

Si Prayer Conference Call

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of coming to God with a confident heart, exchanging our weaknesses for His strength, and increasing Christ in our lives through surrender and humility.

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Scripture: Psalm 46:10, Proverbs 3:5-6, Isaiah 40:31, Nahum 1:7, Matthew 6:33, Romans 8:28, Hebrews 12:1-2

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Description

In this sermon, the speaker begins by acknowledging that judgment begins in the house of God and prays for personal refinement. He then expresses gratitude for the word shared by another preacher and prays for the message to deeply impact their lives. The speaker mentions meditating on a topic and recalls a story about Leonard Ravenhill's sermon that led high-powered executives to come to Christ. The sermon emphasizes the importance of seeking Jesus and glorifying Him, while also acknowledging the potential for misinterpretation and promoting a false sense of piety.

Transcript

Sing me a song of Sharon's Rose Here at the sweetest emblem of growing for me I'm glad that you're blooming for me Here as I grow, I'm glad that you On sweet flowery Sharon's rose Bloom for me Here as I grow, I'm glad that you On sweet flowery Sharon's rose Bloom for me Here as I grow, I'm glad that you On sweet flowery Sharon's rose Bloom for me Here as I grow, I'm glad that you On sweet flowery Sharon's rose Bloom for me I can hear you quite well. Thank you very much. This is my first time participating in one of these fair conference calls.

If I do anything wrong, somebody I don't know how it works. I have my phone on speaker so I can hear into a few things I wanted to read. Can you hear me okay? Not bad, Kevin.

Not bad. Okay. Well, yeah, I would like to start off as well by praying.

Lord, we come into your presence with fear and trembling. And yet, Lord God, we come into your presence with a confident heart, with boldness and assurance that as your word says, we can boldly enter into your presence. We come into your throne room of grace, that we can receive help in time of need.

I thank you, Father, that in your economy, it's the weak who become strong, it's the poor who are rich. I thank you for the great exchange of my rags for your riches. I thank you for the great abundance of my

pitifulness for your worthiness.

I pray, Father, that above all, you would emblazon the cross of Christ, his magnificent work of redemption and propitiation. That you would emblazon that upon my heart and upon our hearts. I pray, Father, that you would day by day, hour by hour, minute by minute, bring us to a place where it would be said of us, blessed are the poor in spirit.

I believe, as your word says, for such is the kingdom of God. Lord Jesus, as we seek you, I pray that you protect us from arrogance, from haughtiness, from pride, and from presenting your truths in such a way that it actually sullies your name, that it brings dishonor upon you, because we're prone to want to be right more than righteous. We're so prone to a fallen sin nature.

As Wesley said, when I seek to look to Christ, I am utter unrighteousness. And so, Father, I flee, I flee to the riven side, and I beg you, hide me there. Hide me there.

This world is looking desperately for a safe place. And I believe, Lord God, that by the power of your Holy Spirit, as you empower us, that we can proclaim where that place is. I pray, Lord God, that you would birth a revival, a mighty and a continuous revival, first in me, that I would be of a broken and a contrite spirit.

Father, on the grounds of Psalms 26, I ask and give you permission to try the reins of my heart and search out any wickedness within me. I ask you to be gentle, Father, for I've seen that when the veil is pulled back over my heart, I deplore myself. Lord Jesus, would you simply lay ourselves before you tonight? My passion, my heart cry, is that in so doing, as we come together tonight before your throne, that we would bring glory to you, that we would glorify the Father and the Son, and that the Father would be glorified as we see the offering of the Son as our only escape, not only from eternal judgment and damnation, but as our only escape that we might live otherworldly in this world, to be in it and not of it.

Tonight, Father God, I just ask for a divine exchange. I offer all that I am not for all that you are. I offer up all of my pride, my arrogance, my haughtiness, my intellect, everything that my corporeal being possesses, and I offer it up to you.

And I ask for the exchange that I might have the Christ life in me. Lead me, Lord God, to the cross that not only cleanses of sins, but lead me to the cross that cleanses the sin nature that produces it. Father, I bow my heart, and I bow my head, my intellect is nothing to you, and my passions, they're nothing compared to you.

I lay down my dreams, my hopes, and ambitions, and Lord God, we just humbly, together in unity, we come before you, and my lips tremble because in your holiness, I don't feel I should even speak. Lord God, may we fix our eyes on you, gaze long on you, and in so doing, all of the things of this world would become so dim. I long to know you, and I long to be like you, and I long to spread the fame of your name where it's least heard.

Father, over the past few months, as I've meditated on the cross, as I've meditated upon the propitiation, as I've meditated on all that's been done on our behalf, it brings me to nothing. I pray tonight, Lord God, you would stir up a holy terror within us, and a holy hunger. Make us lovesick once again.

Make us lovesick. Give us a heart that beats passionately, and explicably for you. We declare tonight that you are the supreme object of our worship, and beyond you, there's no other.

I magnify your attributes, that according to Genesis 18, 25, you're the judge of all the earth who will do right, and that according to Deuteronomy 30, verse 6, you're the Lord God that circumcises our heart and the heart of our seed, and you're the God who causes us to love you with all of our heart, mind, strength, and soul. I thank you for the promises that are for each one of us found in your word in Colossians, that we have been circumcised, but not with hands, not in the flesh, but in the heart, through the power of the Spirit. I ask, Lord God, not for power or for our programs.

I ask, Lord God, that we would not take your spirit and run a whoring, that we would not try to exploit your gifts and graces to raise money, build empires, establish our kingdoms, and all of the other stuff that dishonors your name. I pray, Lord God, that we would care not about establishing what we do, but rather that we would be consumed with zeal for your house and establishing who you are. I'm not so foolish to believe, Lord God, that you need a defender, because you're my omnipotent.

But Lord Jesus, may we, with passionate resolve, settle here this day as an old evangelist W.P. Nicholson did so many years ago. Henceforth, let it be known that I shall be dead to public opinion. Lord Jesus, so often the temptation of my heart is to be eloquent or to hold sway over people.

And in so doing, I prostitute the very graces that you hand out. God, deliver me from myself. Make me a lover, because love has no measure.

It simply gives all. So we commit ourselves to you tonight that you would tear down pecking orders, spiritual one-upmanship, theological pride, and being swivel chair theologians in ivory towers. Deliver us from wanting to be esteemed or great.

Make us content to be the unknowns. May we be content to be the second half of Hebrews chapter 11, not only claiming the first half. May we be tonight the but others who may have beset of us of whom the world was not worthy.

