up there on top of that building? I said, yep, they're looking at you, but they won't hurt you. I told him you were coming. But I remember going into Australia and as I went into Australia with a cross, they had a quarantine on wood products.

You can't just bring wood into Australia. And the customs officials had me stopped. And they said, what is it? I said, it's a cross.

They said, it's made out of wood. And I said, yes. They said, it'll be 21 days quarantine.

Where'd you come from with it? I said, Fiji and Western Samoa, American Samoa. He said, we've got to quarantine it. And I said, well, let me talk to the head man.

So they got the main man out and I'm trying to talk to him. And as I said last night, my motto is, if ever in doubt, preach. So they're fixing to take my cross.

And I said, they're waiting right outside the news because I'm going to walk across Australia. And they started to take the cross. I said, let me share with you, Jesus Christ died on the cross for your sins.

And He rose again. And He ascended into heaven. And He sent the Holy Spirit.

And the Holy Spirit is convict of sin, righteousness, and judgment. I've been carrying this cross around the world. I've seen thousands saved around this cross.

I said, you take the cross in that customs room. And I said, God's Spirit's going to get you. In 21 days, I said, every one of you will be saved.

He said, just take it on in. Sharing Christ. I was on the airline and I was ready.

I got so tired of hearing those stewardesses say, in case of an emergency, this gizmo will drop from the top. Grab it and breathe normally. Have you ever thought how normally you'd breathe if that thing's heading down? And so I was set.

And the stewardess said, in case of an emergency, I hollered, pray! Pray! She said, would you mind restraining yourself? I said, if this thing starts down, we're going to need more than oxygen. She said, do you think it might? One night I was asleep on the plane and it was kind of a milk run, stopping at all these different little airports. And I was asleep on the plane and the stewardess shook me and she said, what is your final destination, sir? Well, you know me, I told her and she liked to drop her chart.

I think we've got to start having a Jesus vocabulary, sharing, talking about Jesus. I don't understand why people think it's so abnormal to witness. I was in a restaurant a while back and I sat down to eat.

And I was as backslidden as I could. I had a pocket New Testament in my pocket and my tracts and everything in my pockets and reading the newspaper. And this man, I'd never seen him in my life.

He rushes up and he said, who won? I said, Jesus. He looked at me. He said, no, no, who won the ball game? I said, they don't excite me, but the Lord does.

He said, you're weird. Now, he didn't think he was weird. He thought I was.

See, somehow we've got it all messed up. We thought it's abnormal to share about the Lord Jesus Christ. But I want you to know that I believe God can use anybody.

And God wants to use everybody for His glory. The Lord, several years ago, set me free and really changed some ideas in me through a little lady who called me on the phone. I'd been on a secular television program in Los Angeles.

And this was about 12 years ago, 13 years, 14 years ago I guess it was, back in the late 60s. And this lady called on the telephone and she had this high little shrill voice and she said, my name is Miss Bean. Bean.

And she had this spidly little voice and I could picture a string being. And I was tickled. And she was going away and she said, I saw you on TV and I want to come down there and help you save the hippies.

And I said, oh, well, thank you, God bless you, pray for us. She said, no, I want to come down there and help you and I'll be done, tell me where I can find you. And I said, just pray for us, God bless you.

I said, do you love the Lord? I tried to put her off and I just pictured a little old lady that wasn't really hip for the sunset strip and Hollywood, it just didn't seem she fit. And I just put her off and put her off. Finally, nothing do.

God told me to come down there and I said, well, Friday night, you can just bring some pies. Cook up some pie and cake and bring it down. We give out free food to the hungry on the sunset strip.

Just bring it down. You know, here I am relegating her to the little pies because I figured that's all she could do. We didn't get her in our building down there and boy, she'd likely get stoned.

So on Friday night, I forgot all about her and I hear somebody rap on my door and says, are you in there? Ah, you're blessed. And I was, I just, I thought, oh Lord, forgive me. I think that is a skinny little frill lady.

And her, Ms. Bean, and I said, is that you, Ms. Bean? She said yes, so I opened the door and I told this in her presence so I am not talking behind her back. I mean, she is terrific. You'll hear the story, the rest of it in a moment.

I mean, opened the door and there is the skinniest little lady I've ever seen. Most people in her shape would be in the hospital being fed intravenously. She is just bones just zap and she's standing there grinning from ear to ear with a big old Bible in her arm and I said, you are Ms. Bean? And she said, yes.

And I mean, I was just tickled and I said, are you just like I pictured you? And she just, I love you, Arthur, bless you. And she just grabbed me and gave me a big hug and she had her dress all the way down to her ankles, you know, little long kind of widow woman looking dress and I, oh, nobody on the strip was dressed like her and I said, did you bring the pie? She said, yes, I sure did. She said, I'll go get somebody to help me.

And so I walked, she just wheeled around, walked into our main room and we had a place called His Place on the Sunset Strip. Drunks, winos, drug addicts, motorcycle riders, real grubby crowd. And she walked in there, a couple of old biker guys were sitting down.

She walks up, she said, get up, boys, and come follow me, let's get the pies. I thought they were going to stomp her. They get up, follow her out.

And I'm standing there with our staff just, I said, they'll kill her. They'll kill, I don't know. I was apologizing.

She called me on the phone, wanted to do something. She's wanting to get pies. In a minute, she walks in and these big old guys, one guy was named Treetop, six foot seven inches tall and his hair stood straight up.

He comes in, they got pies down their arm like this. Walk in, set them down, and she says, all you boys and girls, sit down. Boy and girls, everybody sits down.

