

Every Once in a While, God Finds Someone Like You

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Transcript

I'm going to start with Ezekiel chapter 22 and let me set the stage for this chapter. In Ezekiel chapter 22, it's a season of tremendous declension among the people of God. You remember God called a man called Abraham out of where he was into a new place and gave him a promise that I'm going to bless you, I'm going to increase you, that would be a supernatural increase coming not just to Abraham but through him, a lineage that would be supernaturally increased.

From that would come a nation and from that nation would come a church and from that church the whole world was going to be blessed. Abraham, could you imagine if he had been thrown back by the largeness of what God was speaking and said, no not me, maybe somebody else. I mean God was speaking a promise to him so preposterous that nobody but God himself could fulfill it.

And now through Abraham came the lineage that eventually became the lineage of Christ and on the way to that lineage God brought a people that were the descendants of Abraham into the place of promise in the earth. Their purpose in that place of promise was to be a people through whom God could bring his own name to glory like by answering prayer realistically and giving them abilities that could only come from God and actually it did start that way. Remember the queen of Sheba came into Solomon's temple and

she was so taken aback.

She had servants, she had cupbearers, she had all these things because she was a queen but she had nothing like what was found in the kingdom of God. There was an order there, there were abilities being given that she recognized because she was a leader. She recognized the abilities that she saw as something other than this world has got to offer.

And so the nation of Israel was a nation set apart to bring glory to God, not just the Savior into the world but the nation itself was to bring glory to God in the earth. But along the way in this portion of scripture they lost their purpose and they forgot who they were. I think in America today we lost our purpose as well.

We forgot the founding 400 years ago. We forgot about the people that came here looking for freedom. We forgot about the ability of this society even though it's not been perfect.

The society here in America was always open to be reasoned with by God himself and we could be turned from what became wicked ways back to the ways of God. And so here we stand today very much like we're going to read from Ezekiel chapter 22 and in the same situation they found themselves in. Verse 23, Ezekiel 22, And the word of the Lord came to me saying, Son of man, say to her, you are a land that is not cleansed or rained on in the day of indignation.

In other words, God himself had a controversy now with this nation and they had an opportunity for cleansing and they had an opportunity for the blessing of God but they had turned it down and they were now in a place where they were at odds with the one who had brought them into being in the first place. Listen to the spiritual condition now of God's own people, God's own nation, the conspiracy of her prophets. God calls the prophetic ministry an actual conspiracy in a sense against him.

The conspiracy of her prophets in her midst is like a roaring lion tearing the prey. They've devoured people, they've taken treasure and precious things and they've made many widows in their midst. Instead of the prophetic ministry turning the people back to the worship of the true God, they were obsessed with obtaining things for themselves and they had made many of the people lose their relationship with the living God.

Her priests have violated my law and profaned my holy things. They've not distinguished between the holy and the unholy nor have they made known the difference between the unclean and the clean and they've hidden their eyes from my Sabbath so that I am profaned among them. I had said this morning and I'll say it again, I hope you are thankful for the pastor that God's given you in this church who is drawing the line between that which is holy and that which is not holy.

Thank God, thank God, thank God, thank God for a pastor who stands in this pulpit and uncompromisingly is bringing this church age and all the influence that's been given to this church back to a biblical worldview again. Her princes, that means the political leaders in her midst are like wolves tearing the prey to shed blood to destroy people and to get dishonest gain. That means the people who are leading the nation are not in it for the people's sake anymore, they're in it for their own sake and many of them are taking money in places where they shouldn't.

Her prophets plastered them with untempered mortar seeing false visions and divining lies for them saying thus says the Lord when he's not spoken. So all around this corrupt political process as it is is a religion that is in a sense endorsing it and saying yes this is the Lord's in you're in the Lord's favor and you know

what you're doing is right. The people of the land have used oppressions committed robbery and mistreated the poor and needy and they wrongfully oppressed the stranger and you you just think of these these recent scenes where people are breaking into stores en masse and just loading up backpacks and stealing stuff from everywhere no longer a consequence to these things and he says therefore I poured out my indignation on them I've consumed them in the fire of my wrath.

