

# A Biscuit at a Banquet

by Carter Conlon

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*Carter Conlon's sermon emphasizes that God invites everyone to His banquet, regardless of their perceived inadequacies, and that faith is essential for experiencing His supernatural power.*

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## Description

This sermon emphasizes the importance of surrendering to God and believing in His supernatural power to work through ordinary, weak individuals. It highlights the need for the church to rise up in unity, casting away pride and human reasoning, to confound the world with the strength and power of God. The message encourages individuals to come as they are, with their weaknesses and limitations, to the banquet of God's strength, where God can use them for His glory and bring about miraculous transformations.

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## Transcript

Good morning, Times Square Church. Thank God for the presence of the Lord here, and for the joy of being together, over a hundred nations in one building. Where could that happen? Anywhere on the earth, but in the house of God.

Have you ever felt like a biscuit at a banquet? I asked our sound engineer, John, back there, I said, have you ever felt like a biscuit at a banquet? No, not quite that much. He said, I felt like a half a biscuit at a banquet. Judges chapter 7, please, if you go there.

After the book of Joshua, there's Judges, and then Ruth. Judges chapter 7. Now, Father, I thank you, Lord God, for giving me these words to speak to your people. I thank you that the truths of your kingdom are more real than anything we can see with our natural eyes or reason with our natural minds.

Father, I pray today in Christ's name that you give weight to these words. Help us to believe this, to see it, to lay hold of it. For in your scripture, Lord, the seed of promise is in every word that you speak to us.

Thank you for the ability to speak this and for giving us the ears to hear it. In Jesus' name. Now, here's the scene of Judges chapter 7. It's a period of time in the past where God's own people, Israel, that were called to be a testimony of his presence on the earth.

It's important to understand that, or we sometimes don't get the fullness of what these texts are all about. Scripture tells us that time and again the people of God themselves would deal deceitfully with his presence. It means they wouldn't walk honestly with God.

They become very casual in their worship of God and in many cases just cast off the worship of God altogether. And because of it, their enemies were allowed to come in and multiply and literally overpower them and overpower the testimony, the supernatural testimony, actually, that they were to be in the earth. Remember God's promise to Abraham is, I will bless you and I will multiply you and I will make you a blessing that will bless all the people in the earth.

And now these are the descendants of Abraham. But dealing deceitfully with God will always produce a powerlessness and always allow the enemies in any age or society to come in. By enemies, I mean those that really don't know God, don't want God, don't love God, have no relationship with God, and don't want anybody else to have a relationship with God.

And they will come in and begin to overpower that society. You and I are, of course, living at a day that's very, very similar to this day in the Old Testament under the book of Judges. Now in this time there was a young man that God came to and gathered together to him an army of 300 to fight against over 120,000 people that had come into the nation.

They had come in and they came in every year at harvest time for the sole purpose of taking everything away that the people of God had gathered. Now if you understand it in the context the people of God were to be a blessing, it's like the devil himself says, we're not going to let this happen. So we're going to overwhelm them and every time it looks like they're getting back on their feet, we're going to come in and take away what they have and bring them back to an impoverished place so that they will not fulfill that which God has called them to be on the earth.

And here was the season of harvest and the scripture says that they came in and there were so numerous these particular enemies of the ways of God that you couldn't see an end. They literally covered the earth like sand, it says. And they came to devour everything that was being gathered together in this nation that was supposed to be the blessing of God or represent the blessing of God in the earth.

So if you see it in context, you know exactly what we're dealing with. And so how does God respond? Because the people are beginning to cry out. I don't know about you, but I think there's a cry in this generation as well.

I think it's something that we don't necessarily hear it, but God hears it. It's the cry of the single mother whose kids are out in the streets and she doesn't know where they are. It's the cry of the father who doesn't know how he's going to provide for his family.

