

Lord Increase My Unbelief

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of choosing to believe God's promises and power, even in the face of unbelief and doubt.

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Description

This sermon emphasizes the need to overcome unbelief and trust in God's power to work miracles in our lives. It calls for a rejection of lies and doubts that hinder us from experiencing God's fullness, urging believers to have faith in God's ability to transform their circumstances and use them for His glory.

Transcript

Good morning, Times Square Church. If you'll turn in your Bibles, please, to Psalm 78 and verse 19. For those that are visiting, please do take time for the hospitality prepared for you after the service today.

Lord, increase my unbelief. No, I'm not misquoting. That's the title.

Lord, increase my unbelief. Jesus, raise up your church. Lord, we're living in a dark hour, a perilous time in history.

There only and ever only has been one answer to the dilemmas that we face in our generation. And that's that you have to become God in your church. And you have to raise up a people out of the ashes and give us a testimony of life.

We bend our knee to you today, Jesus. We ask you, Holy Spirit, to come as you have been in the sanctuary so powerfully this morning. Overshadow my frailty, the frailty of your people.

Gather us, God, close to your heart and speak to us. Bring us, Lord Jesus Christ, into a place of victory. We thank you for it in your precious name.

Psalm 78 verse 19 says, Yea, they speak against God. And they said, Can God furnish a table in the wilderness? Now the people in this passage of Scripture had come to a place where in their own eyes the situation looked hopeless. In fact, it looked so hopeless that they began to doubt that even God could do anything about it.

God brought them out. They knew that. They had seen the power of God.

And many of you here today, many of us, we have been brought out of captivity. You have known the power of God against your enemies. And suddenly they found themselves in a wilderness.

And in this wilderness, they began to doubt that God could bring them in. Not so much that he could bring them out, but that he could bring them in. There are many people here today that your testimony is, I'm no longer an alcoholic.

I'm no longer hooked on pornography. I'm no longer a thief. I'm no longer an adulterer and all the rest of these things.

But that's in a sense where the testimony has stopped. It's what I'm no longer. And there's such a difficulty moving into what God has designed your life to be.

And that's where these people had come to. They looked around at the wilderness. And they thought that even God, the thought came into their minds, I don't think God can do anything with this.

In Mark chapter 9, verses 17 to 24, we see disciples gathered around. And they're trying to help a poor child that is oppressed by darkness. They're unable to do anything.

They're trying to cast out this devil, even in the name of Jesus, nothing is happening. And you have to feel that they must have been standing around, like some of us do in our generation, wondering if even God could do something in this situation. The boy's father ran to Jesus and said, I brought my son to your disciples.

And they couldn't do anything. And Jesus called them. He said, oh, you faithless generation, how long shall I have to endure you? How long shall I be among you? And he said to the boy's father, if you can believe, all things are possible to him that believes.

And straightway the father of the child cried out and said with tears, Lord, I believe. Help thou mine unbelief. Help me, God.

I believe as much as I can, as much as I know how, but my faith has fallen short. And I've been among those that are trying to do something. And many here today, maybe that's your testimony.

You look out on the streets of our cities, and it doesn't seem to be getting better. It's getting worse. You pray.

Try to share your faith. You do what you can. But unbelief is getting a hold of your heart.

And the cry in your heart is, Lord, I believe as much as I can, but I don't know where to go from here. I can't muster up any more faith than you've given me. You've got to help me.

Now lately I've discovered in my own heart a type of unbelief for which I'm very thankful. I never ever thought I would say that in my entire life. I'm very thankful for a certain type of unbelief that's in my heart.

This unbelief neither doubts nor accuses God, but I've grown so accustomed to it that I never want it to change. Actually, my prayer is, Lord, increase my unbelief. I will never cry, Lord, help my unbelief, but rather increase it.

And I feel the Lord's pleasure in this request. It is my sincere hope that when you leave the service today, your testimony will be, I too no longer believe. Boy, you're quiet this morning.