Your promises are great, and your word tells me, in Psalms 113, who is like unto the Lord our God. You look down upon the poor and the needy, and you lift us out of the ash hill, out of the dung hill, out of the pit, and you set us at a table with princes. My soul can barely contain such an amazing thought that thou, my God, didst die for me.

Lord Jesus, help us to live our life on principle rather than compliance. Build within us character. May we be long-suffering, and may we be quick to repent when we know there's an offense.

May we run to you. May we no longer look for the things of this world to be our covering, but only to the cross. I thank you, Lord, for the message that Paul delivered of first importance.

How Christ died for my sins and our sins according to the Scriptures. He was buried, and he rose on the third day. Lord Jesus, I thank you that in some sense we're providing incense in the bowls of heaven to the prayers of the saints.

May we be a sweet smell before you. May we not offer strange fire. And so on the grounds of Romans 12, 1 and 2, we commit ourselves to you this night to be your living sacrifices, because it's the good, the right, and the acceptable thing.

In the massless name of Christ our King, amen. I want to share with you a little bit about something that I have been meditating on for actually quite some time, but took a bit of time to restudy it again today. I

remember one time, I'm sure whoever's on this phone call with me, probably many of you will be familiar with Leonard Ravenhill.

I remember one time him saying he was asked about a particular sermon that he preached in the Dallas area. There were some high-powered executives at a company that actually came to Christ that night. Later on, somebody came up to him and they said, How long did it take you to prepare that message? He said, oh, about 78 years.

What he was trying to communicate, obviously, is that the man has to become the message, in a sense, or it often simply becomes the dead letter of the word that killeth. I purpose in my heart that I don't want to be some pompous puppeteer that has read the latest quotes and has some sermon to dazzle. Instead, I prayed that I would be content to be known as God's personal failure.

As I've been reading, I have a lot of books. When I started out my path of discipleship, the first thing that I received in the mail about a week and a half after being born again, of course, I had went and found a Bible. I didn't come from a Christian background at all.

But I went and found a Bible bookstore. I didn't know there was such a thing, and I purchased myself a nice \$8 pleather large print King James Bible. Shortly after that, I received a packet in the mail from Mr. Ravenhill.

It was three books. One of them was Looking Unto Jesus, written in 1653 by Isaac Ambrose, about 850 pages on Hebrews 12, 1 and 2. Then I was given another small book, about 93 pages, called In the Footprints of the Lamb, written by George Steinberger, a Norwegian in about 1904. Then I was given another book, another small one, just 100 or so pages, by T. Austin Sparks, and it was called The School of Christ.

But I remember the note that Ravenhill wrote in front of that book when he sent it to me. Now here I am, I'm a brand new convert, I'm a week and a half older than the Lord, I've been talking to him by phone, and I thought, wow, what a way to be discipled. All of a sudden you get sent an 850 page book by a Puritan written in 1653 that covers Hebrews 12, 1 and 2. Today it seems like we would probably just ask him to quote a few verses from the Gospel of John and have him read the four spiritual laws.

But he said in the book, he said, it'll take you 80 days to read this. He said, but get along with God and your Bible. And he said, you will come out of the valley, up to the mountain, with us, say to the Lord, and instead of being an echo, you'll be a voice.

And I remember how I would get these notes signed by him that were, of course, always a piece in 619. I'm praying for you that you would preach the Gospel boldly as you ought to. And so that was my introduction to the Christian life, was some of the greatest writers of it, the Puritans, who I happen to love.

But I want to read you just a short clip, and this actually is from a Jewish man. This actually, his name is Abraham Heschel. The title of the book is called God in the Search of Man, but as I've been looking at this, one of the quotes that has just, his opening statement that absolutely boggles me and blows my mind is this.

And I think it's pertinent to us as we seek the Lord to say, God, how are we going to be a positive impact, an influence upon a lost, wicked generation that raises this defiance towards you? Well, I'm not so foolish as to believe or think that God is going to be dethroned by a mocker, and he certainly isn't going to resign.

But here's what it says. It says, it is customary to blame secular science and anti-religious philosophy for the eclipse of religion in modern society.

It would be more honest to blame religion for its own defeats. Religion declined not because it was refuted, but because it became irrelevant, dull, oppressive, and insipid. When faith is completely replaced by creed, worship by discipline, and love by habit, when the crisis of today is ignored because of the splendor of the past, when faith becomes an heirloom rather than a living fountain, and when religion speaks only in the name of authority rather than with the voice of compassion, then its message becomes meaningless.

Heschel wrote that some time ago, and as I was cut to the core thinking about how easy it is for myself, anyway, to fall into a religious system, a religious practice. And by the way, I'm not talking about simply being disciplined to seek the Lord. I can tell you that I would get up every morning at 4 a.m. to pray.

As a new believer, and I would purpose to pray for three hours every morning, and I would put my face in the chair in the living room, and within ten minutes I would be asleep. I would wake up. I would be angry.

I would start to pray again. I'd fall asleep. And so I had read one day about a man that had problems praying early in the morning and falling asleep, and so I decided that from that point on I would do what I heard he did.

And I would get up in the morning and I would stand and balance myself on the edge of my bathtub while holding on to the shower rod above because I was sure I wasn't going to fall asleep then, or I would certainly fall. And I began to pray like that, standing on the edge of my bathtub hanging on to the shower rod. And God met me.

He met me in a powerful way. But something was slowly taking place in my heart because what happened is I started to compare myself to other people rather than just to the Lord. And I began to compare myself, my prayer time, my devotion, my commitment, the amount of time that I would witness walking up and down the streets or whatever, and I began to become very legalistic, very prideful.

I could say that when it comes to zeal, I certainly had it. And once again, the Lord had to bring me down to nothing. And I had to realize that I did not have a super-righteousness because I stood on the edge of my tub and prayed.

What I want to actually address tonight is a verse found in the Gospel of John. It's chapter 3, verse 30. It's a statement made by the prophet John the Baptist.

And he said this, He must increase, but I must decrease. Later on, I believe it's Luke 7, 39. I think it's also recorded in Matthew 11.

John's in prison. He's preparing to lose his head because of a stripper dancing before a king. And he sends a question via his disciples to the Lord.

Well, what I was actually looking up there was the word that was used, but, of course, our English version says, Are you the one that is to come, or should we look for another? And it actually references, Are you the one that's coming? And I can only try to understand the disillusionment of John the Baptizer, who faithfully declares the Lamb of God, who understands that he is the incarnation of God. I don't believe there's any theological error in John, but here he is now in his confinement in prison, and he's beginning to wonder. I think sometimes these short verses, we read over them, and we think, Wow, that's good for

John, but what about, you know, I guess that doesn't apply to me.

