

(Following the Footsteps of Christ) Going Towards Gethsemane

by Willie Mullan

The sermon emphasizes the importance of abiding in Christ to bear fruit and glorify God, using the journey to Gethsemane as a backdrop for spiritual reflection.

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher describes a scene where Jesus is walking down a street in Kabul and stops at a beautiful gate with a vine design. He then begins to preach to his disciples, delivering what the preacher believes to be one of the greatest messages Jesus ever preached. The message is centered around the concept of abiding in Jesus, using the analogy of a vine and its branches. The preacher emphasizes the importance of remaining connected to Jesus in order to bear fruit and bring glory to God.

Transcript

642, please. 642. When we walk with the Lord in the light of His word, what a glory He sheds on our way.

While we do His good will, He abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey. Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the sky, but His smile quickly drives it away. Not a gulp, nor a fear, not a sigh, nor a tear can abide while we trust and obey.

And we'll sing from verse 3 to the end. 642, the last three verses, please. Lord, the person we serve, our God the Lord we serve, our God in whom we offer this praise we serve.

God, who is more than us, our God, our God, our God in whom we offer this praise we serve. God, who is more than us, our God, our God, our God in whom we offer this praise we serve. God, who is more than us, our God, our God, our God in whom we offer this praise we serve.

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the upper room of the Master, at John 13, and we were just learning how many things the Master knew. The unlimited knowledge of the Lord. Just mark these words as we read through here, John 13.

Now, before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was coming, and I said last Tuesday that my Master was the only person who ever lived on this planet who was never taken by surprise, even once. He was never taken by surprise. He knew that his hour was coming, and that he should depart out of this world unto the Father.

And I pointed out this very closely. It doesn't say that he should depart out of this world into heaven. Oh, I know that would be right, but it was on to the Father.

This is the thing that was in his heart most of all, to get back to the bosom of the Father. I think that was a tremendous thing, and it's so well placed in there. I know that Michael, my son, the other Sunday morning, gave you a talk on the Father.

Well, that's just another angle of it. That the Lord Jesus knew he was going back to the Father. It says, when Jesus knew that his hour was come, that he should depart out of this world unto the Father.

Briefly, Jesus knowing, did you get that again, that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God and went to God. Oh, some of the modernists tell me he didn't know where he was going. It's a pity somebody didn't give them a New Testament sometime, and take them into a back room and teach them to read.

Yes, Jesus knew where he came from. He came from God, and he knew he was going back to God. Verse 11 says, for he knew who should betray him.

He also knew that too. Oh, last Tuesday we went into the unlimited knowledge of the Lord in the upper room, and we can't go through that again. And you see, I'm hurrying on, although we are following the footsteps, and I don't want to pick up all the messages even in the upper room, the wonderful things, because I'm trying to get as near the end of this subject we're at now, by the end of the holidays, and maybe just a couple or three weeks into the August month when we come back again, before we start demonology, because I want all the holidays over and all of us back when we start into this.

So you can see why I'm racing on and working it out and planning it just for you. At the end of John 14, it says this, verse 31, still in the upper room, speaks to his own again, but that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do, arise, let us go hence. I was pointing out that when he went into the upper room last week, you know, he had left the multitude outside.

The Pharisees and the Pharisees get put out, and it's a special part of his ministry with his own, and he had so many things to say to them. Now he's leaving the upper room and he's going towards Gethsemane. Now I was in the upper room once with the Narod, at least he tried to persuade me it was the same upper room, I'm not very sure whether it was or not, but one thing is sure, it was something like it.

And I could visualize all that had taken place, and then I came down the stone steps with him, and I said, take me now to Gethsemane. And you go up cobbled streets, little narrow streets, and you come to one of the gates into the courtyard of the temple. And you go through the gate and then you cross the courtyard, and at the other side of the courtyard was the beautiful gate of the temple, it was called the beautiful gate of the temple.

The moment you go through that, you're going down the hillside now, which is the valley of Jehoshaphat, the Kidron River is at the bottom, you cross the Kidron, and then you're into the garden of Gethsemane. That's the pathway he was going. He's saying to them, arise, let us go hence, and he knows where he's going.

And as he walked along slowly, it was night time, you know, but the full moon was shining. It was Passover time, wasn't it? Full moon always shines at Easter, that's how they mark it. And as he walked slowly down this cobbled street and through this gate, and across the courtyard, and when he came to the beautiful gate of the temple, just before you leave and go down the valley of Jehoshaphat, I understand from Edershim and men who know better, that it was one of these wonderfully wrought iron gates with the vine upon it.

