

# Finishing Well

by Heidi Baker

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*Finishing well in our walk with God requires staying focused on Him, being vulnerable, and living a life of love and courage.*

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## Description

Heidi Baker delivers a powerful message on 'Finishing Well,' emphasizing the importance of enduring faith and love in the face of trials. She shares personal experiences of suffering and perseverance, particularly highlighting her husband's severe health challenges and the martyrdom of their friends in Mozambique. Baker encourages the congregation to focus on God's love and to finish their spiritual race with courage and joy, reminding them that true love manifests in action and sacrifice. She calls for a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit, urging believers to discern what is best and to live in the fullness of God's grace.

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## Transcript

Welcome to another powerful message from Heidi Baker. It's our hope that you will be encouraged and inspired to a closer, more fruitful walk with Jesus. I have a word from the Lord.

I was up at 4.30. I've been praying ever since, just crying out, God, oh God, and just in the spirit saying, help, help, help. That's the way I prepare. Help, help.

I love you, Jesus. I want you to open your words, the word, not your words, His word. Philippians, Philippians 1. I thank my God.

This is Paul's prayer, and this is my prayer for you too. And I really see this over your nation. I feel that as I remember you, I feel like these words are just so strong on my heart, the words that Paul prayed.

I remember you in all my prayers for all of you. I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel. From the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it out to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

So today I feel like speaking to you about finishing well, about finishing well. You know, many people start off strong and they give themselves to God. They give themselves to mission.

They give themselves to ministry or they give themselves to, to some seven mountain, eight mountain thing. And then they finish weak. They finish weak.

They finish weak. How do you want to finish? We want to finish strong. We cannot, we cannot lose heart in the midst of the struggle.

I feel like God, God is speaking to me about being very vulnerable with you today. I want to be vulnerable with you because sometimes you see people and you think, wow, their life might be easy. Their life might be simple.

Maybe it's just all wonderful, but there's a struggle that goes on. The fight though is, is a kind of fight that we win through worship, through rest, through, through visitation with the Lord, with the joy of the Lord. The last two years I was telling pastors here, my husband went through severe, severe trial.

There was something that happened in, in Congo and you saw some of the pictures of our worshiping churches in Congo and Mozambique, but we suddenly had great trial in that nation. And we had one of our pastors, a very dear friend of ours martyred in Mozambique and they cut off his lips. They cut off his tongue.

They cut off his feet. They told him he would not carry love. And we said, we will never stop because you can never stop love.

You can cut off our tongues, but you cannot keep us silent. You can cut off our feet, but a hundred more will rise behind the feet that you cut off. You can cut off our hands, but a thousand more hands will reach out to love you.

And this was the message we brought to those who martyred our dear friend. And then more hundreds of our people in Congo were, were chopped up in pieces and, and broken in, in the most horrible, horrible way. And, and my husband was, was really contending to minister to the people, but something went in his mind.

His mind suddenly just went, and he forgot everything. He forgot everything to the point where he was unable to put on his own shoes. He was unable to change his clothes.

He was unable to drive. He was unable to fly our plane, our bush. We have a bush plane where we go to the poorest of the poor in the furthest remote areas.

We chop our own runways and, and everything, everything stopped. And for two years, my husband was in bed, unable, and we would pick him up. We would take him with us, but he didn't even know where he was.

He didn't know what country he was in. He didn't know anything. He didn't even know.

We said, where are you? He said, platypus reef. There's no platypus reef. He was just such severe dementia.

Finally in May, the doctors came and they said, they called me in and they spoke to me and my daughter and, and her husband. We'd already spoken to our son. They said, he's not going to make it.

He's going to die and you need to prepare and you need to bring the family. So we were still in Mozambique. That's our home.

That's where we live. That's our, you know, we don't have any other home. That's our home.

And so we said, um, okay, family come. And one of our dear friends, um, who, who is an Indonesian man, Mel Tari. He was best man in our wedding and a really powerful man of God and, uh, contending with us for 30 years in friendship.

We need each other, don't we? And, and that man said, um, I'm not coming to say goodbye. And we said, what? Well, that doesn't make sense. You're his best friend.

I mean, surely you want to say goodbye. He said, no, we're not. I'm not coming.

I'm, I'm not coming. God's going to heal him. I'm not coming.

