

# Being to Familiar With Christ - Slovakia Conference 2003 (Slovakian/english)

by David Wilkerson

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*This sermon emphasizes the importance of understanding Jesus' true identity and purpose, and the need for intimacy and communion with Christ.*

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## Description

In this sermon, Pastor David shares a powerful testimony of how God transformed the lives of Mary and James, who were once homeless and struggling with addiction. Through God's intervention, Mary and James experienced physical and emotional healing, and their lives were completely changed. They dedicated their lives to serving God and making a difference in the lives of others. Despite facing challenges and the loss of James, Mary continued to carry on their ministry until her passing. The sermon emphasizes the love of Jesus and the transformative power of the gospel.

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## Transcript

I will go to Him, You have the word of eternal life. You gave me faith, I know that You are the Messiah. I will go to Him, Who is such a God as You are.

The angel of my mother, You created me. I will go to Him. So we could get close to God.

So we could see that there is not a glorified man, but a wonderful service for almost 40 years, but there is Jesus Christ, who gave to his life something more than for the lost people. God would give, so that Slovakia would survive not only something divine, but would survive a living Christ. He would give something that can give life to the hopeless, that can give freedom to those who are bound, that can give life to those who have no life.

The word of God says to us, The days are coming, says the Lord, that I will send hunger to the earth, not hunger for bread, nor thirst for water, but hunger and thirst to hear the word of the Lord. Ladies and gentlemen, welcome today those of you, who are hungry for God. Welcome today those of you, who want to hear the answer to the problems of your life.

Because today, in this place, there is the Holy Spirit. And through His servants, He will speak to you today. Open your hearts, prepare the fruit of your heart, because what you use today, what you hear, will last for ages.

Even today, God will speak to each one of us. The Lord Jesus said one strange word, If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. If he believes in Me, as the Bible says, the rivers of life will flow from within him.

And the last word that is written, this will be My word, which will come out of My mouth, will not come back empty to Me, but will do what I like, and He will give him what He has been sent for. May God, so that the word does not fall into a pit, or into a stone pit, but let My heart and your heart be full, to hear the message from God. We will honor the Lord even now, with songs.

He will also prepare this praise, water for our Lord, for what will be spoken. I would like to ask you a few organizational things. If you want to take a picture, this evening, at the gate of David Wilkerson, it is possible for the first three to five minutes.

Then, please, do not go into this room anymore, so that you do not disturb us, so that there can be silence here, and we can focus on the word of God. There are authorized people here, who are recording. It is possible, all these evenings, to order here at this table, and you can also be invited to the conference that was here.

We are very happy that God has enabled one miraculous thing. We would not be able to do all these things today, and these days. God not only sent David Wilkerson to this place, to say goodbye to us with his word, but also secured through them the finances for covering all expenses.

There was no need for the state to give us money, there was no need to ask you for a single crown, because God took care of it through these people, and we are grateful to God for doing miracles. Amen! One thing I realize tonight is that we are here as a family of Jesus Christ. Regardless of which denominations and church families we come from, we have a common Father, we have one Spirit, the Holy Spirit.

Let us praise the Lord Jesus, because He is worthy of praise. His praise will say that our God is great, a glorious God who gives freedom. This is the day that the Lord has given us.

The Lord is with us He is present, he is our hero Lord, Lord, he is present, he is our hero I know, gentlemen I know, gentlemen This is the day, this is the day that the Lord gave us Let us rejoice in this song of ours There is no one like the Lord Lord, you are holy The God of man, spirit and truth will rise Because God is powerful God has power and strength He is present, he is our hero He is present, he is our hero I believe that many of you were transformed and touched by the Spirit of God I would like to ask, is it so?

Can you raise your hands and say, God touched you? Amen We have experienced amazing things these days And I am very grateful to God for the fact that we can hear the living prophetic word today in the situation of a very specific individual And this prophetic word is brought by one of God's men This prophetic word is brought by one of the men who is of a humble heart who gave his life to the young generation And we are very grateful to brother David Wilkerson to brother Gary Wilkerson who, even after these days, handed over the embassy to us directly from the side of God And it could change our lives

And I believe that this desire, this longing for God has grown in our hearts and that we will go with courage and we will testify that it is possible to come so close to God even today because his cross is reality I want to invite you even today to open your hearts and to do something for your future It can be changed by coming so close to God even today you will hear the message from brother David Wilkerson and you will be able to be blessed I have read several of your testimonies amazing miracles I have seen how homosexual people were freed how people were not only saved and saved but how they gave their lives how people who wanted to commit suicide were freed Jesus is reality Let's open our hearts and let's hear today what God will say to each one of us Let's welcome brother David Wilkerson right now Thank you very much We are delighted to see you here in the service tonight We are glad to see you here Can I just...

