

The Hurting Home

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The sermon 'The Hurting Home' emphasizes the importance of following God and seeking His forgiveness, even in the face of family division and conflict.

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Scripture: Psalm 55:22, Isaiah 41:10, Philipians 4:6-7, 1 Peter 5:7

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Description

This sermon emphasizes the challenges faced when loved ones reject God, causing deep grief and despair. It highlights the need to renew faith, trust in God, and cast burdens upon Him, especially when family members become enemies of the faith. The speaker urges listeners to seek restoration, joy, and peace in God, even amidst trials and sorrows.

Transcript

Because the verses I'm going to read to you, you all know, and I'm going to read from a few passages in the Bible. But instead of you going back and forward, perhaps you should just listen, because I know you know these verses. Only I'd like you to listen to them from your heart and ask God as we listen, what is it that God would say to us as his people through these words that are staggering words, but that we're all conscious are in the Bible and perhaps seldom ever preached about, for I've certainly never heard a man preach in the 33 years that I've been saved on these verses.

But I'd like you to ask your heart and ask God to speak to your hearts through them. Will you listen carefully to the word of God? The first is in Micah in the Old Testament, Micah chapter 7 from verse 5, where God says, Trust ye not in a friend, put ye not confidence in a guide, keep the doors of thy mouth, keep the doors of thy mouth from her that lieth in thy bosom, keep the doors of thy mouth from her that lieth in thy bosom. What is God saying here? For the son dishonoreth the father, the son dishonoreth the father, the daughter rises up, rises up against her mother, the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.

A man's enemies are the men of his own house. A man's enemies are the men of his own house. What is God saying here? You'll find if you turn to the New Testament that these verses are spoken by Christ, referred to back to Micah again and again.

Christ refers to these verses, but He adds somehow more meaning to them, though we know He's referring to them. And I'd like you to listen to what Christ now takes of what Micah was speaking of with

the New Testament dispensation in mind, with the effect of the gospel in the home. What would happen in homes? Now Christ elaborates, and He says in Matthew 10, from verse 32, Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

But whosoever shall deny me before men, him also will I deny before my Father which is in heaven. Think not that I am come to send peace on the earth. I am not come to send peace but a sword.

What is God saying here? I am not come to send peace but a sword. I am come to set a man at variance against his father and the daughter against her mother, the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a man's foes, a man's foes shall be they of his own household.

But he that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me. And he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross and followeth after me is not worthy of me.

He that findeth his life shall lose it, and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it. He that receiveth you receiveth me. He that receiveth you receiveth me.

What is God saying to us here? These words are strong and hard for us to follow. Then Jesus says again, quoted by Luke, Luke now in chapter 12, he says in verse 49 of what Christ said, I am come to send fire on the earth. What will I if it already be kindled but I have a baptism to be baptized with? And how am I straightened or kept from it till it be accomplished? Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on the earth, I tell you no, but rather division.

For wherefrom henceforth there shall be five in one house divided, three against two, two against three. The father shall be divided against the son, the son against the father, the mother against her daughter, the daughter-in-law against the mother, the mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law. Oh, now one more verse, one more verse, and this is the hardest to hear from Christ's lips concerning these things.

In Luke 14 verse 26 Jesus says, if any man, if any man come to me and hate not his father. Did Jesus say that? Why? Why? If any man come to me and hate not his father and mother and wife and children and brethren and sisters, yea, yea, and his own life also, he cannot, he cannot be my disciple. For whosoever doth not bear his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple, cannot be my disciple.

Many, many families like mine, many families like mine, when one member is converted, they all open their hearts, they all open their hearts to God and they follow till eventually, like my family, they all are saved, they all find Christ and they become united in Christ. Our family was divided, our family was destroyed, our family was so crushed and ruined, we were divided through sin, but Christ united us when one member came until all followed and became united. We found each other, we found oneness when Christ saved us, but, but what of the many homes, the families where the husbands or the wives or the children refuse to follow those who love Christ? They refuse to seek God to save them and to follow God.

What of the many homes that are tragically divided and split apart to those who will not follow God, who will not follow God? I think if a person is kept back from seeking God to save their souls, I think if a person is kept back by their families from seeking God's salvation, it is wrong, it is wrong to allow your families, if your family would stop you from going through with carbs, then even if it means, even if it means that they eventually will look upon you as their enemy, even if they would treat you eventually as their enemy, as you go with carbs and they'll go with the devil, even if it means that eventually they will treat you as their

enemy, you must be willing to bear that cross, no matter how hard it is to bear that cross, no matter how painful it is, perhaps till the day you die, but don't let them keep you from seeking God while he may be found. Before it's too late, eternity will never end, eternity will never cease, don't allow your family, even if you love them more than life, don't allow them to keep you from eternal life, don't allow them to keep you back from going through with God, even if they turn on you and you lose their love and they treat you like an enemy till the day you die, don't, don't allow them to keep you from seeking God while he may be found. Before it's too late, before it's too late, when I, when I was a young boy, my father built us a home overlooking a very wide valley and our neighbor, our neighbor who lived below our house down in the valley, we all just saw the rooftop of his home, this man, his name was Roy, Roy Whip, Uncle Roy Whip we called him, he was a strange man, he was a British type of man, very dignified, upright, he looked like he was marching in an army when he walked, you know, he really was something different, a unique character.

