

What About Those Who Never Hear?

by David Guzik

God has given a testimony to every person through creation and conscience, and He will judge them based on their response to this testimony.

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Description

In this sermon, the speaker emphasizes the importance of receiving the message of the gospel and the responsibility each person has before God to respond to it. He mentions that God has preached two sermons to every human being: the sermon preached in creation and the sermon preached in conscience. The speaker explains that while creation showcases God's creative power, it does not fully reveal His love, kindness, and mercy. He concludes by offering assistance to those seeking to come to Jesus Christ and live out their faith to the fullest potential.

Transcript

The title of this message is what about those who never hear and was delivered by David Guzik at Calvary Chapel of Simi Valley on March 11th 2001 Go ahead open up your Bible to the book of Romans chapter 1 Tonight we're going to study a very important question and that question is simply What about those who never hear and what I mean by what about those who never hear I mean? What about those who never hear the gospel they never hear the message of salvation in Jesus Christ? They never hear the teaching from the New Testament. I think that's one of several very good questions that people might have Some people might ask the question. Well who needs salvation? What what makes a person necessary to save them and saved from what? Other people might ask how good do I need to be in order to be saved? Other people might want to ask if Jesus is the only way or if there are other ways to salvation All of these are very relevant questions and important questions But tonight we're going to ask a question based on these previous ones This question is what about those who have never heard now? Let me sort of explain to you that the framework that people ask question from They say if salvation only comes through Jesus Christ, and by the way, that's what I believe the New Testament teaches I believe it teaches it very plainly and those are the words of Jesus.

That's not my opinion It's Jesus's opinion and I'm just relaying it to you. Jesus said I am the way the truth and the life Nobody comes to the Father Except through me those are the words of Jesus They're not the

words of David Guzik, but if we take it that salvation only comes through Jesus Then what about those who have never heard of Jesus? It's pretty relevant question, isn't it? I mean when you consider both the past and the present Billions upon billions of people on planet Earth have never even heard the name of Jesus I mean when you think about all the people who lived in past distant cultures ancient Egyptians ancient Incas ancient Aztecs ancient people of all different places and societies and cultures Very very few of them have even heard the name of Jesus Let me think in our world today you know demographers and statisticians will tell you that a Minority of people less than half the people on the face of planet Earth right now today have even heard the name of Jesus now those who have heard the name of Jesus how many of them do you suppose have really heard a an intelligent accurate presentation of the gospel not very many It's shocking to me how people right here in Southern, California People that we meet and rub shoulders with every day. Well, of course, they know who Jesus is.

They've heard the name They know that he was born around Christmas time They know that he died around Easter time and that everybody says he rose from the dead But friends those things in and of themselves that's not an accurate explanation of the gospel that they need to hear how the events of the life of Jesus relate to their life and I've met many people When I start talking to them about the gospel of Jesus Christ, they have never heard it before never That should give us pause for consideration People you live with and work with and and go to school with and are around all the time You think they've heard the gospel, but many of them never have what what about those who have never heard the gospel? Now if those people have never heard the name of Jesus, so if they've never heard an accurate Intelligent presentation of the gospel, how can God send those people to hell? How does it? Well, there's no salvation except in Jesus You mr. Pygmy in Africa. You're going to hell You mr. Aborigine in Australia. You're going to hell you mr Ancient Aztec in in ancient Mexico.

You're going to hell. Is that how God operates? Well, let me answer that question By laying out some biblical principles and the first one is found in Paul's letter to the Romans chapter 1 Which I asked you to turn to at the beginning Romans chapter 1 we're going to begin at verse 18 and let me start reading here where he says For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men Who suppressed the truth and unrighteousness? Because what may be known of God is manifest in them for God has shown it to them For since the creation of the world his invisible attributes are clearly seen Being understood by the things that are made even his eternal power and Godhead so that they are without excuse Although they knew God They did not glorify him as God nor were thankful But became futile in their thoughts and their foolish hearts were darkened professing to be wise they became fools and changed the glory of the incorruptible God and to an image made like corruptible man and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things You know the first few words of verse 18 of Romans chapter 1 When we read them if we really thought about what they meant, we'd give a great big gulp when we read it It would say right there verse 18 for the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men That's pretty heavy.

