

# Win Your Loved Ones

by John R. Rice

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*The sermon emphasizes the biblical mandate to win our loved ones to Christ through personal testimony and local outreach.*

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**Scripture:** Isaiah 60:1, Matthew 5:14, Luke 19:10, John 8:12, Romans 13:12, Ephesians 5:8, 1 John 1:5

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## Description

In this sermon, the preacher encourages the congregation to fill up the empty seats in the church. He emphasizes the importance of singing with passion and intensity, with the chords standing out on their necks and their eyes bugging out. The preacher also emphasizes the need to share the message of Christ's love and salvation with others. He reminds the congregation that Jesus is the light of the world and that they have the responsibility to be a light for the lost to see. The sermon concludes with a call to worship and praise God, acknowledging His glory and the eternal life that believers have in Him.

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## Transcript

I'll stand on the prophetess' right, my king, through eternal ages let us praise him. ...ask your cooperation now, if you would, all of you in the center aisle, unless you're holding a seat for someone that you're positive will be here, would you move over towards the center and leave any vacant seats towards the end of the aisle? We have a seating problem, we want to get everybody in. On the side aisles, if you'll do the same.

If you'll move in and fill up any vacant seats, leaving any empty seats on the aisle or near to it, where folk can easily be seated by the ushers, we'll appreciate it, we want everyone who's in the auditorium to be able to have a seat, and we're just getting started, I'm sure we'll have scores of folk get to come in, and we will set up chairs all the way to the back wall. This is marvelous, this is the most exciting Monday night I've ever had at Trinity Baptist Church, and I'm praising God for your faithfulness and for your presence here. All right, now, ushers, we've tried to cooperate and help.

You walk up and down these aisles and spot these empty places, and let's get them filled up. Now let's continue to sing with Bill Harvey. Hey, man, isn't that a wonderful problem? Yes.

Sure. Well, let's sing that second verse. Now let me just kind of lay out the rules for you.

Now, you're not really singing up to par unless the cords are sort of standing out on your neck and your eyes are bugging out just a little. Okay? You look around, and if somebody looks like a Pekingese, that's it. That's what you want.

And the cord, that's right. And by the way, if you look around and someone is not red-faced and their eyes aren't bugging out and the cords aren't standing out on their neck, you just look at them and look kind of mean. They're not normal Christians, do you see? Let's sing that second verse and make it ring.

Here we go. Standing on the promises I cannot tell. Amen.

As we go along, so don't you worry about it. You just keep on pedaling the bicycle so it'll stay. Lost in the darkest eternity, we have the light for the lost to see.

Jesus, the light of the world. Others are out. Sing about it.

But we must tell them to save. We must tell them of Christ and his love. Is him high.

And in this he came to see. Missing. He'll give us his posse.

So we must pray. I want that mountain. Yes, I'll stay and so I cry.

I want that mountain. It belongs to me. I want that mountain.

Instead of a solo before Dr. Rice comes to speak, I've asked him if he'd sing one of his songs with me. And this is one of my favorites. And I oftentimes sing it up in the church in Oklahoma.

So little time. The harvest will be over. So little time.

The harvest will be over. We soon have stride forward. It's a great joy to be with Dr. Gray, and I want to join my word to all those who are congratulating him and congratulating this great church on the wonderful ministry.

Now, for 25 years, that's a wonderful time, and God has blessed ministry in this church. I've been so glad that I've kept up with things, how the rescue mission has prospered and blessed, how God has helped the church financially in this last year or so. I've been grateful for the ministry of Dr. Gray all over America, and the word goes out and people are blessed everywhere.

And so I pray for Dr. Gray every day, and I count him a very dear friend. I count it a real honor that she allowed me to have part in this 25th anniversary celebration. I feel a little timid about all these big preachers you've got here.

Come in, Dr. Tom Malone. Come on out. What a preacher.

What a mighty man of God. And then, of course, there's Dr. Falwell and Dr. Lee Roberson and Dr. Jack Kiles and Dr. Sunday Preaching with our brother, Rob. You're going to have a great week, and I'm glad to have a part in it.

Now, dear Lord, open our hearts as we come to the Bible and breathe on thy service and speak to the hearts of people today. O God, let the fire burn in hearts today and let soul winners be born and soul winning come out of this service tonight in Jesus' name. Amen.

First of all, I'm going to tell you a story. It's the story of Joseph and his brethren. Jacob had 12 sons.

The two younger sons were Joseph and Benjamin. They were the sons of his beloved wife. You remember that Rachel and Leah? And Rachel was so greatly loved, and she died at the birth of Benjamin.