Now I want to give you some examples of what I don't believe. I don't want to ever believe this. I want God to increase my unbelief.

I don't ever believe that your life is insignificant to the kingdom of God. I don't believe that God can't use you for his purposes. I don't believe that your life won't bring incredible glory to the Son of God.

I don't believe it and I will never believe it. And I'm asking the Lord to increase my unbelief. I will never believe it.

Present to me, go get somebody from our lawyers fellowship. We have a lawyers fellowship. Get the best ones you can find and come to this, come to my office or come to this altar and give me all your reasonings.

Give me your evidences, everything you want to, to tell me that your life will never amount to anything. That it's insignificant to the kingdom of God. That God can't use you for his purposes.

And that you won't bring incredible glory to the Son of God in this generation. And I will never believe it. I don't care how strong your argument.

I don't care how many reasonings you present to me. I don't believe it. I don't believe it.

I'm never going to believe it. But you say, well wait a minute now. I'm fearful.

Well so was Timothy. And under the ministry of the Apostle Paul he became a mighty man of God. Setting order in the churches, writing two epistles in the New Testament.

A fearful young man taken by the power of God and made into something other than what he was. You say to me, well I stutter. Well so did Moses.

I'm old, well so was Aaron. A man who stuttered, his 83 year old brother, a stick and a one line sermon. And God says, now go and defeat the most powerful army on the face of the earth.

Oh hallelujah. Oh hallelujah, hallelujah. Now they could have rightly said, is it possible that God can present a table in this wilderness? Moses and Aaron could have stared at each other and said, has the plan of God come down to this? An 80 year old man who stutters, an 83 year old man who's not very solid in his faith.

A stick and a one line sermon. And you said to go and do what? To stand before hell itself and tell hell to let the people of God go? Why do we believe that somehow God has changed in our generation? Where's our faith? Where's our power to cast away, to be able to say I will never believe that my life is of no value to the kingdom of God. I refuse to believe it.

I put away the lies, I put away the reasonings, I put away the arguments. And I believe I have as much power, young or old or feeble or stuttering, to be able to stand before hell itself in your neighborhood, your family, your community and say let the people go Satan. I stand here in the name of the Lord God.

You say, well I'm young pastor, you don't get it, I'm young. I haven't had time to go and study. But so was David when he found Goliath, if my memory serves me correctly.

You say, well I'm loud, I'm a loud mouth and I'm impulsive. Well so was Peter. And God used him mightily and powerfully.

Well pastor you don't get it, you say I've cheated on my taxes. Well so did Matthew most likely. Tax collectors were not known for their honesty.

Ever. I have a criminal record you say. Bring it in, unfold it, I don't care how long it is.

We'll give you the aisle here, you can just roll it right down to the back of the church. But according to what I read, Colossians 2.14 says that Jesus Christ on the cross, with his blood, blotted out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us and nailed it to his cross. And so you roll your criminal record out, but I only see red.

I don't see any writing anymore. If you have come to Christ, there's no hindrance. But you say to me, but you really don't understand, you say I really hurt somebody.

Well so did Paul. Acts chapter 8 verse 1 says he was standing there consenting to the death of Stephen. Holding the coats of those who stole Stephen to death.

Now I don't know what your understanding of the law is, but when I was a cop, the guy who drove the getaway car was just as guilty as the guy who robbed the bank. And Paul was standing there and he was consenting that this was a good thing. Never raising his hand to do anything to stop it.

Paul considered himself the chiefest of sinners. He never forgot what he had done. He never forgot that he had persecuted the church, that he had dragged men and women out of their houses.

And the scripture says he had compelled some to blaspheme God. He tortured people is really what he did. And compelled them to deny the Lord Jesus Christ.

Now Paul knew that he had done these things. He had the criminal record of course, and he really had hurt someone. But he didn't let that stop God from being God in his life.

He didn't let that stop the mercy of God from coming into him and giving him the power to stand in his generation. And declare this incredible newness of life that God had given him. Without shame and without trepidation, he stood up.

