

# Step Out in Faith 2.11.86

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*George Verwer's sermon challenges believers to step out in faith and actively engage in world missions through total commitment and action.*

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## Description

In this sermon, the speaker emphasizes the importance of whole-hearted commitment to Jesus Christ. He encourages the audience to be doers of the Word and not just hearers, using the analogy of a man who forgets his own reflection after looking in a mirror. The speaker also mentions the availability of books and cassette tapes as resources for further spiritual growth and challenges the audience to engage with them. Additionally, he mentions the anniversary edition of 'Through Gates of Splendor,' a book about the martyrs of Ecuador, and highlights the need for Christians to be more dedicated to God's kingdom than athletes or performers are to their careers.

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## Transcript

I think of all the great missionary speakers and the great organizations here in America, I become even more convinced that I do belong there in Europe. You know, God has been using Americans in our own work, and our vision for the next decade is to see a little more happen in O-M-U-S-A. We're even relocating out of sleepy New Jersey to some place where there's a little more action in terms of world missions.

You could be praying because we need a lot of wisdom about that relocation, the biggest decision perhaps in 27 or really 30 years of O-M's history here in the States. And so much I would love to share with you, but there's not going to be a lot of time for that. As you leave, at the end of the meeting, you'll be given this little bookazine.

We produce books in magazine form, and this is a bookazine about the Ministry of Operation Mobilization, the Muslim world, India, the ships, how you can get involved for two months in Europe. We used to have a lot of young people come on O-M from this church, but I think some of our more enthusiastic recruiters have gone to other places. So we're praying that somehow there may be a revival of interest in the ship ministry, where we're desperate for personnel right now, and some of the other aspects of O-M.

Please do take that with you. I know you feel over-informationized, but if you could take that one leaflet, magazine book, I would be so grateful. I remember the great book displays we had during the conference, and once again we're back with our special World's Most Unusual Bargain Book Displays.

We are offering several special packets of missionary books, some of which never have been hardly seen in the United States. One of the bargain packets, all of them are free books for five dollars, includes Charles Marsh, his book, Streams in the Sahara. 45 years, this man in the Muslim world, when I was in London a few weeks ago, he came into my meeting just to hear the challenge.

Though he's almost 80, he is actually dying, and he was there. What a moving experience for me to be with that man of God. You will want to read his book, Streams in the Sahara.

This other book goes with it free, and my book, No Turning Back, sort of a survival on how to stay sane on planet earth as a Christian, what I've tried to learn over the last 30 years. Those three books, about 10 to 15 dollars worth of books for five dollars. That's pack number one.

Isn't that exciting? Pack number two is My Big Father, a challenge about the land of Turkey, where we've been involved in church planting for 25 years. Absolute dynamite. The life story of one of our first converts in Turkey is now in heaven.

Another Charles Marsh book written for young people, Into Action. He wrote that for young people when he was 70. And then my slowest selling book, Literature Evangelism.

Now there are a number of other books. There's not time to really tell you about them. There's even a special Christmas pack for you to give books away.

Fifty dollars worth of books for nine dollars and ninety-nine cents. Isn't that the way you say it over here? Something like that. We've discovered in our work, we made a lot of mistakes, and a lot of our mistakes have been in the area of communication.

Misunderstandings come in. I think many of God's people are professionals at creating misunderstandings, and I just am trying to get the people in OM to read this book on communication. How to communicate to each other the truth.

And believe it or not, it's written by a psychiatrist, psychologist from Minneapolis. It's like bringing oranges to Israel. Telling each other the truth.

Challenging book. And also, I would just commend to you that great story, Through Gates of Splendor. If you're the new generation, some of you young people may not even know the greatest classic of my generation, you still need to read it.

Story of the Martyrs of Ecuador. There it is, the anniversary edition, with a little update on what happened in the lives of the wives who were left behind. And then finally, if you don't like books, maybe you like cassette tapes.

You cannot believe how frustrating it is for a character like me to come here and speak to you for 35 minutes. I'd rather climb the Alps, you know, with water skis. And yet, that's the way life is in America.

