

# Street Revival Is Coming

by Andrew Strom

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*Andrew Strom calls for a radical revival that reflects the authentic teachings of Jesus and the early church to engage today's youth.*

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## Description

In this sermon, the preacher discusses four standards that the coming move of God will be built on: holiness of heart, extravagant giving to the poor, unwavering faith, and day and night prayer. The preacher emphasizes that God will change the understanding and expression of Christianity in one generation. He believes that the time for harvesting all the people who need to be saved has come. The preacher also mentions the importance of making radical and prophetic music that challenges and convicts, as well as the need for believers to sell their possessions and give to the poor.

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## Transcript

So I'm speaking about a youth revival, I'm speaking about a street revival, I'm speaking about a great reformation that is about to hit the church. That's what I said I'd talk about and that's what I'm going to talk about. Now we've heard already tonight an aspect of that and I want to say to you the reason the youth are not involved in Christianity or do not wish to be involved to the depths that we would love them to be is because our Christianity is not real and we do not prove that we really mean what we say because we ain't giving our money to the poor and we ain't selling anything and we're not living as though Jesus Christ is the only thing.

And we don't have movements you know in the western world that challenge everybody to absolutely live for nothing else but Jesus Christ. You only live for something, you only take up a cause that you're willing to die for if it is so real and so true and so obviously worth giving everything for and we're not like that in the church. So instead of attracting the youth with something called truth and righteousness and a cause worth dying for, we have to entertain them in the doors.

And so the only way we're going to get a big crowd of youth today is we put together the best bands and we put together the best program and we have ice skating on Saturday nights and the next week we send them to, oh we're going on a snowboarding trip and the next weekend, oh man we're going to this film and that film. And man we just entertain them in the doors because we cannot prove that our Jesus is the

Jesus of the Bible. We do not stand for truths that people will die for and we do not have a movement where people are putting their life at risk and so our youth are not interested because they want to believe in something that's true and real and we give them nothing.

We give them fat cat Christianity where we sit and sow money into ministries. I even hate the word we sow money into ministries because we expect a fat check back. And they even say, sow money into my ministry, it's good soil, give us a hundred dollars and you'll get a thousand dollars back.

The utterly selfish motivation of that. Jesus says no, do not even let your left hand know what your right hand is doing. You want godly giving? You give in a way where you don't even know.

There's something, there's something coming that is far more radical than we've seen in our lifetimes. There is something coming that is as radical as the book of Acts and as radical as the early Salvation Army, which I'm going to be talking about tonight, which is literally the most radical Christian movement that I've ever discovered. I've read revival history for years and years and years.

I never came across a movement more radical than the early Salvation Army. And they were all about the poor and they're all about giving your life. And some of them literally did, but it's 120 years ago.

We look at the Salvation Army today and we just see nothing like that. We see a bunch of old guys in strange uniforms and we just don't know where it started from. We haven't got a sense of where all that came from.

But first, before we go there, I just want to look in the Bible at the book of Acts church because we need a platform to build on. And if our Christianity is not like the Christianity in the Bible, well, let's abandon our Christianity because no Christianity is worth dying for unless it's the original thing. If it wasn't invented by Jesus, if the apostles did not birth our Christianity, well, take it away.

I ain't gonna die for that. I'll die for the one Jesus invented and Peter and Paul lived and died for. That's the Christianity I want.

Acts chapter 2. The church has just begun and it describes what they were like and what happened. It says, Acts chapter 2 verse 41. We've already read this last night, but it just says there about 3000 souls were added to their number in one day.

It says, verse 42, they devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and fellowship, the breaking of bread and prayers. And listen to this fear came upon every soul. Many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

All who believed were together. They had all things in common. They sold their possessions and their goods.

They distributed them to all as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together. And that's an interesting thing right there.

Where did these guys meet in the temple? I wish I had my diagram with me that I used to preach a whole message on on street revivals, because we don't realize there's a place in the in the huge courtyard of the temple in Jerusalem, which was called Solomon's porch. And you'll find Jesus says Jesus preached in Solomon's porch when he was in Jerusalem and the apostles preached in Solomon's porch. And what was

this place? Well, the courtyard was so huge.

I mean, if you if we look at our windows now, I won't get you to do it, but, you know, all around us here is this huge courtyard. If you can imagine a courtyard the size of five football fields, open air, and it's the most popular place in Jerusalem. In other words, crowds of people going past every day.

That's where they were. And Solomon's porch ran along one side of it. And it was a huge high kind of overhang.

About 36 feet up in the air. And they'd stand under that and preach. This is where when it says they went to the temple, they weren't going to a church.

We've got to get this stuff out of our minds. Did they attend church every day? No. They went to street revival every day.

They were doing signs and wonders out on the streets. It says, you know, that guy who says they sent him silver and gold. Have I none? Remember that guy who got healed? Says he was sitting in the gate beautiful, which is one of the gates into the temple.

