

# What Your Life Is About

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*The sermon emphasizes the importance of church planting and missions in reaching the unreached with the gospel and fulfilling the Great Commission.*

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## Description

In this sermon, the speaker encourages the audience to invest their hearts and minds in spreading the gospel to a world in need. He recommends two books, 'Revolution World Missions' and 'No Longer a Slum Dog,' which highlight the importance of missionary work and helping those in poverty. The speaker shares his personal experience of how reading 'Revolution World Missions' transformed his perspective on Christianity and led him to become involved in missions. He emphasizes the urgency of living for Jesus and making the gospel our passion, as there are people in desperate need of salvation.

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## Transcript

It's a blessing to be here with you this morning and just a privilege. I, you know, I have with me from our ministry Mike Johnson. Mike, you want to stand real quick and so I can embarrass him that way.

So we came up from Dallas to be at the Synod for the ADOTs and so it's just a blessing to be here. I was actually got to hear Father Dan Sher yesterday a couple times and I was actually really encouraged. I think, you know, this is the right guy and I actually got to first meet him in the General, or sorry, we call it a General Assembly at our church, Provincial Assembly, and I got to hear him share then about church planning and so I was just, when I realized that he was, you know, this was his church that was sharing it, I was actually quite excited.

So thank you for the privilege of being allowed to share the Word of God with you. And so just a little bit about who I serve with, Believers Church and Gospel for Asia. So basically what happened is how we came about is we actually started out as a mission organization by the name of Gospel for Asia.

Our founder is an Indian man by the name of K.P. Ohanian and basically served as a missionary, came to the U.S. to get a seminary education, and when God called him, you know, afresh to give his heart for the sake of the lost, he wanted to go back to Asia to plant churches in places where the gospel had never been preached before. But instead God said, look, you need to stay here and there's all these

missionaries that you know that are Asian birth and, you know, they're not Westerners and they don't have access to Western support, so why don't you help them in their ministries? Like one of them was literally selling his own blood in order to finance his ministry. And so he started doing that.

By God's grace, the ministry grew and we eventually changed from a support organization to actually church planting ourselves, training our own missionaries, sending them out. And, you know, we had seminaries throughout Asia and by God's grace we end up starting what's now known as Believers Church. And at this point in time, by God's grace, we have over 50 seminaries throughout Asia and all of our missionaries from the beginning have always been indigenous.

So it's Indians reaching India, Nepalis reaching Nepal, so on and so forth. And by God's grace, we're seeing over 10 churches planted every single day right now. And the vast majority of those in places where prior to our missionaries getting there, they'd never heard of Jesus before.

I remember a number of years back, this is probably about a dozen years ago, it was in the city of Hyderabad, which is a really well-known city. The English had been there for 200 years or whatever. And we went to this village that was just 15 miles outside of the city limits.

And the first Christian ever to step foot there had only gotten there two months before us. And so you're talking like in India alone, half a million villages still waiting for a Christian missionary, somebody to share the love of Christ with them, as we do, as in word and in deed. And so for us, the context of my world is a world where there's still two billion people waiting to hear about Jesus for the first time.

I know a lot of Christians think the whole world has been reached with the gospel, and that is so far from the truth. There's still so much of the world waiting to hear about Jesus for the very first time. And in fact, they estimate somewhere around 80,000 people die every single day in places where they've never even heard of Jesus before.

And since Jesus is the only way, that's not good news. And so our passion as a ministry, as a church, is how do we get that gospel to these people before it's too late, and do everything we can to see that happen. And I'm sure Father Dan would like this, and we found the only way to do that is to plant churches.

And it's the vehicle, the mechanism God's given us to reach people with the gospel. It's where disciples are made. It's where ministry is done.

It is the root of all ministry. Obviously Christ is, but from the human capacity. And so primarily if you would turn to 1 Thessalonians, we'll be looking at 1 Thessalonians.

And so for me, with the Word of God, there's two aspects. One is we learn of God. We get to know Him.

We see what He's like, and He speaks to us through His Word. It's a living Word. And with that is we also understand how we should live our lives in light of it.

It doesn't do us any good to be hearers of the Word, but not doers of the Word. And so for me, as we look at 1 Thessalonians, I really want to put this in the context of my world. You know, Fr.

