

# Come All Ye Weary

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## Description

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## Transcript

That tonight this song is going to become a reality for you the night that death was arrested And your life begins anew in christ. Thank god. We're going to have communion After the short sharing of god's word tonight.

And so if you have an opportunity to get some bread and some juice At home or some crackers, whatever you have and you can partake of communion Together with us where we celebrate the victory of jesus christ Through which we are given the promise of eternal life in heaven and a full and abundant life here on this earth while we Remain here until he takes us home So that's communion time This evening after the sharing of god's word if you have if you'd like to just we'd love to know we'd love to hear from you out there and we know there are people all over the world that are part of this prayer meeting and Uh, if you could just contact us at testimony testimony at tsc.nyc And just let us know that you'd like to send us a video greeting could be just a small 60 minute or uh, 60 minutes 60 second rather small 60 minute a 60 second greeting on your cell phone And we'd like to put it up on the screen just so that people from around the world Could realize that there are individuals and groups everywhere. You might have a testimony You'd like to share just a couple of minutes long, but if you'll email into testimony at tsc.nyc Then we'll be in touch with you and tell you how you can Record that and upload that so that we might be able to display

it On tuesday night on a regular basis. We'll just put different people up on the screen And get a chance to greet you who are with us out There as well and for everybody who's online this evening or it might you might be seeing this After the fact tonight, but if you're in the area The summit campus church is open on tuesday night and you're more than welcome The community are welcome to come in and pray with us.

We'd love to have you here with us Uh with those of us who are here in the sanctuary, so you're all invited tuesday night 7 p.m Eastern time to roughly about 8 30. There's lots of parking lots of space And lots of friends and lots of hospitality here So we'd love to have you for those that are at home too as well We encourage you after the meeting every tuesday night To stay in your living room or wherever it is If there's a one or two or more of you and pray for one another that you might be filled with the spirit of god We recognize that only god's holy spirit can give us the power Not only to stand but to make a difference in this particular generation We're now living in we need the power of god's holy spirit So stay and pray and just seek him just say god. Give us your holy spirit Keep it simple and just open your heart to what god is willing to do For you now if you turn your bibles to isaiah chapter 55 I want to share with you A thought tonight and it's really just simple come all ye weary Everyone is tired and there's so many people online this evening and throughout this week that are just at the end of of your your own efforts to To find a way out of your dilemma or to find the strength that you believe that god wants to give to you I want to encourage you To trust god tonight.

So father. Thank you lord. Thank you god Thank you for your holy word, which indeed is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path Thank you lord for the strength that you are willing to give to people Who are with us this evening and be with us throughout the week lord I just ask you now for the great privilege of stretching your hand out my god through the internet And start to bring power and deliverance and healing and victory Into so many lives of so many that are turning to you at this time this darkened time in this world God, we want to be a living testimony for christ But we recognize that it's only by your strength that we will ever be able to do this We can't be clean in our own strength We need the covering of the shed blood of jesus christ And we can't live as lights in this darkness without the indwelling of the holy spirit of god So lord we yield to you tonight god and we just simply ask you to be god in us Be god through us be god in our homes be god in our families Push back the darkness that wants to destroy your life and your light in our homes and marriages and children my god Physical bodies we ask you to stretch your hand out and heal tonight heal miraculously people who are trusting For the victory that only you can bring And father we thank you for these things god help me tonight to share your word in a way that people can understand it And we thank you for it in jesus name amen prophet isaiah speaks these words in chapter 55 He says ho or listen or hark or pay special attention everyone who thirsts Come to the waters You who have no money come buy and eat Yes, come and buy wine and milk without money and without price Why do you spend money for? What is not bread and your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me and eat what is good and let your soul delight itself in abundance incline your ear And come to me Here and your soul shall love so three times.

