

God's Place and Path

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Francois Carr emphasizes the importance of personal reflection and spiritual readiness in encountering God during worship.

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Description

This sermon emphasizes the importance of recognizing that our encounter with God begins even before we gather in a place of worship, highlighting the need for reflection, confession, and humility in preparation for God's blessings and revival. Drawing from the experiences of devoted missionaries and individuals who encountered God's presence, the sermon encourages a conscious awareness of God's nearness and the necessity of addressing issues like pride in our hearts to fully experience God's visitation and revival.

Transcript

I would like to take a moment and maybe just share a few questions with you before we start tonight that you can either write down or maybe just think about that when you go back home. You know, as Henry was speaking tonight and it just came to my mind that, you know, as we come together at a place like this as a sanctuary to seek the face of God together, sometimes we pray and ask the Lord to speak to us and sometimes we ask him to bless us and to draw near to us. But we tend to forget that the encounter with God already started at home.

You know, when God impressed upon our hearts to come together tonight and somehow open the door for us and change your schedule and your program and to make it happen that you are able to be here tonight, the encounter with God started already. And sometimes when we come to a place like this, we are praying and said, Lord, that you would do something tonight here. But it's time for us maybe just to take a moment and to start to reflect.

It's almost like to stop and to reflect about what God is doing already in your life because he was the one that initiated you and you're coming here tonight. And sometimes when I think about that, I realize that it's not about God doing something for me here. It's about me opening my eyes and my mind and my heart to see what God is already doing in my life for me just to continue the encounter that God already initiated back home.

So when we came here tonight, we came to a place to meet with God. But I just want to give you a few questions that you can write down if you want to. And back home in South Africa, I go for these questions about once a week, sometimes every second week, just just to make sure that I am at the right place where I'm supposed to be.

Because when we walk into this place tonight, it's the purpose to meet with God, although it's not already at home. But maybe it's just time to take a moment to reflect upon that if you do want God to speak to you tonight or somehow to reveal his heart, his mind, what he's doing already in your life in this moment. And towards the end of the message, I'm going to give you some more questions, because I told you this morning I want to be very practical for the next few days, but I haven't prepared this on the slide for you.

So I'm just going to give it to you as I have it in my heart in the moment before we start. Maybe just use that as a time to reflect before we have the reading of God's word and the message tonight. The first question is the question as you entered into this place that you need to ask yourself or just to answer maybe, is my hands clean and is my heart pure? Because the Bible tells us in the book of Psalms 24 that who may ascend onto the heel of the Lord who has clean hands and a pure heart, who doesn't lift up his soul in vanity or swallow deceitfully, he will be blessed by God.

In other words, as we enter into the very presence of God, a place like this for him to speak to us and to meet with us, we need to ask that question, because if your hands are not clean, your heart not pure tonight, God will not speak to you. And we are here because we want to encounter him. We want to be met by him.

We want to hear his voice and somehow to meet and to leave this place different than we came. And every now and then you need to ask a question like that, because if there is anything in your heart, your life, which is not pleasing unto God, God will not speak to you. You see, sometimes we go through the motions of life by exercising religious activities and religion and somehow just going through the motions of reading the Bible and prayer without really meeting with God, as you will see towards the end of tonight's session with some more questions.

And sometimes when I come to a local church in America or South Africa, you know that churches like to do an invitation towards the end of a meeting, invite the people to come to the front. And sometimes I change that by doing that in the beginning, because we want to hear the voice of God speaking to us, not just coming at the end of the meeting to have an encounter. And God will not speak if there is anything wrong between us in this moment.

So let me ask you, maybe just in a few moments of quietness as we continue through the questions, that you just ask the Lord quietly where you are sitting in the moment and Lord, is my hands clean tonight? Is there anything in my life in this moment which is not pleasing unto you? Anything? The disagreement between a husband and wife, some family members, whatever the case might be, is there anything in this moment that will hinder God speaking to your heart tonight that you need to deal with? That's the first question we have to think about every now and then. The second question is, is there any active evidence of the Holy Spirit living and leading and guiding and working actively in your life in this moment? Now we're talking about salvation. I'm talking about the activity of the Holy Spirit in your life.

Because you know, when we come together at a place like this tonight, and as we open the scriptures to read together from God's Word, and He's the one revealing the scriptures to us. Because Jesus said when He comes, the Holy Spirit, He will reveal to us things to come. He's the one making this book alive.

So is there any active evidence in this moment in your life that the Holy Spirit is speaking and leading and guiding or even convicting? Because if there's not, He will not speak something new because He's the one revealing the scriptures and the heart of the Lord Jesus to us. And this question somehow is meant for you to think about that. You see, sometimes Christianity is all about just receiving and coming to church on a Sunday.

But every now and then you need to take a moment just to think. What I usually do is I go to a place where it's nice and quiet or a coffee shop or something. I take a notepad and a piece of paper, or as you would call it a notepad in America, here in Canada, and just a pen and just sit and listen and say, Lord, is there anything in my life that you want to speak to me about? Is there any active evidence of you working in this moment? Just show me and reveal to me this day and yesterday in the last couple of days what you are doing in my life in this moment and why are you speaking to me if you are speaking to me? And it makes your time, gives you some time to stop and just to reflect that you can reconnect with God.

That's why I put the word up there at the slide called reconnect. It's reconnecting to rediscover the joy of fellowship with God through the things that we already know. We know all these things, but somehow we miss that.

So is God working in your life in this moment actively through the Holy Spirit? If not, you have to stop and ask the reason and the question why. And if I would ask that to you tonight and we just take a moment to have some testimonies and listen to what people are saying, many people don't know what I'm just talking about. Because for us it's just about going to church and receiving a message and somehow just to go through the motions of Bible study, but never take a moment to listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit that makes Jesus a reality for us and Scripture.

The third question is the question that if God is actively involved in your life in this moment and speaking to you, what's God been saying to you in this moment? What is God speaking about? What is He saying? What is He doing in your life? Because God can speak for circumstances. He can speak for the word. He can speak for the conviction or just the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

He can speak for the preaching. He can speak in many kind of ways, but what is God saying to you in this moment? Is to take a moment to reflect upon what you already know. It might be that God has been speaking to you as I shared this morning about putting a machine into a sailboat by missing it because I don't take a moment to stop and to reflect upon the things what God is saying.

God can use anything to get our attention. So what is God saying and doing in your life in this moment? Because God will say nothing new if we don't take a moment to stop and to reflect upon the things that God has said already. That's what Henry meant tonight.

And the fourth question is just very simple. If God has been speaking, have you responded to Him yet? And the fifth question is if not, why not? Because Jesus said in the book of Luke, He said, why do you call me Lord, Lord, but you do not do the things I ask you to do? So we call Jesus Lord, but we don't respond to Him in obedience when God speaks to us about anything in our lives in that moment. And we have to settle the issue of the Lordship of Jesus before we enter into this place.