Dan was teaching yesterday, and he was talking about church planting. And he's like, well, where do you see the message of church planting? He's like, this whole book. And so for me, it's like, where do you see

the context of missions? It's like, this whole book.

Which basically means, as well, as a missionary, you see a missions message in like every passage. But for me, the context of my world, you know, I was thinking about as we were driving up from the Synod up to, we stayed with George and Paulette, Ivy, last night. And I was just thinking, like, wow, there's another church.

Wow, another church. Like, wow, I mean, it'd be great to be able to meet, you know, this, and we could partner with people, whatever else, and just, you know, Mike made a comment, like, wow, there's so many churches. But I was, you know, sadly, and it kind of instantly, my mind started wandering.

And I can't tell you how many times I've been in Asia, and you will drive, and you get in a car, and you just, you'll drive. And the first thing you notice is that you never lose sight of people. There's just people everywhere, always.

Continuous stream of people, and alongside the road, and whatever else. And, but then, you begin to realize, I have not seen one sign of Christianity. I've not seen one church building, one cross.

I've not seen anything. And you can drive for hours upon hours, and you never see anything that is Christian, because there is no Christianity there. And I remember, I was in northern India talking to a missionary.

He said, oh, yeah. I said, are there any churches nearby? He goes, oh, yeah. We actually have one really nearby here.

He said, it's 20 kilometers in that direction. And we have another one that's 35 kilometers in that direction. And like, in his mindset, you know, so that's about 15 miles, I think, and, you know, about 25 miles.

He's like, oh, it's so close. And, you know, too, like in the name of Jesus, we think, you know, like here, it's so common that it's a swear word. You know, people just use a swear word.

But literally for us, and I've experienced this, but it's a very common thing for our missionaries. You go to a village, and you go, and you ask them, do you know Jesus? And they look at you, maybe scratch your head and think, and say, well, I know everybody in my village, and your friend doesn't live here. And maybe if you go down to the next village, you know, you might find him down there.

And we kind of laugh at that, but can you think of a sadder reality? I mean, like they, Jesus died for them, gave their lives for them, and they have no idea that he ever walked the face of the earth. And, you know, even like, I mean, like, you know, talking about Christian workers and things like that, you know, Father Dan and I were discussing, should I vest up or not, and, you know, this morning and everything else like that, and, you know, the aspect of clerical collars, and, you know, and he was talking about how when we get in, as a church, if we lose our sight of mission, we turn inward, and we start dividing over things. And for me, like, my experience with, you know, clerical collar or vestments, I remember we had one of our leaders visit us to stay in my house, and I said, you know, is there anything that I can actually get you personally? And I said, I really want to do this.

I know you're not supposed to receive any personal gifts, but can I get you something? And he thought about it, and he said, well, can you please, he said, if you want to get me something, what would be really helpful, he said, can you please get me a clerical collar? And he said, if I'm wearing a clerical collar,

they're much less likely to kill me where I labor. And he said, where I'm going out, I'm dealing with insurgents and all these people, and if I wear a clerical collar, they'll think of me as a holy man, and they'll be a lot slower to shoot me. And another brother, I was talking, you know, on the mission field, we wear cassocks, you know, like vestments.

And one of my brothers, or one of our leaders, a good friend of mine, when we first switched to wearing cassocks, you know, as normal, I said, well, how do you like it? And he said, I really don't like it that much. He said, it's super hot, and, you know, I don't really like wearing this. He said, but the amazing thing is that I can get my guys out of jail real quickly now.

He said, I would show up just dressed as a normal, you know, normal person, and it would take me three days before I'd get them to even pay attention. But he said, now I show up in a cassock, and I can usually get my guys out in three hours, because they respect me, they see me. And I mean, just think about that.

That's like your context for, you know, clerical collar or vestment or not is, you know, will I get shot or not? Can I get my guys out of jail? And so for me, that is the Christianity that I live and breathe in. And that's my brothers, you know, and sisters that I interact with, their lives. And so when we look at 1 Thessalonians in, you know, chapter 2, you know, it's interesting because we have three different passages here.