It had got the vine, and the branches, and the fruits, and I think it was there that the master stopped and looked out the gate. And then he began to preach, I think, the greatest message the master ever preached to his own. Now when you're picking the messages of the master, once I took all the sayings of the saviour, and I tried to get the seven super sayings out of them, and that was quite a task.

Now when you're picking all the messages of the master, and you select one of the greatest messages the master ever preached, I think it was preached when the moon was shining, and eleven apostles were standing, listening carefully, and he was looking out the gate with the vine, and the branches, and the fruits. And he began like this, with a John 15. And I want you to see the picture our Lord painted first of all.

It's a picture of a vine, and the husband man, who really owns the vine, and then the branches. And he began like this, I am the true vine. He's going to explain and expound to his disciples, before this message is over, that everything they're going to need in this world, to live and shine for God, will be found in its all sufficiency I wish we knew this, because if you really want to live for God, everything to make your life God glorifying, is found in Christ.

He's the all sufficiency. If it's wisdom you need, for he's been made wisdom unto you. If it's grace you need, for this is my grace, is sufficient.

If it's peace in your mind you need, he is our peace. I cherish what you need this evening, if it's power, well all power belongs to him. I care not what you need to live a God glorifying life, it's found in Christ, and I'll tell you how to get it before tonight's over.

So when he says, I am the true vine, this brings the sufficiency of Christ before us. Then he quickly added, and my father is the husband man, you know the expectancy of the father is there. Because if we profess to this world that we're in Christ, and that we're extracting his strength and his power and his grace, then the father wants to see something of Christ in you.

That's what he expects, expects to see Christ in you. He's the husband man, he's not worried too much about Baptist you know, because that just wants to fight, he wants to see Christ. And in fact this is what

the whole message is about, how your life can glorify God by reflecting the beauty of Jesus.

That's what it's all about, we'll get through to it. But the vine shows us the sufficiency, and the husband man shows us the expectancy. And then the branches, you see he talks not only about the vine and the husband man, but he talks about the branches.

And this brings the possibility of every believer in Christ before us. You'll notice the branches that he mentions, see let's try to get them. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit.

Well that's the barren branch. You know some people make a profession of getting saved. And maybe they are saved but they seem to get stuck somehow.

They're just saved and stuck. Seem to stay in the old things of country. They never seem to make any headway.

Sometimes I wonder if they're saved at all. And yet the Lord says there are branches in me that beareth no fruit. Well you know he may walk round you and with you for a long time, but it does say here every branch in me that beareth not fruit, he taketh away.

And I know that some of the scholars say this is just a branch that's lying in the ground in the mud, and he taketh it away from the mud. And I'm afraid there's more to it than that. Because you know if we were going into this this evening, there is a sin unto death.

And God won't forever play about with you, or me either. You know God can take you away. Some of the Corinthians you know, the way they carried on at the Lord's table, some of them were sick, and some of them died.

God took them away. Dr. Ire inside explained this to me once. He said, do you see kids playing in the streets? And there's one wee devil among them, he always hits the rest.

And they don't play marbles for a minute until he hits them with them. And then the wee fellow goes to his mother's door and says, don't hit me. She says, are you at it again? Well I'm warning you.

If you don't stop it I'll bring you in. Then they play over again. Now he hasn't gone ten minutes more till they hit some other one.

She's back at the door. She's the wee lass this time. Don't hit me.

She says, I'm warning you. And you know how it goes. At last she just comes out and grabs him and takes him in and shuts the door.

Dr. Ire instead says, God talks to you you know. And you know right well what you should do with your life. And there's some of you stuck in old dead churches where they're tearing this book to pieces.

And God is telling you to get out and touch not the unclean things. But some of you don't seem to hear. You think you'll play on with us.

Oh well you're not you know. Because God can shift you. I saw a big man you know who was a brilliant preacher.

Better preacher than I will ever be. That's my own opinion about it. And that's not just being not modest.

We were both saved about the same night. I was a chump. He went to Queen's.

He got honours on the day that he graduated. And we preached together. Oh he came from that side of the street and I came from this one.

He and I preached together as two young boys. He got his eye on a woman of the world. And he soon wasn't going to the meetings anymore.

One of our old elders Mr. Joe Borden went round and said to him, look you're doing what's wrong. God has given you a gift and there's something you could do for God in this world but you're just going to do as you like aren't you? I'm warning you you'll not do as you like. You know he married this girl.