And we brought him, we sent him to Germany to a 24 seven prayer and to a place that, that had, um, vitamin therapy and all this stuff. But we just sent him there and we just said, okay, God, we're going to contend for a miracle. And it's like God, after 30 years of missionary service at that time, 28 years of missionary service, how are we going to finish? And I want to ask you beloved of God, how are you going to finish the race? How are you going to finish? Do you want to finish strong or do you want to finish weak? Do you want to finish in victory or you want to finish in defeat? And God is calling us to focus our eyes on him in the midst of the storm and not grow weary.

And it is my prayer. Paul said in verse nine, it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more in the knowledge and depth of insight. Love.

What does love look like? What does love look like? If Paul is asking and crying out to God and crying out through this word, what does love look like? I pray that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth and insight so that you may be able to discern what is best. Do you have choices? I'm asking, do you have choices? You have so many choices. You know, Anya and I, we walked around for a little bit last night.

We were, we were kind of, ah, so much, so much. You know, we were, we're surrounded by mud huts. So we step in here and we're like, whoa, there's so much stuff everywhere.

Stuff, stuff. It's just shocking how much stuff you have so many choices that it must make you tired. I mean, how, what do you do? Even like what store do you pick? We don't have, we don't worry about choices.

It's like, there's a used market. You can buy an old t-shirt from, from probably from Singapore, India or Singapore, one of the other. And, and it's like, we don't have a lot of choices, but you have choices and choices and choices.

And, and Paul saying, ah, ah, would you be able to discern? And my prayer is that you would discern what is best. What is best? Like that every day, God would show you the best that you would know the best. And there is a Shundite.

Whoa. I'm yep. I feel that there is a Shundite.

There is a rhythm to God's heart. Did you know that there is a rhythm? Did you know God's heart beats and, and God's heart is beating and beating and there's a rhythm to it. And there's a run, there's a rest, there's a release, and there's also a play.

It's everything, everything, everything is in rhythm to the heartbeat of God. And he knows, he knows, he knows. And, and it felt to me like my husband's rhythm in his heart was like, it was like all confused.

And so he was unable to function. And we're saying, God, now God show us, show us Lord, show us your will, show us your glory. And, and I pray with Paul that you would discern the best and may be pure Shundite in your mind, in your heart, in your soul, pure, pure, blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ to the glory and praise of God.

Oh, could I tell you just a little, some joy in the midst of the storm? Okay. We we've always picked up dying children. We've been picking them up for 16 years.

And some of them were rascals. Okay. Rascal, rascal, rascals.

We had one such a rascal. He he stole from us. He beat up some missionaries.

He was a rascal. He, um, we would, we would help him and then he would manipulate and then he would make up stories and steal some more. And he was a rascal for many, many years.

But when Papa Roland got sick, when Papa Roland could no longer drive his little red Land Rover, which he really likes. Oh, this precious little boy became a man. This precious little boy became a man.

And suddenly he said, I'm going to take care of Papa Roland. He especially liked taking care of the red Land Rover and driving Papa Roland around. But he said, I'm going to take care of him.

And do you know what happened? Do you want to hear what happened? God did something beautiful in the midst of our trial. God raised up the young raised up the ones that we had cared for, and they became those that cared for us. They became those that, that cared.

They fed Papa Roland. When I was traveling a third of my life, they took care of him. God's love looks like something.

And I want to tell you another story of this young man, because it's about purity. It's about finishing well. It's about the beauty of love, the beauty of a life, wholly given to God.

One day we were going into another village and you can probably guess what faith these people are, but people of another faith, actually, they were fasting and they were rather grouchy. They were really, really grouchy, actually. And, um, we, we went into this village very near our children's village and began ministering.

And, uh, we set up our sound system on our own property. We didn't use any other property. We used our own property and we set it up and I was in my truck and I was praying and, um, someone else was ministering.

I was dealing with a crisis and suddenly these people, uh, men, big men started climbing on top of my truck and shaking it. And they were so fierce. They were so upset and so angry.

And I'm just, I'm just crying out to God. And I felt, okay, I need to go around and I need to say, it's time for us to leave now because you have to choose when to give your life away. You know, God, God has a plan.

He knows how many days you're to be on earth and, and you, you need to hear, is it your time now or are you to wait? And I felt like it wasn't our time to die that day. And so I said, okay, Jesus, give me a plan, you know, help me to know what to do. And, and Paul, um, spoke about his life and about, about what he was going through.