We have, you know, you look at Micah, you look at Matthew 23, and you look at 1 Thessalonians, especially with 1 Thessalonians and Matthew chapter 23, you see this contrast of life, of ministry. In Matthew 23, you see people who are in ministry, but their whole focus is self. Their whole focus is getting tension, getting love, getting respect for people to think well of them and, you know, to have authority.

But in 1 Thessalonians, you see this completely different thing. You see a minister whose whole life is about serving. His whole life is about laying down his life.

He basically, he's reached that place of Galatians 2.22 where he's crucified with Christ and his life is no longer his own. And, you know, in 1 Thessalonians chapter 2, you know, Paul lays this out. He says, for you remember, brothers, our labor and toil, we work night and day that we might not be a burden to any of you.

You know, as opposed to the Pharisees where they said, you know, they do as they tell you, but don't do as they do because they don't practice what they preach. They put heavy burdens on men, but they won't lift a single finger to help them. And I think as we, you know, as believers, we have to ask the question, you know, especially as Westerners, it's kind of inbred in us to compare ourselves to others.

And it's really easy to ask, okay, how am I doing Christianity? Am I doing it right? Am I doing it well? Am I really imitating Christ? And the natural easy thing for us to do is to say, well, okay, let me look at some liberal Christians. Let me look at people, you know, those people, they don't really know Christ. They're not really following Jesus.

You know, they're just completely living for the world and, you know, their doctrine, they're just basically in step with the world and everything else. But, you know, me, I have this good doctrine and I'm, you know, I'm going to church, I read my Bible and everything else. Or else we look at secular, you know, we look at the world around us and say, well, yeah, compared to my neighbor, I'm doing really well.

But really, we shouldn't have an expectation of our neighbor who doesn't know Christ to live anything like him. I remember when I first became a believer, you know, I just started just reading Christian biographies,

just started to bow. I'm like, this is so awesome.

It's like the heroes of the faith. And like, yeah, this is what I want to imitate. This is who I want to follow.

And we have to look at ourselves and ask this, are we actually setting our hearts and minds on imitating people? Paul said, imitate me as I imitate Christ. And, you know, Paul encourages the Thessalonians in saying, you became imitators of the churches of God and Christ Jesus that are in Judea, for you suffered the same things from your own countrymen as they did from the Jews. And, you know, for us, you know, for me, I'm always challenged by my brothers and sisters on the mission field.

And, you know, for the life that they live, because, you know, I think for me, they're people that we want to imitate. They're people that I, you know, if I can just live my life as they do. You know, it's when we, you know, with our missionaries, we have, like I said, we have over 50 Bible colleges throughout Asia, and we train our missionaries for three years.

And when we send them out, they're sent out with what's called a one-way ticket, meaning we lay hands on them, our leaders do, pray for them, and send them out to say, you know, dig a grave to where you're going. And if death is the price that you have to pay, then so do it in order to follow Jesus. When we baptize our believers, the first thing they hear as they come out of the water is, be faithful unto death, saying it's better to die than to disobey.

I remember I was talking to one of our leaders in northern India, and, you know, we're a missionary sponsorship organization as a mission organization, Gospel for Asia. So kind of like, if you're familiar with compassion and you can sponsor a child with us, we have missionaries, encourage people to sponsor missionaries. Well, I took him, one of our missionaries, because I knew the missionary worked in his area, his diocese where he worked.

And I said, do you know this brother? And he started laughing. He's like, yeah, I know this guy. He's super timid.

He said, can you believe it? He actually cried the first time he was beaten. You know, and, you know, he was laughing, but just think about that. Like, for him, that's his context.

Like, oh, yeah, the first time he was beaten. You know, it's like how many of us have actually been beaten for preaching the gospel? And would we, you know, imagine a Christianity where that is just so normal. You can actually laugh because one of your brothers actually cried the first time.

And for most of these brothers, what ends up happening, they say, you know what? I was afraid of being beaten, but the first time it happened, I realized it wasn't that big of a deal. And now I'm more convinced than ever that these people need to hear about Jesus. And so they become like Paul in that they begin to labor even more diligently in faith and in prayer and in sharing the gospel.

I remember another missionary I sponsored, he's in the state of Bhutan, can't share his name, but he was showing a film on the life of Jesus in a village. And he got arrested for that because you're not supposed to share the gospel in Bhutan. Went to prison and severe asthma.