Isn't it? The wrath of God revealed from heaven against what what it's against the ungodliness of man Ungodliness has reference to man's offenses against God That's how man offends God by blasphemy by disrespect by not listening to God and then he says against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men Unrighteousness has the idea of man's offenses against other men and that's how we sin Don't we we sin against God we sin against other men and God says because of this because of ungodliness and because of unrighteousness My wrath is revealed from heaven You should give a silver pause Basically what Paul is saying is something that we have a hard time dealing with He's saying that the human race is the worthy

object of God's wrath In other words, we deserve wrath from God now many of us don't want to deal with that fact We think that we deserve Nothing but good from God How many times have you heard of somebody shaking their angry fist towards heaven?

Because they're in a time of disaster or personal calamity some great tragedy has happened to them and they say God Well, why did you put this upon me? I don't deserve this how many times have you heard somebody who's been tremendously blessed and Prosperous and things are going just great and they're crying out before God for but God why I don't deserve this No, we think we deserve good from God, don't we and we wonder why we ever have bad But Paul says that we're the worthy objects of the wrath of God And he's going to explain why and we'll talk about why in just a moment, but but just get used to that idea Sometimes we don't like that phrase the wrath of God Because we kind of equate it with human anger It's not the same thing Now, you know what your wrath is like right? I know what my wrath is like it's pretty ugly You don't want to be around me when I'm angry.

It's not much fun You know, I'm just as much as a jerk as anybody else when I'm angry And you see how when a person is angry It's not very pretty and most the time when a person is angry. They're motivated by Personal reasons or for a desire for revenge, but not God You understand that the wrath of God is completely righteous in character God never sins even when he's angry even when he reveals his wrath now again He reveals it against ungodliness. He reveals it again a righteousness and why look at it here He's continuing on in this idea where he says Against the ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in Unrighteousness because what may be known of God is manifest in them For God has shown it to them In other words God is angry at man because man does in fact suppress the truth in righteousness Now, please notice this what God is saying here is that God has spoken the truth to every man Every woman too If I use man tonight, please excuse me.

I mean it in the sense of humanity I'm not trying to exclude the ladies here. I mean men and women humanity in general God has spoken to every human being sample. Wait a minute I was God spoken to every human being and Paul says I'm glad you asked that question Take a look at it here verse 19 Because what may be known of God is manifest in them for God has shown it to them verse 20 For since the creation of the world his invisible attributes are clearly seen Being understood by the things that are made even his eternal power and Godhead so that they are without excuse You understand what verse 20 says? Says that God has revealed himself to man in creation He has communicated to man some of his invisible attributes Now we can't see God and we can't see his attributes in him directly But we can see something of his nature something of his character by looking at creation around us And so what do you look at? You look at the incredible glory of the starry sky at night or the majesty of the Sierra Nevada mountains Or the beauty of a eight-foot swell peeling off on a beautiful point break You look at all those things and you say our God has got a power, right? I mean amazing the power the strength of God to make such things I mean somebody bigger than those things made those things That's our God his invisible attribute of incredible might and strength.

It's clearly made known by creation or you can get out the microscope and Look at the infinite detail Look at the infinite detail in the flower or in the amoeba or in the human cell with its very very intricate DNA structure you look at all those things and you say somebody's smarter than all of that built that You don't have to tell me about the intelligence of God about his wisdom. I can see it in creation I see it clearly. I know that there's a God of power.

I know that there's a God of planning I know that there's a God of order. I know that there's a God of detail. I know that there is a God of unspeakable majesty Because of what I see in creation now the universal character of this revelation and the clarity of it Makes man look at the end of verse 20 without excuse For rejecting it What's God going to say to the atheist on the day of judgment The atheists will say well, you know, I did all these Evidences for you God in the laboratory and I looked in the test tube and I looked all the other night I couldn't prove the existence of God God's gonna say I wrote my nature and my existence and my character all over creation You're without excuse Everybody has had a sermon preached to them through creation And a great thing about this is that this is a sermon that preaches to the pygmy in Africa Just as much as it does to the person in the United States of America today Everybody who has ever lived on planet Earth has heard the sermon that God Preaches through the glory and the wonder of creation And so everybody has had a message preached to them the message that God preaches through creation Now that's not the only sermon that God preaches to everybody He has another one another sermon that God preaches to every human heart is found Described in Romans chapter 2 look at verses 14 15 and 16 where we read there For when Gentiles who do not have the law by nature do the things in the law These although not having the law are a law to themselves Now fall carefully here Who show the work of the law written in their hearts their conscience also bearing witness and between? themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them in The day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel You see what Paul talks about here about the conscience bearing witness and the thoughts either accusing or excusing them Paul explains here why a person who has never heard the Word of God the person here who he calls the Gentile the person who the Word of God was not originally brought to was brought to the Jewish people not to the Gentile people He says this is why the Gentile can be confronted with the judgment of God is because he has the work of the law written in his heart and That work of the law written in the heart is enough to condemn or theoretically enough to justify any man In other words God has preached a sermon in creation, and he's also preached a sermon in conscience Everybody knows what conscience is right Conscience is the thing that you have to overcome in order to do the things that are bad that you want to do It's little Jiminy Cricket on your shoulder right you remember Pinocchio right that little song He's saying always let your conscience be your guide Now that's generally good advice except because we are fallen human beings we can twist and warp our conscience Can't we?