It's the cry of the broken hearted whose whole system of social structure and family is breaking apart and there seems to be no stability anywhere. There's an inner cry. It's the cry of people like you and I who are reading the news and seeing all kinds of horrific crimes that are becoming a daily occurrence now in this generation and saying, oh God, you've got to come down and do something.

You have to stop this. There has to be a moment of rest and respite in this moment in which we're living in. And so the Lord in answer to that cry comes to a young man who is the least in his father's, his father's house is the least in Israel and he is the least in his father's house.

And when God comes to him and calls him a mighty man of resources, he's a bit shocked and dumbfounded. What if the Lord came to you specifically today and called you a mighty man or mighty woman of God? Would you believe it if he did? Now Gideon had a hard time believing this. And he said, I've sent you to eradicate this enemy.

I've sent you to overpower this enemy. I've sent you to be a representative of God. And on this journey, in doing this, I'm going to give you an army of 300.

Now do the math. 300 against 120,000. Not very good odds in the natural.

Now, beginning at Judges chapter 7, beginning at verse 9. And it came to pass the same night. Now this is a night, this is just before the battle is to begin. This young man has obviously got questions still in his heart.

God, are you sure you know what you're doing? That the Lord said unto him, Arise, get thee down unto the host. That means go into the camp of the enemy, for I've delivered it into your hand. But if you fear to go down, go with your servant down to the host.

This is verse 10. Now I'm paraphrasing this a little bit, because the King James English is hard to understand for some people. And you will hear what they say, and afterwards your hands will be strengthened to go down to the host.

In other words, they're going to say something, you're going to hear it, and it's going to give you strength to go into this battle, which in the natural is a suicide mission. It has to be something supernatural. Then he went down with Phura, his servant, to the outside of the armed men that were in the host.

And the Midianites and the Amalekites and all the children of the east lay along in the valley like grasshoppers for multitude, and their camels were without number as the sand by the seaside for multitude. So they're looking at this overwhelming force that has come against them. And when Gideon was come, behold, there was a man that told a dream to his fellow, and said, Behold, I dreamed a dream, and lo, a cake of barley bread, a loaf of bread in other words, tumbled into the host of Midian and came to a tent, and smote it that it fell, and overturned it that the tent lay all along.

So this man says, I had a dream last night, and a loaf of bread came rolling down the hill and flattened us. That's technically what he said. Now listen to what the other guy says.

Now they're an army of 120,000 going up against 300 people. And his fellow answered and said, This is nothing else save the sword of Gideon, the son of Joash, and men of Israel. For into his hand has God delivered Midian and all the hosts.

There are certain seasons in history where God decides to do the supernatural again. It has happened all throughout history. I've been a student of this for most of my Christian walk, and these are incredible moments in time when God just says, I've decided to come down for my name's sake and for the sake of my people that I've bought with my own blood.

The scripture says in Luke chapter 14 that a certain man made a great supper and invited many people to come to this supper. It's a feast, in other words. And he sent his servant at suppertime.

The meal was ready. The provision was there. More or less like I'm here today talking to you.

And he said to those that were invited, Come, everything is now ready. Come to this incredible banquet. Come to this incredible feast of life and strength and vision and direction and a future.

And verse 18 says something strange. And they all with one consent began to make excuse. Now some just didn't want to go, that's for sure.

But there are others, I feel, that must have felt obliged to bring something. Maybe feeling embarrassed at their own lack of resources and ultimately causing them to decline an incredible invitation. And that's the dilemma that you and I face.

God says, I want to do something through your life. It's a little invitation that just suddenly it's a pop-up in your heart. May I say it that way? It's a sudden invitation.

It's God who gives it. But you know in the natural, for example, if you're invited to a wedding, as I've been told at least anyway, it's a common practice that the gift you bring to the wedding should equal the price of the meal that's being set before you. I don't know if you're aware of that.

