

Communicating God's Salvation

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The sermon explores the multifaceted nature of communicating God's salvation, emphasizing the significance of Christ's death and the need for humility in ministry.

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Description

In this sermon, the speaker emphasizes the importance of waiting for the power of the Holy Spirit before taking action in spreading the message of the kingdom. He refers to Acts 1-8 and highlights how the disciples were instructed by Jesus to wait for the Holy Spirit before going forth. The speaker also criticizes the idea of relying on human efforts and emphasizes the need to align with God's timing and power. He mentions the significance of the apostles in transmitting the gospel and suggests that the spirit of revelation died with them.

Transcript

Lord, as we come unto you this night, it is with great praise and thanksgiving for your goodness, Lord. We do praise your holy name. Praise your name, Lord.

Thank you, Lord, for the things you have done for us, Lord, helping us in every way, Lord. We pray for each family represented here, Lord, that there will be salvation and healing and protection, wisdom and peace, Lord. Every family represented here, Lord.

Just let your spirit prevail among us, we pray. Thank you, Lord. And, Lord, as we continue, we ask that, Lord, you know the needs that are here, Lord, on the tape.

Lord, you know the needs, and we pray the Holy Spirit will just add Jesus, give us insight and understanding, we pray, and thank you, Lord. Amen. Alright, we are on Ezekiel 43, verse 15, and we've been talking about the image of Christ from Ezekiel.

The altar hearth is four cubits high, and four horns project upward from the hearth. Now, this altar is the altar of burnt offering, which means it represents Calvary. The four horns, four in the symbolism, and this is a symbolic book, represents communication, and horns represent power.

So, we're talking here about the power of the communication of God's salvation, the power of it. Now, some verses came to me, we talked Sunday night about that fruit, eternal fruit in the kingdom comes from crucifixion. It always comes as some person is willing to give themselves over to the death the Lord requires in order that that fruit be born.

And that is one way, one aspect of the way God's salvation is communicated, a very important thing. And in connection with that, we talked about John 12, 32, John 12, 32, and it's very interesting because you would think, I mean, there's been a lot of teachers and philosophers at that time and since then, a lot of them were Greeks, Socrates and Plato and Aristotle and others. But none of them, and they communicated by writing and philosophy, but Jesus communicated by his death.

The power of the communication of Christ is not in what he taught, but what he was and what he did. That's where the power is. And it still is the same truth today.

The Christian church, prior to Protestantism, it was spread, well, I can't say, I don't know how much emphasis there was on missions or spreading the Catholic faith. Yes, I guess it has been from the beginning because St. Patrick went up into Ireland and there were others that went into the British Isles and to various places. But then there was, and Protestant missions got started from a group of people that prayed in a haystack.

It was called a haystack prayer meeting. And out from there went missionaries to India. That was kind of the birth of the modern missionary outreach.

And so when we think of communicating Christ's salvation, we tend to think in very limited terms. Either in terms of missions or in terms of evangelism. And sometimes in terms of personal evangelism.

It's an interesting thing that the word evangelism only appears once. If it appears at all in the New Testament. The word evangelist appears twice.

Once in Ephesians 4 and once to Timothy, do the work of an evangelist. But it is certainly not a term that is used anywhere near in the New Testament like it's used today. Anywhere near.

So I think God has, with reference to the image of Christ and the way Christ promotes his, communicates. There's more to the scripture than just evangelism and missions. Missions is kind of evangelism at a distance.

So our idea of communicating the gospel is pretty well limited to preaching. Preaching. But there's much more to it than that.

The four horns, the power of communicating God's salvation to the ends of the earth. Has got to do a lot more with other things than it does just with preaching. Going to Bible school, coming out and bringing the word as important as that is.

Not negating the importance of that. We're just saying there's more to it than that. And this is the first inkling that we get of it.

When Christ was communicating his salvation, he did it by his death. He did it by his death. The Lord didn't really go around trying to convince people about his salvation.

You don't see that. He taught about the kingdom. But it wasn't like get saved.

There wasn't much emphasis on that. It's all these are the laws of the kingdom. So there's a lot more to the communication.

In fact, the Lord said that the gospel of the kingdom is like a seed. How many remember that? Well, you know, that's a lot truer than we know. Because we think, we tend to, we preach, we give an altar call and then we don't.

But many churches do count those numbers. They record the number of people that accepted Christ. Well, that's good.

And I have no doubt that multitudes of people have been brought to Christ that way. But that's not exactly a seed. Because you don't plant and harvest in the same night.

You don't do that. And today we had a... Boy, you people are awful close together. It's ridiculous.

What are you doing back there? You need to move up to the front, some of you anyway. I'm afraid the ship will tip over backwards and the fantail will go underwater and the prow will be sticking up in the air like a periscope. We had an excellent example of that today.

You could move up, Sheriff. If you come up, your mother will come up. We had an example, thank you very much.

We had an example of that today. We got a letter from a people named Slaughter. And Eddie, it will appear in the... Or did you already see it? Isn't that something? And here was a fella that just passed away, I guess, and his family was saying... Huh? The copy on the bulletin board, it tells how that he heard me, and I'm not accenting me, he heard it happening to me myself, preaching in Peoria, Illinois.

How long ago was it? In the 70's. And that seed took. I knew nothing about it, you know.

Knew nothing about it. All I remember in that episode was I had a bad case of laryngitis, and that's all I remember of Peoria, Illinois. And them coming in in the middle of the meetings, and everybody saying the corn's in, the corn's in.

In other words, that was the time when they were planting corn. The corn was all in. That was big back in Peoria.

But anyway, this seed got planted in this guy. And his son, was it, that wrote? Was that his son? Said it transformed his life. And so they were right, he's just passed away.

And it transformed his life. Over the period of that time, over 30 years, that seed that was planted transformed his life. Now that's the way it's supposed to be.

It's not just, it's not that you don't sell it, like I preach something and then so many people believe it and accept it. That's part of it, but boy, there's a lot more to it than that. You know, there's this seed thing.

Didn't your dad used to listen to the tapes, I thought? Before he passed away? Yeah, he used to listen to the tapes. We don't know where those tapes go and the people that they influenced, but we'll never count them here, you know, put them on our monthly report. Hey, he just puts it on the monthly report.

Same thing every Sunday, because we don't count the people, we don't know who comes. So it's been the same, I guess, for the last, what, 15 years? That church will never grow. Because it's not really a valid measure of what's going on.