And she goes around and serves them a napkin. We only bring in, we got day-old bagels and food, day-old food the Jewish bakeries gave us. And they just come up there, they eat that old stale food, they're drunk and stoned anyway, and so it didn't matter.

And she's got them holding napkins in the floor. She went around serving them and she'd say, she'd say, you ought to get a haircut. Did you know that? You look like a girl.

Get a haircut. I mean, I'd never seen, I just knew they were going to kill her. Did you know everybody just sat there and looked at her? And she went running around there and she served everybody and she just stood over there and when they finished eating, she said, now get up and put your napkins over here in this trash can.

And they all put their napkins in the trash can. And then she said, I'm going witnessing. And she started out with this big old Bible and these two old biker guys, including Tree Top, that had been with her.

Hey, listen, better go look after that old lady, you know. And they trail out behind her to be her bodyguards down the Sunset Strip while she goes giving it. Let me tell you, that lady was a tiger for God and is.

I got down on my knees that night. I said, God, forgive me. Forgive me.

I heard a thrill, little voice. I see an older lady who comes in with a long dress to her ankles and all these cool chicks on Sunset Strip and all these biker guys and grooving guys and I don't think there's anything for her but baking pies. That lady is a legend in Los Angeles.

She is now the chaplain to two, three juvenile halls in Los Angeles. She has a badge that says Maul Bean for like Mama, Maul Bean. She goes to the prison.

She has a home that she brings in prostitutes who are converted to live in. The Chamber of Commerce out in her area voted and underwrote her building for a long time. That lady is a living legend.

They've had her on Real People and all these other kind of television programs. But Maul Bean, who went out for the first time she'd ever done this, when she came here, she had never done anything like that. She heard me say on television, God needed workers and she felt in her spirit, God, You've spoken to me.

I'm going to answer Your call. And she is a legend. Thousands of people, oh, thanks to God, their salvation to Ms. Bean and the work of Jesus Christ.

God will use you. I mean, He calls those who are able, but I think if you reject Him, He reaches down and gets somebody else like me. Some of you say, Arthur, you can't hardly preach.

Well, you can see how hard up God is because He probably called you years ago and He'd be using you. But I'm just free to volunteer so He has to use Jesus' junk, I call it. But by His glory, He empowers us.

There's a man in Hollywood, his name was Ron Bozart, ran five nude nightclubs on the Sunset Strip. Classy Cat, the phone booth, the extension, I mean, on and on. And eight years I witnessed to that man.

I preached on the stage in that nightclub, Classy Cat, everyone, all five, I'd be in witnessing to him. He'd say, Arthur, get up there and take five minutes and tell them about the Lord. He'd try to get me off of him to talk to them.

And I'd stand up and preach and I'd say, everybody who wants to get saved, meet me over here at the corner of the bar. And year after year after year, we saw dancers, bartenders, and managers converted and who are now in the ministry. As a matter of fact, the Dean of Theology who just died this year, Dr. Corbin of Oral Roberts University, his daughter was the topless dancer on the Sunset Strip, had turned away and at night, I didn't even know who she was, teaching Bible studies behind the stage.

That girl committed her life to Jesus Christ and finally called her dad, changed life. She sang when I preached at Hell's Angels funeral and she is now in full-time gospel music, has a brand new album out. I mean, gloriously living for God.

But I kept preaching to Ron, witnessing to him. Finally, I came in from an overseas trip of carrying the cross. And when I'm gone from Hollywood, they just think you're off on a tour.

They say, how was your tour, Arthur? Because they go off on tours and they come back or they go off six months, make a film, come back. So when I come back, I'm back and Ron comes to me and he said, Arthur, he said, I want to get married. It's about time, Ron.

He said, well, I want to marry Jerry and want you to marry us. I said, Lord, if he'll marry us, we'll get married. I said, well, I'm leaving day after tomorrow.

It takes at least three days to get your license in California. And anyway, we started calling around and figured out how we could do it still legal and we did the legal wedding. But he wanted to get married in church.

And I called my pastor and I said, I want to use the church building Sunday. I'm leaving Monday and Ron Bozart wants to get married. He said, isn't that that guy down in... I said, yes, runs those clubs.

But I said, listen, he wants to get married and we're going to get him to church. And he said, Arthur, I don't know. The church might get upset.

I said, don't tell the church. Just tell me. It's okay, preacher.

And don't even announce it. Just have the custodian open the door and we'll get him married. You don't even have to come.

I said, you keep everything theological and just let me preach. I'm after getting people saved, you know. I can't straighten out all the past marriages and everything else.

We've got to start from here. And so, anyway, we had the wedding called up. Man, I mean, we had a church about half full of topless dancers, old drunks and pimps and hookers and nightclub entertainment people and actors and actresses.

We had a great crowd. I mean, I might wave in bloody meat in front of a lion. I was ready for them.

And Ron stands up at the front with Jerry and I said, Ron, I said, you wouldn't mind before the wedding, really, if I just kind of explained marriage from the Bible point of view? Go ahead. Well, I mean, I started with Genesis and went through Revelation. And you give me an inch, I'd take a mile for God.

And I preached the Gospel and Ron and Jerry are standing there. I mean, he can't pawn me off on anybody else. And he's standing there committed.

I've got to listen. I'm right in front of their eyes. Preach the Gospel.

And finally I said, Ron, in front of God and before all these people, if you, and I know you do because I've witnessed to you so much night after night, year after year, if you will get down on your knees in front of this whole crowd and give your life to Jesus Christ. You don't have joy. You don't have peace.