Because God can choose to speak to us about anything tonight and our only response has to be, yes, Lord. As I saw in the beginning in the front, you're called, yes, Lord, because that's the ultimate thing. God can choose to speak to you about anything and the only response you have is yes, Lord.

If you don't settle that issue before you enter, why do we go into the presence of God, asking Him to speak to us and to bless us if our intention is not to respond in obedience to Him? So every now and then, just about once a week, once every second week, sometimes I just take a moment and I just go through some of these questions in my mind just to make sure that there is nothing between me and God that makes and helps me somehow to miss His voice, to encounter Him, or maybe just to be out of touch with Him. It's like David, and we mentioned that tonight. That's why I speak about these questions now.

David strengthened himself in the Lord by calling his friend to bring the priestly clothe that they can pray, because David strengthened himself in the Lord. But in that moment, David was out of touch with God. He was depressed.

He knew that he was the next king of Israel, and as he was living down south of the border of the Philistines in that moment, he went to fight against one of the tribes outside the city called Siklach. He came back. The place was burned down so that people wanted to kill him.

But David found himself out of touch with God because he knew that he was supposed to be the next king, but he moved away from it. He got tired of struggling and just fleeing from King Saul, and so he left and went to live down to the south, but he was out of the will of God, out of touch. And as he realized that, he strengthened himself in God, and God restored him.

And sometimes we find ourselves out of touch, but we never take a moment to process the questions, to see what God is saying to us, and what is God speaking about, and what needs our response to be. I want us to take a moment tonight before we start and just maybe just a few moments of quiet prayer. I know we have opened with prayer already, but but maybe it's just time for us to become quiet before we start the meeting tonight.

And just go through those questions in your mind for a brief moment, and just ask the Lord. He said, Lord, is there anything in my life in this moment that will be the cause of not hearing your voice tonight when you speak to me? What are you doing in my life at the moment? What are you speaking to me about? And what was your response so far? Or maybe just settle the issue tonight. God, whatever you have for me tonight, my answer will be right from tonight through Wednesday night.

Yes, Lord, I settle the issue right now, because that's why we came. But let's just take a moment of quiet prayer, and right where you are sitting, just speak to the Lord, because he was the one that brought you here tonight. He changed your schedule and your program.

He created the stirring in your heart, and just the expectation to be hearing. And you are here because he brought you here, because he wants to meet with you. But at the same time, he wants to deal with some issues that might be a hindrance to him for you to receive and to experience his blessing tonight and the next few days.

Let's just take a moment as you speak to God. Father, as we come into your presence tonight, Lord, we just want to thank you for speaking to our hearts already, as you stirred us at home, as you created the opportunity for us to be here. And Lord, even as we were driving from our places of home and staying, to come to this sanctuary and the place of meeting tonight with the anticipation, Lord, not just to listen to a message, but to hear a word from you, and somehow to encounter, Lord, that we can reconnect with you, that you can change us, and that you can speak to our hearts.

And Father, tonight as we come together, we know that the meeting with you, the encounter, has already started. And Father, I pray that you would help us to see and to understand, even as we read from Scripture tonight. And as we reflect on some of these points from the life of Moses, Lord, that you would use that to open our eyes and our minds and our heart to see and to understand the reason and the message why you brought us to this place tonight.

And Father, even in this moment as we are praying, I am so aware of the fact that the message that you have given and put within my heart is only the second witness, because the first witness is what takes place in the heart of your people. Lord, because every one of us here tonight is on a journey with you, and some find themselves maybe still in Egypt, some has taken a step of faith, a crisis of belief, accepting the Lord Jesus as their Savior, but find themselves maybe wandering around in the desert, in the wilderness, living a life of failure and sometimes of defeat. And Lord, some of your people here tonight has crossed over the Jordan River into the promised land, experienced the wonder of the fullness of the Holy Spirit and peace and joy and victory as is intended for every one of us.

But even beyond that, Lord, there are many, many new grounds that need to be conquered, our inheritance that we need to take in as we grow continually into the likeness and the image of your Son. And Father, even tonight, every one of us is on a journey and a place and location which is different from the other one. But you know exactly what we need to hear tonight and what you want to speak to us about tonight.

And Father, even tonight as we reflect upon the life of Moses, Lord, I pray that you would help us to make that connection between what you are doing in the hearts of your people and the message that you've given to me. Because then I know that we will leave this place knowing that we had an encounter with you. Not because of something that we said, but because you made the connection of what you are doing in our lives and what you want us to see and to understand.

And Father, I pray that you would help us to listen very carefully to what you have in your heart in these days. And as we look back after these meetings is finished that we would know that God has spoken to us and met with us on our journey, a roadmap into the presence of God, that God can use us for His benefit and for His glory. So bless us tonight.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. I want us to read together from God's Word tonight from the book of Exodus chapter 3, maybe just a verse of Scripture, only two verses of Scripture in Exodus chapter 3 verse 1 to 12.

But I just want us to read verse 1 and verse 12. You can read the similar passage in the book of Acts chapter 7 that speaks about the same encounter that Moses had with God at the bush that was burning. But I want us to look at verse 1 and verse 12 tonight.

And now Moses was standing in the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, led the flock to the back of the desert and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. Then look at verse 12. And so he said, I will certainly be with you, and this shall be a sign to you that I have sent you.

When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain. Now this morning I spoke to you very briefly about God's purpose that He had in mind for Moses, but especially the external purpose and also his personal purpose. And I thought God made a plan to bring the people out of Egypt and to take them through the wilderness into the promised land, and beyond that to change them into the

image, if I can bring it to the New Testament time, into the image of the Lord Jesus.

That's God's ultimate plan, for people to be saved and to live a life of rest and victory and to be constantly changing and to be changed into the image of His Son. That's what God has in mind. At the same time, to bring along our family members and friends so that we can impact the rest of the world with the same message, because we are the representatives of God for you in Canada and for me in South Africa in this time.

But I want us tonight very briefly just to look at God's place and God's path that He has in mind for Moses. I told you this morning God has put a number of messages from the life of Moses in my heart as I was traveling through the Sinai Desert a few years ago, but we only have five times that we can spend together. So I'm just going to share a few things with you without really preaching all of those messages, but it's important for you to understand some of these principles on your journey with God, because some of you might find yourself still in Egypt, and some of you may know about people that lives in the land of Egypt, and some of you might be wandering around in the wilderness, not necessarily because of sin, but it might be because of something God wants you to understand and to learn in your Christian life, in your walk with God, because at all times in the desert is because of sin.

It can also be because of faith and trust and somehow God revealing things to us that He wants us to see and to understand. But I want you to see something tonight from the life of Moses about the place of God, the verses that we have read together. But before we look at the life of Moses, I want to read you a few sentences from this book about the story of the revival in the Congo.

I want you to listen very carefully because the message will be about this tonight, but from the life of Moses. It's all about the revival that took place in the Congo in Africa many, many years ago. There was a time that the Belgian Congo in that time closed some of the mission stations in Africa because they said there were too many white missionaries on the mission stations and it has to be more black people reaching out to the black folks in that time.

