

# Walking in the Light

by Corrie Ten Boom

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*Corrie Ten Boom emphasizes the importance of walking in the light through confession, forgiveness, and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit for healthy relationships and spiritual growth.*

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## Description

In this sermon, the speaker emphasizes the importance of not making excuses for the blood of Jesus and instead accepting the truth of forgiveness through Him. The speaker encourages listeners to surrender their hearts and lives to God and be filled with the Holy Spirit. They highlight that the fruit of the Spirit is love, peace, kindness, goodness, and self-control. The speaker uses an illustration of a flashlight with only one battery and dirty rags to explain that having any sin or barrier between oneself and God can prevent one from shining as a light in the world.

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## Transcript

Some time ago, Connie van Hoogstraten, my fellow worker, and I were in Uganda, Africa. And we met there the people who have enjoyed a continuous revival, now already more than 30 years. In the booklet Conferee wrote, you can read about that miracle of God.

I should like Connie van Hoogstraten, my fellow worker and companion, just to tell what she learned about living in the light. Two and a half years ago, I began to travel with Miss Connie van Hoogstraten. She asked me to do that at a Bible school in England.

When I had been with her for several months, I thought I was doing a very good job. And then it came about that she gave me some criticism about things I had not done so well. By nature, I am a person who finds criticism very difficult to take.

And instead of putting it, sharing it with her in the open, I began to hide my ideas towards her. I myself began to have critical thoughts, anger sometimes, irritation, bitterness. And all this was hidden.

Sometimes I went to bed at night feeling so tired, having to be so polite to this lady the whole day. I never showed my feelings. I always tried to have a mask of friendliness, politeness, a smile.

And underneath there were these feelings. Then we came to Uganda, in Africa. And there the people taught us.

They said, we are walking in the light together. We noticed these people have such tremendous joy with Christians. And they said, as soon as there comes a sin between us, we bring it in the light.

We ask the Lord to forgive us. We forgive each other. And they quoted 1 John 1, 7. If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another.

And the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin we confess. One of these Africans, William Maganda, the evangelist, asked Mr. Ndom and me, are you both walking in the light? He said, yes, we are. I knew for myself it was not true.

The next day he came to me and said, are you sure you are walking in the light with Corrie? I said, no, how can I? She's more than twice as old as I am. She lives on a completely different spiritual level as I do. It would be very impolite.

He said, you go, and the Lord will go with you. You must bring all these thoughts in the open. Ask her for witness about your ideas about her.

I said, William, I cannot do it. I shall feel too weak. And I shall feel too humiliated.

He said, you go, and the Lord will go with you. That day I went. I said, Mr. Ndom, during my research and search time in India, I did not agree with you at all.

I was very angry. So you forgive me. And so maybe you haven't even noticed it.

He said, of course I noticed it. I will forgive you. And so I brought all these things in the open, because it's a very difficult thing to do.

But the Lord helped me. And then a wonderful thing happened. Instead of a strange and stressed and tiresome and artificial relationship, William sees a happy, open, relaxed, joyful relationship.

The wonderful, interesting thing is, Mr. Ndom is still quite as old as I am. So now he won't notice it too much. And then she asked my forgiveness for things she had thought were not right between the two of us.

So we praise the Lord very much for having thought us to work in the light. Now I want to tell you how we came to Rio de Janeiro. We had to pack our suitcases to go to Washington, D.C. And anyone of you who has traveled by airplane knows that you can take only 44 pounds, which is very little.

We travel with winter clothes, summer clothes, office equipment, flannel dress for children meetings. It's very little, 44 pounds. And Mr. Ndom said, we shall only take with us what is allowed, because we are not going to use the money the Lord's children give us for overweight.

So she was very drastic, she took all her luggage, put it on the bed and began to shift. One pile to go to the United States, one pile to send back to Holland, one pile to give away. And I stood there and I thought, very well, good idea, because I shall never do with my luggage.

But Mr. Ndom had other ideas. She took my luggage and gave it exactly the same treatment. We laughed, but I was very cross.

