

# Is Christ All You Have

by Leonard Ravenhill

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*Leonard Ravenhill emphasizes the necessity of relying on Christ alone for strength, wisdom, and fulfillment amidst worldly challenges and spiritual warfare.*

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**Scripture:** John 15:4-9, 1 Corinthians 1:30, 1 Corinthians 2:6, 1 Peter 2:20-21, 1 John 4:4

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## Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes the power of God within believers. He quotes from 1 John 4:4, stating that greater is He who is in us than he who is in the world. The preacher highlights how Satan controls various systems in the world, such as politics, education, finance, and media. Despite this, the preacher encourages believers to have faith and trust in God's eternal resources and victory. The sermon also mentions the importance of staying committed to God's word and not being swayed by worldly distractions.

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## Transcript

This has been a great week for the devil, hasn't it? And all the anti-athetic councils, and everyone else who wants to support it in the church. They've had a great time. It shows us among other things that the kingdom of God isn't a kingdom of lies.

It shows that there... You know, I don't know the devil's list. I wish I did, in one way. I've said, I've said all you heard me say.

If the devil has a list of the ten most wanted men in America, I want to be number one. But I think Jimmy Faggots is there. Maybe Grace is the second.

I wouldn't be third anyhow. I think that's what the devil's fighting about. Jimmy's had such a testimony.

God to other countries. And yet, maybe there are 140 countries in which he goes. They broadcast the message of what happened this week in newspapers.

But the Lord's never stated that, either, you know. I'm not going to preach, I'm just going to talk a few words to you. Let's look at the first epistle of John, chapter 4. First epistle of John, chapter 4, verse 4. Ye are of godly good children, and have overcome men, because greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world.

That doesn't look very sensible, does it? When you think of all the systems that Satan controls. But what he talks about, he says, greater is he that is in you. There's a personality.

And there's a personality inside my personality if I'm born again of God. Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world. The devil has every system.

Movie system, press, TV, almost everything is stamped with Satanic power. And yet, the word of God here says, greater is he that is in us than he that is in the world. Well, John had a lot to say about the world.

I actually counted in my concordance today, in his... And I may remember this man, John, was a very ignorant man. When he came out of the upper room, the wise age was there, said, watch that these men are not allowed in the big room. He was very ignorant.

He wrote the most sublime thing ever written in English. I should say French. It was written in Greek at the time.

The Gospel of John has been declared the most beautiful thing ever written. And it was written by this ignorant man. And then he wrote a third epistle.

And he wrote a second epistle. And he wrote a third epistle. All best sellers.

And then to prove his ignorance, he got to look at the Revelation of Babylon and all the wise men. In that ignorance, a lot of that time, everything works today. I'm a candidate for it.

If anyone has come up the edge of eternity, John is. So this is a man that talks at least a hundred times in his Gospels, Gospels and epistles. I didn't count in the Revelation.

Over a hundred times he talks about the world. And we see more and more the activity of the world. But greater is he that endures us.

Because he who endures us is made unto his wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption. That is if we live in submission to him. We think that's not having this.

Perfect submission, all is at rest. It's an American thing. Let's look at chapter 2 and verse 6 here.

He says, he that saith in verse 6. Then he says, he that saith in verse 9. But look at verse 6. He that saith that he abideth in him. That's a favorite word of his. Remember what he said in John 15? If he abided me, my word abided you.

Why should we have superior strength and knowledge? Because the written Christ is living in us. When I first came to America, it seems, a hundred years ago, in 1916. The big thing in those days was a Saturday night Youth of Christ meeting.

Remember those meetings? You get, what, a thousand, two thousand? I say, if there is a meeting, I'm going to take somebody back to a New Year's Eve meeting. And have it over Thursday. You don't like the meeting, do you? Oh, how they used to sing, he lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives.

You ask me how I know he lives. He lives within my heart. But you've got to say to somebody, I'm not going to ask you to say, everybody's saying from the White House to the Jailhouse.

Look me in the eye, does Christ live in you? Oh, well, I wouldn't like to say. Well then, why don't you sing it? We sing so glibly. Truth slip over our lips like water on the night of the fall.

We sang tonight, thou, O Christ, art all I want. What if the Lord nails us down to that this week? Is Christ all I want? I don't know who he was, but somebody said a smart thing. Somebody in our class, I'm sure, last year.

Do you understand? The only time you can say, Christ is all I need, is when he's all you have. Boy, that would be damned, wouldn't it? If I'm stripped of every other thing, and all I have is Christ, am I contented with Christ? Am I content with the wisdom of Christ? With the strength of Christ? I quoted the other week, there was a statement, we become incarnate in this sense, or the Spirit became incarnate when he came to dwell in us. And you see, one of the great things that this precious man like this don't want to witness is the Spirit.