This was an outdoor miracle that happened in front of thousands of people. And it says when they saw the guy healed, I mean, they'd been passing by this guy for ages and he would sit there and beg every day. And this guy was suddenly healed.

And it says everybody ran over to Solomon's porch to hear them preach about it. Ran over to Solomon's porch to hear them preach. So they were doing miracles and signs and wonders in front of everybody.

They had a street revival going. This was an outdoor move of God in the most populated part of Jerusalem. It was called the Courtyard of the Gentiles.

If you ever get one of those Bible dictionary things and look up what the temple was like in Jesus's day, you'll see this huge courtyard, Courtyard of the Gentiles. That's where they met every day. Okay, where were we? So they're selling possessions.

They're going to that temple courtyard every day. And it says in verse 46, breaking bread in their homes. They partook of food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people.

The Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. When you have a church that looks like Jesus, daily God is adding those who are being saved. How radical was this? Well, I'll tell you how radical it was.

The chief priests arrested Peter and John because there's no other way of stopping this movement. They said, do not preach in this name again. And literally beat them with rods, had them whipped or beaten, sent them out again.

And they just went straight back to preaching in the name of Jesus Christ. They weren't going to be stopped. And the miracles continued.

In fact, the Holy Spirit was poured out again in Acts chapter four upon the same people. So they'd received an outpouring and then not long afterwards, another massive outpouring comes down on the same people, so much so that the place they were in was shaken. All right.

So it's radical Christianity. It's a Christianity that you'd give your life for. In fact, they were giving away what they owned, any spare things that they owned, it says.

In that come and that they feed the widows daily, these guys, who does God desire us to give to when we're giving often all the way through scripture, you know, even says true religion is this. And it talks about the orphans specifically and the widows specifically. So whenever you are in a place where you have money and you want to store up treasure up in heaven, if you have sold something and it's a spare thing and you don't have to replace it, you just sell it and you've got money on your hands, you want to store some treasure up in heaven, literally find a Christian situation.

You know, open doors does this. When I was in New Zealand, I mean, I didn't know David in those days. In fact, I knew hardly anybody in the Christian world specifically targeting widows and orphans in the Christian sense.

Found open doors was doing it in persecuted countries. So, you know, I immediately thought, oh, my goodness, here's an opportunity to actually obey the scripture. You know, we don't have to give our money to the church where they spend it on staff and buildings.

You know, I don't think I'm going to get much of a good heavenly return out of that. You know, Jesus tells us to give to the to the poor and we're giving our money to buildings and staff. How much treasure in heaven are we going to get? Well, I think it's a pittance of a return.

And it's like putting your money in the bank with zero point zero zero zero one percent return and you just don't do it. You're a wise investor. So you go, well, I'm going to get 10 percent return on this money and I'm going to find somewhere where it's going to a good cause.

You know, isn't that common sense? This is what Jesus is saying. Store up your treasure in heaven. Find ways, Christian ways, preferably Christian widows and orphans.

OK, Christian widows and orphans in preference. Enough on that subject. We've just heard David preach on it, so I'm not going to go there.

What I'm emphasizing here, you know, Peter and John would walk through. We're not going to look at all these scriptures, but I'm sure you remember Peter and John would walk down the streets and it says, as their shadow was passing over people, they were being healed. So the glory of God was upon them.

Now, we don't have our movements out where the people are anymore. We don't risk our lives. We don't get thrown into prison.

We don't do any of these kinds of things. But I want to tell you that not that long ago in the Western world was a movement that did. In fact, God tried to reestablish street revivals quite often down through history.

And, you know, we lost Christianity in the Dark Ages. Most of us know that. So what happened was Christianity after the apostles died just slowly declined and declined and declined until 300 A.D., when they made a fatal compromise with Rome and said, OK, Rome, well, if you make us the state religion, in fact, Rome came to them.

The Roman emperor came to them and said, we're going to make you the state religion. I am going to become a believer. I am going to.

But I want you as a political force on my side. And they bought it. And he he became the Roman emperor, became in charge of the church to the point where the Dark Ages, it got so dark that that that organization became the primary persecutor of true Christians.

If they could find them, they would kill them. It is estimated in the tens and hundreds of thousands that the Inquisition killed and they tortured many of them to death. OK, so the church had gotten so dark, so awful.

And 500 years ago, Martin Luther stood up and then we see this great reformation begin. And after that, God started bringing revivals back. And one of the greatest revivals is called the First Great Awakening.

And it was very largely an outdoor revival. John Wesley over in England, George Whitefield in America, because he was an English man, but he spent so much of his time here. And, you know, John Wesley would be preaching in the open air to 30,000 coal miners.

And it said that you could see the trails of the tears down their faces, you know, their blackened faces. They came straight out of the coal mine. And there they were, Wesley preaching to them.

30,000 of them just weeping in the open air, no microphones or amplifiers. And they're just listening carefully to every word, huge crowds of people. Same thing happened in America during the same period of time.