Now what God was looking for he says I sought for a man among them who would make a wall and stand in the gap before me on behalf of the land that I should not destroy it but I found no one. I found this incredulous that these people are steeped in religion that the whole center of their social life is supposed to be the synagogue or the temple and yet seemingly no one could hear God's voice or respond to the longing of his heart. All kinds of religious activity yet the Lord is walking through the midst of it all and say what about you man what about you sir would you stand would you stand and and begin to intercede and push back the powers of darkness that want to swallow this whole society and would you turn the other way and approach my throne and and and hold back the hand of retribution that was right at the door from the hand of God.

I sought for a man who would make up a wall and stand in the gap before me on behalf of the land that I should not destroy it but I found no one. I can't fathom that. These people are set apart to bring praise to God in the earth.

I can't fathom that that a religion can develop where nobody can hear the voice of God. They're hearing the voice of the teachers. I don't even know the reasons why.

Why can nobody hear the voice of God? You know this is a question that each one of us should be asking ourselves now. God am I hearing your voice? Can you speak to me? Can I be moved from where I am to where you want me to be? Can your thoughts become my thoughts and your ways my ways? Can you lead me to where I need to go? Could you take me out of where I am or am I so consumed with my own thoughts? What what is the reasoning why nobody in this nation could hear the voice of God? That's an incredible indictment unless we think that couldn't happen to us. It happened to the people of God of that time.

Now maybe sin had such a hold at that time that nobody really wanted to hear his voice. Maybe they instinctively knew that he'd be calling them away from sin and they have become so comfortable in the mixture. Maybe nobody wanted to escape the mixture.

Maybe they like the thought of going to heaven but they also like the thought of getting close enough to hell to have a good time and not be burned. Who knows? But for whatever reason they couldn't or didn't want to hear his voice. Maybe the false religion of the day had really convinced the people that they were hearing the voices of God and yet the false religion was leading them astray.

The Lord himself called it a conspiracy. He called it something that is profaning his name and yet these people are standing in pulpits and speaking saying that their voice is the voice of God through them. Those are possibilities but I feel that most likely the need was so great and the opposition was so fierce that those who could hear the voice of God felt too powerless or too small to make a difference.

That's I think most likely the reason. That's what happens to us today. That's why God can speak to us about the need and we look around we say, God I don't know that I could ever make a difference.

I don't have anything to give. I'm so small. You remember when the angel, the messenger of the Lord appeared to Gideon and he calls him a mighty man of resource or valor.

It means resources. Gideon says, are you kidding? Who are you kidding? I'm just trying to squeak out a living in my father's backyard and my father's house is the smallest house in all of his tribe. I'm the smallest person in the smallest house and you're talking to the smallest person in the smallest house of the smallest tribe of the smallest town in all of Israel.

Are you sure you have the right address? Did you get mixed up in the heavenlies along your way here? But here you are talking to me. You see that's what happens when God comes to us and says, I have something I want you to do and I'm giving you the resources to do it. You're a mighty man or woman of resource.

Now in John chapter 6, here's a situation. It's a scene where there was a great need that became evident and the voice of God was clearly heard. John chapter 6 verse 5 that says, Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and saw a great multitude coming towards him.

Think about it now. The multitudes of people that are hurting, the multitudes of people that are confused, they're lost, they don't see a future. In our major colleges today, one of the reasons the door is opening to some of our major universities now is because they're dealing with depression on an unprecedented scale.

Young people don't see a future. They don't see a way forward. There's a great multitude coming and there's a great need.

They were coming towards him, towards Jesus. And in other words, they're at least willing to consider him. And he said to Philip, where will we get bread that these may eat? Where will we get the supply? In other words, that is necessary to meet the need that is being presented before us.

But this he said to test him for he himself knew what he would do. So now these that were closest to him, they've been walking with him for a season. He's going to put them to the test.

That's what God's doing for you and I today. He's going to put you to the test and said, where will we get what we need to feed this multitude? Now, Philip does what we all do. He starts to check his pockets.

He starts to look into his own resources. Then he checks the pockets of other people around him, pulls maybe, I don't know, a fiver out of his pocket and says, I got five bucks. How much you got, Peter? How much have you got, Andrew? How much have you got, Simon? And he starts looking around and he comes up with a, he says, we've got 200 denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them that every one of them may have a little.