And, and he's saying, it's, it's been granted to you on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him. Since you are going through the same struggle, you saw that I had, and now I still have. And, and he's also praying, oh, I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but we'll have sufficient courage, sufficient courage church in Singapore church in Asia.

Do you have courage? Do you have courage in the midst of a broken world? Do you have the courage to shine for Jesus? Do you have courage to shine in the midst of darkness? He's saying, oh, I pray that you would have sufficient courage. My prayer today is that you would finish well, and you would have sufficient courage. And he's saying, oh God, let them have courage.

Oh, let them have courage. I eagerly expect and hope that I will no way in no way be ashamed, but we'll have sufficient courage so that now as always, Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death for me to live is Christ and to die is gain. Amen.

Amen. Amen. Do you believe that it's a joy to give your life away? Yes, it is.

It is. Do you believe that way back there? Do you believe that it's a joy? You know how exciting it is. I often have prayed God, take me now, take me now when they shoot and they don't hit.

And sometimes I think rats. I want. Why? Because I've been to heaven.

I've seen heaven. I like it. I'm not afraid to go there.

That causes a radical joy in your heart. It's like no matter what they're doing, they can have machetes, they can have guns, they can have rocks, they can have, um, media. It doesn't matter what they have as their weapon, because you're not afraid to die because God has put so much love in your heart.

But the thing is, we need to live for him. It's easy to die for him. It's easy for me, you know, to die for him is the greatest joy to give your life as a martyr.

That's the greatest joy. But to live now, Lord, I want to live for you, Jesus. I want to shine for you, Jesus.

I want to be a light in a dark world. Is that your prayer? Is it or no? Is it just my little radical prayer? Do you want to shine? Do you want to have courage to face the darkness? Oh, it's a joy. It's a joy.

It's a joy. Well, this same son that was taking care of Papa Roland, we brought him with us in the car. We just took him everywhere, even though he didn't know where he was.

And we'd take him everywhere. And so I brought him on outreach and he didn't know anything where he was. And suddenly it was very, very dangerous.

And he was kind of wandering around. And, and our, our son that we pulled off the street, off the street, this kid was a rascal on the street, a bandit on the street. He heard God say, you must go right now and you must go to Maranganya and you must go right now.

And he started hitchhiking to get to the outreach. And then one of our other brothers, he, he drove by, picked him up and drove him there. And suddenly these guys threw the speakers into the crowd.

They started throwing speakers right in the midst of hundreds and hundreds of children. And then they started beating our pastors and then they ran towards me. And this boy, this boy that has become a man went, he stuck his body in between me and them.

What does love look like? What does love look like? Love looks like something. And I watched as this young man gave himself and he was beaten, beaten so that I could go free. It was the most powerful thing.

He said, mama, get in the truck and go get in the truck and go. And we had, we somehow, we got rolling in the truck. We got our friends in the truck and I took off to the police station and, and, and I'm like, God, Oh God, Oh God, save them, save them, save them.

And they jumped in the back of the truck and they were just stoned and beaten. And they got to the police and, and the police cocked their AK 47s and said, we're going to go take care of this. We said, no lab.

We told them right out there. No, no, no. We're the church.

That's called to love. Are you the church called to love? What if the media slams you? Are you the church called to love? What if you're ridiculed? Are you the church called to love? Oh, the most powerful thing, watching those brothers arrive in the truck. And I saw them and they were weeping.

They all were crying and they said, what a privilege, what a privilege, what a privilege, what a privilege to be beaten for Jesus. And when they, when they caught those guys that wanted to hurt us, you know what happened? I sent the three that were beaten the worst. And I said, you go and you release them from jail.

You go and you hold them. You go and you love them. And those guys that said we could never have a church in that village, they did not get converted, but they said, we will allow our children to go to your church.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. They said, we see there's something different about you.

Do you see love looks like something and love looks like courage. I saw that son became a shunned. I, he became adopted, adopted that day by the father.

He understood while the father had adopted him long before the spirit of adoption hit him. He started to know who he was. Do you know who you are? Do you, do you know that you're beloved? Do you know that God's just excited about you? Oh, that's a wimpy response.

Oh yeah. Somebody, one person said, yeah, I mean, God's excited about you. Papa loves you.

He's like, oh, look at my kids. Look at my kids. Look at my children.

Ah, they're going to finish well. They're going to love on me. They're going to worship me.