And I'm constantly reminded in my life that if I keep that as a focus, that he must increase and that I must decrease. I think it becomes a valuable spiritual goal. That, of course, continues to bring me to an end and put Christ in the place where he actually belongs, and that's on the throne.

I don't know if any of you are familiar with Daniel Steele. He wrote on sanctification a lot, and he wrote the milestone papers, but he actually, in the milestone papers, Daniel Steele quotes a hymn by Belk and Theodore Menard. In this poem, he says, Oh, the bitter shame and sorrow that comes from the grief that I left to save your pity, please remain and proudly answer all of the self in front of me.

Yet he comes to behold me, ponds my thirsty tree, heard him pray to give him father, and my wistful heart so faintly Some of self and some of me, day by day his tender mercy healing, helping, full and free, sweet and strong and oh so patient, brought me lower while I whispered, less of self and more of me, higher than the highest heavens, deeper than the deepest sea. Lord, thy love at last hath conquered, grant me now my soul's desire, none of self and all of me. I've seen so often in my Christian life that my failure, my failure in living in continuous revival has constantly always circumnavigated around one point, that I want to add Christ to my plan.

I want to add Christ to my life. In and of itself those things sound okay, what's so wrong with that? But I believe the deeper message of the cross is that you die and he becomes your life. So in my life as I have constantly meditated on, and I tell you as a follower of Christ, I came to him, he drew me January 22nd, 1989, absolutely set me free.

I was at work while a woman prayed for me long distance on the telephone. I was so smitten by the Holy Spirit, I don't remember anything from midnight till 7 o'clock the next morning. When I got out of my vehicle, I felt like I was a drunk man, only this was one of the first mornings I had not stopped off at the tavern or saloon or pub or whatever name you would use.

My wife was gone to work, I stumbled into my house, and I fell on my living room floor. From there alone with God, I met the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. I saw him, whether it was with my physical eye, my spirit eye, whatever, I don't know.

But I saw a bloodied, wounded, beaten, disfigured Savior. And as I gazed upon him, he turned his back and began to walk away from me. And I saw his back, and then I saw that he was carrying a huge wooden beam, and the Spirit of God whispered in my right ear like he was laying on the floor next to me.

The Spirit of God whispered in my ear and said, That's Jesus. And I was broken. Not having read the Bible, I can tell you I cried out a Bible verse, I cried out Psalms 51.

I said, My God, against you and only you have I sinned. If you save me, if you set me free, I'll live the rest of my life for you. And at that time, I believe by the inspiration of the Spirit, because I certainly didn't know anything else about it, I said, If you save me and set me free, I'll go anywhere you want me to go, I'll do anything you want me to do, I'll say anything you want me to say, only save me.

I saw the wickedness of my sin, and I repented. Nobody had to confess, nobody had to lead me into it, nobody had to remind me. I saw a horrible and an offense I was, and I repented.

And through the years, I keep coming back to the simple verse that John Baptist said, that he must increase, and I must decrease. And I believe it was Amy Carmichael who said, Can we follow the Savior far, who have no wound or scar? And then of course, I think it was a reflection on John 12, I believe it's 1224, unless a grain of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone. But if it die, well then it bringeth forth much fruit.

But in meditation on that, she penned one of the lines that has continued to cut through my heart to this very day. She said, Come hill or come well, the cross or the crown, the rainbow or the thunder, I fling my soul and body down, for God to plow them under. I don't know.

There have been a lot of books, I have maybe 70 books in my library about revival, historical revivals. I've seen a lot of the stuff that people call revival on television or on the internet. But I can tell you that I know I've experienced it because I've lived it in my heart.

I think it was probably six years, maybe seven, of my Christian life where I could not even reflect upon the cross and all that was done there. That it didn't just publicly bring me to tears. Now I'm not saying or promoting that some type of emotional response is what proves that God is actually doing a continuous revival work in your heart.

That's not what I'm promoting. But what I am promoting is that I believe that the core of Scripture is Christ. That when we are consumed with meditating and gazing on Him, we actually become to look like Him.

And we begin to act like Him. But it's not life that's lived out of compliance. It's not life that's lived by... The Bible is not simply a divine rule book that gives me good moral behavior for the wagon wheels of life.

It's a love letter. And I find that I can go beyond living in compliance to living by principle. There's an old Puritan proverb that I love to quote.

It says, Love binds where there is no cord and it rules where there is no sword. And I think so often that we've approached God like an algebra instructor. We've approached Him in some formulaic method.

And we've thought that we could twist His hand and cajole Him. And I still again, I'll remember something that Mr. Ravenhill told me. He said, Thank God that if you had a million dollar check, you can't buy out the Holy Spirit.

The opposite in the divine economy is true. It's actually not about how much you have to give. It's about how much you recognize you have nothing in you.

Well, coming to that place of utter castigation where you are truly bowed down, I believe that the heart of revival is you becoming nothing and Him becoming everything. I don't believe that revival can be conjured up any more than the priests of Baal crying out, cutting themselves. And even though I think that that's been tried, I also believe with firm commitment as I've looked at the revivals that have taken place, not only as we see it mentioned through the Old Testament, but what we see after the apostolic period.

And even in the apostolic period when the Spirit of God came down, that wouldn't necessarily qualify as what we would say as a revival. This was actually just the Spirit of Christ coming and setting a group of people free. But they went, they grabbed their most precious things, which their books of witchcraft and incantations, and they publicly burned them.

They made a decision to burn all bridges, all bridges to the past life. And John, the baptizer, he made that decision. Now, I don't know how, I don't know any formula to invoke God.

I don't know any formula to force Him to do anything on my behalf. I think that true revival starts when we realize that we're utterly helpless unless He saves us, and unless He shows up. But I can tell you that while I spent a good deal of my life reading books about different men and women of God, and how they were broken, and how God used them, by His grace and mercy, I've been able to experience it.

And I've been able to see it happen with others as well. So, I have no eloquent words of wisdom to impart, other than simply to draw your focus back to the magnitude of how ginormous our God is. And I've come to the conclusion that God is more willing to revive us than we are willing to be revived.

And that when I come to Him with my broken, bleeding, putrid heart, and I lay it there on the altar before Him, my meditation two days ago, it blew my mind that the everlasting, the God who exists outside of time, forgives me of my sin and forgets it. And that in of itself brings me to such contrition. You know, we don't need another John Baptist.

We don't need another David Brainerd. We don't need another Adoniram Judson. We don't need a host or list of others.

