

# Finish the Race With Prayer

by Carter Conlon

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*Carter Conlon emphasizes the transformative power of prayer and the necessity of approaching God with faith and thanksgiving.*

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## Description

The sermon is titled 'Finish the Race with Prayer' and is part of a series called 'Finishing the Race.' The speaker emphasizes the importance of prayer in our journey as Christians. He highlights the need for the Holy Spirit to make the truth alive within us and enable us to walk in it. The sermon references biblical stories, such as Abraham's servant finding a bride for his son and the disciples' experience in the upper room, to illustrate the power of prayer and faith in God's promises. The speaker encourages believers to have faith, speak to their mountains, and believe that God will answer their prayers.

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## Transcript

Mark chapter 11, please if you will, I'm going to be speaking the fifth in a series called Finishing the Race. And the message this morning is entitled, Finish the Race with Prayer. Finish the race with prayer.

Now Father, I thank you Jesus for the touch of the Holy Spirit. Thank you for your anointing. Lord, you have to quicken this truth.

You have to make it alive. There's no other way that we can receive it. We can't walk in it if you don't make it live within us.

It's insufficient that we understand it with our natural mind. There has to be something of a spiritual quickening in us. Holy Spirit of God, quicken these words to us.

Make them real. Make them alive in our hearts. Give me the ability Lord to speak this clearly.

Oh Jesus, thank you. Overshadow my frailty. Don't let anybody miss this profound truth because of any frailty in me.

Cover me Lord. Father, I bring this to you and bring it to your people. I ask only that your name be glorified, that every hungry heart be fed today.

And I ask it in Jesus' name. Mark chapter 11, verse 22 to 24. And Jesus answering, saith unto them, Have faith in God.

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea, and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass, he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever you desire, when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you shall have them. Now it's an incredible thought.

I was reading these words this week and the thought came to me, if we believe these words. Now I'm not speaking to those who don't believe. Now people who don't believe this won't pray, obviously.

Those who really don't want to walk with Jesus Christ are not going to take this seriously either. But I'm talking about the serious Christian, the honest Christian, the believer in Jesus Christ that says, God I want to walk with you. I want my life to count for something on the earth.

I want to know your will. I want to walk in your will. Now no matter where you are on that journey, if you're partway along it or if you're just beginning, wherever it is, the honest person, if we believe these words, then why don't we pray? If we believe these words, if we believe just these three verses of scripture, that you can speak to any mountain that's before you and it will have to move.

Now he's figuratively speaking of course, and be cast into the midst of the sea. And he said, and these are red letter words from the mouth of Jesus himself. He said, whatever things you desire when you pray, believe that you receive them and you shall have them.

Now if we believe this, wouldn't we virtually be running every day into the prayer closet? Now by prayer closet I mean a secret intimate time of prayer. Wouldn't we be running to the church for a prayer meeting? Wouldn't we be calling a friend and praying if we find it hard to pray alone? Wouldn't prayer be the very essence of our life? Wouldn't we want to pray more than breathe? Now if you had a friend that had a billion dollars, and your friend called you and said, whenever you had a need call me and it's yours, whatever you need. Do you think you might dial that number once in a while? And yet we have the very God of the universe that says, I'll move anything out of your way that hinders you.

I'll give you all that you desire. If you pray and believe it's going to be yours. Now I don't know about you, but I want to finish the race with prayer.

I want to have this kind of prayer in my life and in my heart. I've known it in great measure over the years, but I don't want to ever get to the point of saying I've received enough. If God has more of his life for me, if he has more ways that he can glorify himself through me, I would be a fool to vacate the prayer closet and to start relying on something else other than these words that come from the very heart of God.

If we believe these words, why is it so hard for many of God's people to go into this place of prayer? This place where the impossible becomes possible, where we go into that secret personal moment of prayer and say, Lord, I can't do this in my own strength, but I believe that you can, and I believe that you'll give me the power, and I believe that I will come out of this victorious. If we believe this, why is it so hard to pray? Now, obviously the devil is against prayer. I mean, you look through the scriptures and you see the moments where people have prayed.

You see babies being born in barren wombs. You see the old being made strong. You see wherever people have prayed, the miraculous starts to happen.