Because the message wasn't about himself, it wasn't about his past. It was about the Christ who had healed him. And called him and given him the power to make a difference in his generation.

You say, but pastor I'm empty. You stand there, the pastors stand here, the worship team and the choir. You all seem so full of faith, but I'm just empty.

I'm here today, and I don't have anything. But as I read it, Mary was empty, Elizabeth was empty, and Hannah were empty. Until the hand of God touched them.

And all that was required of them was that they just said, oh blessed be God. That he's looked upon me in my emptiness. And in his mercy has touched me.

And he's decided to bring something out of my life that will bring glory to his name. Now how could they know, how could Elizabeth know that in her womb was John the Baptist. One of the greatest preachers of the gospel that the world has ever known.

One of the most fearless men ever to stand and confront his society in a religious situation. How could Hannah have known in her barrenness and being tormented by her opposers. That within her womb was a great prophet by the name of Samuel.

One of the greatest prophets in the Old Testament. A man of impeccable integrity. Who fought against unrighteousness and brought the presence and the word of God into the nation.

The man who came in and anointed David king of Israel. How could she have known in her emptiness what God was about to do. Other than to say I refuse to believe that my life is worthless.

I refuse to believe. I will not believe in unbelief anymore. I will not.

I will simply walk away from unbelief. I'm walking away. I refuse to believe the lies anymore that my life is of no value.

That I will never amount to anything. That I will never accomplish anything in the kingdom of God. That is how the devil keeps half of the church or more.

Just sitting in their seats and quiet. When God has something spectacular that he wants to do through your life. He doesn't want you when you're full.

He wants you when you're empty. He doesn't want you when you're strong. He wants you when you're weak.

He doesn't want you when you're something. He wants you when you're nothing. Because he's the one who takes nothing and makes something out of it.

For his namesake and his glory. Did you say but I've been so deeply wounded in life. I've been so deeply wounded that I don't feel I can get up again.

I'm reeling under the weight of what was done in my life. I want to remind you that so was Jesus. So was he wounded.

So was he bruised. So was he betrayed. Can any of us lay claim to a deeper betrayal today than the son of God? Can anyone here say that which I've created beat me and stoned me and whipped me and spit in my face.

And pulled out the hair of my beard and put nails in my wrists. His own sons, his own daughters created in the image of God. Can anyone lay claim to a greater betrayal? Yet the Bible says the spirit that raised up Jesus from the dead.

If that same spirit dwells in you. He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his spirit that dwells in you. Can God furnish a table in this wilderness? You better believe he can furnish a table in the wilderness.

Praise God. Praise God. Praise God.

Some here today say well I've failed so often that God can't possibly love me anymore. That's one of the greatest weapons of the devil against the children of God. You've failed God just once too often.

You've made one too many promises and you've backtracked on your promises. You talked about how faithful you were going to be. How you were going to show walk with the Lord.

You were going to glorify his name and you walked out and you went right back to your old ways again. God can't possibly love me anymore. But listen to the words of Paul.

I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor powers nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. As I read it, nothing can separate you from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Nothing.

Not your weakness, not your struggles, not your failures. Assuming that you have an honest heart, you're not playing games with the holy God. But in your heart you want to walk with God.

There's nothing that can separate you from his love. You fall down, you get back up again. He told Peter, 70 times 7, you're to forgive those that wrong you.

And how many more times will God forgive those who are his own? The scripture says, if you should mark iniquities, oh God, who among us could stand? But there is mercy with you that you may be feared. Oh God, thank you for your mercy. Thank you Jesus for picking us up every time we fall down.

Thank you Lord for moving us into a straight path when our paths begin to get crooked in your sight. Nothing will separate us from the love of God. Now you come back with another argument.

But you say, I will never believe you. You're wasting your time. Anyone who wants to come to my office and tell me why God can't use you, I don't believe you, so you're wasting your time.

And my prayer is going to be, Lord, increase my unbelief. I want to believe you less and less and less all the time. I don't even want your argument to carry any weight anymore.