Very different to my father, we had very little to do with him because my father wasn't like that, so we didn't know much of our neighbor, but we knew enough as the years went by, we had enough dealings and eventually when I was 13 years old, my father left our home, left our hometown where I was born and he took us to the big city in South Africa where the gold was, where there was the money and he wanted to get money and he wanted to prosper and he thought happiness lay in prosperity, in having wealth, so he left home for smaller city, for this large city where it was just a rat race after money and we lost contact with his neighbor, Roy Whip, we never heard of him again, never heard from him again or about him, but in Johannesburg where all the wealth was, our lives were just falling

apart as a family, we just were devoured by sin and the world, oh we just lay in ruins until one day God stepped in and saved my home, he saved us and united us and brought us all through to God and healed us as a whole and soon my brother and I, we went out to preach for Christ, we sold the businesses, we had one thing in our heart to tell the world of Jesus, once God laid his hands upon us to preach and I was a young preacher going around in a suitcase soon, town after town, all I wanted was that suitcase, that was my home, that was my wardrobe, that was my complete home, I didn't want anything more, I just went from town and when I finished in that town, all I wanted to do was get to the next town to just preach, I had nothing of being settled and so as I was traveling around as a

young preacher, living out of the suitcase, just longing to get to the next town to preach the gospel of Christ, I was preaching in one town when after the meeting suddenly a man walked up to me through all the crowds and as I saw this man, you can't miss him, this was uncle Roy Whipp, the neighbor, you can't miss the way he walked, oh he'd aged, years had passed since he saw me when I was a little boy and he came, the tears started coming down his face as he stood looking at me and I left the people I was speaking to and just made my way through the people to get to him and I said uncle Roy Whipp and he looked at me with the tears coming down his face and he said, they told me that I must come and hear this young fellow preaching called Keith Daniel and he said Keith Daniel, that name I

know, could that be that naughty child that used to throw rocks onto my roof and I nearly died every time we just heard these thuds on the roof and I'd say that's that Keith Daniel and I was scared of his father, his father didn't like me so I couldn't go and report you to your father and he said lo and behold it is you and he said you're saved and you're preaching, praise God he said and he had these tears just pouring down his face and he put his arms around me and I said after a while uncle Roy isn't it wonderful that you're saved, that you love God, that since we all parted and came up I was saved, my whole family came to God, my father, my mother and now to find that you're saved and your family is your family's your wife

saved uncle Roy and suddenly his head went down and the smile

went off his face and then he took me by the arm and just led me and sat me down and he began to weep and after a while when he composed himself he said Keith I'm so ashamed about my wife, he says you will remember she was a lady, she was a lady who demanded respect, she was such a lady and such a good home but when you people left it was shortly after that she began to get depressed and these fits of heavy depression and self-destruction just fell upon her I couldn't help her we tried to get help eventually she took to alcohol for drinking and she became an alcoholic and we found her lying drunk with all the sorrows this depressiveness that just seemed to come upon her like waves she just had sorrow in life and emptiness and I I was blaming myself and we were as a home just went into

darkness of sorrow when we saw her lying drunk we forbade drink in our home we forbade people to let drink near her but somehow we would still find her lying drunk she somehow got people passing drink through the window and she'd pay them we couldn't keep her she just lay drunk and my heart just broke Keith our lives just went into despair we put her into homes to try and help her to get off the alcohol we put her under all sorts of treatments but nothing helped she just was worse days after she came back but then one day Keith she turned to me and she said staggering words she said to me I need God and I looked at her she said I need God I cannot help myself no one can help me but God can help me I need God's help she said these neighbors are Baptist people they go to a church called the

Baptist church and I want you to take me to their church because they have something that other people don't have I've watched them everyone calls themselves Christians here but these people have something we don't have and I want what they've got I need their God I need God and I want you to take me to their church they've spoken to me they've invited me to come to the church and I want you to arrange I want you to take me to the Baptist church these people's church I need their God I need God and I looked at her Uncle Roy said and I said no over my dead body will you become religious I won't let you follow these people and become religious fanatics like they are I don't want that I don't want that in my home I couldn't bear that I said I won't take you to that church I don't want you to

become like these people and my wife looked at me for a while then she walked away from me she took a gun put it to her head she lay dead and Keith when she died I died I couldn't believe that is what she would do she had no more hope and I stopped her from finding God and then Keith I bolted the doors and I just wanted to die I had nothing to live for and I had one thing in my mind I'm going to die I didn't eat I locked the doors I wouldn't let anyone in weeks weeks later they smashed the doors down they smashed through the door there I was on the ground unable to stand unable to crawl I was dying they rushed me to hospital they put tubes in me somehow they revived me you know who passed the door down Keith the baptists the neighbors they sat there and told me that I need Jesus Christ to

save my soul and I said my wife wanted your God my wife saw that you were different and she wanted what you've got she wanted me to take her to your church and I stopped her I told her no over my dead body will you become like these people and look what happened to her look what I've done to her I kept her from God and these people looked at me weeping what I said and they said to me God will forgive you you need to seek his salvation he will forgive you and you will need to forgive yourself you need to forgive yourself for what you've done Keith I listened to their explanation of how to be saved for eternity and forgiven that your soul is for eternity saved and I embraced it with all my heart to be forgiven by God and to find forgiveness and God saved me Keith oh I've no doubt as I cried

out in brokenness for mercy for my life and my sins that God saved me but Keith I can't forgive myself I can't forgive myself for what I did to my wife you see Keith she wanted God and where is she now I kept her from God I found God now but where is she where will she be for eternity there is not a day that I do not weep though I'm saved for what I did to my wife's soul for eternity I was preaching in a city where in the front row was a woman and her son little boy probably about 13 years old but why I noticed her face and her son was as I preached every night night after night there they were sitting in the same seat and as I preached they were drinking drinking like hanging on to every word they just wanted what God could say to their hearts as mother and their son and I noticed the

joy the tears hanging on to anything God could say to them but one night one night I stopped preaching when I looked down at them because her face was battered and bruised her eyes were swollen and closed and tears were coming down her face as she looked down not looking up at me while I preached and I looked at her son and his face was hurt his eyes were swollen and he was weeping and not looking up at me while I preached and I could hardly preach at the end of that sermon I pushed past the others who wanted to see me and I got to this lady and I said who did this to you who did this to you and she said my husband I said why and she began to weep and she said because we've been coming to hear you preach sir he did this to me and my son he hates God he hates God and he beat this boy while

