

# The Indisputable Evidence of a Great Church

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*A great church is not defined by its gifts, knowledge, or faith, but by its supernatural love that is evident in its actions and relationships.*

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## Description

This sermon emphasizes the importance of love as the indisputable evidence of a great church, highlighting the need for genuine love that reflects God's love for us. The speaker challenges the congregation to put away childish behaviors, grievances, and prejudices, and to embrace a supernatural love that can only come from God. The focus is on cultivating a deep, transformative love for one another that marks Times Square Church as a truly great church in the eyes of God.

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## Transcript

We're going to be going into a three-day fast, most likely early in November. We'll let you know next week, as soon as we have a chance to check all of our schedules and make sure that everything coincides with this. And during this fast, we're going to be showing you at least the preview, if not the finished product of a documentary that's been done about this church.

We've commissioned it, and it's called Times Square Church, The History and the Heart. Now, you saw part two, I think, for the glory of God in the souls of men. Part one is Pastor David Wilkerson, his coming to New York, what preceded it, why this church was formed, what the Holy Spirit was saying.

And then the last part will be the heart of the church, the ministry. I think you'll be--I've seen a preliminary viewing of this, and I was deeply moved. And everyone who has seen it was deeply moved.

And the only thing out of my lips when I saw it is, don't change it. Other than Pastor David's interview, which will be happening this coming week, there was nothing missing in it at all. It's powerful.

And it gives you the heart and the history. I've always been a firm believer that if we don't know where we've come from, we're going to lose our way in the future. It's very important.

God himself said to his own children, you rehearse these things. You tell your children what I did for you. You tell them about the miracles.

You tell them about the deliverance. Tell them in the morning when they get up. Tell them when they go to bed at night.

Talk about it at the dinner table. The Lord even wants the Pharisees to say, just write it upon your forehead so you don't forget it. Now they did forget it, and the writing on the forehead became some of a religious thing.

But we need to understand where we're going in the future. I think you're going to be as deeply moved as I have been by this. And you and I are going to pray.

We're going to pray for three nights. I believe the prayer is going to be profound. I believe it's going to be powerful and life-changing for many.

God has something in store for this church in the future. Now it's in that context that I'm going to speak a message to you this morning called the indisputable evidence of a great church. There's an evidence that God plants in a church that even the world cannot dispute it.

And we're going to take a look at this if you go to Revelation chapter 3, please, with me. Conference in Colorado was a wonderful conference. Thank you for your prayers.

We will get those tapes from it and make the DVDs available here in the future. Now, Father, I thank you for the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Almighty God, come upon me, Lord.

Give me the strength that I need to speak these words and to lead this church into the future. I ask you for an empowerment from on high, Lord, that transcends all of my frailty. I ask you, Lord, for a word that has weight, that it can't be laid down, and it goes deep into the hearts of all of us.

Help us to understand these things in Jesus' name. Revelation chapter 3. Now, I want to tell you where this journey actually started with me. About, I don't know when, maybe two or three months ago, in a season of just seeking God, the Lord began to ask me a question, what is a great church? And you would think I would know the answer to that immediately, but I didn't fully understand it.

And the Lord spoke to my heart and said, if Times Square Church is going to be a great church in my sight, I have to lead you into something, and you in turn have to lead the congregation. And so I opened my heart to what God wanted to do. And I want to say to you, it's not been an easy journey, because there's nothing in my own heart that is capable of fulfilling this.

I need the supernatural power of God as much as you do. Revelation chapter 3, beginning at verse 1. Remember, therefore, how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

Thou hast a few names in Sardis which have not defiled their garments, and they shall walk with me in white, for they are worthy. He that overcometh the same shall be clothed in white raiment, and I will not blot his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

What is a great church? What is the indisputable evidence of a great church? Now this was a church in Revelation. This is first generation Christianity, folks. Jesus himself comes and says, now I'm the standard of what is a great church.

