

# This Generation Can Be Reached

by David Wilkerson

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*The church can reach this generation through the gospel of Jesus Christ, but it requires personal involvement and a relevant message.*

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## Description

In this sermon, the speaker emphasizes the importance of personal involvement and love when reaching out to the lost. He encourages listeners to forget preconceived notions and methods and instead focus on genuinely caring for people and listening to their stories. The speaker also highlights the need for immediate response when sharing the gospel, particularly with the younger generation. He shares an example of a church that attracted young people through a week of fun activities, resulting in 39 people being added to the church. The speaker concludes by urging believers to rely on the Holy Spirit and their own personal experiences when sharing their faith.

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## Transcript

My message tonight, this generation can be reached. This generation can be reached. Think of that subject for just a minute.

This generation can be reached. Now this is a missionary kind of message tonight, it may seem irrelevant to any past messages I've preached or to the service tonight, but I think it's very relevant. Last week, I had a few days off and I was reading the newspaper and perhaps you read it.

It's the story carried by United Press entitled, Recreation Revival Nets Nine Souls. The story concerned a Baptist church in Florida that decided that young people could best be attracted to the church by offering a week of special fun and games. The story said 39 people were added to the church.

Now the article didn't say whether they were 39 bowlers or basketball players or billiard ball experts. I didn't get that. Of course, such publicity has set off a chain reaction and many Baptist friends have already thrown up their hands and cried, what are we coming to next? Of course, those are the old fashioned Baptist.

Others have stated, well, any way that you can win them, I'm for it. Just so it works, any way to win souls is fine. And you can be sure that recreation revivals will spring up now all over the nation.

Can't you just see it in posters plastered all over Orange County? Special series, Cloverdale Bowling Alleys, sponsored by Christian Center Church. Come one, come all, and everybody welcome, bring your own ball. We offer bowling tips to young people of all ages.

Here our dynamic special speaker, National Bowling Champ of the US, giving his inspiring talks on how to improve your score. Our motto is, don't send your children to our bowling alley, bring them. A professional ball will be awarded to those bringing the most.

At first, I thought it was rather funny. I laughed about it, but I'm not laughing tonight. I wonder if this little story tucked in the back pages of a city newspaper is not an admission by the church in general that this generation can no longer be reached by old gospel methods.

Has the church decided now that this hippie runaway generation thinks of themselves as if the church is so stuffy and so out of date and so old-fashioned that it has to revalue and revamp its whole program and try to come around to the young people's way of thinking to win them. Now, there's no question about it. Most church denominations today are outdoing each other trying to win this rebellious generation.

They're doing it by catering to the weaknesses of young people, trying to be courteous to them, trying to serve up a gospel that won't offend them, trying to fit Jesus and his gospel into this cockeyed framework of politics, civil rights, philosophy, and this habit way of life. The gospel never has fit into any kind of philosophical framework. The gospel has never condescended to fit into any kind of a program.

The gospel stands alone. And so we have bearded preachers today writing books like, Are You Running With Me, Jesus? A pack of blasphemy that makes my blood boil every time I look at the jacket on the newsstand. You see a cigarette-sucking priest, Are You Running With Me, Jesus? And he claims that the only way to get through to contemporary youth is to talk contemporary language and bring the gospel down to the vulgar gutter level.

We have churches today inviting the hippie artists to take over the pulpit for self-expression through their vulgar plays, offbeat music, pop art, and sacrilegious dialogue from the pulpit about sex and the Holy Scripture. Newsweek and Time Magazine almost every month now has the story and the picture of some priest or some minister who has come up with some new artistic pop art gospel scheme. In many areas the church has lost its identity altogether.

It is no longer a church, it's a theater. It's a cheap nightclub. The pulpit is no longer a sacred desk, it's a political platform.

And you know I'm telling the truth. It's no longer the house of God, it's a free-for-all forum for blasphemers, sex deviates, and agnostics. The man who runs this sideshow is no more a man of God than Norman Mailer or any other showman.

He is a wolf in sheep's clothing. He is running a hellish peep show in the name of Jesus Christ and bringing a shameful reproach on the gospel. And I don't believe that any Christian has to sit by and take it.

The Scripture said, who will rise up for me against the evildoers? And I don't believe in controversy for controversy's sake. But I get so weary in seeing these men take over the headlines and talk about a

contemporary gospel to meet contemporary youth and trying to tell us that the church is not reaching so they have to change. Change gears, change its color, change its framework and try to adjust to this generation to reach it.