And he's in this prison. You know, Bhutan is in the Himalayas, so it's high altitude. So at night, it gets so cold.

And all he had for bedding, or all he had for bedding, he had a board and a blanket. And Father Peter, who's a good friend of mine who oversees him, it was his, we called him Vicar General, he was the head of the diocese at the time. He said, well, what do you need? He said, well, another blanket would be good, but can you bring gospel tracts and more Bibles? He said, these people never heard of Jesus, and they can't arrest me anymore for sharing the gospel.

I mean, that was his priority. Think about that. I mean, like he's in prison, his asthma is dry.

He didn't even think to ask for an inhaler or whatever to help him or whatever because he was more focused on these people getting to hear about Jesus. And for us, this is just like every normal day life for my brothers and sisters like this. And they just go out sharing the gospel because they realize these people have never heard of Jesus.

And with Paul, the same thing. He's talking about people hindering him. His context is like, the gospel has not gone here.

These people don't know. They've never heard. And I love the ACNA, the Anglican Church's passion for church planning.

I love Father Dan's passion for it. Because for me, if you think about it, we can do everything as well as anything else. I mean, we can be perfect in teaching the Bible.

We can be perfect in our liturgy, in everything that we do, our theology. But if we don't lift up our eyes and see a world that's waiting to hear the gospel, we will never fulfill the Great Commission. If we don't, if the church doesn't make it its priority to reach the unreached, I mean, if you think about like the unreached world, there aren't Christians in it.

So who's going to go? It's not like you can say, oh yeah, I'm just going to reach the guy next door to me and then I'll reach the unreached. I mean, you guys need to be fervent and passionate about reaching the kula. Did I say that right? With the gospel.

But you have to realize, as a Christian that lives in a world where there's people unreached, we need to lift up our eyes and see that they're waiting. And it's amazing because what God's doing, you know, Paul goes on to talk about, he says, you are witnesses. God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct.

For you know how like a father with his children, we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. I mean, God is saving so many people. And he says, and we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

And so often, you know, God is testifying to his word and it's amazing how God's just, I mean, people are coming to know Jesus like never before. They said, we're seeing 10 churches planted every single day. And it's not because we're some great church or some great organization.

It's because God is moving in a powerful way to save Asia right now. I remember we had one missionary in Northern India. I'll just call his name Harry.

But Harry was basically a super timid, shy guy. I mean, you may be thinking, I don't have what it takes to be a missionary. This guy didn't have what it takes.

An introvert, you know, extreme and just didn't know what to do. He went back to a village and he's like, I don't know what to do. And he tried reaching out.

He tried sharing the gospel. Just it didn't work. He was, he was horrible at it.

So him and his wife decided to fast and pray. So they fast and prayed 40 days. And towards the end of that 40 days, a woman, you know, approaches him and said, I heard you're praying and that you're a praying man.

I have this sickness. Will you pray for me? And he prays for her. And God heals her.

And the next, you know, and this word gets out. She gives her life to the Lord. People can begin to get saved.

And next thing you know, you know, somebody else is like, hey, you know, my, my, my sister is possessed by an evil spirit. Will you pray for her? And he said, yeah, I'll pray for her. And you know, she gets delivered.

And next thing you know, all of these people are getting prayed for and delivered of evil spirits. And, and what's interesting is like they would go to witch doctors and they'd have these, these bands put on, you know, you know, they'd be bound with these bands that basically it's, it's, it's trying to bind good spirits to them. But they, for some, I don't, I don't understand how it works, but basically it's, it's, it helps these evil spirits be bound.

And so outside of, of Harry's church is this cross. And on this cross are dozens and dozens of these bands where people have been set free from demon possession. People have been healed.

And it's just amazing. We had one other brother, I'll, I'll, I'll call him Hubert to make it easy. Hubert went, he was in Northern India and he'd gone to this area, super poor areas, a village where basically these people had sold everything they had.

They moved from their village as a village to the city because they heard there were jobs in the city. Now, these are illiterate farmers. I mean, they don't know, not only do they not know how to work a computer, they don't know what a computer is, right? They don't know what a keyboard is or anything.

