

# Schau Auf Jesus (5) (German)

by George Verwer

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*George Verwer's sermon encourages believers to cultivate a deep hunger for God, embrace diversity, and practice humility as they navigate their faith journey.*

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**Scripture:** Matthew 6:33, Hebrews 12:1

**Topics:** "German"

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## Description

In this sermon, the speaker emphasizes the importance of having great faith in the midst of life's challenges and emotions. He encourages listeners to seek God's solutions to their problems rather than overreacting or making hasty decisions. The speaker also highlights the significance of hunger for God, praising those who are eager to grow spiritually. He commends the generosity shown by the congregation in their giving and acknowledges the diversity among believers, affirming that God works in different ways through different people.

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## Transcript

The earth is like water, the sea is like a blanket, do you believe that? Hallelujah, hallelujah, that's how it's going to be, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah. And we also want to give an applause to the worship team of Bodelshausen, who organized so much. This is representative for all worship teams.

After all, over 10, 12, 13 worship teams have worked together. And after all, 150 hours of worship. Hallelujah, that's something new in our country.

We want to give a hand for the Lord. Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah. Brother Klaus wants to say something.

We just sang, the Lord is in his holy temple, and the word of God says, the temple of the Lord is you. Amen. Now we want to ask our brother George Weber to come and give us the word.

Let's give him a round of applause. Hallelujah. Hallelujah, praise be to the man.

Hallelujah, hallelujah. Praise be to the living God. We've certainly been praising the Lord for a lot of time during these days.

We now have the privilege of leaving and carrying this blessing to other people. It's been a privilege to share this opportunity with you. In some ways, I wish I could have been here for every single meeting.

But as I was ministering here, I had many other responsibilities in the leadership of OM, and so spent a good part of my time on the telephone. And we would appreciate your prayers. Because our work has grown so quickly.

And to be honest, there are always many problems when a work grows quickly. I've hardly said anything about Operation Mobilization during these days. And I'm not going to speak about that now.

But if any of you would like more information in German or English or any other hundred languages, I would love to hear from you personally, and I'll be here after the meeting giving out my address. Nelson asked me to share some of my impressions of these days together. And as you may know, I like to express things with dynamic words.

During these days, we've had words from the Lord. We've also had words from the Word. And that constantly has to be kept in balance.

So as I was preparing and waiting upon God to share these impressions, God gave me seven words from His Word. I wrote them down on this piece of paper. And maybe you can write them down.

And think on them in the months to come. And if one year from now you send me these seven impressions, seven words, in English, I'll send you seven books. In German, I'll send you one book.

The first word that impresses my heart from these days together is the word hunger. It's been a privilege to be among people who are hungry for God. Sometimes meetings like this are criticized.

Sometimes people say some of these things are extreme. I'd rather have people a little bit extreme in the hunger for God zone than extreme in spiritual lukewarmness and all of that kind of thing. I've seen too many people overreacting to extremes and ending up in the deep freeze of dead orthodoxy, traditionalism, legalism, and other forms of ism.

All the isms. Brother Andrew said it's easier to cool down a fanatic than it is to warm up a corpse. Hallelujah! It's good to be with people, amen.

We are hungry for God. And we have many verses about that. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.

They shall be filled, the word of God says. The second impression that hits me is the word of God. It's expressed in the word generosity.

Incredible generosity. When I hear of the money that has been given, I just want to weep and thank God. We're living in a day of growing materialism.

We're living in the day of me, my, people concerned about mainly their own world. It's great to see hilarious, glorious generosity on the part of the people for God. After all, the Bible says it's more blessed to give than receive.

The third impression that comes on my heart is expressed in the word diversity. Diversity. I've met many different kinds of people.

I've had some very valuable personal fellowship. And I've met such a diverse range of people. And I think the Spirit of God has emphasized to us in the ministry as well that His unity is in the midst of diversity.

Not everybody has had the same spiritual experience. Last night, I, toward the end of the meeting, I do what I often love to do in the meetings. I get out on the floor and dance in the name of Jesus.

If David danced before the Lord, then George can dance before the Lord. But I know many people who do not engage in that. I am married to one such person.

She is not about to stand out in front of several hundred people and start dancing around them. Of course, that means that I am more spiritual than my wife. But we've realized that is not the way it works.

God is working through different people in different ways. And God's Spirit does not destroy our personality. He doesn't change a Bavarian into a Scotsman.

He doesn't change a Chinaman into a Mexican. And we are all different, created in the image of God. And that diversity has been beautiful during these days.

Maybe you haven't been happy about everything that you have seen. First of all, nobody here has seen everything because it went on for 24 hours. We've seen, I believe from the Word of God, this challenge about the Great Awakening enables us to accept that God works in different people in different ways.

Hallelujah. Another word that is impressed on my heart, and I hope I'm partly responsible, so I will blame it on Nelson for bringing me here in the first place. That is global.

I believe we've all become more global in our prayers. A number of people have wanted these jackets. I always sell my jacket or give it away at the end of a conference.