But look at verse, chapter 2 again, and verse 6. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also to walk even as he walks. Isn't that just? Come on. This is our directory.

These are our conditions for being disciples. It doesn't matter if you walk like the Pentecostals, or walk like the Methodists or the Nazarites. Whether to walk as he walked.

How did he walk? He lived in complete submission to the Father. He said, I don't do a single thing without direction from the Father. Well, how can I have direction from the Father? Only by the abiding Spirit.

What does it say? He that saith he abideth in him ought also himself to walk even as he walks. Now, I'd better turn you over to the script. You know, I think you deserve it.

Firstly, just to repeat, just move a little back, chapter 2. What does it say? He that saith he abideth in him ought to walk even as he walks. Now, look at 1 Peter, chapter 2. And verse 21 says, or take it to verse 20. What grub is it, if when ye be supplicant to your Father ye should take it patiently? But if when ye do well in some province, and take that patiently, it is acceptable to God.

For even at hell and trouble ye call, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that we should follow in his steps. If he left that in the blank, what is he? All filling in with our homemade theology. All our denominations.

The Lord made it down, it's pretty tough, that he should follow in his steps. What are his steps? Number one, he did no sin. Can you imagine most of us without committing sin? Sure you are.

If not, put a list at the door of the church. What sins can you commit? What can't you commit? Are you saying it's impossible for a Christian to sin? No, I'm saying it's possible for him not to sin. And there's a big difference.

I remember the time, the first time I got on the Queen Mary, I looked up, I mean the ship was gone. And I looked up there, and an officer said, you know that deck is 80 feet high, up there. Oh, mercy.

And the ship was a block and a half long. I thought, boy, this will never get going. I thought, boy, it's from the druggies.

It had no feet. The druggies went for 3,000 miles. Do you know where they go in the mid-Atlantic when you hear the storm? Do you know where they go, sir? They like to flatter you when you're a new traveler.

And the officer comes and says, sir, I've crossed the Atlantic 300 times. This is the biggest storm we've ever been in. Everybody loves to think they're the worst storms.

No. Do you know what happened? A little bit of the Atlantic, that ship, which Queen Elizabeth weighed what? 82,400 tons. Queen Elizabeth weighed 84,300.

And when I shipped on the mid-Atlantic, you know, the waves were going around like a rowing boat. A man came past me with a train. He had a white, white, and blue one.

And I was so glad the ship dropped. And he all along went on the floor. I said, praise the Lord.

And there's red wine and white wine and gravy and potatoes and everything on the floor. But there's that great ship. It was possible for it to sink.

In fact, I was only coming from New York when it made its 500th trip across the Atlantic. But other boats had been mined, put down during World War II. They got loose and came up and they shattered the bottom.

Or for other reasons they could have found them. When we got in that storm, actually, I said to an officer, what's that mountain over there? He said, what mountain? I said, that mountain. He said, that's not a mountain, that's a wave.

I said, a wave? He said, it's coming this way. He said, it's coming? I said, it came and it was all lifted up there. We were looking at the sea down there.

But boy, when we got down there, we were looking at the sea up there. The power of the ocean. The ship didn't sink.

It was possible for it to sink. It was possible for it to sink. But it was possible for it not to sink.

You know, wait. You didn't jump off your screen and shout how delirious pedicabs you are. Tonight.

What did I write for you there? Greater is he that is in you. There isn't a religion in the world where there's an old one or a new one, where a man's God lives inside of his belief in Christianity. Christ in you.

It would be wonderful if he'd take Christ for you. It would be marvelous if he'd take Christ with you. It doesn't say, for your wisdom.

It says, greater is he that is in you. He's no lips to speak through, except yours and mine. We should have distinct language to the language of the world.

We should have distinct love to the love of the world. There shouldn't be that age-like covetousness. We should be so satisfied with him.

There's a very good song that says, I'm satisfied with Jesus. Is he satisfied with me? That's what I need to know every night before I go to bed. I exist in this world.

You exist not to make money, or be famous, or preach sermons, or I don't. You exist to give pleasure to God. The Lord hasn't rejoiced today over one of those marvelous things in heaven that you call planets.

A planet can't love God. A star can't love God. The Romans can't love God.

They make sure it's moving. Who can love him? I can love him. You can love him.

So this man makes it very clear. If you're going to love God, you have to ride the world with him on. Get rid of the world.

You see, against us we have the world, the flesh, the devil, the in-laws, the out-laws, IRS, all of them. All against us. And yet, he says, great is his seed that is in you.

You know, we don't realize the opposition, I think, of satanic power in every country. Every day I try to say, well, it won't be Leonard Rindge, it might be Leonardo Ravello, over in Russia, my number, that's been stinking in a prison for 20 years. In fact, he had one hour of my freedom.

