

(clip) Sharing God's Heart For the Lost

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Scripture: Luke 15:4, Psalm 51:10, Jeremiah 29:13, Romans 8:38, 2 Corinthians 5:14, Matthew 9:36, Psalm 34:18, Isaiah 41:10, 1 John 4:19

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Transcript

When I came to America in 1974, I came after eight years of my life, living on the streets of India and Nepal and South Asian nations, and I remember how many times I looked at the multitudes on the streets and literally wept and cried with this realization, wow, they are all going to hell. They do not know Jesus. But then I came to America to go to seminary and two years went by and I found I could not cry anymore.

When I was studying theology, I was one of the best students in my seminary in Greek and Hebrew and all these things. At the same time, I was called to pastor a church with a couple of other families, and so three or four times preaching and teaching and everything was going on, and all of a sudden I woke up and said, what happened to me? That's when I realized maybe it was all a big mistake, me coming to America to study Bible, and here I was getting all this information, but my heart was no more aching. I talked about the world going to hell, going to preach the gospel and do this and that, statistics and figures and all that, but it was all so very objective.

I kind of thought I left Christ and he left me and the best thing to do is get into business and make money and go on with my life. This is where my wife found out what was happening with me. Externally it was all perfect, but internally I was dying, and she said, why don't you ask God to talk to you? I got mad at her.

I said, I pray all the time. She said, no, would you please ask him? That led me to get into my study, thousands of books in my library, and I didn't sit anymore on my comfortable chair. I was on the carpet and I said, Lord, I just don't know what to do.

I'm lost. I know everything in my head, but my heart is empty and I can't cry anymore. I know people are lost.

I was there, I don't know how many days, and one afternoon, I'm not a crazy person on drugs and things like that. It was late in the afternoon. I was in my room alone.

It was like a big screen appeared before me and people's faces by millions. I'm just looking at it. I said, what's happening with me? Somehow I could hear the Lord saying so clearly.

Did I hear it in my ear? I don't know. I waited for this day until you come to the end of yourself. I called you for a world that is so lost without me.

I was so overcome with the fact that he loves me. He knows me. If Jesus asked me to jump off a seven-story building, I would have done it.

People thought I got IDCs because I couldn't stop crying. It was not guilt or condemnation, it was all of a sudden the Lord touched my heart. The love for him was so intense.

Sometimes I had to cry out, I can't handle it, Lord, please. It all turned out to be a desperate passion for people that are dying and going to hell.

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