And you'll have nothing until you have God. And He'll give you everything right now. And Ron, with tears running down his cheeks, got down on his knees and I said, Jerry, Jesus will change you too.

Shared with her. She got down on her knees and I got them married to the Lord and stood them up and then got them married to each other. I left the next day.

I told him, I said, can I have the preacher come visit you? Can I have any of my friends come follow you up? Let me tell the staff that you're saved. He said, Arthur, no. He said, I mean it with God, but somehow, and I don't recommend this, he said, I don't want.

I can't get involved in the church. I don't know. I mean business with Jesus though.

I said, Ron, will you do one thing? Will you read a chapter a day out of the Bible and say, God, tell me what you want me to know in that chapter? He said, yes. I was gone for a year overseas. Came back.

Went right back down to the nightclub which is now called the Comedy Store on the Strip. And I said, where's Ron Bozart? They said, hadn't you heard, Arthur? He's got religion, they said. I said, where is he? I called him up.

That man's on fire for God. Do you know what he's doing now? Pastoring a church in Mission Vallejo, California. He got to reading the Word of God.

God dealt with him. God got him out of all that. All those places shut down.

He is a new man. God will use any of you. God will raise you up.

Don't say, God, you can't do it. God, I am not available. God wants you.

He'll release you. You say, Arthur, you're dealing in all these extreme cases. What about the world that I live in? I believe this message tonight is perhaps the message that God can use to revolutionize this city.

And we'll start right now with what I really want to deal with. Your house. Let's just look as though I were teaching it.

Every one of you live in a home. How do you evangelize in your home? If I went to Africa... No, no, you're in your home. Next time the telephone rings, answer it.

Praise the Lord. This is Mary, or this is Arthur, bless it. God bless you.

Well, they'll hang up, and then they'll dial again. They think they got the wrong number. After three or four tries, they'll finally figure out it's you.

They'll say, what's happened to you? I love the Lord, and I dedicated my telephone to God, and I just want to greet you in the name of Jesus. Let me tell you, a greeting like that will change everything. Most of you answer the phone, Hello, John.

You know, oh, what a difference it makes. God bless you. This is Arthur, bless it.

And you'll have a witness right there through your telephone. Another thing you can do with your telephone is call people. Call them and tell them about Jesus Christ.

You read in the newspaper where someone has died or where somebody's been arrested or different things, call that person. And call them on the phone and minister to them in the name of Jesus. Another thing you can do with that telephone is start with A and dial all the way through to Z and tell everybody in the phone book about Jesus.

You say, well, I don't know whether that'd work or not. I'll tell you where it did work in the wintertime in January 1963. My wife and I were led by God to go to Elko, Nevada.

It's cold in Elko. Snow down below zero, wind blowing. Tried to knock on doors to start a church.

We were starting a church and nobody would keep their door open. Whammo, they'd shut it. My wife and I sat down hour after hour every day, eight hours a day.

We started with A and went to Z and whenever anybody would answer the phone, we'd check it off. When we shared Jesus Christ with them, if they weren't there, we'd dial back later and we shared Christ with everybody that had listened to us in that phone book. When we got to Z, we had a church, Calvary Baptist Church.

It's still there today and 18 missions reach out all over North. Phone book and called everybody in that phone book, led people of Jesus Christ, went over to their house, taught a Bible study. I'm telling you, go to work in the phone book, every one of you.

You know what we could do? Get everybody in this church to call everybody with your last name's first letter listed. In other words, everybody with a B, call everybody with a B in the phone book. Okay? And everybody with an R, call everybody with an R. Everybody in this city would get called many times and you just tell them, I am a Christian, I love the Lord and I feel like God wants me to call everybody in this phone book that's got my last name's letter and I want to tell you that Jesus Christ loves you and that you can know Him as your Savior.

And ask Him, if you died right now, do you have the assurance you'd go to Heaven? What a way to witness. Don't say the weather's too bad. You've got a telephone.

Use it to witness and if you don't know anything else, just dial 0 and talk to the operator. It'll take them a month before they disconnect you and then you can go down to a pay phone and give them a dime and they'll give it back just for witnessing to them. There's no way to stop you.

If you don't know anything else to do, talk to the operators. I've shared Christ with so many phone operators that know Jesus Christ out of L.A. many times. I'm making a call and they'll say, thanks brother, bless it.

You know, they know the word spread around that exchange. You know, that's the guy that's always witnessing to us. It's fun to share the Lord.

I mean, it revolutionizes your life. Every time I go down to the bank, I hide the gospel tracts in the money. Or either, if it isn't enough money to cover it, I'm there and I'm sticking them everywhere.

And when I get through, they say, where is it now? Where is it now? You know, I've done something. I love to put out Jesus stickers and tracts. I get downtown witnessing and sometimes these old winos, they don't want that now, and I say, that's alright brother.

And I talk to them. I'm a put pocket. Some people are pickpockets.

I can put ten tracts in your pockets and you'll never know it. And the guy I get home, where did this come from? And the guy will say, oh, I don't want any of those things. I say, it's alright.

And I just slap one on his back as I walk away. You know, I can just, boy, you can deal those things and get a witness in. But your house, what about your house? Everybody ought to have a little tract rack by your door so that there's a little rack there that you put Bibles in, Gospel tracts, Gospel material for all the door-to-door salesmen and anybody else.

So I wish those people would stop bugging me. Next time somebody comes to your house, I mean, you're set for them, right? Got all this Gospel material there. You're saying, God sent somebody to my door.