My worst day in my life is better than his best day. How often do I turn on one side and say, God, I love you. Not for the nice home, a wonderful wife, and good furniture.

I love you because you saved me. I love you because my name is in the book of life. I love you because I can be more than conqueror through him that loved us.

It's not victory in the margin. It's not ending every day, at the end of every day, exhausted. No, I'm drawing on God, the eternal resources.

There's a hymn in that book, we may learn it sometime, I found a friend on such a friend. And one stands on the hymn and says, the eternal glories bring him afar, to know my saint endeavor. So now to what? To work, to war, and then to rest forever.

You know, we're going to get to heaven, we're going to be, the Lord's going to have us stripped. We're going to see how many scars we have. I told you this story in that fairy tale that the children put in England about King Arthur's Knight.

When they went out to fight, they wore the same breastplate, the same helmet, the same uniform in every shape or form of the knight. It was only then you discovered who Arthur was. When he got that clothing on.

You, you may have a language today. You may have tried it in England and you certainly don't speak that. I don't know, your head has changed color, you know.

But God knows. We're going to be amazed when we get up there. In the word of God.

I'm going to leave for a minute. Let me tell you what they say about playgrounds. Dear Lord, who wants to own a playground? For retarded Christians.

It's called PTL. Maybe they'll change its name now. But I'll tell you what, the bad news is going to get easier.

I think they've not said this stretch is on the tip of the iceberg. I think there's more and more pressure. I was reading again in Revelation 12.

I'm going to go to 12. Where it says, walls of inhabitants of the earth. For the devil has come down in great wrath.

He knows his time is short. Time is running out for the devil. And time is running out for the church.

God said all the times the devil was due to upset the kingdom of Jesus Christ with. When it says that he did no sin. And as he walked, so we in this world.

Now I didn't write that. That's written by divine inspiration. Where to walk as he walked.

And he walked without sin. It's not hard to give up sin when you realize what sin is. How it separates and divides and destroys.

You know, the devil has a lot of power. I think. I think sometimes we give him too much credit.

He's mighty. But God is almighty. God is way, way, way beyond him.

What about embarrassment? And I think this so often. When I get there. We sang tonight, turn your eyes upon Jesus.

The things of those who look strangely dim. I wish they did, but they don't very often. But when we get there and look back, the things of those who look strangely grim.

How much time they spent putting bits of money away. Doing this, doing that. Trivia, trivia.

We're supposed to be living intelligently conscious people. Not time conscious. Not materialism conscious.

But the Christians today are so open. All they rejoice over materialism as much as the ungodly do. I thought it was interesting.

In this mess that's been on TV, nobody wants to admit guilt, do they? When the guilty man says he had an indiscretion, isn't that nice for adultery? Huh? Nobody commits adultery anymore, they just have an affair. No iniquity, just infirmities. No wickedness, just weakness.

The way it comes to it, you know, in the last analysis, it's S.I.N. It's sin and it separates men from God and it separates men from each other. The wicked old devil has been driving a wedge between men who've got choices to make. And they're going to take sides whether they like it or not, mostly on an emotional basis.

I thought it was interesting. I didn't sleep too much last night. I don't know if I thought maybe Coppock's talking about this thing again.

I don't know if he was. He was a poor old man, what's his name? Dumbledore? Poor boy. He lived in a new boyhouse.

And he was kind of in, what's his other call? The Baptist Church. Jerry Falwell's house. He said, do you have a private place? Do you have a private place? Oh, no.

What do you call it? Thomas Watt Baptist. He said, our schools and our church have it. Of course, you know why they have it.

Because the price it came out to get the school. It was like, every price it came out was sold to Coppock. Surely they'll provide you with everything you should have made.

But not the odd struggling skills or responsibility. Why sweat about it? I used to do it. I remember three years ago, Dave Wilson, a friend in my office one day, he used to come every week.

He used to talk. I guess for months we talked about auction eternity. Then one day he said, I realized that every two dollars that comes in to me from the widow, I have to account for what the judgment seat surely has.

What's the judgment seat? It's the bottom line. In other words, it's God's IRS. There's not a dime that will come into any one of these gospel confirmations that they don't have to answer for.

Every month. I said to an evangelist in my office the other day, I said, I think these women who have had abortions don't realize the baby they aborted, they leave face to face with the judgment seat. The mother will see her baby.

The baby will see the one who should have been exposed. I said, but this evangelist fellow looked up to this big guy. I said, you must answer to God for every baby you aborted at the altar.

When you brought them to the altar, you left them. They weren't born. You don't get them born again just because you confessed.