It's not really a valid measure. The number of people in the building is not really a valid measure of what God is doing. Because here's one guy that got lifted up on the cross and never went outside 60 mile radius or something of where he was born, something like that.

But anyway, it changed the history of the world. Not so much, not only, it taught by what he taught too, but it was his death that was the horns coming up in the altar. That's where the power was.

And I think God wants us to get back to that because, at least to a consciousness of that, because while there's a lot of talk about missions today and it's all good and a lot of excellent programs and everything, God has something better for that in our day. He's really going to show his power when he gets ready and we've got to be prepared for that. We've got to be prepared for that because we don't know whether it's going to work next door or whether he's going to send some of us across the world or how, but we've just got to be ready for God when he decides to open his mouth.

We've got to be ready for it. So, in Revelation 11.3, we see something that is destined for the last days just prior to the coming of the Lord. Of course, I preached a lot on this and the Lord showed me a kind of a semi-vision of it one morning when I was praying.

I don't want to go into that, but I just want to bring out a point here. Now, this is 11.3, refers to the two witnesses. I will give power to my two witnesses.

Actually, the word power does not appear in the Greek. It's just, I will give to my two witnesses. So, it's more than just power.

It's the ability to witness is what it is. The word power doesn't appear. Authority doesn't turn up.

It just says, I will give to my two witnesses. Well, of course, this is commonly preached that this is either Moses and Elijah or Elijah and Elisha or Enoch and Moses or however you want to take it, but I don't get that at all because actually this passage of Revelation 11 is taken from the fourth chapter of Zechariah and there the interpretation of Revelation is given. It's in Zechariah 4 where you see the lampstand and the olive trees.

And what was the interpretation? The angel says, what does this mean? Of course, Zechariah didn't know. And so the angel gave the interpretation of the lampstand and the olive trees. Does anyone remember what it was? Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit.

And it's talking about, in that chapter, Zechariah 4 is talking about the headstone coming down the temple. So God is saying, in the days when I'm going to complete the building of my temple, I'm going to do it, but it's not going to be by might or by power. It's going to be done by my spirit.

And that's God's word for today. That's what he would tell his church today. Do the good that you can, but prepare yourself because I'm going to get ready to finish this work.

That's why it says in Revelation 10, there'll be delay no longer. God is going to suddenly finish his work. Christ is going to be formed in the church.

Wickedness is going to come to maturity. It's all going to happen quickly, and the work is not going to be done by the ambition or wisdom of men. Audrey, do you have a question there? You can see it on my face.

What was the question? Peterson said, I will provide my two witnesses. And that seems a little different plan. It's like he's providing it as a witness at the end time.

He's not talking about provisioning them so much as providing them as a witness. Very interesting. All of that fits there.

That's why the word is left out. I'll give them whatever they need. But the interesting thing is in the first two verses of Revelation 11, he's talking about preparing the witness and it's done with the symbolism of measuring.

He's going to measure the temple. He's going to measure the altar. In this case, not the altar of burnt offering, but the altar of incense, which refers to the people who are closest to the ark.

The altar of incense was just across the veil from the ark. So God says, I'm going to take the people who are bowing at the altar of incense and saying, not my will but thine be done. See, the altar of incense symbolizes death.

Death to self. Because the incense was compounded from four spices. And these spices, Galbanum, frankincense, anicon, and stachy.

These four spices were bitter and some of them were produced by piercing bark. And so they represent, remember frankincense was given to the Lord and an embalming thing was, it represents death. And so the altar of incense represents that place that Christians come to after Pentecost.

It comes after the lampstand. Where you bow down and say, not my will but yours be done. And these are the people that are being measured here in Revelation 1 and 2. The holy place and those at the most consecrated place of the holy place are going to be measured and that's what's going on today.

See, God is measuring every aspect of our personality. Bringing us through circumstances that test how close our personality is to the image of Christ. Because it's the image of Christ that is the temple and it's the temple that's going to be finished in our day.

And so God keeps bringing us into situations that bring out our self-will and the lust of our flesh and our worldliness and everything else you can imagine comes out because we're brought into places of pain and pressure. And whenever you're brought, whenever you're uncomfortable about something that is not obvious why it should be, then there's a lesson there. And you're to go to the Lord and find out what it is He is teaching you.

See, when there's pain in your life, there's bewilderment, there is a disappointment, there is frustration, you are to go to the Lord and find out what He is teaching you. Because God wants you to have perfect peace, great peace of they who love thy law and nothing shall offend them. And when we lose our peace, there is a real opportunity there to grow in the Lord.

Because almost always we've lost our peace because we're trying to do something. We're trying to do something. Ordinarily, it's frustrating us.

Something is frustrating us. It may be a person, it may be a situation, it may be our boss on the job, it may be sickness. Even sickness can serve because, oh, if I wasn't sick, I could get up and do this and that.

Ordinarily, unless it's a very painful disease and can't be remediated in any way, ordinarily, if we just kick back, it's a good time to rest. Some of the best rest I've ever had has been in the hospital. It's the truth.

I'm not that tired now, but there's been several times in my life when the best thing I could think of was to get in the hospital for a week or two and just take it easy. Get out of here and the money and everything else. Then, you've lost your peace.

But you don't need to. If you go to the Lord, the Lord may say, I'll take care of it. Why don't you rest? There's a lesson in it.

And the lesson usually is to keep turning over your life to the Lord. Turning over your life to the Lord. Maybe you had a big crash and had money invested in stocks and you lost \$100,000 last week.

Well, obviously, you're upset. But the Lord doesn't want you upset about that. He wants you to go to Him and find peace.

As someone said, man's disappointments are God's appointments. And they are. And when we lose our peace, it's because we're trying to do something and we're being frustrated.

And God wants us to go to Him and pray through until we are at peace. Great peace have they which love thy law. And nothing shall offend them.

So if you're upset tonight about something, if you'll search your heart, you'll see it's something that you're trying to do. You're not content to just let the Lord have His way, to wait for His wisdom, wait for His solution. It's something that you're trying to force.

And this is not the image of Christ. The image of Christ is one of perfect confidence, perfect trust in God. And that's why we're being measured is because God is ready to give the power of communication of His salvation to numerous people in the world and to bear witness whether they'll agree to it or not or receive it or not.

God is getting ready to do that, but He doesn't want it to be done in the present religious model. Because in the present religious model, if He gives power to people, they follow a certain path that they have gained by watching other people. And it usually amounts to incorporating many times publishing a glossy magazine, gathering a following, maybe going on television, and you see God doesn't want that.

