

Marvelous Kindness in a Strong City

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Carter Conlon's sermon highlights the simplicity of God's kindness and the importance of trusting Him in times of despair.

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Description

This sermon emphasizes the importance of finding peace and strength in God during times of struggle and despair. It encourages listeners to trust in God's simplicity and power to provide a way out of difficult situations, reminding them to be willing to let God speak and bring peace. The message highlights the need to silence the voices of despair and fear, and to renew strength by waiting on the Lord. It concludes with a call to find freedom, peace, and joy in God's presence, declaring victory over despair and embracing the divine purpose God has for each individual.

Transcript

Now I want to ask you a question this morning. If the Lord shows you a way out of your dilemma, are you willing to walk out? Now I know I have a word for somebody. Now probably for a lot of people it's going to apply and it's an answer to a cry that's in your heart this morning.

The Lord's going to show you it's a way out. Now the second part of the question, if the way out is really simple, will you still get up and walk out of it? Are you looking for a complicated answer to your problem or a simple answer? That's the way God always is. Remember in the midst of the storm when they said, do you not care that we're going to perish? What did he do? He just stood up and what did he say? Peace, be still.

And that was the answer to the whole problem. All the effort, all the fear, all the sense that we're not going to make it, all that seemed to be against them and overwhelming their journey, it all came to an end. You see, but they had to be willing to let him speak.

And many people don't get to the end of their struggle because they're simply not willing to let him speak. Feeling that we have to infuse something of the impossibility of the situation into the equation. In other words, we have to tell God how hard it is.

Lord, I know you've never faced anything like this before. You've never seen a life like mine. You've never, and perhaps there is an end to your power.

Perhaps you've never figured you're ever going to encounter somebody like me in all of creation. We have to be willing to just simply let him speak. Now Father, I thank you God Almighty.

Lord, there's such simplicity in Christ that Paul himself said to the Corinthians, I fear lest you be turned from the simplicity that is in Jesus Christ. God Almighty, would you open our hearts? Would you open our minds? Would you just unlock heaven this morning? Would you give freedom? Lord, would you let a multitude of people walk out of the captivity that the enemy has prepared for them? Would you give freedom? And Father, would you give us the grace to know that you are God and to have the courage to get up and walk out of whatever trap the devil has set for us? And Father, we thank you for it. We bless you.

We praise you in Jesus' mighty name. Psalm 31, please, in the Old Testament. I feel there's people here today that all hell has come against you to keep you from church this morning.

You had to fight to get here. You had to fight in your mind. You had to fight last night.

You had to fight when you found out you were early and you forgot to set your clock ahead. You've had to fight to get here, but you're here. Thank God you're here.

And the Lord is not going to disappoint you. My message is entitled, *Marvelous Kindness in a Strong City*. Psalm 31, beginning at verse 21.

Blessed be the Lord, for He has showed me His marvelous kindness in New York City. For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before thine eyes. Nevertheless, thou heardest the voice of my supplications when I cried unto thee.

Now, let me speak that in plain English. I said without really clearly thinking it through, there's no hope for me. God has turned His face away from me.

But in spite of what I had said and felt, you heard my cry when I cried to you. Oh, love the Lord, all His saints, for the Lord preserves the faithful and plentifully rewards the proud doer. Be of good courage, and He will strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.

Be of good courage. Now, this is a psalm of David. This is a psalm of a man who's anointed to be a king.

He is in one sense a co-regent with Christ. He's ruling and reigning, and He has in Him, in the DNA of David, is Jesus Christ, and ultimately the church of Jesus Christ. But at a season in his life, David found himself in a strong city.

By definition, it means a place where he was hemmed in, where there seemed to be a mountain of sieges against him. It was a place of distress, well defended, in a sense that not only was it defended from without, it was defended from within. In other words, nobody could get out.

David said, I'm in this place, and I'm feeling around, and the walls are so thick, and the defenses are so strong, I don't know how to get out of this city. I'm overwhelmed. I'm hemmed in by my circumstances, and people in situations that so seem to have the upper hand, that I feel like I'm in danger of losing everything, that I once felt God had promised me.

Have you ever been there? Have you ever been in a place where you feel like God gave you a promise of something, even if it was a whisper in your heart as a child, but now you're in a place where you feel like, I'm in danger of losing it all. I'm so weak. I'm so frail.

Verse 9 of Psalm 31. Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I'm in trouble. My eye is consumed with grief, my soul, and my belly.