So 12 stations was manned by the white people was to be limited. So after much prayer and consideration, the mission decided to move some of the workers from two stations. One was in the Maboudi tribe at Imbai where Jack Roberts and his two sisters Lyle and Ivy were working.

One in the Malika tribe for which my wife and I were responsible. He wrote the story. At that time they, the two sisters, one was called Lyle and the one was called Ivy, decided to spend a couple of days just waiting upon the Lord for his wisdom and for his guidance in what needs to be done because they were also chosen to move to a different mission station in that moment.

So they decided to pray for three days. Sometimes they pray together and sometimes they pray separate from one another, but they spent the whole of the three days just reading the Bible and just waiting upon God for his guidance in that moment for what needs to be done. And you must remember now when I speak about these two sisters in Africa in that moment, they also find themselves part of God's story.

You see from the book of Genesis right through the book of Revelation is just God's story. And every revival took place over the years in Africa and Europe and America and Canada in 1970s in the Western parts of Canada is just part of God's story. Just like Moses, as I mentioned this morning.

So these two sisters find themselves right in the center of God's story and God invites them to become involved because he wants to use them to bring blessing to people just like you and I tonight. But the end of this time, Lyle said to a younger sister, I feel that God has spoken to me. I prayed, Lord, if thou would only send a revival like a second Pentecost from the book of Acts chapter two, we would not near to fear that these babies in the Lord Jesus would go back into heathenism.

Just send us another revival like on the day of Pentecost of the three days of praying and waiting upon God. And God said the following, he said, you have asked a very hard thing, but nevertheless, if you can pay the price you may have what you have asked from me. After three days of prayer, he said, Lord, I feel in my heart that if you only would send a revival to Canada, to Ontario, to your community, to your family, your husband, to your wife, to your kids, your family members, to your community, God will do a great thing in this nation.

He said, you have asked a hard thing, but if you can pay the price, you can have what you ask. Then she said the following, she said, Lord, my life for such a revival. Now, then God started to prepare the two sisters for the blessing that God was going to send.

He showed them many things in their lives that were not pleasing to him. Sometimes they were criticizing other people. They were impatient, careless, gossiping, unkind things they had said and thought, even thought about other people.

He had them write letters of confession, humbling letters, asking forgiveness for thought or word that was not worthy of the Lord. But you must remember now, these were devoted, consecrated women, missionaries that left their houses in Ireland and lived amongst the black people from Africa in that moment. But they were seeking a mighty outpouring of God himself.

They started to have regular meetings with those Christians who were prepared to go all the way with God and to walk in the light that God would give them. Those who were not willing to accept these conditions in waiting upon God for the outpouring of his spirit were asked to stay away. If you enter into the building, the only response is, yes, Lord.

Whatever God has in mind, the answer is yes. It was usual for the sisters to rise at 5.30 each morning to meet with God in their quiet time. But as the time went on and the burden increased, God got them up earlier and earlier until they were rising at 2.45 every morning.

They would read the Bible together and pray, then separately, and then come back together and wait upon the Lord until 6.30 every morning. And then they would meet with the Christian people in the mission station and share what God has revealed to them and pray. That becomes the custom for three months every morning.

But one morning, it was laid upon Lillie's heart to give up her schools and spend all the time in prayer. So they spent the day in prayer. And after a few days of praying like this on a daily basis, one of the guys was sent to the mission station about 26 miles away just to pick up the mail, because it's about two weeks that they haven't received any mail from their own country, from Ireland, and from the mission stations.

But as the guy arrived at the place where they pick up the mail, he said, what is the news? What is happening in your mission station in the moment? He said, oh, but there won't be. He said, it's the news of prayer. He said, what do you mean? He said, we pray in a new way at our station in this moment.

In the morning, when the sun comes up, we are there at the place of prayer. Tonight, when the sun sets, we are still there. So do you mean that you are praying the whole day? He said, yes.

After a few days of praying like that, they sent someone to go and visit to see what's happening there at the moment. And to make a long story short in this moment, in the last moment, as Lily was praying, God spoke to her about something. God appeared unto her and said, this woman, this native woman standing next to you at the place of prayer is just as precious to me as you.

But you think because you have an education and because you are white, because you come from a different nation, you think that you are better than these people whom you are preaching to in this moment. God said, this woman is as precious to me as you are. She's redeemed and cleansed by my blood, the same as you.

But you look upon her just as a native woman. This is pride, which is hidden in your heart. And I was not able to show you until now.

This stands between you and my revival blessing. After three months of praying, you must remember now, these two ladies were praying for three days, seeking the face of God. And after three days, they said, Lord, my life.

Yes, Lord, whatever the cost might be, just come and visit us in revival. And these meetings are advertised for spiritual renewal. You're longing to see a movement of God, a touch from the Lord, that God moving in your life, in your heart, in your ministry, in your family, in your marriage.

But God said there's a requirement. Then God start to prepare them for the blessing that God wants to send. And you must remember, this is consecrated woman that is seeking God in earnest.

But after three months of seeking him, God said, there's one more thing you need to deal with, and that's pride. You know, when speaking of this, Lili was absolutely overawed. And her voice dropped down to a whisper.

The Lord's rebuke had smitten her down, and she wept for hours before him. Then God came and touched her and brought peace to her heart. And with it came such a consciousness of his presence that as she walked from room to room, she felt as if he was walking next to her side.

You know what David Davis told me many years ago? He was a missionary in the Congo when God sent revival. He was 90 years old when I met with him in Swansea in Wales. His wife, Anne, was 94 years old.

You know what he told me? He said, François, just before God sent revival to the Congo, East Africa, there was a moment, he says, that we became so aware of the presence of God as if God was standing next to us. Let me read this again. With it came such a consciousness of God's presence that as she walked from room to room, she felt that God was walking by her side.

A manifest awareness of the presence of God. So you see, there was a path that was prepared for the visitation and the blessing of God. We tend to think about as we pray tonight for revival, God will just come tonight.

And through the life of Moses, God is teaching us a few principles tonight. And you can read the rest of the story how God came and sent revival in that moment. But the last thing after three months that God was

dealing with was the issue of pride.

I want us to look at the life of Moses in this moment. Where is that thing now? The first thing that God spoke to Moses about in verse one from the book of Exodus chapter three, when Moses was standing in the flock of his brother, Yefru, he was speaking about Horeb, the mountain of God. I just wrote a few things down for you that you can write in the back if you want to.

But I just want you to see that very briefly. We'll refer to this again by Wednesday night in the meeting. You know, for the first 40 years, Moses in his life and his walk with God, his name was in the book of life.

But you never read about Moses spending some time in prayer and speaking to God. You see, many Christian people today, not just in South Africa, but all over the world, whose names in the book of life. But if you look at their lives, you never find them spending some time in the very presence of God, reading their Bibles and praying.

The average time an American pastor speaks with God on a daily basis in prayers, less than three minutes on a daily basis. And God started to deal with Moses about a couple of things. He said, Moses, the first thing that you need to understand and this journey that I'm going to take with you to take you back to Egypt and bring my people out of Egypt to this mountain from here to go to the promised land.