It's our turn to step up to the plate and in holy submission and fear, just be the real deal. When I come to Dallas, I believe, if the Lord allows, that I want to share about something that's been on my heart for a long time, and that is the fact that what's promoted as the new gospel today is that you're so valuable to God that you're no longer expendable. And I believe the true theological stance is that each one of us should go before God and say, I am completely expendable for your kingdom.

I do not... You do not need me. You are content in yourself, but you've chosen to use me. And this false gospel and Western entity that I have seen consume the church and be even spread to different corners of the world because like begets like, I have seen... I was utterly tweaked by the Lord.

I was in the mountains of northern Pakistan up in a very, very tribal area, massive fundamentalists. We've been preaching the gospel and working there at great personal danger to ourselves, but we shared the word of truth. A young man, his father was a tribal leader of a valley up there.

This young man came to Christ. I met with him secretly on the side of the road, stopped outside of a village in our little van, and he was so excited. He said, I want to go back and tell my father.

I want to tell my father what's happened. I mean, these are... This is bin Laden country. And I remember I said to him, look, I know you're excited.

I know you are amazed at the work of grace that's being done in your heart. And I said, that's what's wonderful. I said, but you need to learn to use wisdom.

I said, because I fear if you go and you tell your father, you won't have a chance to tell anybody else. And he said, oh, I understand. I know they'll hate me.

I know what they can do. I again cautioned him. I said, use wisdom.

That night, my heart was utterly smitten by the Lord. And he reminded me, who do you think you are telling a young man not to testify of me? What wisdom have you imparted to tell him to not be a light? Because

even in the midst of putting my own life on the line to share the gospel truths, I get sucked into the humanistic world view that is so earthly and it's so not eternal. It so pulls us into living in this non-transitory life that this is all there is.

And I was just smitten. I repented. I said, God, forgive me.

I had no business whatsoever telling him. Because, see, I knew what it would mean for him. It would possibly mean death.

So one of two things. Either the Lord intervenes miraculously, and maybe that's exactly what he wanted to do, and use the testimony of a changed life to continue to share that gospel with the other Muslims, and in this case, the chief of the entire region. Or, he would die.

And in that case, instant death is instant glory. So I will encourage you once again, friends, he must increase, and we must decrease. Father, I just ask you to seal your word.

Not because I spoke it, but because it's your word. Bring us to a new depth of lowliness. Forgive us of our egotistical, self-centered, prideful selves.

Forgive me for the millions of times I've petitioned you to work out my plan to build my ministry, to place me above the others. For I've set up spiritual one-upmanship, and I've set up Christian pecking orders, and considered myself better than others. May I always be the man who stands at the back and beats his breast, says, Oh God, have mercy on me.

I'm a sinner. I recognize, Father, that we are given a right standing in Christ, and I recognize that we can boldly come before your throne room of grace. But, Lord, that's been so often abused, mistranslated, misunderstood, taken out of context, and it's promoted a pompous pioussness.

It's strange fire. Forgive me. If judgment begins in the house of God, I believe it does.

Start with me. Allow me, Lord Jesus, to go through the fire and meet the fourth man. Let me gaze on the fourth man.

We love you, and we thank you that you're God, and none of us are, in your matchless name. Amen. Amen.

Lord, Father, we just thank you. Thank you tonight, Lord Jesus, for the word that you have brought forth from our brother Kevin, and I pray that it would go deep into our souls, Lord Jesus. Lord, that we would decrease, that you would increase in our life, Lord Jesus, that when men looked at us, they would see Jesus.

Father, let that be the prayer in our hearts tonight, Lord. Let it be the prayer of everybody who calls himself by the name of Christ, that you would be magnified, Lord Jesus, that you would be lifted up, that you would be raised, Lord Father, that we would lift up the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, not with our lips, Lord, but with our life, that our lives would be a testimony to the grace and the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ, and that you would be magnified above all others, Lord Jesus, above all men, above all ministries, above every section of the world, Lord, that we would make declarations, that we would say, yes, behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world, and not just in America or Britain, but in the mountains of Pakistan, and when that young man gets saved, that he could go home and say, behold the

Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world, Lord Jesus, you're the God of every country, you're the God of every nation, you're the God of every heart and soul, and we thank you that you're an all-encompassing God, that you sit upon, your word says, the circle of the earth, and you look down upon the earth, and you look down upon your people, Lord Jesus, and you would have that none would be lost, and that your declaration is a powerful declaration in every country in the world, that behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world, it's as powerful today as it was when John the Baptist pronounced that coming out of the desert, Lord Jesus, I pray a boldness amongst you people, a boldness to be able to step back and let you step forward, to allow you to speak through them, Lord Jesus, speak through every one of us, may our hearts be humbled before your throne, that you may be magnified, that you may be glorified, that we would be the kind of people, Lord Jesus, who would, Lord, we would glorify, we would rather speak of our infirmities that would glorify you, Lord Jesus, that our hearts would be melted, Lord, to thee, that the things of this world, Lord, would not take a hold of us, that this living relationship that our brothers Kevin spoke about, this life of Christ himself, not in dead letter, but an alive beating new heart, Lord Jesus, that men could see and hear, they could see the love of God shining through before a word is ever spoken, that you would go forward, that you would go before us in your spirit, because we are called upon that spirit to magnify Jesus Christ in our hearts and to men, to bring light into the darkness of the world, Lord Jesus, we pray that, we pray that for each and every one of us tonight, no matter where we're called, in our houses, our families, Lord, at work, our ministries, whatever country, whatever opposition, but what opposition to you, Lord, Father?

Magnify that name tonight, the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and I just praise you tonight, Lord Jesus, it's all about you, you are our exceeding great reward, Father, you yourself, Lord, you're the life that courses through us, and it's all there, it begins there and it ends there, Lord, the life that we find in you, and whatever flows out of that life, whatever flows out of that changed heart, whatever flows out of that heart that has humbled itself before the throne of the living God, then that's your work, Lord, that's your work, Father, it's your good pleasure, Lord, to work through us, your people, your vessels, tools in your hand, Lord Jesus, to do your work, I pray that we would be broken before your throne, Lord, pray that in your holy and your precious name, Lord.