I tried to stop him beating the boy when we got home last night and as he beat the boy he cried I'll beat God out of you I'll beat God out of you and he hit him I'll beat God out of you you won't be like your mother you won't become religious you won't follow the God of your mother I'll beat him out of you and he beat him what happened to that boy wasn't long that boy was in jail stealing cars dealing with drugs and then worse things back in jail back in jail and that family was shamed and that father was broken and crushed in shame of that boy's life and I sent a message to that father I may send a message to him through uncle Roy who knew him and I said to him what did you want when you said I'll beat God out of you what did you want from his life when you said I beat God out of you but

you won't follow them what did you expect you got what you wanted a child that turned his back on God forever you've got what you wanted sir he would never see me that man when he lay dying a short while after that I sent another message to that man again through uncle Roy and that man was dying and almost his last words were these words I won't tell you what the message was that I sent him I didn't rebuke him but I sent a message to him because he wouldn't see me and as he lay dying he said these words after hearing what I said he said oh God what have I done what have I done I have destroyed everything in life I have destroyed everything in life you will die with those words if you keep your children from seeking God maybe not with your lips but your heart I guarantee you will cry out

those words so loud when I was saved young Christian we went to prayer meetings Bible studies and there was a missionary woman in Africa who came back off the field she still was serving God but she was a broken woman and she was always weeping and I when I was saved suddenly found a compassion I didn't have it before I was saved but if somebody was hurting I began hurting with them and right away I looked at her always somehow the tears were coming down when she sat alone and I walked up to her one day and said lady why why do you always weep why can you tell me why do you always weep she looked at me strangely and she said oh my boy I have much to grieve over though I'm saved she said when I was unsaved I lived in a very wealthy home amongst the wealthiest of this land we were wealthy

wealthy people but when I heard the gospel and I heard the demands of Christ on my life I I didn't hesitate I just chose Christ and embraced his gospel and himself to save me with all my heart not knowing not

knowing what it would cost me to do that she said but my husband when I gave my life to Christ my husband became angry when he saw the change in my life in my convictions and the things I valued and treasured suddenly that I'd never treasured before and the things I treasured before suddenly lost all their value and my husband looked in anger and he said I don't want you to be religious I don't want you to be a Christian I want you to stop this now and I said I can't and my husband said to me you will choose Christ or me and you will make the decision right now this moment choose

Christ or choose me and I looked at him and I couldn't believe what he was saying but I said I have to choose Christ I have to choose Christ then and my husband took me and pushed me out of the door and slapped me and he cried out he cried out later to me you will never come back in this home again till the day you die I will divorce you I will I will keep the children from seeing you I don't want you influencing them with this fanaticism I will get a divorce and I said to my husband no you won't you can throw me out but I will never consent to divorce I will never ever allow you to divorce me no matter what you do I will never give you a divorce because I want to win you I'm going to pray for God to win you to Christ and the children and you're going to take me back and we're going to

serve God together but I will never give you a divorce I will never divorce you do you know what he did my boy my husband got a lawyer soon a good lawyer and you know in that court case with that lawyer said to the judge my husband called me insane I had become insane that religion had made me insane and this lawyer quoted things I had said to my husband to others that heard of what God had done in my heart and why I was changed and what God required of me and you know that the judge listened to these things and the judge agreed I had become insane and he divorced us he gave my husband his divorce because I'm insane for becoming a Christian even the judge agreed do you know what Isaiah says concerning the gospel dispensation concerning the effect of the gospel of those who would turn from

sin and change and become new creatures in Christ and turn away from a life of evil because of Christ's demand on the heart you know what Isaiah says concerning the effect of the gospel and those who turn from evil to Christ in repentance listen carefully he says in Isaiah 59 15 he that departeth from evil as a result of the gospel maketh himself a prey but if you look in the margin of any good King James Bible you'll find the Hebrew literally means will be accounted as mad he would be looked upon as mad for coming to God through Christ but it's a tragedy when it starts in the home it's a tragedy when in the home they look upon you as mad that's a cross to bear that's a cross many many multitudes of people have to bear there's a verse in the Bible that I love you know Galatians 6 14 where

Paul said these staggering words God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ God forbid that I should glory there's nothing I can glory in but the cross of Christ there's nothing I can come to your country and commend myself and impress you with qualifications or degrees that go out the door like many of your preachers can there's nothing I can impress you with sir apart from the cross of Christ I have nothing to show of any value in man's esteem but I don't want anything but the cross of Christ the glory and I don't want anything that could impress anyone apart from that I've embraced the cross and its effect on my life God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ by whom the world is crucified unto me and I unto the world have

you ever thought of those words by whom the world is crucified unto me and I unto the world the cross of Christ if it has had any effect of you in truth the world is crucified unto you and you're crucified unto the world suddenly the things that once held you in grip you've lost their grip suddenly they have no hold on you the things you chiseled for entertainment the places you couldn't miss the programs on a television

you wouldn't miss suddenly their defilement when the work of the cross the world becomes crucified it's like a it dies its effect its hold on you the things you chisel you chisel no more that is how the world out the world holds you but then don't stop there because of the effect of the cross the world becomes crucified unto you you become crucified unto the world and it

starts in the home the world in the home suddenly you because suddenly you don't want the things they want you don't sit there gripped at the same evil moral decadent things on the television you don't want to go to frequent the places your family who hasn't followed Christ still want to frequent and they know you're agonizing you're grieving you cannot sit with them you're on your knees weeping and they become crucified unto you they feel uncomfortable they feel condemned and they don't want to be with you they don't want your opinion you die as it were to them your opinion dies it is a staggering thing when you in your own home they crucify you you become dead as it were it dies they die they're longing to be with you because they feel condemned by you oh it's a terrifying thing when it

starts in the home and it starts in the home not out there not out there the world in the home that doesn't come to Christ you become as dead to them do you know one day i had a knocking on my door and outside of the door stood two poorly men i mean poorly men poorly dressed humble men from a poorly area in our city poorly men and i looked at these two men they said sir we have heard you preaching we heard you preaching the last week in this church and we found out your address because this brother and i we felt led of God to bring you this and they held out to me an envelope and in the envelope there was some money from these poor men they both said God God really impressed it upon our hearts that we bring you this money that we give you this money sir and i thanked them profusely for