And I asked the Lord to take away my anger, but it went away for a little while and it came back. And I asked the Lord again, please take away my anger, it came back. After the third day I said, Lord, what shall I do? And the Lord told me to work in the light with Mr. Ndom about it.

So I asked her, would you like to come for a walk along the beach? And she said, yes. I said, I want to work in the light with you about something. I'm sure you know what it is.

She said, no, I have not an idea, please tell me. I said, I want to ask you forgiveness for my anger, what you did to my suitcase and my luggage. And she said, of course I will forgive you, but I want to ask you forgiveness, because I have provoked you to anger.

And of course I forgive her. And instead of covered up darkness, hidden ideas, it has been brought in the open, in the light. If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another.

The blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin we confess. Yes, Mr. Ndom taught me something to add. You see, when I had done that, I had asked her forgiveness.

She said, she did not look quite happy. And I asked her a little while later, why don't you look happy? Everything is all right, we are in the light now. And she said, I thought we were working in the light, but for three days you have kept it in the darkness.

And that has taught me a big lesson. You see, I looked against it, I didn't like to go to her, so I waited, and another day, and another day, but now we have learned this, as soon as something comes up between us, we bring it to the Lord immediately, and we ask each other immediately forgiveness. We don't wait.

And I can tell you something, in the beginning it is very difficult, this matter. It is very humiliating, and you will feel very weak. But the first time is difficult, the second time becomes easier, the third time becomes more easier, and it does not become so necessary so often.

So there have been many weeks we did not need to walk in the light. So, this may encourage you. Thank you for coming.

I am going to read for you first John 1, 5, a translation of Philips, but first I would tell you something, perhaps you have heard that already often. There came someone to Gypsy Smith, he was a minister, and he said, how can I have a revival in my church? And Gypsy Smith said, go to your bedroom, make a circle of chalk on the floor, kneel in the midst of that circle, and pray God sends a revival in the midst of this circle. I am going to invite you to do the same.

Don't make the floor dirty with chalk, but pray that prayer. Here then is the message we heard him give. God is light, and not the faintest shadow of darkness can exist in him.

Consequently, if we were to say that we enjoyed fellowship with him, and still went on living in darkness, we should be both telling and living a lie. But if we really are living the same life in which he eternally exists, then we have true fellowship with each other, and the blood which he shed for us keeps us clean from any and every sin. If we refuse to admit that we are sinners, then we live in a world of illusion, and truth becomes a stranger to us.

But if we freely admit that we have sinned, we find God utterly reliable and straightforward. He forgives our sins and makes us thoroughly clean from all that is evil. For if we take up the attitude, we have not sinned, we flatly deny God's diagnosis of our condition, and cut ourselves off from what he has to say to us.

I write these things to you, may I call you my children, for that's how I think of you, to help you to avoid sin. But if a man should sin, remember that our advocate before God is Jesus Christ, the righteous, the one who made personal atonement for our sins, and for those of the rest of the world as well. It is only when we obey God's laws that we can be quite sure that we really know him.

The man who claims to know God, but does not obey his laws, is not only a liar, but lives in self-delusion. In practice, the more a man learns to obey God's laws, the more truly and fully does he express his love for him. Obedience is the test of whether we really live in God or not.

The life of a man who professes to be living in God must bear the stamp of Christ. And then, 11, the man who loves his brother lives and moves in the light, and has no reason to stumble. But the man who hates his brother is shut off from the light, and drops his way in the dark without seeing where he is going.

To move in the dark is to move blind-folded. Are you living in the light? Are you right with God? Are you right with man? I think that's a very important question that I ask you. In Uganda, there is a question, that kind of greeting that these brothers have.

They ask each other, when they tell each other, when they see each other, they say, there is nothing between you and me. And if they know, they cannot say that. No, the sentence is, I owe you no debt.

And if they owe, if I owe him a debt, and I cannot say that, then I do not walk around him, but first I pay my debt. Say, can you say to everyone, I owe you no debt? Jesus may come in the morning. Jesus may come at noon.

Jesus may come in the evening. So keep your heart in tune. And your heart is not in tune when there is anything between God and you, and someone else and you.

Those who hear me, have heard me several times, know that I like to illustrate my messages. And I still have my flashlight. This flashlight does not give light.