We have some special guests with us tonight They are from Teen Challenge I would like them to come up and introduce them here to you tonight If you'll come quickly wherever you are There are almost... There are over 300 Teen Challenge drug centers all over the world This was started... We started in New York City 40 years ago These are centers for drug addicts, alcoholics We are in Pakistan, we are in Afghanistan in Russia, Siberia and all over the world We have been invited by Islamic nations to come in because they say they can't do anything about drug addicts They say if you can heal drug addicts through Jesus let Jesus come and He's doing it here in your country as well Director of Teen Challenge Just two minutes, tell us what God is doing here and give us two testimonies It's always amazing to see and hear what God can do to free a person and not only to free him, but to give him a whole new life He gives blessings, not only to change his life but to change the whole family And we believe that in this turbulent time we live in we believe that God is powerful who has healing and liberation Let me tell you a short story about Teen Challenge in Slovakia It started in 1995 In 1996 we opened the first center It was under the divine guidance and out of nothing this service was created and the Lord called the employees to this service I never thought I would work and serve with drug addicts and alcoholics It happened in a bus when I was traveling from Trnava to Bratislava The Lord touched my heart He spoke very clearly because I was broken by the death of a young man He was 28 years old, a young doctor and no one could help him He overdosed, it tore my insides because he wanted to be free and I prayed to the Lord to be merciful to this country and the Lord spoke to me in this place where I would never expect it and out of nothing the Lord built the center we are in rent we have a primary school and the rent is 1 crown per year It is the mercy of God The work of Team Challenge is always the work of faith and the trust of the living God but we can confess that He is mighty who can fulfill all our needs I thank you for your support and your prayers those who think intensively about this service I would like to introduce only two of these students It will be Laci and also one who finished high school Laci is in high school 6th month, 7th month so he will briefly tell us what the Lord did in his life Peace of God, my name is Laci I am 27 years old and I come from Nový Zámok I lived...

My old life was full of sin and sin embodied in my life the ways I was connected to which the devil deceived me drugs, all the drugs the market offered gambling, adultery, pornography things that gave me anxiety that gave me stress, schizophrenia that gave me paranoia that broke my relationships in my family that separated my friends from me I was left alone at the end of my life I was no longer in control this was given to me by drugs and the unclean life I lived I felt in one evening at this place as you are now and I heard a word it was a word that reached my heart and I felt a calling a calling like when you call from a honeycomb I took the Lord Jesus into my heart that when He is the Son of God let Him change my life and give me a new life and the Lord Jesus heard this call gave me

freedom, freed me from all this I am free, gave me peace gave me joy changed my way of working I was chained in the grass, I didn't just eat chicken breasts I even started eating beans gave me brothers, sisters, new mothers new fathers, God is a living God and He also changed my family Lord Jesus, as it is written in the Bible believes, your whole house will be saved my mother, my father I am grateful to God, may He be glorified Hallelujah when I was a child, my parents divorced and a few years later my father committed suicide and it was a difficult time in my life and I got into a group of young people who had similar problems as me and we were tired of everything that happened to us and we wanted to run away we wanted to run away from reality and we wanted to forget and so we started

experimenting with drugs and from the beginning it looked very innocent and very tempting, very interesting but in a moment it started to control me it was stronger than me and it started to pull me down I no longer dictated when I would take a drug but the drug started to dictate me when I would take it and it went on and on I started to spread it around me I started to deceive people, to hurt and hurt people I got into prison and I went from treatment to treatment everyone told me what to do, where to do, how to do with whom to contact, but it didn't work at all when I came back, I always fell into drugs and it was getting worse and worse I remember when I was in drug addiction for almost 10 years and there was no one to help me and people told me to do everything you could and I was