So it's available. The donation will go to world missions after we pay for the jacket. Being global is a matter of the heart.

We've seen that sending is just as important as going. We've stood amazed as so many came forward to pray that prayer, Lord, here am I, send me. And what a responsibility is upon us to pray for those people, to help those people, to make this a reality that the nations and the peoples of the world will feel the impact of this Congress in the years to come.

Then the next word that was impressed on my heart, and perhaps this is my greatest plea in these two final moments with you, is the word wisdom. Yes, we've had a tremendous emphasis on power and the power of God, but we've also, I believe, realized the importance of wisdom. We have the book of Psalms, and that seems to be emphasized by most Christians.

I try to read and pray and praise the Psalms every day, but I saw as a young Christian I was lacking wisdom. I remember in my early days selling Christian books door to door, in my own home area before I ever went to Mexico, and a woman of God bought a big pile of books, made me really happy. Then she said, young man, come in and sit down, I have a word for you.

She said, do you read the Proverbs? Well, I mean, not too much, no. She said, I recommend you read a Proverb a day. There's 31 Proverbs, one for every day in a month.

And as a baby Christian, I began to read not just the Psalms, but the Proverbs. It's all about wisdom. And the Proverbs has been one of my main sources of practical wisdom to found and lead the work of OM for over 40 years.

We need the whole counsel of God from Genesis to Revelation. Power without wisdom can lead to confusion. So many have been encouraged one minute and backslidden the next minute.

We have been warned that Satan will counterattack what the Spirit of God has done here. We need great wisdom when we go from here. That's why it's good to take some of these tapes to review some of the things we heard, especially the messages that impacted us the most.

As we need the wisdom to contextualize, to adapt what we've received here back into our home church and our home situation. That love may be the rule. If you just, without thinking, tell somebody something maybe that happened to you here, not only they may not understand, they may then turn and be opposed to you and be opposed to what is burning on your heart.

The Spirit of God has to prepare people for the truths that are just rolling out of our hearts and out of our minds. The book of Proverbs talks so much about controlling your tongue. Many of my problems in life have been because I spoke first and then I thought about it afterward.

That is a great mistake. It is good to think a little bit first about what you're going to say, consider the implications, and then try in love to say it. Then this leads me to my next word that's been impressed upon my heart, especially as we prepare to leave.

That is the word humility. The Spirit of God has humbled many of us during these days. We have had to confess things before God.

Some of us have confessed things to brothers and sisters. God has met us. When you receive special blessings, when you receive extra teaching from God's Word, there is always the danger of spiritual pride.

We are now better than other people. Oh, why didn't you come to the Congress, you poor jerk? You missed God's plan for your life. Let us have humility as we go from here.

Somebody else may have gone to another meeting somewhere else. Or maybe their own church yesterday. And we're greatly blessed of God.

When we take a legitimate interest in what God is doing in others, they discover they're taking more interest in what God is doing in us. May God make us good listeners. To be honest, I think you must be one of the greatest groups of listeners in the whole of Germany.

For 38 years I have been visiting Germany. I've never seen German Christians sitting so long in one place, listening to so much ministry. But of course, if that causes us to become proud, or foolish, we are spiritual because we listened to 10 hours of non-stop messages, even though we in fact were brain dead one half of the time.

Let us go in humility. For that is the heart of reality. We see it in the Lord Jesus Christ himself.

We see it in 1 Corinthians 13. We see biblical spirit-filled living produces humble, godly people. And my final word, my final impression, is summed up in the word marathon.

This has been a worship marathon. 150 hours, I believe, of non-stop worship. Not for me personally, I must confess, as I have slept very well.

And though I tried to worship in my sleep, I tend to have regular interruptions from some of the most bizarre, stupid dreams I would ever want to tell you about, so I will not tell you. But every morning I have woke up during these things, with a sense of vision, the sense of what God is wanting to do in my heart and our hearts together. In the book of Hebrews chapter 12, we read about the bigger marathon that God has put us into.

Where it says, therefore, since we are surrounded, verse 1, with such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let's read it in German. Having to go the extra mile in worship and prayer, and I know it has been hard for some people, and let's be sensitive about individuals who are going away from here with some struggles, with some doubts, with some mixed emotions.

Let us not look at that as something weird or unusual, for great faith is not in the absence of those things, great faith is often in the midst of those human experiences and emotions. The bigger marathon lies ahead. It starts on Tuesday morning, it already started.

The practical things, the work we have to do. In fact, my talking to a lot of people shows that when they're away from home for five or six days, and they get back home, almost automatically they have problems they did not have when they left home. Do not think of that as something unusual.

Do not immediately think, oh, how did the devil get in? Maybe I shouldn't have gone to that conference. But get on your knees and ask Him for solutions to those problems. Overreacting to the problems of life often leads to wrong decisions and foolishness and be knocked out of God's great marathon race.

So there are my seven impressions. Now I could give you 25 more, but seven is a good number. God bless you! As the Spirit of God works these things in your heart.

Amen. ....  
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