And my only hope is the book table and the tapes. Because with these tapes, I can get six, seven, eight hours with you. In your car, in your bathtub, anywhere.

I'm sure you all have the Walkman's greatest invention since the printing press. And you can listen to these as you're jogging in the morning. And then you can write me a letter.

And if you don't get challenged, or hurt, or upset, or angry by these tapes, I will send you, as an apology, 25 free, powerful Christian books, none of them written by myself. So, there they are. And that enables me to now share with you my little, little mini message.

I want you to turn in your Bibles to James chapter 1. There's, by the way, all kinds of other free material on the tape. There's a new book on Christian rock. There's all kinds of contemporary wildcat music.

Don't miss that literature table, because it only comes about once every seven or eight years. James chapter 1. Probably read this last time I was here. Tonight we're going to be giving an invitation, not only for people who feel a need to begin moving in terms of world missions, but we may, if the Lord confirms, give an invitation for just general, all-out, wholehearted commitment to Jesus Christ.

Because I just feel so often, so many of God's people are not really wholehearted for him. We're told in James chapter 1, these important words, verse 22, "...but be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he's like a man beholding his natural face in a mirror.

For he looks at himself, and goes his way, and immediately forgets what manner of man he was, what kind of character he was." God wants us, as a result of this mission's festival, to be doers of the word. Some of you know one of my favorite quotes. I can't resist giving it, from C.S. Lewis.

He said, we have the tendency to think, but not to act. We have the tendency to feel, but not to act. And if we go on thinking and feeling without acting, someday we will be unable to act.

And you know, I feel that that kind of spiritual schizophrenia, that he referred to, is absolutely rampant in the evangelical and biblical church of our day. And it's frightening. Another great man of God said, we are not able to take that which we hear, and convert it into action in our lives, because the cost is too great.

True. In every walk of life, we seem to be willing for total commitment. We seem to be willing for people who will go the extra mile.

That means suffering. We seem to almost greatly respect people in the business world who go the extra mile, especially if they're honest. That one businessman from the automobile industry has become so famous because he went the extra mile, because he suffered, because he resurrected a dying automobile company, that now many people want him to run as President of the United States.

And his biography is one of the fastest-selling books in the nation. When I was in Chicago, or passing through Chicago, I think it was before I got there, I turned on the television just for a few minutes, and there was a Chicago marathon. I think it was last weekend.

Maybe some of you were down there running. This has become just a phenomenon all over the world. In England, we have the London Marathon.

20,000 runners, 26 miles. Do you know what it is to train to run 26 miles? I'm a runner, you know, nine miles, enough for me. My old skinny legs, my age, you know, somehow.

I don't like pain. Maybe you're infatuated with pain, but it's never been a big favorite of mine. 26 miles, some of them are 60 years of age.

What are they running for? No one has been able to answer that yet. They're writing whole books about it. The whole world of sports is basically committed to fanatical people.

There's no way you can explain sports in America. Baseball, football, just think of what happened again in New York, walked away with a big baseball prize, the ticker tape parade. People go bananas, they go crazy, and they're considered completely normal.

I know because I was in that world. That's where I was at 16, a New York Yankee fan, that dates me. And I was just so fanatical about sports, so fanatical about this and about that, and I was considered perfectly normal.

I was elected as president of my student body in this big high school outside New York City. We look into the world of politics, whether we like particular politicians or not. These men, many of them on an international level, they have literally laid their lives on the line.

I remember when they tried to blow up Margaret Thatcher, the country where I now live, in the hotel down in Bristol. A week later, she got on a plane to go to the funeral of Indira Gandhi, who had just been assassinated. She was risking her life to go to India at that time.

The newspaper people were pushing the mic in her face. Why are you going there? Don't you realize the danger? And she just so quick, as she often does, says, you know, we just learned to live with this. In sports, in politics, in business, the extra mile, total commitment, extremism, fanaticism, dedication.

And what about music? I just spoke at Oberlin College, one of the leading music schools. One of my closest friends is one of the leading Christian violinists in the nation. He's actually the son of the woman who prayed me into the kingdom.