So obviously Satan is going to oppose you, but is it possible there's something in our own hearts that opposes us going into this time of prayer? Now, many people can't pray because they feel condemned. I was asking the Lord, I said, if these words are true, which we know they are, why is it so hard to pray? I would think that there'd be more people at the prayer meeting than a preaching meeting. It'd be wonderful to hear the word of God, but I would think that people would be flocking to the prayer meeting, doing whatever we could to get into the prayer meeting because there is this promise of life that cannot be gotten any other way but by the hand of God, and this promise of victory, this promise of freedom, this promise of glorifying God in the earth.

So why don't we pray? The Lord spoke these things to me, so I just want to give it to you as he gave it to me. Many can't pray because they feel condemned. Now imagine how difficult it would be to visit a friend every day who magnified our faults and criticized the shortfall of even our sincere efforts.

I don't like people like that. I don't know about you. I find them very difficult that you come in all happy and they just start pointing out everything that you're not doing right.

You ever gone into the prayer closet? When I was a young Christian, I used to have such a hard time with this. There was this voice that would always speak to me. If I prayed 58 minutes, I'd walk away and this voice would say, what, could you not pray with me one hour? If I prayed an hour and five minutes, this voice would say, is that all you can, of your 24 hours of your day, is that all you can give to the Lord? This constant condemnation that is from my own heart, obviously, and from just from things that have been imprinted into our personalities.

We have a sense if we were raised under a somewhat of a critical voice that this is the way God is. This is the way God thinks. This is the way he feels.

And so just like Peter in Acts 10, we go into the prayer closet. The scripture says he was, went up on a rooftop to pray and a sheet was let down as he began to pray. And on that sheet were all kinds of unclean things, beasts and birds and insects and whatever are on the sheet.

And that's what our prayer life can be like. We go into that secret closet, we get on our knees and we start to pray and immediately all of our failings, all of our faults, all of our struggles, all of our shortcomings, this sheet comes down. Anybody else experience this? And all of your, all of the things that you didn't do right, all of the places where you might have missed it as a Christian, all of the little things come back to mind as if that's all that God does.

And so the Lord says to Peter, rise, kill and eat. In other words, be nourished, Peter, be strengthened. Peter, strengthen yourself from this time of revelation that I'm giving to you.

And Peter says, no, I can't because there's such uncleanness here. And many people can't grow in grace, can't lay hold of the promises of God because there seems to be just this constant awareness of this uncleanness. But then the Lord says something to Peter.

He says, what God has cleansed, that call not thou common. Don't call what I've cleansed common or unclean anymore. When you go into the prayer closet, you and I have to know that we have been cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ.

We can't just sing about it in church on Sunday. It's somehow got to get into us that the blood of Jesus has cleansed us from all sin. The Bible says that in Christ, we are the righteousness of God.

We're as clean as God is. That's what it means. In Christ, it would seem almost blasphemous if it wasn't written in the scriptures.

But that is our position. For those that have come to Jesus Christ, when you go into the, into the prayer closet, don't call yourself unclean anymore. We've all failed.

We all fall short. David said, God, if you marked iniquities, who among us could stand? Lord, if you went to the cross, died for our sins and went back to heaven, just to point out our flaws, when we come into your presence, who could stand? None of us could stand. We live in a fallen body and we live in a fallen world.

We are subject to the passions of this flesh. And I don't know about you, but as I'm changing into the man that God wants me to be, I thank God for that covering of the blood of Jesus Christ. I thank God that I don't have to be strong to go into the prayer closet.

As a matter of fact, the book of Hebrews tells me it's in my time of need that I should go to the throne of God. It's in my time when I need strength, when I need direction, when I need empowerment, when I need help. That's when I should go into the, and the Bible says I should go boldly there.

That means I'm invited there. I don't have to crawl in. I can walk in into the presence of God.

I can go boldly. I am a son. You are a daughter.

We have an invitation to our heavenly father. Jesus can't violate the words of his own mouth. He is not asking us to do what he himself is unwilling to do.

He has cleansed us. He does not call us unclean. And therefore we should take ourselves off the throne in this area of our lives and stop being God and stop calling ourselves unclean.

What God has cleansed, do not call common any longer. Hallelujah to the Lamb of God. John said in 1st John 4, he said, and we have known and believed the love that God has to us.

God is love and he that dwells in love dwells in God and God in him. There is no fear in love. When you and I know we are loved of God, redeemed, cleansed, justified, the Holy Spirit has come upon us, has set us apart, it's called sanctified.