And so they end up just squatting in the, like basically creating a village outside of this city. And the only way for them to actually make a living was to send their children to beg. And their water was this nasty, I mean, the animals drank out of it, you know, and, and defecated in it and everything else.

And that was their water source. And there are all kinds of sickness and everything. So he goes in, he, you know, basically starts sharing the love of Christ with them.

And they'd never in their life heard that there was a God who loved them. They never realized they were valued. And so he ends up sharing, you know, he gets them a well dug there, clean water, they give their lives to the Lord, churches planted, you know, just amazing thing.

Well, our leaders come and say, we need you to move to another village. And he was so disheartened, he almost quit. And they said, you know, please just stick it out.

So he goes to this village and it was a group of people known as the Benjaras, very backwards people, very low caste. And he gets their same situation where they're only, they're only water source. And I actually visited this, this village.

It was a river, maybe about as wide as this church and just dark brown mud. And, you know, these people, because they were told their whole lives that they were, they weren't valuable. I mean, for generations and generations, they're the bottom of the caste system.

Their bottom basically told you are, your life is worthless. You're, you are nothing. And they believed it.

And so they didn't have any love for themselves, any sense of self-worth. So they didn't, you know, open sewage running through it. They didn't even finish their, their houses because they're kind of like, you know, we're basically the same as cattle.

Why don't my children need, you know, my, my children aren't worth putting a, you know, finish, finishing the roof and everything else over it. But, but Hubert came in and he just started loving these, these, these people. And he got them, he saw they were sick because of all the, the nasty water they were drinking.

So he got them water filters and their, their kids had no education, no access to it. So he got one of our Bridge of Hope centers, these centers that we, we, it's like a, it's like a child health centers and education and food and things along those lines. And started loving, loving them and demonstrating the love of Christ and end up getting a well there too.

And, and they came in and they're like, well, your, your God healed us. You know, they, they started, because they're getting clean water, they're like, they, they, all this sickness started going in, they're like, oh, your God healed us. Like, well, no, the clean water healed you.

They're like, yeah, but your God gave us this clean water. We want to believe in your God. Can you tell us about him? Who is this God? So he started telling you about this, this God who loved them, who gave his son for them.

And, you know, and, and he's praying for people. God, you know, God was healing people, people getting set free from demon possession. And pretty soon almost the entire village came to know Christ.

And you walk through and there's actually, you know, the, the, the, the sew, you know, open sewage is gone. You know, the houses are built. They actually, it's kind of funny, they graffiti down their houses, like happy Christmas and things like that.

And the gospel, you know, scripture passages and stuff like that. As you walk through the streets of this village and, um, and just completely transformed. And it was so transformed that nearby village leaders are like going, what happened to these people? And so they asked, they approached, can you come and can Jesus do in my village what he did to your village? Because we want whatever Jesus is doing to happen to us.

So he goes, he starts sharing the gospel. Next thing you know, he's planted five churches. And when I went there, I went to visit, um, our diocesan leader was with us.

And, um, and another village leader came because he heard that the, the vicar general, the diocesan leader was going to be there. And he basically came to beg for a missionary. Will you please send a missionary to my village? And, and I, and I talked to Hubert and he, Father Hubert, and he said, I've got 25 villages just like this, but I don't have any people to send it.

I can't, I can't handle the work myself. And so, so they're laboring like Paul is. And God is testifying as, you know, as he did back in Paul's time.

And people are receiving the word of God, just as we see in the book of Acts. You know, it doesn't mean it's easy. As I shared, there's persecution, there's beating.

Uh, I remember being one of our prayer meetings and, uh, when I, you know, when it was in Southern India and this prayer request about somebody dying came in, um, on the mission field and, and we, we, we get these requests all the time and, um, you know, pray for the wife and the children and, and everybody started crying. And I was like, what's going on? Well, it was, it was somebody that used to work in that office and now they'd given their life for the sake of the gospel. And so for me, you know, this is the world we live in.

You know, you and I live in a world where 80,000 people are dying every day. And I really, you know, I want to challenge you. You know, what is your life about? Who are you imitating? Who are you comparing your lifestyle to, you know, with and to, you know, is, is your life about souls or about your cell phone? Are you living for, you know, the word or for the world? You know, what is your life? What are you accomplishing? You know, with, with Paul, he ends this passage and he's talking about the Thessalonians and he's like, you are my joy and my crown.