Father, I do thank you, Lord, for the privilege to come to you, Lord, to come in prayer tonight, and Lord, I thank you for your word, Lord, thank you, yes, a living relationship, a living water, Lord, even in John 4, the woman at the well, living water, we shall never thirst again, Lord, I thank you for your perfect and ultimate plan, Lord, your relationship with man, Lord, a relationship you have always desired, yes, Lord, I just want to agree, Lord, you must increase and I must decrease, Lord, I thank you for that word, Lord, you gave it to me yesterday, I think it was, Lord, and you've spoken it again tonight, Lord, in a very clear way, you must increase and I must decrease, he that would be greatest must become the least, Lord, it's so opposite, so opposite of the human nature, the earthly goals and desires, Lord, yes, totally opposite is death, Lord, we have a drive to live and to defend ourselves and to look out for our own selfish greediness, Lord, but Lord, it's such a freedom, such a joy to die with you, Lord Jesus, to be dead, buried with you, and raised in newness of life, Lord, where you are everything and we are nothing, it's not about us, it's all about you, it's all about your glory, oh my God, it's all about your good pleasure, and Father, I do love you tonight, I praise your name, thank you, God, for loving me, Lord, I am expandable, you must increase and I must decrease, amen, Lord, I pray this in Jesus' name.

Fathers, I've listened to the testimony of our brother, as he mentions Pakistan tonight, Lord, I ask myself, how can we be so arrogant when believers in Pakistan are suffering under the blasphemy laws of 290 and

290C, I believe it is, or the blasphemy laws, Lord, that says if one converts to Christ, blasphemes against the Prophet Muhammad, they are, in essence, God put in prison, perhaps even many of them have been martyred in this country, our God is, I think, a believer is in prison right now, even as we free, pray, and thank you that we have the freedom to pray on this line, Lord, that right now I've got brothers and sisters, God, that are in shipping containers in Eritrea in the most deplorable of conditions, whose only crime is to love Jesus with all of their heart, mind, soul, and strength, we think of believers in Iran at the risk of their own lives, Lord, that are coming to Christ in great numbers to the tune of 500 a day, and we thank you for that good news, we think of believers in China, Lord, the human rights lawyer, Gao, I can't think of his last name, Lord, who championed the rights of Christians and now is in a gulag somewhere inside of China, believers that are in prison there for their faith, or North Korea, God, where Kim Jong-il has put himself up as a God and that anyone who worships other than him is put to death if they don't own a Bible, in North Korea, God, three generations of a family are imprisoned, and so forth, God, we can just name them, all 53 restricted nations perhaps, and maybe even more, God, in that 1040 window, and no doubt our brother has more personal experiences than I do, God, I just only read the reports and pray for them, he's been there, but, God, how can we, I have to ask myself, how can we even, first of all, we look to you as a first martyr, the ultimate martyr, Lord, other than Stephen, who suffered on that cross, but then, God, I can only just see that with the eyes of faith, but then, God, I look at my brothers and sisters that are bearing that cross and I figure how can I, here in this country, be so arrogant, or so presumptuous, I just think I know it all, they're paying the price, God, and Elliot coined it so well when he said, no man is a fool to give up what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose, and yet he and four others were martyred at a young age and the world would say, what a waste, what a travesty, but, God, as a result of their martyrdom, Lord, the Alka Indians were converted and reached much of their tribe, Lord, in a country that is known as Ecuador, and, God, I don't know, there's just a lot going through my mind tonight, that perhaps all of us are taking his sobering words and reflecting on.

God, it was said of Richard Wernbrandt, who wrote Torture for Christ, that if he came into his presence when he was living, he'd find himself weeping uncontrollably because the presence of Christ was so upon this man. It was said of Mother Teresa, who ministered in the streets of Calcutta, the same thing.

Can it be said of us that the presence of Christ is so strong in us that when people come into our presence, they say, did I see Christ? God, it was said of a group of Americans that were touring in England a hundred or so years ago. They went to hear some dynamic preacher, and they came away saying, what a preacher, what a preacher, but when they went to hear Spurgeon, it was said, they came away saying, what a Savior, what a Savior. Can that be said of us that when people come into our presence, they say, they don't see Blaine, or they don't see this brother or this sister, but they see Christ.

God, I know it can be said of the persecuted, and they have their problems. And then people look at them, they see Christ, I see Christ, but when they look at us in America, God, what do they see? And they pray, let us decrease that he increases in our life because we are expendable. I thank you, God, that you sent your Son to redeem us.

God, can't we be so arrogant as to think that you cannot advance your own kingdom purposes, God, without us? Thank you, God, that you allow us the privilege to partner with you, but God, we are so blind in our sin and in our worldliness, we don't even realize that you're extending the invitation to be part of the advancing of the kingdom of God. When Jesus said that the kingdom of God is forcefully advancing, are we the forceful men that lay hold of it? Forgive us. As my brothers have prayed, God, and no doubt sisters, I'm praying the same thing, that you open our eyes that we see that the kingdom of God or that the hills

are ripe for harvest.

And God, I want to get on my knees and learn from the persecuted of what is valuable because persecution has a way of burning off the nonsense that we see so much here in America and the American church. God, I pray to learn from them in humility because, God, they are paying a price. And God, this night, I would even dare to say as we pray for revival, I pray a special blessing on the persecuted, some that are experiencing revival in China and Iran, Lord.

Great revival is coming out of these parts of the world, even in India, Lord. Lord, in October, this conference is being held at a place called Gospel for Asia, and I've read the reports that have come out of Gospel for Asia, Lord. Incredible.

Incredible revival is happening in India through the preaching of simple men and women, God, that this marvelous ministry trains. God, they are going in and even doing what we would call signs and wonders, but as a result, God, Christ is being lifted up. Just simple hearts that are yielded.

God, give us that simplicity, that sincere and pure devotion of Christ that we could do the same, that we would put aside our intellect and our arrogance, our theology, not put aside Christ, but God, come to him in humility and say, God, make us like those men and women in India, in China, in Iran, in other places that we can go and share Jesus and do it out of the love of Christ and even love our enemies. They're loving the persecutors. God, if somebody cuts in front of us, our sin nature wants to take over.

We want to raise our fist and bid fire from heaven to come down and consume them. At least I do. I don't know if anybody else will admit it.

I admit it. My sin nature gets aroused. Instead of saying, God, bless that person, let them slow down so they don't cause an accident.

I pray that tonight we take our brother's words and get you. And this is not to put anybody on a guilt trip, but God, I say start with me. We learn humility.

And God, prepare our hearts before we go to that conference. Even now, prepare our hearts to receive in humility the word planted, which can save us. And God, challenge us with those speakers from Gospel for Asia and other ministries, God, that we, our hearts will be filled with fire that we want to be like them, not like their carbon copy.

But God, as it says in Hebrews, remember those who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of your way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

So God, I pray that you, we will go to Dallas in humility and sit in expectations and say, God, we hunger. We hunger to hear from you. And Father, I thank you.

I don't want to leave this as a glass that's half empty, but Lord, I want it to be full to overflowing, that there are encouraging reports. I don't know anything about this young man in Birmingham, Lord, but he's written a book called Radical David Blatt who's come in contact with a house church movement in China. And now, Lord, they're having meetings on Friday nights where a thousand people will come and sit there for six and seven hours, no worship band, no PowerPoint, none of this other nonsense.