I wasn't until somebody told me about it. And so here we are, invited into this incredible banquet of God, but the price of the banquet was the blood of His Son, Jesus Christ, and a cross. And it is hopeless for you and I ever to equal that price.

We can't. We can't bring anything, even though we think we should, even though we feel we should be able to provide something to meet the need, we can't. It takes us a long time to get to the point of realizing that this is a come-as-you-are banquet.

Isaiah the prophet said, Come, those that have no money. Come, those that have no price. Come, those that have no skill.

Come, those that have no ability. Come and buy and be satisfied. Eat that which will fill you and satisfy you.

In John chapter 6, Jesus was speaking to the people and He had, the scripture says He had 5,000 people on this mountainside and that's only the men, so I'm guessing there's anywhere between 10,000 to 15,000 people there for sure. He turns to those that are supposed to be learning about Him and He says, How are we going to feed these people? Everybody is just shrugging their shoulders. Everybody's got their, didn't have calculators, but they probably had stone things that looked like them and they're moving the marbles as it is on the pegs and saying, No, we did the math.

It isn't possible. And Philip comes and said, Well, here's a lad here that has five barley loaves and two, and he says, small fish. I mean, what size of a fish would you have to have to feed 15,000 people? What does it matter if they're small or big? They could have been 50 pounds each and still couldn't have fed the people.

But that's the way we think. Here's, all we have here is this little kid who's kind of pushed his way through the crowd. He's got a little bag lunch with a couple of biscuits in it and a couple of small fish.

And all the disciples are just shrugging their shoulders. But Jesus, the Bible says Jesus said this to test them because he knew what he was going to do. Now, you and I know that he can't operate apart from faith.

Remember in the Gospels, there was one town he went into and said he could do no miracles there because there was no faith in the town. Now, he knew what he would do. And God always works through the faith of his people.

And so Christ had to know there was somebody with faith in that crowd. And I love this little boy that came with faith. And you know, the more you talk to children, they don't have, in a sense, our intellectual capability to realize that certain things can't be done in the natural.

And so I can just see this little kid. Somebody says to him, Jesus is looking for food to feed the crowd. And this little boy says, well, this should do it.

Me and Jesus, Jesus and I are going to feed the crowd. Now, he knew what he was going to do, and he had to have somebody of faith. And it doesn't appear that there was anybody of faith in that crowd except for this little boy, probably five, six, seven years old.

Comes, gives his lunch. He's got five barley loaves, it says, and two small fish. And he only had a biscuit-sized lunch, but he had a childlike faith.

And that's all that was required to feed the thousands. The Bible says that when we walk together in unity with God and with one another, in Psalm 133, there is an anointing that comes that commands the blessing of God's life everywhere we go. As far down as the borders of our garment or our tent touch, life is commanded.

When we are walking in unity with God, when our thoughts are in line with God's thoughts, even about ourselves, when our thoughts are in line with the work of God, when we begin to realize in the kingdom of God, there are no big players and there are no little players. There are just people invited to a banquet. From every walk of life, every social strata, every level of education, it makes absolutely no difference to God whatsoever.

The ground is completely level at the cross of Jesus Christ. But we're so afraid of our own smallness, aren't we? We're so afraid that we're so utterly incapable of meeting the need of this hour that many of us choose to stay home. We don't mind going to church.

We don't mind singing the Psalms. We don't mind hearing some preacher preach somewhere and almost like Moses, God, what a good idea to set 3 million people free. I just want you to know that I'm with whoever you send to do it.

And the Lord looks down and says, It's you, Moses, I'm sending. Moses said, But I stutter. I've lost my power of speech.

In case you haven't noticed, I'm 80 years old now. My natural strength is gone. I no longer carry a sword.

I carry a stick. I no longer have access to Pharaoh's court. I've been in the backside of the desert for 40 years.

In case it escaped your attention. And many, many of us stay home. We would like to support some superstar that would rise up and do the work for us and preach the gospel for us, would even attend the crusades that they would hold.