They're going to give themselves for me. That's a beautiful thing. Oh, conduct yourselves beloved of God in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.

For it has been granted verse 29. It has been granted to you on behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him. Since we are going through that struggle, you saw, I had, and here that I still have your attitude.

Then how should your attitude be? Philippians two, how should your attitude be in the midst of difficulty? Did you know that God wants to give you joy in the midst of your struggle? Oh, oh, oh, I'm excited. In August, God gave Roland back his memory. Hallelujah.

God gave him back his memory. He passed his flying test again. God did a miracle in his heart and he said, I'm going to press in.

I'm going to press in and, and then he went blind in his left eye and aneurysm. And he said, I'm going to stomp on the devil. I'm going to stomp on the devil's head and I'm going to preach the gospel in the midst of trial and the joy of God hits him.

And the joy I spoke to him this morning and he sends his love. He's in China ministering, ministering, ministering where he was born four generations of people, his family line, four generations laid their life down for the church in China. Hallelujah.

It's a joy. It's a joy. It's a joy.

It's a joy. So what are we going to do with our lives? Beloved of God, if you have any encouragement, chapter two, verse one, any encouragement from being united with Christ, any comfort from his love. Oh, Oh, I just, Oh, I just want you to get this.

I want to go hug you. All of you. I just want to hug you and get you to get this.

God comforts you with this love. He loves you. Did you know he loves you? Do you know that you are the apple of his eye? Did you know you're the object of his affection? Did you know, did you know you're the apple of his eye? Oh, he looks at you and he just wants to, Oh, you're just amazing to God because when he looks at you, he sees you through the blood of Jesus.

You know, your dad might say you're a failure. You're a dingbat. You're a, but your papa, daddy, God said, Oh, I love you.

I love you. I think you're amazing. I see you.

I see you. I see you. You're the apple of my eye.

Oh, when you know how loved you are, then you start loving. When you know how much daddy loves you, you start loving. So Paul understood it.

And he said, now, if you're, if you understand this comfort from his love, it's like, it doesn't matter if it's hard, if it's easy, it doesn't matter. Yeah. I stay in the billion star hotel all the time at home.

I love it. I love it. We just go out there and billion stars.

It's amazing. We just think it's amazing. And I just so love it.

And I used to never be able to stay in the five star because of the billion star. And it was just too much transition for me. But, but this time I was like, wow, I can be happy here too.

That's amazing. That's amazing. I could never before I could never do it.

It was just too, but now I could say, wow, what a gorgeous view. Look at the flowers. Wow.

Big fruit basket. Thank you, Jesus. It's like anything, wherever God puts you, you can be joyful.

Isn't that nice? Yes. And you see the variety in the body of Christ. Like I love the variety.

Don't you love the variety? What if God wanted us all to be the same? We just be a little robot. Praise God. But sometimes the church seems to think that's how we should be.

Like we're all supposed to be the same, dress the same, walk the same, talk the same, do the same, same, same, same, same, same. It's boring. God didn't make us the same.

He made some people fat, some people skinny, some people round, some people slim, some people tall, some people short, some people black, some people, every color. He's God. He likes it.

He likes variety. He likes you. He likes you.

He likes you. He likes you. He doesn't just love you.

He likes you. So there's got to be a love rise up in your heart because as you find out how much he loves you and likes you, because some of you are like, yeah, yeah. God loves me.

He just doesn't like me. He loves me a lot, but he can't stand my personality. If he loved me, then I would be tall.

No, God loves you just like you are. And so that causes a courage to rise up in you. That causes the tenacity to rise up in you.

That causes you to want to give love back to God. You know, it's our joy. I don't, I don't even have miserable stories.

Even when I tell you of martyrdom, because to me it's glory because I saw, I saw the church rise up. You know, after they martyred our pastor, you know what happened? Pastor Supraza went in, drove in. We're all on the phone, interceding day and night, praying, talking, texting, calling.

And he took in a big sound system, called the whole village together, let the martyrs out, preached the gospel. Over 3,000 people bowed their knee in the dirt and said, we want Jesus. We want Jesus.

We want Jesus. Isn't that a victory? I mean, what would you give to give your life away? What a victory. What a way to go.

What a way to go. Wow. What a way to go.

That's joy. See, even in giving your life, there's joy. I'm serious.

