

Woe Unto Me If I Do Not Preach the Gospel

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It built your faith because when you talk about ingrained prejudice, hatred, things like this, what they were talking about, methamphetamines, methamphetamine, drug addiction, alcoholism, my brother, my family, they're in the same situation that many of you are in this place. You're going, how on earth could this individual get saved? And here you're hearing that it happened for them, and if it happened for them, God's no respecter of persons. I promise you, if they went through the details, they would tell you that there was times it looked hopeless, that it would never happen.

So be encouraged. I want everyone to pray with me tonight. I don't want anyone not to pray.

I want everyone within the sound of my voice to pray, those of you listening by radio. I want you to pray tonight. Those of you on the internet, I want you to pray.

Everyone pray together right now. Dear Jesus, speak to my heart. Change my life.

In your precious name, amen. You may be seated. I'm going to turn to a scripture in just a minute.

I picked up a copy. This is an old, not real old, but it's a book on the beginning of Billy Graham's ministry. I was reading this on the plane coming back from Springfield.

We were up there for a meeting Tuesday night, and it's really young Billy Graham back at the beginning, and it's called The Making of a Crusader. And I began to read the history of young Billy Graham when he was just in his 30s, his 20s, his 30s, his 40s. The schedule that this guy kept was uncanny.

He was all over the world constantly. As a matter of fact, in here, Ruth Graham quotes, she says, the three weeks that our children saw their father a year were such a blessing. The three weeks, now I know it was more than that, that may have been an exaggeration, but the bottom line was, he was so involved in the work of the Lord.

And as I read this, you know, people marvel today at the man who's reached so many people with the gospel. There's probably no other one, I'm sure there's no one alive who has reached personally so many with the gospel. But throughout this story, you read of the passion, the passion constantly, he was saying things like, I've got to go there and talk to those people.

We talked about racism a few minutes ago, when the racism was rampant in Alabama, and the whole issue of the segregation of the schools, and the blacks having to sit in the back of the bus, and all this, and the race riots were going on, and the marches in Selma, and Birmingham, and Tuskegee, and all these areas. Billy Graham was in Australia, burned out. He was in Australia, and he was so fatigued, he lost 10 to 20 pounds every crusade he was in.

He would have to quit the end of the crusade, he had to regain his strength to go back and do another crusade. And the doctors hospitalized him. They hospitalized him for two weeks because it was over.

He was young, and it was over. He was totally exhausted. And then a friend of his, they were on an airplane coming back, and a friend of his told him what's happening in Alabama, that they're about to riot in the streets in Alabama, war is breaking out in Alabama.

It's about people not getting along, it's about blacks hating whites, and whites hating blacks. And, Billy, is there anything you can do? And the man's exhausted, and all his crusade team's exhausted. This is called the making of a crusader.

I broke as I read this, and he was on his way back to rest in North Carolina in his retreat. Just rest for a few days before he goes on to Copenhagen to hold a crusade there, and on through Europe. And he says, cancel everything, we're going to Alabama.

And he arrives in Alabama, and the schedule was unbelievable, the grueling schedule. He holds meetings with the political realm. He holds meetings with the blacks.

He pulls all the black churches together, holds a huge crusade with blacks and whites, which was unheard of. And they look on the platform, and there's blacks and whites on the platform in the early 60s. And he has black ushers.

Black ushers bringing whites in and setting them down. And white ushers, this is back in the 60s, white ushers escorting the blacks in, in Selma, Auburn, Alabama. Friend, I'm talking about stuff that's unheard of.

And the newspapers were there. They were shocked at this man of God and how many said, if you go there, the KKK said, you're dead. We'll kill you.

It's over, Billy Graham. You go there, it's over. You're threatening your whole family.

You're threatening everything. He said, I've got a gospel to preach. And the Bible says, my gospel says, that at the cross, all men are equal.

And as I read this, friend, the price that was paid, the grueling schedules that were kept, it reminds me of something that's going on right now. And we're going to talk about it for a few minutes. I want you to turn with me in the Bible to 1 Corinthians 9.16. I'm going to update a message.

I had a different message prepared this morning for tonight's service, but God has led me to this. So the other one's going to have to wait. Chapter 9 of 1 Corinthians, how many are going to listen for the next few minutes? Verse 16.

Before I read this, look this way. Many people come to me and they say, how do you do it? How do you do what you're doing? What makes you tick? I was on the phone today with a reporter for an hour and he said, he said, thank you so much, Steve, for spending this time with me, a secular reporter. And he said, thank you for spending this time with me.

And I said, no, thank you. And I said, all I ask you to do is give us a fair shake in your article. Be honest in the article.

Be fair in the article. He said, I'll be fair. And we talked.

And we talked about what I'm talking about right now. And he said, how do you do what you do? He said, I know your activities. I know where you're going.

I know what's going on. I know the sleep that you get. I know the schedule at the church.

I know all about it. This is a secular reporter. How do you do what you're doing? And I said to him, I have to do what I'm doing.

It's not how, it's a have to. 1 Corinthians 9, 16, for though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of, for necessity is laid upon me. Yea, woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel.

We're stopping right there, friend, because this is so pregnant with meaning. Paul was saying, I've got to do what I'm doing. If I don't do what I'm doing, I'm going to be in trouble.

Let me ask you some questions. How can a man, night after night, put your Bibles down for a minute. I just want everybody to listen.

How can a man, night after night, I'm speaking of this preacher, stand behind this sacred pulpit with a seemingly one-track mind, preach the same gospel over and over again? Don't you get tired, Steve? Don't you get bored of leading everyone in the same prayer? Dear Jesus, speak to my heart. Change my life. What makes this preacher tick? Last night, as I was walking around praying for people, we're in our fourth year.

I've prayed for thousands and thousands and thousands of people. Every night, it's as fresh as the very first person I've ever prayed for. And last night, last night, I was walking around, I was praying for these children.

These children, little kids, they couldn't be seven years old, were being hit by the power of God and shaking under the power of God. And I turned to my workers that were walking around with me. I said, don't you ever get tired of that.

Don't let that ever grow old. I was watching teenagers being hit by the power of God, people being filled with the Spirit. What causes John Kilpatrick, that man sitting right there, to rise up for over two years before this revival ever broke out? He would come into this church by himself, sometimes just dressed in casual clothes and barefoot.

He would come in and walk around this church, and he'd say, God, send revival. No one was listening but God. For two and a half years, this church prayed for revival.