You and I need to deal with the issue of the place of meeting, but I can speak to you. You can listen to my voice. I can reveal my will and my heart unto you in this moment.

And God deals with the issue of the place of prayer. Just like Liley and Ivy had to find three days of waiting upon the Lord and then meeting with God daily and God removing the time limits and put the burden upon them and waking them up earlier and earlier on a daily basis. If you want to go the full circle with God, you need to look at your place of meeting with the Lord.

You see where it speaks about the mountain of God. It speaks about the place of meeting with God, but it's a physical place. It's just a mountain, but it's a physical place.

And for Moses, when I look at that mountain, Henry and Tina has been there many, many years ago. When you look at that mountain, you climb the mountain the three or four miles go to the top of the mountain. When Moses looked at that mountain, that's the place where God spoke to him, where God wants to meet with him.

It takes time to climb the mountain to get to the place of meeting with God. There's a physical place. Jesus speaks about the same thing in Matthew chapter 6. Go into your study and close the door behind you and meet with your father.

We can see in secret. He will reward you openly, Jesus said in Matthew chapter 6 from 6 verse 6 onwards. He speaks about a place.

You see Christian people today all over the world. The one thing which is lacking in the lives of so many people is not just to pray, but to have a place of meeting with God, to spend some time in his presence and just to wait upon him to speak back to you. And you have to find the time to climb the mountain because it takes time to climb a mountain.

It takes time to sit and to listen to the voice of God. It takes time to walk down. It speaks about time.

But before we find a physical place, the physical place has to become a spiritual place. What do I mean by that? You need to make time in your heart by making room in your life for God. Otherwise you will not walk to a physical place to pray.

And you know tonight, without pointing any fingers, your husband knows, your wife knows, your father knows, your family members know if you meet with God on a daily basis. They know because they live with you. They know.

If you take the Bible to go to church on a Sunday, they know. If you take the Bible to go to a place which is quiet in your house and sit and read and listen to the voice of God and pray and spend some time in the very presence of God until God releases you to go, they know. And God started to deal with this issue in the life of Moses.

He said, Moses, if you want to see the very presence of God, if you want to go the full circle, if you want to be used by me, if you want to be blessed by me, you and I need to find a place to meet. Now if you look onwards from chapter three and chapter four and chapter five and go through all the plagues in the Old Testament, you see every day Moses early in the morning went to the place where he listened to the voice of God. God spoke to Moses and Moses spoke to God and even beyond in Exodus chapter 24 and chapter 33 and chapter 34, Moses met with God.

Let me ask you something tonight before we get to the message God has put upon my heart in the next slide because that is our message for tonight. Do you have a place at home where you met and meet with God as you enter and you stay there until God tells you to go? Because that's what God is saying to Moses. I want you to come to this mountain.

I want you to climb this mountain, making time to come into my presence. I want you to sit. I want you to listen to my voice and hear what I'm saying before you go down.

Dr. Blackberry one time said to me in Atlanta and Georgia, he said, Franso, when I entered into the study to spend some time with the Lord, I can only leave that place when God gives me the release to go. You see, until that moment, for 40 years, Moses, his name was in the book of life, but there was no prayer. You see, many Christian people don't grow and don't grow in their spiritual lives in the walk of God because there's no place of meeting.

Christianity is all about just reading and receiving, but never take time to listen. That's why I mentioned the questions in the beginning tonight and I did not plan to do that, but Henry mentioned a few things about David in the beginning and then I saw the word standing here called yes, Lord. And one of the questions is what is God doing and saying to you in this moment that we need to learn how to listen at the place where we can become quiet because we are so busy.

So God said on this journey, my plan and my purpose is still the same, but you and I need to start to understand something from the very beginning. He said, we need to have a place of meeting where we can talk. You know, every year I read through the scriptures the last couple of years, last three or four years of my life, ever since God took me to the wilderness and teach me a few principles and the book on quiet time that I wrote and just finished recently, and I start to look at the life of Jesus from a different perspective.

In the last few years in my life, I read through the scriptures every year, but I finish around the month of November. I plan it that way because I spend the whole month of December just reading the words of Jesus. I want to study from the life of Christ because if that's the ultimate goal, but we have to become like the Lord Jesus, we have to look at the life of Jesus, not just salvation and the cross and, and all the different things that Jesus can do for us, but we have to look at the life of Jesus.

And in the book of John chapter 15, when the Bible speaks and said, if you abide in me and my words, you ask whatever you want, I'm going to give it to you. So I want to look at the words of Jesus. Then every month in the month of December, I just spend some time in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John in the red letters, because that's what Jesus spoke about.

Every time when you open the Bible, you see the red letters. That's what Jesus said. So he said, if you abide in me and my words that I spoke myself in you, you'll ask whatever you want.

I'm going to give it to you. So I spend every December just reading the red letters of Jesus. Every time from a different perspective.

Last year, I look at the prayer life of Jesus and I realized Jesus taught only 10 things about prayer, 10 things. Every aspect of his ministry on prayer consists out of 10 things. And you can take those 10 things and you can divide them in four categories.

And one of the categories is the foundation that's Matthew chapter 6 about the spending some time alone with the father and how Jesus taught it and how Jesus modeled it and how Jesus lived it out right in front of the eyes of his disciples day by day. Even with Mary, when he spoke about that in Luke chapter 10, he said, Mary has chosen the one thing which is needfulness to come and to sit at my feet and to listen to my voice. So even Jesus spoke about that.

And that's the one thing which is lacking today in the world is for us not just to read for the Bible, but to sit and to listen to the heart of God on this journey of life, because God knows exactly how to change things, how to fix things in your walk of God. So God said to Moses, I want you to understand something in the first place. You and I need to find a place to meet.

You have to make time for me climbing the mountain in your heart and physically and spending some time and listening to my voice, because that's the beginning of the foundation of my walk with you in this life. Just like Jesus is modeling and teaching and asking. So let me ask you again tonight, just as introduction.

Do you have a place of meeting with God? You see, Andrew Murray said something many years ago, one of our preachers from South Africa. In fact, in 1905, in a book that they wrote in Marshall and Scott in London, they taught the theology of Andrew Murray. But he said something.

He said many people has exchanged a life of intimacy and meeting with God with Bible reading and prayer. It's not about have you read your Bible this morning. The question is, did you meet with God when you read your Bible? Because that's the ultimate question to answer.

And that takes place when we take some time to listen and to meet with God, not just a place to pray, but a place of meeting, encountering, to hear his voice and leave that place knowingly God have spoken to us. This place tonight is just a physical place, but this place can become a meeting place when God speak to us and we can hear his voice and respond to him. So God is teaching Moses.

He said, Moses, I want you, first of all, to understand in this journey that you and I are going to take, making our way to Egypt and have the people coming out of bondage. I want you to see and to start to understand, he says, you and I need to speak to one another and meet with one another that I can reveal my heart and my plans to you. The second thing God spoke to Moses about was the path.