If you know the OM story, the dear elderly lady who prayed for this wildcat high school kid that he would become a missionary, she just put me on her hit list and that was the end of me. Well, all of her children are going on for God, even though she was fanatically committed, speaking in a good sense, to world missions. And not only did she pray for me, she prayed for the whole high school for 15 years.

And you know, it's just amazing what God has done through some of those students. In fact, I just talked to a young man from the high school I've had almost no contact for 28 years. He was a little shy, quiet guy, touched in that revival through the prayers of that elderly lady.

I just talked to him for the first time, I think the second time in 28 years. And he's just gone down life's road through the prayers of that woman. He is now an absolutely committed follower of Jesus Christ.

And on top of that, a brigadier general in the Pentagon. One woman dared to believe God. One woman put her life on the line.

One woman took missionary work seriously, giving her time, her money, her talents. That's why I'm here. That's how OM got born.

And praise God, that dear lady, pushing way past 80, is still praying for me tonight. And if she's praying for me tonight, and you're not absolutely right with the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, you may be in serious

trouble if you don't make the right decision in this meeting tonight. And I was referring to the world of music and what it is to be trained in music.

You know, these music trainers, these people who teach people to become great violinists or great opera singers or whatever, I can tell you they are rough. They are very hard on their students, and they push and they push. And for music, a friend of mine just got accepted after 20 years of working and praying, just got accepted into the Metropolitan Opera.

Just was with her in New York City a few days ago, I tell you. And even with all of our criticism of Hollywood, the fact is, my dear friends, that many of those people who learn those scripts to enter in some of those silly films, they work harder and they are more dedicated to the film ministry or the film industry than most of the average evangelical fish I have ever met in the last 30 years. I hope I can say present company excluded.

Now, I'm sure someone is saying right now, this fellow sounds like he's a hostility problem. I do. But I will tell you, I come here only with a heart of love.

I don't come here to put anybody in a double-decker straitjacket of guilt. And I believe whom the Lord loveth, he's chasing it. And sometimes, if you're going to gain, there's got to be some pain.

And I believe as God's people, we need to face up to the reality of God's claims upon our lives, the reality of the spiritual warfare in which we are involved. I've watched this ministry from a distance of your great church for many years. I told Christian leaders here some years ago, this is a tremendous ministry.

And I said, beware of one thing, Satan will attack your ministry. Any ministry that begins to move, begins to send out missionaries, begins to start thinking in terms of hundreds of thousands of dollars for world missions, I will tell you, Satan will have a special hell-bent committee meeting and he will do everything possible to stop you in your tracks. One of the leading Christian leaders in our country referred to one of our denominations in which over 2,000 ministers have dropped out of the ministry in the past one or two years.

L.E. Maxwell, the great founder of the Prairie Bible Institute, wrote a book. The title of that book was World Missions, Total War. And as we think of this task of world missions that lies ahead of us, first of all, we praise God for all that has been done before coming here.

I visited every single exhibit, wherever there's anything free, I go. My mother taught me that. So I went around to all these exhibits and got my literature and I read most of it and I pray through it and I'll probably write at least 10 missionaries and other people as a result of what I gathered up as I listened to the children singing in the background.

And I'm just so excited about each one of these groups. And when I see other groups, I actually get a desire to close down Operation Mobilization. Because the last thing I'm interested in doing is competing with anybody.

That's why one of our strongest principles in OM was to become a unique new missionary international fellowship based in Europe. Because when I was being converted and came to know Jesus, there was already so many great things. Yet those great things that were existing at that time when I was a student did not have the burden and the vision God had put on my heart for Afghanistan, for Turkey, for Sudan, for the Soviet bloc, for the closed countries, and for reaching the masses.

Not a million or 10 million, but to reach hundreds of millions with the Word of God and in answer to prayer, the Lord has enabled us now to give the Word of God face to face, not including television and radio, to 400 million people on planet Earth. Some people have said to me, especially years ago, why another mission society? Because there are many unreached people. And because God wanted to raise up a mission society that was completely international, where other people would work as equals with Americans.