He says listen carefully incline your ear And here and I will make an everlasting covenant with you the sure mercies of david Indeed i've given him as a witness to the people a leader and commander for the people And surely you shall call a nation. You do not know And nations who do not know you shall run to you because of the lord your god and the holy one of israel for he has glorified you Seek the lord while he may be found call upon him while he is near let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts Let him return to the lord and he will have mercy on him and to our god for he will abundantly Pardon now this particular passage in in the book of the prophet isaiah Here's what I want to it's like every

once in a while in the old testament God just parts the curtain and gives gives a glimpse into something that was that's available to people something that was Was coming something that was too wonderful to even understand You see the whole system the whole religious system that the people of this time were under Is a system of human effort. It's a system of of money It's a system of trying to to to be clean of trying to find meaning in life all through human effort You remember the the original sin in the garden of eden when the devil came in he sowed something in humanity And the thought that he sowed in adam and eve and subsequently in all of their ancestors that would include you and I The thought that is the the the feed source the food source of the sin nature in man Is that without god we can be godly? Without god we can be actually as god is and we can become arbiters of our own future We can start judging we can say this is good and this is evil according to our own heart We can be just as god is and isn't that the besetting sin of this particular? Generation but there were certain people even under that old testament system That's that that really thirsted that really wanted to be right with god, but but it it cost something You you had to buy a lamb.

You had to buy a goat You had to bring a calf you if you were poor you had to bring in turtle doves Everybody had to pay a price you had to bring in wheat. You had to bring in barley You had to bring all these offerings unto god and and eventually people Would simply I think go bankrupt in one way or another a lot of a lot of people just didn't have the wealth and the resource To to keep up this religious system. They they tried as best as they could Could you could you imagine being part of that system in that day? You you really want to walk with god.

You want a living relationship with god And but every time you sinned every time you failed every time you faltered You had to buy another lamb you had to go back to the temple in solomon's day and buy another goat and buy more doves and you had to go into the priest and go through all the ritual cleansings and And you had to sacrifice this this offering at the altar So that you could feel that you're in right relationship with god only to go out and sin again and no knowing that sin separates from god having to go back and and And it was a system of such rigidity it was because of course remember paul the apostle says this whole religious system Was like a schoolmaster Teaching us that we needed a savior We can't save ourselves. We can't save ourselves even with the best of intentions We can't save ourselves with with all of the human effort. We put into trying to change We literally can't change our nature.

We can't change what we are and then suddenly Every once in a while all through the old testament right in the middle of isaiah Warning the nation about judgment and talking about a lot of things that pertain to this old testament legal system of religion Every once in a while the curtain just parted And an invitation came and it must have seemed so incredulous to the people who are part of this system He says everyone who thirsts come to the waters you who have no money come by and eat Yes, come and buy wine and milk without money and without price in other words Here's what the invitation was God all through the old testament is peeking through this canopy of Of human effort trying to be godly without god and he peeks through and he says are you exhausted yet? Are you tired now of trying to be god in your own strength? Are you tired of trying to be good in your own strength? Are you tired of of all the places you spend your money looking for joy and looking for substance and looking for meaning even religious places Where you do these things have you have you are you still thirsty? Have you found what you're looking for? And he gives an invitation He says come and buy wine and milk without money and without price and the wine always speaks of joy It's it's at a wedding feast in cana that jesus first turned water into wine It's it's it speaks of of this interior joy this this celebration and milk speaks of substance and provision So god is saying come and find joy and come and find provision come and find meaning for your life Without

money and without price it would have been so foreign to the people of this time and sometimes Sadly, it's foreign to us We try harder We read more We want to be better we make promises we can't keep we tell people we're going to change we promise ourselves We're not going to do the same old things that we've done for most of our life only to fail and fall and then somehow try to Maybe purchase our way back into the favor of god, which is exactly what these people of this time Spent a lot of their time doing And he said why do you spend money for that? Which is not bread? Why are you putting all this effort into something that doesn't? Satisfy and your wages for that which does not satisfy your your all your effort is is is going into this This failing in a sense approach to god, which is never going to bring you into any sort of victory Then he goes on and he says now listen carefully to me Then the next verse he says Incline your ear to me Hear me and your soul shall live and so the people would have been When they would read these words of isaiah and they say what what in heaven's name could this man be talking about? What is it that god wants to speak? What is he wanting me to listen carefully to and and give him my best listening ear? What is he what is he wanting me to hear with the promise tagged on to it that my soul will live? That I won't have to live in this constant state of defeat any longer That I won't have to get up in the morning depressed and despairing where where is this place of wine and milk? Where is this place of joy and abundance? And the honest man now that the man who still thinks he can earn favor with god would probably not be able to hear this But the man or woman who just says I I can't go on. I I don't know what to do with life. I'm i'm done I'm failing i'm faltering.