The church has become so desperate to reach this generation it is willing to try anything now. The cry today is for relevancy and involvement. The kids won't come to the church they say so take the church to the kids.

So what is the church really taking to the kids today? They've joined their protest, they've carried their banners, they've integrated completely into their underground society by dressing like them, talking like them, acting like them and adjusting to their low moral standards. For example, the easiest place to buy pot or heroin or rather marijuana in Toronto up to last week was a church basement where hippies were being harbored and fed by religious do-gooders trying to befriend them, trying to be friends to them and the easiest place to sell it and buy it is in that church basement in Toronto. I can take you to the church, I've been there.

The best place to hear obscene and vulgar speeches peppered with four-letter words, the most agnostic, vile, contemptuous speeches not on the street corner in New York City where I preach. Where do you hear the most vulgar speeches today? By Timothy Leary and Ralph Brown. The most obnoxious, Christ-hating speeches in the world you'll hear it from the pulpits of our top seminaries today all in the name of freedom of speech.

And they tell me that, and I've talked to some of the leaders and I guess I'm just still enough of a Christian and American that my blood gets a little hot about it all and I've talked to some of them about it and they say, well, these kids have eyes but listen friends, I was on the University of Mexico the University of Americas in Mexico City Pastor Wilkson was telling you a little bit about their service when I said in the United States there's a group of people who want to legalize marijuana one-third of that student body began to clap and every time Timothy Leary sets foot on our seminaries our seminary campuses and our Christian colleges these men are revered and respected and they walk around campus like a hero in the name of religious freedom but thank God there is a Holy Ghost

ecumenical body of believers today who believe it's still possible to reach this generation through the gospel of Jesus Christ just as surely as there's been a charismatic renewal of personal experience where people are enjoying and testifying of a personal experience in the Holy Ghost there must come a charismatic renewal of personal involvement in evangelism did you hear me? if you're going to testify to a personal baptism of the Holy Ghost you must also give a coherent testimony it must be relevant and coherent it must be up to date a testimony of personal involvement in witnessing for Christ it must go hand in hand the Holy Ghost is being poured out upon believers to prepare us to reach this generation just before Jesus comes he's preparing workers he's preparing a church with a

relevant message of involvement an LSD you see just a superficial baptism a non-Holy Ghost baptism of the devil trying to duplicate this great experience and the involvement of the church world in general has failed to reach this generation there's no other way to reach them now except through an ecumenical body of Holy Ghost filled believers now God is not silent about this generation and how to reach it not at all but as always God's methods are so simple and so clear that we tend to miss them because we're always looking for that new revelation and that new method the third chapter of the book of Acts is a powerful simple story of how to reach a crippled generation and I think some of us have missed what God is trying

to say to us in the third chapter of the book of Acts here's the

story of a lame man who is laid daily at the gate beautiful of the temple the lame man in this chapter represents this crippled generation the Bible said a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried how more vividly could you describe a generation that has never been able to stand on its own two feet a generation carried by an adult generation a monkey on the back so if you please carried around knowing nothing about responsibility do you see a better example anywhere of a crippled generation he knew nothing of personal responsibility no doubt he lived in confusion why was I born? why am I a cripple? this man could not work he could only beg and after working as I have for 10 years with young people in the heart of this generation to me I could not find anywhere in the Bible a

more perfect example of this crippled generation in 1967 and 8 he existed just outside the door of the church just outside the beautiful gate exposed daily to religion and to religious people to him all it meant was a handout and shockingly enough this powerful temple this powerful church could offer him nothing more than silver or gold could offer him nothing more than a social gospel nothing else something to alleviate him temporarily and he must have been making out or he wouldn't have kept coming back he was carried back daily he must have been making some kind of a living from it and it's commendable that the church is so outgoing it's so commendable to see the church doing good we do that at Teen Challenge we offer drug addicts a bed we offer housing, education and all the social

benefits that go along with preaching a full gospel but friends that's not the main course served at Teen Challenge you heard what I said a psychiatrist said well what do they give you at Teen Challenge?