But Joseph was his father's special pride and joy, and he gave him a coat of many colors. The Spirit of the Lord seemed to be on him, and very early he began to have great dreams. He sang a bit ago, I want that mountain.

Well, this man, Joseph, had a dream. And he dreamed there was a shocking wheat, and all his brothers, the other 10, 11 brothers, and the other bash, bash, all bowed down to his shock. And they said, What do you mean? You think you're going to rule over us? And he told a dream, and maybe that was a mistake.

And he had another dream, and in the heavens his star was there, and the sun and the moon and the stars all bowed down to his star. And his father said, Son, do you think that your mother and I and the brothers all bowed down to you? They did not know what God had in mind. One day, the older brothers, they hated Joseph.

He was his father's pet. One day Jacob said, Joe, go out there and see how your bud's getting along. All these boys, they've got these sheep and cattle, they're not so very careful about it.

And Joe made a bad report, and the brothers hated him. And he went by to see where they were now. They'd go down to Dothan.

He went down there, and the brothers saw him come in. They said, Ah, there comes that dreamer. Boy, we'll fix his plow.

We'll show him how to carry the cabbage. And so they planned, Let's kill him. And they got to Reuben and said, No, put him in a pit here.

Don't kill him now. And along came a caravan of Midianites going down to Egypt, and they said, We'll sell him a slave to these. We'll sell him down there in Egypt.

We'll never hear from him again. That'll be good-bye, Joe, with all your dreams. And in spite of his pleading and weeping, they sold him away from father and mother.

They took that coat of many colors and killed the kid and dipped this in the blood. And they went back and said to the old man, Look here, we found your boy's garment. What do you think? Oh, he said, Some wild beast has killed him, and that's his blood on that.

And they thought Joseph was dead. But the story went on down in Egypt. Joseph was sold to Potiphar, who was captain of the king's guard.

And in that house, everything prospered. And because they put it in Joseph's hand, and Joseph's wife fell for it. I mean, Potiphar's wife fell for Joseph.

She tried to seduce him and lead him into sin. He said, I couldn't do that. I must be true to your husband.

He trusts me. But she accused him to her husband of false saying. They put him in the prison.

And in the prison, the Bible said a strange thing. It wasn't long till everything in the prison was run by Joseph. Whatever it was done there, he was the doer of it.

That man, the hand of God was on him. And two men came in one day. What's the matter? Old Pharaoh got mad at us.

I was the king's butler. And he said, notice that I was the king's cook here. And what happened? Well, so I had a dream.

A man said, and I don't know what's going to come of it. What was your dream? He said, a dream that I went out with baked meats and old pies and cakes and a tray over my head and the birds came and ate them up and so on and so on. And what of the other? And the other, I dreamed I had a bunch of grapes and I squeezed them out in wine for the king and so on.

Well, that means you're going to have a job back in a few days and the other man is going to die. So they did. And so Joseph said to the butler, tell the king Pharaoh, tell him I didn't do anything wrong.

I'm innocently here and falsely accused and so on. And he promised, I'll tell him. But he forgot about it.

Two years went by and Pharaoh had a dream. Strangest kind of dream. He dreamed and he said this, he dreamed this.

There were some grain and some great heads of grain and came out plump and so on. And they came along with some little old heads and swallowed up these big ones and they're all gone. What happened to the world? What could that mean? And the king went to sleep again and had another dream.

He said there were some cows. Oh, they were fat, fine cows, went down to the river Nile to drink and some scrawny little doggos came down there and they swallowed up these big cows and didn't want anything left. What in the world did that mean? What did it mean? All the wise men couldn't tell him, the philosophers couldn't tell him.

And so a butler said to the king, I know, man, he's in jail. I forgot to tell you, but he's a man of God. The Spirit of God's on him.

He can tell you. They sent for Joseph and Joseph got dressed and came before Pharaoh and said God will send Pharaoh an image, a picture of peace and so on. Well, what's the mid-dream mean? That meant there were going to be seven years of plenty.

The earth will bring forth by handfuls and you better put somebody in charge to save it up because then there's coming a famine, seven years of barrenness and plentiful and people starving. And so the king said, well, who could I find in whom's the Spirit of God? He said, Joseph, I'll make you prime minister. You run this thing for me.

And you'll have a chariot and be second only to Pharaoh in what you say you can run the whole nation. And so it is. Now the famine came, sure enough, but Joseph and others, they built stores, citizens saved up grain.

And the king said, now Joseph, you'll have cedar parceling this out and sending it to the people. And he did. But over in Palestine they had a drought also.