Whitefield coming here and thousands would gather out in the open air. And this was the First Great Awakening. And it changed the course of nations, changed the course of the whole of Western civilization.

You know, and the Second Great Awakening in America was another outdoor revival, 50 years later. You know, God, the reason he does things out there where the people are, where people can come for free and hear the word, you know, there's a reason behind that. He wants the common people to hear.

It says the common people heard Jesus gladly. Today, it's the religious and respectable people that hear. Something wrong.

Something wrong when our Christianity somehow is based with money, you know. So what was the early Salvation Army like? You know, they came 100 years after Wesley. And there was this guy called William Booth.

And he was just distraught when he went into the slums of England. He just looked around and he said, these people never come to church. Look, their whole life is spent either working like a slave and then drinking themselves into oblivion.

I mean, how do we reach these people? He just looked at the vast, vast numbers. He was in the east end of London and he said, we've got to do something. And he was a Methodist preacher at that time.

So he was one of John Wesley's guys. But you see, Wesley had been dead a long time. His movement had become respectable.

And William Booth said, I'm going to leave. I'm out of here. I'm going to go to those poor people and I'm going to start a movement.

We're going to do something. We've got to reach these people. So they just called it the Christian mission.

And they started several of these Christian missions around England, where he was at. And he just loved Charles Finney's preaching. Him and his wife, they just absolutely loved Charles Finney.

They loved the American piercing, convicting revival preaching. That's what they loved. And they could see clearly that what they needed was a movement that reached the common people.

Because these guys just didn't come near church. They were disgusted by religion. They didn't live for that.

The church had lost the common people. Okay. And so there came a moment in time, they were doing kind of well, though, you know, they weren't doing too badly.

But there came a moment in time where they realized, you know what, we're still not reaching them. We're still too conventional. There's something about us that still is not that cause that we'll die for.

It's still not bringing back that persecution and fire. And, you know, the radicalness is not there. We're doing the best we can, like a Christian mission should.

But that's as far as we're getting. We're not reaching really the masses on the scale that we have to because there's millions and millions of them and we never reach them. By this time, they had 50 stations all over and they're doing well, man.

And they decided after a lot of prayer and soul searching, you know what we need? We need to become an army. This is what we've been lacking. We've got to become an army.

And if we become an army fighting the devil and fighting poverty and fighting, you know, sin and sickness and getting into the prisons and all that kind of stuff, if we become an army, something will change. And so it was in the early 1870s and they literally, they were searching for a name. They decided on the Salvation Army.

They got these banners saying blood and fire and they'd marched down the streets. They started wearing uniforms and they started attracting this incredibly radical young element into the Salvation Army because suddenly the young people saw it and they said, hey, this is the kind of Christianity we can believe in. This is a Christianity that risks its life.

They'd be out there on the streets and they found the loudest music they could find. It was called the brass band. The brass band, believe it or not, I've heard a story where five brass bands marched through a town and broke all the windows of the storefronts with noise.

Such was the volume. Radical story. I hope it's true because I repeat it every so often.

Man, they were loud. In fact, I've got a quote because these guys would go out with brass bands whether they knew how to play or not. See, they really weren't that interested in just the music.

They wanted to make such a racket that they'd attract a crowd. And so there are these stories of the early Salvation Army where they'd go out with these instruments literally held together with string and most of the people in the band could not play. In fact, I've got a quote here.

It sounds as though a brass band has gone out of its mind. Sounds as though a brass band has gone out of its mind. Listen to this.

What would happen? They started getting arrested. They started getting arrested on the streets because the clergymen would complain. They'd say, we cannot see Christianity brought down to the gutter in this manner.

Of course, their response would be, well, where are the poor people? Where would Jesus go if he was here? He'd go to the gutters and rescue those people. He says, I come to seek and save that which is lost. I do not go to the righteous.

They don't need a doctor. It's the sick who need the doctor. I will go to the ones.

And they had a policy. In fact, they had a saying, go for souls and go for the worst. That was their saying.

That was one of their mottos that they had. They also, another motto of theirs was, our home is in the open air. So they always were out there making a huge racket, attracting mobs, like mob violence was a fact of life for this early Salvation Army.

In fact, skeleton armies used to form carrying the skull and crossbones and they would attack them during their meetings and during their marches through the streets. And so the newspapers got interested and they became a front page story in England. And in fact, wherever they spread around the world, they were so radical, they were getting front page news.

And what did they do with that attention? They just glorified Jesus. Remember, these guys were not preaching some entertainment gospel. They weren't interested in attracting people just for the sake of getting numbers.

They preached a finny message. They were one of the most repentance oriented holiness movements of their day. In fact, if you look at guys like Smith Wigglesworth and where he came from, he came out of the Salvation Army.

Because he always, if you look at Smith Wigglesworth's life, who became one of the greatest healing guys in the history of the world, really, he was attracted to the most radical Christianity of his day. Whatever that was, he was there. And the Salvation Army, for its first 40 years, was the most radical Christian movement in history.