I don't even want to have to consider it. I don't even think the words are worth speaking. I'm not interested in your argument.

I don't believe you. I don't believe you. I just don't believe you.

I don't care what you present. I don't believe you. I don't ever want to believe you.

And I don't ever want to believe you more and more and more all the time. To the point where I'm just so filled with unbelief to anything you tell me about yourself that tries to convince me that God can't use you. That I just, I can dance and rejoice at God.

Thank you. I don't believe them. I just don't believe them.

I don't believe any one of them. You try to tell me my marriage is not going to work. I don't believe you.

My children are not going to make it to heaven. I don't believe you. I'm never going to get out of prison.

I don't believe you. I don't believe you. Lord, help my unbelief.

Increase it, oh God. I don't believe you. You'll say I'll never preach the gospel.

I don't believe you. I don't believe you. I'll never be able to worship God.

I don't believe you. I'll never amount to anything. I don't believe you.

I just don't believe you. And I've never been more happier about unbelief in my entire life. Hallelujah.

You say to me, well the devil has built walls around me and I can't seem to get out. I don't believe you. David said in Psalm 18, 29, By my God, I have leaped over a wall.

Praise me to God. Now he knew he was surrounded in Psalm 18. He said, I'm encompassed by enemies on every side.

Death and hell have presented themselves against me. Oh God, look upon me. And he could rightly say, could the Lord possibly build a temple, or provide a temple in this, a table rather, in this wilderness? Could something good come out of this? The Bible says God heard the cry of his servant and he was wroth.

He was angry. It says he stood up and smoke came out of his nostrils. Now I've never had a more graphic picture of the anger of God in my life.

If smoke comes out of the nostrils of God, you better get out of the way, wherever you are. It says he stood up and he said he sent lightnings in advance and he stood upon the wings of the wind and came down, gave David strength to be able to climb mountains. Gave him the power to be able to break bowls of steel with his arms.

Gave him the ability to cast his enemies into the dirt and stomp them down until they were not able to rise again. Gave him the power to leap over every wall the devil had tried to put around him. Don't tell me there's a place you can't get out of.

Don't tell me there's a situation you can't escape. I simply don't believe you. Well, Pastor, you don't understand.

You don't understand my situation. I'm surrounded by evil. Voices, my neighbors, everything around me seems to be evil.

I don't think I'll ever get out. I don't know if I'm ever going to escape it. Kings of Assyria came against Israel.

And a righteous king took his petition before the Lord. And in 2 Kings 19 and 35 it says, In the morning they got up. The Lord had sent an angel during the night and the entire 185,000 Assyrian soldiers were dead in the field.

That's the power of God. As I read it in the Bible, Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He doesn't change.

You cry out to Him with all your heart to get out of whatever it is that's trying to oppress you and keep your mouth shut in this generation and tell you that you don't have power, you're going to be triumphed over. You crawl out to God. Now, you may not see it with your naked eye as they saw this, but I tell you in the spiritual realm, there's just as great a devastation to hell going on when one saint of God begins to cry out

to the Lord and suddenly you go out of your gate and what you thought was going to harm you, what you thought was going to overpower you, just simply is not there.

You'd say to me, well, Pastor, I've not been morally clean. And it doesn't have to disqualify me. Well, neither was Rahab the harlot.

She wasn't exactly known for moral cleanliness. But she was taken into the camp of Israel and she was grafted into the lineage of Jesus Christ. It was from her loins, really, that David, the king, became part of her physical lineage and ultimately Jesus Christ.

So, you tell me your past life disqualifies you, I just, I don't believe it. I never want to believe it. Lord, increase my unbelief.

Now you hit me with the big one. This is the big one. The people always reserve this right, they reserve this one right for the end.

This is the cannon. It's supposed to destroy my faith and blast a hole through my heart and shut my mouth. But, Pastor, I'm just dead inside.

I have no life. I have no passion. I'm dead walking through the streets.

I'm dead in church. I sing the songs. I don't feel anything.