This witness is going to be clothed in sackcloth, not going to be glossy magazines and endless offerings and everything else. God wants to give back to reality and integrity. I told you I was talking to a man the other day that's not a Christian and he says, how about these TV evangelists? And I said, they're phonies.

Most of them are phonies. They're just collecting money. You look at them and you can tell.

I'm sure that's not entirely the case, but in too many instances it is and has caused a lot of loss of confidence in the Christian church by the antics of television evangelists. God doesn't want a whole bunch more of power-filled people walking in their own ideas of what missions should be. It's time for a whole new breath.

A whole new breath. And so what He's doing is He is measuring. And we see that in verses 1 and 2. Go measure the temple of God and those that worship at that altar.

That's the water of incense. Exclude the outer court. That represents the world.

I'm not judging the world at this time. I'm judging my church at this time. We wish God would go out and judge the Democrats, judge the liberals, judge the lesbians, judge the homosexuals, judge everybody you can think of, but God's interested in judging His church.

If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and turn from their wicked ways, I'll save the nation. Not if the Democrats humble themselves or the liberals humble themselves or Clinton humbles themselves. If my people will humble themselves and turn from their wicked ways.

So when we go raving and roaring about what Clinton is doing wrong and what Gore is doing wrong and everybody else is doing wrong and start looking to see what we're doing wrong, we'll be closer to what God is after. Because God will work His works whether Gore is elected or Bush is elected or Nader is elected or Buchanan is elected or somebody we never heard of is elected. God will work His works.

And all things will work together for good and will continue to do so no matter who is elected. Mickey Mouse is elected. It will continue to work for good.

No one can stop God's program. But God is judging, but He's not judging Buchanan or Gore or Clinton or anybody else. He's judging the people at the altar of incense.

You and me. That's who the Lord was after today. We're the ones that are standing in the need of prayer.

We don't have to worry about the president or the vice president. It's us. God's not going to use them to bear witness to the world.

He's going to use us to bear witness to the world. And so He is measuring us to see how close we come to the image of Christ. Does that make sense to you? Now notice what the Lord says.

He says, leave out the art of court. Forget that stuff. I'm not after that now.

That will come later. Remember if the righteous scarcely are saved, where shall the ungodly appear? They'll appear later. But God is after those who are closest to Him today to get them right because He's preparing to communicate His redemption.

And He's going to do it through people clothed in sackcloth, not glitz. Very humble, earthly people who are not interested in making a name for themselves in the ministry. Now notice what He says and it's so striking.

He said, I will give the power or what Audrey says, opportunity. What did you say? I will give them. I will give them.

And they will prophesy. But the thing to notice about that is this. It's not the freewheeling missions.

It's God suddenly starting something in His will for a specific period of time. What is this windows? I always forget that. It's a 2040, isn't it? 2040 windows.

It's nothing like that. It's nothing like this planning where the gospel hasn't come. All of this.

And none of that is involved. God says, I'm going to prepare these people and when I'm ready, I'm going to shake the earth with them. When they're prepared, I'm going to shake the earth with them.

And when that witness has been accomplished, I'm going to cut it off. Don't you love it? Do you see the different concept than human-driven missions? As I say, we know they do a lot of good and I would be the last one to prevent some poor little child in the Philippines or Africa from hearing the gospel. I'm not after that.

I'm pointing out what the Bible says. How God goes about communicating. It's interesting, isn't it? Here's the earth, you know, the tears have come to maturity and bang, out comes... Well, for those of you that don't know my teaching, my teaching is that the two witnesses are Christ and His saints.

The saints are one witness. See, these two lampstands are the two witnesses. And lampstands always represent Christ.

And the only other way they're used is to represent His church. Because lampstands are solid gold and they represent divinity. They can never be two people from the Old Testament because none of them were ever born again.

No one was born again until Jesus rose from the dead. So when you're talking lampstand, you're talking Messiah. The lampstand of the tabernacle represents Messiah.

And when you see two lampstands, you're talking about Messiah and that which is part of Messiah, which is His church. And the two altars represent the fullness of the anointing, the double portion, the Elisha anointing. Elijah came before Christ, but Elisha will come before the prophet.

Elijah multiplied by two, Elisha will come to prepare the way of the Lord. And so the two lampstands are Christ and His body. Remember where the Lord says, And lo, I am with you always.

And then again He said, And the Lord work with them. That's the elephant and the mouse. And the witness in the end time will be given by the elephant and the mouse, by Christ and us.

And we will run around chirping while He does the work. All we're doing is keeping Him company. He is God.

We don't have to support Him. Sometimes we get the idea that we've got to work hard to support Christ because He's about to crumble. Christ holds the lampstand, He holds the churches in His hands.

You see that in Revelation? He holds them in His hands. And then in Revelation 3 He holds them in His mouth. Remember He says, I'll spew you out of my mouth.

Now we're not holding up Christ. Christ is God and He holds us up. And when He goes forth with us, you know, the Lord worked with them.

That's the elephant and the mouse. But it's important to remember that because He does use that mouse. And we have to do what He says.

We don't have to help Him out. We have to do what He says. And wow, what a difference there is in that.

See, how easy it is to run ahead of the Lord. You know, like Philip went, the Lord, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip to that one person. To the eunuch.

Just one person but that was an influential man in Ethiopia. Whoa! He big-timed that guy. The Spirit of the Lord said, you minister to that one man and then He moved Philip.

He took Philip out of a big revival. Well see, now if that is us we figure, well I can't go now I can't take this thing we've got to put it together and get it going. God doesn't want that.

Just obey me. Do what I say. I'm the elephant, you're the mouse.

Just obey me and it will work. You know, one time in Amy Semple McPherson's autobiography she told how the Lord said to her, you lay your hands on people and when you do it will be me laying my hands on them. See, it wasn't that she ran out and fasted and prayed and got the gift of healing or did something else.

The Lord just spoke to her and said, when you lay your hands on somebody it will be me laying my hands on them. You never prove out in practice. So, the Lord is looking for people that are not trying to be hot shots or run ahead of the Lord or somehow carry the Lord around.

You know, like some of the festivals in South America where they're carrying the Lord around. We don't have to carry the Lord around like that. Maybe a blessing to those people at that time.