Some people can do unspeakable evil and their conscience never bothers them at all It's because they have deformed and twisted their conscience, but it wasn't always like that They started out with a good conscience.

They started out with a conscience that preached a message to them from God So friends what I want you to see here is the bottom line is simply this God has given a testimony to every person He's preached a sermon to everyone who has ever lived on this planet Since the days of Adam and Eve to our present day right now God has preached two sermons to every human being who's ever taken breath the sermon preached in creation and the sermon preached in conscience and God will judge the person who has never heard the name of Jesus Christ By how they respond to the message preached in creation and the message preached in conscience now when we think about this We wonder well God. How do you do this? How do you work this out practically and and you know is that all you do for people? But we not only understand that the work of God in preparing man for the gospel Goes even beyond the message in creation and conscience Let me give you a couple very dramatic examples These are taken from a book a wonderful book by a man named Don Richards the books titled Eternity in their hearts and it's a book filled with these kind of stories And it's a delight for me to share a couple of them with you here this evening He

speaks about the Mubaka tribe in Central Africa now. They first heard of the gospel in the 1920s It was brought to them by a missionary named Eugene Rosenau and when he came to the Mubaka they explained their belief system to him You know any good missionary the first thing he wants to do when he comes among the people is Discover what their beliefs are and discover how they think and how they look at the world and so he got an explanation Of the belief system of the Mubaka.

This is what they said They had a creator God known as Koro and Koro the creator Sent word to our forefathers that long ago He had already sent his son into the world to accomplish something wonderful for all mankind later, however, our forefathers turned away from the truth about Koro's son in Time they even forgot what it was that he accomplished for mankind since the time of the forgetting Successive generations of our people have longed to discover the truth of Koro's son But all we could learn was that the messengers would eventually come to restore that forgotten knowledge to us Somehow we also knew that when the messengers came they would probably be white-skinned in Any case we resolved that whenever Koro's messengers arrived We would all welcome them and believe their message now when this Missionary named Eugene Rosa now heard this in the 1920s. What did he have to say to these people? He said I'm the man this God Koro as you call him the creator God I Serve the God who created heaven and earth And you have worshipped him or honored him or thought about him in ignorance But now I have come to bring the full message of him and to tell you about Koro's son and he delivered the gospel of Jesus Christ to them now What about people who lived in that tribe before that missionary ever came? well, I suppose that if they had a proper and a adequate response to God's sermon in creation and in conscience and if they trusted in God's promise to send this deliverer in his son and Judging on where their heart was and where their response was then perhaps those people were saved and we will see them in heaven But I want you to see that God was working among those tribes even before they heard the message of Jesus Christ Here's another example the ghetto tribe of South Central Ethiopia They believed in a God called Magano now Magano was the omnipotent creator of everything however The people of his tribe did not pray to Magano. They did not sacrifice to Magano Instead they did all their prayer and all their sacrifice to an evil God whom they called She ate time Now when a missionary came with the gospel, he said I don't get this You have this Omnipotent creator God Magano, but you don't pray to him.

You don't sacrifice to him Why do you sacrifice to this evil God named Shaytan? They explained Well, we sacrifice to say a time not because we love him But because we simply do not enjoy close enough ties with Magano To allow us to be finished with she a time we want to be finished with But we aren't close enough to the omnipotent creator God to break this bondage that we have to she a time Now there was one man among the good day. Oh tribe bold enough to approach Magano His name was warasa and he simply prayed and he asked Magano to reveal himself to the good day. Oh people He soon had a vision and in this vision.