God in the morning, Jesus in the afternoon and the Holy Ghost at night he said you're just using God as a crutch he said then give me two of them we don't go out in the street and say come to Teen Challenge we've got good food we don't go out in the street and say come to Teen Challenge and we'll clean you up and give you a suit of clothes and straighten you up not at all we go out in the street and we preach Jesus Christ then we do these things because it's all a part of the gospel just as sure as my name is David Wilkerson that crippled beggar just outside the gate represents this sippy runaway generation that stands right outside the door of our church Life Magazine last week has a feature story of the runaway generation and it says that the majority of these young people are making a living by panhandling or begging and I'm sure that begging cripple represents almost perfectly what I'm trying to explain to you tonight the beggars that I speak of though of this generation are not all hippies I met ten of the most pitiful beggars I've ever met Saturday night in Houston or rather in Winnipeg Saturday night, yes this is Sunday, last night after the counseling session behind the stage ten fine looking young teenagers came up to me and the tallest fellow presumed upon himself to be the spokesman he said, hey Mr.

Wilkerson I think you preach pretty good but he said we go to St. John's Cathedral School here that's a religious school, sir and we're all mixed up you didn't get through to us completely tonight but how do you explain all the phony people around us how do you explain the fact that we're going to religious school we don't know anything about God we don't know anything about Jesus and I looked at those boys and they wanted me to argue the gospel with them and I said, now look boys I'll not argue with you I said, I've preached my heart out tonight I've told this congregation if you were listening I gave you enough gospel to save your soul and I'm not going to sell Jesus to you I'm not going to defend God or the Holy Ghost to you fellas, here it is take it or leave it and they liked that they said, can you come preach that to our school can you come and preach that to our school but as I watched those young fellas leaving the auditorium that Saturday night, last night my heart was so heavy they looked like poor little beggars you know, you see

these hippies down in Houston you see 50, 60 I saw 35 or 40 of them sitting in a little circle right on the main street sitting there out on the street with their hands full like little Indians some of them 15 and 16 years old still wet behind ears ought to be home with baby dolls or something their mom and dad ought to have them there you could have knocked the devilmen rebellion out of them if dad and mom had spanked them a little bit just a little younger and they're just poor little lost sheep little beggars walking the streets I turned to the man who was with me I said, look at them just little lost lambs just little sheep little beggars now let's examine God's method of getting through to the cripples Bible said, who's seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple?

He asked alms the same demands were made on Peter and John as were made on all the other religious leaders who passed that beggar help me out give me something the same demands were made and friends, there's only one demand being made whether it's the ecumenical political church or the ecumenical holy ghost church there's only one demand being made on the church today help that's all it's that simple don't complicate it the cry from the world is nothing more help, give me now we approach the subject of getting through first of all let's stop the matter of simply just going to church long enough to get personally involved Peter and John were on their way to the temple to pray and Peter fastened his eyes upon him with John there are some ministers today even who do nothing more than go to

church and preach sermons and tell other people how to witness and this is just what happened to me when I pastored I had the most beautiful sermons on personal evangelism you could ever see I could get up at a youth rally and I could beg people to witness I threatened them into witnessing I did everything to get people out, out, out but I wasn't doing it myself I can tell you how, but I didn't do it myself one day I ran out of church, so to speak God made me run out of church and go out in the street in New York see, I was in the temple to pray and you know friends the only way we're going to get through this, to this generation is for every Christian that is spirit filled to get personally involved in the life of those outside the door a personal commitment everywhere I go, involvement,

involvement, involvement that means nothing more than going out and getting interested in the life of somebody out there that's all just loving people Peter and John were just going to church when they stopped and fastened their eyes on this cripple but that single act of love had repercussions that led to the salvation of 5,000 people I was in Paris preaching last month and on Sunday mornings they have closed communion it's a believer's meeting, mind you just a believer's meeting no sinners allowed but in my meeting about 25 of them slipped in they'd read my book in French and so I didn't know it was closed communion I didn't know you weren't allowed to get saved Sunday morning in Paris in a Pentecostal church, nobody told me that I didn't have any better sense than to preach salvation

and give an altar call and ten souls came up crying and I said, Pastor I said, could I have some personal work he said, I doubt you'll get any he said, we're ready for communion, Brother Wilkerson I couldn't get anybody to pray with me so I had to take them back and nobody seemed concerned about those ten souls because they had to have communion they had to worship they had to get the church business done I have never been so I was going to say mad righteously indignant and a missionary informed me Brother Wilkerson, in the essence of what he is saying Sunday morning is not the time for that reaching this generation is the matter of stopping all the wills, if necessary until there is a personal involvement you know what a pastor everywhere I go, pastors come and say Brother Wilkerson,

what can we do for our young people how are we going to get our young people working how are we going to get them witnessing and I got to thinking John Benton, my surgeon with me I said, John, are they asking