But I want to suggest to you that that day is over. That time is finished. It is a moment that the church of Jesus Christ in its entirety must rise up now.

That means you and me, we've all got something to do that will bring glory to God. No wonder Jesus told us that the kingdom of heaven can't be fully experienced unless we have childlike faith. Unless you become like a child.

He said, You can't see. You can't enter into the kingdom of God. You can't experience what God's kingdom is all about if you're always trying to figure it out.

Folks, we went to our universities and colleges. We brought out the best minds that we could produce in the church, and all we could come up with is a survey. What would it take to get you to come to church, Goliath? The irony of it all.

Starting in the miraculous, we end up looking like we're wise, but we've actually become foolish in the sight of God. Now, it's not unbelief to consider our own insufficiency. It's not.

Some people say, Well, if I focus on what I don't have, is that wrong? No, it's not wrong, because Jesus said in Luke 14, 31, So it's not wrong this morning to sit and say, But I am weak. But I'm not a good speaker. But I don't have any royalty in my blood.

I'm not a mover and shaker in society. I have no access to power. I don't have any resources in the bank.

What in the world could God ever do with my life? So it's not wrong to sit down, but it is wrong to come to the wrong conclusion. That's what the children of Israel did when they came out of Egypt. They came to the border of an incredible promise of God.

The promised land on the earth that flows with milk and honey where you'll be given strength to overcome everything that tries to rob you of this blessing. God was telling them, I'll give you the strength to overcome it. And so they sent spies into the land, and the spies came back and said, Oh, it is everything.

It is everything that God said it is. It is. But there are giants there.

And we seem so small in the sight of what we're going to have to fight against to not only conquer but to maintain and keep this land. I don't think we can do it. And so they rightly estimated themselves, but they came to the wrong conclusion.

Jesus goes on in Luke chapter 14 again in verse 33. He said, So likewise, whoever he be of you that forsakes not all he has cannot be my disciple. That doesn't mean you have to go home and give away your house and give away your bank account and quit your job.

A lot of people misunderstand. He basically says you've got to give away your own thoughts of ever doing this in your own strength. You're not going to be able to do this in your own strength.

Neither am I. None of us are. The forces against the testimony of Christ in this generation are too powerful. The forces against us as the church are too strong.

The social trends are going the opposite way from that which we know from the word of God to be godly. The battle is too strong. My resources are insufficient to meet the need.

But I choose to cast away self-reliance and show up as I am to an incredible banquet of God's strength. This is a come-as-you-are banquet. Come with your struggles.

Come with your frailty. Come with your weakness. Come with your confusion.

Come with your history. Come as you are to this banquet of God. A table set in the presence, David said, of my enemies.

A table that satisfies me to the point where I am overflowing. I cannot contain it within myself anymore. The recruitment strategy of God in the church of Jesus Christ has never changed.

We've changed, but He has not changed. He calls the unqualified to do the supernatural. That way you qualify and I qualify.

I'm not qualified to do what I do. I've never been qualified to do what I do. And that is the delight of my heart.

Thank God. What a journey this has been. He said to Gideon, if you're afraid, go to the enemy's tent.

Truly the circumstances are against the natural, but never too much for the supernatural. And I love the dream that God gave. What an incredible dream.

I mean, it's almost like a feeble dream, isn't it? You think like, wow, I saw chariots of angels coming down. Thousands and thousands. And they were angry looking and they just killed us.

Let's get out of here. I mean, he says, I saw a loaf of bread roll down the hill. What did he see? And why did his friend bear witness to it? I mean, this is 120,000 people about to go into battle against 300.

And suddenly the guy has a dream. I saw a loaf of bread come down the hill and it just flattened our whole camp. And the other guy says, this is none other than the sword of God and the sword of Gideon, and he's given the whole host into the hand of Gideon.