And they knock on your door, say, I'll take five minutes if you'll give me five minutes. Tell me anything you want, I'll tell you what I want. Okay, they'll say, they never heard that proposition before.

And you listen to what they're saying and say, now, listen, I've listened very carefully to what you've had to say and I've got something I'd like to give you and to share with you. If you died right now, where would you spend eternity? Jesus Christ died for you. I mean, it'll be so much fun witnessing to everybody that knocks at the door.

When their doorbell rings, there'll be a foot race between you and your husband trying to get to the door first. It's fun. It's so exciting when something breaks down.

You just use it as a witness for the Lord. A while back, one of my tape recorders broke down and I had to take it to get it fixed. And the guy said, I need a tape.

I said, got one right here. And it was a sermon of mine, you know, so he could try it out when it got fixed. And when I went back to pick it up, I tried to witness to him.

He said, no, no. When I went back, he said, he said, it's working all right. He said, by the way, he said, is that Billy Graham or who was that preaching? I said, did you like the sermon? Yeah, it's really good.

I said, that was me. He said, you? I said, yeah. I said, did you do what it said? Are you saved? He said, no.

And I shared the Lord with him, prayed with him, he got saved. I ran around behind his counter and I took a pencil and I put a big circle right in the floor. And I said, every time you step in that circle, you remember, I got saved right here behind this counter.

I said, and you be a witness for Jesus Christ. And he put gospel tracts right there in his store, right by the cash register all the time. In Beverly Hills, there's a lady on Rodeo Drive.

They say it's the most expensive street in the world I mean, right there in her shop, she's got a whole table full of gospel materials. And I supply her all the time with Jesus stickers and she gives me sunglasses. These \$200 sunglasses.

Wow, you know. And they fold up these poor sunglasses. See, that's her mission, supplying me with poor sunglasses.

And I give her tracts and stickers. She's a tiger for God. I mean, we've gone into these plush private clubs in Beverly Hills with her.

She's got membership in a mall so she can witness. And to share Jesus Christ, she brings me in. And they turn me loose because, boy, that lady, she's a member and I'm her guest.

Go to town. Witness in your home. You can invite people to your house to eat for dinner.

In our home, Joel, we got kids all the time, don't we? Everybody in that neighborhood, nearly about anyone that comes in that house gets saved. It's just dangerous to be lost and come in our house, isn't it? And whenever Joel and them or Jenna, or whenever they bring somebody in that isn't saved, they're always, they say, oh, they're nervous, you know, because the rumors have it that if you get to the blessed house, you get saved. But it doesn't hold back the kids, does it? We'll have 20, 30 kids over at our house.

There's kids everywhere you look. And even at night, get up in the middle of the night and there's bodies all over the floor. My daughter's got older ones now.

She's 18, spending the night. I mean, you can use your house for an evangelism station. A few weeks ago, Joshua came to me and Joy, Joshua's 11, Joy's 13, they said, Daddy, some of the people in the neighborhood take their kids off every Sunday, up in the mountains or down to the beach.

They don't have any church. Daddy, we want to start a children's church. But you can't come.

And they've taken our backyard and the patio and made it into a church. Pool pit and everything. But I can't come to church.

I sat the other week and listened out the back window with it raised up till they caught me peaking. I wanted to hear Joshua's sermon. They're having church and got people, kids coming all over the area right there.

And after, I mean, they have singing, they take up an offering. They have got everything going. And they've got children's church in the backyard.

You ladies can invite people over to your home for a mid-afternoon tea and they come over and you share and then have a good gospel booklet or book to give to them and share Jesus Christ in your neighborhood. Your home in Bible reading and prayer can be an evangelism station. Your home will be a mobile evangelism tool.

See, every car, I think all the automobile dealers are saved because in every car they have a track rack right in the middle fit for these gospel tracks. Do you know some people put cigarette ashes in the track rack? And, but you just put the gospel tracks in there and it's just wide enough for these to fit. And when you get gas, you pull out one and you give them the money.

And then, I put the money under the track. Sometime, I have them try to pick it out. I say, you got to take it all, man.

Come on. You got to get it too. And when they're putting the gas in or maybe somebody else is putting it in the car, you run to the restroom and literature the restroom.

As a matter of fact, sometime, I get so excited, I unroll the toilet tissue and stick Jesus stickers and then rewind it. I don't know anybody that's been saved that way but they know I was there. And so, I mean, you can just go.

That car, you can pick up hitchhikers. I mean, every time you see anybody hitchhiking, I bet many of you in the old days made a vow to God. You was going to pick up hitchhikers and then you got successful and you forgot about them.

Pick up those hitchhikers. Worst thing that could happen was they'd send you to heaven. And once you accept that, don't worry about it.

Just witness and share. Pick them up. Take them on with you that you can share the Lord.

Did you know people want to be saved? People want to be saved. I can illustrate it. Last year, I was invited by First Assembly of God Church in Phoenix, Arizona, Tommy Barnett, pastor, to come and preach.

I said, Tommy, I'm on Trinity Television Network a lot right in Phoenix. I preach in Phoenix. If I come to your church, I said, we'll have a bunch of people come over there who've seen us all the time wanting autographs and let them stay.

I just, Tommy, it's no point. I want to preach to the lost. I just don't need to come back to Phoenix.

He said, Arthur, pray about it. Let's do something. Let's figure out something.