Three months after he married her he was dying with TB when I went to see him. I stood in the room as he held the blanket. Face is white as snow now.

He's just got a day or two to go. He says well you know I'm dying and you know why. I just wouldn't let God talk to me anymore.

God's taken me away. You go on and watch yourself. You ever stand in a room like that? They're not doing what you like young woman.

Some of you young men think you'll marry whoever you like and you'll do what you like. Marry or not. God will take you away.

That's what he knew of you. That's a very serious thing. He took us away.

It was a barren land. Couldn't be no good. Watch this one.

First to every branch in me that beareth not fruit. That's the barren one. He takes it away.

And every branch that beareth fruit. Now that's the burning branch isn't it? He purges it. Yeah that's a great word.

Because we were at this word on Sunday morning. He purged all things. And that is he took them away in their totality.

When you're purging a branch to make it bear more, you take the most of it away. It's pruning is the word. Did you ever see them pruning? See the big long shoots on the apple trees.

Some of the apple country men are here and I have to be careful. Branches. And they go right down you know.

Cut them off. I went to prune an old lady's apple tree you know and when I did cut her down I didn't know about this. My sister looking at me her eyes were blinking.

She thought I had ruined the thing. You need to cut it down or you're going to get fruit you know. And this is what he does when you begin to bear fruit.

He cuts you down to size. To be the Lord's usual human. Maybe you're just getting to the place where you think you are something.

Oh well he'll cut you down to size. And that's what he does with every bearing branch. You see it's only to make it bear more fruit.

You see that's the barren branch and the bearing branch. Just look down at verse 6 quickly and we'll not do it now but we will come to it. If a man abide not in me he is cast forth as a branch and is withered.

And men gather them and cast them into the fire and they are burned. And that's the brightest branch. But we'll come to that in a moment.

We won't pass it by. You see this one. See verse 8. Herein is my Father glorified.

This is what glorifies God. That ye bear much fruit. Now there was a branch here that was bearing fruit.

Then it had to be purged to bear more fruit. But it's not fruit that pleases God. And it's not more fruit.

It's much fruit. God wants to see much of Christ in you. You see it's this fruit bearing that's the subject of the whole message this evening.

And you know fruit in the Scriptures is a very interesting subject. You know when we look back at the years of old W.P. Nicholson then we thank God for every memory of him. There were thousands and thousands and thousands of people really saved.

While he did dreadful things and said horrible things. God was using him and there was a great harvest. And that's what you call evangelical fruit.

When Paul was writing to the Romans he says I want to come that I might have some fruit among you. And that's the kind of fruit he was thinking about. If I got everybody to stand in this meeting tonight that I led to the Lord.

That would be a pleasant sight. But that's what you call evangelical fruit. Now when Paul was writing to the Philippians, great group of Philippians chapter 4 for a moment or two.

Philippines and we're at the fourth chapter. Paul talks about the kindness and the generosity of these people of Philippi. Here's what he says verse 15.

Now ye Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel when I departed from Macedonia, Lutzek communicated with me concerning giving and receiving but he only. And for even in Thessalonica you sent once and again unto my necessity. Not because I desire a gift.

But I desire fruit that may abound for your account. You know that's a different kind of fruit again. That's what you call practical fruit.

That's putting your money into something. That's going to do something for God. I could tell you many stories and we'll not take the time this evening.

Practical fruit that is. But we're not thinking tonight about practical fruit. And we're not thinking about evangelical fruit.

When we talk about much fruit, we're talking about the very life of Christ flowing through the branches until the husband man sees his son in you. That's what we're talking about. Have you got a hold of that? And that's the fruit that matters.

And matters more than even building meetings. It matters more than even giving money. That's God seeing his son in you.

That's what we're talking about this evening. So that you can see here this evening the picture our Lord painted. You can see the sufficiency that's in Christ and the expectancy that's in the Father.

And you can see the possibility that before every believer, for every one of us, can have the glory of Christ shining through. Now in this great message there's not only the picture our Lord painted, there's the precept our Lord preached. Watch this word, verse 4. We're back at John 15, verse 4. Abide in me, he said, and I am you, for the branch cannot bear fruit of itself.

You would know that. Except it abide in the vine. No more can ye except ye abide in me.

Put over it again for them. I am the vine, ye are the branches, he that abides in me, and I in him, the same, the same, bringeth forth much fruit. Isn't that the bit we're after? Because that's what glorifies God.