their kindness and then they wanted to go and i said don't go come in my home come in my home i want to fellowship with you i want you to tell me about your love for Christ i want to get to know you i don't want you to travel from the other side of the city which is hours away where they stay and then just go away come come in my home and they were reluctant so i said please give me the privilege of having you in my home don't go i want you to come and sit and have a cup of tea with me i want to share and i want you to share with me in fellowship so they came in my home they sat in my lounge they looked at my furniture we haven't bought a thing my wife and i everything we inherited or were given missionaries don't buy things in africa but they looked at all that had been given to me and i

saw them looking around at the furniture and the little gifts that people have given me from all over and after a while i said to them tell me about your life tell me how you came to god i want to know and this man looked at me for a while and he said we're both muslim from islam we were born in muslim families raised muslims and when i came to jesus christ and gave my life to christ they had a burial service for me they had a coffin made and in our religious house where the muslims gathered all my family gathered my children my wife my father my mother my friends i was thrown out i was told by the priests you won't see your wife again you won't be allowed to see your children again you won't influence them with this christianity because i was so through with god and you don't argue with

these people sir you don't argue with these people i knew i wasn't going to see my wife or children again i was thrown out into the street i lost my work everything no one wanted to speak to me again while i lived i had died to them and i stood outside i stood outside of this building while they had this burial service for me as my children sat there and buried their father i died though i was standing outside of the building they buried me as a family and i said did you ever see your children again did you ever see them again he said oh yes every day i would go early stand at the block on my way to work i'd stand at the corner and look up

at the house and through the years after years after years i watched my children grow as they went to school and get in the cars they walked from their

door to the car i watched them leaving school when they were grown up and going to the workplace i saw my family from the corner i said you never spoke to them again no i've never ever said one word again to my children though they were small and now they're men and women did they know you were standing there i say yes he said i know they knew i was there every day but they never looked at me again apart from my son once in all the years only one of my children looked at me once he turned and he looked and then he got in the car he never looked again otherwise they've never looked at me or acknowledged that i'm alive again since i came to christ i said and you were willing willing you were willing to pay that price to follow jesus you were willing that your children and your wife never

ever looked at you again you were willing to pay that price to follow christ i sat there listening to him thinking to myself god what what price what did it cost me ever to be saved when i look at what it costs this man i said you're willing you were willing for that cost to pay that price to follow jesus he looked at me amazed for a moment tears coming down his face and he said oh sir when you look at what jesus did for me on the cross when you look at the sacrifice jesus made for my soul and paid for my sin that i could be saved for eternity nothing i do could be regarded as a sacrifice and you cannot say no to god's salvation eternity never ends sir even if you have to lose every one in your home to be able to be saved for eternity you dare not turn your back on god's salvation no

matter what happens you cannot say no to god offering you eternal life how can you embrace your home and go to hell for eternity he turned and he looked at this other man sitting there his brother he said this man has gone through the same thing they've never once acknowledged he's alive again since he came to jesus i believe it's a terrible terrible cross to bear when the world is crucified unto you and you unto the world when the world in your home you're dead you're as good as dead when you come to christ you died if they don't want to follow god you died but don't don't think that the muslims and the jews many of them who also throw their children out or their wives out if they come to jesus christ and have nothing to do with them or won't allow them to influence don't think they're

the only ones who die who have burials many many of the western homes believe me when a man or woman or child comes to christ they die maybe they're not given a coffin and maybe they don't go to the streams the muslims go to if someone comes to christ but the man pays the same price in a way if you think of it sir i wonder what's more cruel to be living in your home with a family that hates you that treats you as enemy sir you don't know what an enemy is until your father beats you like no other man will ever beat you on earth and beats your mother like no other man in his evilness would ever have anger enough you don't know what an enemy is until your father becomes your enemy until your wife becomes your enemy you don't know what an enemy is because no one can hurt you as much as the

enemies that stay in your home though you live there and will not acknowledge or want your your regard or your opinion and despise your words and despise you and your standard and anything you try and impress on them they hate oh it's a cross to bear whether you're buried by muslims or buried in your home in the hearts of those who want the devil do you remember eli he was a godly man but his sons were wicked it wasn't because eli was wicked that his sons were wicked maybe he doesn't discipline them as he ought to but eli was a godly holy man don't doubt it and in spite of being godly and holy his sons were wicked they weren't just a little bit wicked it doesn't mean because you're godly that your whole family will follow god david was a man after god's own heart no other man on earth did

god ever say that about but even if you're a man after god's own heart there's such a thing as the darling of your home epsilon was the darling of them he was the joseph of david's home the spoiled one do you know that darling epsilon the darling of david's heart hated his father so much he was so wicked he hated his father so much that all he lived for was to destroy his father's integrity destroy his father's the trust in people everything any affection he showed david was like judas betraying christ with a kiss it was a betrayal there was no truth in his love for him cain killed abel do you think the enemies in the home came only later on when jesus came no do you know why cain killed abel the only time god tells us how god looked at it why cain killed his brother because his own works

were evil and his brothers righteous you become righteous and you find enemies are within their own home right in their own home the enemies are the men of his own household you don't know what an enemy is sir until you find your enemies in your home whether it's your wife or your son or your father what do we do what do we do when those of our home will not follow god and become our enemies because they want to follow evil and the devil what do we do in what christ said and tell me i hope you know jesus was not cruel in saying these words no one ever wept or grieved over having to say words as christ saying these words he wasn't telling us to hate our fathers and our mothers it grieved his soul to have to warn us to tell us you may have to find that the enemies are your own family for

you to have to take up the cross and find me but don't don't love them more than me that's all he was telling but oh his brokenness and telling us in telling those who would follow him that that will happen in the home but what what must we do when those in our home refuse to follow christ and cheat us an enemy and begin to hate us for loving christ there's only one thing to do only one thing to do a very godly man in our country his household name years ago he was so used by god but his child his son one son wanted the devil not sin he just wanted wholeheartedly without any shame to follow satan the moment he reached a certain age out of the home he went like a bird out of a cage and the shame that came on that family that being so revered because of their walk with god as a family the

