

God's Smuggler

by Brother Andrew

Brother Andrew's sermon calls Christians to embrace their role in the Great Commission and support those suffering for their faith, particularly in communist countries.

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Description

In this sermon, the speaker shares personal stories of his experiences in Indonesia, a war-torn country where half a million people were killed in a few days. He talks about speaking in a prison filled with communist men who were willing to die for their faith. The speaker also mentions a story of a boy in Russia who was on his way to a secret meeting and was stopped by a policeman. Despite facing challenges and being initially hesitant, the speaker shares how he was called by God to be a missionary and was miraculously healed when he said yes to the calling. The sermon emphasizes the importance of believing in eternity and being willing to live and die for it, and references the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20.

Transcript

I'm glad, Brother Khan, you give me some time. My heart is burdened, and I don't always have the chance to unburden my heart. And I'm so glad to be back here in San Francisco, in the 120 Fellowship.

It's three years ago since I was here, and I'll never forget that meeting, and the wonderful time I had with the friends here, and Brother Harris, he's in the hall somewhere, and all the other friends I made. And I'm so glad that some others have come tonight. And if God tells you anything at all, let me know.

We are co-laborers, and I want to make it clear to you tonight. In the Kingdom of God, it is not a one-man show. You don't come to listen to a man, and admire him or condemn him.

You come to fellowship, to share the burden, share the responsibility, and share the joy. And when I was here three years ago, I really was on my way to Red China. And no one would believe it.

Because it didn't say that, they said, we'll pray for you. But to me that means the same. I want a definite word, you see, if I say I go to Red China, it means I go to Red China.

And I was waiting here in California, in the charismatic groups, for a confirmation from the Lord, a word from the Lord, a prophecy. And I got it in California, in Los Angeles. When I make a dangerous trip, I go to Siberia, Central Asia, Vietnam, or any other place, I expect the Lord to give me such clear guidance, the guarantee that I'll get in, and that he'll make me a blessing.

And I really hope he tells me I get out. But if not, I'll still go. But that has to come from others too.

Everyone has to be as much open to the Holy Spirit as the speaker. If not, there is something wrong. So that's the reason why we gather together as Christians.

To let God's Spirit work in us and through us. And that's why I want you to have my card. If God speaks to you, you should let me know.

In Denver, last week, I had a meeting, and a sister came to me and she said, The Lord spoke to me that when you go to Vietnam, you should not stay in Saigon. Now, I appreciate that. Of course, I know Saigon is dangerous, but every place is dangerous.

Every place outside of the will of God is dangerous. Including your home, or your car, or your bed. By the way, most people die in their bed.

Don't they, Doctor? Your bed may be the most dangerous place for you in the world. I have traveled hundreds of thousands of miles in communist countries. I only had one accident that happened in Holland.

I think Holland is the most dangerous place for me. But I have to be on the mission field. Sometimes I have to go home because I have... Oh, I don't have that picture with me now.

I have four wonderful children and my wife at home. And if you want to know their names and the birth date, it's all in the book. And Monday night I'll fly back to Amsterdam and stay, I hope, ten days at home.

Because on 17th of March I have to be in Vietnam again. Where we have a very heavy schedule. And three of our young people in Holland are ready to take off for Vietnam.

And they just look forward to the moment when they can throw in their weight into the battle. The spiritual battle, that is. So pray and keep open for the Lord and let me know.

Keep in touch so that as workers together we'll be able to expand our ministry and reach the uttermost parts of the world. Some time ago a boy in Russia was on his way to a secret meeting. And his father had told him to be very careful because he knew the police were watching the believers and trying to find out where they met secretly.

But the boy said he was going to be very careful. So, all right, daddy let him go. And on his way to the place where they were going to meet, he was suddenly stopped by policemen.

Well, that happened often. It happened often to me in Russia too. Because you realize that in our ministry we get arrested once in a while and all that comes with that.

So the police stopped him and he said, what are you heading for? Well, that was difficult because the boy loved the Lord Jesus. He knew as a Christian you are not supposed to tell a lie. But then was he going to betray his brethren by telling the policemen that he was going to a secret meeting and get them into jail that same day? He couldn't do that either.

So he just shot up a quick prayer to heaven, telegram prayer, which the Lord does answer, provided you take time for prayer when you have time. And the Lord really gave him wisdom. He looked at the policeman very sadly and he said, sir, I'm going to meet my brothers and sisters for just today we are going to open the testament of my oldest brother.