I feel like a whisper in the dust and I don't know what i'm going to do in the future It's this man It's this person this woman that suddenly the voice of god says come if you're still thirsty I have something for you. I have an abundance to give you I have joy to give you that you can't produce in any amount of your own human effort I'll give you a joy that's deeper than your deepest satisfaction when you've felt good in my presence because you know That that good feeling doesn't last forever And he says I will make an everlasting covenant. I'll make a promise to you.

He says that I won't break Amazing. I'll make a covenant with you when you made a covenant in the old testament. It was made with blood.

Do you understand? He says i'll make a blood covenant with you. That's what he's saying I'll do something for you that you can't do for yourself And what i'm about to do is going to be like living water to you. It's going to be a source of eternal joy It's going to be a place of abundance and you don't get it with human effort You don't get it with human resource.

You don't get it by making promises You don't get it by anything you can bring to god It's only when you open your heart and let god Bring something to you Listen to me. He says hear me on this I'll make an everlasting covenant with you the sure mercies of david Indeed i've given him as a witness to the people a leader and a commander for the people Surely you will call a nation You do not know a nations who do not know you shall run to you Because of the lord your god and the holy one of israel for he has glorified you now. This is this is on a whole Bunch of different levels, but let me try to make it as simple as I can The sure mercies of david, of course david is in the lineage Uh that leads to jesus christ.

We we know that he's the christ type in the old testament But there's something about david god says i'm going to make a covenant with you And and let's look at david as an example of what i'm willing to do for you And the people knew the story of david It meant something to them because they understood that even as a boy the spirit of god came upon him and he was given The power of god to defeat that which should have defeated him He destroyed a lion. He destroyed a bear. He was he was given courage far

beyond his years He was given the ability to worship to the point where the devil would be driven away from a king who had Backslidden and fallen away from god He was able to go into a valley as a teenager and take on a giant who was 10 times His superior in the natural and defeat him by the power of god.

He was anointed with Oil from on high by the prophet samuel the spirit of god came upon him from that day forward And yes, even though he had to go through Difficulty trials and valleys. He remained a man upon whom sat the spirit of almighty god And he finished his life in victory praise be to god praise be to god and The prophet god said to the prophet isaiah. I gave him as a witness to you of what I am able and willing to do All nations who don't know you will run to you Because of the lord your god and the holy one of israel for he Has glorified you God says I will do something in you so powerful That people will hear about it and come to you and want to hear your story They want to know what i've done for you And this I believe is going to be the testimony of this last day generation this last Moment of time church age where so many people are so down So many people are so thirsty they're so hungry they're so tired They're so sick at trying to be holy in their own strength.

They've come to the place where perhaps just perhaps Their ears are now open They're willing to hear something that god's been willing to give for a long long time but we just we have to sometimes exhaust our own efforts we We have to get to the end of what we think we can do for god to finally realize we can't do anything for him We have to now turn to him and let him do something for us You ask me. Is there a new testament type of this particular old testament story? Yes, there is in the book of john. Just let me read it to you chapter seven.