shame and the hurt and the despair and the grief that fell on that home the father came to me and said keith he heard you preach when he was younger he sat listening to you and i noticed he didn't move listening to you boy won't you go and see him he won't speak to us he doesn't want us anymore he doesn't want us near him he wants the devil won't you go and speak to him maybe he'll listen to you so i went to the city where he worked went up to his office where he had an office and they led me in and he recognized me and before i could sit down he said did my father send you did my father and mother send you i said yes and i couldn't believe what that boy did he screamed get out and he began to push me get out get out i was so shattered i stood the other side of the door and he was about

to slam this door and he said you tell my father don't you send anyone to tell me about god i'm sick of it it's all my life about it i don't want you to speak to me about god and i don't want anyone to ever speak to me about god again don't you come here get out and you tell my father to stop sending people don't they ever send another person to speak to me about god and as he was about to slam the door i stopped the door and i stopped it and i said sir you can stop me from speaking to you about god but you can't stop me from speaking to god about you and that's who came he didn't slam the door anymore he just stood back staggered and i said i want you to remember this every day every day of your life remember this this man is groaning every day from now onward before god for your soul i

will groan before god to do anything to you no matter what it takes no matter how much he has to hurt you till you listen till you give up this fight till you come to christ i will pray god do anything but don't let him be

happy in his life of sin and i walked away a few years later i was preaching in a conference and suddenly someone touched me on the shoulder and i turned around and he said do you remember me sir i looked at him for a while and said oh yes i remember you and there were tears coming down his face and he said well sir i heard you were preaching here and i crossed the whole nation to come to you to tell you you can stop praying i've come to jesus and he said but let me tell you something sir there was never a day from the day you stood and said those words there was not

one day that i didn't remember those words when everything went wrong and it was like everything went wrong every day after you said that he said i said it's that keith daniel praying for me oh what do you do what do you do when they won't want christ when they don't want to listen to you pray that's all you can do there comes a time so you've got to stop speaking to someone about god it does more damage this comes the time you've got to stop saying anything and you've got to start speaking just to god just to god but let me shock you one day in heaven there's not one of us who love christ there's not one of us that isn't going to be astounded when god shows us what he did when we pray you might not see what he's doing they might not tell you what's happening in their hearts but god is

turning their worlds upside down and they know it's because of your prayers don't doubt that just pray praise what you can do and pray in faith no matter what the devil makes you see and it seems as having no effect year after year god doesn't have a button to press on a soul you know you can pray for materialistic things and god can do something immediately but he has to deal with a soul god doesn't force your son to love him that isn't love i wish god did press buttons when we prayed but he doesn't want that he wants the free will of man to choose to love otherwise it isn't true love it isn't spontaneous choice to follow god and god doesn't want that but when we pray in spite of not being able to press buttons and say you're gonna get saved boom you know you can be sure the world has

been turned upside down to the degree that you cannot believe that that person knows god is crying out to them crying out to their hearts what do we do we pray you've all heard of george muller at least i hope you've heard of george muller oh brother if it's going to make a noise we just know we're doomed to noise you've all heard of george muller george muller was probably the man that god answered pray more than any other man i've ever heard of in my life i mean i've heard of john hyde praying hyde the way god turned wars around when they fasted on their knees the whole war turned oh how god used praying hyde you need to read all these wonderful books but george muller well i don't know if there's anyone in the history of the church that god so used to answer prayer immediately i mean i

i thrill when i read i it's a marvel that god would do to a humble man what god did as he prayed immediately as no other man i've ever read or heard of in history of the church it's unbelievable to the degree that god answered his prayers i hope you know something about him you know you're probably stricken if you haven't read all these godly men's lives well muller he started orphanages there was no such a thing as an orphanage and the children were dying in their hundreds and hundreds on the streets and he said i can't go on the compassion of god in his heart so he prayed for money he bought these orphanages he prayed so many millions of british pounds in those days you can multiply it by a million to know what he prayed and then god gave it god gave it god gave it step by step but god

gave him these buildings upon buildings upon buildings until these in bristol you cannot believe in bristol alone what standing still of the great orphanages that were started when no one dared to care about anybody but themselves it wasn't a time of wealth where there was wealth to just pour into this man's compassionate plea for help oh god gave him but in the beginnings he had to learn but he had faith like no

other man on earth no other man on earth during his lifetime could pray such things he had a whole orphanage full of children and they had not one loaf of bread can you believe that now they didn't have one loaf of bread for all these hundreds and hundreds of children now waiting to be fed and muller said as the children sat down at the breakfast table waiting for their food and

he knew there was nothing and the other workers christian workers were standing there fearful what are we going to do we've come to no bread you know what muller did he said children bow your heads we are going to thank god for the food he's about to provide and that's faith that's faith how can god say no bow your heads children thank you lord for the food that thou and mercy are about to provide for us in jesus the christ's name amen as he said amen there was a noise such as if you couldn't believe this calamity and smashing and crashing and it was right outside of the door of where they were sitting of this big hall under the street this crash and right against the door to such a thud the children all stood up screaming oh so they all rushed and their hundreds to the big entrance

opened the door and george muller was rushing with them and what had happened while he was praying the bakery with all the bread loaves like a mountain the back of the cart you know with a horse-drawn cart those days he was going to make his deliveries all over the city he wasn't a christian but he was passing he happened to be going a bit fast the whole cart turned and rolled and rolled bang against the door of the orphanage and all the bread was piled up like a mountain i mean hundreds of loaves of bread and this chap wasn't very happy about it i mean he didn't say oh well take it for the children he said well i can't sell it no one will buy it now all over the street you may as well give it to the children so muller said no children take the food god has provided they all much back in

now that's that's faith and that's wonderful i wish i could preach this one sermon one day just on george muller i'd love to because i know people are somehow reading new books we need to get back to the men who move the world to god and see what god can do men who prove themselves not men who stand their books have gone into all the world oh go back there's still godly but the fact is muller prayed now i want to tell you when he died when muller died he was bedridden for years he was a sickly man in the end but that didn't mean he wasn't serving god when he died they found in his bible next to his bed lists and lists and lists and lists of names and they looked at these the christians looked at these lists and they found he'd been praying for scores and scores and scores of men and many