I'm dead to the word of God. I'm just dead inside. And so I'm supposed to back away and say, well, I guess there's no hope for you.

I guess you've presented to me finally a wilderness that God can't lay a table in, right? I guess finally there's a situation that God can't handle. Finally, out of all the millions that have ever been born and billions into the world, finally it's down to you. You finally presented an argument that you've got God scratching his head.

Well, I never considered this. I never had to deal with this before. If I read the scriptures correctly, Lazarus was dead.

He was dead, dead, dead, dead, dead. Four days dead. He had been dead so long he stunk until he heard a voice calling his name.

I don't know if you have to feel anything. I don't think you do. It's as if Jesus is standing on the mountainside saying, Lazarus, I have a table spread before you in the wilderness of what everyone around you thinks you're dead.

Everybody thinks you stink, and everybody says there's no hope for you. All that humanity has for you is tears, like that young boy that we talked about in the beginning, that the disciples are gathered around, the family's gathered around, the father's gathered around, and nobody can do anything. It's a hopeless situation.

But Jesus says, no, it's never hopeless to the Son of God. I have a banquet table spread before you. It was at the table, actually, that people came.

Remember when they came to see Jesus, and they came also to see because of Lazarus, they were sitting at a table. And there's no coincidence in this that the scripture records that it was at a table that Lazarus was sitting with Jesus. He heard a voice calling his name.

And if you can hear it today, the scripture says if you can hear his voice today, don't harden your heart. We're living in the last hours of time as we know it. The world is going into upheaval.

Surely you have to be aware of that by now. The seasons of distress that the Bible speaks about are most likely upon us in the not-too-distant future. Unrest and difficulty throughout the world, perplexities, problems that people are not able to solve, economies collapsing, people in distress.

And in the midst of it all, the solution of God never changes. It's you. You're the solution.

You are. I'm talking to you today. Individually.

You are the solution. You are the temple that God Almighty has chosen to live in. You are where God is on the earth.

It's in you. Jesus said you are the light of the world. You are the light of the world.

You are the salt of the earth. You are. Now you come back to me with your argument.

And you say, can God spread a table in this wilderness? David the psalmist was able to say, that prepares the table before me in the midst of mine enemies, and my cup overflows, oh God. People throughout history have made the right choice. And they've literally stopped believing in unbelief.

And that's the dilemma that some face. You have faith, but you have faith in unbelief. You believe in unbelief.

You're choosing to believe what you think and feel and see, and know with your natural mind. And you're putting that in the place of the word of God. And beginning to question.

You say, yes, you brought me out, but can he bring me in? Can he do something in this wilderness of a life of mine? Well, you're talking about God here. You're talking about the one who just said, let there be a universe, and it was. You're talking about the one who walked on water, calmed the storm, gave sight to the blind, gave hearing to the deaf, called Lazarus out of the grave.

You're talking about the one who was raised from the dead. How dare we say, can God do anything in this wilderness? How dare we, as believers in Jesus Christ, how dare we have the spirit of the living God inside these earthen vessels and make such an accusation against the Son of God? How dare we? How dare we live in unbelief when we have the living Christ within us? How dare we fall to the theories that my life is not going to amount to anything? I'm destined to be this miserable, crippled creature for the rest of my life, trying to, in a sense, do something that brings glory to God when you have the living Christ living inside of you. How dare we insult the holiness of God? It's time that you and I stop believing in unbelief.

Lord, just try out and say, Lord, help me increase my unbelief in these things that I have always believed in and have kept me from the power of God. Help me, God, to walk up, to get up and say, I don't believe it anymore. I just refuse to believe it.

I'm not going to halt between two opinions any longer. Remember Elijah stood on the mountaintop and said, How long do you halt between two opinions? If God is God, go with Him. If God be God, go with God.

If God be God, get up and leave these paltry arguments behind and go with God. And say, Lord, here am I. Take me. Use me.

Bring glory to your name through me. Open doors that I can walk through. Give me gifts that I don't have.