This is exactly what we do. We check our own resources. We see the need is almost astronomical in our society.

Then we look in our own pockets. We look at our own resumes. We look in the mirror in the morning and we, and at night, and we make a conclusion that we have too little to meet the need that is, is presented before us.

This is, I just can't do it. Now it was a test and many of us often fail this test, but in verse six, it says he himself knew what he was about to do. He knew what he was going to do, but he knew it before he asked the question.

Now we know that the power of God operates through faith. I want you to follow me in this thread. He always works through faith, through vessels, through people like Abraham and many others throughout history are just like Abraham.

He was old. He didn't know where he was going, but he heard the voice of God and he got up and went. And because of it, of course, we are here today.

I want you to think that through for a moment. One man obeys God and it just, it goes boom and sends a blessing over the whole world, just as God said he was going to do. God operates through faith.

In Mark 9, 23, there was a distressed father that came to Jesus Christ because his child was being thrown into the fire and into the, into the waters. And he said, if you can do something, please help us. And Jesus said, if you can believe all things are possible to him who believes, if you can believe all things are possible, not just some things or marginal things or little things, but if you can believe all things are possible, that means all the things that God has destined for your life are possible.

If you can believe all the things that God wants to do through you and through me are possible. If we can bring ourselves to a place of faith. And I love the father's response.

He says, Lord, I believe, help my unbelief. In other words, I believe as far as I can and God, you're going to have to take me the rest of the way. It was an honest prayer.

Thank God. And Jesus answered that it was sufficient. His faith was sufficient to bring freedom into his child.

In Matthew chapter 13 verses 53 to 58, the scripture tells us that though the voice of Jesus Christ was clearly heard in his own town, calls it his own country in the new King James Bible, that he did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief. Oh God, I don't want to be counted in with that number. I don't know about you.

When we finally get to the throne of God one day, I don't want to be counted among those that you know, finally see what their life could have been. I want my life to be that. I want to go through every door that God sets before me.

I want to be everything he wants me to be now. I want to do what he's, I've walked too far to turn back now. Walked too far with God to start looking in my own pockets for resources.

And I feel that I'm left here now. I'll be 70 in September. I feel I'm left here for you.

Do you understand? It's for your sake, I'm still here. Otherwise God would take me home. I feel I've been left here to say, listen, what God did for me, he can do for you.

He's no respecter of persons. He can take your life and he can take you so far beyond what you could ever hope to be. He could make you into so much more than you could ever be in your own strength.

And he could give you the things that you need to get done when he sent you to do it. It's all miraculous. There's nothing of the human ability in this.

It's divine ability. I feel like a runner in a race and I'm coming around the corner and I've got the baton in my hand saying, who wants it? Who wants to take this baton and walk with the supernatural God? Who wants to hear the voice of God? Who wants to move with God in a way that will bring about change in your generation? Now the scripture says he tested his disciples. These are the people that are in the best Bible school there ever has been in the history of the world.

They've got the God, the voice of the God who created the universe by his word speaking to them every day. They can ask him any questions they want to ask. And after all they've seen and all the miracles and knowing who he is, he finally just asked them a question.

What are we going to do? How are we going to feed them? To test them to say, have you left the natural yet? Are you moving now into the supernatural yet? Are you willing to believe that I can use your life or I can do more than you could even think or imagine? And so, but he knows what he's going to do. Philip says 200 denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them that every one of them may have a little. Then one of his disciples Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, there's a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many? There's a lad here and he's come forward out of the crowd.

Remember Jesus operates through faith. He's the one who said, unless you become converted and become his little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. You'll never understand how the kingdom of heaven works unless you become like a child.

This, I'd see this little boy. I don't know the scenario. I'm waiting.

I want to talk to this kid when I get to heaven. He's probably a man now, but I want to talk to him anyway. But he's on his way either home or he's on his way to school with his lunch, but he doesn't have very much.

He's got five little loaves of bread and two small, not just fish, but small fish, almost like sardines probably. And Andrew's looking at that and saying, but what is that? But it's the faith of a child. Jesus knew what he was going to do.