I'm serious. It's just amazing. And, and Paul saying, ah, are you comforted? I pray today you'd be comforted in God's love.

Is there any fellowship with the spirit? Hey, do you hear the Holy spirit? I feel like telling you a story. Do you like stories? I like stories. I like, I have a lot of stories.

They're all true. I'm only going to tell you true ones. I have to say that sometimes people think you're exaggerating.

I don't have to God's doing amazing things. I never have to exaggerate. Oh, it's just great.

I'm excited. I'm like a little kid, aren't I? You go, ah, there's a 50 year old little kid up there, but I am, I'm just in love. I'm in love.

So I'm happy. I'm so in love with him. I'm just like, Oh God, what are you going to do today? Like right now in Singapore, what are you going to do right now in Singapore? Oh, I can't wait.

I'm excited. I'm just excited that God's alive and God loves us and God cares about us and God fills us with his presence. Ah, ah, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus.

Oh, I'll read a little more and then tell you a story. Oh, I want to tell you about fellowshiping with the Holy Spirit. Do you fellowship with the Holy Spirit? Do you know Holy Spirit's language? Is there tenderness and compassion in you? Then Paul says, make my joy complete.

And I echo his prayer, make my joy complete by being like minded, having the same love one in spirit and one in purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility, consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Hooray. You get to give your life away. You get to love people.

Is that boring? Are you bored? Are you bored? Is it boring to give your life away? What about, okay, I'm going to tell you my story now. When I went to Mozambique 16 years ago, the Lord said, now give everything away and, um, go there and sit on the street corner because he never ever, when I live in a country, never ever lets me, me preach with an interpreter, at least for the main language, the main language, we have 26 languages. So there's always two, three languages going on.

But he said, now just give everything away and go and sit on the street corner. So Roland was still finishing his thesis. And, and so he kept Chrysalyn and Elisha.

And I went for the first three, four months on my own. And God said, now just go sit on the street corner because I want to teach you the language. I want to teach you the language.

And I remember just sitting there. And by day three, I had nowhere to eat and nowhere to sleep. And the Lord was so faithful.

I was just there and I'm like, Oh God, I want to learn this language. I want to learn Shangana and Portuguese. So I just gave myself there and said, now teach me Lord through your people, through these people.

Some of them didn't even know him. Most of them didn't know him. Of course they didn't know him.

They were street kids, but they started teaching me and the Holy spirit spoke to me very clearly. And he said, I speak a language. Holy spirit has a language.

Do you understand that? Yes. No. Okay.

We all pray in tongues. Don't we? We all, I mean, I hear it. If you don't, as you go through the prayer tunnel today, just open your mouth and worship God and out will come a spirit language in the Holy spirit.

Okay. That's a given. That's for sure.

That's a positive. Yes. Amen.

Anybody doesn't have a prayer language, but Holy spirit has a language. Now he was teaching me about his language as I was learning the language of the people. And, and do you know how you learn a language? Do you just get bing Zena glossia, like you're going to get glossolalia in the prayer tunnel? Generally not.

How do you learn a language? You spend time with people, right? Is that true? Hello. You all speak three, four languages. You spend time with people or you grow up as a little baby learning them.

How do you learn the language of Holy spirit? How do you learn what Holy spirit's thinking? Why? How, how, how, how time Shandai time, time, time. You need to spend time with Holy spirit. You do not have anything without time.

You cannot learn Holy spirit language without time in the presence, in the presence, in the presence, learning the Holy spirit's language. Holy spirit has a language and he wants you to learn it. And it's not just with words, it's with actions.

You can watch how Holy spirit's moving. You can watch. Oh, Holy spirit, Holy spirit.

He wants to do this. He wants to do that. I was learning the language of Holy spirit in that nation.

And, and it was a funniest, this for me, this is a funny story. I don't know if it's funny to you, but there I was sitting there and I needed a place to sleep and I was just talking to Jesus about it, asking Holy spirit to do something. And suddenly I saw this lady with a bun and a flowered skirt and tennis shoes.

And I recognized that she, she was surely a missionary. I said, that woman has got to be a missionary. She looks like a missionary.

I know that woman's a missionary and that woman, she was also pale and it was in Mozambique. So she looked very missionary like to me. And there she comes a total stranger in her flowered shirt and tennis shoes.

And she literally runs up to me and she says, can you help me? Can you help me? I said, sure. I don't have anything else to do. And she tossed keys in my hand here.