In other words, all I can see is hopelessness before me. I don't see a way out. I don't see how I'm ever going to change.

I don't see how I'm ever going to get through this. I can't fight this anymore. I don't have any strength to get through it.

Verse 10, he says, my life is spent with grief, my years with sighing. My strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones are consumed. In other words, I'm so filled with regret for what my life has not been, or is not becoming, that I walk the streets constantly sighing for grief.

I thought I was, I thought I was going to be, I thought there was hope before me. I thought my life was going to take a different course than it's taken, and it's not becoming that. And this inner sense of grief is starting to overwhelm me.

Now, I do come to church, I do raise my hands, I do sing the songs, but this grief is gaining strength, and my praise is losing strength. My strength is failing, he says in verse 10, I seem to have no power to change. My weaknesses are stronger than my strengths, and my bones are consumed.

That means I'm overwhelmed. I don't have the power to stand anymore. I don't know how to do this.

I don't know how to change. I don't know how to live the Christian life. I don't know how to make a difference.

Verse 11, he said, I'm a reproach among all mine enemies. In other words, my enemies mock me. There are these voices all around, ha, look at you, look what you've become.

You who are, what are you again? You're going to rule and reign with who? And look at you, is the kingdom of God in that despicable a condition that he needs you to rule and reign with him? Who are you anyway? And all you can, now David is describing in Psalm 31, something that's going on in his heart. He can feel this mockery around him. Have you ever been in a place where you can just feel hell laughing? You can feel demonic powers around you.

It seems like there's no rest from it, laughing and mocking. Look what's happened to your life. Look where you're headed.

Look where you're going. But especially, he says, I was a reproach among all my enemies, verse 11, but especially among my neighbors. In other words, the people around me, they don't see anything in me or my testimony that they would find desirable.

That's not a very good place. Have you ever been in a place where, you know, Peter says, always be ready to give an answer to people who ask for the hope that is in you. You ever been in a place where nobody has asked you for like a year because they don't see any hope.

And he says, my neighbors, they don't see anything in me that they'd find. Now that may not be true, but that's an issue that's in his heart. You can see this man going home every day and wherever it is that he lives.

And he's, let's say he lived where you did and going down the corridor of your apartment building. And it seems like you've had so little effect on your neighbors. They know you, you say hi to them every day.

And there's this inner thought that they don't see anything in me. I'm supposed to be an ambassador for Jesus Christ. I'm supposed to bring the sweet savor of God everywhere I go.

But I don't, I don't think my neighbors see anything in me that they would want. And he says, I was a reproach among my enemies, especially among my neighbors and a fear to my acquaintance. In other words, my friends are afraid of what's happening to me.

People are telling me to lighten up and enjoy the city, just like they do lighten up, enjoy the city. There's lots to do here. Find your solace in it.

But David knew his life was destined for something higher than just lightening up and enjoying the city. And he says, and they that did see me without fled from me. And my life is supposed to be an influence.

Yet, at least in my perception, people find so little of God that's attractive in me that they seem to be not only ignoring me, they're avoiding me. Now, a lot of this can be paranoia in your life. It can have no basis in reality.

You can be walking through the city and you can actually have the strength of God in its full measure in your life and just simply not be aware of it. You've given into interfere. You've given into the voices of the enemy.

Like the men in the boat, you're traveling across and suddenly the boat seems full of water and the waves seem to be overpowering you. Your human effort is seemingly not making a lot of headway because of the violence of the opposition that's against you. But have you forgotten that Jesus Christ has never left you? He seems to be asleep, but he's not asleep because God never sleeps.

He's just at rest inside of you. He's carrying you. He's never left you.

He's never forsaken you. Verse 12, he says, I'm forgotten as a dead man out of mind. I'm like a broken vessel.

In other words, I'm supposed to represent life, but I don't feel that I have anything left. And what I did have, the life I once knew, seems to have escaped me. Now, I don't know how many are living in that place today, but I do know from time to time it can become the struggle of most everybody.

And then inside, he said, I've heard the slander in verse 13 of many. Fear was on every side while they took counsel together against me. They devised to take away my life.

Now here's what the devil is really after. Get you to despair, get you to see no way out, get you to believe that your life is somehow a gross disappointment to the living God, get you to feel that there's no point or purpose to your life. And then the thought comes, why bother living? Don't think the Christians are immune to this.