And that's my message for you tonight that you can take back home. I want you to see that. The first thing that God spoke to Moses about in verse 2 and verse 4 was God was getting the attention of Moses with a bush that was burning.

If you ever go to the mountain of Sinai, you find it's just desert. There's no grass. There's no trees.

There's no different things like you find here in Canada. So there's just sand and rocks. There's nothing.

The oxygen levels is low because it's desert. Up in the mountain, it's high because it's desert and the mountains are so high there. But Moses find himself in the desert in that moment.

And suddenly, if there's one bush called the burning bush in that moment, that God set the fire to the bush that was burning because of the low oxygen and because of nothing else in that area, the bush was supposed to burn out within a few seconds. But the bush kept on burning and burning and burning and burning. And that got the attention of Moses because he knew in the desert when the bush start to burn, it's burned out in a few seconds.

And God did that to get the attention of Moses. So what does it mean tonight for you and I in this moment? You see, sometimes God takes you to the desert. I told you this morning that sometimes God takes us to the desert to teach us a few things in our lives and he takes you to the desert.

Then he gets your attention with something that happens. He got my attention when I end up in hospital in Georgia with some chest pains and \$4,000 American dollar account to pay. He got my attention for sure.

Sometimes it's the sickness, sometimes it's death, sometimes it's just a financial struggle, sometimes it's a crisis in your family or your marriage in that moment because he's trying to get your attention. Glen Campbell Morgan used to say in his life, in the books that you can read about him, he said, sometimes you need to realize circumstances is the fingers of God putting and pushing the buttons to get your attention. And I know nothing about you tonight.

I know, I don't know where you find yourself in your journey, your walk with God, but sometimes God takes you to the places where you don't want to be to get your attention, that he can speak to you. You see, Moses was wandering in the desert for 40 years. He thought God has forgotten about him completely, but in the back of his mind, he knew that there was a calling of God upon his life.

He knew that God wanted to use him to bring the people from bondage because he messed up and he made a mistake and had to flee for his life, finding himself in a desert for 40 years. And then God got the attention. That's why there's a question in the beginning of tonight.

What has God been saying to you at the moment? You see, we have to take a moment to start to reflect upon your circumstances, what is happening in and around you, because maybe God is using that to get your attention because he wants to speak to you. He's teaching Moses to get to the point of starting to open his eyes to see the opportunities around him on a daily basis, just like Joseph and Mary. So what is happening in your life at the moment? That God is trying to get your attention to speak to you, that you can

slow down a bit and listen to what God has in mind.

The second thing I want you to see very briefly tonight is just the fact that God knows my name. You see, God spoke to Moses after 40 years and he called him by name. He said, Moses, Moses, what do you think after 40 years of God not speaking to you, that God has forgotten your name? And I just want to tell you tonight somehow that you might find yourself walking in the desert in this moment and being in a difficult marriage and financial position or in your business, whatever the case might be, and somehow you think that God has forgotten about you.

God has not. He said that your name is written in the palms of his hand. He says he knows you by name.

He knows my name is Francois. He knows the name of Moses after 40 years being out of touch and out of the will of God. You see, God is teaching Moses something.

He said, listen, I just want you to see something. I'm allowing a few things to happen in your life because I want to get your attention. I just want you to know that I still know you by name, but I need to understand a few things.

It's all about you and I meeting with one another on this journey. Then God started to deal with Moses about a few things. He said, listen, take off the shoes from your feet because the place where you stand is holy ground.

What does it mean? I thought about that and I wrote a few things down for you. The first thing that I thought about, the reason why Moses had to remove his shoes was because of dust. You have been to Israel, some of you, and you know that the desert in Israel and Egypt and Sinai is not like the desert in Africa and places in America which the ground and the soil is hard.

It's soft. It's almost like powder. When you walk inside a place and you've got all the dust on your shoes and your feet and your clothing, that's why there's the custom in the New Testament where you come to visit with someone, they bring your water for your hands, they bring your water for your feet to clean because of dust.

Moses met with God and God said, take off the shoes because your feet is full of dust. God is not dealing with issues which is big issues. God is speaking to Moses about small things because dust is small particles.

Am I right? You must remember now, I read in the beginning of the meeting, I read to you from the life of Lyle and from Ivy at the back of this little book. You must remember this is consecrated, woman seeking, devoted, a mighty outpouring of God's spirit and God start to prepare them for the blessing God wants to give. So God is not dealing with major issues.

God is dealing with dust, things that hinders revival, impatience, criticism, gossiping, in your mind what you think and what you say with your mouth. You know, one of the revivals in Africa stopped many years ago because one of the missionaries took a postage stamp, put on top of a letter and send that out to somebody, but because of not not paying for a postage stamp, a revival stopped in Africa. God said to Moses, Moses you need to start to understand, we need to deal with small things, what you say and what you think, because sin in the eyes of God is major.

Am I right? That's why I asked the question in the beginning, is there anything in your hands, in your heart, anything which is doubtful or hindering or not putting a smile on the face of God? It's not about Christianity. It's not about coming to church. It's not about preaching.

It's not about confessing things of jealousy and stealing, as Henry mentioned tonight, of doing things like evil things in Europe and in Africa. God said, listen, we need to deal with dust, small things between you and I, dust. But you know, shoes, when I thought about that, at the same time also means the following.

It was man-made. You must remember now Moses was living in the desert for 40 years. There was no Walmart nearby.

There were no places he can buy some shoes in that time. He had to make his own shoes. When he killed a lamb or a sheep or a goat and they take some of the skin, they make their own clothing and their own shoes in that moment.

And after 40 years of living in the desert, he wears his own shoes. God said, listen, you need to take off the shoes. Why? Because 40 years from before you tried and you failed.

But now I want to send you back to be a success and to be blessed and bring revival. But this time you need to realize is not by might nor by power, but my spirit is me that have to do this in you and through you. Take away the machine from the sailboat and allow me to do it in you and through you, because you will fail.

You see, sometimes we try to fix things, then we mess up. I remember one time my dad, many, many years ago, I told you this morning, my father had an alcohol problem. And I remember one time I drove all the way down from Johannesburg to Cape Town where my father stayed.

And as I arrived five o'clock in the morning at his home, after driving 18 hours to be with him, my dad opened the door of the house and he was smelling like alcohol, five o'clock in the morning already. I became so tired of that. So I sent him a message that I bought on a tape, the bottle or the Bible.

Because somebody preach a message like that, it's the bottle or the Bible. Because I want to fix my dad. He became so angry with me.

He didn't speak to me for a few days. God said, just allow me to do it. Stop trying.

Moses, you need to realize something in this journey. If you want to see me doing things for you, you need to deal with the issue of the hidden pride, the shoes that you are wearing. That is the problem because people look at us and they see that we are prideful.

We know how to do things, how to fix things, how to speak, how to pray, how to preach, how to give, how to go about doing things. But we are talking about revival, God changing a nation. You see, God has not changed.

We think because of the Islamic influence in the world and we think about ISIS and we think about the crime and we think about all the things worldwide and we're living in a new generation. We think that revival is something of the past. It's not.