Or in other cases, the Americans would work under the national leaders. And that would open new doors. As you have seen, those of you who follow our ship ministry, has gone beyond our wildest imagination.

And right now, interracial international teams are invading, probably today, invaded a dozen or two dozen churches throughout South Africa, declaring the international and glorious message of salvation through Jesus Christ. I want to ask you, my dear friend, my dear brother and sister, is world missions with you token commitment or total commitment? Are you a hearer or are you a doer? Perhaps Romans 12, 1 and 2 could be considered one of the most important passages of scripture when we think of this great challenge. And as we search our hearts about where we really are spiritually.

Romans 12, 1 and 2. I've probably read it hundreds of times, but I read it again. I beseech you therefore, brethren, that includes the sisters, you can write that in if that will help you, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice wholly acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Have you ever presented your whole life, your mind, your talent, your energy, your money, everything to God as a living sacrifice? I believe there are times when we need to stand up and we need to make deeper commitments to Jesus Christ. I remember when Oswald J. Smith came to Moody Bible Institute when I was a student. I was just with him a year ago, shortly before he died, 96 years of age.

What an example. He was the man that founded the Faith Promise Program that you people so wonderfully believe in, and that the Holy Spirit of God has used so mightily. Many people don't understand it.

They think it's a matter of sitting down and calculating, well, you know, this and that and that. How much can I give, you know, in my own little strength and my own little two horsepower engine and my own little business, and maybe I can sell, you know, some. I met a man recently in Australia selling budgies to raise money for missions.

I don't know if you know what a budgie is. When I come back to America, I don't know whether I've got New Zealand words or Australian words or English words. Anyway, it's a bird.

He was selling these birds to give more money for missions. But, you know, it isn't a matter as we pray about faith promise, you know, what can I do? It's what can God do? When I started praying for money, we tried to out Mueller, George Mueller, in O.M. We tried to go past Hudson Taylor. Absolute silence about money.

We just started to pray. We only changed that policy one or two years ago because of extreme criticism from churches about our silence conspiracy. When our work got so big and so internationalized, it just became chaotic.

People thought we were rich sailing around with two ships. All kinds of stories got going. One lady wanted to give some money to Operation Mobilization.

When we were, we were, you know, hundreds of thousands in the hole, fasting and praying, she wanted to give a gift. She heard it was a faith ministry, didn't want to interfere. I can tell you when I heard that story, even though I'm highly stubborn, I started to change my thinking.

And I thank God for this, this challenge of, of believing him. And as we learn, we learn, I've written a whole article on this, I'll be happy to send it to you, how to release finance through prayer. And I was a young 19-year-old wanting to go to Mexico.

I had no money. So, I started to sell Christian books. I sold my other businesses and started selling Christian, Christian books door to door.

And then I got a job teaching Spanish to give money to missions. That was fantastic. I couldn't even speak Spanish.

And I got good money teaching Spanish. And I remember once driving home from my Spanish class, one night praying for finance. And I saw a fox cross the road.

This was in New Jersey, stepped on the gas, boom, hit this fox and collected a \$25 bounty. Forgive me for that. I'm sure that's not, that's not a good thing to do.

And I believe that as we allow our hearts to be filled with faith, as we realize that our God can supply, we will go into our faith promise program, not thinking in terms of what we can do, but what God can do through us. We know there'll be the human factor. I talked to People's Church on the phone last night to one of the pastors.

They're having difficulties because a lot of the people who made faith promises haven't been able to come up with the cash. So, they're praying and they're battling. That's life, the human factor.

This is a personal thing between you and God. It's a goal. It's something you aim at.

No one is going to come to you and bang you on the head with a Bible or a book on Christian giving. It's somehow, a year from now, you've been unable to do all that you wanted to do. The whole story of my life is always unable to do what I've wanted to do.

People think O.M. is a great success story, George Verver, great man of faith, combination George Mueller, Hudson Taylor, E.T. and Clint Eastwood down to the beach, you know, looks out at the ocean and, you know, this great vision for a ship, looks out at the ocean in the name of Jesus and the ship. That's not the way it is. O.M. has grown very slow.