What causes a man to do that? Revive us, O God. It was a great church. Most people would say, you're insane.

Brother, look at the church you got. He had a huge crowd here every Sunday. Why pray for revival, John Kilpatrick? He knew there was more.

Is anybody listening? He knew there was more. And then after Father's Day, when the power comes down, then what does he do? He plows into it, and he comes into it with all his strength, night after night, week after week. Tonight, he's here again.

What's he going to do? He's going to lay hands on you. He takes testimonies, and you listen to a man taking these testimonies. Was he into it? Was it something he wasn't interested in doing? No, friend, he was into it, loving it, eating it up.

What causes that? Where does that come from? What causes a man to be moved like that? Why does John Kilpatrick go and preach the cross every day? He has free. He's not only pastor of this church, but did you know that already 40 times he has crisscrossed this nation this year? We'll finish up on Sunday afternoon here at this church. He'll be in a bus.

Where's he going? Only God knows. Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Alabama, Tennessee, Missouri, Arizona, Texas, Ohio, Ontario, South Carolina, Virginia, California, New York. He was in Washington just a couple of days ago.

Day after day, he's preaching the gospel around this nation. Night after night, he's up praying for people. And then somehow, he manages to get back to Brownsville.

Wednesday night, here he is. And then Saturday, there's a wedding. Sunday afternoon, there's a wedding.

There he is. Marrying a couple of folks. Somebody dies.

He's there at the funeral. It's amazing, friend, what's causing all this to happen. What causes the congregation of Brownsville to give up their lives, give up their church, give up their pew? Did you know that this church, Brownsville Assembly, we have thousands of members, and they never get prayer.

We have to have a prayer day for Brownsville. On a Sunday morning, we'll decide every once in a while, we'll just, all we're going to do is pray for the thousands of Brownsville members. Why? They can't get in the revival.

They can't get here. Why? You're here. Are they complaining? No.

Do they love the revival? Oh, do they love the revival? They love the revival. They eat, drink, and breathe this revival. They'll bring the unsaved when they can to the revival.

But they know if they're here, somebody else can't be sitting in this place. And they've said, freely I've received, Jesus. Freely I give.

What is that? What motivates Dr. Brown? Have you ever heard him preach? By the way, tomorrow, Dr. Brown is going to be holding a session in here. He's going to be preaching on fire. Now, he's had to leave out for an emergency.

So, we're going to have, it's going to be a large-screen video session. But be here tomorrow for the session on fire. Don't miss it.

But what causes him to do what he does? He's a brilliant man, and he circles the globe preaching the gospel like a maniac. It's amazing to me. He will be flying in from Australia, and he'll fly in and he'll land on a Friday night at 5 o'clock at the airport here.

If you've ever done any international travel, how many have? Most people want to just hibernate for a week. You don't know who you are, where you're from. You're out of sync.

You wake up in the middle of the night wanting, you know, dinner. You know, it's just, it's crazy because of the time changes. He comes here, he gets out of the airport, he says, honey, meet me at the airport with a suit.

He'll change right there and on to the revival, and he'll walk in here after preaching the gospel around the world, he'll walk in, he goes, I made it, man. I made it. I'm here, brother.

What's he going to do? He's going to pray for you. I can feel this tonight. He'll hold sessions here at the church.

He'll write books. He's working on a book, Go and Send No More. He wrote From Holy Laughter to Holy Fire.

If you don't have that, friend, you need to get it. Why does he do what he does? Why is he involved in the school of ministry the way he is? Why are people selling businesses, homes, and worldly possessions to come to this school? Why does David Ravenhill leave his church in Seattle, Washington, and move here to become part of this school, the prophetic voice of this school? Why does he come to help this young Bible school in West Florida? What's going on? What about Bob Phillips sitting right up there? He's got a tremendous ministry. People have heard his ministry all over the world.

His radio broadcast is heard in all the great cities of this nation. But he calls one day, and we're talking back and forth, and he feels that he's supposed to move to Pensacola. How many thank God Bob Phillips moved to Pensacola? Why would he come here? What's going on? And then you come, you think we're coming to rest? There's a lot of golf courses around here, friend, but I trust you, most of us have never seen them.

Why? The beaches, I live right next to the beaches. We have not gone to the beaches in two years. Why? Revival.

It's called revival. You're swamped with people. What causes you to keep going? What has caused Larry Tomczak, who speaks at the Bible school, a great man of God who's planting a church in Atlanta, he gets on a plane and he flies to the Revival School of Ministry and preaches four days out of a week, then goes back up to Atlanta to pastor his church.

You can read his story in the Charisma magazine. It says, Larry Tomczak gets new start in ministry. And it says the Atlanta minister is now teaching at the Brownsville Revival School of Ministry, a three-page article about what God has done in his life.

Why? What's going on? Why is the school sending missionaries around the world? Right now, as we speak, we have 30 students in Mexico. We've had them at the Louisiana State University Trauma and Burn Center. We've had them in San Francisco working with drug addicts, homosexuals, and lesbians.

Bob Rogers, sitting right there next to the camera, comes and works with us with Awake America. He's been with me just a few months. He's full-time with our ministry now.

He's already put on over 55,000 miles in the ministry, flying. He's setting up Awake Americas all over the world, all over this nation. He's setting them up in Baltimore, Providence, Rhode Island, Louisville, San Antonio, Omaha, Minneapolis, Cincinnati, Tulsa, Virginia Beach, Columbia, Lake Charles, Louisiana, the Meadowlands in New Jersey.

It goes on and on and on. Why would anybody put themselves through that? To get rich? It ain't got nothing to do with money, honey. Ain't got nothing to do with money, honey.

Where's the source of the energy for Lyndall Cooley? My Lord is right. He gets out here, tries to sing, coughs up phlegm. Let me tell you something about any musician I've ever known, any professional singer.

See, Lyndall is not just a singer, he's a professional singer. Lyndall is about to do an Awake America in Cedar Rapids. Is that right? Cedar Rapids.

Just want to know where we're going. Get on the right plane. Cedar Rapids.

He's fixing to cut a CD and a video in three days in front of 12,000 people in a Coliseum. That's what Awake Americas are. Any musician, any singer would tell you, I can't minister at the Brownsville Revival.

I got to rest my voice for three days. Any singer would tell you that. What he sounded like tonight, any singer would say that.

I've got to rest my voice. No, sir. He comes in and he plows away with it.