And Pharaoh and over there Jacob said, boys, he said we're in trouble. They tell me down in Egypt they've got bread and you take some money and take some almonds and some gifts for the Pharaoh and you go down and buy us some bread, buy us some grain. And they went.

And they went along and went over there. And so Joseph saw them and he remembered how they sold them as a slave. He said, you're a bunch of spies, aren't you? Come in and betray this country.

No, no, we're all good men. He said, we're the 12 of us boys. Well, one of them is gone, but there were 12 and one is not.

And we've got a younger fellow at home, Benjamin. He's a nice youngster, but Dad's just crazy about him. We couldn't bring him.

And he said, you'll never see my face unless you bring that younger brother. You've got to bring him down here. You've got to see him.

I believe you're lying to me you're spies. Oh, they said we're not. And so they got some grain and they went and found the money in their sacks and they were troubled.

And they went and left. Well, Jacob said, you've got to go back. You've got to go back and buy some more wheat.

We're all going to starve. And they said we can't go unless the boy Benjamin goes with us. This young fellow's got to go.

A man said they'd never let us see his face. We can't even see him unless we get that. And that money, they'll think we stole it.

They had the money back in our sacks and so on. And so Judas made a plan. Reuben said, I'll take care of him.

No, won't do it. He didn't trust Reuben. But they said in Genesis chapter 43 now, and listen to this, 43, listen to it now.

He said, Judas said to Israel, his father, send the lamb to me and we'll rise and go that we may live and not die. Both we and I and also our little ones, I'll be sure of it for him. Of my hands shall thou require him.

If I bring him not to thee and set him before thee, then let me bear the blame forever, for except we had languored it, now we'd return this second time. And the father Israel said to them, If it must be so now, do this. Take the best fruits in the land in your vessels and carry down the manna presents, a little balm, a little honey, spices and myrrh and nuts and almonds.

And take double money in your hands and the money that was bought again in the mouth of your sacks, carry it again in your hands. First we, perhaps as an oversight, take also your brother and arise and go again. And God Almighty give you mercy before the man that he misendeavors with your brother.

And Benjamin, if I be bereaved of my children, I am bereaved. Judas said, I'll be the blame forever if I don't bring him back to you, I promise you. Well, as soon as they went back down yonder and they came in before Joseph, and Joseph said, Have the fellows all come for dinner at my house.

So they had them all over there. Oh, they were glad to see him. And Benjamin said, Boy, they put the biggest platter of food before him, times as much as before anybody else.

And Joseph was glad to see his brethren. But he didn't tell them it was his brother he had for a while. And so now they sold him some grain.

And he went away. And Joseph called his shepherds and said, Listen, get a fast camel. Go get that crowd off.

And he was stopping. And he said, You bunch of thieves, which one of you stole that silver cup my master divine from? Oh, they said, I didn't do it, Reuben Levi. And they went right through and over and found out the last one, Benjamin, in his sack was a silver cup.

And Benjamin said, I don't know how that happened. Somebody slipped it in there. I didn't do it.

And the shepherds said, You crazy thief. Here, I'm going to take you back. We'll kill you.

You're taking the steal and this thing. He said, I didn't steal it. So they all went back.

My, what a glum bunch they were. And the older brother said, Oh, my, I kept thinking about Joseph. Seventeen years ago we brought him.

He cried and begged us, but we wouldn't let him go. And we sold him as a slave. Now we're going to have to pay for it.

But the God of the world got down there. And so they had dinner at the king's house, at Joseph's house. And now then Joseph came in.

And they said, I'm your brother. I'm Joseph. And they were surprised.

And he said, All right. I'll tell you what we'll do. I'm going to keep this young fellow who stole that silver cup.

They had taken it and slipped it into his sack and all. He didn't steal it. But I'm going to keep him as a slave.

The rest of them go home. Oh, they didn't want that. Benjamin, what will the old man say? And Judah said, I've got to talk to you.

Listen, I can't do that. I've got to talk to you. And he came to him.

And now in Genesis chapter 44 is this word. There's his word. He said to him, Now listen.

My father said he couldn't do it. And I said, I have to have him. And it shall come to pass when he sees the lad not with us that he'll die.

And thy servant shall bring down the great hairs of mine. As I served our father with sorrow to the grave. But thy servant became sure of thee for the lad to my father, saying, Now if I bring him not to thee, then I shall bear the blame to my father forever now.

Therefore I pray thee. He said, and I left thy servant to die. So I've got a family.

I don't care. Just let me stay here. I'll be a slave.

Put me in jail. Lose me a slave. Kill me.