He even brought the money back. That didn't put him right with God. There's no greater miracle of their heaven than being born of the Spirit of God.

Remember they received the Holy Ghost before the upper room. They received the Holy Ghost when Jesus breathed on them. And Leslie called her the witness of the Spirit.

Leslie was always right. And he called her the witness of the Spirit. And it's in Romans 8, 16.

And he preached on the witness of the Spirit more than any of us. Leslie did preach. Do we have the witness of the Spirit? The preacher is like my dear old friend there.

Our young friend. His daddy would tell you. In their theology, they talk about having an authentic stop in the Spirit.

You're going to do something? And the Lord says no. And so he said why? He don't know. The Lord said no.

How did he know? I don't know. He just said no. The witness of the Spirit.

Well that's a bit dangerous, isn't it? Where do you get the witness? He said tell me a word. The Spirit bears witness. I am the Spirit.

God is the Spirit. He bears witness with my Spirit. You know, it was fearfully and wonderfully made, this book says.

You know, last time I saw this, last time I was in the hospital. I don't remember anymore. I've only two payments to make on it, I think.

I don't remember anymore. But the time before MSA, I had a pain and they gave me a scan of what he got in. A cat scan.

I didn't see the cat, I saw the scan. The doctor gave me the next one. He said Mr. Emmett, we took a cat scan of your brain.

He said there's nothing in it. I said well thanks very much. My wife has been suspicious.

Nothing in it. In case you get me off, you better let us know. Look, he can find my brain, he can't find my mind.

He can find my heart, but he can't find my love. He can find my mind, if you like, but he can't find my will. There's no machine on God's earth that can find my spirit in me.

But I know, and you know when the spirit bears witness. You see, if you live it intimately with God, when the spirit is grieved, you'll be grieved. You can't explain it, maybe to your wife, but you're a sorrow.

A man called me the other day, from New York State. He said I've just been to a meeting of Pentecostal preachers. It was an amazing meeting.

He said they were all laid out on the floor, and suddenly, Lord, why is this devil doing this? It's a Pentecostal testimony he hates. Do you know what happened? People today associate Pentecost with what? Popularity? Transparency? Peace? Anything else you like? But Pentecostal testimony, it identifies with what? Persecution? Prison? Poverty? Pain? Boy, they all came out of their room, and the devil's old hand came on them. They were in prison for his namesake.

But they rejoiced when they heard the skull-parting of Jehovah. Didn't say that. They rejoiced that they were counted worthy to suffer.

That he thrilled God's love in you and in others. He lets you share his heart. Isn't that how popular you are? Isn't that how many hymns you like? Or my coach you listen to? Or listen to all the sermons while you're traveling on your TV? How is the devil's heart, do you know? How does it share with you? I visualized all those preachers laid out.

A few days ago, they were all weeping because the devil was making such an impulse. A couple of hours after, a man called me from West Virginia. And he said, Mr. Ray, I'm a preacher, but I can't watch TV this week.

Every time I watch it, I cry. I hear all this abuse of one man against another. Even if the accusations were true.

You're supposed to go to the man individually, aren't you, first? And then you go to the elders. When you take it to the elders in the church, or the elders of the assembly in the state. So there was a bunch of preachers all across the street.

Then this minister called me. He said, I can't watch TV this week. I just sit there and weep.

Then a man called me a thousand miles away. And he said, Brother Ray, you know, this thing is so crushing. I told the two people that they were the preachers.

He said, my wife and I worked so much this week. Just when we were coming out of the house, a doctor came. He said, I want to come to your prayer meeting tonight, but I think I've got flu.

But he said, Brother Ray, I'm so grief stricken this week. It's been my greatest week of sorrow and anguish. Why? You think those men fighting each other, you can put it down to the two of you, you think they've lost sight of the drive? How is the drive being suffering this week? She's wounded.

Doesn't that go out to say, I was wounded in the house of my friend? It isn't the talent keepers. It isn't the wounded people. It's people who profess his name.

Oh, one preacher said last night, he said, you know, Jesus had his Judas. Sure he did. But did Judas ever claim that his son was a holy ghost? And have a miracle connection? No, he didn't.

Did he ever draw 100 million, 150 million dollars a year to support him? He didn't. You know, Spurgeon said he had a vision. And he saw the pearly gate.

And at the pearly gate, right at the pearly gate, there was a side road that led to hell. Right from the very gates of heaven. And he said, young preacher, be careful.

That's having preached to others. You yourself become a castaway. It didn't mean necessarily go to hell.

It mean the devil hates men who want, and women who want to walk in holiness. What is holiness? Wearing certain clothes? Wesley said one of his hymns, to perfect hell, restore my soul. To perfect holiness and love.