They were mostly young guys. The people they sent to start the Salvation Army in New Zealand were 19 and 20 years old. Hardly trained, but you see, William Booth, by this time, was getting requests from all over the world continuously, please send us, you know, the vast masses of our unreached people remain unreached by the church.

We cannot do anything that seems to get the gospel to these people. Please send some of your officers from the Salvation Army to our country and please start something here. And so he looked around and he had scant supply left of officers to send.

He said, well, I've got these two guys. One's 19 and one's 20. I'll send them.

Now, New Zealand has two main islands, North Island and South Island. So these guys arrived in New Zealand. One said, I'll start at the top of the North Island.

And the other guy said, OK, I'll start at the bottom of the South Island. They said, I'll meet you in the middle. That was the grand strategy.

These guys, within nine months, had 5,000 converts. 5,000. And in New Zealand, that's a lot.

That's a lot. And in those days, it was incredible. Now, who opposed them? The clergy.

They wrote a flurry of leaflets that put out everywhere saying, oh, these people are just here to bring Christianity down. They're a circus. They're not worth taking any attention to.

Meanwhile, thousands of drunkards and thugs and prisoners are getting saved. And those Anglican and Presbyterian and Methodist and whatever was available at that time, they weren't saving those people. They weren't even reaching them.

They were getting nowhere near them. And so around the world, these mobs would form. It happened in New Zealand.

And they would cart these guys off to prison. And the way the Salvation Army got carted off to prison was this. They would hold a massive rally on the way to the jail where they would have brass.

You'd have the guys that are going to jail. They'd been arrested. You'd think everybody would be crying, moaning.

Oh, my goodness. We've got these guys. Our friends are going to jail.

Oh, whoa. Oh, whoa. No, they would not do this.

They would say, praise God. Let's have this huge rally all the way to the prison and accompany them in. And when they get out, we'll have this huge rally all the way back.

And they'd get like 60 people saved on the way there and 60 people saved on the way back. And while the guys were in there, they'd be writing songs that they were going to sing on their way out. And that was literally happening.

In fact, a judge, they were arrested. They were brought before a court judge in New Zealand. He said this.

He advised them to read and meditate on their Bibles a little more, to talk less, to trust less to the hideous clamor of drums and brass instruments. Drums and trumpets are fit accompaniment for a circus, but out of place on Sunday in a quiet town like Milton, he told them. Okay.

So 5,000 converts in nine months. And these guys had to immediately call for backup. So they sent cable grams to General Booth in England saying, please reinforce us.

This place is just on fire. The same thing was happening around the world. In fact, so notorious were the early Salvation Army.

So notorious, front page news everywhere they went, that in India, because they wouldn't just say, oh, we're sending a team to India this month. They would say, we're sending an invading force to India. We're opening fire on the Indian continent this month.

And the Indian authorities read that and they had a battalion of troops waiting for these guys, like six little guys arriving flags and stuff like that. And there's this battalion of troops on the pier waiting for them to get there. Hallelujah.

Praise the Lord. All that stuff, you know, met with rifles. And the other radical thing that they did in India, they immediately went to the outcasts and they started dressing like the outcasts of India.

If you ever go to India, the down and outs, man, they're untouchable. But they recognized all the rest of the Hindus have pride, but these people have none. And if we start there and if we dress like Indian people dress, if we have a Salvation Army that is Indian in its nature, and not just Western Christianity slapped on, we'll have success.

And man, they did. Very incredible movement. Most of the people involved in that movement were young.

And of course, it attracted those who truly had a heart after giving their lives for truth. You see, we don't attract those kind of people. They're out there.

They're out there in extreme sports and they're out there. They're out there going over and risking their lives in dangerous parts of the world because they look at Christianity and they see this tame and stupid thing that doesn't seem to believe even what it says. And when our young people finally look at us and see something radical enough that takes their heart and says, well, these people really believe it.

Now, it wasn't some joke that they said, but listen to the statistics from 1882 in England. 669 Salvationists that year alone, 669 were physically assaulted. That means either beaten up or in some cases worse.

56 army buildings, because they did have buildings. They would, you know, they'd march somewhere on their march. You know, these weren't church buildings.

They'd like buy an old rundown storefront somewhere and say, this is our new citadel. We're launching the army manoeuvres this week, you know, in Brighton. And that would, you know, everybody would go, and that's your, okay.

Anyway, 56 army buildings were wholly or partially wrecked. 56 in one year. Skeleton armies, that's what those mobs were called, the skull and crossbones guys.

A lot of them ended up getting converted. You know, they'd go and attack in huge mobs. These guys were carrying knives, chains, throwing bricks.

Now, they had female officers of the Salvation Army being kicked to death. They had guys who would have what they would call lime. They would coat these cloth in lime and throw it, and if it hits you in the face, you were blinded.

This was burning lime. It was like acid. They would throw those things aiming at the Salvation Army.

They had, like I say, officers kicked to death. They had people killed. 86 Salvation Army soldiers that year were thrown into prison for causing a disturbance on the streets.