This church called Sardis had garnered to itself a great reputation. I know your works. You have a name that you live and are dead.

People could come into that church and maybe by their worship, perhaps they had become very proficient in their worship, that people would say, wow, this church is really alive. Now folks, we can clap our hands and we can jump in the air and we can sing the sweet songs of Zion, but that does not make us alive in the sight of God. Anybody can do that.

That can be trained. That can be learned. There are so many things.

I don't know, maybe they had a missions program. Maybe they were giving to the poor all over the place. That's a wonderful thing to do.

But might I remind you that there are organizations that are not saved that are giving to the poor and feeding children all over the world. So many things. Perhaps they just had established an order and they had it all down and they just knew how to pull the right levers to get people's emotions flowing and people might have walked in and had a wonderful emotional experience, but they may have walked out absolutely unchanged or just only marginally changed or they walked out at least with an opinion saying this is an incredible church, this Sardis church.

There are a lot of works here. I know your works, he said. I know all that you're doing.

I know you have a reputation that you live but are dead. Now the word dead in the Greek is nekros and it means you have lost your reliance on the supernatural life of God within you. That's really what it means.

You have learned to do things, but there is a supernatural evidence that I put upon those people who are mine which bears witness in heaven that you are a great church. It's indisputable evidence that you have become a great church. It is something that cannot be programmed.

It is something that you and I cannot do on our own. There's absolutely no way we can make this happen. There's something so fundamentally wrong in this Sardis church at the very core of its practice that Christ himself warned of a sudden loss of their testimony and their right to represent Him in the earth.

He said if you don't go back to what you heard, if you're not willing to be strengthened in this area, I'll come upon you as a thief and you'll not know what hour I shall come. I've been in places, I've been in churches folks where the Holy Spirit is gone and the people don't know it. It's just we can all travel down a path and become entrenched in doing things a certain way and we can formulate in our own minds which is the original sin to be as God and no good and evil.

We can formulate in our own minds a standard of righteousness, a standard of what is right, a standard of what God we think should look like and we can be drifting farther and farther away from the truth and not even know it. And then one day God says I can't agree with this. I can't walk with this.

Remember Amos 3.3 says how can two walk together except they be agreed? And so the Lord says I can't walk with this anymore and He lifts gradually. He lifts His presence. Folks there are denominations that were born in revival but they're so far from the truth that they're ordaining people that are immoral into pulpits.

You know what I'm talking about. That was not their history. That's not where they began.

The presence of God is gone. They have no idea that the Holy Spirit is no longer with them. Sometimes we get so focused on the program that we don't even notice when God Himself is about to remove something very, very vital that is indisputable evidence to this world that Jesus Christ is alive and with us.

He said to the church of Sardis strengthen the things that remain. There was an erosion of something. Now I'm not suggesting I am not suggesting that Times Square Church is in peril of losing the Holy Spirit.

I'm standing here as your pastor and if I didn't caution you of the things that could cost us greatly in the future then I would be negligent to bring this to you. I know that this is a church that has a passion and a heart for God but would you agree with me there might be some room for improvement here. Would you agree that I don't know if Sardis could be spoken to and God help us if we ever get to the point where the Holy Spirit can't speak to us.

We ever get so righteous in our own sight we ever get so convinced that we're doing things in a right way that God Himself can't speak to us and that's the nature of religion. It's the nature of humanness when it gets intertwined with religion it creates its own righteousness and not even God can come and challenge it. Christ Himself can come into the temple and start overthrowing the tables and the dove sellers and the money changers but you can be completely deaf to the fact that it's actually God in the temple trying to speak to the people.

And the cry of my heart I was praying one time and I felt the Lord saying what would you have me give you? And I said this one thing I said I'd like the wisdom of Solomon but not without the heart of David. Because knowledge and learning if it doesn't lead to the truth if it doesn't bring you and I to a passion for God if it doesn't bring us to the place where we can where God can say my heart is in that person then all of it is futile, it's pointless. It means nothing.