Holiness is hell's innate spiritual life. It's a spiritual heart without sickness. A spiritual heart that has no blind spots.

A spiritual heart that doesn't think about weakness. That you can wake in the night at once and pray with a fervor and anxiety that you can even live daily. And it's going to take that to move our generation.

I think these boys will move the clock back. Maybe God's going to do a new thing. One thing I've come home with, some other thing I was going to say.

One thing that Jimmy Shack has said amongst others. Was this, he said, I believe that somehow, God is going to get great glory out of this. It doesn't look very reasonable, does it? How did he get glory out of this? We used to live in England, in a town called Bath.

B-A-T-H, Bath. If you've been to Oxford, it's Bath. So we lived in Bath.

But between any two cities in England that the Romans founded, they took the shortest way. They never went round the hill, they went over them. The main road from London to almost Scotland was laid in 55 B.C. when the Romans came to England.

And it's still a foundation. They've covered it and re-covered it. I think it's called Interstate 20 now.

But they built both the main roads. They went in the shortest way from here to there. But God doesn't do that always, does he? Let me look at Ephesians here a minute, I think it's in Ephesians 2. In verse, pardon me, chapter 1 and verse 4. He shall according as he hath chosen us in heaven before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy without blame before him in love.

If we're holy and without blame before him in love, we'll be holy. But not necessarily without blame in the world. Then in verse 5, having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ according to the good pleasure of his will.

In verse 9, having made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself. Verse 11, in whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated

according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after accounts with his own will. He works everything after accounts with his own will.

As I say, the Romans went from that point to there, the shortest way. God goes the longest way. Look at the manipulation in the life of John here for instance.

He's up here with his brothers. His father sends him to Dolphin. At Dolphin they put him in a pit.

They get him out of the pit and he goes down to Egypt. He comes out of Egypt, he goes down in the pit again. He went into bondage when he was 17 years of age.

And he stayed there until he was 30 years of age. That's a pretty long while. But he didn't go from here to there.

He goes round and round and round. He's torn away from his family. He's torn away from his nation.

How much can God strip from us that he might clothe us? We want to be clothed but we can't be clothed till we're stripped. We want to be filled but we don't want to be emptied. We want to be anointed.

We want to discount all our advantages, our gifts. So you get this poor fellow, he's going round and round. You get Moses, here he is.

His mother hides him in the moonrushes. Faith does bring change. Faith threatens.

Faith risks. And faith rests. Would you make a little ark of moonrushes and put your darling baby in it and push it out on the land? She's reckoning on God.

She reckons Hebrews 11.6. He that goeth to God must believe what he is. She says there's an eternal one there, watching over this little baby. Don't leave it.

The crocodile might eat it. Somebody else may get it. There's only one way for that little one to get to the floor, but he can't.

And he has to stay away from his parents. According to the 7th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, this young man, Moses, was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians. He knew sciences.

He spoke languages, maybe a dozen of them. He made laws before him at his feet, the law of God. He was mighty in words, though he stammered because he made the orders.

And yet, you see, the first 40 years of his life, where is he? Living like a king. The second 40 on the backside of the desert. It wasn't that he didn't know enough.

He did. He may be the smartest man in the world. He wasn't there to learn something.

It wasn't the way we think of it. He was there to wonder. You know, most of us know too much.

Our knowledge is in our way. Even our theological knowledge. Even our Bible knowledge.

We've got to stay away. And God can't get it out of his storage. He was never a lady for 40 years in the wilderness if he hadn't had 40 years of discipline on the backside of the desert.

Every moment he was there, God was building character. And that's what he's after. And so you have 40 years living like a king.

You have 40 years on the backside of the desert. Then you've got the other 40 years. As I talk about that today, I think Brother Bracey spoke about three weeks ago on what God sees at the end from the beginning.

That's a statement I teach you to make in England years ago. I was grumpy every Friday. I've got to get that thing.

He sees the end from the beginning. And as we read in Ephesians, he works everything out to the counsel of his own will. Things haven't gone wrong in your life.

It's a stopping point. The Lord says be still. We say be still in the Spirit.

It's true that he says that. He says be still and know that I'm God. We don't know how to be still.

We're rushing here, we're rushing there. I told the Evangelist this week, I said, you're wearing yourself out. He said, I've not been feeling well.

I said, you never stop. You're traveling planes, you're going here, you're going there, you're going somewhere else. But he's working everything out to the counsel of his own will.

I believe in the sovereignty of God. Even the last few, middle of two years, I believe in the sovereignty of God in my own life too. Not just in the plans for the church, the plans for what's in my life.

I haven't thought of this for years. But during World War II, there was a commander of an American submarine, pardon me, a German submarine, by the name of Commander Niemüller. And I received a notice he was going to speak in the town that I was living, so I went.