already at my doctor's and she told me to go and find another doctor go away because there is no help for you your health is broken and you will die or you will die because you are completely destroyed now I am over 65kg and I used to weigh less than 40kg and I was disgusted with it this is not life anymore, this is survival from day to day I don't even live anymore, I am like a living dead I grabbed a knife and said to myself this is all that should be in the future I want to be dead I grabbed the knife and I wanted to stab him in the heart but I got into drug addiction and I stabbed him in the stomach and I got to the hospital and they saved me and I got to the center of Teen Challenge in a very strange way and they didn't talk to me anymore I went there and the first thing they said to

me was go there, you can't go there, you can do this, you can't do that but they told me that there is Jesus Christ who can change your life who can give you hope and you can be free and I saw it so many times in the movies, I heard about it so many times but I didn't experience it, I didn't have that touch and I said, God, if this is the way, please touch me change my life and suddenly it started to happen that God started to set up such mirrors and I saw all the things that I had caused the wounds, the thefts, all the people I had hurt and it started to hurt me and there was pressure inside me and I was giving it away and I said, God, forgive me, please people said, you have no hope, I will forgive you, I will give you a new life I will give you to everyone and he did it, he gave me a

new life he gave me a new heart, I can meet him every day and he called me to serve him and I went to a Bible school for a week and when I come back, I want to serve in this country because God is the one I can meet every day and he gave me what I have never experienced before I have been free for almost 4 years and I thank the Lord for that because people said, you will die for everything you have done but God says, I will forgive you and you will live and that is his blessed name I would like you to stand up and I want you to join me in prayer that God will keep them that they will grow in the knowledge of Christ and become useful to society and God make their lives count Heavenly Father I ask you in Jesus' name to put a wall of fire of protection around these young men let them

understand who you are let them grow to be men of God save their families do a miracle in their lives let none of them go back to their old life give them confidence that you will keep them that Christ who saved

them has the power to keep them God, turn them into men of God to go out and win many souls for Christ bless this ministry provide for their needs and raise up a powerful testimony in this nation of the transforming power of the gospel of Jesus in Christ's name Amen, God bless you God bless you, thank you so much we would appreciate it if you would be seated and no walking around during the preaching, please if there's any walking around in there and we would appreciate so much if there would be no more flash bulbs or pictures because, folks, this is always life and death see,

this is not about a man or any men this is about Christ and His power to do miracles I want to speak to you tonight about being too familiar with Christ too familiar with Christ you don't have to turn there, you can if you choose but I'm going to be reading from Luke, the fourth chapter I'm going to be reading, starting in verse 16 Jesus came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up and as it was custom, He went in the synagogue on the Sabbath day and stood up to preach there was delivered unto Him the book of the prophet Isaiah and when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was read the Spirit of the Lord is upon Me because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor He sent Me to heal the brokenhearted to set at liberty them that are bruised to preach the acceptable

year of the Lord and He closed the book and gave it again to the minister and He said down and the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on Him and He began to say unto them this day is the scripture fulfilled in your ears and they all bear Him witness and wonder at the gracious words that proceeded out of His mouth He said unto them you will surely say unto Me this proverb physician heal thyself and He said verily I say unto you no prophet is accepted in his own country let's pray Lord Jesus I need you we need you we need that word from heaven not the voice of a man not just a sermon oh God by your Spirit fall upon this congregation give us the mind of Christ let us see your power the power of your holy word dig deep into our hearts in Jesus name I pray Amen Jesus

goes to the synagogue Bible said it was His custom He did this since He was a child before His father took Him now Jesus was a normal child He touched the feelings of all of our infirmities though He was God He was still a man He was also a child and these that were in the synagogue that day grew up with Christ many of them prayed with Him He was always talking about His heavenly Father I'm sure they couldn't understand Him His father was a carpenter and Jesus no doubt was a carpenter His father fixed furniture people brought all of their broken things to be fixed He made things He fixed things and He was a normal child and now here He is in the synagogue and God is about to reveal who He is to the world there was delivered to Him the book of the prophet Isaiah He opens the book and this