Can you, who can you say that about? And I don't say this to condemn us, but to make us think about this, because before we know it, our life is going to be over. We're going to stand before Jesus. And my question simply to you is, is there going to be anybody with you as a result of your life because of your Christianity? Because I want to see people around the throne with you.

And so just to wrap this up into, you know, encouragement and, you know, because the reality is, is we are dealing with heaven and hell. We are dealing with people's eternities. This isn't just about us, but this is about 80,000 people dying every day.

And that's only those who have not heard the gospel. There's, there's tons of people around here who, if they don't repent, if they don't believe in Jesus, they're not going to be in heaven. And a lot of them, you know what? They're good.

They're good people. But they reject Jesus. They reject God.

And if you reject God, you reject his heaven. And so we need to get out there. And so, you know, I ask you this question is, you know, do you have purpose in your life? Do you have a mission? And is that purpose of your life? What is your life about? Is it about the world to come or is it about this world? Or are you just drifting? I just want to encourage, you know, God has a call on every single one of your lives to make a difference for his kingdom.

Many are called, but few are chosen, Jesus said. But those that are chosen or those that weren't chosen, I should say, are the ones that were too busy living for this world. That was the only difference in the parable that he shared.

And I want to encourage you, my brothers and sisters, whatever direction your life is heading right now, can you please make sure that the direction of your life is about eternity, is about the souls of men and women, is about the gospel. And the word of God. You know, I met, like I said, I met Father Dan, absolutely lovely guy.

You know, to be honest, I've loved every Anglican priest I've met so far, which I don't know if that means I haven't met too many. But I know he's passionate. I know this is something that's close to his heart.

And, you know, whatever your mission of your life is, have it be part of the mission of this church. You know, God has planted this church here to reach this area. You are in this church, which means part of the purpose of your life is the purpose that this church has, because you are this church.

It's not this building. It's not Father Dan. It's you.

And I want to encourage you, be passionate about it. You have my permission. Just be zealous.

That's exactly what Paul is. And Paul said, I worked night and day. One passion, one goal, the gospel.

You know, even his work. You know, he worked with his hands so that he could, you know, finance his gospel work. You know, be that way.

See, that's what your job is about. You're there to reach those people and to finance the kingdom. I really want to encourage you to, so I'm going to grab this real quick, is to, you know, ask you the question, how much is prayer a regular part of your life? Praying for people who've never heard the gospel.

You know, I encourage you, if you don't have a list already, you know, come up with at least three people in your life, in your life now, that need to know Jesus and pray for them every single day. Make it your job, your mission, to be Christ's witness in their life and pray that they'll come to know Jesus and that the Lord will use you for that purpose. And I also want to encourage you, you know, is to get a world map and put it in your home and use this as a reminder of 80,000 people dying every day.

Because like I said, you know, the unreached world, it's not next door to any Christian. We're all responsible. We're all called to reach it.

And so, you know, get this up when you hear news, use it as not as like, oh, you know, now I'm mad at Trump, but when you hear news about North Korea, realize there are millions upon millions of people who are without the gospel and that is the most persecuted church in the world. And pray, you know, use that to spur you on to pray for the, you know, those who need to hear about Jesus and those who are suffering because of his gospel. But make prayer a regular part of your life.

And then also one of the things we always encourage people to do and, you know, is to consider sponsoring, you know, a missionary. You know, like all of our missionaries, they're indigenous. I mean, they're on the ground and I've been telling you their stories.

But for \$30 a month in your prayers, you can come alongside one of these guys and help them reach it, or guys or girls, and reach a village that otherwise will never get to hear the gospel. And so, you know, for me, please understand, I'm not here to get money from you. You know, I don't make anything from this.

You know, I live on a missionary's wage. I mean, literally, I have a lot of weeks where I don't have any food in the house. And I'm like scraping, like the other weekend, my dinner was peanut butter and granola

because that's all I had in my cupboard.

And so I don't, you know, I don't get anything from this. I'm not here to get anything from you. But I do this because I want to see, you know, fruit abound to your account.

