

# Cross Talk Show 2 - Part 3

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*The greatest need in the world today is for people to hear the gospel and come to know Jesus Christ, and we must be willing to overcome obstacles and face persecution in sharing the message.*

**Duration:** 9:14

**Scripture:** Romans 10:13

**Topics:** "Missionary Work", "Persevering Faith"

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## Description

This sermon emphasizes the importance of answering God's call for a lifetime commitment to share the gospel, even in the face of challenges, persecution, and rejection. It highlights the dedication and perseverance of missionaries like Titus, who tirelessly walk miles to reach isolated communities with the message of Christ, facing threats and hostility but continuing to trust in God's protection and guidance. The story of Titus serves as a powerful example of unwavering faith and the transformative impact of sharing the gospel, leading to the growth of missions and the establishment of churches despite opposition.

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## Transcript

Of course, when we recruit people to come and serve the Lord, we make sure they know the Lord, and they do have a call from the Lord to give their life. For them, it is a lifetime commitment, not for two years and three years, no, it's one-way ticket. Well, there's some more wonderful stories that are just challenging that I want you to share with our viewers.

We have to take just a short break, okay? We are so preoccupied with our own traditions that we cannot think different. But when you're confronted with the truth, all those who call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. When you're confronted with reality, pain, and suffering, and opportunity, then it says, but how can they call on Him in whom they have not believed? I believe that you're just like me.

You'll care. You'll want to be involved. The next question, how can they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? This text will revolutionize people's thinking about world missions.

And how will they hear without a preacher? And how will they preach except they be sent? If you read this book, you will find the heart of God for the lost. I would weep my eyes out over the lost millions when 80,000 people die every day and plunge into eternity without Christ. If you need to be revitalized in your own spirit because you've grown cold, you're so connected to this world, you're so attached to this

temporary passing world, the greatest need is in the temple.

Greatest opportunity is right there. Greatest harvest is right there. I want to appeal to you.

Call the number on our screen and request a free copy of this book, *Revolution in World Missions*. I beg you. The question is not how are we going to do the job, but how are they going to hear the gospel? This book by my brother, Dr. K.P. Ohanen, *Revolution in World Missions*, will touch you and change you.

I dare you to request this book because I promise you if you do, you will. Near the northern tip of India, wedged between China and Nepal, are the foothills of the majestic Himalayas. Millions of people live here.

The vast majority have never heard the gospel. Not far from the Buddhist monasteries where the prayer wheels continually spin, you'll meet a dedicated native missionary who is following the call of Christ on his life. His name is Titus, a Bible name.

That's because when he was a boy, a traveling minister prayed for his sick mother and brother, and God healed them on their deathbeds. That's when his family embraced Christ. Now, Titus himself travels courageously to places where the name of Jesus is unknown.

From the rooftop of the rented house where he and his family live, Titus prays faithfully for the villages he sees off in the distance. There are so many people in this valley who have not heard of Jesus even one time, but it's the ones who live in the mountains that are truly isolated. They don't even have a road that goes to them, just difficult footpaths to climb.

Having no access to a car and living in the mountains where a bicycle is useless, Titus has answered God's call to preach the good news with the only transportation available to him, his legs. First, he must walk down to the city. Three kilometers later, he comes to the place where the road, along with any knowledge of the gospel, ends.

It's 3.5 kilometers more to the village. No roads, no alternatives, straight up, often just a simple footpath to use as a trail. His lungs will burn, his legs will ache, but the path will be climbed.

He will face these difficulties day after grueling day, because the Lord's call will be answered. Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles.

They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not be faint. Yet for all his effort, he has no guarantee anyone will even listen to him when he shares his faith.

The truth is, he knows many times people will be more inclined to turn him away. What I tell people is completely new, and most listen politely. Some will ask questions about the literature, but others say things like, leave here with this new god of yours.

Alcohol is a chronic problem, and those who drink become irate with me and tell me to get out, or they'll beat me. If I ever return, they say they'll kill me. This can be quite terrifying.

But they can't stop me, because I know God called me to this work. When I return home, my family will fast and pray with me for those people. I fast for three days, or maybe a week, and then, trusting in the Lord, I pack my things and go back to the same town, to the same house, and I talk to the same people who told me they would hurt me, or kill me.

And God does wonderful things. Frequently, their hearts have changed, or they've gotten sick, and ask for me to pray to my God to heal them, and he does. Many, many times, this is how conversion takes place.

After years of selfless dedication, Titus's efforts are now bearing fruit. He has started two missions, and is the pastor of a thriving church. His bold witness has not gone unnoticed.

Unfortunately, this has also caused problems of another kind. One night, after returning from the mission with some of my fellow believers, we were met by a group of angry young men. We were in an area that was not good.

They grabbed us. Who are you? They shouted. I didn't lie.

I told them we were Christians coming from a service. This made them furious. They grabbed my bag and threw the tracks on the ground.

You are the ones destroying our religion, they said, and started to push us around. One believer became scared and started to fight back, and this made the men all the more violent. I could see we were in a terrible situation.

I began to pray silently for the Lord's protection. I tried to stop my friend. I said, no, we are Christians.

If we are to be beaten for Christ, then so be it. If we are to die for Christ, then we will die like Christ. We will not return globes.

He listened to me and calmed down. And by some miracle, the men stopped their aggression and let us pass. We were very shaken and returned to my home.

We should call the police about those men. But I told him we would do no such thing. Instead, we will pray for those who persecute us.

And that is what we did right there. The people are a lot like the river around me. Now the water is low, and you must walk carefully among the rocks.

But still, where I am standing, the current is strong, and I know the rains are coming. And when they do, this valley will fill with water, and everywhere I am standing will be covered. Even now, among these people, the refreshing rain of the Holy Spirit is coming.

The Holy Spirit is falling, and many are coming to the living water. Today, Titus will baptize nine new believers. Many heard about Jesus at the eleventh hour of their lives.

Three are in their eighties and have hiked four kilometers down the mountain to come to the river.

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