Now let's get this word quite correct. I am the vine, ye are the branches, he that abides in me, and I in him, the same, the same, oh let's hit the word, the same, bringeth forth much fruit, for without me ye can do nothing. That's the precept he preached.

Preaches it to every one of us. You see you don't need to go to a certain college to bear the fruit you know. No you don't need to have a certain academic standard from Queens even.

He said he that abides in me, and I in him, the same, even if he can't even spell, even if he can't even write, even if he can't even talk properly, let's hit him and I'll hit him for you. You only need to know what this is about you know. Cause he that abides in me, and I in him, the same.

Doesn't make a matter what state ye come from. When I look down a meeting, I always think that I'm the greatest dupe in the meeting. And I just say that, I know that.

You all have a better chance than I have. You're a chance doesn't count when it comes to this. You just need to know the principle here.

And you too, cause you are in the Word of the Father. You can bring much fruit can't you. So Jesus said, I can remember the day I read this nearly 40 years ago.

He said Lord you're saying the thing, I could be in on this. If I know how to go about it I could be in on it. So can you.

Nights arise up every morning before you get out of bed at all. You must remember first thing in the morning without you Lord. I can do nothing.

Before I open the book you know, I've been through this book, I know this book. I could close this book and put a page But before I open it at all I just think, Lord without you, I couldn't do nothing. I can see nothing.

I need him all the time. I have learned you know, it is never me. If there are any blunders made on this platform, they are mine.

If there are any blessings. I've learned this you know, got a precept to learn. You know without him I can't get on.

There can be nothing for God out of my life without him flowing through it. And the only way that I can get the things that he has to pass through me is by faith. No wonder it says without faith it's impossible to please God.

Because I need the faith in him for words to get through this meeting. I need to have faith in him for wisdom to get through this meeting. I need to have faith in him for a lot of things for this meeting.

And for every other meeting and for every other thing. And it's just me and him again isn't it? Because I need to be able to trust him. But we'll come to this you know.

This is the precept. There can be no faith that can extract this grace and this wisdom and this peace and this long suffering and so on. And there's no use of saying that you're in Christ and you've got this kind of faith that we're talking about.

It has no worth. Don't tell me that you know all about abiding in Christ if the wife can't live with you. Don't tell me that Joseph.

You're only wasting your time. It's not Christ that she sees. It's the old man she sees.

So you can see the picture our Lord painted and the precept our Lord preached. But we've got to come to the principle our Lord proclaimed. That's the bit that matters.

It's this principle that matters and you can see that right down through this message that he stood in the moonlight here talking to them that they used this word abide. Again and again and again and again. It's this abiding life.

This word abide you know it's worth looking at a whole lot of times. It's not easy to stick it in the natural realm. You know about the vine do you? You've seen the long gnarled stump of the vine and you've seen the branches coming out don't you? Well I'll tell you something.

That in spring and in summer and in autumn and in winter the branch has to depend on the vine for everything. It's not on its own. It has to depend.

And this word depends on this word because it's one of our English words that explains trust maybe better than any other one. I've got to depend on him. I've got to trust him.

I've got to abide. We're coming round to the principle aren't we? Now it's not just as easy as all that. There's just a little bit more to it than that.

Now let's do this a little bit. Let's go to 1st John. 1st John and we're at the 3rd chapter.

1st John. Chapter 3. And it's not last verse. It's not 24th verse.

Just watch it. He that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him and he in him. See the word dwelleth? Well I don't know why our translators translated it dwelleth when they translated the same Greek word abideth in John 15.

Because even if you didn't know anything about Greek at all you would know that where you dwell is where you abide. You would know that. Even if you saw purples on the street you would know that.

That dwelleth and abideth is just the same. Just the way this English language of ours gets on. Dwell and abide.

Well you know if you're going to really abide in him you'll have to trust him. But if you're going to really abide in him you'll have to keep his commandments. You'll have to obey him.

When it comes to believers baptism that's as clear as ABC in the book. How many of you have obeyed him? Ah you're stuck in some old church where they've practiced this Roman potpourri principle and that's where you are. Oh you're a great promise.

He needs to obey a good deal. Oh you ought to abide in him. How could you? How could you refract the beauty of the Lord when you'd better be in his works? He that keepeth his commandments abideth in him.

Dwelleth in him. I've searched this book from end to end for forty years on how to live for God and I've never found anything better than this. Trust and obey for there's no other way.