But they're sitting there saying, give us the word. We need the word. Give us the word.

And God, that's a cry of our hearts tonight. Give us the word, Lord. I pray in Dallas, God, that you give us the word.

Give us the word. Please give us the word. We are desperately in need of the word.

God, I just heard on secular news tonight, we've got evangelicals that are going to churches that can't even have the first four books of the New Testament. How tragic. We are dying for the lack of your word in this land, and our brothers and sisters are crying for it in Iran, China, Pakistan, India, other parts of the world.

But Lord, give us the humility to receive that word that we will have a spirit of humility to receive the word. And God, may we have a spirit of humility to learn from the persecuted and to look at the suffering and say, God, why did they do it? Why did they stay in shipping containers in Eritrea, in jail cells in China, willing to risk death in North Korea and Saudi Arabia? Why? Why is it? Could it be that they discovered the beauty of Jesus and realized that he is that pearl of great price worth dying for? God, may we have that same vision of who Christ is. That is, a friend of mine prayed, God, that we will be those living martyrs for Christ herself.

Daily, Paul says, I die daily. May we die daily, Lord, when Jesus said that if anyone wishes to come after me and let him deny himself, take up his cross daily and follow me. And God, may we do that, just as our brother has shared tonight.

And God, may we do that. And Father, thank you for his word. May it penetrate into our hearts and minds, not in a guilt way, that wasn't his intention, but in a way that says, oh, God, may we die for ourselves so that you can live in us.

Because, believe me, God, true blessing comes when we die to ourselves and you live through us. Oh, God, make us the future Mother Teresa's and the future Richard Wurmbrant's and the future Jim Elliott's. The future Leonard Ravenhill's.

Let us be like the Puritans, God, that gave of their lives. God, one of my favorite Puritans was, I can't think of his name now, John Bunyan, when he left these words, read and pray and pray and read. And I do not despair that you have great books.

For a little from God is better than a whole lot from him. It's like a carpenter hitting the nail on the head. And God's Spurgeon said of Bunyan that when you cut him, he did not bleed, but he bled Scripture because so much of the Word of God was incarnated in him.

And I remember when I was in Bedford, when I saw a statue of him, he had a Bible. And God, tragically, the people, the school children, didn't even understand what was it about Bunyan. They wrote Pilgrim's Progress.

They didn't even understand the message of Pilgrim's Progress. And they lived in the town of this dear saint. May we get the Word, but may we do it in that spirit.

Father God, I'm so, so humbled by your presence here tonight, O God. And the words that you have spoken to us, O Lord. And God, I desire with all my heart, Lord, to decrease that you may increase, O Lord.

I even long, Lord Jesus, to be consumed by you, Lord. That you are all that is seen. Lord, I ask you to take my whole heart, every fiber of my being, O Lord.

And just consume me, Lord Jesus. To be my very life, O Lord. Lord, we have nothing else to live for.

We want to live for your glory. We want you to be exalted here on the earth, O God. We want you to be lifted up, Lord.

And Father, that is our desire in Dallas. That our risen Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ, would be exalted in Dallas, Texas at that revival conference. That every eye would see you, Lord.

That every ear would hear your voice. That every heart would have an encounter with you, the living God. You are revival, Lord Jesus.

And I pray, Lord, you would give us an awesome encounter with you, O God. It is all about you. We ask that you would glorify your name, Lord.

You would glorify your matchless name. And Lord, I pray that you would bring people, Lord, in Dallas to the absolute end of themselves, O God. And that we would come to that place, Lord Jesus, of absolute surrender.

As my brother said, making us lovesick again. Returning to our first love. Loving you, Lord Jesus, who have loved us so much.

And Lord, that we would get up from that place and we would follow you and we would go wherever you tell us to go, Lord. Wherever you lead us, Lord. That we would do whatever you tell us to do.

We would say whatever you tell us to say. I'm asking you, Lord, in Dallas, to raise up the call. Lazarus is out of the tomb.

Giving them life, Lord. Setting us free from all the grave clothes that bind us. And then putting an all-consuming passion in our hearts for your glory and for your honor and to go forth with your words of life, Lord.

Not just preaching the message. Yes, preaching the message. But more than that, being the message.

Being the very incarnate message that you give us, Lord. God, I'm asking you to do it for your glory and honor. I thank you, Lord, for what you're doing.

I thank you for raising up men and women who are praying like they are, who are laying hold of you, O God. And who are done with this world. I thank you for raising them up.

I thank you for raising those up on this prayer call who have been seeking you, Lord, day and night to come and reign righteousness upon us. To come, Lord, and revive your people once again. Lord, I thank you for them.

We look to you, Father, with such expectation, such longing, such desperation, O God, for you to come and work a work in our day, O Lord. Thank you, Father, for what you will do. I praise you with all of my heart tonight.

In Jesus Christ's name. And heavenly Father, we thank you for your word. We thank you for who you are and what you are.

We thank you for your majesty, for your power, for your glory, for your dominion, for your supremacy, for your authority, and for all you mean to us because you are magnificent, Lord. You are beyond anything and anything that we can imagine. And your glory is above the heavens.

And, Father, we thank you so much for the Lord Jesus Christ because he came to give us life that we might have life and that we ought to share with others, Lord. We thank you for the Holy Spirit who is guiding us and leading us. And now, Father, we come in prayer to you asking again for revival for the United States, Lord, and for Canada, Father.

We pray that you would have mercy on us, Lord, that you would be willing to come because, as our brother said, you're more willing to revive us than us being willing to be revived. And, Lord, we... I don't know what sound of desperation that you need to come and to be willing to come and revive us, Lord. I don't know what cry of desperation is needed, Lord.

I don't know how you gauge our heartbeat to know that we want you to come in a mighty outpouring of your Holy Spirit. Lord, there are people dying around us every day. The young do not have the word.

The young do not come to church anymore. Lord, sin is increasing everywhere, Lord, and we are violating all of your commandments in so many different ways in so many different areas, including the day that is to be holy and a day of rest where we ought to worship you, Lord. And so, Father, we just ask you that you would relent and that you would come in revival, that you would pour out your Spirit upon this land and upon Canada, Lord, that you would pour out your Spirit upon us, Lord, and change us to be the men and women that we ought to be, Lord, because if you come, then we will see a great and mighty movement of power.

We will see men and women turn to you. We will see men and women repent. We will see men, women, and children be safe, Father.