you that he said, everywhere I go, Brother Wilkerson do you have any books do you have any literature do you have something do you have a glossary of terms how to reach drug addicts and prostitutes and you got any special ideas on how to get them working I said, John, I remembered when I pastored I came to a place, finally where my preaching wasn't doing it they weren't going out so I really gave up on my congregation I knew my people weren't going to go out I just gave up on it my young people wouldn't go out so every Wednesday and Saturday I went out by myself I went down to the

pool room I'd never been in a pool room before and it was quite an experience and I got so excited about it I went out Saturdays then for two hours and then I'd get up in church and tell about my experiences and I'd sit there and watch the young people their eyes getting big and about the third week they were calling my house and asking Sister Wilkerson where is he at tonight and my wife would give them a little bit of underground information he's working on 3rd street tonight at the pizza shop and they just happened to be there and I'd say hey you want to walk with me yeah and I'd put some literature in their hand and I'd take them by the arm and I had two or three and I finally had a dozen and when we got that meat in their teeth they wouldn't stop we had a witnessing crusade on our

hands and you know there are churches that want to have youth revivals now you know what I suggest now in fact I'm going to have a young fellowship of young evangelists we've got about six of them lined up already and we're having a special kind of revival we get all the young people in at 7 o'clock and they have a half an hour of prayer and then we dismiss the church and send them out in the street and say you work for two hours and then we're going to come back and have a testimony meeting mm-hmm they're on their way to church to the temple to pray you know if that cripple had been sitting outside some of our churches he'd have been signing a prayer card mm-hmm or someone would be quoting all the scriptures on healing to him to inspire his faith and then they'd say I want you to go home

and think about it and when you're ready I'll be here come back and see me mm-hmm I'll tell you why our church is not reaching this generation our church is too busy minding its machinery huh? too busy polishing its programs I can't go to jail service tonight we got WMC meeting we got Boy Scouts tonight mm-hmm you don't expect me to go out witnessing tonight when we've got revival going on mm-hmm I'm not talking about leaving the church I'm talking about witnessing all day long so that by the time you get to church you've got the business already in motion it's underway no time to visit in jails and walk the streets and do personal work the church that's no longer doing it conducts conferences on how to do it hmm? isn't that right? and the more we're not doing it the more conferences on

how to do it you know if the average pastor just attended the conferences and the meetings that his denomination sets up to prepare him to do the job he'd get nothing else done all night long but go to conferences mm-hmm I still have the anointing now let's go on to the next step first of all let's stop the matter of simply just going to church long enough to get personally involved that doesn't mean quit attending church but let's put personal witnessing ahead of everything else until there is a touch of involvement in our lives secondly let us speak with authority let us speak with authority look on us just as blunt just as clear a voice as anyone can hear and believe me that cripple took notice the bible said he paid heed in other words Peter said I've got the answer you know

everywhere I go the experts and the sociologists say Mr.

Wilkinson how can you brazenly write a book positive cure for drug addicts you know once an addict always an addict how can you write such statements and I tell them on radio on television wherever it is

because sir I have the answer I have a positive lifetime cure for drug addicts mm-hmm I was in St. Louis a couple nights ago doing some radio television work on my new book about parents CBS program telephone calls you know for an hour or so and there was a lady called up and I was talking about a woodshed revival and I said the trouble in St.

Louis is that we've turned all the woodsheds into garages that's why we have juvenile delinquency we don't have any more woodsheds and I was talking about spanking the foolishness out of the children I quoted the bible verse and some lady called up she said you kind of preachers make me sick mister said you get on radio like this and she said you're giving great comfort to all these child beaters and all these sadists they're going to start beating their kids because they've got a preacher tell them it's alright shame on you shame on you and she was mad in fact they had to cut her off because she just jammed up the telephone lines there must have been a thousand calls they couldn't even get the calls the board just lit up like a Christmas tree because all the grandmas and grandpas all over St.

Louis all the grandmas began to rise up but I said to her now what do I do do I act like a gentleman or do I stand up now not so much do I act like a gentleman do I have to just take this because I'm a little preacher boy running around with a little simple message I sat up on my seat and something happened and I said lady it's people like you that make juvenile delinquents and I said I don't have to sit in this radio and take this anymore I said you don't know your Bible the Bible said spare the rod and damn the child if you want to damn your children go ahead and spare your rod but don't try to tell me how to raise my children mm-hmm look on us we've got the answer even the Roman Catholic Church has lost its voice of authority today one papal encyclical after another means nothing this latest one by the Pope about peace in Vietnam had no effect on the world community at all there is no longer a voice the church has lost its voice there's no clear sound about morals today no clear sound about sex or the smut in fact in some cities if you're going to join a parents commission to get the dirty literature off the newsstand you're going to have to fight the local ministerial association because I've been city after city where parents have told me and there have been Jews and Catholics and Protestants, dads and mothers they say Mr.