Now, who would make those complaints? I'll tell you who would do it. The bar owners and the clergymen. These were the enemies of the Revival.

Both of them jealous for their own situation. If these clowns, if this Christianity takes over, this Christianity of the common people, what becomes of my people? Shouldn't I preach against them just on principle, just to keep my crowd? Shouldn't I preach against them because they threaten me by being too Christian and they show me up? Yeah, I'll preach against them all right. And the bar owners, of course, are seeing

their liquor trade go down the drain because nobody's showing up to drink anymore.

They're down at the Salvation Army singing. The tough guys that used to walk in and used to come and drink all night, they no longer come along. They're completely drink-free.

They don't even touch a drop. That was the Salvation Army for you. It was a completely temperate movement.

Not one drop of alcohol would touch their lips once they came anywhere near the Salvation Army. It was one of the major things they used to preach on all the time. What about their music? Well, the Salvation Army would do things like this.

They would hear the most popular pub songs that were being sung in the pubs. They'd change the words and they'd be singing it the next day out on the streets with their brass bands that could hardly play, doing a kind of semblance rendition of it. And so the drunk guy reeling out of the pub at 10 o'clock at night would be hearing this very familiar song, but the words are somehow different.

It's glorifying God and saying how mighty God is. He's trying to work out where he's heard that tune before. You see, the Wesley brothers were the same.

They said, why should the devil have all the best music? In fact, Martin Luther was renowned as the first to utter that. Why should the devil have all the best music? And so he would take the popular songs of his day and change the words. And so Charles Wesley, 200 years later, did the same thing.

And 100 years after that, there's a famous song. I think the first time William Booth heard this done, there was a song called Champagne Charlie is His Name or something, the most popular song of the day. And he heard this Christian version of it and went, whoa, hey, that sounds pretty good.

Hey, we better use that. These guys were interested in reaching the poor. That's all they cared about.

But when they reached them, they never preached entertainment evangelism. No, no. They preached at one of the most piercing holiness messages of any group in history because they loved Phinney.

They were absolutely revivalists to the T. The only difference they had was their means of gaining attention. It's the only thing that was different. So what of us today? Why am I preaching on this tonight? Well, I'm aware I've been studying prophetic words and dreams and visions for years concerning the coming move of God.

And I want to tell you that there is an overriding word about a youth revival coming. There is a massive word even about that it's going to be similar. It's going to have new music.

And there is a famous set of dreams which many, many Christian musicians picked up on about 10 years ago, including us, because we had street bands and stuff, all kinds of things going at that time. When we heard it, we were just struck instantly by it called the Sons of Thunder. Some of you may have heard of it.

Now that went everywhere in Christian circles because every musician that read it went. Yes, that is so true. And it literally in these series of dreams, it's by a guy called James Ryle that Jackie and I know we ended up ministering with him in Australia one time.

And it was our pleasure to hear over and over again, these dreams that God had given him that was so famous. And so in this dream, the significant ones of this is that he's looking at a stage and he says it's like fishing lines are being cast out. He says it's the harvest.

The harvest has come, the time for harvesting, you know, all of the people that need to be saved in our generation. And he said what they were doing, he saw these two blue guitars on stage and the blue guitars represented a new sound that sounded as fresh. And he said it was God likened it to him, to the Beatles music when it first came.

He said, when you heard a Beatles song on the radio in the 1960s, if you know some of you are old enough to remember this, I'm not. I was born too late to remember what it was like when the Beatles first appeared on the Ed Sullivan show, where literally, I believe it had the highest rating of any show in history. I believe 70 million people watched that one broadcast, the Beatles arriving.

And he saw this in a vision. He said it was like the Beatles music all over again, but it was different than that because it was glorifying Jesus. And it was like the harvest was being reeled in by this music that was being played.

He said it was a new sound and he couldn't, he could tell that the musicians that were playing it were excited by it. They knew there was something new in it. And another vision that he had, another dream, actually, they weren't visions.

They were in the night. He had no influence whatsoever about what God was giving him. And he was, he just wrote them down.

You know, he had a whole series of them over a period of a couple of months. And then one of the other ones that came, a man in an ancient Salvation Army uniform. I get emotional about this.

I don't know why. A man in a Salvation Army uniform. You know, when I heard this, it's the first time in my life, I'm a musician that's been involved in this stuff for years.

And this is the only time I've ever heard a tape and actually fallen on the ground. Literally, I fell. I've never ever, in fact, I've never been prayed for and fallen over.

I've never in my life been slain in the spirit. None of that. And I didn't fall right over and go unconscious.

But such was the impact of this dream. It's the only time in my life I have heard something and I fell on the ground, just in shock and recognition that this man was speaking something so profoundly true. And that was a calling in my life.

You know, my wife, Jackie and I, we've been in, we've been in pub bands, we've played, we've toured. You know, one time we were basically full-time musicians. It was literally the poorest I've ever been in my life.