I want to see you reach people with the gospel. And this is the most fruitful thing I know somebody can do, is to partner with one of these national brothers or sisters. Because typically they're going to reach at least five villages with the gospel.

And they're going to see, you know, hundreds of people who've never heard of Jesus before become believers in Christ. And so, you know, so you can partner with them. Those you can sponsor.

We have these profiles back there. You don't need any money or anything like that today. But you just go out and you pick out a missionary or five or ten or whatever, and you can, you know, start reaching people who've never heard of Jesus before.

And then lastly, I want to encourage you, you know, this sermon is a seed. And I want to encourage you to water it. And I want to encourage you to begin to invest your heart and your mind, to lift up your eyes to a world that is waiting for the gospel.

Revolution World Missions is a book. It's always free. We do actually sign up for it because we just want to discourage people just from grabbing a book that they'll never read.

But basically, it really brings home this world that I'm telling you about of 80,000 people dying every day, of missionaries laying down their lives for the sake of the gospel home. When I read this book, it was over 20 years ago, and I was busy doing everything in my church. There was, the doors were open, you know, I was there.

When I read this book, I realized I have what I refer to now as a Christianized version of self-centered. I was doing all the right stuff, but the reality was my Christianity was all about me, and my heart did not break over people dying without Jesus and going to hell. And this book turned my world upside down, and it's the reason I'm in missions today.

So I really want to encourage you to get this book. Second book we have, it's also free, No Longer a Slumdog. I mentioned these Dalits are the bottom of the caste system.

Has anybody seen No Longer a Slumdog, that movie? Well, the slum where it starts off, and we actually have a Bridge of Hope Center. We have one of these places where we help children. We have churches planted in that slum.

You know, in India alone, there's 62 million children that are living on the streets, 62 million. And so this book basically helps you, you know, take you to that world and understand life as these people. And basically tells a story.

We're this hardcore evangelical, like all we do is preach the gospel, plant churches, make disciples. But we ended up going on a journey, and we realized that wasn't the whole gospel. Christ cared about people.

He met their needs. He saw their suffering, and he always responded. And so this will help open up that world.

And then last book is if maybe the most powerful book we have is Touching Godliness. And, you know, in my, you know, our founder, KP O'Hannon, he's a close personal friend of mine. And he's made the statement a number of times that in his life, he's only met maybe a dozen people who really, really know the Lord.

And I could never figure out what he meant by that. And then he wrote this book and understood what he meant. And basically, if you are at that place where you're like, you know, I want to live a life that is close and intimate with Jesus, but I have no idea how to do that, I really want to encourage you to get this book.

You know, you can take it, you know, if you suggest a donation, there is none. But if you want to, you know, give a donation for that, whatever, that's great. Like I said, I'm not here to get anything from you.

I've got the maps as well. And so, you know, you know, just to summarize this up and I've gone over, sorry, but the reality is, I don't like talking about this stuff because when I'm talking about people dying and going to hell, that is real for me. That is my world.

And, you know, I go to India, people are like, you must love it. You must love India. And I like to be honest, I hate India because it needs Jesus.

The suffering there is unbelievable. It's incomprehensible to us. But I know it's amazing because you go to these slums and you see these people.

And, you know, they wake up not knowing if they're going to be able to get a job that day in order to feed their families. And they look at their kids and it depresses them because their kids are starving and that's their life and they know that's their kids' lives. And think about it, that is the closest to heaven they will ever experience.

And then they're gone. You and I live in a world that people desperately need Jesus. They desperately need the gospel.

And God's entrusted us with that. And I want to encourage you, my brothers and sisters, this life is short. Don't live for yourself like the Pharisees.

Make this gospel, make this kingdom your night and day passion, what you live for, what you do with your life. When you stand before Jesus, you will never regret it. You won't make, you know, you'll never look and go, well, you know, I wish I would have gone out to that nice restaurant instead of, you know, giving that money to help those poor people.

When you stand before Jesus, you won't be thinking that. But I just want to encourage you. And I'm not saying you have to do it.

I'm not saying you can't have fun, you can't have a life. But really, you know in your heart of hearts what your life is all about. And I just want to encourage you, live for Jesus.

The time is short. Thank you.

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