It's been very small and there's been more disappointments in my life than there have been successes because my burden is people and if you start locking in on people, an in-depth relationship with people, whatever nationality, and with me, it's been about 25 different nationalities, you're going to have your heart broken many, many times. Sometimes I go to a church and they've just been through some kind of crisis, this has gone wrong, that has gone wrong, and people are sitting there, they're soaking. Life, Billy Graham said, at its best is filled with sadness.

Things do go wrong in the past. Mistakes are made. There are misunderstandings.

We are all so weak, so human. I could write a book about O.M.'s mistakes, the problems we sometimes have on that ship, disunity, confusion, gossip, backfiring, misunderstandings. Almost once a fight between the chief engineer and the captain.

That was in the early days when I was responsive. But, but, God, God overruled. God, Romans 8 28, turning bad situations into stepping stones, showing that disappointment is God's appointment for a new day, for a new thing.

And I believe God is taking your ministry and your church into a new day. And it's going to be rough, and it's going to be tough, and we need, and I think this is so important when a church is in a time of transition. I don't know much about your church really, but I know that you're in somewhat of a time of transition.

That can be one of the greatest opportunities for reality, for reconciliation, for laymen to get more with their hands on the plow, for different gifts given to different men to become more operative in the work of the Lord. My life has been a long series of disappointments, but I've discovered they are God's appointments. And I wonder, I wonder how many of us really, right now, we know we're in God's place for our life.

He's Lord and we're filled with the Holy Spirit. That's just the normal Christian life. That's not something weird.

You know, some of us characters like me graduate at Moody Bible Institute, very little conservative, you know. Boy, do I get in trouble when I go there. But we, we, we, we, we're always worried about somebody getting the extreme in the things of the Holy Spirit.

We're always worried somebody may come into the church with a drum, and somebody may, you know, praise the Lord or raise their hands, and, and in our worry about, perhaps some things are extreme, but in our worry about that, we overreact into the deep breeze of dead orthodoxy. I will tell you, my brothers and sisters, we need to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Billy Graham speaking once to a great crowd of people about the Spirit-filled life, the life of joy and reality in which God is control.

He said, I don't care how you get it, just get it. And I would say that tonight. But, you know, sometimes we don't have that joy of God because we're unwilling to repent, because pride is so subtle.

It must have a hundred different forms, and especially as our institutions get older, and as our churches get older, and we're already feeling some spiritual rigor mortis coming into Operation Mobilization. And God's had to break us. God's had to humble us.

Then the rivers of blessing have flown again. Are you filled with the Holy Spirit? Is Jesus Christ absolute Lord of your life, your time, your talent, your money? What about your prayer life? Romans 10 says, how can they be preachers? How can they go as missionaries unless they be sent? Do not think, that's why I give a double invitation when I speak, do not think the big thing in a missions conference are those who come to say they will go. I have been giving that kind of invitation in 50 nations for 30 years.

I believe in it. I've seen thousands and thousands and thousands come or stand up to say they will go. But let me tell you something I've learned a hard way, just bear with me a little more, that many of those young people who want to go, never go, not even 20% ever go, because we don't have senders, because we have not put enough importance on the ministry of sending.

Acts chapter 13 tells us who the sender is. Do you know who it is? The Holy Spirit. You read the first three verses, the Holy Spirit said, the Holy Spirit sent.

It also says the church sent, so it's both, it's cooperation. And in this missions conference, we don't just want a few people to come forward and say as young people or whatever age they're willing to go, I praise God for that. We need the whole body of Christ to put their hands on the plow and say, I will not turn back.

I will be a sender. The first thing according to Matthew chapter 9 in being a sender is to pray. How is your prayer? Do you have an hour of power in your life each day? Do you have a half an hour of power? Do you have 10 minutes in which you're engaged in serious intercession through those missionary prayer letters, through those prayer cards or those maps you can pick up on the table? The new edition of Operation World will be off the press in two weeks.

Get a copy. It is the most phenomenal book for prayer that I have ever seen. The British edition 20,000 already sold out.