And we got to pray and you know what, we decided, we decided I'd come on Sunday, one Sunday, at five o'clock we'd have a Christian service where Christians could come, the church members could come, anybody could come, and then at seven o'clock you had to be lost or backslidden to get in the building. You had to have somebody with you that was lost or a confessed backslider that needed to get right with God or you couldn't get in the building. And we agreed that's the way we'd do the seven o'clock Sunday night service.

And, not that it would be a joke, the deacons were stationed at every entrance and asked everybody in the door, is there anybody in this group that needs Jesus Christ, needs to be saved or get right with God. If you didn't have anybody with you, they said, would you wait outside until after seven, if there's any room, you can come in. Turned them away.

Now, how many would you think we'd have on Sunday night? You've got to have somebody in need of Jesus to get in the building. We thought maybe it would be preacher and I and, you know, the choir couldn't even get in to sing if they didn't have somebody lost or in need of Jesus. Nobody, you can't get in the building.

If you want to come to church, come at five, but not at seven. On Sunday night, last November, last year, on the first Sunday night of the month, that church, as big as this church, or maybe bigger, bigger balcony, the church is packed full, and people are lining the walls, and we have over 300 people saved that night. And God's Spirit's moving, and they're saying, let's do it again.

Let's do it again. We decided right on the spur of the moment, we'll do it again next Sunday night. We went on for a month, four Sunday nights, Sunday night, sinners only.

And we had the lowest number saved, 300, the highest number, 600, from 300 to 600 saved. I got up on the last Sunday night I preached there, and I started to speak, said one sentence, we have the tape of it, I spoke one sentence, the Spirit of God moved on my heart, and I said, right now, there are people who want to be saved. You came here seeking God, you don't even need a sermon.

Right now, you want to be saved. Everybody who wants to be saved right now, stand up. And we had almost 200 people stand up and were saved and came to the altar, led them to Jesus, and I had them just sit down across the front, preached again, and we had another 200 saved after the sermon.

What I'm saying is, people are hungry to know God. Use that car. You know what people were doing in order to get into church? They were driving up and down the street, trying to find somebody.

They were going to 7-Eleven stands, root beer stands, driving up and down the streets, trying to pick up drunks. There was a whole string, not a mile away from the church, where prostitutes walked up and down the street, and they'd come by there. And I remember one night, two men got two prostitutes, paid them \$50 a piece to come to church, and both of them got saved.

I mean, they were after the launch. They'd say, I need somebody that's a sinner to flow. I can get in church.

Will you come with me? And they put those cars to work. I tell you, if every one of us tomorrow night would be out there driving around this town, calling people, saying, I'll come get you, instead of coming two to a car, fill it up, make two or three trips, get the people, use your car for the glory of God. Another thing is right in your shopping center, the beauty parlor, the laundromat, go put tracks in the dryers, and they'll bring them home by the armload when they get the laundry out.

There's always materials that lay around the laundry rooms, the hair salons, the dentist office, doctor's office, and there are these magazines, most of them pretty dirty or cruddy, take some gospel books and material and lay them down there. And then if it is at your doctor's office or dentist or someone like that, tell them, I'm putting some good Christian books in here. And if they're gone next time, say, hey, listen, I'm one of your paying customers now, I want these gospel things in there.

Give God at least half the space you've given the devil's crowd over here, and you can use that as a witness and testimony for the Lord Jesus Christ. Everywhere, whenever you're doing this, a friend of mine in Louisville, Kentucky, who's a dentist, and after he gets their mouths pried open and dead so they can't talk, he tells them how to be saved. And one of the national TV programs came down and filmed him recently, because so many people have been saved.

I mean, he gets there, he just preaches to them, he doesn't care whether they come back or not, he wants them to get in. And the guy isn't out of business, he goes all over the world, takes off two, three months a year preaching, going to mission fields, relieving hospital doctors, because God blesses his business, but he's a sole winner for God. Use your life, your testimony out there, everywhere you are, when you're in the presence of Jesus, they'll all move out of the way and you'll be at the front of the line in no time.

And when you get ready to pay the check, hand this tract to them and say, I'd like you to read this just a moment, shares about Jesus Christ, and you write real slow. Have you read it yet? And write that. People will be saved in the grocery line.

They'll be saved in the supermarkets. They'll be saved everywhere. People send all these postage will-be-paid-by return envelopes to you.

Don't they send all this old junk mail? You say, I got on every junk mail list in the world. I mean, don't complain anymore. Gather up all those postage will-be-paid-by envelopes.

Put them in a pile once a month. You stick in the Word of God. Lick it.

They pay the postage and you get high on the glue. And you can just, you can share the Lord everywhere. I mean, you'll be so excited.

You'll say, Lord, send me more bills so I can witness to more people. Every time you pay your bill, stick a track in and you can share Christ all over the country for the glory of the Lord. Some of you say, but Arthur, what about my job? How do I witness on the job? I got a boring old job.

Can you imagine somebody that does nothing but put on hub caps and automobile line? He's standing there every day. Bong, bong, bong. Bong, bong, bong.

Bong, bong, bong. All day. All day.

Then you say, do you love your job? Bong, bong. How could I love it bored to death? Listen, we get that guy all excited about the Lord and he changes. Whole change of his life.

Now every time he gets ready to put on a hub cap, he sticks a smile God loves you sticker in it and puts in a gospel track. Now he, bong, bring him on, bring him on, bong, bong, hurry it up, let's get him. Boy, I mean nobody under that guy is ready and can't wait to get to work because he knows one day some old dude's going to be driving down the Hollywood freeway and a tire blows out and the guy's mad and he gets off and kicks off the hub cap and out flutters the word of God and a little sticker says smile God loves you.