And what does God do? God touches him and he continues singing. I'm not going to go through all of this, but I think of the people, I think of Richard Crisco out there at the other, in the chapel tonight. Richard Crisco burning the candle at both ends, always going after God.

He just completed a youth conference last week with 4,000 teenagers. Deliverances, miracles, signs, wonders, lives changed. And now he's across the street preaching to over 1,000 young people there.

What is doing that? What motivates you? Matter of fact, when Lyndal was going down for the count tonight, I thought, we'll go get Mike. Mike is the lead singer next door. I said, go tell Lyndal we need Mike.

I mean, go tell Richard we need Mike. And so I sent Charlie over there. Charlie, wave at me, will you? Sent Charlie over there to go get Mike, Richard's music minister.

Richard goes, no way, Jay, you can't have him. Why? God's coming down over there. The power's coming down over there.

They're right in the middle of the power of God. They ain't gonna give us Mike. He said, you're on your own, Bubba.

Be healed. But what causes them to go on and on? I could go on and on about this prayer team up here, friend. They've got jobs, they've got work, they've got families.

They work all day long, go home, take a shower, come to the prayer team. Before the meeting here, they're in a prayer team meeting, getting instructions for the night. This has been going on, we're in our fourth year.

Five hundred prayer team workers rotate. Many of these work two and three times a week here at the Revival. They'll get home at 1 or 2 o'clock in the morning, get five or six hours of sleep, and they're up and off to work again.

Just to go back to get home, take a shower, and be here for Friday night service. What about Bill Bush, Elmer Melton, Charles Bailey, R.L. Berry, the volunteer police force? It goes on and on and on and on. The intercessors that pray for this revival, weeping and wailing, calling out to God for your salvation, for your healing, that God would touch your life.

Well, I'm gonna tell you why. The same thing that's motivating us, motivated the Apostle Paul 2,000 years ago, it's the same thing, and I want you to listen to me tonight, friend. I'm not gonna be long, but I'm gonna be thorough.

It's the same thing that motivated Peter to die upside down on a cross. It's the same thing that motivated Luther to usher in the great reformation. It's the same thing that caused Whitefield to preach the gospel until his throat bled.

It's the same thing that caused Charles Finney to crisscross all across the eastern United States. Evan Roberts, Evan Roberts, Billy Sunday, Billy Graham. It's the same thing that motivated this young man, and right now, Billy still wants to do more crusades, more, more.

What is it, friend? For anybody in this room that thinks it's about money, you're nuts. You're nuts. If I wanted to get rich, I could have been a millionaire the first year of the revival.

I could have been a millionaire and taken all the money myself. We're on salaries, folks. We set a salary, and the rest goes to missions, projects, and stuff.

But if a man wants to get rich, you can get rich here. It ain't about money. It's not about money.

We have mortgages just like everybody here. I said, we got mortgages. I make payments.

Anybody make payments? I got a car. I make payments on my car. My car is getting all beat up right now.

It's got more miles on it than it should have right now, and it's falling apart. I got three kids. Anybody got kids? They can tear up a car.

Can they tear up a car? The other day, we're on our way to church. Everything's fine. Kelsey's sick.

Kelsey's three. When Kelsey's sick, she's three. She does what she wants.

So she starts throwing up everywhere. Just, you know, you know how kids are. Just no respect for persons.

Just let it fly. She throws up everywhere, and it's pink. It's got all kinds of chunks and stuff in it, but it's just, it's pink.

She throws up all over the car. Then she turns her head, and she throws up in the seats, and it just goes back behind... Parents, you know what I'm talking about, don't you? It just seeps in the seats, and it goes down between the seats, and it drips on the floor, and it's just everywhere. Still can't get the smell out.

No, we don't run out and buy a new car, friend. We just got a stinky car. We make payments just like you do.

If we were rich, we could go out and buy a new car, but it don't work like that. It ain't about money. It's about souls.

Let me tell you, this Scripture, woe unto me if I do not preach the glad tidings of the gospel. That word means it's horrible. It's the horror of it.

Woe means heavy calamity. It means a personal tragedy. Paul was saying it would be a personal calamity.

It would be a horror if I do not preach the gospel. Why, friend? Why do we work the way we do? Many people here tonight, you're not right with God. I want you to listen why we pour our hearts out to you night after night.

Friend, I'm telling you, I care about you. My first reason tonight is because Jesus Christ has changed my life. Jesus Christ has changed our lives.

That's why we work the way we do. He has changed me totally. I've got to talk about him.

He has delivered me from the kingdom of darkness. I was on drugs. I was on alcohol.

I was wasted. My life was in shambles. And 23 years ago, a Lutheran minister came over to my house and shared the love of Jesus with me, and I gave my life to Christ.

Friend, I have been changed. It's a personal thing. Friend, when you've been changed, you can't stop talking about it.

Are you listening? You hear these ladies up here? They're bonkers, man. These ladies are beside themselves. When this one dear sister from Milan, Tennessee said my husband was the meanest man in the county, when she said she talked about beatings, I hope you heard it.

He lost his wedding band slapping her. I hope you heard it, friend. Don't let this stuff slide by.

We're talking about a mean man. We're talking about a horrible marriage. And then, he gets saved.

And now, he's buying a wedding band. Now, see, two years down the road, folks, that reporter asked me today, he said, Steve, what is really happening there? And I said, it's called fruit and it's everywhere. I said, we've been at this three years.

I can tell you stories after story, thousands of people that lives are changed. You know, a husband that was in the KKK, it's one thing to get a little religion at a meeting, you know, that's one thing. But it's another thing two years later to be transformed by the power of God, two years later to be totally changed, that's another thing.

Jesus. So, that's one of the reasons we preach the way we do and that's why Paul preached the way he did. Woe unto me.

He was saying, my life was changed. I was on my way to Damascus to kill Christians and I had an encounter with God. He forever changed me and I've got to talk about it.

That's why we preach with passion. Listen to me at home. Some of you have been listening to me night after night for three years.

You've been hearing the gospel message here in Pensacola, other states of this union. You've been hearing it over and over again. You're saying, how does that guy keep going like that? What keeps John Kilpatrick going like that? Friend, we love you.

Jesus Christ has changed our lives. I want to tell you, friend, I can't keep silent. I can't stop talking about what I've seen and heard.

My second point tonight, I'm moving extra rapid, rapido. Another reason that we do what we do is because Jesus Christ has compelled me to preach the gospel. He has told me to.