And here's his big commander. He's going to testify, that's why I'm not to preach. He was in the, I don't know what church religion, Evangelical church anyhow.

Hitler was steamrollers over the universities, it never stopped him. He steamrolled over the politicians, it didn't stop him. It was the church that raised up against him.

And this man, Martin Niemüller, he said I was in my, just went to bed, it was almost midnight. There was a banging at the door, and I heard some big guards, one of Hitler's guards. Raised his hand, clipped his heel and said, Heil Hitler! I'll arrest you in the name of the Führer.

Immediately said, come on, bear the charge, come on. And he said, he took me by the arm. Please let me get my watch and my Bible.

Let me kiss my wife and my son goodbye. He said, well I kissed them, I got my watch, I got my Bible later. And he said, they put me in that car, the woodsmith from Berlin.

And he said, the Lord gave me a word when I got in the car, the word of God is not bound. And he said, I went through the outer gates of the prison. I went through the inner gates, Heil Hitler.

I went through the third set of gates. And he said, they showed me into a room and said, this is your room. And he said, there was a table, a wooden bed with no, just a blanket, and a chair.

I looked up, he said, there was three or four bars, no windows. He said, when daylight came, I took my chair. I thought I heard noises.

I took my chair and put it on the table. I looked out and down below, the guards were marching up and down. In between, they brought me my Bible.

And he said, the Lord gave me the promise the word of God is not bound. And he said, every day I was in prison, I stood by that window and talked to those German wicked men. I read the Bible every day I was in prison.

And the only way for me to get to speak to them, head to them, let me go, so they made me a prisoner, so I could be a free man. And he told them, the word of God is not bound. He said, I stayed till Christmas and a man came in to my cell.

Opened the door, came in. Raised his hand, Heil Hitler. And he said, the Führer is going to move you.

Where to? He said, the other side of the prison. What did I tell him? He said, nothing. He said, this is Christmas Day, isn't it? He said, yes, it is.

What do Christians do on Christmas Day? We think about the Lord Jesus. Well, you're going to have a chance. And he said, he took me to the other side of the prison.

They put me in a cell with three other men. One was a Norwegian. One was a Scandinavian.

Oh, yes, a Norwegian. One was a Dutchman. And I was with the Evangelical Church.

And he said, you have an hour together. And he said, they brought the door. It was all burned with bombing.

And they put it up to bricks. And he said, these men have asked to share communion with you. He said, they couldn't have got me to share communion with them before Hitler called us if they'd taken a team of horses.

Because one was a Salvationist. The other was a Lutheran. We have different levels of theology.

And he said, we know all about broken doors, burned doors. And he said, to think he took a wicked man like Hitler to get us together. And he brought you from Scandinavia.

He brought you from Holland. You have your state theology. He had his theology half his life.

But at the cross, the ground is level. There's no place for the intellectual, so-called, because of the intellectualism or wealth. The cross is the place where everything is level.

That's why we can go to the worst level and say there's no priorities here for the rich. You come poor. Not with these high hands I bring.

If you were German doctors, if you were German diplomats, make no difference. But he said, that's the street. And the audience was crowded.

The pastors were weeping. They had a duck on every coast. And they're all weeping.

Here's a big, huge man saying, it took Hitler's army and bombing. It took me to be torn away from my precious life. I wasn't going to see for years, and my family.

And he said, I've been in my prison cell thinking over and over. And here I am kneeling down on the floor that was burned because of bombing. He said, that was the sweetest communion service I've ever had in my life.

I suddenly realized we're really all one in Christ Jesus. Each one made a confession of his faith. I know in whom I have believed.

You know, we sing things so easily. What about the millions out there who have nothing to believe on? No one to believe in. It's all right.

It's intellectual, this novice little boy that comes on TV so often. What's his name? Carl. Carl Sagan, yes.

He wants to go to the moon. I'd like to help pay for the one-way ticket. A one-way ticket to the moon.

As I've told you before, he's the only man that was there with creation. He knows everything. One being left, somebody said, if you begin to feel an importance, all you have to do is fill a bucket with water, roll your sleeve up, put your hand to the bottom of the bucket, pull it up, and the impression you make on that bucket is the impression you make in your life.

Pretty satisfying, isn't it? Well, think of it while I have a drink. I really guess they get past, but one of the greatest men that ever lived. At the age of, what, 29, he exhausted all human sciences.

There was no singing. He didn't get top archery. One day he put it all together and said, there's nothing worth anything except Jesus Christ.

Theology is the queen of the sciences, he said, or the queen of experiences. Well, I believe that. Theology is the queen of the sciences.

And I believe holiness is the crown on the head of that queen. And Jesus died for nothing less than a holy people, a royal priest of the holy nation. What God has acknowledged in this, I don't know.