Well, he was speaking the truth, wasn't he? We have the testament of our oldest brother. So the police took pity on him and he said, all right, sonny, on you go. So he left.

This is the testament of our oldest brother, Jesus. And I want to open it and see what he has to tell us in his testament. And I look on the Bible as a testament, as something that he has given us.

He has given us some inheritance, legacy, which we can obtain if we meet the conditions. And he has met them because he died, to make the testament valid. And now we have to appropriate the properties and fulfill the conditions, if there are any.

And there are. So let's read a few verses, first of all, from Matthew 28. And by the way, there is something I would love to tell you.

I wish that this meeting took place in Eastern Europe. You know why? They don't have watches there. And they don't have much liberty either.

They can only have one meeting a week in some countries like Romania. So they begin the meeting at nine in the morning and when I am there, we stop at five in the afternoon. One meeting only, you see.

In other places, we have meetings all day. Just one meeting, really. Or we meet all through the night.

Or we go into the car and drive to some secret place. Or we just walk over the mountains and in the woods and have meetings. But time is never a factor in Eastern Europe or in Siberia or wherever I travel.

If they are together with the Word of God and in the fellowship of Jesus and the saints, time is just not there. It's some bit of eternity that we experience and I really hope that you'll feel relaxed. I'm not going to speak long tonight.

I'm probably too tired for that. We've been on the go for many weeks now. We are in such a hurry that we travel by private plane in order to make it.

We sometimes travel all through the night to have our meeting the next morning in a faraway place. And when I came here, I just came from Cuba. In January, I left home for Cuba.

And when I had to be in New York, five weeks ago, I did not turn up. My friend was there all by himself, waiting. He didn't know where Andrew was.

But you know, five weeks ago, they started the perch in Cuba and I happened to be there. They took me off the plane. They wouldn't let me go.

And when I returned to Havana, the brethren were rejoicing. They said, Praise the Lord, Andrew. We were praying that you would stay longer.

I said, Now, you're not praying against me, are you? Because I have to be in New York today. And there I was, back in Havana. But I said, Lord, if I have to stay in Cuba, you must really make it clear why.

And the Lord did. We had a tremendous time in the extra days I had to stay in Cuba. Many people came to the Lord.

Many came forward for prayer. It was just great. And the Lord did some great miracles of healing.

Many came forward to receive the Spirit. Many were encouraged. And then suddenly they phoned, four and a half weeks ago, and said, Sir, you can go.

So I boarded the very first plane, and not many planes leave in Cuba, of course. And I got on and joined my friend in northern Maine. There was a lot of snow there.

Quite a change from Cuba. And I'm really glad to be in California. I always liked the warm climate.

And after I was converted, I really wanted to serve the Lord on a warm mission field. So he sent me to Siberia. Well, let's read from Matthew 28, the last three verses.

Matthew 28, verse 18. And Jesus came. Isn't it wonderful when Jesus comes? I could speak on that one word really all evening.

And Jesus came. Change that comes when Jesus comes. The joy that floods your soul when Jesus comes.

Tremendous. Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power, or all authority, has been committed unto me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.

And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. And Jesus came. Exactly 18 years ago, he came into my heart.

And I was brought up in a Reformed church in a little village where everybody knew everybody, which can be quite embarrassing at times, and can be a great advantage, because they are in a position to check up whether anything did change in your life or not. And I understand that you have had a visit here from a Dutch girl, Margaret. And I've known her for many years.

But one day I was in Holland in Hilversum and I gave my testimony and I told them, the people there, what a bad boy I had been. You'll read more about that in the book, of course. We even scared the Germans with our firecrackers.

They thought they were being shot at. And I told them, and afterwards, a man came to me, shook hands with me. He said, you know, Andrew, at that time I was the policeman in your village.

Oh, I blushed, you know. That was too bad. By the way, that was Margaret's father.

Yes. There is something wonderful when Jesus comes and he changes your life so that people see it. And in this little extreme Calvinist village where everybody goes to church on Sunday and most of them put away their religion the same time they put away their Sunday suit and leave it there until next Sunday when they put it on again.

There they saw the difference that came to our lives when Jesus came. And several young people accepted the Lord around that time. I just happened to be the first.

Then my friend was born to the Lord and we born others. And you know, within a few years all those young people went to the mission field. 100% of our youth group is today on the mission field.