Give me wisdom that I don't naturally possess. My God, open my mouth to speak in this generation. Hallelujah.

I believe with all my heart there's going to be a great revival in New York City. And Jesus is calling you. It's time to stop believing the lies of your own heart and the devil about yourself.

It's time to say, I don't believe the lies which the wilderness of the devil present to my mind daily. I just don't believe it anymore. I don't believe it.

I don't. I'm not willing to call God a liar anymore. I don't believe it.

He doesn't need education. He doesn't need a clean slate. He just needs a willing vessel, an empty heart of itself and filled in a sense with faith.

That's all he requires. There are powerful preachers here today, but you don't know it yet. There are evangelists here.

There are pastors here. There are teachers. There are missionaries.

There are godly men and women who can make a huge difference in this world that we're living in today. But you just simply don't know it yet because you haven't had the courage to get up and let God do it. Don't present to me your arguments.

I don't believe you. I believe God. He only simply wants a vessel.

He just wants somebody that says, Lord, hear my, use me. You don't need to be a good speaker. You don't need education.

You simply need the spirit of almighty God within you. Go with me to 1 Corinthians. We're going to close with this.

1 Corinthians chapter 1, verse 26. For you see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called. But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise.

Now it's time to believe that. It's time to believe that. If you're foolish today, it's time to believe it.

God has chosen me to confound things that are wise in themselves. He's chosen me to give me wisdom. He's chosen me to open my mind to the truth of the scriptures.

He's chosen me to be able to stand up and speak in my generation with the wisdom that people will say, how did these men get this wisdom? Perceiving that they were ignorant and unlearned men, the only thing they took note of is that they had been with the Lord Jesus Christ. Where did they get this wisdom? And

God has chosen the weak things of the world to confound things which are mighty. That was God's choice.

Weak things. Weak things. Like you and me.

And base things. That means things at the bottom of the world. Things which are despised.

That which the natural world just says, this can't do much for my agenda. No, you'll never be a CEO. You don't have the material.

Things which are despised. I took a course one time in university. I wanted to be a dorm fellow.

Because I get a cut in my tuition. You're the kind of person that welcomes new people to the dorm floor. If they have a problem, they can knock on your door and you try to do something about it.

I wasn't overly interested in people, but I was interested in the tuition cut. And so I took this course. And I thought it was just kind of a formality.

And at the end of the course they said, we're sorry we can't use you. You're not leadership material. Well, here I am.

I don't believe it! I don't believe what any power of hell has spoken over my life or anything of this world has said to me. I simply don't believe it. I believe that God can do whatever God wants to do.

And if he calls me to do something, he will plant within me the ability to do it. That's what I believe. Things which are despised.

Things which the world says don't have the skill, ability, or talent. Things which the world has... There are people here today that there are things that have been spoken over your life and that has become your mantra. It's what you believe.

It's what governs your view even of God and the scriptures. It's time to get up and say, Lord, increase my unbelief in these things. I don't want to believe these.

You can't move to faith until you've finally gotten rid of unbelief. Finally just walked away from it. I don't believe these things anymore.

And things which are not. That means that have no power, that have no influence, they have no authority, they have no army, they have no ability, they have no resume to bring to nothing things that are. In other words, that exist in themselves.

I mean, we live in a world where the wisdom of the world, the might of this world, of people of influence and authority, those things which are admirable and desirable to the world, and those things which think there's something, a fine job they've done of running this world, haven't they? We have enough nuclear weaponry to blow ourselves up 50 times over. Our societies aren't enough people. Our kids don't know there is a God.

There's unrest in our streets. We've spent ourselves into bankruptcy all through the western world. We've rejected the love and knowledge of almighty God and put it away as a laughing stock.

A fine job the strong and mighty and wise and powerful have done with our world today. Do you not think maybe it is time for God to show himself again in his church, in the church of Jesus Christ? I believe it with

all my heart. I believe it's time for God to be God.