How come the enemy knew it? I mean, James says the devils know and they tremble. They know what we forget, because they've been on the receiving end, as it is, of the supernatural time and time and time again. So they know.

They know when suddenly just a few people get up and they decide to go forward. They were there. They know when four lepers got up in the midst of when they were starving out the city of God and four lepers got up and decided to walk into the camp of, at that time it was the Syrians, and they came down the hill.

And they were there when God turned up the sound system and made their feet sound like 100,000 charging soldiers coming at them. The devils were there when all of that whole camp fled. They fled so fast they left their fires, their tents, their pots, their horses, their camels.

They left it all, even threw stuff away as they're running through the desert. They were there, and they know the danger. The danger, in a sense, to the kingdom of darkness when a barley loaf comes down the hill.

You know what a barley loaf is? It's a bunch of biscuits that get together and decide to move as one. That's all it is. That's what a barley loaf is.

It's something like Feed New York where 100 churches get together. Not the biggest players in the city, not the most noble, not the highest education, but people who simply decide to get together to feed hungry people and to pray, and pray that God bless the city. I think all hell is shaking in New York City right now because a bunch of biscuits have gotten together.

People have come to the banquet. They've accepted this invitation of this incredible strength of God, and they're not looking for their own might. They're not looking for their own power.

They're not looking to their own reasoning. They're not looking for some program or some new superstar. They're looking for God to come and do in this city what only God can do.

Hallelujah to the Lamb of God. And today you and I are invited to witness a great feast. I do believe it with all my heart.

It's a time when many who are hungry for truth and direction are about to be fed. Oh, thank God. It's all that has ever been necessary.

If you can hear this, nothing else has ever been required of us. It's just somebody, somebody in the crowd, or maybe more than one somebody, maybe 10 or 20 or 50 or 100, somebody that just rise to their feet and said, I believe God. I believe what God says.

I believe that God can take my life and make a difference. I believe God can give me a voice that can be heard. I believe God can put compassion in my heart.

I believe God in my insufficiency. I don't have much to bring to this banquet, but I believe God will provide everything that I need at that table. This is an hour when we must surrender our pride.

We must surrender our reasoning. I'm talking now to the whole body of Jesus Christ. We must surrender our pride and the human reasoning that has brought us to this place of powerlessness in this generation.

Or we must surrender wanting to be seen as someone great or something great that God has prepared to meet the needs of the time. No, we're all biscuits invited to a banquet. Every last one of us.

Thank God. Thank God. I don't know about you, but I'm bringing my biscuit and I'm heading to the banquet table.

I've always been nothing. I'm still nothing. I will always be nothing.

All I have is what God chooses to give me. Glory to the name of Jesus. When Jesus rose from the dead, the scripture tells us his disciples went fishing.

And when they had caught nothing all night, he told them to throw the net on the right side of the boat, and they did. And when they did, they caught 153 fish, and they were astounded. And they came to shore, and they knew it was Christ, risen from the dead.

Now, this is the risen Christ we're talking about now. This is the post-cross Savior, raised from the dead by the power of God his Father. He could call down a banquet like you've never seen.

I mean, he could just open heaven. There could be food that humankind has never seen before, that angels partake of, and we've never seen it. He could have unlocked this thing, but what does he do? God,

raised from the dead, he makes biscuits on a fire.

Read it for yourself. Little cakes. They're biscuits.

A couple of fish, and then he says to his disciples, come and dine. Come and dine. I mean, so I'm looking at this and saying, like, okay, you're the risen Christ.

You have all power and authority. You sit at the right hand of God. You create the universe by the words of your mouth.

Okay, and here are the biscuits, and you're saying come and dine. But what he was trying to tell us is that all we are, we bring to him, and he is the total sufficiency. The dining was not the biscuits.

The dining was Christ. It was the victory of the cross he was inviting them to. Come in your smallness.

Come in your confusion, and that's what they were, confused. Come in your lack of understanding. Come in your seemingly inability to get anything done.