Boom. Take them. She said, I'm going to the North.

Watch my flat for me. Boom. And off she runs.

But she didn't tell me where she lived. This was a problemo for me. I needed to know where the woman lived.

Now, have you had encouragement in the Holy spirit? Paul said, learn what is best. Learn what is pure. Learn what is Holy.

How do you learn that? Fellowshiping with the Holy spirit, listening to the Holy spirit. Now, father, God gives you keys. Shabba.

When you're adopted, huh? You have keys, right? You're adopted. Sister Daphne said, is that an orphanage? I said, no, that's our language. No, we don't have orphans.

Every one of them are adopted. Every one of them, all 10,000 of them shakaraba new ones every day, adopted, adopted, adopted, adopted, adopted. You are not orphans.

Shanda, you are adopted by the father and he will teach you the language of Holy spirit. Hey, because he loves you. He loves you.

He loves you shakaraba. So I'm like, Oh God, Oh God. And the Lord hands you keys.

When he says, bam, you're adopted. You are my son. You are my daughter.

You are my son. You are my daughter. Boom.

He hands you keys. And now you've got a bunch of keys. And he said, where are you supposed to live? Hello? Hello? Where, where you all have the book celestial realms.

Where are you supposed to live in the celestial realms? Okay. You have keys. You're adopted.

But now what are you going to do that day? I learned in the natural, what I'm speaking to you about in the spiritual. I'm sitting there in the dirt, hungry, tired in need of a place to sleep. I now have keys in my hand.

Do you understand? I have these amazing keys in my hand, but I don't know how to get to the house shakaraba. And I have my truck and I'm trying to be trucker mama. And I, I, I did.

I had never, I grew up in Laguna. I had never, ever driven a four wheel drive. So there I am.

It was terrible. I was wrecking the truck. I was about out of fuel.

Now listen, shakaraba, you have keys and you have a destination, the celestial realms. That's the place where you minister from. But if you don't have fuel, you can't get anywhere.

Shakaraba and Paul saying, now I want you to have courage. I want you to understand what is good. What is pure.

I want you to finish. Well, I want you to be full of love. I want you to be full of my destiny.

Now father's given you keys. Father's adopted you. You are beloved of God.

Now sit and learn language of Holy spirit, be in the presence. And I will teach you now. I'm going to teach you how to live in the celestial realm.

I'm going to teach you shaba, how to move from that place of, of, of natural realm where you do not know what's going on shunned. I am going to take you into the spiritual realm. So there, but without the fuel of the Holy spirit, without the fire of the Holy spirit, shaka, you can't get anywhere.

You could just be driving around in circles. That's what happened to me. I finally, I, our trucks name, we named our truck Lazarus.

You can imagine why raise them from the dead, raise them from the dead, Jesus every day. And, and I, I said, God, help me give me a helper. This is such a bizarre story, but it's fun.

The, the guy who said he didn't, he spoke 10 words of English. I spoke 10 words of Portuguese. I'd been there three days, learned at least 10 words by then.

He said, I'll help you in broken English. I said, thank you in broken Portuguese. And, uh, he just jumped in Lazarus and I said, what's your name? He said, Lazarus.

I said, okay, God's got a sense of humor. What are we doing? And he said, I know where that lady lives. I know that lady.

She's a nice lady. I know where she lives. I said, okay, let's go.

Do you know what beloved of God, you need the body of Christ and the body of Christ shaka, rabba, those who have truly been risen from the dead. Those who have truly been risen from the place of living in the earthly realm into the spirit realm. God is going to partner you with those who live in the celestial realms, shaka, rabba.

Oh, we need each other. You can't accomplish anything by yourself. You can't accomplish anything unless you know, Holy spirits, and you can't accomplish anything without fuel.

And you can't accomplish anything without help from the body of Christ. So I needed help. And this brother got in the car.

I never met him. He'd never met me. We just knew that we were safe because we were the body of Christ and we drove around, but you know, we don't always know where we're going.

Maybe not in Singapore. Maybe you do, but I mean, sometimes the body of Christ doesn't always know where they're headed. And so there we were, you know, in Lazarus and looking at the fuel gauge going lower and lower and lower.

No, we didn't have any resources to buy more fuel back then. So I'm driving around in circles, driving around a roundabout. Do you have roundabouts? We drove around that thing five, six times.