Four weeks you get the American one off the press. And it's going into German and French and Spanish and many other languages. If you want an exciting ministry in which you can be involved in nations across the world, that's the ministry of intercessory prayer.

I'm tired of people coming up to me and giving me the idea that anybody staying at home is some kind of second-class citizen. No! God's burden is not geography. It's reality.

And as we experience His reality, as we're walking in the power of the Holy Spirit, as we're living in brokenness and love and with the fruit of the Spirit just manifest, Christ as Lord can lead us. Some of you have never been thinking about going. You're going to go.

Some of you who want to go, you're going to stay. God is going to surprise us. Brothers and sisters, we've come to the end of this great festival.

We cannot go from here with poking commitments. We cannot let sportsmen be more dedicated to sports than we are to God and His kingdom. We can't let a violinist or an opera star be more intensively trained for their career than we are to be soldiers of Jesus Christ wearing the whole armor.

We cannot be made to look small and weak by politicians or other great people committed to every kind of wild, crazy cause and some good causes that exist in the world today. We are God's people. We are kings and priests.

We must be the most committed people who walk in the world today in love, in balance, in humility. Without that kind of revolutionary commitment, without that kind of extra-mild mentality and disciplined living, as Paul said, I buffet my body. Is that your brand of Christianity? What about food? What about money? What about time? What about TV? You know what it is to say no to this thing and that thing that's pulling you this way and yes to the Word, yes to the call of prayer, yes to the call to witness, yes to reaching out to the poor, the elderly, those in prison, the suffering, beaten-down drug addicts of our nation torn apart by every evil man has ever imagined.

Brothers and sisters, without total commitment, it doesn't work. And I'm aware that's an ongoing process. I have so much to learn.

I still fail. When I fail, I know what to do. D.L. Moody used to emphasize the need to be filled with the Spirit again and again.

You remember that old story? He was preaching being filled again. You may have a crisis ten years ago, but if that crisis is not followed by a process, it will be an abscess. I don't want to know what great experience you had ten years ago.

Fine, where are you tonight? Are you filled with the Spirit tonight? Are you walking on God's road tonight in joy and power, forgiveness and reality? You know, a little old lady said to Mr. Moody, Mr. Moody, why do you keep going on and on about being filled again and again with the Holy Spirit? And he looked her in the eye and he said, lady, because I leak. You're looking at a very weak, leaky Christian leader tonight, but I know where the refills are and you do as well. Let's come back to the cross.

Let's not defend ourselves, but let's come back to the cross and recommit in brokenness and be filled again with the Holy Spirit of God. And then whether he leads us to Edina or to the ends of the earth, we will know we are in his place in his time. Let us pray.

Let us bow our heads, our hearts before God across this great auditorium. Let us search our own hearts. I first, in the first part of my invitation, is not to come forward, but to simply stand where you are.

If God has dealt with you, if God has spoken to you, and you want to make a deeper commitment to Jesus Christ in all seriousness, you want to experience a deeper crucifixion of the self-life and to be filled afresh with the Holy Spirit, to be God's man or woman of prayer, be God's man or woman of witness, be it here or around the world. I know time goes by quickly. I think many of you have been thinking about this throughout the week.

Many of God's people that have been writing to me, and I've had 14,000 letters from one of my books over the years, many of them have confessed that their great hindrance in their life was lack of forgiveness, root of bitterness. This has gone wrong, maybe in the marriage, maybe in the home, maybe in the church, misunderstanding, difficulty, and a root of bitterness has got in it. It's just, it's been a log jam to Holy Spirit reality.

I don't know if there's anyone here, you've been stepped on, things have gone wrong, you've been hurt, whatever. Maybe you feel people don't consult you enough, maybe you feel your children don't understand you, your husband doesn't understand you, your wife doesn't understand you. Somehow, some little thing that's happened in your life, and maybe a big thing, has created a log jam of grief, and the Holy Spirit is not in control, and God is not really in control.