They had been celebrating for eight days Feast the jewish people would gather every year and for eight days they would celebrate various feasts But one of the the larger feasts they celebrated was called the feast of tabernacles. So a feast where they remembered The goodness of god to bring them out of captivity and bring them through a a wilderness experience and to provide for them bread from heaven and give them water out of a rock and For for eight consecutive days. There was a specific ceremony that was done at this time where The one of the priests he would take water that was considered holy Out of a well and he would bring it And there was a lot of pomp and ceremony surrounding this and the the priest would bring it and he would pour this pitcher of water out upon the altar Reminding the people that god in their wilderness experience gave them water out of a rock Reminding them of the faithfulness of god and the people would look at this and they would be thinking as we are tonight god You have been faithful To people in the past you've been faithful to to people who've trusted in you It was at the last day Probably after the last pouring out of the last pitcher in the last ceremony that jesus christ himself stands up and cries out If anyone is thirsty Let him come unto me and drink If you're tired of just talking about what people did in the past We're so thankful for the past We're so thankful for previous spiritual awakenings in various countries and places throughout the world We're so thankful for the testimonies of those that god has fed Living water in impossible places where we're very very thankful for the history Of what we read in the scriptures and how he poured out his spirit on 120 failures in an upper room We're so thankful in x chapter 4 that when they were being threatened by a godless society that they prayed And the place was shaken they were filled with the holy ghost They spoke the words with boldness and great signs and wonders were done in the name of jesus christ the son of god.

We're so Thankful for the past but we are thirsty because we don't live there We live here today and we need the power of god the very same way. They needed his power back then Jesus stood in the midst of all the remembrance of the past and he said if you're still thirsty Come to me It's the cry of isaiah. Oh Everyone who's thirsty Oh you who have no money.

Oh you who don't have the strength And you don't have the resource anymore to live in victory you who have no joy you who have no power You don't have a reason to live come to me now Jesus said in john 7 If anyone thirsts let him come to me and drink and he who believes in me as the scripture have said Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water. It won't be a rock anymore There will be living water in you that will flow through you and give drink to those all around you This he spoke concerning the spirit Whom those believing in him would receive for the holy spirit was not yet given because jesus christ was not yet glorified Are you thirsty? I want to ask you tonight sitting in your home Groups of people that are gathered individuals kids in a park on your cell phone. Are you thirsty? Are you tired of trying to do good and be good? Are you trying to tired or looking for joy in places where it's not found and if you do find it It doesn't last are you tired of of having a listlessness in your heart in your life? You don't even know what your life is about and and what it is.

What is your purpose? God says listen to me now Come to me now Give me your best ear And if you will listen to me your soul will live i'll make a covenant with you And look to david the king is a type Of what i'm able to do I'll take you in your youth I'll take you in your weakness. I'll help you when you fail I'll carry you when you can't go forward I'll give you strength when you don't know what your future is going to hold and i'll do something in you so profound That people will come From everywhere and ask you for a reason For the hope that is now in you You see God says I Will be your source of strength I'll be your life I'll be your living water. Don't bring a price in your hand for this.

You can't afford it By the way, it's free. Anyway, you don't need to buy it I'm willing to give it to you. I'm willing to give it to you freely All you have to do is come to me And then he says in verse six seek the lord while he may be found Don't put this off for another day.

Don't put it off for another week. Don't put it off for another hour Seek him While he may be found Call upon him while he is near The scripture says in the book of hebrews today If you can hear his voice don't harden your heart Don't put it away for another day For the as the more often you put away this call of god the duller your hearing will become to hearing his voice calling you Seek him While he is near Call upon him Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts and let him return to the lord Simply just admit What you are? Admit your failure You know for a lot of people tonight you're saying well, that's not a problem. I've i've got that down really good I know what I am and I really do Appreciate we do appreciate the honesty in a lot of the prayer requests coming in from around the world You're not playing games with the holy god.

You're not trying to buy your way into his favor anymore You know what you are. So this message is for you It's for the downtrodden. It's for the oppressed.

It's for the weary. It's for the tired. It's for the bankrupt.

It's for the broke It's for the failure. It's for the person who can't get up and can't get out on their own. This message is for you This call of god is for you It's for the people who have no money No more resource I don't know what to do and I don't know how i'm ever going to get to where I need to go forsake your way Forsake your old thoughts.