We are changing daily into the image of God, that to an image of God in us it brings glory to his name in the earth. There's no fear in this love, but perfect love casts out fear because fear is torment and he that fears is not made perfect in love. And in verse 19, John says, we love him because he first loved us.

It wasn't our choice, it was his choice to love us. Thanks God. The cross is the full expression of God's love for you.

Jeremiah 31 3, he says, yea, I've loved you with an everlasting love. Therefore, with loving kindness, I have drawn you. We didn't find God, he's never been lost.

He reached out to us and drew us unto himself. Jesus said, no man can come to me unless the Father draws him. Nobody can come unless God draws them.

Isaiah 49 16, he says, behold, I've engraved you on the palms of my hands. The cross is the expression, it's the full expression of the love of God. Luke chapter 15, God shows us his own willingness to cover us

when we're moving towards what he's called us to be.

The prodigal son got up and decided to come back to his father, and his father covered him, empowered him, brought him into the house. Now the son still obviously has a lot of inner struggles, but he's covered now. He's empowered now.

He's called now. And thank God for this covering, the willingness of God to cover while we're, we are moving towards what he has called us to be. Paul said, I haven't arrived, but I leave behind those things that need to be left behind, and I press forward to the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

You're covered. Did you understand that? You are covered. Philippians 4:6, Paul says, be careful for nothing.

In other words, don't be weighed down. Don't let the enemy or your own heart condemn you. But in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God.

With thanksgiving. Now I don't know how you and I can come into the prayer closet with thanksgiving if we don't believe that we are already received of God, and that it's God's delight to change us. It's God's delight to manifest the life of his son in us.

It's God's delight to give us the things that we need to represent him on the earth. It's the delight of God. Praise God.

That's how I can come in with thanksgiving. Lord, I had a bad day. I lost my temper six times, but thank you, Lord.

It's not going to happen tomorrow. Thank you, God, that you have a fruit of the Spirit called long suffering and love and joy, and these things are mine. And so I speak to this mountain and command it in Jesus' name to be moved.

Whatever this mountain is in your life, to be moved and to be cast into the sea. Now, Lord, I desire love. I desire peace in my life.

I desire long suffering and gentleness, O God, and Lord, I believe. I believe because these things will honor you in the earth that these things are mine. Oh God, thank you.

Thank you, Jesus. Thank you, Lord. Thank you, God.

I can feel it already. Lord, you're already touching my life. You're already changing my life.

The prayer closet should be a profound place. There should be an excitement there. You shouldn't be wringing your hands going in and wringing your hands coming out.

I went to a convention one time where they had a prayer meeting in the morning, and when they all got up to pray early in the morning, and they all went in, and everybody got out their handkerchiefs. I thought that was kind of odd. They weren't even crying yet, but they got out their handkerchiefs, and they all got on their knees, and they unfolded their handkerchief, and I'm just watching this thing wondering what kind of a prayer meeting is this, and everybody starts to pray.

That's how they started. I'm such a wretch. That's the uncleanness.

That's a recognition that we're not clean. I fall so far short. In other words, they don't even wait for to be accused anymore.

They accuse themselves. Give the devil a holiday, and they cry going down. They cry getting up, and then they work harder, and try harder, and strive harder.

When the scripture says that it's by asking that the things that you need are yours. It's by coming into the presence of God with joy. It's by coming in with a thankful heart.

It's by coming in with the sense that God is not marking my iniquities. He has covered me, and it's his delight to strengthen me and to change me. Now, people have a hard time to pray, secondly, because they have mixed desires, because sometimes our desires are not the same as God's desires for us, and so the mixed desires make it difficult because James said, you have not because you ask not in chapter 4 verse 2, and then in verse 3 he says, you ask and receive not because you ask amiss that you may consume it upon your lusts.

You ask for the wrong reasons. You and I are left on the earth to glorify the Son of God, to bring this heart of God that sent his Son to a cross to knowledge among men. We are to be an embodiment of this heart of God.

We are to be doing the work of God. Christ bought the redemption, but we are to be bringing the reality of that redemption, the reality of that empowerment of the Holy Spirit, the life that is ours. When the 120 burst out of the upper room in the book of Acts, that's what they were bringing.