Not one stayed in Holland. And I'll tell you tonight why. And I'll tell you why I am pessimistic about the world situation and why I long for the return of Jesus Christ.

And I'll tell you why the Lord is pouring out his Spirit because he has a purpose in that. And the purpose is not us, but the world whom he wants to reach through us. Now here Jesus comes to his disciples and he looks them into their eyes and he has a plan.

And I want to assure you that Jesus whole being was just filled with that one plan that he had after he finished a great, marvelous work of carrying away the sin and the sickness of the whole world in his body on the cross. After he cried out that it was finished. After he was buried and had three busy days while his body remained in the grave and his Spirit went into the deepest parts of the underworld to proclaim his victory.

After he rose from the dead the very first thing he said to his disciples was that they had to go out into all the world and preach the gospel. Actually his first words when he met all the disciples together on the day of the resurrection was as the Father had sent me, so send I you. The Great Commission.

And then for forty days Jesus spoke about nothing else but the kingdom of God and how they were to proclaim his message of the kingdom of the sovereign rule of God to every nation and every tribe and every creature. And then in the very last minute before he was taken up on ascension day he spoke still about this very same thing. And he said that ye shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and ye shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and then Judea, Samaria and further and further until you reach the uttermost parts of the world.

Then he was suddenly taken away from them. One theme only, the Great Commission. The marching orders for the church.

But you know, Jesus is so loving and tender and understanding and such a great, great psychologist. Before he gives us that Great Commission before he tells us to go out into all the world he's first going to encourage us and here he makes probably, in my opinion the greatest encouraging statement that you can find in all the world's literature. He says that full authority in heaven and by the way we have no problem believing that.

All evangelical Christians in the world believe that Jesus has all authority in heaven. That's no problem. We always believe the things we can't see, don't we? We always believe.

It's easy to believe the things that will come later. Miriam Massa believed that Jesus would raise Lazarus later. Everything later, glory later, we'll be healed later.

Oh yes, later, everything later. All theology is just saturated with the blessings we'll have later. But Jesus doesn't leave it there.

He says, and all authority has been committed unto me on earth. This is the most encouraging thing you can hear from the lips of Jesus. And let me tell you the truth tonight.

Hardly any Christian believes this because we are scared stiff of the political situation in the world. We are scared stiff of the Iron Curtain. We are scared stiff of the Red Chinese.

We are scared stiff about Vietnam. We are scared stiff about Cuba. We are scared stiff about the hippie movement and anarchism and crime increase.

We are scared stiff because in reality we don't believe that Jesus has all authority on earth. Isn't that true? Christians who really believe Jesus should never have any tension, any mental stress or breakdown. This only occurs when we disbelieve Jesus' words.

And let me tell you this. I am here as a representative and I feel a tremendous weight and responsibility of that. I am here as a representative for more than one third of the entire world population that we have written of because they are in the communist countries.

And we don't go there as missionaries. Not because doors are not open, because doors are open, but because we are so afraid. We are scared stiff.

We are cowards. We are unbelievers. We disbelieve Jesus' words.

We only want to believe the verses that tell us about our salvation, our joy, our future, our blessings, our fellowship. We never think about those words that have a far-reaching effect if we would believe them. An effect that indeed would turn the world upside down if we would act upon those words.

Authority is in the pierced hands of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Do you believe that? Then we must act upon it, friends. It's a crime that there are only a handful of missionaries working in the communist countries.

It's a crime if we let them die. And this is what I have on my calling card. I have a Bible verse there.

Strengthen the things which remain that are ready to die. And as I travel in the communist countries, and I have done so now for 13 years, full time, traveling in and out continually in the communist countries, practically all of them, and I see that the church is dying because we don't go there and strengthen them. But if the Bible says, strengthen the things which remain that are ready to die, it means that if we do not strengthen the things which still remain, then they will die.

The tragic situation today is that there are already four countries without a single place of worship behind the Iron Curtain. We just let the devil have his go there. We let the atheists take over, and we don't interfere as a church.

And militarily we can do nothing about this. We shouldn't either. Our battle, our struggle is not against blood and flesh, but against the principalities in the air, evil wicked spirits, the demonical powers.

That's our warfare. But we don't do it. We let them die.

We never visit them. Oh, I've been to spirit-filled groups and many other churches where, when I stood up to introduce myself, people wept. They wept all over the audience and said, Brother, you are the first one to visit us since the outbreak of war or of the revolution.