It's a child that says, here, this should do it. I'll give you what I have. He doesn't know how the crowd's going to be fed, but he says, well, I have a little bit to contribute.

Isn't that the way you feel today? We have a little bit to contribute. The need is great, but we do have something. We do have the word of God.

We do have the Holy Spirit. We do have a heart that's burdened for the lost. We are sitting in a good place, this little boy.

So all the disciples are hearing this question, but the only one who responds, everyone else says, no, it can't be Don. The only one who responds is a little boy with a lunch because Jesus knew what he was going to do. Now, when he brought his lunch, he would have heard Andrew say, but what is that among so many? There's always that voice that says, who do you think you are to think that God is interested in what you have? Who do you think you are to think that your little bit of knowledge, your little bit of strength,

your little bit of education, your little bit of righteousness, your little bit of success that you've had serving God is going to make any kind of a difference? When you look at the grand scale of the hunger that's in this society today, if it was left to Andrew, he would have said, go home, kid, or go to school, whichever way you're going, and go eat your lunch.

It's foolish. You're just a child. You don't realize that you can't feed 10,000 people with just five barley loaves and two little sardines that you have in your lunch bag.

But Jesus knew what he was going to do. Amazing. Imagine when that boy went home.

Mom, Dad, you'll never guess what I did today. I fed 10,000 people with my lunch that you sent. Me and this guy called Jesus.

I brought my lunch to him. Mom, Dad, you're not going to believe this. I mean, he took my little bag of lunch, and he lifted it up and prayed, and then suddenly, bang, there's just baskets of fish everywhere and bread.

And 10,000 people were fed, and they had leftovers. So I'm getting to the leftover stage in my life now. So I'm going to be, one day soon, I'll be gone.

I'll be home. But I'm hoping that there's going to be leftovers, that God's done something in my life, and there's going to be something left over even after I'm gone. Praise be to God.

Isn't that amazing? That's what he does when we surrender to him. First Corinthians chapter 1 and verse 26, Paul the apostle says, For you see your calling, brethren. Do you see your calling? Your calling.

Not somebody else's. Your calling. Not just the zeal of Pastor Tim Delena for the lost, but your zeal for the lost.

Not just him going and winning 600 young people to Christ yesterday, but your calling to go out and win the youth of this generation. Do you see your calling? God sets before you examples like your pastor to show you that if you're willing, if you're willing to obey, if you're willing to go out, if you're willing to do what God calls you to do, there will be—the need of the society will be met. Your calling.

Not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, and not many noble are called. There are some wise, there are some mighty, and there are some noble, but not many of those skill sets are called. But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise.

And God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame things which are mightier. That means things that stand in their own strength or boast of themselves. And the base things, the things at the bottom of the world, and things which are despised, God has chosen.

In other words, those things that nobody aspires to be, and the things which are nothing to bring to nothing the things that are. So the scale of what God uses in his kingdom are foolish to nothing. So if you're anywhere between those two points, you qualify to be used mightily of God in his kingdom.

It's really that simple. You are the choice of God. There's no plan B or C or D or E or F. You're the choice of God.

No great preacher in this last day that God's going to raise up and win the nation back to God. You are the choice of God. You are the light of the world.

You are a city set upon a hill that cannot be hidden. You are the believers in the upper room one more time in prayer saying, God, we need your Holy Spirit. And if you will give us your Holy Spirit, we will make a difference in our generation.

You are the generation that needs to stand in the marketplace one more time, empowered by the Spirit of God, speaking to people in languages they understand about the wonderful works of God. The powerful things that God is able to do. The fact that he does take the weak.

He does take the foolish. He does take the nothing. The nobodies of society gives us the power of his Holy Spirit, enables us to hear his voice, and gives us the power to speak it out to others.

And you think of the thousands going by. They're involved in a religious season in Israel at that time, but when they saw the 120 empowered by the Spirit of God, they were stopped in their tracks, and they were saying, we know things about God, but we don't know God the way you do. You're not just talking about him.