As a matter of fact, you become the greater target once you know Christ. He hates Christ and he hates everyone who has Christ within them. Why bother living? What's the point of your life? Go to church, pray some prayers, come home to your apartment, sit here lonely.

Why bother living? And folks, I know there are people here, you're fighting these thoughts at this very moment. You're actually fighting the thought of suicide. Something you never entertained, you never believed you'd ever entertain it.

You never thought you'd ever go there. And if you don't deal with this inner question, that my life has no value, it's not a long step to that point. It's not a far step to get to the place of thinking I'm better off dead than alive because there's no purpose to my life anyway.

You and I have a tendency to think that the people of the Bible were supermen and superwomen who didn't have to go through the struggles that you and I go through. But that's not the case. And that's why God allowed people like King David to write these words, to have you and I understand, as Paul says in 1 Corinthians 10, 13, there's no test or temptation taken you but such as is common to man.

But God is faithful who will not allow you to be tempted above that you're able, but will with the trial or temptation, make a way to escape that you may be able to bear it. You're not going through something unique. You're going through the very same thing that others, hundreds of thousands and millions of people before you have had to go through it.

And they've made it through. And they're now part of that great balcony of witnesses in heaven that are looking down and saying, don't give in, don't give in to the lies of the devil. Don't give into the discouragement of the enemy.

He'll try to convince you that you're the only one that somehow God's turned his face from you, that your temptation is so different. Your trial, your situation is so unique that somehow it has even taken God by surprise. But the word of the Lord says, there's no test that has come your way that's any different than anybody else has ever had to go through.

Peter himself says in 1 Peter 4, 12, Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial, which is to try you as though some strange thing happened to you. You have to understand when you came to Christ, hell has a cannon and you came right into the sights of that thing. You're enemies.

You're not fighting flesh and blood anymore. According to the scriptures, you're fighting spiritual wickedness in high places. You're fighting principalities of the air.

You're not fighting flesh and blood anymore. You're fighting in a whole different arena than you used to fight in before you came to the knowledge of Jesus Christ. And it makes me thankful for the writer of Hebrews says in chapter 4, verse 15, that we have a high priest in Jesus Christ who understands and has felt our struggles.

The scripture says he was in all points tempted like as we are yet without sin. Jesus Christ went through what you're going through. If he didn't, then the scripture is not true.

The scripture says he was tested in all points like you are. That means he was tested to be discouraged, tested to believe his life had no meaning, tested to believe he was of no value even to his heavenly father, tested, moved upon by the enemy, tempted constantly, badgered by powers of darkness, all to stop him

from going to that cross, all to stop him from the redemption, redemptive purpose of God that had been set apart for his life. You think maybe for a moment that he might have been tempted to give up? Now it seems almost blasphemous except it's in the Bible, right? Father, if it'd be possible, take this cup from me.

If there is any other way, if it could be done, if your redemptive purpose for humanity could be accomplished another way, oh Father, would you consider doing it that way? Listen to what Isaiah says about him. He'll grow up as a tender plant and as a root out of dry ground. He has no fear of the Lord.

He has no fear of the Lord. He is a man of no form or comeliness, and when we see him, there's no beauty that we should desire him. He's despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, and we hid as it were our faces from him.

He was despised and we esteemed him not, but surely he's borne our griefs and carried our sorrows, yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted.

Do not think that at some point when society seemed to be rejecting him when he had 12 people left at a table one of them was a devil the other 11 were going to abandon him in his hour of need when society itself his own that he had created that he came to who received him not looked at him and said listen there's no there's nothing kingly about him nothing royal about him nothing noble about him there's nothing in him that any of us desire our religion has not brought us to the point where this is the kind of a Messiah that we would want to embrace we esteemed him not the scripture says do not think at some point walking through the midst of that strong city that discouragement may not have come into his heart that thought to that part of him that was man fully man there's no point to

this is no purpose to this even Satan himself in the temptation in the wilderness tried to virtually short-circuit the whole procedure trying to appeal to that what's the point the people don't appreciate it anyway if all you want to do is rule and reign over them why not just bow down to me and do it my way why not just agree with my logic why not just bite into the same lie that Adam and Eve embraced in the Garden of Eden why not just be God without having to go to all this trouble of rejection all this difficulty he was tested tempted in all points like as we are I don't think that's even debatable how did he get through them you know I love the fact that it was really Psalm 31 that he was quoting on the cross it's incredible because started the beginning of Psalm 31 verse 1 in thee O