But he wants people who will hear him and just do what he says and no more and no less. To hear it today the thing today the whole world is going to hell unless we're going to do something. Here it says God is going to do something.

A whole different concept. I'm going to do something. I'm going to enable these people.

I'm going to send them up. I'm going to shake the world. And when I'm through I'm going to cut it off.

Because I've got to give antichrist a space to do his thing and finish the witness of evil. Why don't you get in? Why don't you go door to door? Why don't you do this and that? And I went to the Lord several times about that. And he said just you take care of the word.

I'll take care of the attendants. I'm still here at 75 years of age. I think it was the Lord.

We'll see. We'll see. All right.

Any question about what I am emphasizing? Is there any question about what I'm emphasizing? Am I talking about the different aspects of communicating God's salvation? It's not limited to evangelism as we understand. It's not limited to that. That's included but it's not limited to that.

Okay. You all seem to be. Yes? You said that the two witnesses of the revelation are taken by Zechariah who were the two lampstands.

There's only one lampstand in Zechariah. Only one. There were two olive trees.

Yes, the fullness of the anointing was there. But only one lampstand. See, the thing about those olive trees is that the priest had to replenish the oil in the lampstand every day.

He trimmed the wicks in the morning and filled it up with oil at night and it burned all night. But the olive trees pour their oil directly into the lampstand. What that's telling us is, see, it says about Jesus Christ that he had the Spirit of God without measure.

And in the last days we will have the Spirit of God without measure. That's the lampstand. The priest doesn't have to keep measure.

So I know we can expect this fullness because John 14:12 says, he that believes in me, the works that I do, shall he do and greater than these shall he do. And that has never happened in history. There's been people who have done many of the same works of Christ.

They have raised the dead, they have raised the and they have raised the. And so we know from the Bible that the greater works are reserved for the end time. Several times it says, well, for example he says, except the good wine until now and the glory of the latter house shall be greater than that God never goes from the greater to the lesser. He always goes from the lesser to the greater.

That's why we don't even realize it, but the physical realm is a better realm than the spirit realm. God never creates an inferior situation. He always creates that which is better.

Man is better than the angels. We have a better body than the angels. Everything about the situation is better.

What an angel wouldn't give to have a human body. That's why the demons are all the time trying to express themselves, because they don't have any body. No, we've got it here.

God, when you're moving in God, you're always moving toward the better. He always has kept the good life until now. Praise the Lord.

Isn't that a happy thought? No, we don't look back in time to see the greatness of God. We're looking at the future. And what's going on now is preparation.

And the Bible bears us out. So that's a wonderful and a happy thought. Any other questions? Acts 1:8. Everybody ought to know that from Sunday night, the 1.8 movement in the fourth square.

I wonder though if they're doing it like Jesus said. I don't want to criticize my own denomination. See, they were asking about the kingdom in verse 6 of Acts 1, but he shunned that aside.

He said, forget that for now. It wasn't time then. Now is the time of the preaching of the kingdom.

But he said, but you will receive power. And that word is in the Greek. That's a *dunamen* in the Greek.

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you. Now notice. Now notice carefully.

These men had been trained by Christ for three years. They knew the message. They had the witness.

But he said, don't do anything about it. Wait. Wait.

Wait my time. How many see that? You see, when you're talking about 1.8 in a 1.8 movement, you're not talking about missions. You're talking about waiting.

You see that? You're not talking about going forth in power. You're talking about waiting. Waiting.

And you know, if we're going to have a real 1.8 experience in the foursquare, then we've got to have people who wait and don't do anything until they're endued with power from on high. Not charge off yelling 1.8. Isn't that interesting? They had the message, but they didn't have the rest of what God wanted to put on it. So there comes a time in the history of church and churchanity.

Well, Audrey and I have lived long enough to see, we've been in Christianity long enough to see the various movements of God. We came in as Pentecost was winding down. Our teachers in Bible school were older and they remembered, they could take you back to 1912, 1915, and tell us about some of the astonishing things like, I remember one, my Greek teacher, Brother Harris, and I'm not talking about men that talk to hear their teeth rattle.

Brother Harris was a Baptist and coming to Pentecost and he was a godly man. Whoa! And he told us about a missionary who had been hurt, injured in some way. And in order to heal him, the Lord raised him right up, suspended him in air and healed him in the air.

I mean, there are astonishing things happened in early Pentecost. There were several instances where people went and preached in languages they had never learned. In Chinese was one.

Man preaching in Chinese in China never learned the language. There's all kinds of things like that that happened. A.C. Valdez, who Audrey, one of Audrey's pastors in the early days, had prayed for someone and they had no eye.

And the eye appeared and the eye came right out and was formed in their head. Well, see, this is the same works as Jesus. Well, this happened in early Pentecost.

Well, when, huh? There was an interesting thing in Brother Gilbert, for instance, when one of the brethren died and it was like the after they laid him out there in one of the rooms and someone came and didn't know he was dead and they got ready to sit down for the evening meal and he called out, so-and-so, come on, get in here, and the guy got up and came. That was in the Pisgahome Movement mission. They had a mission there and this fellow died in the mission.

I think it was in Los Angeles. But Brother Harris, my Greek teacher, was the secretary to Dr. Yoakum. See, that was the head of the Pisgahome Movement.

So he knew what he was talking about. He didn't read it in some tract somewhere. He knew.

Dr. Yoakum, one time, Brother Harris said there was a man walking down the street on crutches and Dr. Yoakum didn't even go over there, he just prayed for the man and while they watched, the man picked up his crutches and put them on his shoulders and went walking down the street. Well, see, that kind of thing was fairly common from 1906 until around 1920. Then it somewhat evaded, but then it went into missions and Pentecost went all over the earth in missions.

And when Audrey and I came in in the late 1940s, that was evading. It was still at a high point in Mexico because as Bible students we went down to Mexico and you could see, see, Pentecost is a wheat harvest and you could just see as those Mexican people were singing, they were singing, Caminando, Caminando para que el hogar donde está Jesus. They were singing while walking with Jesus, you know.

De la mano del Señor Jesús, having the hand of Jesus. And you could just see the wheat waving like that. You could just see the wheat waving.

I thought, boy, that's Pentecost. But it was evading where we were. In 1948, the whole Pentecostal thing changed in the Bible school.

Now, this was down in 641 South Boundary Street in San Diego, where this happened that I'm telling you about. In 1947, you could hear the students praying and yelling and tongues and everything. In 1947, you could hear them all the way up to the bus stop, which was about 100 yards away.