He is speaking through you to us. And they bent their knee and said, what must we do to have this kind of a relationship with God? They had just seen 120 weak, nobodies, nothings, and foolish people empowered by the Spirit of God. And I want to tell you, Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

He does not change. You are the plan of God for this generation. You are the little boy.

You're the little girl with the bag lunch. Wherever you're going, whatever you're doing, whether you're heading to school or work, or you're going home, you have that little bit of resource that God's given you. And when you put it in the hands of Jesus, thousands can be fed with it.

He will multiply it. He will give you so much more than you could ever possess in your own strength, and take you so much farther than you can ever hope to go with any amount of your own initiative. You see your calling.

You see the point is that the hour is dark and the need is great. And every once in a while, when the hour is dark and the need is great, every once in a while God finds somebody like you. Every once in a while.

I've shared this so many times, but the privilege of age is that you get to share your stories over and over and over again. It doesn't matter if anybody's heard them before. You don't really care.

You just tell it again. That's just the way it is. Remember when Jack, you don't know Jack West.

He used to preach. He was an old evangelist, and he told about his Uncle Tommy's conversion so many times. If he died in the pulpit, I could have finished the story at any time.

And then we would go out to eat. There used to be a restaurant around the corner on 8th. We'd go out to eat after the service, and he'd sit in that table and tears come down his face and tell me about Uncle Tommy's conversion all over again.

Because you see how culture transmits itself traditionally, at least anyway, is the old tell stories. And that's how values are passed on. And in telling these stories, what we're doing is we're telling you how God works, what God has done in our life.

It's not a theory for us. It's an experience that we've had. So I sat where you are one time.

I was in my 20s, maybe 26 or so years old. I sat in a church one day. We were just visiting with my wife.

We were in the back, and I was a cop then, and my life was a little rough. It was really rough around the edges. I'm only saved for a short season.

I've got a lot of stuff I'm dealing with in my life, like just coming from way back and just trying to trust God to get some of the things in order in my own life. And I'm just visiting. I'm sitting in the center section, almost at the back, and the pastor preaches his heart out about what I'm preaching on today, essentially.

And at the end of his message, he gives an opportunity for people to respond to yield their future into the hands of God. Now, I'm looking around the church, and everybody looks so good there. They all have suits and nice clothes and big Bibles, and their families look to be all together.

I'm not raised in a Christian home, so I don't have the knowledge they have. I don't have the Bible like they do. I don't know the language.

They're using words like righteousness. I'd never heard stuff like that before. The only time I'd ever heard the word is there was a singing group called the Righteous Brothers.

I don't know if anybody here remembers that, but that's the only time I'd ever heard the word, righteousness. But nevertheless, I'm there, and he gives the call. I felt like the Gideon at that moment, the least qualified in the entire church.

I'm not raised in the faith. I don't have the knowledge. I don't have the Bible, and these people look so good, and they seem to have it all together.

And he gives an altar call, which seemed reasonable to me for people to come forward and just yield their future into the hands of God for the sake of others. And I remember nobody moves. There's 700, 800 people there, and nobody moves.

And I'm standing in the back and thinking, what is wrong with these people? I mean, don't they care? And suddenly my heart starts to beat, and I'm going, oh, no, no, no. No, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no. No, move on, move on, move on, messenger of God.

You have no idea who you're dealing with here. It can't be me. But then your heart is pounding, and you feel that pull of the Holy Spirit, and just like, God.

And I remember I get out of my seat, and there was one other guy. There was two of us responding. The guy in a green suit came down this aisle.

Middle Eastern guy in a green suit, and I came down this aisle in my jeans or whatever I was wearing. And I got on my knees, and I remember my prayer to this day. I said, God, I don't have anything to give you.

If you need somebody with a bad temper, I'm your man. If you need a lousy husband, that's me. I'm not a good father, and I don't like people.

So if you're going by a resume, I'm not your man. I almost felt that the Lord was going to say, next, and just usher me out. But a weeping came upon me, and I just started weeping.

I said, God, I have nothing. I can't speak in front of people. I don't even like being in a crowded room.

But if you can use nothing, you can have me. You see, I've been left here to tell you that he can use you. If you open your heart to him and just have a desire.