Let him return to the lord and he will have mercy on him and to our god for he will abundantly Pardon Hallelujah He who believes on me As the scripture has said out of his inner parts his belly shall flow rivers of living water It's the spirit of god Coming and taking up residence inside your earthly body. This is the wine This is the milk This is the presence of god that you can't buy your way into You only get it when you

bend your knee to god you only get this Living relationship with god when you confess with your mouth That he's your now your lord and your savior and you just admit your conditions say god. I can't save myself I can't buy my way into your favor.

I can't be i've tried to be good I can't i've tried to get up. I can't walk i've tried to stay steady and i'm not And i'm just done You see great revivals throughout history that means a turnings to god Happen at these moments in history when people just know that they're done They're they're done the religiousness. They're done playing the religious game.

They're done going to church and pretending they're in victory They're done. You say i'm not doing this anymore I'm, not i'm not going to try to pretend that i'm living in victory and i'm not going to try to buy my way into the favor of god My life is a mess. My family is broken apart i'm troubled in struggling in my mind and so i'm just Done with all of this and now my ears are open god almighty If there's ever going to be a change in my life, it's going to be you that brings it about Oh, are you still thirsty? He says Come to me And drink, that's what the cross is all about The cross was god's invitation To come into a living relationship with him Confessing your sin Admitting your condition believing that jesus christ died on a cross To pay the price for your sin Believing that his hands are stretched out towards you saying here just come to me now and let me forgive you for I will abundantly pardon you as the scripture says And inviting god Through the holy spirit to come into your life And be that source of living water That you have always longed for I'm going to ask you tonight to pray with me those that are at home and those in the sanctuary are going to pray with me Tonight too.

Well as well in our campus church here at our bible school And i'm just going to ask you to pray this simple prayer and for the sake of the Person who needs to pray it everyone in their Home group their home fellowship pray it together For the sake of the man or woman who's maybe come into your midst that you've invited to be part Of this meeting tonight that needs to receive christ as savior This is a moment that will change your life This is a moment where god will do something so powerful That your family and others will begin to take notice and want to know what it is That has happened to you I want you to pray with me and just open your heart to the forgiveness of god Just say these words after me Lord jesus christ Thank you for loving me Thank you for wanting me In all of my brokenness And all my failure I've tried to be good I can't I need something greater Than my own heart Thank you lord jesus christ For going to a cross Paying the price For the wrong I have done So that I can come back Into relationship with god You promised me You promised me living water And so tonight I take you at your word I've listened to you lord I've listened to your word I've inclined my ear And i've received your promise So i'm asking you To forgive me To be the lord of my life And to make me Into the person That only you can I'm asking for the strength To glorify you In my life I'm asking you for miracles In my home In my family And in my community Jesus christ Tonight I make you lord of my life I choose to trust you You haven't failed others And you won't fail me From this day forward I belong to you And you belong to me Give me the grace now To never turn back And to listen To your promises In jesus name Amen And amen You know the bible says That if jesus actually said it That if you prayed that prayer tonight The angels in heaven Are now rejoicing over you And the water that flowed out of iraq To god's people To give them drink in the wilderness Is now flowing into you Through jesus christ And will flow through you To others around you By the grace of almighty god Your life will never Ever be the same Again This is going to be a great day For you and for your family And I want to remind those That are part of these groups tonight To stay And pray And if somebody in your midst Has given their lives to christ Put your hands on the shoulder Of that man or that woman Or that young person And pray that they might be filled With the spirit of god And so father tonight I just ask you to

seal With the holy spirit of promise God that which has happened In people's hearts Lord you have an end time army God that's going to stun the world One more time And we've heard it One more time you're just going to raise up The least likely people in this society God and your name is going to be glorified Again By what you do Not what we do for you But what you do through us To bring your own name to glory Thank you for the empowerment Of the holy spirit Now in just a moment We're going to go to the communion table We're going to celebrate communion together And we're going to celebrate the new birth That's happened in many many people's lives Tonight If you have made that decision Please text in the word decided Decided to 51,000 So you can text that on your phone 51,000 and text in the word Decided And somebody from times square church will be in touch with you And will let you know How you can start this new walk With God Love you God bless you we'll be back in just a moment

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