Lazarus said, I think it's here. Nope. Think it's here.

Nope. Think it's here. Nope.

I said, oh, sweet Jesus. Could you let us know where it is? And the fellowship, Paul said, you need to fellowship. You need to fellowship with the Holy spirit.

Do you know Holy spirits? Do you have the same love as Christ Jesus? Do you have the same spirit? Are you one in spirits? One in purpose. Are you one in spirit with the Holy spirit? Are you one in purpose with the Holy spirit? Are you one in purpose with Jesus? Are you one in purpose together as the body of Christ? What is our purpose? What are we called to be loved? How are we called to live? We went around and around. Finally, he said that way.

And we turned the truck and the fuels almost gone, but we turned the truck and we pull up to this building. There are no street signs back then. No, not a street sign in my boot, not a single sign in that entire city.

And I said, Oh Jesus. And we pulled up. And do you know, when I got in the house, even though I was very hungry, I was so much more tired than hungry that I just went and I fell asleep.

Some of you want your appetite to rise. Some of you want to be hungry and thirsty for Jesus. Some of you want to be desperate for him, but you're just tired.

Do you know the word of the Lord is, you know, the word, I have a word for you. Rest. That's the word.

It's not a complicated word. Rest, rest, rest. Your appetite will return.

Rest in the Lord. Rest. Don't just strive your way through it.

Rest, lay down, say, God, I'm just tired. God will fill you today. Some of you are going to be stuck to this floor and I pray you do not try to just jump right up and say, okay, let's go shop.

Just stay there a while till they kick us out. Stay there a while. Let the Holy Spirit lower you to a lower still place where the presence of God just flows over you like floods and floods and floods and waves and waves and waves.

Do you want that? Are you just satisfied? Why'd you come here? Do you need more of God? Do you want to live in the celestial realm? Do you want the presence of God to crash in on you? Do you want to be exhausted, miserable ministers? Oh, good answer. That was a little stronger. I like it.

Shakaraba. You're warming up now. Shandai.

We didn't beat. We're not called to be miserable. We're not called to be tired.

We're called to finish well. We're called to finish with courage. We're called to finish with joy.

We're called to run the race with joy. And if we run well, we'll rest well. And we know we're going to remember to drink.

Shakaraba. We need to remember to drink. Oh, after I slept the next day when I woke up, that woman told me, eat all the food in the house or the rats will get it.

That was amazing. She wasn't telling a lie. She meant it.

The rats were, there were lots of rats. But I woke up the next day with an appetite. I believe that as you rest in God, that God will restore your appetite where you're going to start to just get hungrier and hungrier and hungrier for him.

I have a vision to share with you. I'm nearing the end, but I took my watch off. So I am nearing the end though, because I read the book.

So I know where I'm going. So this is, this is, um, my story. I was praying and worshiping somewhere, which I do every day.

Obviously, like all of us, we, we love Jesus. Don't we? Isn't that why we're here? We just love Jesus. So I was loving on Jesus.

I can't remember where I was in the world, but I remember the vision as clearly as I'm looking at you. I saw the vision and I saw table, a huge, huge, huge banqueting table. And it went far to the right and far to the left.

There was no end. There was so much food. I mean, everybody, any guest speaker that ever comes to Singapore will always tell you the same thing because it's true.

You have the best food in the world. You know, this, no, you know, this, you don't know this. You do.

You have the food in where it's just like crazy and it's everywhere. And it's amazing. And we're very grateful.

We have rice and beans or beans and rice and chicken, chicken only once in a while. And you know that story. Don't gobble it all up before the kids get it.

But anyway, nevermind. God will make more. So there was this table and it had every kind of food.

And I was really, you know, I like food. Do you like food? I like it. I like it.

I think every culture I've ever been to likes food. I never met a culture. Didn't like food anywhere you go.

They like food. They like different food, but they like food and not a single culture. You go to, and they say, we don't eat.

We don't eat here. You eat over there in Africa. We don't eat here where we don't know.

Everybody eats. Everybody likes food. And so this feast is amazing.

And I guess there's food in heaven. Isn't that amazing? I mean, in visions beyond the veil, all those kids in China, they saw the food in heaven. I've seen food in heaven.

I'm happy about that, that there's food in heaven. I think that's amazing. So I saw it.

And then I saw Christians looking like rats. That doesn't sound very nice. Does it? But they did.