Just like a Christian with a long face. We are the light of the world, poor dark world, when the children of the light have blackout. Now I will show you why this cannot give light.

Simply because there is only one battery in it. And we all know that I need two batteries, but there are dirty rags in it, instead of the battery. Now what do I mean with that? These illustrations have no copyright, you can use them too.

There was one battery in it, and that is what I call the rebirth. Except we are born again, we cannot enter the kingdom of God. And I am sure we all are born again, who are in this hall.

But there is more. If someone is born again, and he thinks it is the end, then it is possible that you have the same trouble as little Johnny, who fell out of his bed. His mother said, how did it happen? He said, Mom, I fell asleep too close to the spot where I got in.

When we enter into the kingdom of God by our decision for the Lord Jesus, and the miracle that He does to make us to be born into the very family of God, then we fall asleep, and we come back slowly. No, we

must go in. The moment that we receive the Lord Jesus, the Lord throws wide the door of the treasure house, and bitches go in and take with boldness.

We have not to start at the bottom, we can start at the height where Jesus finished at the cross. Seventeen thousand promises, all with our name on it, and the name of Jesus. And one is that the Lord said, you will receive power after the Holy Spirit has come upon you.

And the Bible says, be filled with the Spirit. And the Bible has no suggestions, only commandments. And the fullness of the Holy Spirit, be filled with the Holy Spirit, is the sweetest commandment of the whole Bible.

And we live in the time that we can be filled with the Holy Spirit, for He is here. And He is willing to fill your heart like the light is ready to flood a room that is open to its brightness. And that second victory, that is the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

But I am sure that the Lord cannot fill me with the Holy Spirit when there are unconfessed sins in our hearts. Now I believe that the moment that we receive the Lord Jesus as our Savior, the Holy Spirit comes into our hearts. For He testified with our spirit that we are children of God.

But to have the Holy Spirit and be filled is like possessing a house and dwell in it. This rag is pride. This one is discouragement.

That's a sin. I don't judge you, but I just comfort you. It is such a joy, it is such a liberation for a child of God to know that something is a sin.

For instance, I couldn't find time to pray. Have you ever had it? I traveled in the evening and I was totally tired. And then I suddenly thought, oh, but prayer is a sin.

And I could almost have shouted hallelujah. What do I do with a sin? 1 John 1, 7 and 9, I confessed it and the Lord did what He promised. He forgave me and cleansed me with His blood and I had time to pray.

But it is good to know that discouragement is a sin. I was in a concentration camp and a girl saw me and she said, Corrie, you are discouraged. I said, no wonder.

I saw that the woman was good till she died. She was so cruel. She said, Corrie, discouragement is a sin.

I said, is it? And I found that it is so. The Bible says, be of good courage. That means that when you are discouraged, you do sin, you are disobedient.

This one is worry. Trumbull says, worry is a black, murderous, God-defying, Christ-rejecting sin. Worry at any time, for anything, whatever.

I have not yet graduated in the non-worry science. I am still studying. After I have graduated, I have to go to a post-graduate course.

But Jesus is my teacher. This one is unforgiveness, bitterness. And this one is a forgotten promise.

Have you ever promised God something and you forgot it? He didn't forget it. This one is impure thoughts. Live in the light.

I am going to ask you, before you go to bed, have a talk with the Lord. No, don't try to find the rags in your flashlight, the sins in your heart. The devil likes it when we are introspect, always looking at our sins.

And Oculus said it is healthier for the eyes to look up than to look down. And I said, brother, you are right. Let us look up and pray, search me, O God.

And God will tell you if there is dishonesty in your heart or any other sin. And when you know it and when you understand what the Lord tells you, which sin there is in your heart, perhaps your self-centeredness. And don't make an excuse for the blood of Jesus has never cleansed an excuse but say, yes, Lord, it is true.

And then be sure that you have forgiveness. And then surrender your heart and your life and your everything and be filled with the Holy Spirit. And the great joy is that the fruit of the Spirit is love and peace and kindness and goodness and self-control.

And then you are the light of the world. I would say lie in this flashlight for a moment. I think I have overlooked a little rag.