That guy, he's ready to go, to share. If we start using our minds, God will use us in every circumstance. Just another quick little brief word or two.

I remember trying to infiltrate this world for God. I love to witness in front of the porno stores. Do y'all have them here and you don't have any praise the Lord? That kind of disappoints me.

I don't have no good place to witness. No, keep them out. But in Hollywood we have plenty of them.

And I love to witness in front of these porno stores because what I do is stand there outside with like this near the door and guys kind of look and they start in. I say, hey, want to read something bad? I say, it's so bad they banned it from there. Really? What is it? I say, it's the word of God and they just nearly die.

You can, I love to go in the porno stores and we just infiltrate putting gospel material in and they say, preacher, don't come in here anymore. You're ruining our dirty books. And while I'm talking to the guy, we got others in there infiltrating, you know, getting the word of God in.

Sherry, whenever you do have a few bad magazines in town, don't you? Oh, you do? Okay, okay. Good. No, not good.

But whenever you see these old dirty books around 7-Eleven or whatever it is, you know, you're buying it right there where the newspapers are. Now, don't peek. But just kind of, just kind of open the cover up and stick a track in.

And stand there and stick gospel tracks in those old play boys all the way down to the bottom and then go home and pray. And some old backsliding Baptist will be driving through and get down there and buy him up a book, get in his hotel room, open it up, out flutters the word of God and it ruins his whole trip. But just every way we can, sharing, communicating Christ in Time Magazine, many of you may have seen it several years ago.

I went up to New York City, spent three months in Times Square preaching and it was on the publisher's page, this photograph. And we're only up there for three months and I really wanted to give the devil a fit. We needed an outreach station for a building to bring in new converts and I was preaching outdoors right there in Times Square.

And for three months, the police department, we got permission to do it. And so we opened this building and we were right between two topless nightclubs and I thought, man, we got to have a witness in here. And I thought, what do we do? Put up Jesus saves.

Get something better than that. So I started thinking and praying. And in New York they have peek holes.

You stand outside and there's a little hole and people peek in and then they go in. And so I blacked out the front of our building, more beautiful than any of the fronts of the others, and they had topless. And we put our peek hole about six inches higher than anybody else's.

And then we put totally naked and left one peek hole. Now, this is the truth. They lined up down the block looking in our little hole.

And people were, they, they get in there and they go. And it eased the way because what there was was a peek hole and when they look in, they're looking in a mirror and they see themselves. And it says, naked you stand before God.

Repent. And the editors of Time Magazine came down there to look at it. I'm telling you, we gotta get, we gotta get in and take over the devil's territory.

One day I was going down the street, I saw in a residential neighborhood, small town, a porno movie at a neighborhood cinema. And I went in, I said, to the lady I said, what is this? I said, let me share with you about Jesus. I tried to get her saved, she wouldn't get saved.

I said, if you won't get saved, the next best thing you can do is take that old porno flick out of here. A porno movie in the neighborhood, XXX. And she said, well, I can't do that.

I said, if you won't get saved and you won't take off the porno flick, the next best thing you can do is let me preach during popcorn time. She said, I never heard anything like that. I said, I hadn't either, but let's do it.

And I said, do something, you need to do something for this community. You're messing it up and you won't get saved or take this off. She said, tomorrow night, you got it during popcorn time, five minutes.

I said, I'll be there. Next night, I came back. I've got the photographs.

As a matter of fact, the newspaper, it was in the newspaper. Couldn't believe it. I drive up with my wife and three other friends and they've got up there, the name of the movie was Made in Sweden, M-A-I-D, XXX.

And under it, it said author blessed. And here was the local newspaper today. They had a picture and they wanted to get there.

I said, wow, okay, here we go. And, uh, and so we get ready. And she said, now you go in there just in a minute.

She said, I'll, I'll put on the spotlight just as soon as the reel goes off. You got five minutes. If you don't shut up, I run the film anyway.

Turn the lights off and you'll be standing up there. And, and I didn't know what in the world do I say during popcorn time. And so we walk in there just before the reel goes off.

They flash the light on. People are starting to stand up to get in the popcorn line. And I step up on stage and I said, ladies and gentlemen, you've been watching the movie tonight, The Maid in Sweden.

I want to talk to you about The Maid at the Well. And it's in John 4. I didn't tell them that. And I said, there was this chick who was really having problems and was shackled up with a guy.

And, and there, they think I'm a live comedian fixing to tell a dirty joke. And everybody sets back down in their grinning. And finally I said, and Jesus said to her, and I started preaching.

Oh. And, and people set froze. Nobody got up till the lights went off.

You know, I, I preached five minutes, gave an invitation, and then got to the door to catch them leaving. I mean, they exited. And there was about seven that stayed.

And the lady said, the bank president's one of those that's sitting there huddled down in his seat. But we got in there and shared the Lord. One day I was reading in the newspaper and, and, and had been watching television.

I saw this wrestling ad, and I'd remembered watching on television a wrestling match and went up in the mountains and was praying. Suddenly God spoke to me, I want you to preach during the wrestling match. And I said, okay, Lord, I usually don't tell anybody my ideas until after I've done them, because they never

do figure a little work.

And I went down, asked who owned the wrestling arena. He also owned the main event lounge there in southern California. Went down to see him, walk in, I said, where's Mr. Warner? They introduced me to him.

I said, I'm Arthur Blessed, and I'm a preacher, and I want to preach during the wrestling match. He said, you can preach any time, any night of the week, you can rent the auditorium, except when we're wrestling. I said, no, you don't understand.