In 1948, it was quiet. Quiet. You couldn't even force this whole, the Pentecostal way.

And then prophecy started. And then Israel became a nation. And then the gift of healing was exercised by Brother Branham over in Phoenix.

Billy Graham, that year, started in Los Angeles. All this happened in 1948 when Israel became a nation. And that was the year that the Lord spoke to me, that He was going to show me what was going to come after Pentecost, and it was going to be judgment.

In 1948, all this happened. And who knows how many other things happened. So, see, God has times and seasons.

And it says that in Acts 3. The times of revival come from the presence of the Lord. God moves in times. And man tends to be insensitive to this.

Just got to get the word out. Don't even know what God is doing. Don't even know what word it is God is saying.

And so the healers had their day after Branham, and Jack Cole, and Oral Roberts, and T.L. Osborne, and the rest of them up to about 1955, maybe 1958. And prior to that, I can name you something, McPherson in the 1930s. And then that kind of abated.

What's going on today in healing does not impress me. It's not the same as it was with William Branham and Katherine Kuhlman. And we had been in both of the meetings, and it's not the same today.

It's not the same. Those meetings, there was integrity there. There wasn't glitz.

There wasn't all this television stuff or anything. It was just sheer power. Just sheer power.

Well, since that time, I think God has been putting us through a time. And you notice during this waiting time how many branches off there's been with the prosperity, and the faith, and the reconstruction, and gold in your hair, and oil on your Bible, and filling your teeth, and lengthening your legs, and I don't know what's new now. Oh, well, one is you don't pay your bills because we're in the year of jubilee.

These things keep coming up. See, it's like all the high hills are jumping, but God's not jumping. Not hearing from God.

Then we had the Toronto thing, and then in Florida. Yeah, it wasn't Pensacola. It was Brownsville outside of Pensacola.

But I'm not here to criticize. I'm not criticizing at all. But what it reminds me of is what Brother Frodsham, he was the editor of the Pentecostal Evangelist for so many years.

And how many know what the, what do you call it, the flag or whatever is on the cover of the Pentecostal Evangelist? The word, the motif on there? Does anybody know? It's the Assembly of God journal. Not by might nor by power, but by my spirit. And that goes back because God was speaking.

You see, Brother Frodsham was the editor of the Evangelist from the time it started up until 1948. And in 1948 the latter rain came. And the Haughton Party came down from Canada.

And then God started talking about laying hands on people and prophesying over them. And Brother Frodsham had come from the early days, said this is what it was like. See, and you can still get his book from the gospel publishing houses called With Signs Following.

It's a definitive work on Pentecost by Stanley Howard Frodsham. And see, he said this is what we had back there. And the Assemblies of God put him out.

They ran out of the denomination. Stanley Howard Frodsham, can't believe it. But anyway, those were wonderful days in God.

But right away they made the latter rain into a denomination. Right away it became a denomination of God. And that was the end of that after about five years.

And so, now we've had all these aberrations. But oh, what I started telling you was this is what Brother Frodsham said. You need to remember this.

You need to remember this. He prophesied that the way Satan would move in the last days would be to give revivals that were about 80% right. And see, a genuine revival of God is not 80% right, it's 100% right.

There'll be some foolish actions on people. People always act foolishly when God is really moving. And they do all kinds of nutty stuff.

Because people are people and their flesh doesn't know how to respond to God. But when it comes to the revival itself, actually what's happening in the revival, not the fleshly response of people, but what's happening in the revival is never 80%. You don't go in there and say, well a lot of this is of God, but some of this I don't know about.

You know, you kind of got this feeling, well there's repentance and that's good, and it seems like people are getting saved, but then there's stuff going on that we don't understand. That's when you want to watch it. God's not asking you to buy anything.

Just put it on the back burner and say, Lord show me. So that's what Brother Frodgen prophesied would happen. So I'm not persuaded, and I know in one case a guy had a molded plastic pulpit.

Well you know the tensile strength of something like a molded plastic pulpit. Right in the middle of the service the thing blew apart. Just split down the middle.

Can you imagine what power it would take to take a molded plastic pulpit and just split it like the veil in the temple? Well, that's a big sign to people. See and of course now I got an email from a guy, what's big down in the south is gold in the air. People are showing up with gold in their hair.

You want to know about this, because this is coming into our congregation. People all of a sudden they have gold in their hair. I saw a fellow at a full gospel business meeting, he said look at my Bible, he

opened it up, and one page, this happened in a service, one page was saturated with oil.

Now this Bible. And so my response to all of that is, it's not for me because, okay so let's say your teeth are filled, you've got gold in your hair and oil in your Bible, what God is after, what God is after is righteousness. See and people will fasten on these things.

Oh listen, this teeth filling thing was all the rage, and the leg lengthening was all the rage. Everybody's getting their legs lengthened. Well, there's no problem with getting your legs lengthened, God certainly has the power to lengthen your legs, so that they're equal, it's not one shorter than the other.

But what it does, it takes people away from what God is after, which is righteousness. See that's why I always watch, and somebody says well how about this, how about that. I got one today, somebody wanted to know about whether the sons of God married the daughters of women, was that going on today? And all of this, and she had some reason for asking this question, I said, avoid it.

It has nothing to do with righteousness, whether it's true or not, it doesn't matter. It has nothing to do with, it isn't going to change you into righteousness. And that's all the things that Satan does, is to get our minds off righteousness.

He can even do this with prophecy and tongues and words and everything else. You never do that with children. You never get children into such spiritual phenomena.

You never do that. Words and prophecies and all, they're very ready to do that, children are, they're spirits, but they're easily deceived. You teach them from the book of Proverbs, you teach them righteousness.

The difference between right and wrong, God's far more interested in that than He is in tongues and prophecy and everything else. All these things get us off. And gifts of the Spirit are not to get us off, they're to build, they're to create righteousness in us.

Holiness, obedience to God, when they don't do that, they're not serving their purpose. But people love to get into this stuff. Oh I got gold in my hair, isn't that great? Yes? Just while you're talking, all these different people that you're mentioning, even the day of Pentecost, to choose the 12 apostles, which tells me, bad is still in the deception area.

Yes, it's very true. The point I am emphasizing is that, I'm emphasizing that God, so I'm talking about the image of Christ, that God has His ways of communicating. And they're not necessarily the way we do.