And God didn't leave a name. Lift what they get from the sun here, they give a prince up to God. God had his own way of doing things.

John Wesley belonged to a family which was the next to the Lord of the families. What happened? God kept holy on the 24th of May, about a quarter to nine, on the 24th of May, 1738. And he said, my heart is filled with war.

He was a brilliant man. He really survived in Spanish and French. What did God do with him? He took this society man, this learned man, this cultured man, this man who was a total, total intellectual, he took him to the coal miners in Bristol.

And then further up the road, a few miles into the water, the man who had the hand of whipping, pulling spears, by the name of George Whitfield. What did God do? He took that fellow who was born in a tabernacle, and took him to the society people. He went to mansions and palaces and had Bible studies, 20 times a week.

As a matter of fact, Lady Huntington, she was all about finances, trips over here, what a pleasant thing. He said, I got a berth in the best part of the ship, and I went through six times, the best part of the ship. What did he do in the worst part? You know, we've got so much that costs nothing.

And that's why we don't value it. This precious book, every day I read it, I say, it's not only got blood from Genesis to Revelation, it's got blood on the tablet from Martin, the apostle. Last week, a week before, I got a letter from John, the man who wrote that marvelous book, Fair Sunshine.

How many of you read that? Good. It was what? By the way, Brother Jack here has some copies of the Invasion of Wales. That's about the best interpretation of that story I've ever heard.

And then they go to the capital city, just a small country place where the Spirit of the Living God came. They don't have meetings like we have on TV. They say, oh God, the Holy Ghost is here, and 10 minutes after they're going out smoking a cigarette, they've forgotten everything.

When the Spirit of God is in the same group of people, they don't go home. They stay there hours after every meeting. One night for week after week after week they did it.

Well, here's a copy of that book for \$2.25. No. What? \$1.50. \$1.50. Oh, yes, yes. Say all right.

\$1.50. And then you want the copy of this. Have you seen the copy of this? Yes. It's a big one.

\$3.00. \$3.00. How much is it? It's a good thing. You can't deny it. Let's take it off him.

He's always so kind. Well, we're not here to raise money. We're here to raise our faith in God.

Well, you'll find a copy of that down the road there, down the cabway. You get a copy of Invasion of Wales for \$1.50 and \$3.00 for the little \$6.00 book we did first. On the cover it says, I did not know what true religion was until I got this book.

I've got the book. Who got the book first? A piteous little woman. A rich woman known.

She was the wife of a pastor. He was busy. He didn't play golf.

He could have had two of these basketballs for each of his tenteen children. John's English mother had twelve, I think. Boy, they had fun they did in those days.

No Washington team. What did they look like? I mean, diapers for seventeen youngsters out in the back. They'd think it was a Boy Scouts camp.

What happened? Somebody gave her the book, The Life of God in the Soul of Man. She said, Charles, you've got to read this. John, you must read this.

Charles enjoyed going to university, Christ University in Oxford. They had a long window. In the window was a lot of reading a book, and John stopped and said, Brother John, I don't want you reading this book.

You must read this book. It was written in about 1600, somewhere out there. I don't like it.

What's the reason of when I put it in mine? Not just intellectual expansion. Their understanding of God. Their revelation of God.

Their salvation and justification. Dear God, what did they have? Again, I remind you, they had no transit system. And yet two thousand people went to hear John always.

Every week, they searched through the rain, snow halfway up in the rain, and they listened to a sermon for two hours or two and a half hours. And then they walked home again. And there was no transit system.

There was no choir. There was no music. There was nothing.

There was no lighting in the building. John said, You have to read this sermon. Send it in the hands of every brother that can lend his hand.

And yet people came week after week, walked through snow, walked through rain. Why? Because the Holy One was there. Because the Chicago Glory was there.

There was no way they could shake off those sermons. If they tried, the message clung to the mind. Because most of those sermons were thought of men that lay on their faces.

I believe one of the secrets of the Puritan world is that the Puritans lived six days in heaven and came down one day to share what they saw. They knew God. He wasn't a follower.

They knew while He was behind locked door inhabiting eternity His works of miracles. They knew what it was to be regenerated. A new heart, a new mind, a new spirit.

God is never visible patching back up where they meet. If any man is in Christ, he's a new creation. His heart is new.

His mind is new. His will is new. Whatever is happening is new.

We need a revival that will give us people like this. We need people that actually know in whom they have belief. People that know that in their lives, present as you are today, you've run into a stone wall.

No you haven't. You've run into a place that God says, stop. He's worth getting out to the council and the whole world.

Never mind. Brother, did He care about sparrows? Did He die to redeem sparrows? No He didn't. He died to save me from wasting my life, wasting my time, wasting my money, to be a God-invested personality.