is what He said The Spirit of the Lord is upon me He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor He sent me to heal the brokenhearted preach deliverance to the captives recovering the sight of the blind set at liberty them that are bruised and He closes the book and He sits down and there is silence they didn't understand a word that He said because they didn't relate to what He was saying they were not bruised, they were not brokenhearted most of these are very prominent Pharisees they didn't understand at all but Jesus sits down and He said this day this very prophecy that I've read to you has been fulfilled I'm the man Isaiah spoke about could you imagine the turmoil looking at one another this is Joseph's son we know his father we've played with him he's just a fixed man they

could tell you all about him they could tell you where he was born and when he was born they could tell you his thoughts he could tell you everything that he had said about his heavenly father they knew everything about his history and his geography but they didn't know that he was God folks, this has always been the issue is Jesus God? you know, when 9-11 struck in New York City they had a citywide prayer

meeting in Yankee Stadium that seats 70,000 people Islamics and the agreement is this you can talk about Jesus the man the teacher the prophet but you can't talk about Him being God anyone can accept Jesus the man but Jesus is exclusive there's no other name given among men where a man may be saved but the name of Jesus Christ we serve an exclusive Christ an exclusive Jesus I very

seldom in New York talk about Jesus I talk about Jesus Christ the Lord because everyone I talk to are familiar with Jesus and can accept Him as a man these people look at Him and basically what they're thinking and probably what they said one to another quietly it's one thing for this man to fix furniture but now he's talking about fixing minds and souls and hearts he'd have to be God to do that and that was exactly what Jesus was saying I'm God I am man but God, I am God in flesh Jesus didn't say the Lord sent me to just commune with you I didn't come just to be intimate with you I didn't come just that I would have friendship with you now folks, I don't know any preacher who preaches intimacy more than we do I've always preached that all evangelism all efforts for Christ have to come

out of communion but you see you can become so familiar with Jesus the historical Jesus we have young people go to church they become so familiar with Jesus they've had flannel graph teachings there's some of you here tonight that have heard enough about Jesus to save all of China you know all about Jesus you've been taught about this Historical Jesus He was born in Bethlehem in a manger you know about the shepherds you know about the wise men you know He lived 33 years you can explain His cross but you don't know His heart you've become so familiar with Jesus He's become just another man now folks, it's one thing to be intimate with Christ to spend time with Jesus to be alone with Him in prayer to spend hours and days with Christ I know in part what that's about communion with Christ,

communion with Jesus just loving Him giving my heart to Him but folks, Jesus didn't save us just to make us better He didn't come to make good men better men He came to give us His heart He came not only to save us from sin this is not just trying to get you to heaven this is so much more than that Jesus said, this is why I'm here I am going to express God's heart when you look at me, you're going to see the Father you're going to see what God is like I will do only what He tells me to do I will have close communion with Him you will see me go away and pray I'll be gone for days praying at a time let me tell you why I've been sent by the Father I've been anointed to preach to the poor heal the brokenhearted preach deliverance to the captives open the eyes of the blind and set at liberty

all those who are bruised I'm going to ask you a question if you're a pastor has your church just become too familiar with Jesus the man? do you gather just to commune and have fellowship? and do you have this thought in your mind the reason we are saved is that we may have fellowship we're saved to build up one another and do you meet week after week and month after month and you talk about this man and you preach about this man and you find a thousand different ways to express this man Jesus and then you begin to extol him as the Christ and I'm going to ask you do you have the heart of Jesus in your church? are you expressing to your community and the world who God is? if Jesus is God my job, my calling is to do more than pray more than commune that is the foundation, that is the basis

and if that's where you end all you're doing is extolling the human Jesus I went to New York City 40 years ago a young man in communion with Christ who left the church and a pastorate and I went to New York City for one single purpose in mind Jesus I want to know for myself who you are and why I'm here and what this is all about if the Holy Ghost is just sitting in church in four walls and just talking tongues and pray for one another and bless one another and the whole world outside those walls broken hearted blind and in need I said oh God I don't want that God open my eyes to a world in need and Jesus began to open

his heart to me because if you really get his fellowship if it's true fellowship if it's true communion he's going to give you his mind he's going to give you his eyes and

he's going to give you his heart and you're going to see human need call that human need I started preaching to gangs on the streets the cross and switchblade told the story of the conversion of Nicky Cruz first time I saw him he slapped my face and said go to hell another one said I could take a knife and cut you to pieces I said every piece will still love you anyhow there was such a love in my heart I couldn't get it humanly this was born out of months of prayer and intimacy that if I didn't go out where there is human need if I just stayed there the next five years just communing with God just becoming a great man of prayer then I could preach this word like Apostle Paul if I didn't have the heart of Jesus if the Spirit of the Lord was not upon me to anoint me to preach to the poor