Lord do I put my trust let me never be ashamed deliver me in thy righteousness bow down thine ear to me deliver me speedily for thou be thou my strong rock for a house of defense to save me for thou art my rock and my fortress therefore for thy name's sake lead me and guide me pull me out of the net that they have laid privilege for me for thou art my strength into thine hand I commit my spirit thou has redeemed me O Lord God of truth this is the very verse that Christ spoke in the last moments of his life on the cross father into thy hand I commit my spirit it was not a random statement he was actually quoting Psalm 31 and verse 5 as we've come to know it into your hand O God into your hand I have to believe that there's a reason I have to believe there's a divine purpose I have to

believe that God you're going to be faithful to me father you're not going to leave me in the grave you're not going to let my enemies walk over the place of my death you're not going to let hell itself sneer at my life that's got to come into your heart saint of God there's there's gotta come something into your heart this is Oh God this is about your honor this is about everything you've ever promised this is about your life within my life Lord you're not going to let me be triumphed over you're not going to let this city ruin the testimony of God you're not going to let my enemies triumph over the testimony of Christ my life is not

going to be irrelevant you're going to do something through me God even if I feel like I'm going down to the grave you're going to raise me up that's why

Paul says in the book of Romans but if the spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his spirit that dwells in you he will quicken your mortal body the Lord said it never has been about you it's not about your honor it's about my honor it's not about your ability to make it through to the other side it's about my ability to take you through to the other side if anybody's name suffers reproach in this it's not my name it's not your name it's the name of Jesus Christ and Christ will not allow his name to be triumphed over hallelujah hallelujah I love the story of my little well not my little girl anymore but Kate when she was just a little girl the overseer of the denomination that I was

pastoring at that time and came to stay at my house one weekend he and his wife and Kate was about four I guess or five at that time and so the overseer's wife said do you mind if we if I tuck your little girl in and Pastor Teresa and I said fine go ahead so she went and sat beside her bed and she said Kate she said does the devil ever come to you at night and try to lie to you and try to make you afraid and Kate says oh yes he does and she said well when the devil comes what do you do and Kate looked her in the eye and said I'd tell him to go right back to hell where he belongs you not think there might be a bit of wisdom in that did not think there might be a time just to get up and just tell Satan to just go right where he belongs just get back where he belongs just get out of my life

get out of my mind get away from my spirit the one who raised Christ from the dead is going to quicken my mortal body the one who raised Christ from the dead is going to put light in my eyes he's going to put faith in my mind he's going to put vision again in my heart he's going to make me understand that this whole walk and testimony is not about me it's all about him that I don't have to bring him to people he is well able to bring himself to people through my life if I will rest in him and let him do his work on this side of eternity hallelujah sometimes it's a good thing to die because that's where Jesus Christ comes alive in us again sometimes it's a good thing to know our weakness it's a good thing to know our frailty it's a good thing to know that you and I can't get through this

walk without God we can't do it in our own strength we've never would be able to we can't do it in our own power listen to what the prophet Isaiah says in Isaiah chapter 40 now that chapter begins where God tells Isaiah to comfort the people of God he says speak comfortably to Jerusalem and cry to her that her warfare is accomplished her iniquity is pardoned and she has received at the Lord's hand double for all her sins now the Lord told Isaiah now you go to my people and you comfort my people and you tell them that I have won the victory her warfare is accomplished the victory is not hers it's mine I've pardoned her sin and I've given her life where all she had was sin and failure in the verse 27 the Lord asks a question he says why sayest thou Jacob now Jacob is you can insert yourself

into there and speakest O Israel my way is hid from the Lord and my judgment is passed over from my God why do you say that the Lord does not see me why do you say that God has forgotten me that he's not fighting for me that somehow he has judged me turned from me why do you say this the prophet said to the people of God have you not known have you not heard in other words are you stranger here in Jerusalem have you not heard that the everlasting God the Lord the creator of the ends of the earth does not faint neither is weary that there's no end to his understanding have you not heard do you not know who it is that you're serving do you not understand who Jesus Christ is do you not know what it means to be filled with the Holy Spirit of Almighty God verse 29 says he gives power to the

faint and to them that hope have no mighty increases strength even youth shall faint and be weary and young men shall utterly fall there's seasons and times and difficulties that the strongest of us can't get through in our own natural strength but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength they shall mount up with wings as eagles they shall run and not be weary they shall walk and not faint they that wait upon the Lord they that allow God to be God within them they that turn away from the natural strength that we all have and say God I'm not going to get through this in my own strength you've got to come and quicken me and give me life they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength they'll mount up with wings as eagles they'll run and not be weary they'll walk and