of the names had a date written next to him they were marked off but many many of those names had no dates and they they made a check they started checking and they found that every single name that had a date was the day that person was saved he was praying for all his people while he couldn't get out of bed he was praying for god to save him as they got saved he marked he had the faith of salvation ticked it off but all the names that weren't ticked off they had never come to christ so they closed george mueller's bible by that time he was a household name throughout the world of christianity i think it was three years later two men came and they were shown george mueller's bible and they looked at these lists and they asked about them and it was explained that those were the ones who

came to christ those with no mark or date they'd never got saved when mueller died but he'd been praying for them these two men godly men said do you mind if we take these lists and just have them for a while we want to check all these names that when he died had never got saved and they came back after a while do you know that every single name on those lists was saved he died not seeing those people he was praying for their salvation but he died with such faith that god still saved him after his death you may die with your son not coming but don't die without faith that god will do something and maybe he has to

resort to something you wouldn't ask him at first but he will resort to anything in the end to make that child or someone listen to god with all his heart what do we do what do

we do concerning those who will not come to christ we pray my wife's granny she's name is granny francis she's in a farming area one of the richest farming lands in our whole land the humptoose valley irrigation scheme but she was one of the first to come to jesus in that valley and later hundreds and hundreds and hundreds turned to christ as god swept through that valley but no one was revered as much as that woman why they saw in her life something so godly her husband said right at the beginning of her salvation you might be finished with the world but i'm not you came to jesus but i didn't i'm going to the dance you don't want the dance i'm going by myself and you know he went out to the dance and come back drunk and then the scandals of things he did over the years but she wouldn't

give up on him 40 years 40 years he went out night after night leaving his wife amazed that she was still home having left when i was courting my wife i arrived in that valley and i went to granny and grandpa's home and there was all the family a big family they all came to see this man who wanted jenny they all came to look whether i was worthy of her i tell you there i sat at this large table with grandpa sitting opposite me i didn't know about his life i hadn't heard of what he had done to this woman 40 years of hell the way he treated her but all the children all the children stood there they were sitting around this big table and all looking at me and i knew i had to do everything right to win jenny because everyone was summing me up so i said the right thing i looked at grandpa and

i said when did you come to jesus grandpa how did god save you when were you saved well within a second i just saw tears pouring down his face and he began to weep and within a few seconds there wasn't anyone sitting at the table i was left with grandpa and i thought what have i done i didn't know but grandpa never said the test they were all listening and no one could face it while he testified you know he looked at me weeping after a while he said keith i'm so ashamed i put francis through hell she went through hell i was so unfaithful i was so wicked and he told me things i cannot tell you about what he did in his unfaithfulness through the years that were known to everyone in the valley but she he said i would come home through the years after wickedness and find her on her knees

waiting for me before she slept no matter what time there she was on her knees i never heard her once get angry with me she never once challenged me she never left me whatever i did she had my food waiting warm she'd get up and put my food in front of me without any anger no matter what i did to her keith the cross she bore for 40 years she prayed for me she should have thrown me away i should have gone to hell but i didn't go to hell because she prayed on until one day keith suddenly suddenly god came in such a way and smote me as i realized how evil i was as i sat in one moment suddenly all her prayers came upon me and i broke before god and i got saved but oh keith 40 years she went through that train for me but oh thank god she prayed and didn't give up because i finally came to god

you know i named my son after him i said to grandpa i'm going to name your first great-grandchild after you i called him noel jones daniel only the english could call their children such a name you know but i said when he started weeping and he wept for two weeks when he heard we were calling his great-grandchild after him he wept and no one could stop him weeping and i said grandpa i'm not calling my son after your name because you're his great-grandfather i'm calling him your name because you're a man of god unto whom much is forgiven oh he loves much he weeps at the smallest thing of christ and i said you were a man of god grandpa god knows how to make up the years the most locusts have eaten he takes people who start at the last and they just overtake everyone who had a lifetime of

wallowing god and he became a god shortly after his salvation within a few short years and i did love that dear man oh there is a cross to pay there's a cross to carry what do we do she could have thrown him out most people wouldn't have judged her but she carried that cross and revealed christ and love and patience and prayed and prayed for 40 years maybe you have to pray and live christ but his soul is saved because of that because she was willing to do what christ wanted though many would not have judged her for ever giving up such a life i was here in your country a few weeks ago preaching in a place called colorado springs and there was a holiness preacher and his wife old refined giving their lives to christ but they sat showing me photographs of all their children a big family

these ones all love christ but then they came to a photograph of one son the youngest and they said he's the one who made us weak through the years and tears started coming all his wickedness look at this other photograph they said there stood a woman with children her children as tall as her grown-up woman they said when this little girl was two weeks old their father because the mother wanted jesus walked out he wanted sin he left the two week do you know what a baby is to a father oh what an enemy you have to be to walk away from a child of two weeks and have nothing to do with that you know what that mother said to her mother-in-law she said i decided i would honor my marriage vows even if he wanted other women i will never marry again i meant it till death us depart and i have never

said an unkind word about him to these two girls they've never heard me say one word derogatory about him no matter what he did i never talked to them about his evil i never once said anything about him once to these girls and all these years because i'm waiting for god to save him and i want when he gets saved i want him to come back to me and i want these girls to love him not to hate him that's a cross to bear but god gives grace she's praying still hoping still faith in her heart oh jesus knew what he was saying when he said these words he knew what he was saying i'd like to end with an illustration that maybe will hurt a lot of people sitting here tonight but believe me it hurts me to tell you this i once knew a man in africa who had farms and wealth and because a christian man a man

who said he was born again who was an evil man he was a liar not everyone that says he saved is saved so he came in the name of christ and befriended this man and swindled him out of everything he owned because he was accepted as a christian by this man he was robbed of every single thing signing documents and everything he lost in one moment through someone professing to be a saved person and that man broke he broke having lost everything in life and standing in poverty but you know what he did he had 10 sons and he worked like a slave from that day breaking his body breaking his soul to give every son a farm fully paid off when those sons reached the age they should have a farm he gave them each a farm that every son had a paid-off farm full of cattle home and everything he was an