Now, you don't go from that altar to preaching to 10 or 100,000 people, whatever it is. But what you do is you just go the first place, and then the second place, and the third. He'll start to lead you.

And then you start to hear his voice. If you don't want to be led by God, you'll never hear his voice. Why would he bother speaking to you if you don't want to hear him? Today, if you can hear his voice, the Scripture says, don't harden your heart.

Don't push it away. Don't look for another opinion. Don't let your own thoughts supersede the voice or the thoughts of God.

The rest is history. I've been all, most of the world, I guess, now. Pastor Teresa and I are heading into Ukraine on Tuesday to Kiev and to Lviv, rather.

And it's been a wonderful journey, just a wonderful, wonderful journey with God all these years. Now, when I'm getting to the last turn in the band, I'm coming back to you and to others with that baton in my hand, saying, you, sir, you, ma'am, would you take the baton? Would you trust God for the supernatural? Would you let him take you out of the little room you find yourself in right now, the little self-view that you have about yourself? It's not about you. Don't look for the resources within you.

It's not about you. It's about Christ in you, Paul says, who's the hope of glory. It's Christ in you that's your strength, because every once in a while, every once in a while, God finds somebody like you.

God finds a heart that says, Lord, here am I. Send me. Isaiah's drawn at a critical time in his nation. He's drawn into the presence of God, and he's the only one there that feels undone.

He is the only one undone there. Everything else at that throne is all created beings in heaven that haven't had to be redeemed. They spend their whole day, 24 hours a day, praising God and just moving in unison with Christ.

He's the only one that's a mess, and he knows it. Sometimes you come to church, and that's the way we feel. God, I'm the only one that's a mess in this place.

Oh, if you knew how many messes are here, you'd be so happy. You'd be clapping your hands, like there's a lot of messes. I'll tell you straight out, it's a lot of messes, myself included.

He is the only one who's aware of what he is and how undone he is, but he's touched by the mercy of God, and when he receives the mercy of God, he starts to hear the voice of God. Who will I send? Who will go for us? And suddenly, just like when I was in that church service that day, there's this silence. Everybody stands.

Nobody moves. They're all waiting for something. What are they waiting for? If I was Isaiah, I would have said, God, send that thing with the six wings.

They'll listen to him. Wouldn't you? Wouldn't you? If he appeared here in the sanctuary and had a message from God, I think I'd be inclined to want to hear what he had to say. They've got it all together, and I'm just a mess, but nobody speaks.

Nobody says anything. There's a sudden silence in heaven. I think even the holy, holy part stops, and everything's silent, and finally at the back, he just goes, well, I'll go.

That's what happened to me 43 years ago. I'll go. If nobody here will go, I'll go.

I'll go. I don't know where going is going to lead me to, but I'll go there, God, if that's your will for my life. And the rest is history from Isaiah.

God gives Isaiah not only just influence over a portion of the nation, but he gives him a panoramic view of the entirety, in a sense, of God's redemptive plan on the earth. And every once in a while, like Esther, who felt that her influence with the king is gone, and there's ladies sitting here today, you feel like, oh, I wish I'd heard this five years ago. You know, I had such a passionate prayer life with God, but I haven't been talking to him, and he's not been talking to me.

The cry comes to Moses. The voice of God comes to Moses when he's past his prime, and he feels like a failure, like I was given a chance to do something, but my temper got the best of me, and I blew it, and I'm too old now. The voice of God comes to David when he's too young, and he's not been trained in military ways like the soldiers around him.

The voice of God comes to Gideon when there's 135,000 Midianites coming in and just pillaging the land annually. Comes to Gideon when he feels so insignificant that he feels like he's the bottom of everything. He's the least of the least, and yet God calls him a mighty man of resources.

The Lord comes to Isaiah, comes to Hannah, comes to Mary, comes to people all throughout biblical history, and I'm so glad that the Lord does not change. You still are. You still are plan A in the kingdom of God.

You're not plan B. When you go home today, look in the mirror in your bathroom. Look in the mirror and say, I'm still plan A in the kingdom of God. Lord, here am I. Send me.