In New Zealand, you do not get rich playing music. Even the famous guys are struggling in New Zealand. It's a country of 4 million people.

You know, it has a lot of musicians, very struggling musicians anyway. So, you know, we were living the life. We had outreach bands.

I'd investigated the early Salvation Army. And in this dream, this guy, this early Salvation Army guy, literally hands him a scroll and he opens the scroll and it says, in the last days, in the last days, there will be an army of worshipping warriors like the Salvation Army. And they'll bring, I think it was repentance to the streets or bring the glory of God to the streets again, like in the old days.

And he was handed that by this early Salvation Army guy. As you can tell, I even had trouble talking about it because the impact of those words on me, being a guy who just lived for this stuff and studied the early Salvation Army and all the other revivals, it was like someone was getting a hammer and just whacking me with the very thing that I was into. There's profound significance in this.

But you see, I put it aside for the last few years. As I was saying to you, I hardly, I never preach on this topic anymore because it was apparent to me the season was wrong. We'd go out on the streets.

We had street teams with ex-gang members in them. I had guys involved with us who have full-face moku tattoos in New Zealand. These guys, man, they look the part.

People think I look rough. People sometimes mistake me for a guy that, if I stand by the door at some places, people think I'm the bouncer. They don't think I'm the preacher.

They go, we'll just skirt around that guy because he's obviously here to throw troublemakers out. I used to look even worse than I do now. I'm quite tame, actually.

But we had guys involved with us that were literally the worst gangs in my country, ex-black power and ex-mongrel mob. Some of these guys had full-face tattoos or whole-back tattoos. They had come from incredible backgrounds.

We'd minister with some of these guys when we could. We'd be out on the streets every week. We saw some amazing things happen, but it was clear to me this is not the season and it's not working.

Andrew, your music is not anointed enough. Where are you going to find the new music? Where is this new sound coming from? For a while, all these musicians were searching for it. How do we get the new sound? Should we try putting an Egyptian flavor in our music? Should we try putting a country and western flavor in our music? What do we do to find this thing? Well, it's not to do with that.

You get your heart revived to such a degree that the Spirit of God is filling your heart and the music will flow out. And it can be some guy with a broken down guitar on a street corner that has that anointing. It can.

And he can waste the best musicians on earth. And there are so many guys in Nashville wasting their Christian lives, getting better and better at playing guitar, and lukewarmer and lukewarmer in their heart towards God. And I've got no time for it at all.

God took us away from that stuff. He took the desire out of me. He had to crush it out of me and say, look, your selfish ambition, Andrew, is the very thing that's in the way.

It's helping nothing. So don't get your good ideas and try and put together your tours and everything else. It's not achieving anything.

Forget it. So I've put a lot of this stuff aside. But God was reminding me of it this weekend.

I was talking with Kevin. Obviously, he's a musician. God led him to do the same thing.

Put it aside, man. It doesn't matter how good you get. It doesn't matter how many hours a day you practice.

You will not find the new music that way. Let's get close to God. Let's get our hearts in a state of revival and we'll produce revival music.

It'll just come out. Now, I don't know. I feel in my heart we need to start recording again this year.

We haven't recorded anything for four years. Our last album is over there. My wife literally hates it.

A lot of people like it. I don't know why. She literally despises it.

She says, Andrew, please, let's record something really. It's got to have that thing. And I'm aware that it's got to have that thing.

But where's the thing? Anyway, that's what all the musicians are asking themselves. In fact, part of James Ryle's dream was this. He was literally poking around.

I think this is the first dream he had. He was poking around in the cupboard where all the old junk of a large church was put. And it was dusty and it was all the old amps and all the old speaker stands, which are all broken and that don't work anymore.

And you just shovel the junk in there. A lot of you have probably been in rooms like this when you set up, you know, it's just a corner of junk. And anyway, he just was attracted.

You know, I saw this kind of tweed thing over here and he picked and he went and brushed the dust off it. And it was an old Vox amplifier. If you've ever seen the pictures of the Beatles, they're playing Vox, you know, and it was this tweed thing.

It looked like, you know, 1962 or something. And he picks it up and blows all the dust off it. And it's like a revelation hits him like lightning.

Oh, my goodness. I'm holding the Beatles power amp. It's been sitting here in the church all these years.

I don't understand why this stuff still affects me emotionally. It's really weird. When I heard it, I was weeping.

When I heard this stuff, here's a guy that's been into the Beatles for years because most modern music, you just can't compare the quality. A Beatles song, even though crudely recorded on two track, just blitzes everything Michael Jackson has done in the last 15 years. You know, it doesn't matter.

Actually, name your artists. There's only a few that can even hold a slight candle to the quality of their stuff. So I was into the Beatles.

I love the Beatles. And I was hearing this stuff, you know, early Salvation Army, Beatles. They find the power amp disused in an old church junk heap and he dusts it off.