You see, sometimes there is in our heart a very little decent sin. We are all very decent sinners here. Just a little bit of self-pity, a little white lie, a little bit of vanity, a very little bit of envy on that person that has more success than I. But I can tell you as long as we Christians do not make clean that with our decent sins we cannot have revival and we cannot be spirit-filled Christians.

I find that I excuse me, that's no rag, that's paper. It's no rag, it's no sin, it's only five dollars. It's nothing wrong with the five dollars.

The only thing is that they went the wrong place. I can tell you when we have too many dollars or not enough dollars. The devil brings the dollars in our hearts.

But our hearts must be filled with the Holy Spirit. Will you do it? And I'm sure if the Lord tells you that there is five dollars in your heart, I'm sure, well, I guess I know what to do with it. Just tell him, did you surrender all? That is very important.

I was in New Zealand and I spoke to a group of criminals in a prison. And you are the light of the world. Can you say that to criminals? Must you not say you are the darkness of the world? There was a prisoner who told me that ten Sundays they had every Sunday a different speaker in the chapel and they had all spoken about the prodigal son.

That's good for criminals. Have you ever been a prodigal son? A decent sinner? Perhaps this high time. And I can tell you I hope to see all of you in heaven.

And then I hope to introduce you to the soul winners who are still serving their terms as criminals in the prisons. And I'm sure in heaven we will see many thousands who have been saved by the faithful testimonies of their fellow prisoners. And I like it to say you are the light of the world.

And then I tell them of course you must first live in the light yourself but then you can be the salt of the earth. And after I had spoken in that way one man stood up and said fellows this morning I was reading in the Bible about three murderers. One's name was Moses.

One David and one Paul. Were they murderers? We know them as heroes of God. But he was right.

All three of them were murderers and that criminal said what can God do if I told to surrender murderer? Fellows is hoping for you and me. What can God do for you and me? And decent sinners here I tell you what can God do with a pull to surrender? Decent sinners. I believe we have no choice.

And we must we need to be the the mirror of the love of God and the joy of Jesus. But we cannot be the light of the world when we do not live in the light ourselves. I was in Cucuta and I spoke about the great joy that a Christian has the answer for our sin problems.

Not that we do not sin but we know what to do with our sins. And I told the blood of Jesus is available. And I used the illustration of the windshield wiper.

I said it comes rain on the windshield and the wiper takes it away but immediately it is wet again but the windshield is there and so the blood of Jesus keeps us cleansing from our sins. Now that was not the only thing I told them. But there came afterwards when I gave an invitation a couple to me.

And he said Mr. Bohm I think you bring a very easy gospel. Well that's easy we can sin and we bring it to the Lord and he cleanses and we sin again and we bring it to the Lord. I said but that's not all that I have said.

The Lord Jesus said when one demon is cast out and when the heart is empty then the demon will get other seven demons and the last is worse than the first. It is not only that we must have clean hearts but we must have filled hearts. We must be full of the Holy Spirit when the flesh light without the rags does not give light there must be the battery in it.

And then it is the joy when we give room for the fullness of the Holy Spirit the fruit of the Spirit is just opposite of the sins. Love, peace, goodness, self-control oh now he understood. And then I showed him the way of salvation and I said will you now receive the Lord Jesus as your savior? And he said yes.

And then he did something that I had never experienced perhaps you have it. He said Lord Jesus my wife and I receive you now as our savior. And my wife and I were repentant of our sins and my wife and I it was a beautiful prayer but afterwards I said I was very happy that you said that but may I ask madam do you agree with what your husband said? Why you yourself must decide.

He said I have brought my husband forward for I was willing to do it. All right. So I wrote down the name and address and I forgot to ask as is a mistake for a counselor I forgot to ask what church they belong.

So I went to the pastor I said here is a couple who have accepted the Lord but I forgot to ask in what church they belong. And he said what? That was the seventh day Adventist minister with his wife. He really had wonderful and strange experiences in the counselor room inquiry room.

Now that man was still under the law and he said it is far too easy what you say. But that's the great joy. What Dr. Orr said this afternoon repent and accept we repent we cannot be filled with the Holy Spirit but it is not only repentance it is be filled with the Holy Spirit and that's what you and I need.