Whatever you would have for my life, wherever you want me to go, whatever you want me to do, whoever you would have me to speak to, whatever giftings I'm going to need to do the work I'm called to do when I get there, God, I open my heart to you, and I ask you to use my life for your glory. There's no deeper than that. It never has been.

I'm like the little boy with the lunch bag. Here, Jesus, what I have is yours. Use it as you see fit to feed the hunger in 10,000 people.

Here's my lunch. That's what I want to leave with you today. That's all you need to be.

You just, you hold it up to God. The rest is up to God. It's not up to you or me.

He knows what doors to open before you. He knows what to give you to speak when you get there. He knows what he has destined for your life to be.

There was a divine plan for you the moment you turned to Christ as your Savior. There was a plan of God that is waiting to be initiated in your life. The problem that you and I face is getting out of the littleness of our thinking, getting away from searching our own pockets and resources for what we're going to need to do the work and the needs that's before us, from stopping for looking to others around us to say, well, maybe you can help, maybe you can help, and just say, God, what would you have me to do with the little that I have in my hands? I have a little bit of education.

I have a little bit of courage. I have a little bit of love in my heart. I have a little bit of faithfulness, a little bit of integrity, God, but it's not what I think would be necessary to me to need so big, but God, I believe that if I give it to you, you can multiply it.

That's how it works. He multiplies what you have, and he does it supernaturally for his glory. And when you get to the end, you say, only God could have done this.

Only God could have done this. Only God. And now the choice is yours.

You are the answer of God to the hunger of this generation. You are plan A. And so the question is now, will you bring to God what you have and give it to him? You don't have to go out here and start preaching on the corner. You just go where God leads you, and you give what he gives you to give, and you say what he tells you to say when you get there.

Keep it real simple, and you watch what God will do. So don't tell me you're too old. Don't tell me you're too young.

Don't tell me you're too small. Don't tell me you're too poor, because it's not about you. This is about Jesus Christ.

It's about the presence of God in your life. So we're going to stand in just a moment. The worship team is going to come and sing a chorus or song on this platform, and I want to give you an opportunity to do what I did 43 years ago.

An opportunity just to get out of your seat and say, well, I don't have anything. Maybe you got a little more than I had, but God, whatever I have, I give it to you. And I'm asking you to multiply.

I'm asking you to multiply what I have in my life and in my heart, and use it to feed the hunger in this generation. Watch what God will do. Watch the giftings of God that will begin to abound, the leadings of God in your heart.

You'll feel drawn to speak to people that you weren't drawn to speak to before. You'll have a sudden urge. You'll see somebody sick to just put your hands on their shoulders and pray for their healing.

God will begin to do things through you that only God can do. You're only the vessel. You're just putting your little bit into the hands of God, and God is taking it all and doing something marvelous.

I happen to feel that we're on the threshold of Christ's return. Let's go out with glory. Let's go out with a shout of praise.

Let's go out with, let's go out bringing glory to his name by opening our hearts and letting God be God in each one of our lives. I love the fact that Pastor Tim has got a burden for a billion, to get the gospel out to a billion souls, but it can't be just us clapping for Pastor Tim. Do you understand what I'm saying? Everybody has to get in now to the work of God.

There's a huge, huge hunger in this city and the surrounding areas wherever it is you're from, and we are still plan A. We're the bread carriers, may I put it that way. We're the ones that God will use to feed the hunger in so many people's lives, and if you just want to join and come to this altar today and just say, God, I don't feel like I have much, but I give you what I have. If you're not a believer in Christ and you'd like to give your life to him, you come out and you join the people that are coming today, and you watch and see what God is going to do.

We're going to stand now, and I just want to invite you to come, and we'll pray together. Wherever you are, Lord, here am I. Send me. God bless you.

Just come. Here am I. Move in close. Make room for people as they come.

You'd be amazed that the difference is going to be made in somebody's life because of you. People are going to find heaven because of you. They're going to find courage.

You're going to find out they're loved. Just keep coming. Just keep coming.

Come down the aisles and the sides and the back, and if you feel your heart being strangely drawn, even though you feel like you're totally unworthy, just yield to that drawing. Yield. It's God drawing you.

Just yield to it, and just come. Just come. Lord, I'm yours.

I'm yours.

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