Wilkerson the biggest problem we have in this city are ministers who are crying freedom of the press and they don't they say that that's witch hunting mm-hmm because there is no clear voice left no certain sound from the church and in this confusion only one voice is going to be heard this generation will only hear one voice and that's the dynamic voice of spirit anointed people who say thus saith the Lord thus saith the Lord I believe that this church and many other churches are beginning to sense just as you have this past week and you will in weeks to come we're going to have to stand more and more in our churches and on the streets only on the authority of God's word everything else is sinking sand now all Kierkegaard, Goethe the philosophers and the poets it has failed our young

people there's only one certain sound left let's get a hold of it and stand on the street corner before this hippie generation and the whole crowd good nicks as well thus saith the Lord let us speak with authority when you stand against the sinner now speak with authority don't cast your pearls before swine we need some people we need more people that kind of Holy Ghost wisdom I had a hippie jump up in one of my meetings the other night and try to disrupt and tell me how to preach and I told the ushers to usher him out they talked to him outside and I said let him come back in when he's ready to become a gentleman and I've never let in the past year let any hippie or any other young person disrupt the moving of the Holy Ghost I've had to speak with authority and stand up and thus saith

the Lord and we need people spirit filled people that can walk on the street not just little cowards but those who stand as the oracle of the living God saying thus saith the Lord there has to be a voice of authority on the streets the police are no longer they're hamstrung it cannot be the voice of authority anymore the church ecumenical church has lost its voice but I believe the Holy Ghost is going to bring a dynamic voice of authority Hallelujah we must speak as the oracles of God we don't speak as insignificant unheard voices God is in us beseeching the world God give us God give this pastor and give this church a voice of authority in Orange County in this whole area Southern California God give this church a voice of authority Hallelujah Thirdly don't get bound by methods don't get

bound by methods silver and gold have I none but such as I have give I unto thee you see Peter had developed his own method he didn't send him to the pool of Bethesda he had no prayer cards no mailing list no magazine just a man with a simple desire to help and I'm not against these things at all too often we have specialists in the church one specializes in baptisms one in healings others in leading people to Jesus Christ Peter didn't have to call in a specialist Peter didn't have to have a man who specialized in a healing ministry he didn't have to call in now God has given gifts to the church I'm talking about out on the street when you as an individual are face to face with human needs you stand against devils and all the powers of hell you need not look to the right or to the left

there must be in you that authority there must be in you that inner strength not to look around you don't have to get on a telephone and refer them to brother Wilkerson or to one of the deacons or to somebody who has a special ministry in leading people through to a deeper life that has its place but that initial contact it comes from you and I believe God wants this for every spiritual believer you know in Teen Challenge we don't have any special methods I've never taught a single class on how to win souls in New York City in ten years I've told you already that the method I use my brother Don thinks could never be used by anybody else in the senate I doubt it could and I couldn't use his method either but you know I think sometimes the only thing the world sees it's almost like a bunch

of little tightly wound robots that have been fed IBM cards and little scripture verses and here they tiptoe all over the community believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and I'll be saved amen and run off a bunch of little robots parroting the same thing over and over and over again no personal feeling no personal involvement with that individual but just trying to ease their conscience I've got a witness so I better get it over with not at all you need no pattern you need no one to stand here and train you how to win souls all you need to know is that you have a love in your heart for the lost you go out and share your personal experience go out and depend on the Holy Ghost to give you your own method that's the unique thing about the Holy Ghost he's got a method for every believer so diverse

you know sometimes I've been in this back room and I've listened to brother Shannon and some of these others talking to people and leading them to Christ and I think boy if I did it that way I just I'd never get through and it's so unique and things that I'd never thought of or dreamed of and if you go out on the street interested in winning the lost forget all the things that you think have to happen forget all the things that others have told you just go out and get personally involved if you just love people and get interested in their lives hear them out just let them talk for a while and then you vicariously enter into that experience with them and you begin to weave in the scripture and the spirit through compassion and love begins to develop a story develop a spirit of conviction

and then the whole plan falls in place now let's come to my last point demand an immediate response I'm talking about reaching this generation of young people demand an immediate response on the spot that's