They were bringing this sense of, we asked for strength, and he's given it to us. Supernatural strength, sovereign strength, the mountains of fear and unbelief have been removed, and here they are, 120 mostly uneducated people, just simply bursting into the marketplace where people still have the blood of anger on their lips towards all who follow Jesus Christ, and yet here they are, filled with the presence of God, filled with the life of God. In the Greek it says they were speaking the megalios of God, which means the anticipated outworking of the inward life of God that was in them.

They were speaking about what God was going to do, what he had given them, the faith that was alive in their hearts. And the religious looked at this and said, wow, there's nothing of our religion that has ever given us anything that looks like this. What must we do to be saved? You ask amiss that you may consume it upon your lusts.

In Genesis chapter 24, the whole chapter tells us that Abraham had a servant, and he said to the servant, swear to me that you will go to my family and find a bride for my son. Now, it's really a type, in a sense, of God the Father speaking to you and I, the church of Jesus Christ. And that servant went out into the land of Abraham's family, and in Genesis 24, verses 12 to 15, he was praying, and he said, Lord, if you've prospered my journey, and if you're going to be favorable to my master, Lord, you've got to lead me to the bride for his son.

And the scripture says, before he had done speaking, Rebecca came out with a picture upon her shoulder, before he had done speaking, he had traveled a long distance, he's in a very large place with a whole lot of people, doesn't even know where Abraham's family is, but he prays. And when he prays, the miraculous begins to unlock. God brings everything together.

Folks, I'd thank God that that servant wasn't a strategist. I thank God there were no phone books available. I thank God he couldn't tweet or text or do any of these other things in that generation.

He did what men should do, and he prayed. And when he prayed, God sovereignly began to answer that prayer, and the miraculous began to unfold. And of course, Rebecca was grafted into this lineage of Jesus Christ.

And from this came, of course, Jacob and the patriarchs of Israel, and ultimately, the Son of God himself. Jesus said in John 14 and verse 31, that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do arise and let us go hence. Now, he's talking about the cross.

He's making it very clear he's going to the cross. And he said, but that the world may know that I love the Father, and the Father gave me a commandment. Now I'm doing what the Father asked me to do.

And many people can't pray because we are unwilling to follow the pathway that may open up before us. We're afraid of what God may ask us. And that's why the prayer closet becomes such a difficult place for some people.

We're afraid that when we go in there, that God's going to ask something of us that we're not willing to give. Think about Philip for a moment. In Acts chapter 8, he had a marvelous ministry happening.

Multitudes were being saved. Devils were fleeing. Healings were happening.

The original apostles had even taken notice of his ministry. And yet, going into a place of prayer, he was asked to leave what we may view as present security and success, and go into a barren place, go into something he didn't understand. And many people have a view of what our lives should be.

We have a view of what is offering security. We have a personal view of what success is. And we're not willing to go into the prayer closet, lest God should change it.

He should ask us to do something that is not on our agenda. It's not on our calendar. That's why there are some churches that are filled today with people who are just using Jesus Christ to further their own agenda, not the agenda of God.

Now, Philip left, and he went to a desert place. But in that place, he experienced the miracle of a significant conversion. A man of authority from Ethiopia was brought to the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

And then after baptizing this Ethiopian eunuch, the Scripture says that Philip was translated by the Spirit of God. When the Ethiopian came up out of the water, Philip was gone. The Lord just took him.

You see, this obedience to leave what we might view as security and success is what can actually open to us the supernatural, the willingness to leave. Now, I've lived through some of this. I've lived through being called of God to pastor, I don't know what it was, 17 people or so in a meeting in a little hotel, actually, and to leave my job, a really successful career where I was advancing quite quickly.

And then, of course, there's always the pension, the dental plan, the free medical. Those are serious considerations. To go and to pastor this little group of people, the tithing was hardly anything.

I was tithing most of what the tithe was in that little group. And the Lord asking me to leave. And I remember the numbers of voices around me, Christian voices saying, this is insane what you're doing.

Think about your children and their education. And what about their teeth? I mean, I don't know. That's always important.

In Canada, it's just an important thing. Your teeth are important. Everybody has to be able to afford braces at a certain time in their life, I guess.

What about their teeth? And what about their college? And what about your car if it breaks down? And I'm getting all the whatabouts and whatabouts. And I remember saying to some people, what about the call of God? What about the fact that I really believe this is God calling me? I don't understand where it's leading me to. But I know it's God.

You know, the Lord just doesn't call us out of where we are, and then suddenly we're aware of the full picture. He calls us just to take that first step of obedience. Now, Philip's obedience brought the gospel.