And then we live in the light like he is in the light. And when Connie told that about how we are living in the light perhaps you will think boy what a nice couple is that Connie and Connie. But we are no nice couple there is Jesus in us that's nice and we can live in the light because he is in the light.

And all I wish that I could teach the people to look away from themselves. That beautiful book of I.M. that gave a very good illustration. He said when you have a car you do not push the car but you know that you have a strong engine under the hood so you just put on the engine.

My friends it is not you and I it is Jesus in us who indwells in us by his Holy Spirit. And that means that the life of God is so relaxed. Some Christians are just like cattle walkers going from the past to the future in one hand to set the indigested past in the other hand to set the anticipated future.

Always bouncing between hope and fear. But I believe that a Christian must be like one who is standing on an elevator quite relaxed to go higher and higher. Let's go on at the hand of Jesus.

It is Jesus. And it is he who does the job. But we must identify ourselves with his life.

Jesus has identified himself with our death when he died at the cross. Now we must identify ourselves with his life. But we must surrender.

The total surrender is necessary. What is surrender? An old test. Can you pray for everything? I was a watchmaker before the war.

And 25 years I had my watchmaker shop. And now in Switzerland there are some friends of mine who have a factory of watches. And I can always buy my watches there for wholesale price.

I was in Switzerland and I bought three watches. Now you must pay very high tax in Holland on watches. And I had to go from Switzerland to Holland so I took these watches and I put them into a corner of my bank that no custom officer in the world could find my watches.

After all I had been an underground worker and I know how to hide things. Before I went to the plane I prayed. I prayed Lord will you give us good weather for the flight.

Will you give us a good pilot wisdom and ability. Lord give us a safe landing. Oh yes Lord and then after the landing will you help me to smuggle.

I could not finish my prayer. I could not pray help me to smuggle my watches. The moment that I understood that I would pray for it I understood I realized that there was a prayer.

That there was a sin. You see prayer is a discipline. Is there anything you cannot pray for? Is there anything sin.

I was a dumb Dutch not to realize earlier that it was a sin. But God used my prayers as a discipline. Is there anything in your life you cannot pray for? Can you pray for that club you are a member of for the book that you are reading, for the way you use your spare time, for your sex life, for your friendships? Is there anything you cannot pray for? There is a sin.

And Jesus can come tonight. How will you meet him? Shame? Surrender. What is that? Surrender means surrender your blunders.

I see so many Christians who have long faces simply because they have blundered and they hate themselves. I hated myself when I had blundered. I thought, how in the world is that possible that I, Corrie ten Boom, have blundered so much, this pride? Surrender your blunders.

You can never know what God does with you. There was a visitor in Nevis school who saw beautiful patterns and he said to a student, what must you do when you make a mistake? Must you cut it out or must you start from the beginning? But the student said, no, our teacher is such a great artist that when we make a mistake he uses that mistake to improve the beauty of the pattern. That's what Jesus does.

But surrender. You understand what I mean? I was in Japan for the first time and I had the difficulty that I thought all these Japanese have the same flat face. It was so difficult to recognize them.

Here I saw one Mr. Shake, there I saw three and there five. That could be very dangerous. I was in a student's Bible club in varsity group and I saw a gentleman coming.

I thought, oh yes, that is the director of the theological seminary. He wasn't. He was a professor of a non-Christian university.

But after I was through with my talk, I said, and will you now say a prayer? He said, I? I've never prayed in my life. Suddenly I saw my blunder. I said, oh professor, it doesn't matter.

I will pray. And I prayed, but Japanese people are very polite and after meeting he came to me, bowing very deeply several times and he said, Mr. Bloom, I'm so sorry that I could not do what you asked, but I had never prayed before. I said, professor, I'm glad that you didn't.

Perhaps someone who should have been more superficial should have said a prayer without believing it. But I like it that you didn't do it. But by the way, why are you not a Christian? He said, oh no, then I must first study Christianity.

I said, no. I don't read in the Bible, those who study trans-Christianity, God gives the power to become a child of God, but those who receive Jesus. And so I showed him the way of salvation and after half an hour that man made the decisions that made the angels in heaven rejoice.