Then I began to weep, and I asked them forgiveness. Why didn't we care? If we don't care, how can they survive? How can they live? How can any part of the body live if the other parts of the body don't care? How can this arm live if the heart doesn't care for this arm? If the heart doesn't pump any blood to this arm, the arm will die. You don't have to be a medical doctor to understand that.

How can any part of the body remain alive if the heart or the stomach or the brain wouldn't care for any of those parts? You can't do it. The same in the body of Christ. You cannot remain alive unless the whole body cares for the whole body.

And if we write off one-third of the world population, they will die. And they are dying. I'm very pessimistic.

I'm sorry for you. I'm more sorry for them. They are dying because we don't care.

And I am like a voice in the wilderness. Many people even don't believe me. Many people don't believe Woulombrand either.

I had a fellowship with him yesterday, and I have great confidence in this man, a man who suffered so much for Christ. But he can't go there anymore, but we can. And I just came out of Cuba, and I'm going back to Cuba.

Every year I go back to Cuba, but first I must go to Vietnam, and then I must go to Red China again, and then I'll go to Cuba. We must do something. Half of all the evangelical pastors in Cuba are in prison.

Is that nothing to you or to me? Are we not willing to make a sacrifice for those people that right now are in prison, in a hall not much larger than this, with 250 in one hall, because the prisons are so crowded? I spoke to several of them. I even prayed with an American missionary who was just released from prison in Cuba. And there are many missionaries in Cuba in prison, all of them, except this one who was just released because of his ill health.

Forty percent of the seminary students are in concentration camp in Cuba. And if young people are asking for the Lord Jesus Christ, they go to concentration camp, and they know it. Concentration camp in Cuba is called UMAP.

This badge was given me four weeks ago in Cuba by a former inmate of the concentration camp, a young friend of mine, who spent one year in concentration camp. He autographed it for me. I treasure this little thing.

Because it makes me pray. It forces me to pray every day for my brothers and sisters in concentration camp, part of the body of which I am part of, the body of Christ. This is the situation.

What are we doing about it? You say, what can I do about it? I'll tell you tonight. I'll tell you exactly what you have to know. And if you still have questions after that, I'll answer your questions.

What can you do about it? First, believe the Bible. Believe what Jesus Christ says, that he has all authority in heaven and on earth. That means there is no authority in Washington, nor in Moscow, nor in Peking, nor in Hanoi, nor in Havana.

It's in the hands of Jesus. And if Jesus Christ, your Savior, is your Lord also, don't only talk about Jesus as your Savior. Don't only talk about him as your healer or baptizer.

Think of him as your Lord and Master and King. Believe what he says, that he has all authority, and then nothing will be impossible for those that believe. That's what the Bible says.

Nothing will be impossible. And please, let's not be selfish anymore and just think about the blessing that we can receive by believing on Jesus. Let us think of the blessings that will come to the others if I believe.

God did not give the comforter to make us comfortable, but to make us comforters. He gave the gospel to pass it on. This is what he said, always said.

He called those fishermen, and he said, come and I will make you to become fishers of men. He called them to pass on the message, and that's why the gospel is called the gospel. It means good news.

Now, good, it can only be good if it comes in time for them to have their lives changed and their surroundings and their society. And news, it can only be news if they have never heard it before. Gospel is therefore a tithing to those that have never heard it, and they must heed it in time.

And we are just failing because we don't give them in time. Churches are dying. In whole countries, the church has died.

And when I traveled through Central Asia, there's a Russian sister here with whom I talked. I was in her own city. I was several times there in Central Asia.

And I've been in those churches, and the youngest members are 50 or 60 years old. I know young people. They're dying.

Just a bunch of old and very old people with the saddest faces that you've ever seen. When you really look at them for a long time, you begin to weep. I made color slides of those faces, and they were singing, What a Friend We Have in Jesus.

And I show those slides, and I just cannot look at them long, and I get tears in my eyes because I see all the sorrow and the suffering they have gone through in their imprisonment in Siberia. We didn't help them. And I'm just about the only one who sometimes comes, and what do I? I hardly help them either.

So little I can do. We need thousands that do the same. We have to help them more, in a more substantial way.

We can do it if we want to. We can do it if we believe. If we believe the words of Jesus, if we believe that He has all authority, then nothing and no one can stop us.

Do you believe that? I'm not talking about little things. I'm not talking about how you can have your headache healed, or your toothache. I'm talking about how we can conquer the world by having faith in Jesus Christ.