So be happy in Jesus there isn't any other way. Well I'll tell you a wee thing. You know you need to trust him constantly.

You need to trust him continually. I need to trust him in the morning. I need to trust him all day.

I need to trust him now. I need to keep trusting him. When I'm preaching I'm trusting him.

It's how far I could go and how far I could push him. It's only when I've pushed it enough Lord sometimes I'm saying. I need to trust him continually.

Listen this. I need to obey him promptly. It has took some of you thirty years before you've got to the place where you got baptised hasn't it? Yes gentleman coming in tonight bless you.

He isn't a youngster anymore he said mister I'll need to be baptised. Yes he's going to obey the book. That's the only way you do you know.

You obey the book. Where are you stuck on Sunday morning when you're remembering the Lord? Where are you stuck? There's a table here you know and your Lord's only request is this. This do him.

And it's a big thing. Will you ever turn your back on it? He understood it. And he meant it for a reason.

And I believe that if you get close to the cross on Sunday morning it'll do your soul good. It says as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup it doesn't say as seldom. I think that's how they do it in some of the churches as seldom.

Happens to be as often in this book. Do you want to live for God? Do you want to live for God? Oh well you need to trust him continually. And you'll need to obey him promptly.

Or let him talk to you too long. Just obey him. That's all.

You can see the preciousness of the abiding life there can't you? And I want to show you the promise of the abiding life. I've already done that. You see the same, the same brings forth much fruit.

You know friend if you could just trust him for everything and just obey him continually you know you would reflect the beauty of Jesus. Sometimes you know when things happen to us and disappointments come and one thing in another hits us and the storm blows in our faces. You know we're not trusting the Lord the way we should.

I was saying to a young fellow the other day. He'd just been through a terrible serious thing. He's sitting beside me crying and I said look, look, look do I help your tears? Might be the best day in your life.

And now it's turning out to prove to be the best day in his life. Because you know you need to trust the Lord whether the boat gets full with water or not. You need to trust the Lord.

And no matter how dark the night might be you know there can always be a song in the night. And when your feet are fast in the stocks and your hands chained to the wall you can sing praises you know. Why we believers have got it far too easy far too long.

Wonder what we would do if we were really getting it right. Some of you would drop out of the fight altogether. We need to trust him and obey him.

Those boys in Russia trust in the Lord so much and rejoice in them. They're in holes in the ground. I wonder what we would do.

Yes it's the same principles, same message for them. You can stay in there too. You see the power of this abiding life.

It is very lovely. Look at verse 7. If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you. Oh my dear what wonderful words these are.

You know what this abiding life is? It's living where God answers prayer. That's what it is. That's what it is.

You know dear if you trust him with all your being and you obey every dictates no matter who it upsets, no matter who it annoys. You know friends when I refused to have our children christened as they called it. The old minister come round to christen them.

They will christen nobody here. Oh my old mother-in-law and she was the dearest old soul that ever lived. She wouldn't let our two boys in the door because they weren't spanked.

She was a bad look. She was a superstitious old creature you know. And I used to have to check the two boys outside the door.

And there gone he stood holding the pram. The other fellow was in the pram. And she wouldn't let them in the door.

Not her. And many a pound I gave her you know. Many a ten pounds I gave her.

I just rubbed her just the same. I just knew she was just a poor old dope duped Presbyterian. Say a man is what they use my father.

Yes you know. You need to obey your Lord. No matter what it costs.

No matter who it upsets. It all will come around again you know. Lord will work it out.

Many a day afterwards she saw her falling. Brought the kids in and all the rest of it. You need to obey God. Let God obey Him. Not who it upsets. Because if you don't trust Him and obey Him you must stop praying. Because it's when you really trust and really obey Him. You can ask what you will. It shall be done you know.

And I'll tell you this when you're trusting Him and obeying Him you'll not ask anything stupid. You'll just relax at what you ask. You'll ask in His will.

And you see the practice of the abiding life and the promise and the power and the proof. It's good of us John. I think this is great.

We can't miss this tonight. There's no clock at the far end so I don't know what time it is. I swore I would take that clock down and now it's away.

First John and we're at the second chapter. Have a look at this. Look at it very carefully now.

Verse 6. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to watch even as he watches. Oh that's the proof of it all right. That's the proof of it.

You know friends if we were just trusting the Lord the way we should and we were obeying His every dictate none the world would see Jesus in us. Very often it's not so. And it's because we're not trusting in the babe.