Not only is it a personal thing that Christ changed me, but I've got to do it. I've got to preach the gospel because he's told me to. What does the Bible say? Go into all the world and preach the gospel.

Friend, in black and whites, as clear as the sun that shines in the morning, we have no choice. We have been called to do it. Paul had been called of God.

Don't you remember in Acts chapter 9, verse 6, where the Lord said, rise, Saul, and enter the city, and it shall be told you what you must do. What you might think about doing, Paul, no, what you must do. The Lord was saying, there's not an option here, son.

Pastors, there's never an option in the ministry. You're in it. This one dear brother talked about bailing out.

I've been there too, but I want to tell you in the ministry, there's no bailing out. You can want to, that's legitimate, but you can't do it. You do it, you're one miserable puppy.

You might be down at Burger King flipping hamburgers, but you wish you were somewhere talking about Jesus because you're called. Paul was on a mission. He was obligated to the Lord Jesus Christ.

He was a steward of the good news. That means God had entrusted him with the gospel. I preached a message three years ago here on our obligation, and I talked about our obligation to Jesus Christ, our

obligation to others, and our obligation to ourselves.

Our obligation to others. To Jesus Christ, it's a great commission. We got to do it.

To others, if we don't tell them, who's going to tell them? This world is sinking. This world is like a cruise ship, and we're down at the bottom of the cruise ship as Christians, and we've seen a leak. And this world is on the top deck, dancing, drinking, and partying, and we're watching the bottom of the Titanic fill up with water.

And it's up to us to go up to the top of the cruise ship and say, listen, everybody, stop the band. Stop the music. The boat's going down, and people are going to heckle you.

They're going to laugh at you, and some of you will literally drive. You'll grab them by the arm, and you'll say, sir, you might think I'm crazy, but you're going with me. I want you to see what I just saw.

And you drag a man all the way down to the bottom floor of that boat, and you say, look at that water. Look at that hole. This boat's going down in an hour.

Everybody's going to die. And what does he do? He gets the same passion you have. He goes up to the top, and he says, I've seen.

I've been there. What he's sharing is true. Stop the music.

Still, a handful of people don't believe. They go on drinking and partying. Friend, it's for others.

You got to do it for others. This world's going down. This world's going to burn.

This world is like a house that's on fire, and I've escaped the fire. But I look in there, and there's people screaming for their lives. I talked about the obligation to ourselves.

One of the reasons I preach the way I do is because there's a day I'm going to stand before God. How many here are going to stand before God one day? Better be unanimous. Everybody's going to stand before God.

Let me tell you what's going to happen up there, friend. There's a day called Coronation Day. You're going to be crowned for your works down here.

Some of us in this room, and some of you at home, you're going to get a paper crown on that day. It's going to be the most embarrassing thing that's ever happened to you in your life. The angel's going to pass some Burger King crown over to you.

They're going to look at you, and they're going to go. They're going to plop that thing on your head or give it to the Lord, and he's going to have to put it on your head. For all that you did, you want to know why it's cardboard? Because you were selfish.

You never talked to anybody about Jesus. You were always concerned about me, myself, and I, and my little group. You didn't care about evangelism.

You didn't care about the world. You didn't care about the message I'm preaching tonight. You're all into yourself.

Oh, you went to church, but you were into yourself, and now you're being judged for your works, and you're being crowned. Other people are receiving crowns that are inlaid with platinum, and gold, and silver, and precious stones, and diamonds, and jewels. And you got this little paper crown.

And let me tell you what's scary. I'm talking about I preach this way for myself because one day, I'm going to stand before God, and I want something to cast at his feet. Because that crown, according to Scripture, we're going to cast it at his feet.

And how would you like to be holding a cardboard crown and saying, Jesus, I worship you with this? What an embarrassment when you turn to a little girl next to you who's 12, who got saved at the Brownsville Revival when she was eight and led hundreds of her teenage friends to the Lord. Hundreds of her little friends to the Lord, and she's got this gorgeous crown, and she's throwing it down. And you're 52 years old, and you've got a cardboard crown throwing it down in front of Jesus.

Friend, I hope you're listening. I preach this gospel the way I do because I'm obligated. And I'm moving quickly tonight, friend.

Another reason I preach, woe unto me if I don't, is because of those in this room who do not know the Lord Jesus Christ. I preach this way because I know somebody's going to take this tape, and they're going to buy this video, or they're going to get this video. They're going to buy a copy, and they're going to bootleg 500 copies of it.

And it's going to go all over Tennessee, or all over Mississippi, or all over Canada. And there's going to be some drug addict sitting out in some igloo somewhere. And he's going to be watching this thing on his video deck.

And he's going to go, my God, I've never felt like this, and her heart's going to beat. When she talked about the message that someone was watching, has anyone seen my sins? I remember preaching that message. I was preaching about what Jesus does with our sins.

He casts them behind his back. He casts them to the depths of the sea. He'll never remember.

I was preaching on all the things that God does with your sins. And once Jesus finishes with your sins, you can walk around all day going, has anybody seen my sins? Nobody's seen your sins, friend. It's over.

It's over. But we preach this way because we know there's people that need to hear the gospel. Some of you are here tonight.

I want you to have what I have. I want you to experience the joy of waking up in the morning at peace with yourself and God. I want you to experience the blessedness of not having to fret about the future.

I want you to experience the sparkling, clean feeling of being washed in the blood of the Lamb. I want you to experience victorious living, the promises of God, your sins forgiven, freedom from addictions. Those of you that are backslidden, I want you to experience what it's like to have your years restored.

I'm going to do something right now. This may be difficult for some of you to listen to, it may be difficult for you to hear. But I'm going to play a tape right now.

It's going to start with Lyndall talking a little bit, but he's playing in the background the song he just played. That was a Wesley song. Charles Wesley wrote that, talking about the light shining in the dungeon, his life

being changed.

Many of you were rejoicing as you heard the song. It's a powerful song written 200 years ago. But in this portion of the song, this is not going to be long, so I want you to listen.

Someone out in Oklahoma took this song, as a matter of fact, they manufactured about five different tapes where they weaved all kinds of testimonies in. They weaved lives, testimonies into this song. And as you hear this, you're going to feel, I said, you're going to feel the passion that is in us.