So what is this evidence? What is the evidence of a great church? If I were to ask here today I believe there would be a divergence of opinion in this congregation. Here at the annex different adjacent rooms is it being baptized with the Holy Spirit? Is it the ability to speak with other tongues?

Now folks I've been in conferences over the years most of them prior to coming to Times Square Church I would hear preachers get up and make light of the Baptist church make fun of the Methodists and the Presbyterians and the Lutherans because somehow we have this second experience with God that they don't have as if that makes us a more superior people but might I tell you that God has greatly humbled the Pentecostal movement in our generation more error has come into the Christian church through Pentecost than any other conduit and I believe it's pride pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall there doesn't seem to be much discernment left in the charismatic, not all of course I'm not indicting the whole of that but there's not much discernment it's the

Pentecostal people running all over the world clucking like chickens and barking like dogs and thinking that God's only purpose is to make all of us wealthy, healthy and happy from now till eternity it's the Pentecostal movement that has lost the cross lost a lot of what the gospel is really about and I believe it's been a humbling because of the pride folks if you and I are baptized in the Holy Spirit but all it produces is pride then God's word says conclusively that we're headed for a fall beware when the Lord uses you beware as a church, Times Square church when God gives us a position where we are seen among men and people maybe begin to talk about this congregation beware of that it can be a tremendous snare for your feet no folks, I love the Baptists I love the Presbyterians I love

the Lutherans I love the Salvation Army I love the Methodists I'm going to commit myself to praying for every pastor in every church in this city I have one prayer Jesus Christ set the churches aflame in New York City let people come from all of the boroughs let them fill the house of God and if they bow their heads in solemnity as some do if they raise their hands in jubilation as others do it really doesn't matter it's just the fact that we get through and get back to right relationship with God let there not be any arrogance in this house no matter what God has done for us is it prophecy an understanding of mysteries does that make a great church you know when 9-11 happened the Holy Spirit came into this church about a month or a month and a half before brought us to silence for those

who were here you remember when we tried to sing we couldn't even sing we'd sit in the presence of God sometimes I remember one time it was a half an hour with not a sound only God could do that in New York City anywhere and He warned us of a tragedy coming to the city He showed us that people were very shortly going to be running through the streets panic stricken that was only a month or a little more before the towers came down He took us into the book of Hebrews and told us to teach the people to come to the throne of grace to find help in time of need He told us to be ready to minister not to be filled with fear not to be running with those and that's wonderful it's a gift of prophecy it's understanding the future it's knowing some things that God chooses to whisper into the heart

sometimes we've mentioned that in some places we've gone and nobody seems to much take notice of it it's great that God spoke to us but that does not make us exclusive or extra special in the sight of God is it understanding mysteries in knowledge is it the ability to open the text of scripture and be able to go into the Old Testament and be able to draw the parallels between God's dealing then and God's dealing now and make it clear and plain before the people is a church a great church because we understand the word of God more than others do even that in itself can be a very prideful thing does that make it great I don't think so is it faith to remove mountains you and I have we've gone into some very war torn areas of the world Burundi and we've gone into the inner city of Kingston,

Jamaica and just to name two we've seen God come down those who were there we've seen God come down in an Acts chapter 2 way we saw in Jamaica an entire community under the conviction of the Holy Spirit no matter who you spoke to they all broke down crying whether they were was a grandmother or a Rastafarian or a thug they all broke down gave their lives to Jesus Christ I don't know if I heard a story of somebody who was able to resist the grace of God God transformed that area and today there's employment there's housing there's a university there there's a technical kind of school there's all kinds of things going on there in a place that was just drugs and cardboard and guns and violence and the Lord came down in a moment of time and broke that spirit of poverty does that make us a