That is my first burden, not mission, reality, Holy Spirit, biblical reality. If you will pray that prayer of faith, take that step of faith, to believe God for a new thing in your life, to trust Him, to be totally committed, Romans 12, 1, presenting your body as a living sacrifice. If you mean that with all your heart, then I want you just to quietly stand up, wherever you are, just remain where you are, and I want to pray for you, and later I want to get your address only for my private use, to pray for you again.

Given this invitation all over the world, whether it's few or many, I've seen so many lives change, because you know Jesus gave His all, and there are times in the lives of us as His children, that we need to make these recommitments. It's what I did when Oswald J. Smith came to Chicago, when I was a student. God was already using me, I was already a leader, I was already winning people, but that night God zeroed in

on me, and when He gave that invitation, strange as it was, among 2,000 people, I was the only one who responded, and my life was never the same.

There may only be a few. I know that today, in America, so many hearts are cold, unable to almost even respond. I know others maybe have made a similar commitment like this in the past weeks and months, and you don't feel the need to stand.

Fine, there are some you know in your heart, you need to take a step of faith, you need to recommit your life to Jesus Christ and present your body once again to Him, and be filled afresh with His Holy Spirit. Just for these few moments, if God has spoken to you, just stand up so I can see you, and remain standing. God bless you, God bless you, and you, and you, God bless you and the rest of you, young people.

Between you and God, it's very real, I would never give this invitation, I'm a coward by heart, if it wasn't for people praying for me, and so many people writing me, and saying it was when you gave that invitation, my life was changed. One of the leading missionary-minded leaders over at the other church in Richfield told me in the car today, it was when O.M. was here years ago, he was not interested in missions at that time, his life was turned around, and now he's involved a hundred percent. Just wrestle with God for a moment, this isn't an invitation to perfection, you're still going to fail, you're still going to have your struggles, but you're going to be on new fighting ground, and you're going to know what to do when you fail, and you're going to learn that failure is the backdoor, not to discouragement, but to success and victory through the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ.

We need, first of all, a great movement of world Christians who will be senders, and that starts by being filled with the Holy Spirit of God. He's in you, happens at conversion, but he wants to control every part of your life. God bless you, I wish I could go and talk an hour with each person standing.

The Holy Spirit will give you unlimited time. He is the great teacher, the great comforter. I want to pray, just a moment of prayer, of dedication for those who are standing.

Let us all be in prayer, just for a moment more. Tens of thousands around the world are praying for this meeting. I'm one of the most prayed for persons that I've ever heard about, because I've been in all these countries and spoken to hundreds of thousands, and so many of them, they sign up to be a prayer partner, and this is God doing this in your heart tonight.

It's not me, I'm just a voice, but God getting through to you. Respond, say yes, even if it be in fear and trembling, as it has so often been in my life. God bless you.

Praise the Lord. Young people, older people. I've had people tell me when I gave this invitation, they felt someone was putting glue on the pew, couldn't get up.

It's amazing what people will do for sports, what people will do for politics, what people, my friends today, will do for Satan, dedicated to Satan. Cannot we stand up and be counted as a soldier of Jesus Christ? The Bible says God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of love, and of power, and of sound mind. I just want to pray.

Lord, I pray for any spirit of fear gripping someone right now, that it may be broken, and that they will respond to what you're saying to them. I ask this right now. Anyone else? God bless you.

Praise the Lord. May he be filled with his grace, his forgiveness, his love. Just one few more seconds more.

Praise the Lord. Father, you see each person standing before you. We believe you have taken this meeting out of our hands some time ago.

And your Holy Spirit, your indwelling Holy Spirit, has prided people to do business with you tonight. And by your grace, they will never be the same. We know there will be battles.

We know it will be rough. It will be tough. For your Son, the Lord Jesus, said that if anyone come after you, they must deny self, take up the cross every day, and follow you.

And yet, there will be that comforting power of your Holy Spirit. Thank you, Lord. We praise you, and we worship you.

Fill us afresh through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. Let us all stand.

Can we just sing as a chorus of commitment? He is Lord, he is Lord. He is risen from the dead, he is Lord. Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess, he is Lord.

Do you know that?

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