People want to know why we do what we do? What you're going to hear is why we do what we do. Now, some of these testimonies are going to be hard to understand, because with a large PA system, large crowd, it's hard to get clarity sometimes. But in here, you're going to hear young people talking about, they'll never be the same again.

You're going to hear macho men that were drug addicts and alcoholics have given it up. You're going to hear an Indian, a young Indian boy who's been totally transformed by the power of God. You're going to hear lives that were changed.

You're going to hear about a man who was going to kill his parents, but happened to show up at the Brownsville Revival. This is why we do what we do. I want you to hear this.

And I realized, this is me I'm singing about. And I look around this youth choir, and I see kids up here who have testified and said, we were going to commit suicide. We were already laying the plans.

Kids up here whose lives were over at the age of 17, 18. Many people in this revival, I've watched too many be saved. It's, I just can't lose my passion.

I'm sorry. We've got too many people in the church now that's lost their faith. They need to get on their face before God and regain their passion.

Yeah. Oh, my imprisoned spirit, lady, I was fast bound in sin and nature's night. Lord, but thine I defused a quickening rain.

I will never, ever be the same person ever, ever, ever again. I will never defuse him. I will be the same.

It's a wave. It's a passion. The rock and roll it takes.

It grows. But you don't want it. You have to let it go.

I should die. Oh, I wouldn't know what to do. I had a plan to murder both of my parents, but that same woman that I wanted to kill spent every night of her life on her knees praying for me.

Well, I never would have thought that I would be so in love with Jesus before I got saved. I have no desire of sinning whatsoever because I love God. My life was hearty.

I didn't care for anybody except for my life. And this revival has shown me that God is the way, the truth, and the life. And no matter what anybody else says, I'm going after God and nobody else.

Thank you, Jesus. My Savior's blood. Died He for me.

Who caused His pain for me. Him to death pursue. Amazing love.

You guys, you don't know how awesome it feels to wake up every morning and know that Jesus is right there with you. It's so awesome. Yes.

Amazing love. How can it be. When my imprisoned spirit lay.

I was fast bound in sin and nature's night. Lord, what light I diffused. A quickening ray.

I awoke. I had this boiling inside of me that day. Won't go away.

All I can think and all I can say is I'm sick of working for the devil. I'm going to work for the devil. I feel that voice in my head that you're nothing.

You're just an Indian. You're just a stoner. You're just a punk.

You know what? I'm in overcover by the blood on me. Understand friend, but every one of them are testimonies of changed lives. I listened to that and I've listened to it so many times.

I wait because I can hear them. I know these people. I remember some of their testimonies and when you see this young Indian boy who was left out, he was just trashed.

Just trashed. Stand up and say, I was a stoner. I was a drunk.

I'm just an Indian. He said, but the devil's always done this and he's always done this to me and always done that to me, but now Jesus Christ is coming to my life and I know now I'm more than a conqueror. I'm an overcomer.

Friend, when you hear testimonies like that, when you hear testimonies like what we heard a few minutes ago about a woman's husband who was part of the KKK and was involved in racism and hatred and beating his wife and he comes and gives his life to Jesus, friend, it motivates you to preach the gospel. Why do we do what we do? We do it, friend, because of the changed lives. I don't know what's motivating you.

I don't know what's behind what you do, what you do. You listen up in the balcony, but the only thing you're ever going to take with you is people to heaven. When it's all said and done, all I'm going to take with me are people.

That's it. You'll never see a hearse pulling a U-Haul. When it's over, it's just people.

That's all that matters to us. Woe unto me if I don't preach the gospel. It is a calamity.

It is a tragedy. It is a personal horror to me if I do not preach the gospel. Is anyone listening tonight? I'll tell you why we preach.

I want everyone to stand. We preach the way we preach because the days are evil. Look this way, folks.

Everyone at home, I want you standing. The days are evil and it's only going to get worse. Don't be distracted.

Folks that are going to move around, move around quickly and then get off the stage, please. Look this way. We preach the way we preach because the days are evil and things are only going to get worse.

I've got in my notebook here, and I'm not going to read them tonight, but I had my staff just pull up some testimonies of changed lives. Here's a lady in Houston, Texas. She came to the Awake America in Houston with a pistol to kill herself.

She said, if it doesn't happen at Awake America, I'm going to kill myself. Of course, she says in the letter, it's obvious. It happened at Awake America.

What motivates us, friend? Letter after letter after letter. Here's another one. The Brownsville revival has changed my life.

Then they go on and on and on. Most of the letters start out, I know you get a lot of letters, but please allow me to share my story. The other day, I had a 23-page letter, handwritten, and was so full of excitement.

They were pouring out their drug past and everything that they'd ever gone through. They were trying to get the preacher to understand just what happened that night at the Brownsville revival. They said, Steve, for you to understand how happy I am now, you've got to understand how sad I was when I walked in.

The addictions had me down. The devil had me pinned to the mat. But the Lord, oh, can he jump over those ropes, brother? He'll come in and fight your battle.

We preach this way because the days are evil. Another reason I preach the way I preach, and Pastor works the way he does, Kerry Robertson, all of us on this platform, Brother Wetzell, John Davis travels all over this nation preaching until he's exhausted. Why? Because of all the folks out there that still need to be touched.

See, I know what's going to happen tonight. Someone's going to come forward in this revival meeting. Someone's going to come forward and get right with God.

Hundreds are, but somebody in particular's going to come forward and they're going to get so on fire, they're going to go back and they're going to tell their unsaved mother. Their unsaved mother is going to see their son, her son, for the first time with a smile on his face, without a joint in his hand, without a beer in his hand. She's going to believe she's going to get saved.

And then she's going to go off somewhere to her neighbor's house and tell the neighbor what happened to her son and what happened to her. And then she's going to pray with her neighbor, and her neighbor's going to get saved. See, I know what's happening.

It's called a chain of grace. Did you hear it tonight? You heard these testimonies? These folks got right with God, and then her sister-in-law gets saved and her husband gets saved. It's called a chain of grace, and that's why we preach the way we do.

I preach the way we do, friend, tonight, because everyone in this room is going to die. And after that, the judgment. Mike Brown flew out a few minutes ago.

A 13-year-old boy that was here last week at our youth conference on fire for God was in a jet ski accident two hours before this revival service broke out tonight, and he was killed. A boy that was here, and it's a member of Mike Brown's board of directors, his son. Isn't that something? Last week, he's on fire planning out his whole future.

Probably a kid was going to go into the ministry. Tonight, they're planning his funeral. Everybody's going to die.