He saw white skinned strangers visiting building flimsy shelters under the shade of large sycamore trees and When they built permanent structures with shiny roofs warasa had never seen those kind of structures before the ones he saw in his vision Then in his vision he heard a voice the voice said these men will bring you a message from Magano The God you seek wait for them and in the final scene of the vision We're also saw himself removing the center pole from his house Now in Gadano's symbolism the center pole of your house It's a symbol for your very life because it holds everything up on the roof He saw himself in the vision take the center pole from his own house And he went over and took it to the buildings that these strange visitors brought and he laid the center pole In front of them and it was very obviously picture that

he was to lay his life down before what these men brought to him eight years went by nothing happened and then in 1948 a Canadian missionary named Albert Brandt and some associates of his they came to the area They decided to set up tents two tents right under a sycamore tree and When warasa saw that he said that's exactly what I saw in the vision.

He went to these men He heard the gospel of Jesus Christ preached to him and he received it and there was an amazing work among the Gadao tribe three decades later among this Gadao tribe there were more than 200 churches established and each one of those churches had an average of more than 200 members an Amazing work of God, but do you see how God was working in those people even before they ever heard the gospel? God working in creation God working in conscience Friends, I think that we should really rely on the principle that Abraham states in Genesis chapter 18 verse 25 you can turn there if you like, but I'll just read that passage to you the very relevant passage you see in Genesis chapter 18 Abraham has a divine visitation from God and God has sent two angels along the way to go visit the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah and to check them out and to see with their own eyes if those cities are actually as wicked as God knows that they are and So when those angels come They're approaching the city and God tells Abraham about his plans to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah because of their great wickedness Well Abraham begins to bargain with God caught God What if there's 50 righteous people in the city?

Are you going to destroy that city and let 50 righteous people perish in that city cuts it? No No, I won't destroy it if there's 50 righteous people there and then Abraham begins to bargain with God How about 45? How about 40? How about 35? But there's a line in Abraham's dialogue with God Where he looks at God and he says Will not the judge of all the earth do right and It's a rhetorical question. You know what a rhetorical question is, don't you? It's a question that the correct answer is always assumed when Abraham asks Will not the God of all the earth the judge of all the earth do what is right? The answer is yes, he will See friends.

This is what we have to understand Is that God is? eminently fair completely fair and There will not be a single person who? tragically Perishes in eternal separation from God there will not be a single person in that place who does not know that they deserve to be there Brent the cry that goes up from hell will not be I was robbed The cry that goes up from hell will be God is just God is fair I deserve to be here this principle from Abraham's dealing with God before the destruction of the cities of Sodom Gamorrah shows us that Especially in judgment God always does what is right? Now let me ask a few related questions to this issue because I think we've answered it fairly adequately What about the person who has never heard the name of Jesus who has never heard the gospel? we say God will judge them rightly and he has a Basis on which to judge them because they've heard the message from creation and they've heard the message from Conscience and God will judge them on how they have responded to those messages Now here's a follow-up question if you will if God preaches a sermon to everybody Through creation and conscience then why are Christians so concerned to preach the gospel to others? Why don't we just sit back and say hey Lord you're gonna take care of it. You're gonna take care of it in creation You're gonna take care of the conscience and you're gonna do what's right so why do we have to be so concerned and spend the time or the money or the effort or the Discomfort of going out and preaching the gospel to other people Well, let me give three answers to that first of all Those who are condemned by conscience and creation can still be saved By the good news of faith in Jesus Christ and what he did for us. Do you know what I mean by that? Oh, yes It's possible that some people will be saved because they've responded rightly to what God showed them in creation and conscience But surely want to say most people won't Do most people honor God the way that they should because of what they see of him in creation.

No Do most people honor God the way they should? Responding to their conscience. No, most people don't So what about that person who has broken God's law that preached to them in creation and conscience the gospel of Jesus Christ can save them The gospel of Jesus Christ can bring them to salvation if they will but trust in Jesus We can say that some May be saved by their response to creation and conscience But many many more can be saved by their response to Jesus And so it's not enough for us to say well those people can just hear it in creation and conscience He said well a few of them might but how many more can hear it if we bring them the gospel of Jesus Christ That's one answer. There's a second answer The message of creation and conscience are not the good news I Want you to turn to the gospel of Mark chapter 16 verse 15 in Mark chapter 16 verse 15 Jesus gives a wonderful commission to his people he says here Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature now Do you know what that word gospel means? Literally, it means good news.