They looked like rats, little dogs, little rats, skinny little rats. And they, they were there and they ran up and here's father sitting at the table. And these, these little Christians, they were acting like little orphan rats.

And they ran up and took a little piece of crumb, little crumb that fell from the table. And they ran off. Then I saw another one.

They scurried up, took a crumb, ran off. And then I looked at this vision was so powerful. I looked at the father's face.

If you're a theologian, I didn't see him in his full glory, but I saw him. He was just, it was just awesome. There he is.

And he, I look him in his face is sad. And I'm thinking, ah, he's sad. He's sad right now.

And he had, there's all this food. And then I watched him and he just grabbed one of the little Christian rats, but he didn't see him. Like they saw themselves.

He sat one right next to me. He looked him right in the eye and he said, you're my favorite. Sit here.

And then he looked down and he grabs another one, pulls them up, looks at them and they look, wow. When they're sitting with him, they look amazing. They're shining.

They're full of, Ooh, they just look awesome. And he looked at him. He said, you're my favorite.

And you think now, how can God think two are his favorite? How now you look at somebody right now, anybody pick anybody and say, you're God's favorite. Oh, say you're Papa's favorite. You're daddy's favorite.

Yay. Sit up here. Don't sit down there.

Don't act like a little orphan rat. You're his favorite. Daddy loves you.

Paul was trying to teach us about fellowshiping in the spirit. God has called us to live in the celestial realm, not down there in the miserable realm. And he wants us to eat.

And today we're going to eat today. We're going to drink today. We're going to taste of the abundance of his house.

There's healing in his house. There's wholeness in his house. There's power in his house.

There's anointing in his house. There's wholeness in his house. I want to read a scripture from Hebrews chapter three, verse four, for every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything.

Every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. Yeah. And we are God's house.

The end of six, we are God's house. If what's the, if, if we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast. Hallelujah.

Yeah. Are you going to hold on to courage today? Are you going to finish? Well, are you going to fellowship with the Holy spirit? Are you going to learn his language? Yes, we are. Yes.

Yes. So now that we're holding onto courage, we're going to do nothing out of conceit or ambition. Cause we're not afraid to go low.

We're not afraid to go low. We're not afraid to go low. I often say this, especially among ministers.

There's one direction in ministry, lower still you lower still you lay down. Papa picks you up, but you lay down. Your job is to lay down.

He picks you up and holds you close. Your job is to stay low, stay low, stay low, stay low, stay low, stay low. You're not afraid to stay low when you know you're loved.

Why? Because this is my final point. Because when you love Jesus, when you're passionate about Jesus, when you're in love with Jesus, then you want to be like him. You want to be like the one you love.

You want to be like the one you love, like the one you love. Do you love him? You want to be like the one you love. And Jesus is altogether lovely.

And Jesus didn't think he was an orphan. Jesus knew who he was. Jesus knew who he was and he became nothing.

He became nothing. He was born as a baby, naked, nursed at his mother's womb, incarnational love. He became nothing because why, why, why, why did he do that? Why? Because he loves you.

Because he loves you. So he said, I will come. I will leave heaven.

I will leave everything and I will become a baby in the dirt, in a manger, in a stable. I will become poor. I will walk in the dirt.

I will love because I love you. I love you. And do you know, Jesus so emptied himself that he had to learn a language, that he had to learn a language, then another language.

And do you know, Jesus knew the Holy Spirit, knew the Holy Spirit, knew Holy Spirit, knew Holy Spirit. He said, possess me Holy Spirit. And the Holy Spirit came and fell on him and filled him and everything he did, he did as one who is totally laid down.

And he said, now come and follow me. Come and follow me. Come and follow me.

Come and follow me. Come and follow me. Come and follow me.

Come and follow me. Every one of you come and follow me. Oh, what's God asking of you? What's God speaking to you about? He's saying now come and follow me.

Oh, I want to teach you. I want to teach you. I want to love you.

I want you to know who you are so you can give your life away. Do you know, I often think how Jesus, the King of glory, became nothing and how he knew every moment who he was and chose to lay low. What a beautiful thing.

And he said, your attitude, church, your attitude, beloved bride, should be the same as Christ Jesus, who being the very nature of God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but he made himself nothing. What a mystery. Would you stand with me, please? [online.irisglobal.org](http://online.irisglobal.org)

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