To laugh through me, to think through me, to speak through me, to ache. I don't get many like that. I don't get... I don't get that many of these other boys.

Thank God for what they do. God's in the reign of a new breed of men. I'm so sick of that stuff.

I'm sick of these churches that are made up of a dirt club army. Not much more than a country club with a steam club in it. I read a brochure this week where the women are invited for half an hour on Wednesday mornings to pray.

The young people leave them around sessions and volleyball. The men are invited Sunday afternoons to play ball. That's a violation of God's word.

Keep the Sabbath moving. It's a violation of the pre-Jewish order. Look at her.

I'm glad to see. Take my foot from the Sabbath. I said mischievously.

God anticipated football. Take my foot from the Sabbath to decide pleasure on my holy day. The Sabbath is God's timing on your life.

You owe him. You owe him. Not half a day like the Catholics.

The whole day. Boy, when I could get a day off to go see Martha, I didn't say, sweetheart, I'll have to drive over the mountain. I had a little car.

It was really a searchable car, some of you. It was exhausted every time we went over the mountain. I put it in bottom gear and let her think that I'm ignoring her.

So boy, I got up early in the morning and drove 45 miles over the mountain, snow, far northern, on what we call the snake. It's a very dangerous road in England. But I didn't say, sweetheart, I'll see you at 7 o'clock.

Boy, I was ready to call Martha and get off duty at the hospital. But I'm taking the last minute. No man but one that really knows God as a lover, Jesus, lover of my soul, is he the lover of my soul or is he just my Redeemer who died for me? My faith will come to thee.

A great American hymn I quote with this. I preached in that church on the north side of Boston Common where Tom Schrodinger was there. I said a longing to sing a hymn before I speak.

It was written in this church by one of your members and the organist gave the tune, put the tune to it. My faith will come to thee. Thou, man of Calvary, save it in thy eyes.

I like Dylan Stanford who says, as thou hast died for me, so may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be ever and higher. What will I stand for? When in his life shan't his dream. You know, you lived a day as long as you could live another thousand.

You didn't think this might be my last chance to worship God and do all this. You didn't say, Lord, I've packed all I could in today. I've had to do business here that supremely my heart has been racing in here.

When in his life shan't his dream. We don't think of it that way. How easily we think about judgment.

You remember the hymn when I see the blood out of my shoulder isn't there a verse in that that says judgment is coming on or will be there? In so many of our hymns there's a warning about judgment. But we postpone it. Oh, it's a long way off.

No. I know how far off it is. How far? One beat of your heart when I told you.

One beat of your heart. We're going to get revolutionized. All these stupid playgrounds like PCM and what not are going to pass out.

We're going to get people who would rather pray than play. Who would rather fast than feast. Who would rather get together and wait on the Lord.

I want to be with men like that. I said on meditation this week to go talk to about a thousand pastors and I said it's only a matter of a speck anyhow. But you don't always get the fervor to just talk to a crowd like that.

You've got to get a light, precious face. Men of the same vision. Men that can really say nothing on the earth do I desire but thy pure love within my breast.

This only this will I require. And freely give up all the rest. Wealth, honor, pleasure.

And what else this short and enduring world can give? Tempt as you will my soul and bones. For thee alone is all to live. Thee will I love and be alone with pure delight and inward bliss till no man takes me for thine own.

Come on go home and read that tonight. John, 1 John and chapter 4 again in verse 4. Is it really true? Is Christ in dwelling deep? Is he all I want? And I consume with him? And I say Lord I'm not happy unless I'm actually red hot communion with you. I'm not concerned about other voices, other appreciations.

I want to be totally married to the will of God. Never to be divorced. I renounce the world of flesh and the devil.

I want to be totally lost in thee. Sweet will of God still call me prostitute and wholly lost in thee. The old holiness folk used to sing that.

And it takes us. Greatly is he that is in me. Greatly is he that is in you.

And he's going to work it out. I expect to see men rise up in the power of the Spirit and not be in the seminary or Bible college anywhere. They've been shut away with God.

I know some men hiding in this country now who've been away for five or six months in, not in caves, but in what do you call them now, kind of cabins. Cabins, thank you, cabins. Two of them came to our meeting in the other place a few months ago.

A big guy, a huge guy, about three foot pounds. I said, where are your promises to his mother? Oh no, no money. No money, mother.

He said, where are we going? I said, yes, where are you going? He said, we've got your list of books. We've got a copy of the Christian Incomplete Dormer. We're taking it in our Bibles.

We've rented a cabin in the hills of Virgin-Villified of Denver. We're going to spend six months in a cabin. We're going to spend We're going to spend six We're going to spend six months in a cabin.

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