And he said immediately the thing, the revelation struck him. He said he immediately knew his life was in danger because every musician on earth would kill him to have it, would literally take his life to get it off

him. He knew he was holding in his hands the thing that gained.

I believe they've done a count of total Beatles records sold has reached one billion. Total Beatles records, all singles, all albums, everything. Unbelievable.

It could have been a billion dollars, a billion records or a billion dollars. I can't remember. Huge.

The Beatles were so big in their day, they in Australia, I believe in one week had the top five singles, all of them. All of the top singles were Beatles records and some of the other ones and still in the top 10 as well. Same thing was happening in America and around the world.

So what am I saying? I'm saying that God wants to move amongst the youth. He wants a movement that stands for holiness and repentance. He is going to move through music again as he has done in just about every major revival in the history of the church.

You go to the Welsh revival and you'll find that God invented a music there that they would sing in their stadiums. And to this day you can visit Wales and hear the vestiges of the Welsh revival because you just go to a rugby game and sit there and the Welsh revival was 1904, 1905 and you could hear them singing the hymns to this day in the stadiums they sing them in Wales. That was a new music.

No one had ever seen anything like that before. People even to this day say it raises the hairs on the back of your neck just being there to hear it. Every time there is a new move of God, almost always there is a new music.

So we are waiting to find this thing. I believe we are coming into an hour. God cannot trust many of the musicians he finds in the church with this because they are egotistical or just because they have things in their lives that mean as soon as they become famous they will become a complete train wreck.

And so many musicians do not deal with the heart issues in their lives and so many of us human beings don't. And if we were to become a famous preacher like we want to or a famous musician like we want to, we would destroy our family and our lives within a year. And so many have.

So God has got to find people that he has processed through the most agonizing brokenness for years for this thing. Especially the up front musicians, the ones who are going to be prominent who are going to be preaching and singing. And he must find such people if that thing would ever be birthed.

But that is not the totality of it. This vision about the early Salvation Army has to come into being. I believe in it with all my heart.

And it has to be so radical. And it will be. And do you know what it is going to be preaching? It is going to be preaching stuff like what you heard from David tonight.

I am telling you it is not going to be preaching anything different than Jesus said. You imagine preaching this in America. Sell what you have and give to the poor.

And see how radical that is. America has not heard anything like that since the 1960s from the hippies who of course were out of their minds when they said such things on every drug they could find. But Jesus actually said that.

He did not just say it to one guy. He actually said it to his disciples. He said sell what you have and give alms and you will have treasure in heaven.

He was talking to his disciples. Can you imagine a gospel of repentance even from money? How well that is going to go down in America. Well, I want to predict to you going to be part of the message.

It is going to be part of the message. And in fact the youth when they see the reality that we actually mean it will flock to that. They will say oh my goodness these guys actually believe what Jesus said.

I cannot believe my eyes. I have been looking at the church for years and nobody actually does anything that Jesus says. And suddenly it is happening in front of our faces.

That alone would cause a revolution. Let alone deep repentance and all the rest of the stuff we have been talking about all weekend. It has got to be a holiness movement and it will be.

But it will be a radical holiness unlike what you hear. It will be a very prophetic movement. Prophetic in the way John the Baptist is not prophetic in the way the flaky thing has gone lately.

And this is what is coming. And I believe God wants to do it here. I would not be preaching this message.

You can ask David. He has never heard me preach this before because I do not preach it. I do not go places and say oh you are about to have a street revival.

No I do not do it anywhere. So God is restoring to me this message because I have to preach it elsewhere. But I want to tell you there is a reason I am preaching it here.

And I do not even know exactly what that is but I want to tell you there is a reason. Now just to finish with a couple of other things. The prophetic movement of which I have studied in Kansas City which started very pure and within a space of about eight years really fell to pieces and became pretty ugly and has hurt and damaged tremendous numbers of people that we have met.

That movement in its early days of prophecy, some of the prophecies, the strongest ones that were coming out from it were things like this. God saying this in an audible voice. There were times in that movement man.

God would confirm things. This is the level of prophecy. No joke.

God would confirm things with a comet coming, unpredicted by scientists. A comet coming to predict prophecy in our day. We are talking 1983.

May 7th 1983. And God was confirming that he wants prophets in the earth. And one of the key things that came out of that, the four standards that they were supposed to build that this coming move was going to be built on were these.

Holiness of heart, extravagant giving to the poor, unwavering faith, and day and night prayer. Those were the four standards that the coming move of God would be built on. That is the major prophecy that came out at that time and confirmed unbelievably the science following.

Secondly, God spoke and said this, I'm going to change the understanding and expression of Christianity in the earth in one generation. In one generation, he's going to do it. Now we are talking there.

If you are to believe these words, and I have every reason. Now, you know, if you've read my writings, how I have rejected the flaky side of the prophetic. And I'm telling you, this was in its heyday.

There was no flakiness there. This was in the very birthing of this movement. And the words that came out with confirm utterly everything that God's been showing all of us in this room.