amazing man but he broke himself doing it he was a broken man but he had one last child it was something of a surprise i mean he was almost as old as abraham and this amazing event took place that stunned these grown-up boys with children older than this boy philip he was the darling of the home he was the joseph of the home but no one was jealous of him because everyone adored philip he had the most beautiful personality and nature and character everyone loved this upright boy but this father loved him more than life he adored philip this gift to him he had something to live for and philip filled his whole heart with joy his whole face lit up when philip the boy walked into the room this daddy just adored him one day on christmas day just a few years ago all the families met at one of

the farms where there was this big lake on christmas day they sat picnicking eating lunch beside the lake all the children all the grandchildren all the families and suddenly young philip said i'm going to swim

across the lake today and they said no you're not the other brothers no you're not and they try to stop him but he he jumped in eventually everybody stood up and said what's he doing why is he swimming so far and they said daddy he said he's going to swim across the lake his father said but he can't it's too far he's not strong enough he won't make it he'll drown and they began to scream all of them screaming one of the brothers jumped in the eldest daddy said you get him he couldn't they all fell on their knees they knew he couldn't make it they knew he had drowned he couldn't

survive and as they began to see him sinking when he realized he couldn't go any further and they saw him sinking baffling they fell on their knees screaming despairing groaning the grief as you see a child sinking about to be devoured swimming out to what you knew he couldn't make he couldn't survive that child drowned and that father's grief was so deep that his mind collapsed within a few days his mind closed and he took a gun and killed himself that was just the beginning of grief that child his father's heart was so full of despair and grief that he gave up and destroyed himself and destroyed his father now you will forgive me using this illustration on a spiritual level the grief that came across my land when that man did that there's no words to say there's no words to tell you the

agony that swept across south africa but that man did that in his grief that he was destroyed when his son drowned it was the end of the father how many christian homes your child comes out into the world in the light of sin the despair the pleas you can't you won't survive come back don't do this you'll be destroyed you know and oh the despair that comes in christian homes across the world when someone wants the devil and thinks they can survive out there oh the agony the despair but the tragedy is the tragedy's just begun a man came to me in america when i first came here and he said oh god's going to use you keith but let me warn you because you need to be warned he said that the devil can't get you keith be sure he's going to aim at your children be sure of that keith you better plead

the blood of christ over your children as never before in life now that god's beginning to honor you and poop it's all over the world the devil can't get you he won't come and bombard your children just 10 times more than other christians soon he'll bombard them a hundred times more they won't know what hit them he's he knows he can't get you your aim at your children because he knows if he can get your children he'll cripple you and your ministry he'll get you worn out in despair and grief and groaning and sorrows you better plead the blood of christ for your children i've been in homes where they call me to some young fellow who took satanism and drugs and evil and jail and this godly home that raised up a child who wants this now how does it happen how does a child decide to serve the

devil to the whole heart coming from a home like that do you blame the parents like some people would say oh the scriptures to blame the parents no you don't no you don't turn eli away and throw him and david away and throw him and blame them no you don't throw christ's words away that told you it would happen right in your home it can happen no matter how god-fearing you are they can become your enemies right in your own household children hating the fathers fathers hating the children becoming the enemies of the man right in the house you don't blame i sat there looking at this young fellow and his sin broken but you know why i didn't speak to him because i looked around the room and i saw the whole family was being destroyed because of him and i said to him eventually young fellow you

do need help but your life is made of that your family needs more help so i'm going to leave you and god brought me here not for you young fellow god brought me here for these people who love jesus in your home whose faith has been devoured through your life i've seen parents so staggering so sinking because like peter when the waves and the storms of life through their children through their members of their

household wanting the devil and they get their eyes off jesus and they begin to sink because of all the horrors of what's going on in their sight oh how many families beloved sitting here tonight your eyes have been taken off jesus because of the grief the staggered heart the staggered faith you've lost your joy in god all you know is grief because of those your whole faith has been

staggered don't you be destroyed because your son and child or someone in your home doesn't want god don't you despair to the degree that you did devoured you lose your peace with god you lose your joy and you lose everything do you know how far the devil can get you the joy of the lord is your strength sir god said that the devil can get you to have no joy he can do anything in the end you won't be you you'll be amazed what's left of your life i wonder how many sitting in this building tonight you're sinking like peter because of the waves of the storm your loved one caused you you're sinking because your eyes are off christ how many of you need to get your eyes put back on jesus how many of you need to renew your faith in jesus it's so staggered that you're sinking you're being

destroyed the rescuer becomes the victim when he tries to rescue the drowning man many of them get drowned too don't you become the victim because of one of your members of your home that has brought such grief to you how many of you need to put and renew your faith in christ renew your trust in christ ask god to do a miracle in your heart tonight by his grace to restore unto you the joy of salvation how many of you you need to cast your cares upon the lord for he cares for you god commands you these cares he's talking about the cares that make you sink and make your faith start staggering and make you lose your joy that make you lose all joy and just grow and get drowned in the dust how many of you need you can't cost your cares there's some cares you can cost on the lord there's some

you have to roll and you can't it's just something you carry it's so close it's so personal it's so hurting it's so devouring you you have to roll your burden upon the lord for he cares for you you need to ask god for the grace to help you to do that tonight god i i can't get rid of it i pray but it's just this devouring me lord it's such a thing as rolling it just eventually that god takes this thing that's pushing you down roll it so that it doesn't destroy you this burden this despair this grief god by thy grace take it off that it doesn't destroy me take off his load this grief and restore him to me the joy of salvation and get my eyes back on jesus that i don't sink myself through my loved ones sinking please god i need to renew my trust in me and i do tonight i need to get my eyes

back on jesus i need to be to take off this burden that's devouring me and my home because of my loved ones i need to come and renew my faith and my trust in thee i ask thee god to take up all this grief that i can start walking again with god like peter did in spite of the storms before he took his eyes off jesus like i have i'm sinking god i wonder how many of you sitting here need to say that to god it's going to cost you to admit it no one will judge you though i want you to stand and say god it's me and those that stand tonight and say this is my lot this is the cross i'm bearing and i've so been affected that i've lost my joy my faith is staggered my eyes are not on christ and i too are sinking before i'm devoured i'm coming back and i'm asking you to take this off me god by a