and go out and heal the broken hearted and go out where the blind are I have to go where they are Nicky Cruz was saved gang members started getting saved that was in 1958 two years later after walking the streets preaching to gangs and passing out literature just walking the streets and hanging out with the gangs in 1960 drugs, heroin came like a bomb bursting in New York City I didn't know what it was nobody knew what it was they had been smoking pot, marijuana but those were mostly professional people but in 1960 heroin was all over the streets the gangs were breaking up and every gang member was out for himself to get money for drugs, robbing and stealing and I was walking the street and there were two drug addicts there and they had just got their heroin I said, where are you going

with that?

He said, we're going up on the roof five story walk up flat rooftop I said, can I see what you're doing? I said, I've got to use drugs I went up on the roof they pulled out a needle a little bottle cap they had a little glass of cold water and one of them pushed the needle into the cold water I said, what are you doing? He said, I'm purifying the needle I said, that's dirty water he drew blood out of his veins he stuck the heroin into his arm and he was yellow with jaundice a killer disease his eyeballs were yellow so the next boy takes the dirty needle and some of this boy's blood is still in the needle and he sticks the heroin in his veins and I fainted I passed out and when I woke up they were looking at me they said, are you a coward?

I said, no I said, he's got jaundice, he's going to die you just stuck it in your veins you're going to get jaundice, just like him I said, I know that it doesn't matter that was my introduction they took me to other places down in basements to see the filth among the rats robbing and mugging and stealing the broken hearted those that are bruised those that are poor and I said, Jesus I can't just preach the gospel to them they're sleeping on the streets and the Holy Spirit spoke to my heart if you look in Brooklyn I'll give you a house and you bring those boys in and I'll show you miracles we found an old house full of junk and we cleaned it up Nicky Cruz came to help me because he understood because I taught him Jesus didn't save you just to get you off drugs He didn't save you just to

make you a better man He didn't save you just to take the killer out of you He saved you to make your life useful and that's what the gospel is all about He didn't save me just to get me to heaven He saved me so that my life would be useful that my life would count I don't care if you're a housewife I don't care if you're a truck driver I don't care what job you may have I don't care if you're married or single Jesus saves every one of us for a divine eternal purpose that He can give you His heart you won't raise up a sinner like God told me to do but He will lead you to the broken hearted and those who are bruised and if all you're concerned about is your own problem if you have no concern for other people you don't know nothing

about the heart of Jesus and I thank God for that day Nicky

Cruz went out on the street and he started bringing drug addicts in I was walking down the street of Brooklyn and I met a young man waiting for the pusher and I started talking to him he said you're a narcotic agent because he thought I was using the Bible just as a cover up but he knew that a narcotic agent couldn't quote the Bible like I could he said you're just like my mother my mother is a hallelujah woman she prays for me all the time did she send you to me I said I don't know your mother he said I just got out of jail and I'm waiting for my pusher and he's watching he thinks you're a narcotic agent so would you please move on so he can fix me I said I'm going to tell you something your mother prayed for you and you're not going to get away from it you are doomed to be saved you

can't get away from your mother's prayers and I said when you get desperate here's my card here's my address I have a house for drug addicts his name was Sonny and he said goodbye two weeks later he had gotten desperate he comes in and the first one he meets is Nicky Cruz he knew him he said what are you doing here you're Mao Mao he said no I'm not I'm a preacher now Nicky preached we had a chapel and after the preaching Sonny said to him who told you all about me he said Jesus did Sonny gave his heart to Jesus Sonny Argenzony is now bishop of over 50 drug addict churches around the world I was in his crusade in California 15,000 converted drug addicts and alcoholics from all over the world you heard the story testimonies tonight but you see Jesus couldn't do anything in the midst of

these people because Jesus only responds to need and faith he's talking about bruised people he's talking about wounded these are proverbs they don't relate to what he said Jesus finally said to them you surely say to me physician heal yourself and what you've done else show us a miracle do something supernatural for us they wanted him to prove that he was God now I want to get personal with the young people if you're a theologian and if you've been very well educated in the seminary and you're trying to figure out the homiletics of my preaching and you may question my exegesis you don't know where I'm going frankly neither do I but I'm moving in the Holy Spirit and you'll see what God does by His Holy Spirit and not by some great kind of preaching frankly I'm just a street preacher and