Just when you're there have a look at the theme chapter. It's chapter 2. First John 2. And this is a lovely one. Verse 28.

And no little children abide in him that when he shall appear we may have confidence and not be ashamed before him at his coming. You see that's the prospect of the abiding life. You saw the practice which stops in the day.

You saw the promise, the saying, bringeth forth much fruit. Whether he's a dust man or a bread man or a coal man the same. Bringeth forth much fruit.

You saw the power. You saw the proof. See the prospect.

You know if you're trusting the Lord with all your heart and obeying His word no matter what it costs. If he comes you'll not be ashamed. Well he's coming.

He's coming soon. They're fiddling about with us. One of these days we're leaving it.

We're going right up through the sky and do whatever the like with it after that. The Antichrist will tell them what to do. And there'll be no fiddling round with him.

Are you ready for this? Have you been brought up unto the gospel? Do you know tonight that Jesus died for you? That his blood was shed on Calvary and there's no other sacrifice. And it's time you were saved. Now he comes, you're the last behind and you'll not only be doomed son, but damned for all eternity.

Let's go back to John 15. Part 6 of the verse out that we were looking at. See verse 6. If a man abides not in me he is cast forth as a branch and is withered.

Men gather them and cast them into the fire and they are burned. So I said to me there's the proof that a branch can be lost again. Where's the proof of that? I said it is the burn.

I said who burned them? He said men burned them. That's what he said. Didn't he say God burned them? And the disney say that they're burned in hell.

You see friend, if you're making a profession of faith and trust and you're not trusting them at all, you're not obeying them any longer. You know the fellow that lives next door, he sees you. And you know friend, if you're standing out in the yard drinking and smoking, he knows all about it.

And I'll tell you what he thinks about your profession. He just takes it and throws it into the fire. It's no use anymore.

You don't count with him. You're withered. But we're lost again about that.

We're not talking about lost again in this chapter. We're talking about reflecting the beauty of Christ. Christ as he's all around them.

He says I'm all you fellas need. And my father's looking on. He's the husband man.

He wants to see the beauty of Jesus in you. I'll tell you how to do it. Without me you can do nothing.

But if you trust me and obey me, you'll bring forth much fruit. Herein is my father glorified. See that last little phrase on your notes.

The production. Our Lord says, much fruit. Oh I wonder how we're faring these days.

My we've got a chance in this land of ours. I believe you know with all my heart and soul. I believe that the Lord has given us an opportunity in this land just now.

He has given it back to us. My I believe that folks were trying to take it from us you know. I haven't any doubts in my mind about that and I'm not a politician at all.

But God has given us this wee corner. All I fool around with. God wants us to start now.

Start and live for Christ. I was turning out of the little road around there the other day and I nearly ran into a car. Another one.

I didn't touch it. He met close by. He was a minister in it.

And he had a bald head and a lot of kids in the back. And I thought he was a minister out of the big church down here. And I put down the window and said, hello how are you? He says, my you're looking fine.

He says, mind you I know your face. I was very eager to say well I've had it a long time. And I knew now that when he said I know your face he wasn't the man that I thought he was at all.

It wasn't the other man. He says, what's your name? I says Willie Mullen. Oh he says you would know Father Moseley far better.

He says I'm Father Neely. He thought I was some oil mill there together. It was the Roman Catholic priest.

He was Father Neely. And I knew where I was then but he didn't know who I was and it didn't matter. And I said well you're glad that things have settled up.

He said listen, I've never prayed as much in my life. I said I'm glad to hear that. He says did you pray? Night and day I say.

He says I'm glad to hear that you're praying. I think he thought I was a Mickey. You know, he's always told me, every year, he had been praying, he was honestly praying.

He says I was praying that there would be no bloodshed. I said well so was I. And then I got into gear and slept on and I was wondering who the kids were in the back of the car. He's got five of them in there.

Alright now, next week we're going into the garden of Gethsemane. There are many things in there. Let's sing a couple of verses of that closing one more time.

628 please. 628. Abiding, oh so wondrous sweet resting at the Sages' seat.

I trust in him. I'm satisfied. I'm resting in the crucified.

I live but through his grace alone isn't that lovely. We'll sing the first and the last two verses. 628 please.

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We'll sing the first and the last two verses. Northeast in our hearts Lord, may we not be here as only. Part us now in thy seer and with thy blessings and take us to our homes in safety in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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