great church? that's my question to you this morning because God was able to use us in that fashion are we a great church in this sight? we give we sent 500 short term missionaries out last year and they went all around the world does giving of our substance giving of our time does this make us a great church? is this the indisputable evidence? can that be pointed to and say that church is great in the sight of God now other people can you see the problem is that others can do this all of these things can be done if I give my body fully to the work of God if I say as many have said in their hearts Lord to the end to the end of whatever you ask and wherever you ask me to go and whatever you ask me to do Lord I will do it and if that report goes out does that make us a great church? will

people will people look at us and say Times Square Church is a great church they do all of these things they understand mysteries there's a revelation given by God there's faith there that mountains begin to

move they're giving their goods to feed the poor and there are so many in that congregation willing to be poured out to the last drop as it is for a suffering society is that the indisputable evidence of a great church? as sad as it may be those are good things but that is not the indisputable evidence now let me share with you what it is I don't want you to even look in your Bibles I'm just going to read it to you Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not charity or love I am become as a sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal and though I have the gift of

prophecy and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and though I have all faith that I could remove mountains and have not love, charity I am nothing and though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor and though I give my body to be burned and have not charity it profits me nothing Paul had all of these things Paul the Apostle Paul said elsewhere in the Scriptures I thank God I speak with tongues more than you all do Paul was filled with the Holy Ghost Paul had the gift of prophecy he understood mysteries he could write to the church of Ephesus and say oh Ephesian Christians if you could only see what I see if you could only know what I know I've seen Christ at the right hand of all power I have the revelation of how this power works in a people on the earth called the church of Jesus

Christ He's the fullness of the one who fills all in all I have known what it is to be pressed down I've known what it is to be pushed to the point of despairing even of life but I've known what it is to have that power of God come into me and resurrect me from a place of death and give me hope and carry me through every storm and take me through every trial Paul had this gift of prophecy he understood all mysteries he had knowledge he had faith to remove mountains it was Paul who could stand on the deck of that perishing ship and when everyone else 275 of them had lost hope it was Paul that had a word from God it was Paul that had a communion service on a perishing ship he had all of this Paul had given his goods to feed the poor and undisputably his body was given to be burned out as it

is for the cause of God and he knew that everything he had written down was true about himself but yet there was a greater truth and he says if I do not have the love of God within me it's all for nothing that's the indisputable evidence what did Jesus say to his disciples by this shall all men know that you are my disciples that you have love one for another now he's talking about a supernatural love it's not these 35 minute moments where we join hands swing from side to side and sing kumbaya and everybody just loves everybody for a moment in church no, no, anybody can do that no, it's something of God only God can point to it only God can look down and say this is a great church here's the evidence charity suffers long charity is not quick to make decisions that might hurt other people

charity does not does not expect those that are that come into our midst and don't know God and have no background of God don't expect them to change overnight love doesn't back up if a salty word comes out in a moment of even innocence and youthfulness love is kind when you and I come into this house in the morning are we kind if somebody is sitting in your seat are you kind love doesn't envy this morning do you envy in the choir let me ask you if somebody sings a song that you think you can sing better do you envy I'm saying it with a loving heart do you envy love doesn't puff itself up or push itself forward are you and I content to be servants in the house of God are we blessed when someone else gets into the line ahead of us are we blessed to see others grow in grace when we

ourselves might be struggling does not behave itself unseemly you see love our unseemly behavior is always towards other people and when the love of Christ is in us then we don't behave in an unseemly fashion with other people seeks not her own is not easily provoked you can still get provoked I'm often very thankful that word easily is in there thinks no evil that means a person with the love of Christ in them it

doesn't mean you never have a fleeting thought that is ungodly the issue is you do not dwell on it you do not stay there you do not put your tent there you don't camp there you're standing against these things you're not thinking evil about people rejoices not in iniquity but rejoices in the truth a person who has the love of Christ in them a church does not rejoice in what