I want to preach to the wrestling crowd. If I rented it, it would be a lot of Christians come. I want to get that crowd that's hollering, kill them, kill them.

He said, I never heard anything like that. I said, I hadn't either, but it beats the same old thing. He said, well, I'll have to think about it.

I said, you think about it, and I'll pray about it. He said, all right. And I bowed my head, and I started praying.

He thought I was going to pray after I left. He didn't know. Boy, you agree, I just take you up on it.

He said, okay. I said, oh, God, I pray, Lord. You'd send revival there in the wrestling arena, and people would get saved and help this man.

I prayed, and I prayed, and finally I looked up. I said, God told me yes. What did he tell you? He said, when do you want to come? And we agreed two weeks later to go to the wrestling arena.

They had an ad in the newspaper, everybody, and at the bottom it said, I mean, it just said the preacher, and nothing else, just the preacher. And we got there. Crowd's in there, beer drinking, peanut crowd, and I'm ready that we're going to have a song, and I'm going to preach before the match.

And he comes up to me and he said, author, I've changed my mind. You can still preach, but as soon as the wrestling is over, you preach. I said, nobody will stay.

He said, I know it. I said, no. And then I prayed, and God gave me a brainstorm.

I said, I'll take you up on it, and nobody will leave. He said, what are you going to do? I said, I'm not going to tell you. They wrestle.

Big old guy go boom, boom. Crowds kill them. And finally they get the last guy down, and you have to hold your shoulder down three times.

And the guy's going one, two, and I'd say, God, hold him down. And finally they went one, two, three, and the crowd's standing up cheering. They turn and start toward the exit.

I run in the arena, grab the microphone, and I say, now, ladies and gentlemen, the main event of the event of the day. The main event. Everybody runs back.

They grab their brochure. They start looking, and there's a roar, and everybody, I don't say a word, just stand there. Everybody quiets down, looking.

I said, the main event tonight, God versus the devil. I knew it wouldn't hold them long, but I made a run from Genesis to Revelation in five minutes, and I said, and I prayed, and I said, now, as you leave, all of you who want to be saved, come down to the corner of this arena. We'll meet you here, and you can meet Jesus Christ.

And we had seven people saved there at the corners of the arena. This world is ripe in every way. You witness for Jesus Christ.

When I was saved, the next morning I led my sister to Christ. Every kid on our school bus was saved before I was twelve years old, and two of them are pre-saved. God will use you children.

He'll use you men. He'll use you ladies, housewives, businessmen, everybody, to share Jesus Christ with somebody. Before we give an invitation and call for commitment, hear these words.

And Jesus said unto them, the harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of harvest, that He'll send forth laborers into the harvest. Dear lady, you can write a letter to a friend and tell them how to be saved and include the Word of God.

You can go down to the convalescent home, share Jesus Christ, to the hospital, in the streets, wherever it is, to be a living witness for Christ. Go to your next door neighbors and say, listen, we've been living by one another many years. You know I go to church, but I want to share to you something that's the most important thing in the world.

Can I come in and tell you what really means the most to me in my life? Sure, come in. Go in, sit down, open your Word of God and share with them about Jesus Christ. And then one last thing.

Everybody you share Christ with, invite them to pray. Ask them to pray right there in the home, on the job. Don't just say come to church.

They may never come to church. They may never come to invite them to Jesus Christ. Pray with them.

Right there. Many people I have never been prayed for. I like to every time I share, stop right on the spot and say, I want to pray with you right now.

And I pray for them. Share with them. Pray for them.

And then invite them to pray. And say right now, invite Jesus Christ into your heart. You say, but not everybody's going to be saved.

That's true. But lead them to God. It's not you convincing somebody.

It's not by might nor power, but by my spirit saith the Lord. Now there's one thing I know. And that is this city is not going to be saved inside this church.

Don't you believe that? I wish they were here by the thousands, but it will be reached when you go to them. That's what I'm On the job, wherever it is, and share Christ and pray with that man. Take that friend out to dinner.

Invite that friend someplace. Share with them. Pray with them.

Love them. Invite them to Jesus Christ. And then you invite them to your fellowship.

Share Christ. And then say, we want you to come to church. Bring them in.

People will follow you in. Not everybody that will be saved in this city will come to this church. There are other fellowships.

Some may be in. But let's see this city saved. You be the witness.

And I share with you this, that tonight, if we walk out of this building committed to do witnessing for Jesus Christ, in the next three days, we'll see hundreds of people saved. Hundreds of people. No limit on what God can do.

In a moment, when we finish the service, they put tracks out here. You got more than these, hadn't you? Just a little bitty dab here. We've got... Yeah, get more.

Oh, you have more. I told them that they've got gospel tracks. Here is some track the pastor wrote.

Have you heard the good news? And it shares the way of salvation and it shares a prayer for you to pray. I mean, for the person to pray to receive Jesus Christ. And what I'd like tonight is for everybody in this building that will, that feels God leading you to, to come by and take no more, if you will, than three tracks.

Take one or three gospel tracks. And tomorrow, on the way to work, at work, during lunch, after work, but before church, tomorrow night, within the next 24 hours, or tonight when you go by a restaurant, to whenever someone, you buy something, or a waitress serves you, you say, thank you so much. I'd like to give you this little pamphlet that lets you know that Jesus loves you and you can have Him as your personal Savior.

Now, can't you do that? Let's everybody just practice saying that. Let's just say, Jesus loves you. Are you ready? Jesus loves you.