We tend to think we have a responsibility to tell the facts. Whereas if we look to God, He has times and ways of communicating His own message. And not only that, but the message changes, so to speak.

It's still Christ on the cross, but there's always something added to it. Like today, the Lord is talking more, I think, than He ever has about death itself. Death itself.

Because only those who die in the Lord, are going to be able to stand in the days of Antichrist. That's why when you see Antichrist rising up, in the book of Revelation, in the 13th chapter it says, blessed are those who die in the Lord from now on. In other words, when the Antichrist world spirit comes up, as it is in America, pretty soon Christians will not be able to withstand it.

Except those who have been willing to die in the Lord, let God have His way, will be the only ones. So, it's not enough to just charge out, and try to do what you think is right. We have to find out what God is doing,

at any particular time.

Do you see what I mean? What God is doing at any particular time. Alright, now. Wait for power.

Alright, in Acts chapter 4 verse 33, it says, with great power, the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all. It was a season of transmitting the gospel, of bringing God's redemption. Isn't it interesting that after the apostles died, the spirit of Revelation died with them.

Did you ever notice that? When you take the last apostle died, probably was John. And after him, after he died, there were people that began to write commentaries. What that's telling us is that the apostles were a dispensation of God.

It was God's way of giving birth to the church. And He knew that men could not handle that. He knew that.

So, in His own time and in His own way, He invested these people with a very remarkable revelation, and they gave it. They probably themselves didn't realize they were being used in the way that they were. But when they died, it stopped.

It stopped. And after that, people began, like Augustine and the others, began to write commentaries about the apostles. But it stopped.

It just stopped. They couldn't, they couldn't, there was no apostolic succession. I know the Pope claims that, but that's alright.

He's got his own ways, but there has been no apostolic succession. It just stopped at that time. Larry? Is the word power up there the same word dunamis? It could be.

Tony, check it out. See if it's XSE or dunamis. It's undoubtedly dunamis, but you double check it.

Acts 4.33, see if it says, Megali dunamis or XSE. Dunamis, yes. It's power.

Okay. Any questions about that? Matthew 28. Now here's one that's quoted an awful lot by evangelical denominations, but they don't quote it right.

They do not quote it right. We need to get back to Matthew 28. Matthew 28 is what we're doing in this church.

It's exactly what we're doing in this church. Matthew 28, verse 18. Well, let's start with 16.

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw Him, they worshiped, but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, All authority... Now this is XSE, I hear now.

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples. It doesn't say anything about getting people saved.

And yet it's always preached that it's going out and getting people saved. There's nothing about getting people saved. Isn't that interesting? How that tradition has made that verse so that it's... I don't think I've ever heard it said it right.

It's always the idea is to go forth in missions and get people saved and build churches. That's man's idea of spreading the redemption, of spreading the salvation. But God's idea of spreading the salvation is by making disciples.

Now it's very interesting that it says make disciples of all nations. Now I used to believe that that meant that you make a disciple of the nation itself. And there have been instances where that has happened, particularly when you get... See the word nation here, the nations as we know them did not exist at this time.

You realize this. This was during the time of an empire. The Roman Empire.

There were no nations at this time. Like France and England and Russia and Italy and Germany. There were no nations at this time.

They didn't exist. There was only the Roman Empire and then whatever the Chinese were doing plus whatever people were doing primitive in the British Isles and in America and the Americas, whatever they were doing, but there were no nations. So a nation here means any group of people with a common language.

That's all it means. And so you've got nations of people in Vietnam where there's only 100 people in the nation. But it has all the requirements of a nation.

It has a chief and it has a common language, a common culture. So there have been several instances where whole nations have been made disciples because in those nations whatever the chief does, everyone else has to do. Rather I think, but as I pondered the Book of Acts, I could see that they did not make disciples of nations at that time.

They made disciples from the nations. So I rather think, Tony, that word should be from rather than of. Make disciples in all nations.

Well that preposition, see of and from are closely related in the Greek. In would be, that's another word altogether. What do you get there, Tony? All the nations.

All the nations. Yeah, well, it could mean to make a disciple of a whole nation. But we don't see any nations being disciples today unless you're talking about, I think in Burma, there was a nation of people.

The whole nation was converted. But ordinarily, like in France and England and the United States, none of these nations are disciples of Christ. I know a lot of them profess to be born again.

I know Vice President Gorin. I think President Clinton professed to be born again. Yes.

The whole nation is a group of people who have a common language. It's true because I remember seeing a documentary a long, long time ago where they went to the Amazon and the plane that landed on the river and they had some scouts and some natives and they found there were three women who had a language that was not known to any of the scouts or any of the others. And then the thought that came to my mind when I was watching this, there were no men in that tribe.

There were three women living in the bush by themselves. It was a mother and a... Disciples of a whole nation. But I'm content for myself, at this time at least, to make disciples from the nations or of the nations.

In other words, making disciples of this nation and making disciples of that nation. However, but that's what we're doing on the Internet. We're making disciples by the word.

We're doing it by the word. We're going to every nation with the word. And what we're teaching on the Internet is not basic salvation.

It's discipling in righteousness. Taking up your cross. Following Jesus.

Walking in holiness. Walking in righteousness. That's the great commission.

Is to make disciples. And then it says, baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Well, we're not doing that.

And teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. So, we're not talking about preaching grace. We're talking about teaching Christ's commandments.

So, you see, we've really mutilated the great commission by making it all to going out and get people saved by grace. That's not what it is. It's to go out because Jesus wanted to spread his teachings.

He doesn't say anything about getting people saved. He says, go make disciples. Teach them to keep my commandments.

Does that interest you at all? Isn't that something? How different. Alright, and then he says, and surely I am with you. I have all authority and I'm with you.

So, we don't have to figure out how to get all these people saved. What we've got to do is find out what Christ is saying. And do that.

And nothing more and nothing less. And if he uses us, cool. And if he doesn't, cool.

It doesn't matter. It matters only that we're ready. And that's a thing in and of itself.

That being ready. Let me tell you, when the Lord is using you in some way, it's fairly easy to stay ready. But when he's not, and say 20 years goes by, and he's not using you, it's another matter to keep yourself prayed up, read up, and ready to go.

That's difficult then because you don't see any reason for getting up early every morning and reading your Bible and praying and staying with it. You don't see any purpose because you're not being used. But you see, the Lord doesn't want to.