But you've got to let that boy go, I promise. My father, I see he got home. I was sure of him.

I'll bear the blame forever if you don't let my brother go. And Joseph said, I'm Joseph, your brother. And he forgave the other things.

And they went. And he said, Well, I've got to bring Jacob and the family back down to Egypt. Oh, but I've often thought.

Isn't it a strange thing, Dr. Regal? There's ten chapters here about this story of Joseph. There must be some spiritual lesson in it then. And I think here's the key to the lesson of the whole thing.

Oh, Judah said, I'll bear the blame for it forever if I don't bring my brother back. I promised I'd be sure of him. Now here's the theme.

Winning your loved ones. Winning your loved ones. There's a Bible doctrine all through the Bible that you ought to win those next to you.

When the Great Commission was given in Luke chapter 24, the Scripture said, And it said, But it said, Oh, you've got to begin there, Jerusalem. You see, that's the place. You're Jerusalem where you better win souls.

Someone said, Oh, I'm subverting about people in China. Well, you can't do much for China. You better be doing something about people in Jacksonville, Florida.

And down here in Florida. That's your crowd. There's another word that comes up in the Bible a good many times.

To the Jew first. Also the Greek. Now, as Jewish mission fans, they like to say, Oh, God rather save a Jew than anybody.

No, you must take it to the means in kind. It means that chronologically the gospel came first to Jews. And if you're a Jew, all right, to the Jew first.

If you're a Gentile, to the Gentiles first. If you're in Jacksonville, Florida, Jacksonville first. Now, all the way through the Bible, that crops out.

And Jesus went over across the Sea of Galilee and over on the hills over there. There was a country of them out there, the Gadarenes. There was a maniac there.

What's your name? My name is Legion. I've got an army of devils in me. And Jesus cast out the devils.

Oh, before that, they couldn't bind him. He was a maniacal strength. And they'd put him in a jail.

He'd tear it down, change it, break them and so on. And cut himself with knives and howled in the night. And this devil possessed man.

And now then, the devil said, don't send us to hell. Let us get in that herd of swine. And they got in a whole bunch of hogs.

And 2,000 hogs committed hogicide. Ran down round in the sea and so on. And the keepers, they went down and told the bosses, all those pigs, they're all gone.

They're all down. Look at all that Mohawk bacon and Virginia hams and so forth. And gone, and your money's gone.

And they came out and they said, Jesus, why don't you leave here? He crawls in trouble. But they found the poor maniac sitting at the feet of Jesus and clothed in his ripe mind. You people down here in Florida, here's something you need to learn.

People get ripe, put on their clothes. Amen. That's right.

This fellow, he got ripe. He's clothed. He'd been naked.

Now he's clothed. And sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed in his ripe mind. And he said, Jesus, I won't go with you.

Here I've been. Nobody loved me and outcast and demon-possessed and so on. Now, Jesus, I want to go back with you and wherever you go and hear your preaching and help you.

He said, no. No. You go back to your own father's house.

You go back home and tell him where great things God has done for you there. And he did. He went back.

And all through Decapolis, he told it everywhere what God had done for him. Wouldn't you like to go on a traveling season? Oh, you go to your own home and make it ripe there and go tell people. You see, it's Bible truth that you always get your own.

That's the first one. Now, I want you to listen to this case. Here is Judas, accountable for his brother, his younger brother.

And so it often comes that way. You're accountable for your brothers. You know that.

I think that my two brothers, Dr. Bill Rice and Brother Joe Rice, both became advancers because I was. I remember that I loaned my brother, five dollars younger, Joe, to get married. It wasn't much.

I remember how earnest I heard these young fellows and got them to preaching and help them to lead singing and so on and taught them the Bible. And a man's accountable for his brothers. You know that.

So here's Judas, accountable for his brother, Benjamin. John the Baptist was preaching out by the River Jordan and suddenly he stopped and said, There he is, behold, the Lamb of the God, depicted in all the sacrifices. There he is, the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.

Two of John's disciples heard that and they just followed Jesus. And they said, Jesus, where did he go? He said, Go home with me. Come on, go see.

They went. They went home with him. And the scripture said one of those two that heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon, Peter's brother.

He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, We've found the Messiah. We've found him, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. We've found the Messiah.

And he brought him to Jesus. And Nathaniel brought his brother. That's right.

Andrew brought his brother. He said, Peter, behold, here's a great preacher. He preached at Pentecost and had 3,000 saved.

A great preacher. I know. But up in heaven when they go to giving off rewards and pinning on the pins, the Bible says, O day that turn men to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever and ever.

Amen. And they're going to call the name of Andrew. Step up here, Andrew.