not faint hallelujah then chapter 41 verse 1 starts remember David said I'm in a city I'm in a place where these voices are roaring against me and the inward fear of my heart is overcoming me I have these incredible promises of God but I don't know how it's ever going to become a reality in my life and he starts God says something God speaks sometimes it's just as simple as God speaking folks we're looking we look for some incredible revelation you say pastor if you'll just if you'll just unlock some new truth if you'll just present some new key my question is what's wrong with the old key it still works in the lock why do you need a new key the old one is just as good as it's always been still opens every prison door still releases every captive still unlocks every place still opens the

treasure house it's one key one key does all in the kingdom of heaven folks opens a treasure house to the full supply of God why do you need another key why do you need another revelation chapter 41 verse 1 here it is keep silent this is the voice of God keep silence before me Oh islands and let the people renew their strength it's that simple remember in the boat Jesus stood up and the disciples said do you not care we're about to go down we're perishing our our efforts have run out our seamanship is not going to get us through and we know what you said but we don't know how we're going to get there I'm so thankful they stopped talking imagine if the scripture recorded then Jesus stood in the boat and the disciples kept on saying well we'll roll a little harder well we'll do a little

more imagine if they didn't have the sense to just be quiet and Jesus stood up and said peace be still and the scripture says immediately the wave stopped and the wind stopped and the disciples said what kind of a man is this that even the wind and the seas obey him he says in Isaiah 41 keep silence before me there's a point where God just says quiet to every voice every devil every lie everything that's coming against your life it's that simple he just says be quiet you get up out of your seat you come and stand before God you're in the midst of a storm you don't know how you're going to get through and suddenly God does what God has always done he just he deep in the recesses of your heart he says peace be still after he rose from the grave and came into the upper room where all those

fearful disciples were gathered they'd all failed him they all felt like abject failures Peter had even brought an oath of a curse upon himself saying I don't even know who this man is John for all his dedication of love had run away and left him alone in the garden and all the people were failures and Jesus walked right through the door right into that room and the first thing out of his mouth is peace peace I know your hearts are troubled I know your hearts are afraid but in my father's house the scripture says there are many mansions and I go to prepare a place for you where I am you're coming also until that day I will never leave you or forsake you until that day no weapon formed against you is going to prosper until that day every tongue every tongue that rises against you in

judgment you shall condemn it you have the right to tell it to be quiet you have the right to stand against these things you have the right it's a God-given right you have a righteousness that's not your own it is

given to you by Almighty God Himself you have a strength that is not your own you have a cleanness you have a power that is not your own you have a life that is not your own it's all given to you by Jesus Christ you have the right to stand held to the face you say be quiet be quiet Satan be quiet and get behind me you have no taste for the things that be of God keep silence he said Oh islands and let the people renew their strength keep silence keep silence New York City keep silence airwaves keep silence every devil of hell keep silent keep silent and let the people renew their

strength folks I think this is a miraculous moment I don't say that lightly when I was given this word I felt in my heart that it's that simple God speaks and says keep silence I'm never going to let my people go down wind waves airwaves everything that comes against you the Lord just says be quiet and let my people renew their strength hallelujah Oh hallelujah thank you Lord thank you God thank you Lord thank you Father thank you God that we don't have to fight this in our own strength thank you Lord that we don't have to get through these days with our own reasoning thank you Lord that there is a power greater than anything that will ever come against us as your people Lord there's provision greater than I want there's safety greater than I fear God there's there's life that's greater

than our failings you will be glorified in us Jesus you will be glorified Lord we thank you Father Lord I stand today against the hopelessness and despair that Satan himself is trying to plant in many of the people of God we take the authority given to us by Jesus Christ Satan we step upon your head we step upon your mind we step upon your thoughts Jesus Christ has triumphed over you the blood of Christ has cleansed us from all sin the glory of God will carry us father we thank you God I'm asking you Lord to break the spirit of despondency and despair and suicide and the feelings of worthlessness my God break it break it Lord break it to the uttermost destroy it Oh God cause it to lose its voice cause it to lose its strength Lord let your people go free father I thank you for this Lord