I'm just speaking to you from what I believe Christ gave me in my room this afternoon and I said that to come to this point we are so much like these people Lord if you will do this for me I will believe you and a mother came to me just recently said my daughter has turned against the Lord completely because my husband just died and my daughter knelt by his bedside for three weeks and said Jesus if you will heal my father I will give you my life but God doesn't make deals like that He didn't do it in the synagogue and He'll not do it now you trust Him because He's God He's Creator God He's Almighty and He will not make a deal but you do this for me I've heard drug addicts say if you can just take this desire for drugs away Jesus I'll trust you no deal there was no faith in Him as God too

familiar there's some young people listening to me right now you're bored with Jesus you're not thinking of Him as God you're not thinking of Him as the God who can come into your room at night and hear that broken heart cry and that's why you pick up the telephone and you speak to all of your friends for hours you keep saying if I could just have somebody to talk to and you grew up with Jesus you grew up in the church and you do not acknowledge Him as God if you did you would go to Him you would just get along with Him and you would talk to Him Jesus, you're the Christ you're God with all power you can take these evil desires out of my mind you know my friend who's broken my heart you know all the things that I suffer and if you really believed that He was God you would never turn to

anyone else you would go to Him to find satisfaction for every need in your life I'm a minister I walk with God but I need to know every day and remind myself every day even when temptations come and when my wife faces another operation and when I see the problems coming from all sides it's not just the man Jesus to be my friend I need a God I need Almighty God and I need to trust Him and say Jesus, God, I give you my problem I trust you to keep me from the wickedness and filth of this age I don't want to become just too familiar with Christ too familiar with Jesus rather and forget He is God and miss His heart can I tell you before concluding a story that will explain the heart of God that's expressed through Jesus Christ our Lord years ago a married couple came to our center James and

Mary he was a drug addict and she was an alcoholic she prostituted to support both their habits his mind was so burned out on drugs he could hardly speak more than one or two sentences at a time she looked like a skeleton his cheeks were sunken, his eyeballs were yellow they didn't know where they were even sleeping on the streets they said we heard that God can change lives here would you please help us we took Mary and James in what a miracle Christ saved them they started gaining weight color came back to her hair the yellow disappeared from his eyes but best of all God healed his mind I didn't know he was a genius he had been a genius he had been a very intelligent man but he had burned it all out three months later he said Pastor David God's put such a hunger in my heart I want our

life to count I don't want us just to be a husband and wife I don't want to just find a job I'm not a lazy man but there's so many like me so many like Mary and this gospel I know works and I have such a hunger for this book and I know that knowing this book is the secret of living for Christ he said I want to know it in Greek and I've met a Jewish rabbi who said he'd teach me he said do it in one year he mastered Greek he said I want to go to Bible college don't have any money I said we'll send you and he goes to the Bible college in another year he masters Hebrew he knew more than I did the Hebrew teacher said I can't teach you anymore you know more than I do became a brilliant writer went to California after graduating from seminary started a prison ministry he and his wife were

wonderful workers for 10 years it was a very successful program and somehow at the end of that 10 year period Mary began to grow cold toward the Lord she was not into the word anymore or prayer she went out one night and got a drink and it started her on a downhill road she started going to bars and getting drunk she wouldn't come home some nights and he called me one day he said Pastor David I don't know how to tell you but my wife is taking a fall back to alcohol and he told me the story he said some nights I have to go out and find her in a bar room and I love her and it's tearing my heart to see her in the arms of other men he said I've had to pick her up from the ditch some night so drunk she can't understand why I still put up with her she said James you need to put me out of the

house he kept praying for her kept ministering to her months later he called me he said Brother David I can't find my wife it's been three days I've been to every prison I've been to every bar I've been up and down the streets he said I'm so heartbroken now that was in California I was living in Texas I said I'm going to send you a ticket I want you to come and visit at our house he left my telephone number in his office and I picked him up in Dallas, Texas what a broken man and he said Brother David I love Mary I said James if that was my wife I would never look at her again I would never touch her again prostituting passed from man to man bruised how could you love her he said I can't explain it but I'll take her back if I could just find her and he said I've come to the end of myself