When he came up there to Ananias, and brought Paul to Ananias, and it is something if Ananias said, yeah, well, I used to serve the Lord, but I'm not now. What are you doing here, Saul? But Ananias was in prayer. He was ready.

He was there on the spot, ready to go. And so the Lord said, I'm bringing a man up to you and this is what you're supposed to do. I like to think of it as tools.

You know, if you don't have any kids and you have the luxury of having a nice workshop and all your tools in order, and all, keep them oiled, shiny, no rust on them, and you've got everyone right where you want to know it. In fact, what you might have done was put them on the peg and then sprayed them so that when you took them off, you could see the form of the tools. You knew just where to put that tool.

And you know no child is going to take it off there and leave it out in the yard to get rusty. You know? Maybe somebody in here has had all your tools together. But I like to think about that because there are tools that you use all the time.

Like pliers. You use them all the time. The day goes by if you're working that you don't use pliers.

But there are other tools that you may almost never use. Certain dyes, for example, or something of this kind. Calipers or something else that are very seldom used.

But when you want them, you don't want them rusty and you don't want them out in the yard. You don't want to have to go looking for them. You don't want them stuck on the board so you can't get them off.

I just need this right now. I often think of inside calipers because you very seldom use those. Unless you're an auto mechanic and you're given a lot to measuring cylinders in an engine or something like that.

You don't use inside calipers very much at all. But boy, when you need it you don't want to go looking for it. You don't want it rusty.

You want it all nice and shiny and oiled and ready to go. And that's the way people are. Some are like tools that the Lord may use once in a lifetime.

Remember when the Lord said go up there, there's a people there that have a donkey and it has a foal. And he said just tell them the master says I want them. Well that was, you know, they wouldn't have let go of those animals if God hadn't have prepared them.

So they're ready in their place. You never hear them before or since. But boy, were they important right then because that was the beginning of the Palm Sunday right there.

Was to getting those animals. Well that was their shot. You know we have a funny idea.

I think about ministry. If ministry is frequently used and it's visible, we think oh those people are spiritual. Oh how God loves them.

And when they die, you know they're going to bring out the pom-pom girls. It's just going to be wonderful. There'll be a brass band.

Here they come. And then some other person that maybe they have a prayer. Nothing that we see at all.

It's a hidden ministry. Or maybe something in the church we don't even think of as ministry. But they're faithfully there.

They're always doing their thing. They're praising the Lord and everything. And we wouldn't expect them to bring out any brass band when they die.

Who are they? They're nothing. Nobody ever saw them or heard of them. There's this other person.

Oh they're huge. Now they're journeying here. Now they're journeying there.

Ten pounds and they're meeting. I don't think God looks at things like that at all. I don't think He is impressed at all.

But I think what impresses God is faithfulness. I remember Sister Bordwell. Well none of you knew her because she's been dead a long time.

When I knew her she was as old as I am now pretty near. But Audrey and I knew old Mamie Bordwell. Well, she used to go with the Bible students.

We'd go down to Chula Vista on the street corner and play the accordion and pass out. And Sister Bordwell would go there with the Bible students to pass out tracks. And we'd sing and whatever we did down at Chula Vista.

And when she'd go home her husband would beat up on her. Well Sister Bordwell. Faithful, diminutive person you'd never think twice about.

Just faithfully going down there passing out her tracks with an abusive husband. Now, who do you think God esteems more? Mamie Bordwell or some preacher having 10,000 people in a meeting? It just depends on the individual and how faithful they were and how truly they served the Lord in those secret times when nobody saw them. So whether they had 10,000 people or one or none it's nothing.

It's not the way God communicates the kingdom. It's with men's ideas. It's like Mamie Bordwell out there passing out tracks after probably praying all day about it and that was her one shot.

We didn't go down there every night but when we went down we'd get Mamie Bordwell to go down with us. We don't judge things right. You see, in our day the communication of the gospel is a big thing.

In fact, the very idea the very word evangelical means to spread good news. That's what it means. Evangel.

We miss, I think, sometimes the way God works and what God esteems. So none of us in here have to be a hotshot. We don't have to do anything.

Myself included. We don't have to do anything. But be faithful.

Just make sure we're where we want where God wants us when he wants us there and that's all. We don't have anything else. Let God be the hotshot.

Because when we die and go in the presence of God he's not going to weigh how much we accomplished or how many people knew us or how many people got saved or anything else. It's going to be faithfulness. That's all.

Emily? The greatest ministry which goes on with all of us 24 hours and the ministry he gives us are just privileged to be able to be a part of it. Absolutely. It is so true, Emily.

It is so true. And I tell the Lord here I was supposed to be retired 10 years ago and I say, Lord, thank you for the opportunity to serve you. Thank you for that.

What a privilege. I don't want to ride around in a trailer looking at the Canadian Rockies. I want to serve the Lord.

Because it's a privilege. It isn't always easy but it is a privilege. Matthew 24, 14 is another angle.

I love this verse. This is God's statement. He doesn't say if you do this if you pray if you fast if you go to Bible school or anything else.

There are things in communication that God does sovereignly sovereignly like the two witnesses and this is one of them and I think this is referring to the two witnesses actually. He says, this gospel of the kingdom notice that? He said, nothing about heaven. Notice that? This good news of the kingdom and kept for the end time.

That's why Jesus said in Acts 1 don't talk to me about the kingdom it's not time yet. It's not time yet. You just go forth and bear witness.

That's all you've got to do and wait for the power to do that. And now in the end time he says, this gospel of the kingdom the good news of the kingdom and look what he says will be preached in the whole world. No ifs, maybes, ands or buts about it.

It will happen and there's nothing can stop it. Now this is an angle of God's communication. This is a dimension of it.

This is the sovereignty of it and the unstoppable power of it. It doesn't matter. There's no doors going to be shut that can stop this.

God said it. It will happen. We're being prepared for it.

I believe. He said, as a testimony to all nations and then the end will come. Not the end of the world.

The end of the opportunity to preach the gospel is going to come. We see that in the middle of the week. God lifts the witness and then Antichrist comes up full blown and the work that had been done prior is tested and then the Lord returns.

So he's not saying that this is the end of the world here. He's saying that this is the end of the testimony. I'm going to give one last massive shot.

And notice that he doesn't talk what he talks about he doesn't say in order to get people saved. Why do you keep accenting that? I'm not against getting people saved. Don't misunderstand me.

I'm trying to balance something here in our minds. The point is to bear witness. To testify.