I've seen a vision, and I know that God does heal. He healed me. You can read that in the book too.

I was an infant boy when I was 21. Because they always kept shooting at me. I was usually there when they were shooting, by the way, ever since I was 11 years of age.

Joined the resistance group in Holland against the Nazis for five years, and then joined the army when I was 17, fighting against the colonels. And when I was badly wounded, taken to hospital, that's when I

began to turn to Christ, to follow Him, but surely. And I have seen it, and I know what I'm talking about, what are we doing.

We need people that believe in eternity, and will die for it, and live for it. I have seen the world. And when I returned as an infant boy, God called me to be a missionary, and I had every reason to say no.

Lack of education, I've only been a fighter, I've never studied. I was too bashful to say good morning to people, honestly. They'll hardly believe it, but it's true.

I was not a speaker, I had never studied English, nor any other language, hardly Dutch. But God called me to be a missionary, and the moment I said yes, I was healed instantly. And I walked 10 miles that evening, although before I had never been able to walk more than a quarter of an hour.

I wasn't even allowed to do work that I had to do standing on my feet. I had to sit all the time. I was weak, I was an invalid.

But God healed me because he gave me a vision, and I said yes. And I think God heals more people through obedience than through prayer. Because prayer should never be a substitute for obedience.

And I still live on miracles. I never shared it, but this is the first time I've shared it in the United States. I've just about traveled myself to death.

The doctor doesn't allow me to travel anymore. Two years ago, exactly two years ago, I was on my back. I wrote it to Brother Kahn.

I was on my back, and it looked very, very bad, and I called a specialist, a spirit-filled specialist. And he examined me, and he shook his head. He said, Andrew, your body is no longer a temple to the glory of God.

You're finished. You cannot travel anymore. And I was sad, because I know why my body is broken.

I know why I can't travel anymore. I know why I couldn't lift up my little children for the last year and a half. Because I was alone in the mountains of the world, traveling in and out of the communist countries, encouraging them, speaking five times a day, traveling all night, traveling 1,000 miles a day in my little Volkswagen, all through those countries.

No time to eat, no time to sleep. And then the specialist said, Andrew, how do you want me to treat you, as a doctor or as a brother? I said, as a brother. So he opened his phallus with all the instruments, and he took out a bottle of oil, and he anointed me in the name of Jesus.

And the Lord touched me, and I got up again. And I'm still traveling, but on a daily miracle. And I want to wear myself out, challenging young people, to full-time commitment to the service of Jesus in the tough countries.

I want them to go to Vietnam as missionaries, as soul winners. There is not a single full gospel fellowship in all of Vietnam. Because no, never has any full gospel or spirit-filled mission gone to Vietnam.

Not about that. You can't speak about revival if we leave those countries to die. Because God is not going to give us revival.

Why should He? Have we deserved it? Don't you think they deserve it more than we? God will not give us revival unless we become obedient. I want them to go to Siberia. They say, oh, you can't do it.

Let me tell you, I was all by myself in Siberia. It's not always that easy. I agree.

It took me three quarters of an hour to enter a certain Baptist church because four Russian men jumped on my back and began to fight with me. Nobody helped me, although many people saw it on the street. They're all scared to help a foreigner and would rather see me killed than the old ones did.

But after three quarters of an hour, I was in the church, and I was still alive. But as I traveled all by myself in Siberia, sometimes the hotels were crowded with American tourists. Hundreds of Americans in Siberia.

No Christians, only tourists. Why is that? Explorers go to countries where missionaries don't go. Read about that in National Geographic magazine.

They go to the most impossible places where no missionary has ever been. Why? Why don't we pay that price? I came in Hong Kong. On the way to Red China, I met my old friend George Patterson, the writer of God's Book, an old veteran missionary.

I said, George, you look thin. What happened to you? He said, Well, I just returned from Tibet. I said, How did you get into Tibet? Well, he said, I walked over the Himalayas.

No problem. You see, if you're willing to pay the price, you'll get there, regardless. But we've got to get out of the idea that we have to be surrounded by all kinds of security.

We must become people who dare to take a risk and throw ourselves without any reserves into the everlasting arms and say, Lord, lead us. You must do a miracle. I'm afraid that we surround ourselves with so much security and insurances that we don't need God or His miracles anymore.

That's why God doesn't do any miracles. We don't need Him. If we get sick, there's always somebody to take care of us.