three days with me praying for his wife we got a telephone call it was Mary she said can I talk to James she had gotten his number that he had left in the office Mary where are you she said I'm in a hospital he

said no wonder I couldn't find you she said you still love me he said of course I do she said come and get me I gave him tickets met them at the airport again he had to hold her she could hardly walk black and blue marks on her face she had been beaten up they had found her in a ditch we had a guest house they went into the guest house she laid on the couch he goes and gets hot towels and starts pressing it on her face he said Mary I love you my wife and I just stood back I turned to my wife I said I don't understand this I was angry why would he dare love a woman like this he's

just a man can you imagine the love of Christ he sent me to heal the broken heart the blind and the bruised she represented everything Jesus talked about the third day she was able to walk we were out in the country there was a country road she would walk with James on the third day Gwen and I went to the house I said Mary it's time to talk to Jesus you've come back to James it's time to come back to Jesus you know he loves you she said I feel nothing there's no way God could love me if he only knew what I have done she said not even James knows what I have done and I had so much gospel light I sinned against a Christ that loved me so much there's no forgiveness for me I can't pray I can't get it out I said can you say Jesus just say Jesus very quietly she said his name said say it again

the third time tears started coming to her eyes and suddenly the Holy Spirit came down in the room and Mary was restored not only to James but to Christ the joy of the Lord returned to her heart on the next two weeks was a honeymoon with Jesus and James and Mary for something to behold they went back to California and they did a marvelous work four years ago James died from a liver problem he got when he was on drugs for four years Mary carried on the ministry this past year Mary went to be with Jesus as long as I live I will never forget the love I saw in a man's heart for the most broken down person I've ever seen and if a man can love like that how much more does my Savior love you in your battle and in your struggle no matter what you've done I need everybody to stand no clapping

please, just stand if you've been to any of our meetings you know we don't put on a show it has to be the work of the Holy Spirit I'm giving you what I feel the Holy Spirit gave me to preach the Lord knew you would be here tonight He knew what to say to you and it was all about you now let me speak to you what I believe is the word of the Holy Spirit I want to talk to everybody 21 years of age and under first I want to talk to those who know Jesus you've grown up with Jesus you're a church person you're a Christian but here you are tonight and you've been just familiar but you don't know Him as God you don't know how to just bring your heart to Him and while I'm speaking you know who you are you're the one who knows if you need God to bring a miracle to your life God made me a promise

that every broken heart here tonight everyone that's wounded if it's a divorce a pending divorce a marriage problem I can't describe your hurt but just as sure as the Father sent His Son to preach to the hurting and the wounded God sent me here tonight and put me in this place and He puts you right where you're at it's not just an accident and I'm doing exactly what Jesus did I'm here and I speak His word I'm just His ambassador and what I'm saying to you comes from His heart I'm here tonight to heal you I'm here to open your eyes I'm here to change your life and listen to me closely not just to make you better not just to break a habit but to make your life count and if you're going to come to Jesus tonight to make a new consecration of your life I want you to understand what it means

you're coming here to say right in the face of God I want my life to count I want you to use me I want to help others I want my life to mean something I don't want to be bored with Christ I'm going to pray and while I'm praying if you feel the tongue of the pull of the Holy Spirit I'll pray with you tonight and we'll believe God for a miracle and we'll just get out of your seat even if you don't know Jesus if you've never

received Christ as Lord or you have run from Him you've been growing cold and indifferent toward Him He's here to restore you and heal you no one has screamed at you tonight no one has used psychology on you it's just the Holy Spirit speaking clearly to your heart this is your night this is the first day of a new beginning while I pray I want you to get out of your seat

and come and just stand here I am not at all interested in just packing this front if only ten people came now you'll see many, many coming but it's not just good this is life and death I'm going to pray and up there in the bleachers in the back, follow this building Holy Spirit is talking to your heart come and follow these that are coming Heavenly Father send the Holy Spirit do what you promised me you would do that you would heal every broken hearted person every wounded heart everyone who's been bruised and broken if they would come with an open heart if they would come believing that you're God you'll do what God does you will do the work of God and you will do the miracle in our hearts moving close come as close as you can do you want more of Jesus?