I believe it's time for Jesus Christ, one more time, to take the nobodies, the nothings of this world, those who don't have a resume, they don't have an agenda, they're trying to push into the kingdom of God, just ordinary men and women, just like on the day of Pentecost. People who say, Lord, fill me with the Holy Ghost and cut me loose in the marketplace. My God, I will speak for you.

And I don't care who laughs, I don't care who rejects it, I'll speak for you, almighty God. I'll stand for what is right and what is true. If ever there was an hour where the church of Jesus Christ is needed, it's in this hour.

All throughout the western world and everywhere where anybody is watching and listening, the church is needed in this hour. It's time, folks. There are no time for any more superstar preachers.

It has to be the church now. The church of Jesus Christ. When the people in the book of Acts burst out of that upper room in Acts chapter 2, that crowd that was witnessing this were not looking or listening to any superstar.

They saw the church filled with the power of God, brought out of weakness into strength, given ability to speak even in other languages they didn't know, and they were speaking coherently in them because people understood them. Given the power to relate to all men. Given a compassion that brought them out and a willingness to die for the souls of other people.

It was the church of Jesus Christ that they saw. And when they saw the church, that's when they beat on their heart and said, what must we do to be saved? Folks, we can't win the world by sitting in our seats any longer. We've got to get up in the power of God.

It's time to do as the apostle Paul did. Lord, what would you have me do? What would you have me do? And don't say no. Don't say, well that's ridiculous.

You want me to go with my 83 year old brother with a stick and stand before Pharaoh and say, let my people go? You want me to go down to such and such a street on the corner where those boys are dealing drugs and thinking about committing violent acts and you want me to stand and say I've told the devil to let you go? You see your calling. You see, this is the problem. That many people don't see it.

You see your calling. Your calling. Your calling.

Yours. That no flesh should glory in his presence. But of him are you in Christ Jesus.

Who of God has made to us wisdom. He is our wisdom. He is our, the power within us to write thinking, write speaking, write living, write testimony.

He's our righteousness. He's our cleanness. He's our sanctification.

That means he's our ability to change from within. From image to image and glory to glory by the spirit of God. And he's our redemption.

That's our message. The whole message is about him. That according as it is written, he that glories, let him glory in the Lord.

Hallelujah to the Lamb of God. It's time to say I don't believe the lies that have been spoken over my life. I don't believe the wilderness can stop the presence of God from advancing in me.

I don't believe the devil anymore. I just simply don't believe it. You have to leave something behind to move towards something else folks.

You cannot put a pile of unbelief on a wagon with a rope and bring it to the altar. And just say well if faith doesn't work at least I have this to hang on to. At least I have an excuse for not glorifying God.

No more excuses. It's time. The Lord is calling us to revival.

Revival means it's coming back to the original. It's coming back to something of God that brings glory. It's coming back to the original basis of faith that we read about all through the scriptures.

But now the Lord says it's time to live it now. Don't sell yourself short. Oh yes God can furnish a table in the wilderness.

A table like you've never seen in your entire life. You're sitting in the middle of the desert and suddenly this food starts coming out. And here's a bowl of love.

And here's a salad of joy. And there's roast beef of happiness. And there's faith.

And you're starting to eat. And people around you are looking at your life in the workplace and saying. Where do you get all this joy from? Don't you live in that little apartment building way over there? And don't you work for \$4.13 an hour? And don't you have four kids that you're struggling to keep on a right track? Where do you get this strength from? Oh I have a table.

I have a table. I have a table. Yeah but you have no education and your kids are struggling and you don't make a lot of money.

You probably never will and all of this stuff. But you see I don't believe that anymore. I don't believe that.

See my kids are going to live for God. And my kids are coming home. You see Moses stood before Pharaoh and he said.

No deal man. He said all our kids are gone. You're not even keeping a hoof of one of our goats.

Nothing that is ours is staying with you. We're out of here. We're out of here.

And every one of our kids are going with us. No sir. No sir.

I don't believe that. I don't believe that anymore. I don't believe that.

I don't believe that. And you just simply put away all of these things. That have kept you quiet.