If we get out of business or whatever happens, if our house burns down, we've insured everything, haven't we? Our car, everything. So why should God do miracles? Now, this is the point. Why don't we go there? Why don't we trust that Jesus has all the strength that He can keep us, that He can do miracles? On one of my trips to Russia, because I travel a lot there because it's pretty near to Holland, about 2,000 miles to Moscow, one of the pastors, the leading pastor, told me, he said, Andrew, do you know that there are more than 2,000 evangelical pastors that have no Bible? Please stop now.

Turn the cassette over at this point and begin playing side two. When I heard that, I could have wept. I love Bibles.

I have many, many translations. I'm not going to tell you how many, but I just love them. I love the Word.

I love to study the Word and compare it in different languages and translations. And there were 2,000 evangelical Russian pastors that had no Bible. And many of them preached in churches where not a single member had even a New Testament.

Just Bible-less churches. Why are they Bible-less? Because we didn't care. There's no other answer.

Because we can get them in if we want to. So there and then I prayed to the brethren and to God that within 2 years I would teach with them. Every Russian pastor would get a Bible.

Then the real struggle began. There's quite a chapter in the book, too. I had to put up my house for sale.

The Lord had just given us a house. The babies began to arrive and we had no place to live. We had nothing that we could call our own.

God gave us a house. And we had to put it up for sale in order to buy a Russian Bible. And at the very last moment God intervened and the Bible Society in Holland offered that they would take care of that addition financially and that I would just pay as I needed it and not have to pay the whole addition in its bounds.

It was a great, great miracle. Well, we began to get Russian Bibles. And we knew it was not allowed to take any Bibles into Russia because the Bible there is the most expensive item on the black market.

It still is. If you want to get rich get Bibles to Russia. Sell them.

I never sell them. I want to be rich in heaven. And... Not allowed to take them in.

So I tried to be a good boy. I never take in more than 700 at a time. And when we get to the border there is a real battle.

All the evil forces oppose us. We know it. They try to scare us.

They try to tell us that we'll get imprisoned, that we'll never see our family anymore. Because it's a criminal offense to deal with things of the black market in communist countries. So we get to the border and we just pray.

We say, Lord Jesus, you've made so many blind eyes to see. Surely it's the same job you used to make those seeing eyes blind. Lord, do it now.

And the Lord does. The Lord loves to do miracles. If he has to.

But we've got to live so dangerously that the Lord just has to do miracles. But why do we never put God to the test? The Bible tells us that there are a host of angels around us. I think they're absolutely jobless.

Because we're so terribly organized that the angels have no work on us. That's what I think. It's time we get the angels busy.

And well, we do actually. On our trips, of course, and I want you to get involved. We're entering into this conflict on the basis of Jesus having all authority so that we never panic.

There's no panic in heaven. It shouldn't be in your heart either. We can tackle every situation worldwide, internationally even.

If we have faith in God. The apostles had faith in God. Because before Jesus sent them, this is what he tells them, that he has all authority.

And then this group of, well, say, 120, they turned the world upside down. And there's an amazing parallel between their time and ours. In that time of the apostles, one third of the entire world population was under the Roman rule and very cruel.

They opposed the gospel. Terribly. Wherever the apostles went, they were persecuted and killed.

But nevertheless they went. And when they were in prison, they're in prison. They founded the church.

They did so in Philippi. They did in Rome. They did everywhere.

You know, this whole Roman Empire began to crumble through the undermining power of the Christians. This is what the historians tell us. Why should it not happen again? One third of the entire world population is under communism.

And the more you fight them from the outside, the stronger they get. But if we get in and strengthen these spiritual forces that are still there and encourage the believers and preach the full message to them and get young people into the fold and get Bibles in so that they can study the word of God themselves. If we strengthen that which still remains, then they can undermine this godless atheist regime and they can do more than all the nations politically and militarily can do.

Don't you believe that? Why don't we invest more in that? Why don't we concentrate on that? This is the great challenge of our time. When the challenge first came to me 13 years ago, while I was in Bible college, I learned there was a militant atheist youth organization of 97 million members. Today this group is 120 million members.

By far the largest organization in the world of the young people. I heard more shouting and I ran to the window, opened it, it was freezing cold. There in the street I saw, the street was crowded with people doing their military exercises.