offends the character of God does not adopt practices that God says it's not my heart it's not part of me bears all things believes all things hopes all things endures all things that's about people we bear one another we believe for change in each other's lives we hope for the best for the people beside us and before and behind us and we endure all things charity never fails but where there be prophecies they shall fail where there are tongues they shall cease whether there's knowledge it shall vanish away we know in part we prophesy in part but when that which is perfect is come then that which is in part shall be done away Paul says when I was a child I spoke as a child I understood as a child I thought as a child but when I became a man I put away childish things now what Paul is

talking about is putting away a quick temper putting away uncharitable speech and behavior putting away unseemly thinking putting away self-seeking putting away grievances lists of wrongs if you are a racist in this church you're a child in your understanding of the things of God standing in the earth saying I'm I'm now a representative of the Christ who came to the earth and died for all men but I will never go to that fellowship I will never be part of this group I have this grievance in my heart of what I think or feel was done wrong in the past childishness takes offense easily a childish person harbors resentments envies pushes itself forward now you can still sing you still dance still clap and I hope you never stop it's an awesome thing to hear worship like that this morning but

you see it's only God God is the only one who can say this is a great church I would rather the people walk into this church and say look at how these people love each other only God is in this place when the whole world is fragmenting when the UN is getting together and they can't even stop the fighting within their own ranks let alone promote world peace I applaud the efforts but there's some things that are simply not possible apart from the spirit of God the indisputable evidence is that Christ in us gives us the power to go beyond these human limitations Christ in us gives us the power to love when the natural men can't love Christ gives us the power to forgive when those without God can't forgive you can try to program it but it's not real it becomes evident in our interactions one

with another it becomes evident in our caring in our concern and I don't know about you but I'm not willing just to have an exterior display of love in this church it's got to be real it's got to be God and I don't care what the world says about Times Square Church but I do care about what Jesus Christ says about Times Square Church when Christ was speaking to the religious of his day in John chapter 5 he said I know you verse 42 and 43 that you have not the love of God in you now think about this for a moment he says in verse 43 I've come in my father's name and you receive me not if another shall come in his own name him you will receive I want to suggest to you that one of the reasons that deception is so rampant in the church in our day is because the love of God is not in people and

Christ himself identified it he said I know you you don't now he's talking to people who are in the temple he's talking to people who are doing the religious thing and they have on the garments and they've learned the language and they've got a measure of sorts of belonging to God but Jesus comes into the temple and says I know you you don't have the love of God in you and because you don't have the love of God you can't hear me he literally identifies it as that which had shut the door to their hearts he said I've come to you and you won't receive me if another shall come in his own name you will receive him now it refers to

the anti-manic Christ but it also refers to any voice that professes to be why do so many people get led astray in the church in our generation is it possible that

the love of God is not in them I'm not talking about a superficial love that does this fuzzy thing for an hour on Sunday morning I'm talking about a genuine love an indisputable evidence that God is in the midst the God the Christ who went to a cross the Christ who he had to rebuke Peter but then he washed his feet this is how all men know that you are my disciples if you have love one to another a supernatural love that can only come from God I think now I understand why in Acts chapter 5 the Lord dealt so severely with Ananias and Sapphira because that was the church that was the infant church as it is breaking out of the upper room after the day of Pentecost and folks they were moving in love there was no program telling them to give to the poor and to one another they cared about the

person on their right they cared about the person on their left they were bringing such things as they felt they no longer needed and they were giving it to the apostles for fair distribution to those that had need among them they were moving moving, moving, moving in the love of God indisputable evidence they were a great church and into this now comes this couple and they start to pull back and say well I'm not ready to give all to the body of Christ I'm going to hold back a little for myself and the Lord knew how deadly that was and that's why he had to strike it right at the heart if I'm not willing to love God and the people it doesn't matter who preaches what to me it doesn't matter what I read in the scriptures it's of no profit to me this is not easy for me I was a cop for 12

years now let me back up even before that before I was a cop people were a source of pain in my life and yours I did like everybody else I'm just going to draw in and get the best I can out of this life then I became a police officer and then I could go to accident scenes draw chalk around the bodies and just go eat my lunch didn't bother me then I came to Christ and I saw something about the love of God and the scriptures but I couldn't understand it I laid in bed crying one night and my wife Teresa said to me what's wrong and I said I'm reading about the love of God but I don't feel it I'm seeing something about the love of God but I don't understand it I don't know how to receive it and I don't know how to give it she said something to me I'll never forget she said before you die the