Kept you in poverty. Kept you doubting God. And just simply in your heart say.

I'm going with God. It's as simple as that. I'm going with God.

Hallelujah. So may I recall. Who's in? I'm calling Moses, Aaron, Timothy, Rahab, David, Samuel, Hannah, Elizabeth, Mary.

I'm calling you. Who's in? Who's into the battle? Who's in for standing up for God in this generation? Who's in? Let's stand. If you're in.

Make your way to the altar. Get as close to it as you can. We're going to worship for a moment together.

Hallelujah. Praise God. Hallelujah.

Because God's people in our generation made the same mistake as they did in this season that the scripture speaks about. Listen to what happened to them. He delivered his strength into captivity and his glory into the enemy's hand.

In other words, the powerlessness and lies took over the people of God. And they began to believe a lie and they went into a season where there were little or no report among the nations where they were scattered. He gave his people over to the sword and was wroth with his inheritance.

Fire consumed their young men. This is the fire of passion. And their maidens were not given to marriage.

In other words, there was an immorality that began to spring out even among the people of God. Young men were given to their passions and women no longer wanted to even marry. The priests fell by the sword and their widows made no lamentation.

It's all over the church world. Leaders began to drop like flies and it got to the point where nobody cared anymore. They never expected really anybody to be able to stand.

Then the Lord awaked, has won out of sleep and like a mighty man that shouted by reason of wine. Then, there's a point where then happens in the Bible. We're at a then moment folks.

I don't know if you know it or not. We're at a then moment in history. And he smote his enemies in the hinder parts and put them to a perpetual reproach.

He came so fast upon the enemies of his people they didn't have time to turn around. He said that's far enough Satan. This is my bride.

This is my church. That's far enough. That's far enough.

You've had your way over her long enough. You've destroyed her priests long enough. You've let her sons and daughters into captivity long enough.

You've made her powerless in the earth long enough. And he rose as a man who saw his family being taken into captivity and flew upon the enemies so fast that his enemies didn't have time to even turn around. It says he smote them in the hinder parts.

In other words they shot them in the back. And he built a sanctuary like high palaces in the earth which he has established forever. And he chose David his servant and took him from the sheepfolds.

From following the O's great with young he brought him to feed Jacob his people and Israel his inheritance. So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart and guided them by the skillfulness of his hands. Oh folks we're going to see one more time shepherds after the heart of God in this generation.

Righteous preachers of the gospel. Enough. Enough.

The Lord says enough. Enough. This is a then moment in history.

I don't know if you recognize it yet or not but you will shortly. I do believe we're going to live to see every church in this city packed with people having a divine encounter with God in our generation. This is a then moment for you where you have the right to cry out Lord smite my enemies.

Those things that have taken me into captivity. Those things that have corralled my mind. Those things that have told me I don't have a future.

I'm of no significance or consequence to your kingdom. Oh God almighty smite my enemies. Hallelujah.

Smite my enemies Lord. Glory to God. Let them lose their power.

Let them lose their fervor. Let them lose their control. Praise be to God.

Father I pray Lord Jesus Christ this is your church. This is your church Lord. You bound the honor of your name in among your people.

God almighty in New York City let your church arise again. Lord out of the ashes of all religion and pretended religion let the church of Jesus Christ rise again. Almighty God be glorified in your people.

God bless those pastors that want to speak truth. Let a new fire from heaven fall in every pulpit oh God. Let truth begin to be expounded in our streets again.

Oh Jesus bring our sons and daughters home in this generation oh God. Let praises be sung in our schools oh God. Let our colleges turn to the word of God.

Lord Jesus we turn to you. We turn to you Jesus. We turn to you Holy Spirit.

And say blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. You are welcome in New York City. You are welcome mighty God you are welcome.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Let's give him a shout of praise before we go today.

Give God the glory. Give God the glory and he will give you the victory. Give God the glory and he will give you the victory.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Give God the glory.

Give God the glory. Hallelujah.

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