It's the first record we have of the gospel of Jesus Christ going into the northern parts of Africa. And thank God for that. It's the first steps where the miraculous starts to happen, and where we're walking, and that's where we can say, Lord, I need this.

When we're doing the will of God, when our desires are in line with the desires of God, then we have the right to come into the prayer closet and say, Lord, I need this. And we start to see the miraculous unfold. I remember one time--now, we've had a lot of miracles over the years, but I remember one specific time, our well went dry on our home.

We were out in the country, and the well went bad, actually, not dry. Some iron got into the well, and we didn't have any money. I was now pastoring this little church, and I took my three children, and we knelt down, and I said, now, this is what the word of God says.

If you ask for anything according to your desire, you will have it. But we're not to ask according to our lusts, but to the things that we truly need. And I said, we need water.

We need water. And so we prayed together, and I said, I don't know how we're going to pay for this, but God is going to give us water. And so we called a company, and by faith, they had them dig a new well, and they hit blue clay, and the water was just as clear as you can get bottled water in a store.

It was marvelous. The water was ice cold. It was crystal clear, and I hadn't yet gotten the invoice for it.

I went out to the mailbox one day. I opened it up, and it was from my father, a card. And he said, I don't, and he never did this ever.

He said, it's just on my heart to send this to you. He said, your grandmother left an inheritance, and he said, there's still a little bit left over of it, and he said, I'd like to send you, it was a check for \$1,000. Now, folks, the bill for the well came to about 960 something dollars, and we went out and had pizza as a family.

You can ask. You can ask. We started out as a young church, and we asked for a building of our own, and our first church, we bought for a dollar from the township.

Second one, we got it from 10 Jewish lawyers for a tax receipt. We bought a Christian school. Folks, I've lived in the miraculous.

I've seen the miraculous. When we're doing the will of God, we're doing the work of God, when our heart's desires in line with the desires of God, that's where the miraculous starts to happen. But yet, so many of us are still afraid of what God may ask.

Think about Acts chapter 9, Ananias, a good man goes to prayer, and God says to him, there's a man called Saul of Tarsus. He's staying down in this house on Straight Street. I want you to go down and lay hands on him.

I'm going to heal him and fill him with the Holy Ghost. Ananias says, Lord, is this the same Saul that's done great harm to the people, your people in Jerusalem, and I have heard that he has authority from the priests to put in prison all who call upon your name. Now you're asking me to go lay hands on this man? I mean, that's talking about just going right in.

So here I am, arrest me, torture me, because that's what Paul was doing. But he reached out, and in Acts 9 verse 18, it says, as he prayed for Paul, scales fell from his eyes, and Paul rose up and was baptized, received strength, and it's just a verse or two later that he's already starting to go out and preach in the synagogue that Jesus is the Christ. Thank God for this man's obedience.

Think about Ananias if he had not obeyed God, if he'd gone into the prayer closet and pushed out of his mind everything that was detrimental to his own safety, security, and his future. Folks, I can't get over the thought of the incredible explosive power that's here just in this sanctuary today. If there were people who had the courage to go in the prayer closet and just say, Lord, what would you have me to do? And just have the courage to let God speak it to you, as preposterous as it might be.

Philip, go to the desert. Paul, go lay hands on this man that's been torturing the church and putting them in jail. And then John 21, Jesus says to Peter, after Jesus had risen from the dead, Peter, do you love me? And Peter tells him, yes, I do love you.

In the last part of that chapter, he says, then when you're growing old, can you stretch out your hands and let me lead you? Can you be led into a place that you don't want to go? Can you be led into something that in the natural you'd rather not do? Can you be led there? Can I take you there? Can I use you there? Can your life glorify me on the earth? Remember we said there's no fear in love. If you love me, Peter, you will not be afraid of letting me lead you. If you love me, you will start to love your fellow man as I do.

My life will begin to flow through yours and you will not be afraid to be taken where sinners are and taken into places where there's even a hostility towards the name of Jesus Christ. You'll not be afraid, Peter. You'll not live your life in some religious cloister somewhere or in some in-house prayer group that never goes out anywhere or does anything.

No, you'll be stretching out your hands and saying, Lord, lead me. I'm praying that prayer all the time. God, lead me.

God, lead me. God, lead my life. God, lead me every day.

I want to finish in prayer. I want to finish. I've lived many years in the supernatural.