Well, wait, Peter preached at Pentecost. I know, but Andrew won Peter. Amen.

Andrew won Peter. That's right. And so a brother ought to win his brother, oughtn't he? That's true in that case.

A brother ought to win his brother. Years ago I lived in Fort Worth. And then I moved to Dallas and started what's now the Galilean Baptist Church.

And a man in Fort Worth named Connor, a good friend of mine, bought me a suit. By the way, they tell me that they got a suit over yonder laying on the bed waiting for me. Right.

Oh, thank you, brother. This brother bought me a lovely suit. And one day after I moved to Dallas, he came over on Monday.

He said, Brother, I heard you preaching on the radio last night, midnight. And he said, You always set me on fire. You got me in such trouble.

And I said, What's that? You're preaching about the rich man in hell. And you said you're sure going to be to blame before God if your brothers go to hell. You're going to have to win your own brothers.

And he said, I've got one brother out here at Richardson. I got him saved. And they got a sister living over here north of Fort Worth and got her saved.

But he said, I got one other brother that lives out in California, mean as a devil, and drinks and cusses and won't listen to the gospel, won't go to church. And you say I've got to give an account if I don't win my brother. How am I going to win that brother? He won't listen to you.

I can't win him. What am I going to do? I said, Come on here. Let's have a prayer meeting about it.

So we knelt down in the tabernacle on the concrete floor and prayed. And I prayed, and he prayed, and I prayed, and he prayed, and I prayed, and he prayed. And I said, Now, wait, before you get off your knees, I want you to make God a vow.

What's that? I want you to promise God that you're going to pray every day for that brother. You select the time, and every day you pray for that brother's salvation. He said, All right.

He said, I get up at 6 o'clock every morning, and I'll get up at 5. From 5 to 6, I pray for my lost brother. I'll do that till he's saved, or till he dies, or till I die. I said, All right, that's good.

Now, wait. Now, another thing. I want you to promise God if he'll give you any kind of a chance, you'll press that boy to get him saved.

You'll go to your brother, and with earnest concern and tears, you'll get him saved. You'll say, God, help me, I will. And he said, I'll undertake it.

God, help me. So we got off our knees and went away. This was on Monday, as I remember.

And a strange thing happened on Thursday afternoon. There was a clatter of feet, footsteps on the porch, and somebody knocking. And there's a brother in his family from California.

Well, hello. Well, come in. Isn't this a surprise? What may--we never expect you to come home.

What will happen? He said, I just got home sick. I didn't see everybody. He told a strange story.

He said, I got to work Monday morning in a construction job. And he said, the first thing he knew, he said, somebody's tools got under the--all the shavings and so on and so on, and he couldn't find it. And he said, he cut the cabinet piece and sawed a nice, beautiful board, and he sawed the line out and made it too short.

He didn't mean to. And then he got the hammer, and he hit his thumb with the hammer, and he got so disgusted, he went to the boss and said, Boss, I want a week off. What's the matter? You're sick? He said, I'm home sick.

I want to go back to Fort Worth and see my folks. Well, he said, you'll be back a week from tomorrow? Yes, sir. All right.

All right, you can go. So he called his wife and said, get some--get some clothes in the car and get ready. Let's get the kids out of school.

What's the matter? We're going to Fort Worth, she said. He said, we don't have anything ready. She said, oh, well, that's all right.

We'll drive by. We'll pick up the kids. Get some clothes in the car.

And they set out to drive them 1,600 miles from Los Angeles back to Fort Worth, Lake of the Spirit. And they got there. And all of a sudden, the brother said, I'm so glad to see you.

He said, listen, these women talk, so you and I won't get a chance to talk. Ever seen the big highway out of Fort Worth, the Jacksburg Highway, the four-lane highway? We've got them everywhere now. Didn't then, now.

No, I never did see it. Come on, I want to show you. And that concrete bridge across Lake Worth? No, come on, I want to show you.

I want to talk to you anyhow. So they got in the car and drove out there and stopped the car by that bridge. And Connor said to his brother, you know how you came home? No, he said, I just got home sick and didn't feel like going home.

I had to see my folks. He said, you came home to get saved. Amen.

He said, last Monday, Brother Rice and I knelt and prayed and prayed. I promised God I'd pray for you to be saved. I'd pray every day I lived.

So I got up an hour early Tuesday morning, prayed now. Wednesday morning, prayed now. This morning, got up early and prayed now.

You know why you couldn't get home? I got up early and prayed now. Yes, sir. Glory to God.

Glory to God. It's true. About marriage, the Scripture says, if you got a lost husband, don't leave him.