Because God's story from Genesis to Revelation is still the same. And somehow God said, I've come down to touch your heart to become involved because this can become your story. But we need to deal

with the issues of dust and shoes before you will see me moving in this community.

A friend of mine in Tennessee one time was looking for a book called Seeking Him from Nancy Lee DeMoss. They came to the chapter in the book that deals with the issue of pride, humility. And as he was working for his elders and deacons in the church in Tennessee, they got stuck in that chapter for six weeks.

They couldn't go beyond that because God was speaking to them about issues in their lives in that moment. One day, Mark said to me, he went to the local church and as he was kneeling in front of the altar, just praying for the Sunday meeting, God started to convict him and said, Mark, that you are a prideful man. He said, Lord, I'm not.

He said, when you go to a local restaurant and you buy a meal and somebody brings you the food and you have to tip the waiter, you give a bad tip because you think you are worth a better service. He said, Lord, I'm not prideful. He said, you are.

Because God said so. He said, you are. You think you deserve better.

So, as he was kneeling and crying and confessing his sin of being prideful because of giving a bad tip in the restaurant, God was dealing with the issue inside that was hidden. The man-made issues. It's all about me.

And there were a few days later, they invited a speaker to come and preach for them Sunday through Wednesday, and the speaker came all the way from Florida. He spoke Sunday morning and Sunday night as he was preaching, the phone rang and the local sheriff way down in Florida was killed in some accident. The speaker left on Monday morning to go all the way down from Tennessee to Florida to go fix the problem and to have the funeral of the sheriff.

So, the revival meeting stopped Sunday through Wednesday. He came a week later to continue the meetings from Sunday through Wednesday. But in that time, as he got to the pulpit Sunday mornings to start to preach, you know what happened? Halfway through the message, people started to scream to the front, kneeling, confessing their sin.

And for the next 40 days, that speaker from Florida stayed there night after night with a packed out sanctuary, people confessing their sin and making it right with God. No program. Sometimes even as they were playing the piano to start to sing, they would start to come.

Sometimes no preaching in the evening for 14 nights, night after night, about six or seven years ago. But before the breakthrough came, God dealt with the issue of shoes, man-made pride. How desperate are you for a movement of God, a touch from the Lord, a blessing from God? Lyle said, my life, Lord, for a touch from the Lord.

God said, okay, let's find a place to meet you and I. Then we start to deal with the small stuff that we tend to overlook and see this is a weakness. Maybe it's something my wife has done or my spouse, but God said, let's deal with this issues of dust and man-made things. And the issue of pride because you deserve better.

You know, as I thought about shoes, I want to add a few more points here is the fact that it's not just about dust and man-made things. I think it's about the pace of life, the tempo. If I would ask you tonight to take

off your shoes inside the church building tonight, it's easy for us to take off the shoes tonight because there's nice carpets inside here.

But if I ask you to leave your shoes right here and we leave this place tonight and walk outside and go towards the place where you find your vehicle, some of you would start to walk kind of slower. Am I right? Because you know, outside there's small stones and rocks and thorns and different kinds of things in the pavement and outside there's gravel and there's bigger rocks until we get to your vehicle. And so you will walk slower because our feet has become soft over the years.

So you walk slower. So God is teaching Moses a wonderful principle. He said, when we start to walk together in this journey, you need to slow down your pace to my pace, because I know how to fix things.

You see, sometimes we run ahead and sometimes we stay behind. God said, you need to pace yourself. Like when you run a marathon, you need to pace yourself.

Sometimes when you watch the people running the marathons, they have a wonderful kickstart and they run ahead. And then after a couple of miles and kilometers, they start to slow down because there was no more energy and breath and oxygen left. And then they start to fall way down behind.

And then they had to walk because they did not pace themselves. God said, we need to look at the pace of life. Slow down.

You see, sometimes we end up in hospital that we can lie on the back of our beds and just lie. You can nowhere else that you can go except right there that God can get our attention and speak. I'm processing the moment, two questions God puts to my heart the last couple of weeks.

And the one thing is, what would my agenda look like if God is in control of my agenda next year? What will your agenda look like, your schedule, your to-do list if God is in control of your agenda in your life and your pace of your life? You see, sometimes we have to slow down that we can listen and hear the voice of God, or otherwise God will slow you down that he can speak to you. And some of you might find yourself in the wilderness at the moment because God is slowing down your pace because he wants to get your attention. So God said, slow down, Moses.

But there's a last reason I think Moses had to remove his shoes in that moment. Just a simple reason that before Moses was just walking slower and I think it's all because of sensitivity. You know, our feet has become so soft and I know if I leave this place tonight and as I walk outside and as I put my feet in the ground outside, somehow you would start to drag your feet because you know, and as you've put your feet down, you start to feel where's the stones, where's the rocks, and where's the little things that can hurt your feet underneath.

And just before you put your weight upon your feet, you try to feel with your feet where is the problem. Am I right? Then the weight comes down in the next feet. What does it mean? Last year in January, I was preaching from Sunday through Wednesday in a local church in South Africa.

I lived in a guest house on the farm of a farmer. He had a guest house on his farm. And I remember I was preaching at a men's meeting in the morning and I drove all the way back to the farm and I parked my vehicle outside and I walk inside the back of the house through the kitchen and I went to the place where there's a dining room and I sat down.

I start to open my books and my Bible and my computer and the next moment I realized that there's something inside the vehicle that I need. And I walk outside and I open the back of the car, the trunk, and I pick out a book that I need and I walk inside back. And as I was sitting at the table, the next moment a lady outside was screaming.

And as I listened to her scream, I realized something is wrong. So I ran outside and I saw she just points the finger towards the front right wheel of my vehicle. And as I look at that vehicle, there was a yellow snake lying there.

And as he looked at me, the snake, he lift up his head and open his head like that. And I became ice cold. And I realized something.

As I walk inside that room and I took off my shoes and put on some slacks because it was so hot and some short pants and start to open my stuff to read to prepare for the night service, I remember something inside the vehicle. I walk outside to fetch a book in the trunk of my vehicle. I walk back without looking.

I walk right over a yellow snake because I did not look. So we killed him. But I realized I did not look.

He could have bitten me. 25 kilometers outside away from a local hospital, I could have been dead because of not looking. You see, when you take off the shoes, you slow down the pace, you start to feel, you start to become aware, you start to become sensitive.

God tells Moses to become sensitive, to become aware of what? Of God. Moses started to realize something that God spoke to Abraham about in Genesis chapter 17. He said, walk before me and thou shalt be perfect.

What does it mean? Walk before me. You see, David Davis said, when God sends revival to Africa, we start to pray for revival. God started to deal with issues in our lives, just like with Lyle and Ivy.

Said about two weeks before the revival came, two weeks, we became so aware of the very presence of God that we start to live and to walk before the face of God moment by moment. What does it mean? Let's become practical, very practical. If Jesus lives within your heart, where is Jesus tonight? In my heart.