And do you know what the word preach means? It means to proclaim So Jesus is saying Proclaim the good news to every creature Now here's what you need to understand Creation preaches a message doesn't it? But it's not the good news Conscience preaches a message But it's not the good news Let me explain to you what I mean by that you ever like to watch those animal programs on the special cable channels, you know animal planet or the discovered channel and they're following the African cheetah around the the plane there, you know, and there it is And there's the antelope and you go my look at that cheetah. Oh god, you are so good Look at your creative power when that animal is so sleek and strong and supple And then the camera starts following the cheetah and it's running across the planet Oh the dust that it kicks up you go. That is a magnificent creation cut Oh, it's absolutely amazing.

And then the next frame it's Pounced upon the antelope and it devours it you go. That's pretty rough stuff man. Look there's stuff flying all over the place Let me put it to this way Creation does not really tell us about the love and kindness and mercy of God, does it? It tells us about a strength But make no mistake about it Creation can be pretty harsh.

You don't think so. Why don't you sleep outside tonight? We're expecting a nice cold rainstorm You'll see that there's not much warmth out there in creation all the time You see creation tells us about God's power and wisdom and majesty and strength But it really doesn't communicate to us the good news of his love and mercy and gentleness Same thing with conscience Conscience can condemn us But it doesn't really show us love very much. I've never really felt loved by my conscience I've been happy when it leaves me alone But I've never really felt loved by it You see the point of it here if people are going to hear the good news We have to bring it to them for the message of Jesus and because we care about other people We want them to hear the good news Well, yes, you've heard the news of God through creation.

You've heard the news of God through conscience But now here's the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ friend I've got good news for you that that even though Creation shows you that there's a God far stronger and mightier and wiser than you The good news is that you can enter into relationship with that God Even though conscience tells you that you're a guilty sinner doesn't your conscience tell you that my conscience tells me that Even though conscience tells me I'm a guilty sinner the good news of Jesus Christ Tells me that God has opened up a way for guilty sinners to come because of what Jesus Christ did on the cross He died on the cross in my place. I deserve to be up on the cross. I'm guilty.

He wasn't But the innocent paid the penalty for the guilty. That's me. That's you And if I put my trust in Jesus and give my life to him so that he can transform it Then he takes the guilt the penalty that I deserve.

That's good news, isn't it? Okay, so three reasons here why we should be concerned to preach the gospel to others that number one So that more will be saved number two so that they can hear the good news and number three Because we're commanded by Jesus Christ to do it look at it there mark chapter 16 verse 15 Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature That pretty much settles it for me. Doesn't it for you? It doesn't have to make any more sense than that Why do we go into all the world and concern about preaching the gospel to our friends and neighbors and co-workers and people in distant lands Why because he told us to and that's all we really need to hear isn't it if he told us to do it Then we should do it So let me say this if you are tired of Christians preaching the gospel to you Please be patient with them. They're just doing what Jesus told them to do I Know sometimes it feels annoying when Christians preach the gospel to you now oftentimes Unjustifiably, so I heard a great story once for a man He was at a golf course and he saw a friend of his coming in from the the last Green and he had just finished his round of golf and the friend was kind of throwing his clubs into the car And he was very angry and he said what's going on with you? Why are you so angry thought he must had a bad run because you you wouldn't believe it now his friend Was not a Christian.

He had not trusted in Jesus Christ yet He said you wouldn't believe it who I golfed with just now said Billy Graham was in my foursome and And built man. He was just shoving the gospel down my throat up and down every fairway I couldn't even believe it this true story guy really played around the golf with Billy Graham And he said that Billy Graham was just shoving it down his throat what his friend who was a Christian was amazed He said yeah, I thought Billy Graham was more of a gentleman He tells himself good It's hard to believe that Billy Graham would be really obnoxious and he's shoving it down this guy's throat and so he asked well That's right. What did Billy say to you? Not because well He didn't really say much actually and you get the point Don't you just from being with Billy Graham the guy felt so convicted that he felt that you know It was being shoved down his throat when Billy Graham was just being a perfect gentleman and maybe saying a word here and there But it wasn't that the Christian was being obnoxious.