Now do you see the picture? God used the blunder of a dumb witch to save the soul of that man. A strategic point in a university in Tokyo. Surrender your blunders.

Surrender your limitations. Oh, I have not told that there was a rag and that was inferiority field. Is that a rag? Isn't that humbleness? No, that is pride.

That is that you do not accept your limitations. And I should say, I'm only a watchmaker, I'm not no minister. Does that mean that I wanted to be more than a watchmaker? No, and by the moment I said that's pride.

And we should not accept our limitations and surrender them. And you can never know what the Lord does with it. Surrender your worries.

I have written a little booklet that is not yet published, or it is out of print. Don't wrestle, just nestle. I learned when I was in a concentration camp how to pray.

Oh, I had prayed before when I was five years old. I asked the Lord Jesus to come into my heart and he came and he never left me. But when I was in that terrible place, that hell, there I learned what it means to cast your burden from the Lord and to leave it there.

And I can tell you, you must teach your people that for it is possible that there comes very difficult times. I can tell you sometimes I had a very heavy case full of burdens and I brought it in prayer to the Lord. Once I saw six hundred new prisoners coming.

Oh, I could understand why Betsy and I were in that prison. We were used by God to save souls for eternity. Many people had never heard of Jesus.

We could bring the Gospel and many could never hear it afterwards because they were killed or died. Ninety-seven thousand women died or were killed in that camp. And we understood why Betsy and I were there.

It was worthwhile all our suffering, even Betsy's death, Betsy's starve. But to be used to save souls for eternity is worthwhile to live and to die and to suffer. But I could not understand the suffering of the thousands of women around me.

And then I read in Isaiah 53, that morning that I saw these six hundred newcomers, new prisoners, and there Isaiah sees Jesus at the cross and he hears him say it is finished. And then he says, surely he has carried our sorrows. And suddenly I saw when Jesus died at the cross, he did not only carry our sins, but also our sorrows.

And I understood that we therefore are not called to be burden bearers. We are called to be cross bearers and light bearers. Without burdens we must cast on the Lord.

And I did it. And I said, Lord, here are these poor women. Oh, what a terrible suffering is waiting them.

We cannot bear the burdens of our friends, but we can introduce them to you, Lord, have mercy upon these women. And then I brought Germany, Berlin. Although Berlin was fifty miles away, sometimes we saw the sky red by the flames.

Berlin was bombed. Oh, what a terrible suffering. And I brought Berlin and all the people in the bombed cities in Germany.

And I said, Lord, let soon come the end of this terrible war. And then I brought Holland, my homeland, that had to suffer so much under the oppression of the enemy. And I said, Lord, oh, Lord, touch these poor people in Holland.

And then I brought Betsy, my sister, who was far too frail to be a prisoner. I said, Lord, let very soon the liberation come. And so I brought one thing after the other, till my whole bag was empty.

And then I said, Amen. That was praying. That was good.

I had cast my burden on the Lord. But what I did after my Amen was not good. I did this.

I put all my burdens again into my bag. And he was happier after than before. But that's not praying.

Praying means to cast your burden on the Lord and leave it there, and say the burden is too great only to carry. Why should I do? Why should I be afraid when he who has all power and understanding needs to sustain? Then why not ask his aid? To thee, oh, God, be fine, Lord, be fine. I bring my care.

I lower it at thy feet and leave it there. But it is the Holy Spirit who teaches us to pray like that. Surrender your if-onlys.

Have you an if-only in your life? So many Christians have dark faces because of an if-only. If-only I had a better building for my church people. If-only my wife was more understanding.

If-only my husband was more kind to me. If-only my teenager son did more his best. If-only I had more money.

If-only I had that newest washing machine. If-only I was married. That was an if-only in my life.

I was a healthy young woman, and I loved a young man, and he loved me. But his mother wanted him to marry a rich wife, and I had no money. And there came a terrible moment.

That young man brought me his fiancée, and he laid her hand in my hand and said, I wanted you to be friends together. Oh, I can tell you I was wounded. And after they had gone, I went straight to my bedroom and I said, Lord Jesus, I have surrendered myself to you.