When Jesus said, it's expedient I go away. If I don't go away, he will not be able to come. But if I go away, he will come and he will dwell within you and be next to you.

And the world cannot see him, but you will see him because he will be inside you and next to you. He speaks about the Holy Spirit, the other comforter. He speaks about God, the Spirit, inside you and next to you.

God said you need to become aware and sensitive of God in you and next to you. When you speak, when you respond to people, when you watch things, when you listen to things, what will happen in America and tonight in Canada if Christian people start to become aware and walk in the very presence of God? Let's make it more practical. In the Old Testament, there's a word called covenant.

You have to direct your heart to the one before whom you stand, the Bible says. In the New Testament, the word is called Emmanuel, God with us. We speak about the omnipresence of God.

We speak about the heavenly presence of God. We speak about the abiding presence of God upon the earth in Canada. Then we speak about the manifest awareness of the presence of God, the heightened

awareness of the one before whom we stand, the beginning of Emmanuel, God with us.

Who's inside you? Jesus, Emmanuel, before whom you stand day by day, every second of the day, God in us and with us and next to us. Let's become more practical. You know, when I met my wife Dorothea and I asked her to marry me and she said yes.

Just before we got married, she got saved and born again many, many years ago. If I, as the husband, accepted Christ as his savior and Jesus came to live within my heart, Jesus is inside me. But then my wife also accepted Christ as her savior before we got married.

So Jesus is also living in my wife. So when I'm looking at my wife, I'm actually looking at what? At the Lord Jesus, because he lives within her. Then God sent us a wonderful kid, her name is Lune, a daughter, and she accepted Christ as her savior.

So when I look at my daughter, I see Jesus because he lives within her. And we need to start to live as if we are living before the very face of God by watching my wife and my daughter and my friends that God has put alongside me. I'm watching Jesus.

What will happen if Christian people start to live towards their spouses and their family members and friends worldwide as if they are looking and walking with Jesus? God said we have to become aware and sensitive and direct our hearts to the one before whom we stand. When you speak to your family, you speak to Jesus. When you walk, you walk before the face of Jesus, governor, Emmanuel.

God said, Moses, you and I need to deal with a few issues. You see, Lily said there was a moment when she made that surrender and said, Lord, I submit the shoes I'm wearing. This man made things.

They didn't pride because I think I'm better than another one. That's the days of struggling and surrender. God gave such peace to her heart.

He said in that moment, such an awareness in the consciousness as if God is walking room by room by room next to me. When was the last time when you look at your spouse, your kids as if you are looking at Jesus? What will happen in Canada tonight if we start to become aware of God himself on a daily basis? You see, God said to Moses, he said, Moses, I want you to bring the people out of bondage, but you and I need to deal with a few issues first. I want to use you, God said tonight, but I want to deal with a few issues first.

You need to slow down your pace. You need to deal with the issues of me inside you and next to you and around you and deal with the issues of dust and pride before I can use you. I haven't forgotten your name.

Your name is Francois. It's in the palm of my hand, God says. I have a plan and a purpose, but you and I have to meet first that I can speak to you about those things which is not right.

And then lastly, I'm closing my time tonight. God spoke to Moses about his past. He said, Moses, I'm the God of your father Abram, Isaac, and Jacob.

And I told you this morning, I want to be very practical. You can look at this from doctrine viewpoint and from all the different viewpoints of what Abram, Isaac, and Jacob meant, but let's look at this from a different viewpoint. God said to Moses, Moses, look at Abram.

Not because of theology. Look at Abram's life. He became my friend.

Look at Abram's life, Moses. He came from a distant and a faraway land. I called him.

I want to take you from this land and take you to Egypt and go fetch the people and bring them back. I fetched Moses in a distant land. I brought him to this place, but look at him.

He found a place where he met with me on a daily basis. In Genesis chapter 19 verse 27, and early in the morning, Moses or Abram get up and went to the place where he stood before God. Look at Abram.

He met with me on a daily basis at the place where he stood before me. He was not in a hurry. There was no rush.

What happened to Abram? He became my friend. What is a friend? Friend like to spend some time together. Am I right? Look at Abram.

He spent time with me. He became my friend. Friends like to hang out together.

FaceTime. You all have iPhones in Canada. You look at FaceTime.

You can see the face of the... That's FaceTime. Moses was having FaceTime with God later on because he looked at the life of Abram and realized Abram had FaceTime with God because Abram spent some time looking in the face of God and because of God, God said he became my friend. Look at your father Abram.

Isaac and Jacob spending some time meeting with me daily. That's why they became successful. You know, before we know where we can go, we need to realize where we come from.

So what does it mean? He said, read the stories of revival. Look at your past. Look at Genesis to Revelation.

Look at all the revivals in Canada, in America and South Africa and the rest of the world and see that I am not dead. I can do it today. If you are willing to allow me to deal with your life.

Nothing is too big for me. Go look at your past. Go read about the Canadian revival.

Read about what God has done in East Africa. Go study the revivals in Scotland. Go back to Abram's life and look at their walk with me and look at your father and your grandfather and how they walk with me and how I how I use them.

Look at where you come from that you can know where you go. Go look at your past. So God said to Moses, he said, Moses, 40 years ago you failed in the desert.

That's okay. But we will fix this. But this is the path.

We meet, we talk. I show you things. We deal with the issues.

Let me go beyond that step by step. You see, we want to see revival, but we don't want to go for the path. You don't want to pay the price.

And I want to close tonight by just leaving you with a thought or two in your mind, in your heart in this moment. And I want us to look at the next screen. What about you? You know, when Moses was in the very presence of God, we will look at this again on Wednesday night, but from the perspective of Moses

going deeper with the Lord, the topic for the week.

But when God called Moses onto the mountain in Exodus chapter 24, God started to reveal to him what's going to take place amongst the people in the camp. And God started to speak in chapter 25 and 26 and 27. And God spoke about the pattern.

He spoke about the resources, spoke about the companions. He spoke about what's going to happen about the tabernacle. But if you read Exodus chapter 32, verse 6 and verse 7, in the conversation God was having with Moses, he stopped the conversation.

He said, you need to go back and fix the problem because they have sinned. And then God said what is happening to the people. He said, first of all, in chapter 32, verse 7 and verse 8, he said, the people have sinned against me by rejecting my ways.

What does it mean? In the book of Psalm chapter 103, verse 7, the Bible tells us that the people of Israel know the deeds of God, but Moses the ways of the Lord. David in Psalm 2 Samuel chapter 22, verse 22, he said, I have not turned away from the ways of the Lord, except for one or two things that David has messed up. What does it mean, the ways of God? It speaks about the heart of God.

God said, this people have turned away from my heart. That's why they commit a sin called the golden calf. Then he continues by saying, not just rejecting my way, but somehow refraining from worshiping me.

Because now the people of Israel said, but it was the calf that brought us out of Egypt, not God, the calf. Then God continues in the same frame, in the same verse, he said, but now they've turned their back upon me and they have replaced me with the golden calf. And now they worship the calf by saying, but this is the reason why we are so successful.