I want to make sure. The reason I preach the way I preach is because I want to make sure everybody's ready. That kid's ready.

I turned to pastor tonight. I said, do you know what he's doing right now? That kid is dancing around the throne. I mean, he's dancing.

You talk about singing the happy song. He don't need Benny on the harp. He don't need Lyndal.

He's singing up there, friend, dancing around the throne. And of course, Mike and everybody's up there, they're praying over the body. They're praying that God would raise the kid from the dead, you know, because God's going to be doing that these days, okay? That may be happening even while we speak.

But if that's happening, can't you see that kid just dancing around the throne? And he's going, stop it down there. Stop it. And then the father turning and going, you know, Jesus going, they've gotten through to me.

You got to go back down. What? Thirteen years I've waited for this, you know. No, you got to go back down and finish out your life.

They're praying your back, son. They're praying your back. We preach the way we preach, friend, because everybody's going to die and face the judgment.

And I want you to face the judgment with your eyes wide open. I don't want you to back into it. I want you to walk right up to it.

Everybody's going to face the judgment. There's two judgments. Judgment seat of Christ, the great white throne judgment.

There's a judgment for everyone. Everyone's going to be judged. I want you to stand before God like this.

Oh, you're going to worship. You're going to bow. But when it comes time for judgment, I want you to just stand there and look at him.

You did what you could. No sin in your life. You worked yourself.

You worked in his vineyard. You harvested. You did everything you could.

I don't want him to turn to anybody in this room and say, depart from me. I never knew you. But Jesus, I was in the most on fire church in the nation.

I worked at Brownsville. Yeah, but you didn't know me. Jesus, I'm so and so.

I'm a youth pastor. I'm an assistant pastor. I'm a pastor.

I'm a deacon. I'm this. I built this church.

I did this. I did that. I'm sorry.

I don't know you. I don't know you. I preach the way I preach because I want everyone, when they stand before God on judgment day, to be ready.

And last night, when I talked about the devil, the last deceitful ways of the devil, his lies, his deception I spoke about last night, my last point was the device of delay. And I preach the way I preach, friend, because there ain't much time left. There's not much time left.

Yeah, we're planning, I think we got 15 Awake Americas between now and the year 2000. And we'll be here every night of the revival. You can count on it, friend.

If you're bringing a group in the summer of 1999, if God wants the revival to go on, and we just believe he does, I mean, he keeps kissing it, if you're planning, we'll be here. You might hear we're in Seattle, Washington, somewhere, and an Awake American goes, how can this be? They're in Seattle on Monday night. We're going to be there Wednesday night.

Trust me, friend, when you walk in the door, we're going to be here. We're going to be here. Why? It's our passion.

It's our calling. It's what we want to do. It's what we have to do.

It would be a tragedy. Everyone move their chairs. As they're moving those chairs, I want to do something we've never done before.

I want us to pray for Billy Graham. Billy's got some sicknesses. He's passed the torch over to Franklin.

But I want to pray for Billy. I went to a Billy Graham crusade in 1963. I was nine years old.

And I'll never forget the crowd. And I could not figure out what all those people were there doing in an open field in church. Because it was a church service.

I knew I was that smart that it was a church service. But I couldn't figure out why they would stand out in the hot sun to hear that one man up there talk. And then all these hundreds of people go forward and get right with God.

The 1963 Redstone Arsenal Billy Graham crusade. And here it is. 30-something years later.

Billy, now I understand. Lift your voice. Jesus, we pray for Billy and Ruth Graham.

We pray for a healing in this man of God. We pray that you would touch him right now. You would heal his body.

You would heal his mind. You would restore him, Lord, and give him many more years. We pray for a blessing on him.

Bless him, Jesus. Bless Billy Graham. Bless Ruth.

Bless Franklin. Bless the Billy Graham Association. Bless them, Jesus.

Prosper them. Use them, Jesus. Use them, Jesus.

Use them, Lamb of God. Use them, Lamb of God. I cannot imagine the frustration of wanting to do more and not having the health to do it.

That would drive me crazy. My wife will tell you, I never get sick, period. I mean, I just don't allow it.

But I've never missed a revival because of sickness. And if I do get sick, like if I throw up or something, I'll throw up and then go preach. I mean, it's like nothing because I can't stand laying in a bed sick.

I can't stand that. I find no purpose in it. And so I won't do it.

That's part of my dad. My dad was a military man, and if you weren't bleeding openly, you weren't sick. And so I can't imagine what it would be like having other plans down the road, wanting to do more crusades, and not having the strength or the mental ability, the physical strength to do what you want to do.

That's got to be frustrating to a preacher. So remember Billy Graham in your prayers. He ain't gone yet, man.

People have always said, they said, well, you know, that person's going to be the next Billy Graham. I remember a guy came up to me one night, pastor. He said, pray for me, preacher.

He said, they're grooming me to be the next Billy Graham. I said, yeah, I'm going to pray for you, all right. Get some sense in your head, boy.

You don't groom anybody to be anybody. God promotes. God's the one that raises up a man of God.

God's the one that does it. I'll tell you something about Billy. He went to a Billy Sunday crusade when he was just a teenager, and he watched Billy Sunday jump on top of pianos, preach the gospel, dance all over the platform preaching the gospel.

He saw hundreds of people get saved, and a seed was planted in Billy's heart. He was still a rebellious teenager, but he saw that, and he thought, I like that. I think I can do that.

The call of God is personal. It's something that God planted in his heart when he was a little young boy. There ain't no such thing as grooming someone to do this and grooming someone to do that.

God grooms the man. When Billy Graham is gone, there won't be another Billy Graham. There will be somebody different God raised up.

It's always been like that. It always will be like that. Here's what we're going to do.

Charity, I want you to come join me. Everyone in this room, I want you to listen. The testimonies that you probably couldn't hear in that tape, but I knew all about, how many could hear a couple of them? God bless you.

You got better ears than I do. But these testimonies could be yours. You could be testifying how God has drastically changed your life.

Those of you in this room with addictions, you could be testifying. Friday night, tomorrow night, you could be testifying a year from now how on that Thursday night at the Brownsville Revival it happened. God delivered you from an addiction that had plagued for 20 years, five years, three years, a pornographic addiction.

Pornography has got you sucked in and you can't seem to shake it. God can deliver you tonight. God can deliver you from tobacco.