I belong to you lock, stock, and barrel. But Lord, now again I surrender that part of my being that is wounded by the unfaithfulness of that young man. And Lord, if it is your will that I do not marry, I surrender it.

But I claim, Lord Jesus, your victory in that part of my being. And the Lord did it. And I can tell you the creative power that every woman has to have a family and children and marriage life.

I could use in the kingdom of the Lord. And I have never had the joy to bring to birth a child, but I have often the joy to bring to the rebirth many people. And really the Lord Jesus has taken care for me that I have never become a frustrated old spinster.

I am very happy. Surrender your if-onlys. Surrender self.

Surrender sins. I see, we heard it this afternoon, Dr. Orr said, or Gaspine said, there is a difference between the accusations of the devil or the floodlight of the Holy Spirit who shows us our sins in the light of the cross, the finished work of Jesus Christ. So many people do not understand when they have forgiveness, when they have repented that they have forgiveness.

A little child brought a beautiful cup of her mother and she said, Mommy, I have broken your cup. The mother said, I see it. Just put it in a garbage can.

I will forgive you. And the next day that little stupid girl saw this cup in the garbage can and she brought it again to her mother and said, Mommy, yesterday I broke your cup. She said, leave that in the garbage can.

Just think of my forgiveness. Did you ever ask for the second time the forgiveness for the same sin? That is not honoring God. I have a very good hostess here in Los Angeles.

She always knows when I am thirsty. And then she put in front of me a cup of coffee. Now just imagine when I come tonight and she put that cup of coffee in front of me that I should say, oh, please, I spoke today three times and I am so thirsty.

Won't you give me a cup of coffee? Why, I should be ashamed to do it. She has put it in front of me. I honor her as my hostess when I say, boy, what a good coffee, almost as good as Dutch coffee.

My friends, when God says, I am faithful and just to forgive you, then he means it. And I like to say when God casts our sins into the depths of the sea, then it is forgiven and forgotten and he put to shame no fishing allowed. Surrender your sins.

I think we have all, we know that little illustration of the simple woman, the widow, who had a boy and she worked hard for him to make him study for doctor and he had success and he became a doctor and he lived far away from his mother and he married a rich wife. And once he said to his wife, there is a very simple woman who has been good to me when I was a child. Do you think it is all right that we invite her to live with us? Then he said, yes, of course.

And she has been good to you and she is very welcome. And at the station he said to his mother when she arrived, never tell anyone that you are my mother. He was ashamed for his own mother.

And there she lived in an attic room, but she always prayed for her children downstairs. Once the mother, the wife found out that that lady upstairs was his mother and she went to her and she said, mother, come down and live in our whole house. I have never known that you were our mother.

From that moment on that house was blessed. Where does the Holy Spirit live? In your heart? In your life? In your house? Did you give him only an attic room? Are you willing to give him every key? Every corner? Is that costly to accept? Yes. It is costly to accept, but far more costly to miss it, for it means Jesus' victory in every corner of your life.

In my book, *Amazing Love*, I tell about a meeting with Dr. Smith, Oswald Smith. We were workers in the Youth for Christ. And he asked us, did you lay all on the altar? And he took four books and he said, I laid all on the altar.

I said, Lord, here is my house, here is my money, here is my family, and here is my time. I laid all on the altar. My time, yes, but I ordered a hotel for my vacation, and these two weeks vacation I keep for myself, then not my time, and one book went back.

My money, yes, it is all a lot, but this money for that hotel I keep for myself, then not my money, and the second book went back. My house, oh yes, we had a beautiful dedication service when we started in that house. It is the Lord's, but my sister is ill and she has six very naughty boys.

I cannot invite these boys, or they will make my house dirty, and it is now stick and span, then not my house, and the third book went back. My family, oh yes, I dedicated them to the Lord, but my oldest daughter will be a missionary. I cannot allow her that, for we have a big family.

She must help her mother, then not my family. The altar is empty. I left that meeting, and I had to talk with my heavenly Father.