Okay. And extravagant giving to the poor is in the foundation of the coming move of God. And so is holiness of heart, unwavering faith, day and night prayer, and God changing the understanding and expression of Christianity in the earth.

So there's all these prophecies that all flow together. When you study revival history going back centuries, and you study modern prophecy and the way the prophetic movement was birthed, and what came forth at that time, there is such a congruence of streams that all come together, flowing to give you a picture of the kind of move of God we expect to happen. And having studied those, all of those things for years and years and years, I have this picture in my heart of what it can and what it must be like.

And I'm telling you, we are headed for the greatest reformation, the greatest reformation, I believe, since Martin Luther's. That is what I believe. I believe the church is about to be shaken to such a degree by one thing alone.

And that thing is truth. When truth is allowed by God to impact the church in such a way that she cannot ignore or shut her ears, but must either at least listen and take it in and have to decide on it, the shaking will be so huge, we will see mega churches literally dissolve overnight. We will see the largest organizations in Christendom being destroyed by the truth of God.

And we will see others raised up overnight into prominence that have been prepared for years. Just as in one day, Joseph goes from prison to the palace. That's exactly what it is.

And we are going to see it in our generation. And God promises it. Now, those prophecies I'm talking about are now 20, 23 years old and have been abandoned and lie fallow.

And there is a generation that is arising in our day that will take hold of those things. And instead of just talking, then we'll live them and proclaim them until they literally come to pass. And it's a seasonal thing.

And God has a season set aside and we are entering that window now. I'm totally convinced of it. Totally convinced of it.

Now, the leaders, we're having a facilitators meeting tomorrow morning. I don't know what facilitators are yet. Just let you in on that.

I have no idea yet what facilitators are, but I know this. God wants us to network and to find people that when a youth movement starts and it could start suddenly and grow in an explosion if God does that, which he has in the past. We've got to have people all over the country who are primed and ready and prepared and know what the message sounds like and know how radical it can get and have already made a decision.

Yes, we're with this. Yep, we're there. And that's what a facilitator is.

And if you ain't one of those, don't come tomorrow. I put out a call for facilitators all over this country and said, there's something coming. There's a John the Baptist thing coming.

I don't know exactly what's going on, but God wants us to network in this hour and find reliable people who can be like parents and mothers and fathers to this thing, because we cannot have 17 year olds going from zero to 100 miles an hour in one second and leading the move of God. It'll fall apart in a day. But we must have those guys, those 17 years old, because that's where the engine of the whole thing is.

And that's where much of the future leadership is. But they won't be ready on day one to lead it. No.

And so there has to be reliable people that are just as radical as them, just as radical as them in here. I don't care how gray your hair is. I don't care, man.

I care if you're radical in here, because this is going to be the most radical movement we've ever seen. And they have a detector built into them that goes, this guy's just a flake, and that guy's the real deal. So we've got to be the real deal.

And we've got to find people that are, and we've got to find them all over the country, because I believe, and I am in the process right now of changing the orientation of my website to the youth. The way I'm doing it is to go into multimedia, because my website has always been based on people who love to read. It's full of articles and books and literate things.

And it has to be full of MP3s and videos and downloads and chat rooms and forums. And that's where the youth are at. And I have to do that this year.

And God has been speaking to me and saying, now is the time. I've never done that before. But now is the time.

Change. Do it quickly. So it's literally in the process.

And make music that's radical. Make music that's prophetic. Make music that challenges and convicts.

Well, I think I've said enough. I think you guys get the picture. Everybody stand up, please.

Let's just pray together. Father God, I pray that you will find for yourselves people who can be entrusted with an anointing, Father God, an anointing that is beyond what we've seen. I pray for musicians that have a heart after David, who can go from being a shepherd boy to being a warrior overnight because they're being prepared in the secret places.

And I pray for older ones, those of us who are parents and those of us who are fathers and mothers in the faith, but we're still radical at heart. And God, I pray that you'll find those ones and don't let any escape that are meant to be part of what you're doing. And certainly it's not limited to the things that we're doing.

I know you're going to do this on a vast scale, greater than anything we can imagine or think. So, Father, set in place your people that you want to be helping this thing to happen, who are going to be spirit-led leaders and guides and elders who don't squash down the actually propel everything forward and who desire to see the young ones under them literally outstrip them in a year or two and go beyond what they could ever believe. Not ones who keep the lid on as soon as someone looks like they might become better than them or have more anointing than them.

Those days are gone. So, Father, just make of us a people that are prepared for revival, that are praying, that walk before you with a pure heart, that do believe in extravagant giving to the poor, that have in place already those four standards of the coming move of God, that we've already been shaken so that when

the great shaking comes, it won't topple us over, Father. Please do the work inside us now.

Get us ready now, Father. And we pray for great outpouring of your Spirit and a radical and very truthful move of your Spirit in this nation, amongst the youth, throughout the land, Father, and throughout the nations, God. Pray these things in Jesus' wonderful, mighty name.

Amen.

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