miracle tonight and to restore joy in my heart that i can have strength again as a christian and peace that passes all understanding i want those of you that need to say that to god to stand right now please and i know it'll cost you but come stand i know it isn't easy no one will judge you but i'm going to pray for those the nights we need prayer and god is going to do something so staggering in your lives come stand i'm only asking once more you will need to pray for you need to put your eyes back in jesus yes i'm giving you time i know it's hard to say this is my life but let's see what god does when we all pray for you tonight you'll

be stunned it's gonna happen you'll be stunned you're not alone in this come be standing come stand in the front here don't worry about people no one's

going to judge you they're going to care and respect you more respect than they have for anyone else in the room no one judges you jesus said this thing will happen right in your home enemy tonight we're gonna pray will everyone stand please in the congregation i won't want you to pray aloud but i do want you to say amen you know why jesus said a two or three of you agree i want you to agree tonight in obedience to what jesus said agree concerning anything that is the will of god in the name of jesus christ in my name it shall be done all gods has a holy obligation to his integrity when we all agree now beloved never before so many people been praying for these people and agreeing is more than two or three i don't want you to miss this i want you to say amen to god tonight not to each

other and let's see how obligated this holy god is it's not irreverent for me to say god is her holy obligation it's irreverence to say he hasn't the doubt that his integrity is so perfect that he is obliged to fulfill his promises agree to what we know is god's will i want you all to say amen when i'm an ending i'm not going to ask you to pray i'm going to pray for you you just say amen come bow your heads father look at these thy children and in mercy on them lord come get their eyes back on jesus help them tonight to renew their faith in christ to put their faith afresh in thee to roll their burdens their cares onto thee take it from them god give them that grace they don't have that they don't carry this burden though it might be a cross to bear for many years to come god help them

that it doesn't destroy their faith but in spite of the walk with god so their lives stagger everyone on earth that they survive with joy unspeakable there's no words to describe how such joy can be there's in spite of the cross they carry in their home give them peace that passes all understanding in that thy peace take them by the hand in the heart and renew their faith in thee tonight and they walk with god to such a degree that their lives will be more than just a miracle there will be a testimony to the grace of god to every single person that knows them on earth of what god can still make us in spite of sorrows please god restore unto them the joy of thy salvation and the peace of god that passes all understanding and faith that rests in god and does not doubt them give them the

grace lord to hold on in prayer with faith no matter what they see but to believe god is answering every time they pray above that they've believed before possible and lord come to those in their homes and lives that have caused them this grief and reach those people we pray not for their comforts we don't want thee to hurt them and we know god would never resort to anything if it was not the only thing left to make them listen but god eternity never ends and we don't pray for their health and comforts for this life and in hell for eternity god do anything to make these people's loved ones seek god help them to know that god is drawing them with cords of love while he turns their world upside down but they know it's god that they won't think it's just circumstances that are against them

they will know each time it's god crying i will not let you find comfort in anything apart from me oh cry to these people's loved ones hearts lord let us see them and god do anything anything in mercy and swiftly to bring them to christ please god that the circle will not be broken in heaven of these people's family and lord everyone standing in this building every one of us plead with thee don't let the devil hurt any one of our families our children our husbands our wives our fathers our mothers the devil will aim at lord like a roaring lion walking about seeking whom he may devour god protect every family standing yet tonight under the blood of christ and rebuke the devil away in the name of jesus christ forever from being able to reach anyone in our homes we pray if there's seeds the

devil is sown that could bring forth fruit to sin undo those seeds by the power of the blood of christ undo that nothing he does or has done could bring forth grief and agony and despair in our homes as we see them suddenly going off to serve satan oh god please protect every home every member of every home here the devil is destroying the homes he's aiming at the homes don't let him destroy our homes lord please protect us as family we ask these things lord in the name we love and live for in the name we would gladly die for we ask these things together all of us as thy people with faith that god will answer above that we ask in your dream here because we ask them unitedly in the name of jesus christ in the name of jesus christ amen now beloved you remain standing we have one meeting

left tomorrow night and i don't know if i'll ever be back in this area i hope so i've come to love the corbel family i have been so blessed by the atmosphere of that home sir the godliness of those children and your wife and even the fellowship i had today in that home was so rich with others that flew from alaska to these meetings i have been deeply deeply blessed and i hope god brings me back here but many towns i've been to i never ever get back even though they invite again and again and again and all across the world somehow there's so many invitations but i am grateful for this time these three days god's giving us giving me the privilege of preaching to you now we have one meeting left you who are local won't you pray as never before for people to come tomorrow night won't you get

on the phone and dare to ask god to give you the words that would make them come and won't you pray that whoever god brings tomorrow will just have such a meeting from god such a revelation from the heart of god they will never forget what they hear but for the rest of their lives it will be like they're sitting back in the meeting that the whole message will come like a vengeance and god will do that if we pray for him oh pray for such a meeting tomorrow night with god now mr corvall can i close this meeting now perhaps there's a prodigal that i just suddenly remembered might be here you're the ones who serving the world and the devil not jesus and causing the grief maybe there's a prodigal i've preached the meetings where the prodigals are there come home tonight stop causing hurt

perhaps tonight you're shaken by what if you are causing by not loving jesus and wanting the devil wanting sin when you drive home put your hand in your father's hand or your brother's hand or your child's hand and say leave me to jesus lord lead me to jesus can we have one moment of prayer just silent you speak to jesus alone now every one of you say something that will fill heaven and i'm going to say amen in one minute's time you're going to go home now and then remember those who stood up in the frontier to carry them to god again but i know the ones standing here in the front are going to find a walk with god in the faith that they've never known before with all these people praying for them and their loved ones are going to be shaken to the core because of these prayers tonight

they're going to shake into the heart every one of you say something to jesus now if we please god even you young girl speak to jesus every one of you now oh god to answer every prayer that has been prayed from the heart tonight so fully that every one of us whatever we ask will be stunned every one of us stunned by the way that has answered these prayers and how swiftly that has answered but we all ask them in jesus christ may we pray amen god bless you now

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