I said, Father, is the altar empty? He said, yes, and I took my life again. It was not the first time, but there is not such a thing as a once for all surrender. It is again and again.

Bring your sins to the Lord, moment by moment being cleansed, being filled, surrender, and I laid again my all on the altar, and the happened miracles in my life. Souls were saved in the meetings. Christians

came to a full surrender.

There was great joy. Oh, don't be afraid that I didn't get a hotel. Perhaps the Lord has a far more beautiful hotel than you have ordered, but in that hotel he will use you to win souls for Jesus Christ.

Have you a surrendered life? Is all on the altar? My friends, it is the greatest joy to surrender all, for that means Jesus' victory and the joy of the Lord and his ocean of love in every corner of our life. Yes, it is a joy, but it is in the same time losing your life for Jesus' sake. It is taking up your cross.

It is dying with Jesus, but that means to live. There was a missionary who went to China, the time that it was still possible but very dangerous, and they said to her, aren't you afraid to go? And she said, I'm afraid for only one thing, and that is that I should become a corn of wheat, afraid to die. Are you a corn of wheat, afraid to die? There is a text in the Old Testament, the eyes of the Lord go to and fro the whole world to strengthen him whose heart is fully turned to him.

Did you experience the last month the rivers of living waters flowing out of you into a very thirsty world? You didn't? May I ask you a question? What do you think? When I keep this cup like this, do you think that I can come back to water in and out? No, of course not. Do you think that when your heart is turned towards the world that you can be a channel of streams of living water? Of course not, but oh I forgot where I was speaking. It's a minister's conference here.

Are you 50-50? Is your heart 50% turned towards the world and 50% turned towards God? Look what happens. Nothing comes in and nothing comes out. I am sure you are better than that.

Of course you are. Are you 90% turned towards God and only 10% turned towards the world? Oh, then you are better than Christians who are 60% turned towards God and 40% to the world. Let us see what happens.

There comes water in and there comes water out at one side, but only when I put it 100% at once. Now it streams over at all sides. What are you? You are not this.

You are not 50-50. Are you 99.5%? The eyes of the Lord go to and through this church to fill with the Holy Spirit whose heart is 100% turned towards Him. Now I will close with one thing.

Do you realize that we are brought with the very life blood of Jesus? Did you give him his money's worth in the concentration camp? I suffered much. One of the most terrible things I had to go through was that sometimes we had to stand on a naked parrot. He stripped us of all our clothing.

I will never forget the first time. It happened seven times. But that first time I felt so ashamed, so cold, so miserable.

I said to Betsy, my sister, I cannot bear this. This is so terrible. Suddenly I saw Jesus at the cross and the Bible says they took his garments.

He hanged there naked for me. I said, Betsy, Jesus has carried my sins at the cross and they took his garments. And by our suffering we understood just a fraction of the suffering of Jesus and made us so thankful that we were able to bear our suffering.

Love so amazing, so divine, demands my life, my soul, my all. God gives us men of God. God gives us men.

Men all aflame with his glory again. Men who have sold out their all for the Lord. Men who are obedient, trusting God's word.

Men who are ready to stake all for God, ready to sacrifice even their lives. God gives us men today. God gives us men.

Men who will shake this world for God again. Men with a vision of perishing souls. Men who put God first above human goals.

Men who are fearless when seeking the lost. Men who will follow whatever the cost. God gives us men.

Touched with fire from above. God gives us men with a calm, free love. God gives us men who are filled with God's power.

God gives us men for this day and this hour. God gives us men who will rise to the need. God gives us men who will work, pray, and bleed.

Where are the men we need? Where are the men? When will they heed the call? When, Savior? When? Raise up a host, burn them with holy fire. Men filled with thee, with flaming desire. Men who will serve thee without doubt or fear.

God gives us men who will now volunteer, search me, O God, and know my heart today. Try me, O Savior. Know my thoughts, I pray.

See if there be some wicked way in me. Cleanse me from every sin and set me free. Show us, O Lord, if there are rags in the flesh like money or shell.

I praise thee, Lord, for cleanse me from sin. Fulfill thy word and make me pure within. Fill me with fire where once I burned with shame.

Grant me my desire to magnify thy name.

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