I've seen what God can do. I've watched God do the miraculous for years now, and I don't want to settle in and finish less than I started. I want to finish the race with prayer.

As a church, we need to finish the race with prayer. We need to move into the supernatural of God. There's no fear in love, and the Lord Jesus is asking Peter to stretch out his hands and be led into places he can't go.

And many people don't pray because they're unaware that the miraculous is right within their reach. Jesus, in this verse of Scripture in Mark 11, had just cursed the fig tree. He had come to that which type--it's a type of Israel.

It's a type of religion. It's a type of a relationship with God, and he looked for nurture on it, and there was none. And the fig tree represents everything within me that has no ability to let the power and strength of Jesus be manifested through me to others.

Everything in me that hinders. Everything in me that would want to hide behind fig leaves. Remember, it was fig leaves that Adam and Eve covered themselves with in the Garden of Eden.

Everything that doesn't represent the life of God. Everything that falls short of the glory of God. I have the power in Christ to curse this.

I have the power to speak to this area in my own heart and say, no more will you govern me. You know my story. It was many, many years ago as a brand new Christian, and I stood after nine years of panic attacks in my living room, and I stood in that living room with feeling a panic attack coming on my life again, and did this without even fully realizing the power of God that was within me.

But I did say this, no more are you going to govern my life. I'd rather die than have this govern my life anymore. So give me all you got, and I throw back at you what I now have in the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Everything that has no life. Everything that would want to cause me to settle in for a form of religion without power. I have the right and ability to curse it.

You don't have to be here today playing some game. You don't have to pretend you're free. You can be free through Jesus Christ.

He said, not only the fig tree, but you can say to this mountain, that means everything in and around me that feeds this powerlessness. The mountain is the soil. The mountain is what gives life, and allows these things that don't represent God, and don't have any life, and have no nurture for anybody around me.

It allows it to survive. Not only the tree, Jesus said, but the mountain. On that mountain, I'm sure there are other fig trees.

Everything that feeds this powerlessness and allows God lookalikes to flourish in my life, I have the power to cast them into the sea. I have the power to cast them away, and to expect God to replace them with what I need to glorify him on the earth. And today, I will have them.

That's got to be in your heart. If that's all of the Bible you had, these three verses, your life could be miraculous. That's all you had.

If you were in a place where there was no Bible, and somebody slipped to you, if you were in a prison, if you were somewhere where there's no hope, there's no life, and somebody slipped this under your door, have faith in God. For verily I say it to you, that whosoever shall say to this mountain, be removed and be

cast into the sea, and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he says shall come to pass. He shall have whatsoever he saith.

Therefore, I say to you, whatsoever things you desire when you pray, believe you receive them, and you shall have them. Today, I will have it. Today, I will be delivered from this fear that my sons and daughters are not coming home.

Today, today, my children are coming home. Today, my family's coming home to God. Today, today, I will have it.

Today, I've had it with the devil telling me my life is worth nothing in the kingdom of God. My life will go nowhere in the kingdom of God. I have nothing to offer the kingdom of God.

Today, I speak to this mountain in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and I command you in Jesus' name to be cast away from me and planted in the midst of the sea. Today, I will be free from drugs, alcohol, pornography, depression, suicide. Today, today, because I'm going with God.

I'm going to serve God. My life is going to be a testimony about God. Today, today, I will be free.

Today, I will give God glory. Today, I will walk out of Times Square Church believing that the things that I've asked God for, I have received. Today, today.

I will pray and expect God to answer, but not only today, but tomorrow, and the next day, until I cross the finish line. Hallelujah to the Lamb of God! Hallelujah! And when I cross the line, the testimony is about Jesus. It's all about Jesus! It's about the power, the victory of Jesus Christ! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah to the Lamb of God! I will not be governed by anything of this flesh, anything of this world! The Lord of Glory governs me! The God of all creation lives inside of me! Hallelujah! Have faith in God! Have faith in God, Times Square Church! Have faith in God! Have faith in God! What an hour to rise up! What an hour to be the church again! What an hour to go into the prayer closet with boldness in all of our weakness, and come out with the strength of God! What an hour to have a clear mind, a clean heart, a vision for the future, strength that comes from God and God alone! What an hour to be equipped with the power of God! What an hour! What an hour! What an hour to be alive in God! What an hour to be able to stand in the midst of the marketplace as they did 2,000 years ago! Declaring the glory of God, declaring the power of God, bringing a message to people.