He can deliver you from prejudice. Boy, you talk about a killer. You may never lift an arm towards a man, may never lift a gun, may never lift a knife, but you're a killer.

You're a killer. You kill him with your eyes, you kill him with your heart, you kill him with your tongue. God can set you free tonight, friend.

There's other folks here that you're prejudiced towards other denominations. You know what I wish God would do? Pour out a mighty, powerful revival in the Lutheran church. You know why? My whole family's Lutheran.

They're on fire for God. They're on fire. They come to this revival.

My brother's been baptized here. My older sister's been baptized here. They're on fire.

But I would love to see Pentecostals have to go to a Lutheran church to get a touch from God. I'd love to see that. I'd love them to walk in and they're singing, Would you stand in the presence of the Lord? That's how I was raised.

You may be seated. But they would stand and the priest would go, sometimes they would sing it, sometimes they would speak it. The lesson of the day is in the first book of Matthew.

And he would open up the book of Matthew. I would love for a revival to break out in the Lutheran church and all these old Pentecostals are out there just waiting to get prayed for because a power fell in the Lutheran church. I'd just love that, Jesus.

I'd love to see that. You can do that if you want to. Some of you are prejudiced towards other denominations.

We got it, they don't. You need to get right with God tonight, friend. There's one body of Christ.

One church. There's one church. The other day, say the other day, months ago, I was at a wedding on a Saturday.

My niece was getting married in a Presbyterian church in Memphis. Second Presbyterian church in Memphis. I walked in there and it was stately.

It took up two city blocks. Mammoth building. It was as ornate as they come.

Ritualistic. And I walked in and I felt the presence of God everywhere. I mean everywhere.

And I sat through that wedding. No one was shouting. No one was screaming.

No one was jumping up and down but Jesus was everywhere. He was everywhere. Preacher got up and he married those two and they got just as married.

And he looked at that couple, my niece, and he said this, when you go through struggles and trials and tribulations, don't you go to Reader's Digest for help. He said, you get in this book because Jesus Christ will guide you. He'll direct you.

I mean it was a Holy Ghost wedding, friend. Powerful. Powerful.

Those of you in this room that are backslidden, you're away from God, you're going to come forward quickly tonight. You're going to get right with God. You're doing things that Jesus would never do.

Listen up. Those of you that moved from the front, I want you to listen up. You're in the stairwells.

You're around the sides. I want you to listen. If you're doing things that Jesus would never do, you're going to come quickly.

You can watch things on television that would grieve the Holy Ghost. You need to repent of your sins tonight. Maybe tonight you were worshiping God, jumping up and down, dancing around and your eyes focused on an individual and you started lusting over her or lusting over him.

You need to repent, friend. You need to repent and get right with God. Live holy.

Steve, you don't know what kind of struggles I go through with my eyes, my mind. You need to learn how to get control over it, friend. I live in the same world you do and I've learned how to cut stuff off.

You can think on other things. Did you know that? When you see something negative, you can close your eyes and you can worship God. When you think thoughts negative about somebody, you can change the subject in your mind.

You can start thinking on other things. Some of you just haven't wanted to do that. You got that remote in your hand? You can change the channel or you can turn it off and go pray.

It's up to you. Tonight I'm going to give this altar call to everyone who's backslidden. You're going to come forward quickly.

Those of you in this room, everyone listen, that have never known the Lord, come and taste and see that the Lord is good. His testimonies are enough proof that Jesus Christ will change your life. Change your life.

Those of you in this room that are religious but you don't know God, you're religious, I'm passionately pleading with you tonight. Get right with God. You can go to hell with baptismal waters dripping off your face.

You can go to hell with a choir robe on. You can go to hell with a pastor's badge hanging off your chest. You can go to hell and be the founding deacon of the largest church in town.

You can go to hell, friend, if you don't know Jesus. You can sing like an angel and go to hell. I'm asking you, do you know him? Do you wake up in the morning with Jesus on your heart? Young people, I know there's a thousand over there, but there's a ton of you in here.

Are you in love with Jesus? Are you more in love with a girl than you are Jesus? Are you more in love with a guy than you are Jesus? You're in trouble if that's you. You're in trouble. Is he your passion? Is Jesus your passion? When you get up in the morning, do you pray, Jesus, what are we gonna do today? What do you have planned today, Jesus? Or do you just get up and do your thing and every once in a while, when things go wrong, you check on God and see why things went wrong.

The Lord's looking at you saying, I haven't had a part in this day all day long. Now you're coming to me about a flat tire? You're coming to me about a broken down car? You're coming to me about a business

deal that's gone wrong? You haven't consulted me all day long. Friend, if that's you, I question whether or not you're even saved.

Because a Christian man, who's got a WWJD bracelet on? Bring it to me, brother. Yeah, this guy right here in the white t-shirt. See this bracelet? I believe in these.

These are powerful. Powerful. What would Jesus do? But if you've ever read the book *In His Steps*, which was written back in the 1800s, *In His Steps* by Sheldon is a story about a man.

It's a story about a community that they asked a question, what would Jesus do in every situation of their life? These Christians decided that they're going to ask Jesus what he would do. What is so shocking is that that book became a best seller. Christians started buying it everywhere like it was a novelty.

Whoa, that would be interesting if we consulted Jesus. And for the fact that it's one of the top sellers in the world. People are buying it in all different languages.

Christians are scooping it up. They're going, whoa, that would be interesting if we asked God what he would do. What kind of life are we living, friend? Why would WWJD bracelets suddenly be a fad? And that's a good fad.

I believe in it. It's not only a fad, it's changing lives. But it shows the state of the church.

It shows the state of the church. Y'all get what I'm saying? The fact that the book would be a best seller when the book should have never been written because the church was on fire. If the church was on fire, no one would be saying, what would Jesus do? They would be doing what Jesus would be doing.

But the church was so backslid that it was a novelty to ask that question. So if you're religious here tonight, friend, and you do all the right things, you look right, you walk right, you smell right, you dress right, but you don't know Jesus, you're going to hit these altars in a few minutes. God bless you, brother.

Here's what we're going to do. I'm going to open up these altars. If you know you need forgiveness, don't make me cry out anymore tonight, friend.

I've poured out my heart to you. When I give this altar call, when you open up these altars, you come as quickly as you can if you need forgiveness. When charity begins to sing, you come as quickly as you can.

I don't want you to hesitate. The only thing, friend, that's going to keep you back is pride. Look this way, folks.