You know that all of China every morning at six they do their military exercises. Yes? If I had ordered coffee or my breakfast at that time in the hotel, they would not have given it to me. Because the bellboy and the waiters and the waitresses, everybody in the hotel, all the personnel, was on the street for the military exercises.

That was come first. Work second. Home third, fifth, tenth.

First military exercises. The party, the faith, the struggle, the battle, are seen as in many other places in the Red China. Everybody on the street, because in China they say that every Chinese from ten years onwards is a soldier.

And I will tell you we are in for a hard time friends. There is a nation of seven hundred twenty-five million people. We don't pray for them.

We don't get Bibles into them, although we could. If we want to, we can. No problem.

We don't go there to preach the gospel. We don't go there to encourage the believers that are still there. But they are organizing their atheist forces.

And one day we will discover, but the day we discover it is too late. They will overrun us. They will, because we cannot match their dedication.

They are so dedicated to their beliefs, much more than we are. I generalize now. Of course there are exceptions.

You may be the exception, but I mean as a church on the whole, and even in our revival movement, we are not that dedicated to Jesus Christ. Too many people come to our meetings to get a spiritual kick or a thrill. Not many of us come to say, Lord, here am I, I want to be your servant, I want to be a soldier for Christ, I want to live, I want to die for you.

Not many do that. They do. In the Korean War, the Chinese lost one million boys.

They didn't write much about that. Neither did the Chinese. They couldn't care less.

They lost five million. It's still all right with them. It helped their economy.

When they, those Chinese boys ran into the American machine guns. They didn't stop because the bullets were flying there. But on their backs they had sheets of paper with these thoughts of Mao pinned to their backs so that the boys marching behind them could memorize them as they marched into the American machine guns.

Dedication. Until the last second of their life. Once they only memorized the scriptures.

They only had Mao as their scripture. Because we don't give them the scriptures. Since the Chinese took over in 1949 they have simplified the Chinese language.

The young generation in China cannot read the Chinese from before the Communists take over. They cannot read the Bible anymore. just now our friends are printing the first 35,000 New Testament in the simplified Chinese language.

And they have to be smuggled into the sayings of Mao is that it's not the weapons that decide the outcome of war, but the people that carry the weapons. Or they have the people. We don't have the people.

We are so divided, aren't we? We are so divided as Christians, we are so divided politically. Some are dogs, some are hawks. God wants us to be eagles, rising up and looking at the whole situation from his point of view.

And then from heaven, oh you don't see any iron curtains on earth, you just see one seal and that's the world and soul that we have to win for Christ. No borders, no limits, no impossibilities for the one who said that he had full authority in heaven and on earth. By the way, this crazy thing that starts in Vietnam, that's their new year, the Chinese new year is now I think the year 4666, it's the year of the monkey.

So don't be a monkey, don't be a dove, don't be a hawk, be an eagle. Look at it as God looks at it. He has all authority.

We must act upon that. This is what Jesus then says in continuing his statement and he says, I have all authority in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore.

Let nothing stop you, let nobody stop you. Go. And finally go both.

And I know this is dangerous. I know that the disciples, the apostles, the apostles lived a dangerous life. And they were not always safe.

James was killed in Jerusalem, Steve was thrown in Jerusalem, later all the apostles except John were killed as martyrs, but they went because the commission was given and because there was a need in the

So I told him. Not all my complaints, but those I wanted to share with him. And I complained about the red tape and the loss of time.

When I come to Cuba, I want to use every minute. I don't want to lose my, waste my time with the police. And he was quite impressed.

So he said, now listen sir. He said, if you want to come back. I said, I sure want to come back.

He said, well, write to me two months in advance. And I'll make sure that you don't have to go through the red tape anymore. And then he said, you can travel all over Cuba, and you can preach in every church.

That's what the government says. Have you expected that? Well, nobody, because even my friends there who preached in Havana, they said this is a miracle. And we have been praising God ever since.

But you've got to do it. We have to act upon the authority which Jesus has, and which he shares with us. We are far above powers and principalities.

Because we are in Jesus, and Jesus is in us. Oh, well then we are above the principalities of Cuba, aren't we? And Moscow, and China, and North Vietnam, and our own corrupt society. It's time we take our stand as Christians in our own country, you in the States, and I in Holland, against all those evil forces that corrupt our nation and kill our youth.

It's time we stand up as parents and claim our own children for the kingdom of God. We have scripture for that. You and your house will be saved.