It's not how to do anything! It's who gave me the power to be a different person! Thank you, Jesus! Thank you, Jesus! Thank you, Jesus! Today, I will pray! Today, I will believe God! Today! Today, I will speak to this mountain! Today, hallelujah! Hallelujah to the Lamb of God! Whatever that mountain is that allows this powerlessness to exist and tells you to cover it, just cover it with religion! Just make it look like it's alive! But men try to get close to it, and there's no life, there's no sustenance in it! There's a point in our lives where we say, no more of this! No more of this! If God be God, then let him be God in me! Hallelujah to the Lamb of God! I'm going with God! I'm going into the place where God is! I'm going to say to this mountain, be thou removed and be thou cast into the midst of the sea! You're struggling in your marriage, you're struggling in your mind, whatever your situation is, you're struggling to believe that God can use you! It's time now just to stand up by faith! Have faith in God! Stand up by faith and speak to this thing! In the name of Jesus, you're not going to dominate me any longer! I have the God who created the universe inside of

my life! Hallelujah to the lamb of God! And when he speaks, things happen! When he speaks, the dead are raised! When he speaks, eyes are seen! When he speaks, universes are created! Praise be to God! Praise be to God! Praise be to God! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah to the lamb of God. Thank you, Jesus. Thank you, Jesus.

Thank you, Jesus. Well, the musicians, I'd like to sing that song. I'll say to the mountain, be thou removed.

Hallelujah. Folks, this is one time I can't pray for you at this altar. This is one time you're going to have to pray for yourself.

Whatever that... Listen, this is the easiest way to say it. Wherever the devil has said you can't, that's what I want you to pray about today. Whatever your own heart says will never change, that's the mountain.

That's what you got to stand today and say, there's no way. No way. These are red letter words in my Bible.

This is out of the Jesus himself. I believe this. I don't believe the lie.

I believe what Jesus Christ has spoken. Thank God. He's going to give my hands strength.

He's going to teach me to climb. He's going to open my mouth. He's going to give me gifts that I don't naturally have.

He's going to vanquish my enemies. He's going to give me strength to face the days that I'm living in now. There's going to be a new song in my heart.

There's going to be a new bounce in my step. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

And I'm going to finish my days in prayer. Hallelujah. I will not be driven out of the prayer closet.

Glory to God. Glory to God. Let's stand please.

Praise God. Praise God. In the annex, in the main sanctuary, the balcony, if there's a mountain in your life, there's an area where the devil or your own heart said you're not going to get the victory, I'm going to ask you to slip out of your seat.

Please just come to the front of this sanctuary in the annex, step between the screens, and we're going to pray. And as you come down, start to pray. Just start to pray.

You have to have faith. Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you that whosoever shall say, whosoever shall say, you have to say it.

You got to stand against this mountain. You got to take authority. You got to proclaim the victory.

You got to get out of this yourself in the strength of God. Hallelujah. Don't bow your head and cry.

Glory to God. Lift your hands and rejoice. Come to the presence of God.

Come to the throne of God. Come with thanksgiving. Come with faith.

Hallelujah. Come believing. Come expecting to receive.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Glory to God. Revive your church, Lord.

My God, revive your church. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Begin to lift your voice to God right now. Just begin to talk to Him. Tell Him what that mountain is in your own words.

In your own words, just begin to talk to Him. Talk to Him out loud. Cry out to Him today.

God, we cry out to You. We lift our voices to You, Lord. We lift our voices, Jesus.

We name those mountains. We name those lives of the enemy, God. Lord, we proclaim that You are Lord, that You are God, that You are in control.

Our faith is in You. Our trust is in You, God. You reign.

You are on the throne, Lord. You are on the throne, oh God, of heaven's throne. And You reign in our hearts.

The devil is a liar. Our God reigns. Our God is in control.

We are in Your hands, and there's no devil that can pluck us out. Lord, we stand against those mountains. We name every mountain.

We name it, Lord. We name it in the name of Jesus, God. And we cry out to You, and we believe, Lord, that You, Lord, Lord, that You have defeated the devil.

You've defeated every work of the flesh, Lord. Lord, we thank You that our flesh was nailed to the cross with You, oh Lord. Lord, that we are crucified with Christ, and it's no longer us that lives, but it's Christ who lives within us.

We thank You that there's no power of hell, Lord. There's no, Lord, no power of hell. There's no work of the flesh, Lord.