God let this be a day of freedom let it be a moment of freedom there is a moment Lord there's a moment where fear is broken there's a moment God where captivity is taken captive I ask you father in Jesus mighty name Lord God Almighty to open every prison door give sight to every blinded eye give healing to every wounded heart Lord as we go into the Christmas season I pray God there be clapping of hands in our streets there be a song in our hearts Oh Jesus you just do what you do Lord you raise us from the dead God Almighty you just do what you do Lord you give power to the faint and to the weary you lift us up God and cause us to walk and run in a difficult time Lord Jesus Christ I'm asking you to do the miraculous in our hearts God in this hour that we're living in this is an incredible

time for you to declare your life through your church and father we thank you for this in Jesus mighty name now we're going to stand and I want to give it an altar call which is an invitation to come to the front of the sanctuary for everybody in this place that this message has spoken to you you just simply come to the front we're going to pray together let's stand together and the annex you could step between the screens if you don't mind and we're going to pray together just step out everybody who's despairing you say pastor you've just you've just read my mailbox today who told you about my life God did just step out we're going to believe God for the breaking of despair discouragement a sense of worthlessness you're going to touch the hem of his garment today and be healed he

promises a new mind a new spirit a new life and that's what he's going to give you the church of Jesus Christ is never going down we're going over folks never down always over thank you Lord thank you mighty God thank you for freedom Lord thank you for peace in our hearts thank you mighty God thank you Jesus thank you Lord the only thing I have on my heart to say to those that have come to this altar is

peace peace peace Lord says I'm not angry with you I've loved you with an everlasting love I engraved you on the palms of my hands you're not a failure the Lord would say to you my life is inside of you you're not a failure my blood has covered you you're not a failure you're going to rule and reign with me you're not a failure I'm going to carry you through life you're not a failure

you're not a failure you're not a failure you have you have a divine purpose you're not a failure I'm going to walk with you you're You're not a failure.

My presence is going to flow through your life.

You're not a failure. I'm going to answer your prayers. You're not a failure.

I'm going to unlock your prisons. You're not a failure. I'm going to give you a spiritual sight.

You're not a failure. I'm going to astound this generation with you. You're not a failure.

You're my church. You're my church, says the Lord. You're my church.

You're my bride. You're my people. You're not a failure.

You belong to me. You belong to God. You're not a failure.

You belong to God. You belong to God. You're the bride of Jesus Christ.

All heaven stands in envy of you today. You are in an enviable position. You're not a failure.

You're the bride of Jesus Christ. Hallelujah. You look in this text of scripture.

It was the people that pressed through the crowd with issues of disease and social stigmas and difficulty and the nobodies and nothings of society pressed through and touched God and God overturned the God of this world through them. He's the same yesterday, today, and forever. You have an incredible future.

You have an incredible future. Remember, you don't have to do it all yourself. You just do the little part that God's given you.

It's his job to save the world, not yours. You just live as a Christian. And that's where the victory comes.

Just, and start, stop sighing and start singing on the streets. Don't, there's a point where you have to do what Katie did. Just tell the devil to go back to hell where he belongs.

There's a point where you just have to do that. Satan, you're not having my day. You're not taking my week.

You're not taking my joy. And you might start singing on 50th by faith. And it's, you might be fighting to spare 51st, but by the time you get to 52nd, 53rd, all of a sudden, the tune's starting to come alive.

By the time you're at 55th, you might be dancing in the street. What does it matter? And the beauty is, in New York, you can do that. Any other town in America, they'd lock you up, but in New York, you can do that.

You can talk to God out loud in the street. You can clap your hands. You can be happy in the midst of this.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah. Hallelujah, Lamb of God. Thank you, Jesus.

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

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

Thank you, God. Thank you, Jesus. There is a time to shout.

There is a time to give God glory. There is a time to praise Him. There is a time to lift up His name.

Hallelujah. The wall is coming down. The wall is coming down.

There's a time to give God glory. Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah. Glory to God.

Glory to God. Glory to God. Hallelujah.

There is a time to shout. There is a time to dance. There is a time to rejoice.

Glory to God. Glory to God. Glory to God.

Let's give God praise. Let's give Him praise. Let's just finish this day out by giving Him praise.

Hallelujah to the Lamb of God. Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah. Thank you, Lord.

Thank you, mighty God. Thank you, Jesus. Thank you, Lord, for freedom.

Freedom, freedom, freedom. Thank you, Lord. Hallelujah.

Glory to God. Glory to God. Glory to God.

Thank you, Jesus. Thank you, Jesus.

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