Who knows, maybe you'll win your husband, the Scripture says. God intends a woman to win her husband. That tender love, the most unselfish and tender of all human affection between a husband and wife.

Oh, that ought to be used to win the loved one, ought to be. Don't you know it ought to? I preached one night and had a wonderful crowd down there under three doors, three seats, and back was a man who had sat next to his wife. And he didn't come to the invitation, and I stepped back there to him and said, You ought to come.

You're in Paris Grey. You're up in your 60s, so you ought to come. No, can't do it now, no.

I tried to win him, and he wouldn't listen to me. And as I turned to go to his wife, I heard her. She was holding on to his arm.

And she said, Oh, Jim, Jim, why didn't you go, Jim? Why didn't you go? And I turned to come to the pulpit, and I got down here, and he was right my steps behind me. Ah, woman ought to win her husband. Woman ought to win her husband.

You know, sure ought to. You ought to answer to God for it, that tender affection. The man will take you and take you, he'll give you his name, and may you be the mother of his children and live in his home, and he supports you and all that and loves you, and you let him go to hell.

You're going to answer to God for that. A wife ought to win her husband. Well, let's see.

A father ought to win his sons. A father ought to win his children. You know, that comes up pretty easy.

I'm thinking about 16th chapter of Acts in the jailer. I like that. I like that.

And Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises to God, and the prisoners heard them, and earthquakes shook the old thing nearly down, and the jailer came and said, What must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and I shall be saved. And he said, The same thing will work for your family, all your house. I do know the Bible doesn't give the details, but there are some there.

But he went and got them. And the same hour of the night they all believed. Some of you, it takes you years to get your family saved.

This fellow didn't. He got his that night. Same hour of the night.

You know a man sure ought to get his family. I was in a meeting up yonder in Pennsylvania, a statewide campaign, all five or six churches together, and I had with me Grace, and my daughter is a pianist now, Bill Mann is an advanced man, Mr. Biola, my secretary, and a blessed time. And I spoke one Sunday afternoon on the sins of men, the sins of men.

And I bore down, and of all the sins, not only drunkenness and cursing and such matters, but I bore down on the sin of a man who lets his family go to hell. You're accountable for your family, and you want to answer to God for it. I bore down that day.

I left the pulpit and had the benediction. Went out and shone at the door, and I saw a man. A man got his topcoat, and it reached in a pocket, and he got a can of tobacco.

And he sailed it out, shone it, went spewing tobacco across the street till he hit the curb. The other hand, he got a meerschaum pipe, and on that concrete, he threw it down till it hit a thousand pieces. And drew his arm across his eyes like that.

I saw him walking down there under his great tall fellow, and, boy, he sure stepped in. You could step nearly four feet in his shrine. You could tell he had something on his mind.

And I said to the old man, I'll bet something happened to that man's house. And it did. It did this Sunday afternoon.

And then, thereto, that man came and said, You're going to have to come to my house for dinner tomorrow night. I said, I can't either. Yes, you've got to go to my house.

I've got to have you at my house. All right, so I went there. He wanted me to meet his whole family.

I had my picture taken, and Bill, and Dr. Harry Clark's picture taken, with nine, a son, sons-in-law, and his brothers. He got saved. Next Sunday, he had two more of them saved.

Yeah, that's the way. That's the way. I was at Sherman.

A woman came one day and said, Brother, I, she said, I'm in trouble. Can you help me? I said, what's that? I found a funny thing. She'd been reading the Old Testament in the 11th chapter, over on the 11th chapter, Leviticus, and all those animals.

You're not to eat this, the kite, and the raven, and so on, and you're not to eat pork, and so on, so on. And she said, Brother, every time I try to get right, I find I'm doing something wrong. And she said, Can you tell me how to get saved so I'll know it? And I said, I sure can.

She said, All right, will you come to my house this afternoon at one o'clock? At one-thirty it was. And I said, Yes, I didn't want to do that until I got there. I drove down to her house and found both sides of the street lined with cars.

I went in, and she heard she got all the kind of folks she could get in touch with. The whole band was in there. And I talked to them.

Well, there were 11 of them saved that day, and I baptized a little later. Had two more saved a little bit later. You know, you ought to get your family saved.

What do you think of family ties? Mother's love and Dad's love and brothers and sisters. Don't you know? Oh, how responsible that is. You know, Mother, I ought to get her children saved.

Yesterday morning I preached in Roswell, Georgia, and after the service a lovely woman came to see me. And with her was a 13-year-old adopted daughter. She looked like a young lady, but she was only 13.