We will see a new lifestyle within ourselves that goes from Sunday all throughout the week where we will come and worship you continually, where we will be the kind of people that you want, that you would love to have, Father, but we cannot do it without you, Lord. We need you so much and we appeal to you and we ask that you would have mercy on us and that you would do that which we cannot do and that you would reveal yourself in mighty and awesome power. And we thank you, Lord, that you want to do that and that you will do it.

And, Father, we believe that you will do it just as in times of old you have given your promises, Lord. We pray that you would carry through regardless of what we do as humans, Father, that you would reveal yourself and that those men and women that you have preordained before the foundation of the world would be added to the Lamb's Book of Life and that many, many would turn from a secular lifestyle in their Christian life to become those Christians that you want us to be, Father. So we ask you for your help.

We ask you for your mercy. We ask you for your love. We ask you to reveal yourself and we thank you that you will do it.

In Christ's name, amen. Father God, I want to thank you tonight. I want to thank you for the terrible, terrible price that Christ paid on the cross for our souls.

I want to thank you, Lord, that you paid the price. You paid the price to save our souls. You're the one that was on Calvary.

You're the one that stayed on Calvary. You're the one that shed your precious blood. You are the great I Am.

You are the one above all names. You are Christ and Christ alone. And we thank you tonight, Father.

We thank you for thy son. We thank you that he paid the price. He paid the price, Father.

And it pleased his Father that he paid the price and was willing to pay the price. Father God, we thank you tonight that Christ is the one that we look to. Christ is the one that we acknowledge tonight.

Christ is the great I Am. And so, Father God, I thank you with all my being that my eyes are fixed on Christ and on him alone. And, Father God, you said that you will share your glory with no one.

So, Father, I thank you. I thank you tonight, even for those who are being persecuted. They're simply living for you, Lord.

And, Father God, you said it's our reasonable service. That we would even give our life for thee. So, Lord, you're the one of great price that you paid it, Father.

You paid it, Lord Jesus. And I thank you tonight. I thank you with all my being and all my soul and all my heart that Jesus Christ paid and died for me and saved my soul.

And I acknowledge thee tonight, Jesus, and I give you all the glory. I do not look at man. I look at you, Lord Jesus.

And when I look at you, Lord, you said if you be lifted up, you will draw all men unto thee. Oh, Father, thank you for our faith in Christ. Thank you for the reality of Jesus.

Thank you for loving us, Jesus. Thank you for staying on the cross. Thank you, Lord Jesus, that you said it is finished.

I thank you with all my being. Thank you, Lord. Father God, I just thank you also, Lord God, for this opportunity, Lord, to lift my voice with these others, Lord God, on this call tonight.

Father God, I just want to thank you, Lord, for the work you've begun to do in us, Lord God. Thank you that, Lord, you have just been revealing yourself to us, Lord, in such a real way, Father. And you're opening our eyes to see what Christianity really is.

You're opening our eyes, Lord God, to see that when we come to you, Lord God, that we're going to take up that cross and follow you. We're going to surrender our lives to you. We're going to die to self.

We're going to be so yielded to you, Lord God, that we're willing to do and go and say anything, Lord God, that you'd help us to do. We thank you for that, Father. We gladly yield ourselves to you, Lord.

But God, the burden, the burden of the heart, Lord, is to see others, see others coming awake, Lord God, like you, by your grace and your mercy have done for us. Nothing in ourselves, nothing in ourselves, Lord. I was walking in another direction, and you called me.

You showed me Christ. And you, Lord God, opened my eyes the way you have. God, I'm just so grieved that today, Lord, the gospel that's being preached is no gospel at all, Lord.

And many people sit in churches, Lord God, with this false sense of security, and they don't know you. And I thank, Lord God, that what they have, this comfortable Christianity, this Christianity that's all about them, and nothing about you. It's the way it is.

Lord, it grieves us, Lord and Father. We want others to come to know you the way we have, Lord, the way you've shown us. Lord, we want to see the church awakened.

We want to see it reformed, Lord God. We want to see your word honored and obeyed and lived out in people's lives. We want to see, Lord God, the power of your Holy Spirit returning, Father God, in the midst of us.

Yes, Lord Jesus. Oh, God. And this is what we're gathered in part for, Lord God.

As we pray for revival, this is what we want to see. And, Lord, I don't know what picture that will take. I don't know if it's persecution.

I don't know if it's revival, Father God. I know in my own life, Lord, it was revival. You revived me.

You awakened me. You didn't persecute me. And so I, Lord, can just pray for that for the American churches.

But, Lord, you are God, and I wouldn't begin to tell you to do your business, Lord. All I know, Lord, is that I want to see your name glorified, Lord God, in the churches. Lord, I want to see people awakened to a knowledge of you, a love for you, a sold-out, Lord God,ness of you.

And, God, I'm grieved as I look across not just America, not just Canada, but, Lord, through all the nations, Lord God, and the Western world, especially in the sea, Father, the apathy and the watered-down gospel. And just see also, Lord God, the darkness, Lord God, that covered, Lord God, the globe. And see Satan, Lord God, in such powered scenes, Lord.

I just want to see him, Lord, cut back. And, Lord God, you arise, Father God, and see, Father, light, righteousness, Lord God, reigning for a season of time across, Lord, these nations, Lord God. And so, God, I just call on you tonight, Father, once again, to come down, Lord God, rend the heavens and come down, and shower us, Lord God, with an abundance of rain, a supernatural working of your Spirit, Lord God, that no man can save because of me, because of what I did, because of what I said, because of you.

It cannot be explained but by you. Oh, God, you have done things like this before. And, Lord, we're so ripe, we're so ripe, Lord God, for a movement of your Spirit again, and we're here calling on you, God.

Mercy, mercy upon us once more, for Jesus' sake, amen. Amen. Lord, Father, we just thank you for the gathering of the saints tonight, Lord.

Lord, I just want to pray, as we come to this conclusion, Lord, I want to pray, continue to pray for the Dallas gathering. I know that Brian and Kevin are going to be speaking there. Brother Alan and Brother Edgar's on the phone tonight.

He's going to be a moderator. So, Father, I pray that you would pour out your Spirit upon these men. Even now, as we speak, Lord, I pray that you would go before them, that you would prepare their hearts, prepare the hearts of the hearers, Lord, that they would be humble before your throne, before they walk into that place.

I pray that they would be emboldened to speak in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Lord, I know that they know that they will stand before men and speak. A word that you have put on their heart is a gravity to this, Father, and I thank you that these men are going to be speaking there.

I feel in my heart these men fear you more than they fear men. I pray that will be the case when they stand up and they give exactly what you give them to give, Father, and that they would speak with power. And despite an onslaught of the enemy, which will undoubtedly come against them, Lord Jesus, Father, I just pray your Spirit would cover them, Lord, even now.