Lord is going to make you such a tender man and you're going to be known for the love of God that will be in your life and I held on to that when I had nothing else to hold on to I held on to that that's always been there I knew that was a word from the Lord for me when I was confronted with situations where I needed the supernatural power of God to get through and I'm not there yet but I'm on my way there I want this I don't care what people say about me I care what Christ says he's got to be able to look down and say this is a great church I am the church you are the church and he's got to be able to look down and say this is a great church he's got to be able from within me to say this is a great church this is the indisputable evidence almost everything else here can be manufactured

by men methodology, schemes, strategies we can build big churches but the indisputable evidence is the love in our hearts for one another that only God can put there and it's particularly significant for this church at this time a lot, not all but a lot of the church world is focusing in here and I think there will be more in the future and they're seeing a hundred nations a lot of people shake their heads when they hear of it and say that's not possible it can't happen church growth strategists say it's a formula for disaster to try to put a hundred cultures together and call it the body of Christ no you've got to choose what neighborhood you're going to minister in hogwash hogwash hogwash by this shall all men know that you are my disciples that you have love one for another there's

churches in this country that if you're black you can't get membership if you're white you can't get membership if you're Hispanic you can't even get in the door in some places and they say we are the church of Jesus Christ hogwash to you I'm not even sure what hogwash is but I think it's doesn't sound good does it? herein is love John says not that we loved God but that he loved us herein is love not that we loved God but he loved us and sent his son to be the atonic sacrifice they call it the propitiation in King James for the world herein is love not that we loved God but God loved us this is love and he says beloved if God so loved us we ought also to love one another Jesus himself said Father as I've known you as we've dealt I'm just paraphrasing it but as we've dwelt in love

together I pray Lord that they might be one in us I pray God that in this church there be a genuine love that Jesus himself can point to Times Square Church and say this is a great church that we break out by God's grace of all prejudice we break out of every place of indifference uncaring and say Lord would you just expand my heart Jesus now you can't do this and neither can I nobody can do it but God in us can and that becomes the evidence I'd rather people that walk into this church instead of them going out and say what great music or wasn't that a great sermon or isn't that a wonderful building I'd rather they go out and say I felt so loved in that place when I walked in I felt loved I felt the love of God was everywhere only God could have done that only God could bring people from

every nation on the earth and produce such a holy love among his people Jesus Christ has to be the son of God I would prefer that be our testimony folks the rest of it is good we might still we're going out to Haiti next November we may still see mountains move we will still go out on mission trips we will still be given revelation of the scriptures and all of these things are wonderful we will still have a proficient choir and worship but I would rather we be a house where the love of God is I'd rather this is a place where teenagers can come in in all their confusion and the gender confused and everyone else in the city who needs God can come in and feel the love of God for their soul I'm not talking about I'm not talking about a collective easy feel gospel you realize there's going to

be there's going to be issues that have to be challenged there's going to be preaching that has to cut right through to the heart but if it's not done in the love of God what good is it? and that's what Paul was saying all of his life all his ministry everywhere he'd gone had brought him to this revelation and by God's grace I find myself going there as well when I get to the end it's not how many sermons I've preached it's not how many mountains I've moved it's not how much knowledge I had from the scriptures it's did you love people? that's the issue I believe that's what I'll answer for when I stand before God one day did you let my love did you let the love that I have that caused me to go to a cross did you let that develop in your heart? see then you don't need a program anymore to