But I happened to ask her, I said, Are you saved? She said, No. I said, Well, are you not? She said, No, I'm not. And the mother said, I never talked to her about it.

She said, I felt maybe I'd over-influence her and she'd do it just to please me, and I didn't. That's not a good excuse. But I talked to her a little bit, and I said, Now, listen, you know then you've heard the gospel.

Yes. You know you're a sinner. We're all sinners.

Yes. You know Jesus Christ died to save sinners. Yes, sir.

And I said, You know, he said, Whosoever puts his trust in him or believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life. And he said, Whosoever called upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. I said, Suppose we bow our head right here, and if I prayed, and I asked the Lord Jesus, Will you come into this girl's heart? And will you forgive her and save her right now? I said, If you wanted that in your heart, the Lord would know it, wouldn't he? He said, Yes.

I said, All right. Will you, in your heart, will you tell him, Yes, Jesus, please do? He said, Yes, sir. So a 13-year-old girl was wonderfully saved.

Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord. Yesterday morning.

That's the way it ought to be. You know, a Syro-Phoenician woman, she brought, said, Jesus, have mercy on me. Have mercy.

What's the matter? My daughter, she's grievous. She begs for the devil. Oh, she said, Have mercy on me.

Mother ought to be saying, God, be merciful. Don't let my girl go to hell. My boy.

Mother ought to win. Her love runs. You know that? Ought to win, you kids.

Sure ought. In Chamberlain, Texas, there across the corner from us lived a Methodist family. A little girl, a beautiful blonde girl.

They called her Goldie. And 1670, yes, and she and O'Neill O'Brien sang duets together. And they come visit our church and young people.

And then suddenly a strange thing, a galloping pneumonia. And Goldie was taken sick in Bed-Past. And in two days she suddenly died.

I said to my wife, I don't think the Methodists passed her mind. They're friends. And so I'm going over to see the family.

I'm going over to see the family. And the married sister was in the front room there with the casket open. And she was there and opened the door for me.

And she said, Come in, Dr. Rice, my brother Rice. And she said, Brother Rice, Goldie won't talk to me. I said, See, he said.

And she went over to the casket and patted her cold face and said, Goldie, come on, speak to sister, honey. Won't you talk to sister? She said, She won't talk to me. I went in the room where the mother lay sobbing in the bed and some good Christian women sat about.

I went in and I said to her, Now, you need not weep like those who have no hope. And I said, Goldie was a Christian. She's gone to heaven.

You can see her again. She said, How do you know she's a Christian? I said, Because I asked her. I asked her one day.

She said, Yes, she was. And one of the women spoke up and said, Didn't you know in the Methodist revival here, a song leader had a young people's meeting and Goldie was saved and came out and claimed an openness? She said, No, I didn't know it. Oh, this mother said I thought she was going to hell.

She would have been if nobody cared more than that mother did about it. She would have been. You're going to answer God for your family and all that.

You'd better take it to heart. You'd better answer God. Maybe you came to the kingdom for such a time as this.

You'd better win your love until you find your family. Send your friends, too. Have you got a friend? I was in Danville, Virginia.

It was Brother Barbershirt speaking there. And I preached on so many. And a woman came and said, Brother, I've got a neighbor, and I love her so much.

She's such a wonderful and nice woman, but she's not saved. And I hope I can get her saved. I said, Bring her to me.

Do it tonight. Don't wait. That night she came and sat close by.

She brought her pencil. I said, Brother, this is my friend. And I said to the lady, Did she tell you she wasn't going to be saved? She said, Yes, she did.

Well, I said, Isn't this a good time for her to tell you she's saved? Yes, she is. And we prayed, and she was wonderfully saved. In the same day, there were some boys.

Three boys came in and sat together. And I called them over. I said, Hey, boys, come here.

And I said, How old are you? Trevi is old. How old are you? I'm Trevi is old. How old are you? I'm 11 years old.

Are you a Christian? I said, Trevi, old boy. He said, Yes, I'm a Christian. Yes, I'm a Christian.

I said, 11-year-old boy, are you a Christian? They said, No, he ain't. That's why we brought him today, to get him saved. Amen.

Amen. And I said, Well, that's fine. Let's get that settled before anything else.

I'll preach a sermon, but let's get this thing settled. And the boy came, and we asked the Lord. He was wonderfully saved.

He sat back with his good friends that wanted him saved. You know, sure is good to have a friend that loves you and doesn't want you to go to hell. You know that? You know that? I'm wondering how many here have some good friend that loves you and trusts you, but they're not saved.

Let's see your hand. Oh, my. Do you? Oh, my goodness.