just what this young lady verified for me here tonight someone said well maybe she will take off the brace and somebody by faith said tonight an immediate response was demanded rise up and walk rise up and walk he gave him no time to think it over you know friends this is a cold turkey gospel you ever heard of cold turkey? that's instantaneous withdrawal with no medication and they break out in goose bumps and it's called kicking a habit their legs twitch they're withdrawing we have no doctors no psychologists no psychiatrists just one physician Jesus and we go out in the street and

when a drug addict comes in and he may be he may be half dead he can hardly see and he sits there scratching his nose and pulling his ear and I've had visiting ministers that get him to bed and wait till they wake up and then preach to him I said sir that's not our pattern here we preach Christ and so whether he his eyes open and sometimes we've had to prop their eyes open and we sit there and tell them about Jesus and then we get our boys in and lay hands on them and we say right now in the name of Jesus be thou made whole get up and walk out and we tell them now the door swings both ways either you want to be cured and you want to be cured right now or don't waste another minute of our time Jesus doesn't come in the back door right in the front door right in the front door it's a cold

turkey gospel rise up and walk I've decided friends that I'm going through all caution to the wind and I'm going out to this generation and I'm going to lay the claims of Jesus before them and I'm going to say if you're sick and tired of being a cripple if you're sick and tired of the way you've been living as a young person make up your mind tonight in this meeting tonight God demands a decision multitudes in the valley of decision rise up and walk in Jesus name right now and friends this generation has gotten away without a crisis a spiritual crisis and we've got to bring it to a spiritual crisis and you'll not win this generation we'll not reach these young people on the street until we bring them to an immediate spiritual crisis they're able to think that they can think it over

they're able to think that and I hear people say oh they're hippies they'll outgrow it when they're 21 so we sit around wait for our kids to outgrow their beards the tragic thing is someone said well only about 5% of them end up as drug addicts and alcoholics would you want your child to be in that 5% it makes a difference then doesn't it I don't care what the percentage is we've got to bring our young people to a spiritual crisis where they have to make a decision the bible said this is the day of salvation this is the day of salvation and that my friends is the only way to win this generation bring it to a crisis every man you speak to don't wait if that man needs healing pray for him on the spot if there's confusion stretch out your hand in the name of Jesus Christ bind it for

whichever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven come against that bitterness and rebellion and rebuke it in the name of Jesus don't wait for tomorrow don't wait till they think it over say yes or no young man and I'll go I tell young people I'll stay here the rest of the night if you want me to pray for you I'll stay here on this campus and I'll pray with you I'll do anything if you're ready to accept my gospel that I preach but if you just want me to argue I'm walking off this campus I don't have time I don't have to defend God or Jesus or the Holy Ghost God can take care of himself here's the gospel friend clear and simple take it or leave it oh yes yes you say where is the room for compassion friends that's the only compassionate message there is you've got to force their back

against the wall you've got to make a decision now rise up and walk I'm not concerned about Peter the significance of Peter reaching out his hand and lifting him up I don't think that has much significance at all because Peter's faith had already touched God he'd already committed himself and he was way out on a limb anyhow on faith so his reaching out his hand is not as important as the fact that he brought that man

to an immediate decision rise up and walk that girl that gave this beautiful touching testimony tonight would not have stood here if she would have delayed her decision I believe that she was given that ultimatum by the Spirit and she had to respond demand an immediate response now some of you I know when I ask how many are here for the first time in this church there are

others of you who attend here occasionally maybe this is your second or third time since I've been here on a Sunday night but I'm going to ask God tonight before I close to demand out of everybody within the sound of my voice an immediate response God the Holy Ghost demands a response from you first of all before I close tonight I want to talk to every husband every husband every man who's been coming to this church who you've been sending a gospel meeting and you've been putting off your response you feel in your heart someday you will the Bible said today is the day of salvation right now and I'm going to ask God to bring a spirit of conviction on this building and in the annex right now not let anybody leave this building without doing one of two things I want you to decide either

you're going to give your life completely to Jesus Christ you're going to respond wholeheartedly with all that you have or I'm going to ask that you be confirmed in your decision and that's what God has called us as ministers to do either you're confirmed in your decision to harden your heart make your decision make your response one way or the other the Bible said you have to be firm in your you have to be firm in your decision you have to be firm in your decision you have to be firm in your to be firm you have to be firm you have to be firm you have to be firm in your you have to be in your decision you have to be firm in your you have to be in your decision you have firm in your decision and quietness.

We wait on the Lord.

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