Now, can't you say that? Is that, had you rather say, Jesus loves you, our McDonald's burger without the onions, our cut the pickles, which is easier to say, it's a whole lot better to say, Jesus loves you, isn't it? Now, next time you order something, tell them that. Jesus loves you. Now, there's a lot more to say.

And you know what? You'll find most people replying to that. They'll say, I hope somebody does. They'll say, and you say, Jesus does.

And this shares with you. Now, you can say far more than that. Jesus loves you.

Do you know Jesus Christ in your heart? Many other things, but I'm just saying, start off with that tomorrow. I would encourage you to take three. And the first one, just say, Jesus loves you.

The second one, say, Jesus loves you. And this shares with you how you can know him in your heart. And the third time, give it to somebody and say, Jesus loves you.

I'd like to ask you, if you died right now, do you have the assurance you'd go to heaven? That's, oh, I don't know. Say, let me show you. God loves you and cares about you.

Read through the track and give it to them. Give it to them. When you finish, invite them to come to the church with you.

Invite them to come hear the gospel. But first, invite them to Jesus Christ. How many of you would like to do that tonight? Well, take at least one to three tracks.

Would you raise your hand to give them out? Want to see that? Hundreds, several hundred people. I trust others of us even will decide to do that. It's the word of God.

Give it to somebody. You be the witness that God wants you to be and our lives will be revolutionized. Let's bow together in prayer.

Now, I know that there are many people in this auditorium that need to be saved. And you say in your heart, Arthur, I don't know the Lord. I haven't yet really committed my life to him.

I need to know him. I'm first going to give a call to Christians. And those of you who've never received Jesus, you just remain seated for a while.

I want to talk to those who are Christians. When I asked a moment ago, how many of you know Jesus? Hundreds of you raised your hand. I want to ask you with all the sincerity of my heart, how many of you are sharing Jesus with somebody? Don't raise your hand.

How many of you are actively witnessing for Christ and inviting men, women, and children to be saved? For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. I know most of you who are Christians have heard sermon after sermon about the love of God, about the lostness of the lost. I could have told stories and we could have cried and cried over the lostness of people.

And I believe that in our heart we recognize how lost people are. But God said as He spoke to Isaiah, Whom shall I send and who will go for us? And Isaiah said, Here am I, Lord, send me. Here am I, Lord, send me.

Now as I give each invitation, I try to say if you're right with God, just stay seated. Stay in your seat and pray. But I believe that there are many in this auditorium who have to acknowledge before God, Lord, I have not been the witness that I know I should be.

I'm not leading people to Jesus. I'm not witnessing the way I know you want me to. And tonight I want you to forgive me.

I want you to give me your love for the lost. I want you to put your fire in my heart. And I want you to set me free from the fears and the other things that abound me.

Tonight I commit my life to tell others about Jesus and invite them to be saved. Now those of you who need to make that kind of commitment to God, I need my life changed. I need to be the witness for Jesus.

And I haven't been. But tonight I commit my life to be the witness for Jesus He wants me to be. I'm going to pray and ask you then to stand up, those of you who need to make that commitment to Christ.

Father, I pray right now in this building that you would convict of sin, righteousness and judgment. May we be reminded of every Scripture verse that speaks of the horror of hell. And of every verse that speaks of life and life more abundant.

And we know your commission that we are to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every person. And God, I pray that you would set people free in this building tonight. That they will be empowered to

leave here as witnesses and soul winners.

And that tonight and tomorrow and in the days, weeks and months or years till Jesus comes, that we'll be in the harvest fields of God. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

The Bible says pray one for another. Those of you who have heard this invitation call and you know you need to get right with God and make a commitment tonight to tell your friends and this city about Jesus. And you haven't done it and you desire to start.

You want to be cleansed, empowered and set free. And you say, tonight I commit my life to tell others about Jesus. Will you stand right now in the name of Jesus to your feet? We want to pray for you.

Just stand. That's a solid commitment to God. Now if you're already committed to Christ, already witnessing, you stay seated and pray.

The others of us who will make that commitment stand up and we're going to pray for you. It's not a commitment to me. This is to God.

Lord, I know what you've said. I want my house to be used for your glory. I'm not telling you how to do it.

I want my car to be used for your glory. I want to be your witness in my shopping center. I want to be a witness on my job, in my work.

And I haven't been, but I commit my life now in the choir, in the balcony, all over this auditorium. We wait just a minute. We're not going to do anything to try to convince you.

If God's Spirit can't convince you, then there's nothing we can do, can do it. God's saying, just, we're just going to wait a moment and pray and just pray. Maybe the organist and pianist will just play just a little bit.

We're going to pray. You stand. I believe there are others that need to stand up in this commitment to God.

But we'll just let you visit with God about it, as to whether you will. Now, don't lie to God. Make a commitment to Him to keep it, and God will release His power in you.

Amen. I want us to pray together right now. Every one of us that are standing, it's a commitment with God.

You know what that commitment is? To do what He asks you to do in sharing Him with others. And I'm not going to ask you to make your way up to this altar. I'm going to pray for you right where you're standing, because what I want you to realize is that the step that's most important is the one you make toward that one who's lost.

In other words, tomorrow, or tonight, it's that step toward that other person that needs it. So you've stood in that commitment, but then you need to stand firmly in the commitment to follow through. My heart is so moved as I look on this front row, and nearly everybody on this front row of young people, 12, 15, 16 years old, are standing.

Oh, how precious. Young people hearing the call, answering, I was 15 when I surrendered to preach.

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