do anything it's just the love of God and I need this grace as much as you do everybody here does let's put away childish things now put it away by the grace of God grievances lists of wrongs prejudices all of these things put it away because God says to just put it away let it not be found here this is what will mark this church in heaven as a great church that we truly love one another don't let lonely people leave here lonely reach out from reach out just be aware let the Holy Spirit whisper to you that person that's always standing alone in the lobby and you've seen them a few times and the reason you've seen them is the Holy Spirit has brought them to your attention don't walk away from human need now I'm not suggesting you give half your bank account to some because there are people

who work the church you know that and I know that they know this sermon right now and they'll be out on the street repeating my words as you leave with a cop in their hand they work the church so you need

wisdom in this there are people sitting here that will hear a sermon like this and try to get your bank account so be aware of that God gives you discernment but there are people with genuine needs genuine loneliness genuine hurt genuine pain as God leads you don't turn away from it that will make you a great church I trust you understand what the Lord's burdened my heart with this morning if you would like to follow me in this journey and I can honestly say that because I'm on this journey if you would like to follow me in this journey we're going to stand together I'm going to ask you

to meet me here at this altar and in the annex if you could step between the screens if you want to go on this journey as a church in the altar call simply give me the love of Christ just give me God the love of Christ tear down the walls tear down the list the divisions the bitternesses the anger give me the love of Christ let's stand together please and make your way to this altar those of you who'd like to pray this hallelujah hallelujah thank you Jesus thank you Lord thank you Lord let's worship for a few moments together I love you love you Jesus and I praise your holy name you are the alpha and omega the first the last the same I love you love you Jesus and I praise your holy name you are the alpha and omega you're the first the last the same you left them and you are a tree you

died for sin and your name is just like me you raised my worst up with a cry it was God hands of God my God I love you love you love you Jesus praise your holy name you are the alpha and omega the last the same you left them and you are a tree you died for sin and your name is just like me I raised my worst up with a cry it was God hands of God you left them and you are a tree you died for sin and your name is just like me I raised my worst up with a cry it was God hands of God my God you left them and you are a tree I raised my worst up with a cry it was God hands of God my God now there are there are some some people will go home today and people will ask and say well how was the sermon this morning at times for a church and they will say well so so he only spoke on love the scripture

says that he who doesn't love doesn't know God for God is love that's how important it is every illustration he gave us the Jericho road person who was mugged the prodigal son coming home and being embraced by his father everything is about the love of God God so loved the world he gave his only begotten son it is the cornerstone of your life and mine in Jesus Christ now the Holy Spirit is speaking to my heart while we are worshipping could we as a congregation could could you just find don't do it right now but two or three people around you join hands and usually say men with men and women with women but it doesn't matter this morning and would you pray oh God please in my life would you break the boundaries and break the barriers would you help me to forgive would you take me farther

in the love of God than I've ever known and would you bless this church with with a real love that God you can point to it doesn't matter what men say it's what you say that you can point to this church remember that you are the church and you can say this is a great church and the evidence is my love is in them my love not theirs not a fleshly thing but my love could you just find a few hands around you right now and just turn around and just pray pray for one another pray for yourself pray for the power it takes supernatural power to love like this pray for the power to be a loving person to put away childish things pray out loud don't be ashamed to pray just pray we'll take five minutes and pray oh God almighty God almighty Lord do a miracle in so many people Lord just do a miracle now

we're gonna take five minutes and give God glory give God thanks thank Him for the miracle thank Him for the miracle no boundaries no borders here hallelujah thank Him for the miracle just thank Him for the miracle thank you Lord thank you mighty God hallelujah what a victory God thank you Jesus for your love glory to the Lamb of God glory to your holy name Lord we praise you we give you glory we thank you

mighty God hallelujah Lamb of God hallelujah oh God thank you Lord thank you Jesus thank you Father  
bless your holy name hallelujah hallelujah let's give Him glory hallelujah hallelujah

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