Then he said, now they resist my will. And I want to leave you with a few questions. Let me read that to you, then we will be dismissed for tonight.

Is it possible that you are aware of any explicit commands of God that you have turned aside? Is it possible that you are living in an open contradiction to any of God's known principles by rejecting his heart? You see, in the beginning I said, is there anything in your life, in your heart, in this moment, why God will not speak to you? God said, we need to deal with dust. But then when he looked at the people, he said, we need to deal with my heart. Because why is there dust in our lives? Because we have turned away from God's heart.

That brings me to the next questions. Have you replaced God with something else? Is there anything that takes precedence over God in your life? So what has become the controlling factor in your life in this moment? You know, sometimes you can just look at the agenda and the schedule to see what really is happening in the lives of people. You might say tonight, as Henry said, it's not about sin, doing something evil.

But you know, a major excuse today in America is the family. We cannot go to church on Sunday because of family activities. I can just look at the checkbook of a person and his schedule and his excuses to know what has replaced God.

Is it possible that God cannot trust you because you are eager to take credit for blessings but only God can give? And it's all because we have preached a wonderful sermon today that God has blessed us. It's

not. You see, Moses had to deal with the issue of the shoes because he wanted to be used by God 40 years before, but he failed.

Now the people of Israel go through the same motions. God said, listen, you got to go fix the problem because they are saying the calf brought them out and make them successful. Lastly, what about the things that we are doing resisting the will of God? Sins of commission or sins of omission, sins of disposition, not having a listening heart, doubtful things, dust.

God said, Moses, go down and fix the dust and the shoes. Why do I close with this? Let me tell you. When God spoke to Moses in Exodus chapter 3 about this, there was a growth taking place in Moses' life.

And as he was having fellowship in the presence of God, chapter 24, 5, 6, 7, right through 2032, having fellowship with God. The fellowship with God was broken because of sin. Not in the life of Moses, but the life of the people in the camp.

And Moses had to fix that. You see, it could be something in your family, something in your marriage, something in your business that can be the reason why the fellowship of God will be broken and his presence is not there. So God wants you to deal with that in your own life and the life of the people around you before his glory will come down once again.

Because there's a difference. In the beginning of chapter 33, God spoke to Moses about that. He said, Moses, I will keep my promise.

I will take you to the promised land. I will provide for your manna and quail day by day on your journey. And I will protect you with a pillar of cloud and fire, but I will not go with you.

You see, there's a difference between the provision, the protection, the promise of God, and the presence of God. We can have the protection and the provision and the promises, but not have the presence. We have the promises in Scripture.

We worship him together, but his presence seems to be missing manifestly. God said the reason is dust. We need to deal with dust.

Let me ask you something in closing tonight. I know nothing about you. I know some of you, the faces I've recognized since the last time that I was here, but your marriage and your family and your business, I know nothing about you.

And some of you might find yourselves in the desert, maybe because of sin, I don't know, because of maybe issues of faith and trust as a principle of teaching you and growing you, your character, maybe. But God said, listen, if you want to be successful, you want to be blessed, you want to see the glory of God come down upon your life and free your life, we need to look at your life from my perspective, he says. Do you have a place of meeting with me that I can speak to you, that you can listen and hear my voice and respond to me? As we've heard this morning in Henry's message for the German people, I haven't forgotten about you, God says.

I know your name. I know your family, your marriage, your business. I know your hardships.

I know you by name. And I'm using this to get your attention because I want to deal with small issues, just like with Lillie and Ivy, consecrated, devoted young ladies, but seeking the glory of God, dealing with small

stuff, impatience, jealousy, criticism, not just by what we say, but what we think, because what you think comes from the heart. In everyday aspects of life, let's deal with the small issues, God says, before you will see the glory of God coming down.

So, let me ask you tonight, in closing, isn't it time for us to take off the shoes and to become honest? And I wonder tonight, maybe as a closing of tonight's session, before we sing and do continue with what Henry has announced in the beginning, maybe it's time for us to take off the shoes and to become honest. With God, tonight, He brought you here. You came because God brought you.

God wants to bless you. He wants to use you, just like He wants to bless and use me. But He wants us to become honest before He can do so.

You want to become aware and sensitive. And maybe it's time for us, symbolically, to take off the shoes from our feet and become honest, spiritually, tonight. Let's pray together.

Father, just like Moses was standing at the bush that was burning, you asked him to remove the shoes from his feet, because the place that he was standing on was holy ground. And, Lord, sometimes we tend to forget that with the Lord Jesus that lives within our hearts as Emmanuel, God with us, we are standing on holy ground. And sometimes we forget that the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, that has come to live within our hearts and stand next to us as the Comforter, our companion, the other Jesus, that we are standing on holy ground.

Lord, sometimes we tend to forget that as I look at my dear wife and my children, with Jesus living within them, that actually we are standing on holy ground. And sometimes, Lord, we have spoke to them, we have pointed the finger, we have criticized, we have thrown some tantrums at home, we allow things to happen, not realizing, Lord, that we are actually pointing the finger at the Lord Jesus Himself. Lord, even though we long for revival, to see a movement of God once again, just like in the days of old.

You haven't forgotten about us tonight. Lord, you still want to send revival to Canada, just like in the 70s in the western parts of Canada. But, Lord, nothing is withholding you tonight to send revival to Ontario, more to the central and the eastern parts of Canada, because we are still part of your story from Genesis to the book of Revelation.

And you can just say a word tonight, and it will happen, because you spoke a word. But, Father, sometimes you want to take us on a journey, to teach us to spend some time and to listen to your voice and your heart, and to set ourselves and our agenda according to your agenda and your schedule and your program and what you have in your heart and your mind. The people that we need to speak to tomorrow and touch, that you brought across our paths on a daily basis.

But, Lord, sometimes we represent the place where we stay, and the life of the Lord Jesus cannot become visible because of we finding ourselves in the desert, or maybe even Egypt, or maybe just living a life in the promised land, but with dust in our lives and our hearts. And you want to deal with those issues before you can use us, just like Lylee and Ivy in the Congo. And, Father, I pray tonight that even as we sit and as we listen, and, Lord, as we would leave this place tonight and as we continue tonight back at home and tomorrow throughout the day as we come back, that you would speak to our hearts and our minds and bring us to that place, Lord, that you can prepare our hearts and our minds for the blessing that you want to send to every one of us.

And, Father, tonight in my heart, even though I'm standing before your people, in my heart, I'm removing the shoes from my feet because our long Lord, what Lylee was said in that book, that there was a moment that you brought such peace to her heart, and as she walked from room to room as if Jesus was just walking next to her. Lord, I pray that you would find within us tonight, in me, a Moses, a Lylee, that you can visit and send us revival once again, just like in the days of old, for your benefit, for your glory, and for your namesake in my marriage, my family, and, Father, in my church, in my ministry, in my nation of South Africa, and for my friends here in Canada. Help us to take off the shoes and help us to become honest in these days that we are together.

In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen. Henry.

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