And in the next few weeks, Father, your Spirit would cover them, your Spirit would go before them, your Spirit would speak into them, and that the Lord Jesus Christ would be magnified in their hearts, even to a sense that it hasn't been before, Father. Their hearts would be bursting with the Lord Jesus Christ. And they would stand as light in the darkness and cry out, Lord Jesus, whatever message you would give them, whatever they hear they would say.

You tell them to move and they would go, Lord Jesus. What your word says, the enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide, I will lead to spoil, my lusts shall be satisfied upon them, I will draw my sword, my hands shall destroy them. But, Lord, you blew with your wind, and the sea covered them, and they sank like lead in the mighty waters.

Who is like you, O Jehovah, among the gods? Who is like you, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises? Doing wonders, you stretched out your right hand and the earth swallowed them, the enemies of your people. Father, may your right hand be outstretched to cover these men that we pray for tonight. These men that we pray for tonight.

And the only words that we would hear from their lips, Lord, are words that you have burned into their hearts, that they would speak with the power of the Holy Spirit, that penetrates the hardest hearts of men like Jesus. Because we agree together, Lord, we agree together on this call, week in and week out, that there is a crisis, Father, amongst the people who call themselves by your name. There is a desperation, Lord, Father, for those who love you, and for those who serve you, for those who sigh and cry at the abominations, Lord, Father, at the abominations done and lived in the name of Christ.

That your name, Lord, is sullied, as my brother said earlier on, by the world laughed and mocked because of those who call themselves by your name, Lord Jesus. But you have your people, Father, and their heart breaks because of it, and it's because you have put that upon their heart, even that, Lord, Father. That burden, that passion, that burning desire to walk ever deeper with you, Lord Jesus Christ.

To see you glorified in the hearts and the lives and the souls of men, that they, Lord Jesus, would worship you with their whole hearts. With their whole hearts. It's not an addition, like my brother said earlier on, to their lives, to their comfortable lives.

They have this, this, this, and Jesus. I pray that they would see nothing but you, Lord Jesus. An army of those saints would rise up.

They would see nothing but you, Lord Jesus, and they would indeed be a sweet fragrance to you, Lord. A fragrant army whose prayers would rise like incense, Lord, before your very throne. Who speak with you all the day long, secret prayers of love to you, Lord Jesus.

All the day long, all the day long, from the moment they get up in the morning to the night and when they lay down their heads on their pillows, that they would praise the living blood and that they would whisper to you, Love, Lord Jesus. They would walk in your presence. You would be a part of them and that they could say, and they would only have pride to say this, that we walk with you, Lord.

What is our ministry? We walk with you, Lord Jesus. We walk in your light, Lord Jesus. We walk in your presence.

Oh, Lord, may that hunger and thirst in all of us, that we would just simply walk in the presence in God and that men would tremble, that men would weep as they speak to you, Lord Jesus, through your people. That they would be prepared and ready for you, Lord Jesus. I just pray this in your holy name, that your name, your name, Lord Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, that it would all be out about you and that we would not hear other men's names, as great as they may be, Lord Jesus, that we would only hear the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

What other name is given under heaven? What mentions? What other name is given under heaven? It's the name of Jesus that makes men tremble. It's the name of Jesus that breaks the hard hearts of men. It's the name of Jesus that brings life into deadness.

It's the name of Jesus and him arose and the life of Christ brings life into deadborns. Worship you tonight, Jesus. I pray that we would go to our bed tonight, worshiping the living God, the living God.

You are glorified and magnified tonight, Father, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. That light that you have shone into our hearts, the light of the glory of the knowledge of God, that's the knowledge that men need, that knowledge, that light itself, Christ itself, in the face of Jesus. The scripture says, the fullness of the Godhead, everything in Christ and Christ alone.

Let his name be magnified and glorified. Let us be fools for Christ, that he may be above all things. In Jesus' name we pray.

God bless all the saints tonight, I pray in Jesus' name. May we be baptized afresh, even now, in the presence and the Holy Spirit of the living God, as we rejoice in the name of Jesus. Let the lintels of our hearts be shaken as we rejoice in the name of Jesus, that name that does stretch out its right hand and swallows up the enemy.

Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world. And the devil roars and we say again, behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world. We bless your name tonight, Jesus.

We are alive tonight because of you, Jesus. We live and breathe tonight because of you, Jesus. We have a sound mind tonight because of you, Jesus.

We have peace and joy in our hearts and souls because of you, Jesus. And nothing else, and nothing else, nothing in this world can give us joy and can give us peace. And a sound mind and to walk, Lord Jesus, in that peace that surpasses all understanding because of the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Because your scripture says that you would stand and guard our very hearts because of that peace which surpasses all understanding and the word says, be anxious for nothing. But in everything by prayer and supplication and thanksgiving we have come before the throne to let those requests be known unto God. And that God of peace which surpasses all understanding will guard our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

May our hearts and minds be guarded. Our very hearts, the very seat of our affections, every part of us, the only place that we give joy and love, let nothing interfere with that. May it be guarded as the name of the Lord Jesus Christ is lifted up and we're obedient to the word of Christ, to the word of God.

And you're a God that says yes and amen. Your word is never broken and you never ever break a promise, Father. And you've given us these promises and despite what we see with our eyes, we look with spiritual eyes and we say, yes, Father.

We believe the report of the Lord and in this comes boldness because we have a Father who is faithful through the blood and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. Amen.

Hallelujah. Amen. Thank you.

Thank you, Kevin. Brother, thank you for coming and sharing. Thank you.

Just before we leave, I wanted to share the scripture verse with you. It's from Nahum 1-7. From Nahum 1-7 and it was actually given to me by one of our staff that was arrested and put in prison for three and a half years.

The brother tonight was praying about Eritrea and we worked there for many years. All of our staff was arrested and after finding my brother, he'd been in shipping containers and locked in a cave and unbelievable situation. I asked him this.

I said, in all of your suffering and your persecution, he was beaten continually. I asked him, I said, was there one verse that you clung to? And he said immediately, yes. Nahum 1-7 said, the Lord is good.

He is stronghold in the day of trouble. And he knows those who trust him. How? What else could be more eloquent than a verse like that from somebody who had suffered the way they had? So, be blessed by that.

Nahum 1-7. If you get a chance, give it a read. It's quite beautiful.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to pray and share with you as well. I look forward to seeing whoever can be in Dallas. God bless you.

God bless you, brother. God bless all the brothers and sisters. Good night.

Good night.

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