I said do you want more of Jesus? do you want a revelation of Jesus as being God that can solve all your problems heal every hurt that's in your heart come while my friend just sings this song we'll wait for you just for you I live I want to know you more I desire to stand where you want me I desire to live just for you I live I desire more I desire more more than breathing more than seeing everything more than living more than anything and as time goes by I want to stand by your side I'll never go back to where I was I've had a tired spell and I need to go and sit down and my son is going to come and minister to you I need the same miracle that you're praying for a healing in my body just like you need a healing in your spirit we're going to pray for you my son Gary is a man of God how many believe the Holy Spirit's here tonight?

Amen, let's believe in faith often times when my father's preaching he feels the pain of those he's preaching with and he's feeling your pain tonight it's a burden on his heart and if that's just a man how much more does Jesus feel your pain know your sorrow and see every hurt the Bible says He knows every hair on your head He has them numbered and how much more would He know the pain and sorrow of your heart but there's good news a lot of people can know your pain a psychiatrist can know your pain and they can help you to some degree but Jesus can forgive you and cleanse you and give you life, eternal life and joy, a new beginning do you need that tonight? lift your hand up to Jesus we're going to pray a prayer of faith I want this whole auditorium to be praying for these who have come

forward Jesus, we're trusting in You now to do that miracle and even as my father here tonight is barely able to stand because of the sense of great pain in this place Jesus, You don't want to stand for it either You want to set people free right now the broken heart is free those who are bound by sin, free those who are wounded deep in their soul are free we thank You Jesus that You're the God of freedom the God of new beginnings the God of wonderful life and we thank You Jesus that You never have a message proclaimed without supporting it with Your power so come in power now Jesus speak to people's hearts tell them Jesus that You're there for them look at me just for a moment Jesus called you here it's not a mistake you're here how many of you a friend invited you? let me see your hand

if a friend invited you here tonight and you didn't even know you were coming you didn't even know you were coming until recently do you know that Jesus called you here? young man, do you know Jesus called you here? yeah, you too, yeah, you have you ever given your life to Jesus before? no, how old are you? seventeen, do you know anything about Jesus? not much, do you know that He loves you? you don't know that? before this night is over you're going to sense something in your heart about the love of Jesus because God said God is alive and He always tells the truth and He said He loves you so much that He

sent His only Son and if you believe in Him He'll give you life you want that right now? good, good is there anybody else that doesn't know Jesus and you want Him tonight? raise your

hand if you want to meet Him tonight lift your hand up lift it up high amen, amen pray with me dear Jesus, I don't know you but tonight I want to know you I feel something I'm starting to believe something I don't know all about it but I know I want what I feel I know I want what I'm hearing and all I know is that it's you Jesus so forgive me of my sins of running away from you and come into my heart and save me Jesus and give me life Jesus hallelujah, the Bible says that if you confess with your mouth that Jesus will be your Lord He'll save you one of my best friends he was a drug addict he came to a meeting like this he came forward at an altar like this he heard about the love of Jesus he went back to the park he was living in and he was smiling from ear to ear his friends said, what

happened to you? he goes, I met Jesus tonight they said, tell us about Jesus he said, I don't know anything about Jesus but I know he feels good and I know I'm different inside I don't need drugs anymore the next night he brought all his friends about 10 of his friends and they all met Jesus there was a glorious move of God that's what he's doing tonight he's healing, he's touching I want to pray one last time and I want you to believe with all your heart if you have a cry in your soul express that to Jesus even as I'm praying out loud you can pray out loud Jesus is amazing God is so wonderful he can hear all our voices at the same time and every one of them is like a single voice to him so let's pray and you ask God for your miracle he saved some people tonight from sin and he's here to

give you your miracle ask him now, pray it out loud Jesus I came forward today because I need a miracle I need my life changed so I trust you so I'm coming to you and I believe and I believe, keep going that Jesus, you're my life you're my all and I trust you now only in you Jesus for my miracle in Jesus name, amen Hallelujah, thank God Jesus just tell him thank you Jesus thank you Jesus for what you're doing thank you Father bless you Jesus, hallelujah and thank you Jesus bless you God have the whole team come back let's sing a song of celebration let's sing a song of celebrating what Jesus has done for us tonight amen amen Czech You

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