It was that the other person was so sensitive that they took a lot of offense Friends you're listening to this at another time and place other than the evening where we're delivering this and and perhaps you've been offended in times Past well, I apologize on behalf of of all Christians. I Apologize for every genuinely obnoxious Christian who has offended you on the other hand We make no apology for doing what our Lord Jesus told us to do and that's tell other people about the good news In Jesus Christ, he told us to do it And so we're just trying to do what he told us to if you don't like it if you disagree with it Take it up with Jesus because he's the one who told us to do it Interestingly enough I told you about these tribal people such as the Mubaka People like the Mubaka often asked the missionaries that came to them Did your great-grandfather know the way to God? Then why didn't he come and speak to my great-grandfather? And isn't that a good question? Why not indeed? So let me wrap up with one final point here. And this is the last thing I want to say in this message We've talked all about How can a person be judged of God or what will God do with the person who's never heard? We've always talked about also talked about well if God preaches to everybody through creation and conscience Then why should Christians still be concerned to go out and preach the gospel? Let me make one final point and simply ask What about you? Yes, you could be concerned about that ancient Viking who never heard the name of Jesus Christ You could be concerned about that ancient Incan Indian who never heard of Jesus But what about you? You have heard the name of Jesus You have heard a clear presentation of the gospel of Jesus Christ because I just told you one a few minutes ago About our need as sinners about God's great provision through Jesus Christ on the cross and how he hung on the cross as a substitute for us dying in our place You see we can paint a scenario By which those who have never heard might be saved if they respond correctly to

the message That's brought to them by creation and conscience.

We can say that's a possibility and God will judge them rightly We can leave it in God's hands. We know that they've heard some kind of message through creation They've heard some kind of message through conscience and then God can judge them righteously from there. We don't have to worry about it Friends listen carefully There is no scenario by which someone can be saved if they have heard the message of salvation in Jesus Christ and Rejected it How can that person ever be saved God with an outstretched hand has come to you and said this is my good news This is my provision of salvation for you.

Will you receive it and Many people say no No, thank you Friends I say and I say it categorically based on the authority of the Word of God There is no salvation for that person We're in John chapter 6 to excuse me mark chapter 16 look at verse 15 and 16 with me It says and he said to them go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature now for 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved, but he who does not believe will be condemned Friends those aren't my words. Those are the words of Jesus So this is a very important message that goes out from here this evening if you haven't received Once you've heard this clear presentation of the gospel, what possible excuse do you have before God? You have none none whatsoever Because you've heard of your sin Your need for a Savior and God's gracious provision in Jesus Christ If you choose to reject it, it's all on your head after that I pray that it wouldn't be I pray that you and I and Everyone else would hear this message of good news of salvation Jesus Christ and respond to it And then we would have a passionate heart to take it to the ends of the earth just as he told us to let's pray together father We ask that you would give us that passion in our hearts To do this exact kind of work and to do something great for you in preaching the gospel But father first before we can preach it We have to receive it and I pray for everyone here tonight everyone who may listen to this message later by whatever means and I pray God that they would hear and understand and embrace the gospel of Jesus Christ a Love and devotion for you may it happen in Jesus name. Amen That's the end of this message.

Here's a few final words from David music I'd like to thank you for taking the time to listen to this and I hope you take the message in it to heart You know every one of us who has heard the great message of salvation in Jesus Christ Well, we're thereby responsible before God for how we respond to it And I just want to make myself as a pastor and our church as Calvary Chapel of Simi Valley Available to you if we can help you in any way in your walk with God We want to be here to help people come to Jesus Christ To have their lives amended and to help them be followers of Jesus Christ to their fullest potential We believe that this is the way that we can fulfill what God has given us to do and as a church family We want to be there for you to help you If you'd like to make a response to this message, please contact us at Calvary Chapel of Simi Valley You can give us a call. Our phone number is area code 805 5 2 7 0 1 9 9 Of course, you can also check out our ministry on the World Wide Web the web address is www.calvarychapel.com Simi Valley We think you can find it or you can use a search engine to find it However, you get a hold of us We really recommend that you follow up on what God has spoken to your heart in this message That you make a commitment to Jesus Christ and get plugged into a church that can help you grow in the truth and in him There's a lot of fine churches in our area and we endeavor to be one of them We want to help you grow and follow Jesus You should know that if you endeavor to be a follower of Jesus Christ It's a decision that you make in the personal private place of your own heart However, it's a decision that has very public consequences and Jesus never asked for private followers You need to join with a group of Christians people who really love God and take their walk with Jesus Christ seriously So join with a good church ours or another church in our community and make a commitment to being a follower of Jesus Christ We need

to come to the place where we're more than admirers of Jesus, but we're genuinely his followers Thanks again. And again, if there's anything we can do to be of help to you, please contact us For more information contact Calvary Chapel of Simi Valley at 805-527-0199 Check out our website at calvarychapel.com slash Simi Valley

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