How are you going to sleep tonight if they're not saved? I better go. I was in Matlin, Ohio, at a conference. I spoke on a soul wedding, and a man came and told us that my mother, 67 years old, is not saved.

Where does she live? She lives here in Matlin. I said, Let's go get her. Went over there that afternoon, and this mother wonderfully saved.

Amen. That's right. I was in Strong, Texas, and preached on a soul wedding, and a lovely service.

After the service one night, one man said, My old father, great father is not saved. He said, I said, Where is he? Oh, he lives over there in a certain place, and so on. He's in bed now.

I said, Let's go. We went and woke him up. We woke him up, and got him saved right there.

That's the way it ought to be. I was in Paris, Texas, at a tent revival campaign. One church baptized 100 converts out of that meeting.

I remember one night, one woman had been saved, wonderfully saved. I said to her, I said, What about your family? I've just got a boy, 16. That's all I got.

I said, Is he saved? She said, No, but he's a good boy. I said, Get him out of church and get him saved here at the meeting. She said, No, he delivers for a drugstore every night, but Saturday night.

That's the only chance you've got a chance. I said, You better get him here and get him saved. She said, Oh, he'll be saved.

I said, I know. He's a good boy. He'll be saved.

One night, 11 o'clock at night, I was at home where I was staying. The telephone rang. They said, Brother Rice there? Yes.

I went to the phone. She said, Oh, Brother Rice, I've got to see you. Get dressed and come out the gate.

I'll be right there in a minute. I want to see you. I've got to talk to you.

I got dressed and went out there in the dark. At 11 o'clock, the car drove up there past 11 o'clock. She said, Get in, Brother.

The car skidded to a stop. She said, Get in. Get in.

I got in the car. What's about? She didn't tell me. She drove out and out on the highway.

The tires creaked. They just spread on two wheels and down. They just ripped the pedal down to the floor.

Here we were, rushing across town with a strange woman. I didn't know what she wanted. She got a person to talk, for sobbing.

She said, My boy, you've been out delivering for the drug store. I said, Down under the trees on the sidewalk. I said, A black-footed spider slipped down his neck and bit him, and he nearly died.

She said, We've been to the doctor there. We got him under sedation. We think he'll live now.

But, oh, boy, she said, If my boy died and I hadn't got him saved, what would I do? You've got to come and get my boy saved. And they had the boy under sedation, you know, and pretty well asleep. So she back-slapped his jaws and shook him and said, Sit up.

Sit up. You've got to sit up. Sit up.

Listen to Brother Rice now. And dead. And they got him saved.

Oh, yes. Up in Hastings, Minnesota, I was staying in a nice home in the afternoon. I was servicing morning and night.

In the afternoon, a man came and knocked on the door, a Jehovah Witness. And he said, I'm a Jehovah Witness. I want to give you some literature and so-and-so.

I said, Are you a Jehovah Witness? Sure not. Yes, I am. I said, I am, too.

I'm a real witness for Jehovah. I said, You've been born again? He said, Born again? What's that? I said, What do you mean? I was here knocking on doors, talking about you, a Jehovah Witness. You don't even know what born again is.

I turned to the third chapter of John and went into it and how contrite he was and humbled and how he listened and prayed God to forgive him and save. He said, Wait a minute. And outside, this boy down there, 12 years old, was on the other side of the street.

He said, Hey, Bill, come here. Well, wait till I get. No, wait for him.

Come on up here. Come on. And he said, I want you to sit and listen to this fellow.

And he made that prayer. Well, boy, stand right up there. And the boy was a little bit, he was taking a heart test, Jehovah Witness, but the father said, No, sir.

You've got to get born again. And he stayed there till that boy got born again. A man ought to win his family, oughtn't he? Amen.

A wife ought to win her husband. You ought to win your loved ones, oughtn't you? How many here are born again, Christian? Let's see your hand. Hold your hand high.

Born again, Christian? That's wonderful. Thank you. How many have a mother or a father unsaved? May I see your hand just a moment? Oh, my.

But you don't mind your mother burning in hell, do you? I don't see how you can sleep at night. I don't see why you sit down to a meal at all. Loved ones unsaved.

How many got children? We'll say children. Oh, anywhere. Oh, seven or eight years older, older.

Unsaved children. Let's see your hand. Have you? Have you? Children unsaved? You sure better get busy with that, haven't you? That's right.

Our dear Father, put it in our hearts to do what you want us to do. I want to hear after this service that many a man goes and gets his brother like Connor got his brother. Oh, Jesus, help the people get loved and saved while they can, we pray.

Amen.

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