There's no lie of the enemy, oh God, that can bind us when we're trusting in You. We speak to these mountains. We speak to, Lord, every devil.

We speak to every lie. We speak to, Lord, all opposition, all oppression. God, every resistance.

Lord, we say we will not bow. We will not bend our knee. In the name of Jesus, we command You to go.

In the name of Jesus, we resist You. We submit ourselves to God, and we resist the enemy, and Your Word says He has to flee. Father, we resist the enemy today.

We resist every lie. We resist every mountain, every voice that says we can't. We say we can.

Through God, we can do all things as He strengthens us. We will not surrender. We will not yield.

We will not give up. We will not believe the lies of the enemy. We choose to believe the report of the Lord.

We choose to believe that our God reigns. We choose to believe that the devil is already defeated. Lord, that the enemy is under our feet.

God, You said that You'd cross the enemy's head. Lord, Genesis 3 15 says the enemy. Lord, that the seed of the woman.

Lord, that our Christ. Lord, that His foot would be on the head of the enemy. We thank You that we stand in Christ today, and that the devil is under our feet.

God, the devil is under our feet today. God, we proclaim that You are Lord. Lord, that the victory is ours.

God, we will not, Lord, give up. Lord, we believe the report of the Lord today. We believe that our family members are coming home.

We believe, oh God, Lord, that every mountain is being removed. God, that You're going to give us our communities. Lord, that You're going to give us.

Lord, You're going to fulfill. Lord, the ministry, the calling You have on our lives. God, we're going through.

We're going over. We're not going under. God, we thank You.

We bless You. We glorify You. We thank You, Lord.

We thank You. You said that when we go through the fire, we would not be burned. Lord, when we go through the floods, Lord, they would not overflow us.

God, we proclaim every promise, every promise that You've made to us. We lay claim of it today, and God, we tell the devil, Lord, to get out of here, to get out of here, get out of here. Our God reigns, and we're going with Jesus.

We thank You that the good work You began in us, Lord, You will see it to completion. We thank You, Jesus. We thank You, Jesus.

We thank You, Jesus. We thank You, Jesus. You said prayer, supplication.

With thanksgiving, let Your requests be made known unto God, and the peace of God, the peace of God that passes all understanding. We'll guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Thank You, Lord. Thank You, God.

Thank You, Jesus. Lift your hands to the Lord, please. Lord, thank You, God, for these people.

Lord, I ask You today. You told me whatever I ask, believing I shall receive. I ask You, Lord, that this church be free, that this church be alive.

God, that the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit be our portion in this generation, that all the walls of fear come down, and we move by faith among those that need to know God in this city. Oh, Jesus, oh, Jesus, Son of God, we thank You, Lord, that You will remove everything from us that doesn't need to be there, and You'll give everything to us that needs to be there. Hallelujah, Lamb of God, thank You, Jesus.

Thank You, Lord. Thank You, God. Thank You, everybody, everybody empowered by the Holy Spirit, everybody, everybody working together as a body.

Hallelujah. Lord, we ask You today as a body that You revive all churches in New York City. You fill every house and make it a house of prayer.

Give us a sovereign moment from heaven. Lord, send the Holy Spirit, God, a spiritual tsunami into New York City. God, flood the streets of our cities, our colleges, our apartment buildings, our high schools, every church, every denomination, every pastor.

Let a fresh wind of heaven, God, visit this city, Lord. We bring it to You, God. We stand before Your throne as the people of God.

We stand in the gap, Lord, and we speak to this mountain that wants to swallow this city and command it to be removed and cast into the sea in the name of Jesus. My God, my God, my God, my God, send the Holy Spirit. Send the Holy Spirit to New York City.

My God, send Your Holy Spirit unto the subway, into our schools, our colleges, our homes, God, all the five boroughs of the city. Let the glory of the Lord touch this city, O God. Hallelujah to the Lamb of God.

We thank You, Lord. We thank You, God. We thank You for it.

We praise You. We come into Your presence with thanksgiving. God, thank You for making us part of what You will do, Lord.

Jesus, thank You, God, for strength. Hallelujah. Give God glory.

Give Him glory in this church. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Thank You, Jesus. Thank You, Lord. Thank You, God.

Thank You, God. Hallelujah. Thank You, Jesus.

Can you thank Him? Thank Him for giving you what you need.

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