The only thing that's going to keep you back is pride. If you know you need forgiveness, pride will say, I don't need to go down there. I can take care of this at home.

Steve's right, but I don't need to do this. I'll be embarrassed. What will people think? Get over it, friend.

First of all, that's an egotistical statement. People aren't here to think about you. Are you one that walks into a room and you're thinking everybody's going, oh my, here she is.

What's she thinking? What's she doing? My, my, friend, that's ego. If you come down to this altar, there aren't 3,000 people that are going to go, man, look at that. They're not thinking about you, Bubba.

They're thinking about themselves. Everybody's looking inside. So you need to take a look inside tonight.

What's going on inside your heart? What's going on wrong inside your heart tonight? And when this altar call is given, you're going to come quickly. You're going to get right with God. You're going to pour out your heart to the Lord.

You're going to kneel at these altars. But pride will hold you back. Can I remind you of Jesus who emptied your heart and emptied himself, came down from heaven, lived for 33 1/2 years on the face of this globe after living in heaven, friend.

That's a step down to the dusty roads of Jerusalem. That's a long way down from heaven. And he put up with everything.

He put up with our antagonistic attitude, our snottiness. He put up with the world, our hatred. He went all the way to Calvary.

He was beaten. He was whipped. He was spat upon.

He was ridiculed. He was mocked. He was cursed.

A crown of thorns was pressed on his head. He bled from the top of his head to the tip of his feet. His back was laid open, and a whip with bones and glass was raked across his back, shredding his back like a field that was plowed by a farmer.

Ribbons. And then they put a beam on his back, and they said, carry it up to that hill. You're going to die, boy.

He got up to the top of the hill. They stripped his last bit of garments off. Most theologians will tell you Roman crucifixion was naked.

They laid him on the cross, nailed his hands, nailed his feet, put him on top of Mount Calvary, not behind it, not in some cave somewhere, on top of Mount Calvary for everyone to gawk at. That's why the Bible says the women watched him from afar. You read that in the Word.

Ladies, these ladies that had been delivered by Jesus couldn't bear staring at his naked body. That's why I believe they were at a distance away. His mother may have been close, but there was a group of women a distance away watching the crucifixion from a distance.

They couldn't handle it. The one who had delivered them was now naked on the cross. He did all that for you.

Then he looks out and says, Father, forgive them. They don't know what they do. It goes all the way to Calvary and you can't walk 30 feet.

Some of you have come here 3,000 miles. Make sure you come the last 50 feet. Don't stop in the midst of the balcony and spend three days in the balcony when God was calling you down to these altars to repent of sin.

Don't do it, friend. Make sure you hear from God tonight. Make sure you get the sin out.

This is why we preach, because lives are being changed. Charity's going to sing Mercy Seat. I don't want anyone to hesitate.

If you need forgiveness, if you need God to wash your sins away, don't look to your left, don't look to your right, don't hesitate. I want you to come right now. Right now I want you to come if you need forgiveness.

Come on, right now. Hurry, hurry, hurry, let's go. In the balcony, let's go.

Come on. Come on. Come on.

Come on. God bless you, staff. Come on.

Yes. Yes. Come on.

God bless you, sis. Come on. Come on.

Come on. God bless you, sis. His blood will God bless you, sis.

Come on. Hurry. Hurry.

Hurry. Hurry. Hurry.

We come to you night after night. I plead with you night after night. I pour my heart out to you night after night.

I am the Savior of your soul. Give your life to the one who 2,000 years ago gave his life for you. Give your life to the one who shed his blood on Calvary for you.

Give your life to the one who said, Father, forgive him. He knows not what he does. Give your life to the one who went all the way to Calvary who was willing to die that you might have life.

Give your life to Jesus. The only one who can take you to heaven is Jesus Christ. The only one who can wash your sins away is Jesus Christ right now.

Kneel with me. Kneel with me and ask the Lord to forgive you. Ask him to wash you.

Ask him to cleanse you. Ask him to make you new. Do it right now.

Kneel with me. Kneel. Ask him to wash your sins away.

Come on. Come on. Keep your heads down.

Keep your heads down. I'm cutting the music. This is not a concert.

This is a time right now for you to get right with God. You're still coming, I see. I want everyone to turn to the person next to them and you're going to ask them a question.

You're going to ask them, do you need Jesus to forgive you? Don't ask them yet. When somebody asks you that question, do not lie. Not in this house.

This is one place you don't want to lie. If you've got sin in your life, and you know what I'm talking about, something separated you from God, you tell the truth. And when somebody asks you that question, do you need God to forgive you? Do you need Jesus to forgive you? Don't lie.

Tell them the truth, and then both of you come down together. Everyone turn to the person next to them. Ask them if they need Jesus to forgive them, and then bring them down if they say yes.

Come on. Come on. Come on.

Come on. Come on. Come on.

Come on. I want charity. I want you to sing that verse right through.

I want you to sing it just with Lyndall playing. Lord, have mercy. If you're coming, come now.

You've got 15 seconds. If you're coming, come on. One more time, Jared.

Mercy is undeserved forgiveness. He'll forgive you. He'll wash you.

He'll cleanse you tonight. Everyone at this altar, get your heads up. Put your heads down, bow your heads.

Everyone at the altar, I'm closing the altar call. People keep coming and coming. If you're coming, get down here now, friend.

I'm closing. This business of straggling with God is over. If you mean business with God, he'll mean business with you.

But if you're going to play games, he's out of the house. He's going somewhere else. You get serious with him, he's serious with you.

But this business of I think I'll go down there and we'll just see if God touches my life, forget that, friend. You get serious with him, he's serious with you. Everyone at this altar, I want you to pray with me right now.

God hears your heart. He hears the cry of your heart. Now pray with me out loud.

Dear Jesus. No, out loud, everyone, don't mumble. Dear Jesus.

Thank you for speaking to me. Thank you, Jesus, for not leaving me alone. Thank you, Jesus, for your presence in this place.

Thank you, Jesus. Thank you, Lord, for passion. Thank you, Lord, for this Scripture.

Woe unto me. What a calamity. What a disaster.

What a horror if the gospel is not preached. Thank you, Lord, that tonight the gospel was preached. Lord, I ask you to forgive me.

I ask you to wash me. I ask you to cleanse me and make me new. Forgive me.

I repent. I ask you tonight to be my Savior, be my Lord, and my very best friend. From this moment on, I am yours.

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