And Audrey and I were talking on the way down and she said we were talking about this seed and this person who had suddenly notified us since the days we were in Peoria and I said you just never know what you're doing. And she said and rightly so sometimes God has us to say things to people or to be with them knowing they're not going to change. God knows they're not going to change.

But he wants that witness there so in the day of judgment they cannot say to God I never heard. See we don't judge a testimony as being effective unless we can count people who wrote on a card that they accepted the Lord or raised their hand or did something to signify that they had accepted what we said. Otherwise we figure that the rest of the people that went home we won't count them.

We'll count this many people came to the altar. This many people signed a card. You see what I'm saying? That is crazy.

That's invalid. Because there's people there that God just He knew the decisions they were making and He knew some of them were never going to accept Christ but He wanted a witness born. He didn't want them to ever be saved but we never heard.

And that's just as important in God's sight. It's not us trying to save the world for God. It's God in His own time in His own way communicating His own salvation to whomever He chooses.

And we've got to get a hold of that thing. Because the night's coming when no man can work. Only God can work.

And we need to get used to that because they're going to talk about all this stuff because of persecution. It doesn't matter. Persecution doesn't matter.

Nothing matters. Nothing can stop the Lord God. And we've got a wicked world.

And the United States is wicked. We were looking at a bumper sticker coming down, down, down that says I don't know where they got their statistic but it said one-fourth of every child that is born is aborted. And it had a picture of three children and then one was faded out like a ghost.

I don't know where they got that. But I thought Dear God if there's anything that will bring the wrath of God on America it is the murder of these infants. If there's anything that will bring the wrath of God on America it's that blood.

That's being shed for no reason in 90% of the cases it's just the convenience of the mother. That's all it is. She's inconvenienced by the fact that she's pregnant.

So she murders the infant. We saw that coming down. And I thought Dear God what is going to happen to our country? Because God will always avenge blood.

He'll always avenge when a land is saturated with blood you can bet God's going to act. And when He does we need to know our God. Because the works of man won't work in that day.

But God says even in that day I am going to bear witness. It shall be preached. I don't care how the communists or anybody else they're not going to stop God and He's going to bear witness if they receive it and are saved great if they reject it that testimony in other words what I'm trying to tell you is God's will has been done.

Whether we see the kind of fruit we're looking for is not of issue. The issue is did God communicate what God wanted to communicate? That's all that matters. For a witness a witness God says I'm going to bear witness I'll send my two witnesses and what do they do? We don't see in the two witnesses in Revelation that they're doing one thing.

We acquaint with a Christian gospel says nothing about people being healed saved, filled with the Spirit or anything else. All we see is they're turning water into blood and they're stopping the heavens from raining and everything else. This is God's witness of the last days.

It's going to take that. It's going to take that. And they'll never be able to say to God we didn't know there was a God we didn't know His will we didn't know He was holy or anything else because God will say I sent out my witnesses to the ends of the earth and you saw the power of Almighty God.

What will they preach? You know what they're going to preach? Repentance. There are in Zakkloth. Zakkloth is a symbol of repentance.

When the kings of Israel repented they put on Zakkloth. These witnesses are clothed in repentance. Preaching repentance.

Repent. That's the original gospel of John the Baptist and Jesus. Repent.

Turn from what you're doing. They didn't come preaching about being saved. They said repent.

First word men and brethren what shall we do? Repent. Repent. Now we say let Jesus into your heart.

That's not the message. That's not the message. You must be born again.

That's not the message. It was never preached in the book of Acts. What was preached was repent.

Yes? Verse 10 through 13 which is very interesting and what you have highlighted is that at that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other and many false prophets will appear deceiving people because of the physical gospel of the kingdom will be preached otherwise he who stands firm to it will be outstanding and that living gospel of the kingdom that I am ahead of that I'm looking for holiness. Yes he is. And we'll conclude with this verse because Emily has kept pushing this so we might as well push along with her at 2nd Corinthians the third chapter it says and see this 2nd Corinthians 3.3 and see this is what Emily or 3.2 rather this is what Emily is talking about and this is another way in which God communicates His redemption.

You yourselves are our letter. You yourselves. You're the letter.

Now you see if we go out and make disciples then we're making letters of Christ. But if all we do is tell people to let Jesus into their heart and stay in church and go on up in the rapture we don't make letters of Christ. So God knows what He's doing.

He knows if you make a disciple you're going to affect 10,000 or 100,000 people from that one person. But He knows what He's doing. You are our letter written on our hearts known and read by everybody.

You show that you are a letter from Christ the result of our ministry written not with ink but with the spirit of the living God not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts. All right, now all we've been saying tonight is the four horns of the altar represents the power of God in communicating His salvation. And it should add another dimension to our understanding of missions and what this thing is all about because it really depends more on God's sovereign.

God has a word for every generation and He has people in every generation to declare it. And so we don't know what that word is or when we're supposed to do or where we're supposed to do unless we're willing to wait and listen to the Lord. That's all I'm saying.

Praise the Lord. All right, shall we stand? Everyone got A+. Hallelujah.

Oh, Father, in Jesus' name Father, we need to know what You are saying. God, help us to divest ourselves of all notions of what we think we are supposed to be doing, Lord. Lord, enlarge our thinking.

Enlarge our understanding, Lord. Enlarge us so that we can know what it is we are doing. Lord, help us not to run ahead of You or to lag behind You.

God, but to be ready in season and out of season always ready to bear fruit. When You come and You're hungry, Lord, that we're there bearing that fruit. Now, Lord, we need that in our lives.

Jesus, remove us from the rat race, Lord. Remove us from the idea, Lord, that we can communicate apart from God. Lord, we need to bear witness the way You want us to.

And we long to do that, Lord. We want to do Your will. God, we want to be obedient.

So help us, Lord, to stay with You in our own little way being faithful and standing to the end, Lord, that we may do Your will, whether it's spectacular, whether it's minuscule, whether anybody ever hears us or they don't, it doesn't matter, Lord. Because we're going to be facing You one of these days. And we want to know that we did God's will.

Hallelujah. No more, no less, Father. Jesus, help us.

Jesus, help us to be faithful. Praise Your name. Praise Your name.

Now, Lord, I pray You'll bless these dear ones that have come, Lord, and I pray You'll reward them for it. Richly let the word be meat on their bones, Lord, and understanding in their minds. Bless their homes, Lord.

Keep them safe on the highway. In Jesus' name we thank You, Lord. Amen.

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