It doesn't go without faith. You've got to claim your children on the basis of the word of God. Act upon the promises, claim them, appropriate them, and then God will make it true in your life and ministry.

So now the brethren are praying all over Cuba for revival. They pray that it will come when I preach next time all over Cuba. And I plan to spend a long time in Cuba when I go back for the fourth time.

And I count on your prayers too. It's not enough to put up a blockade around Cuba. We have to end it with the gospel.

There are other more important issues at stake than just economic or political things. The kingdom of God, God wants to break through in this world, but He just looks for people who believe on Jesus, who believe that every word that He spoke is true. But He has a full authority in heaven and on earth.

Go ye there. No problem. Go.

You'll find doors wide open. Wide open. And you'll find hearts wide open.

And you'll find more souls that you can lead with Christ than in your own country. That's why I love to be on the mission trip. That's why I don't like to be here.

If it hadn't been that God told me to go here, I would never have come. First of all, I love to be with my family. I don't see them much.

But most of all I love to be on the mission trip. I love to win a hundred souls a day for Jesus. And I know I can do it.

But then I must be there on the mission trip. Go ye therefore. Teach all nations.

And teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. And we cannot teach others if we don't do it ourselves. And that's why we are so paralyzed in the Church of Christ today.

Because we don't do it. We don't believe Jesus has all authority. And therefore we cannot encourage the believers behind the iron curtain.

But it's time we do it, friends. It's time we do it. We have the Word for it.

We have the Scripture for it. And we must now really do it. And God will help us.

Well, I want to stop now. There's much, much, much more that I could tell you. But again, I have the book.

And as soon as we have sold out the books, then the others just get hold of the leaflet. If you fill it out, we'll send you a book. The same day, get involved with Jesus.

Not with Andrew. I don't need your help. Jesus needs your help.

I'm speaking for Jesus here tonight. I'm speaking for the one over one billion souls in the communist country that are suffering. And the Church is being wiped out because we didn't care.

I'm speaking on behalf of them. They need you. The Body needs you.

The Body ministry has to be engaged. So let's bow our heads and listen to Jesus. Oh, I listen to Jesus when he pleads with you to lay you all on the altar.

The reason why so many of us are unhappy is we have not found healing yet is because we are holding back so much. God cannot touch us. The blessings of God are all conditional.

We must meet the condition. Offer ourselves for his service and he'll do the miracle. God wants your answer tonight for world evangelization.

Proclamation of the Kingdom of God all over the world as a witness to all nations and then shall the end come. God needs you. God needs me.

If we say no, then people have to suffer and perish. I pray that none of us will hold back anything at all tonight. Oh, Jesus.

Jesus, as we bow in your presence, say, sow in my heart, Lord. I didn't want to be hard tonight, Lord. Yet the truth is so hard because we are perishing.

We are living on the top of a volcano and we live as if the world will never, never explode and yet it may happen any moment, Lord. We live as those that are at ease in Zion. Souls are perishing around us.

Jesus is calling and waiting to return. The job is not finished yet. Lord, my heart cries because so many of my friends and brethren are in prison.

They are suffering tonight. They are being tortured and we don't rush to their rescue. So many are praying now for the Bible, Lord, and we have them and we don't carry them to them because we think it's a bit dangerous.

Forgive us, Jesus. Forgive us these sins of omission. Forgive us that lack of love and concern.

Forgive us that till now we didn't care, Lord, that we want to be different. Lord, we want to care. We want to give our lives for the brethren because your word tells us that.

Lord, God, do with this group, as you did with that first group in Jerusalem 120 years ago, to change the course of history. Lord, do it again. We know we are heading straight for hell with the world as it goes now, Lord, but please use us to a mighty outpouring of your Spirit upon us.

Through us to the world to change the course of history once again. Prepare the way for the King to return. Lord, we plead with you that you won't come yet with judgment upon our own nation because of the sinfulness and corruption.

Withhold judgment yet a while, Lord, while we get ready to reach the last one, the gospel of the King. Help us as young people to go out into all the world and preach the gospel. Help us as parents to encourage our children for full-time service.

Help us to pray, Lord. Teach us to pray. Teach us to agonize instead of to organize.

Father, we pray, Lord, for one another that the resurrection power of Jesus will so flow through us that we will not have any weakness that hinders us from truly following thee and serving Jesus in body, soul, and spirit. I ask with my hand on your word, you have full authority in heaven and on earth, Lord, and by faith we appropriate it. Take it as our own in Jesus.

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