It was a whole boatload of failures. They'd all run when he needed them. Peter had boasted, I'll die for you all.

Go to Jerusalem. I'll die. He took off with the rest of them.

They all fled. They're a whole boatload of failures. But he calls them and says, come and dine.

Now, come get the strength that you need, because you're going to receive a harvest, and they had just seen it, 153 fish, and he had promised, I'm going to make you fishers of men. You're going to get a harvest that you never believed was possible, but the strength that you're going to need to do this is found in me. It's found in Christ.

Oh, thank God. How did we get so off track as a church? What did we do? How did we get to this point? Having all the testimony of Scripture, that suddenly we needed to figure out how to do this. And so we filled buildings with powerless people, and we made them all look to superstars as if somehow they're the ones that came down from the throne to redeem them.

The whole church just became people who just support somebody's vision. No, no, no, no. If you can hear this today, the whole church has to rise now.

The whole church. It's been God's design from before the foundation of the world to confound the world through you. To confound your family, to confound your friends, the people you work with, your neighbors, the kids on your street.

To confound them with the kindness, the grace, the ability to change, the words of life that He puts in your mouth. To confound them. To confound them.

And that's always been the call. That's why the Christian life should be the most exciting life on the face of the earth. There should be nothing like it.

We should be grabbing people by the lapel and say, Man, get some sense in your head. Look what you can be. Look what your life can be.

There's nowhere and nothing in the world that will be barred to you as it is. Doors will open. Giftings will be given.

Christ will be glorified. And people will look at your life and say, I know there's a God. You may not fully understand it, but I know there's a God, and I know that whoever your God is, is God.

Because how could a man or woman change like that unless God was with them? I think it's time for a bunch of biscuits to get together and roll down the hill one more time, don't you? We have the power to flatten the camp of the enemy. I think all hell trembles at a word like this. I really do, with all my heart.

Because there's always a chance that somebody's going to believe it. And the devil knows it. And every devil over New York City is shaking in their boots out in Times Square right now, saying, have you heard what's being said there? Do you recall what happens when people believe this? We have no power.

Do you remember the loaf of bread coming down the hill and flattening the Midianites? 120,000 flattened by the power of God. Made powerless. Destroyed.

Thank God. That's called a spiritual awakening. When we begin to realize that God has called each of us for his glory.

Father, I thank you, God. I thank you, Lord, for speaking to us. I thank you, God.

Somewhere along the line, I don't know when, I heard this in my heart. The invitation came. And in littleness I went to an altar and said, whatever I have, it isn't much, but you can have it.

And I ask only one thing, that you use it for your glory. What a journey this has been. Lord Jesus Christ, breathe on your church again.

Breathe on us, where we've died around our altars, where we've come to wrong conclusions, where we've settled for what other people have said and the frailty of our own heart has told us. God Almighty, that's who you are. God Almighty, raise us up again as your people in this generation.

And confound those things that think they have the power to stand in their own strength. Father, I thank you for this with all my heart. This is a divine moment in history.

It will require the whole church. Every one of us will be called into this harvest field. We will have to believe you for strength and for power and for victory.

And you will not fail us. I want to give an altar call this morning for every person that feels insignificant. You've labored under this sense of worthlessness to God.

You've labored under the thought that I think God could use me if only I had more strength or skill than I have. And if that's in your heart, you have completely misunderstood the gospel. It doesn't come to call the righteous or the strong.

It's weak people like you and I, that he might be God through us, for others. Ordinary people walking with an extraordinary God, going to other ordinary people saying, I've got to tell you something, what God did for me, he can do for you. It's no deeper than that.

I want to give an altar call for everybody that feels like you're a biscuit at a banquet. Telling you that when you get to that place, that is a good place to be. All God ever needed to make something is nothing.

It's all he's ever needed. And by the word of his mouth, the miraculous can start in your life. You've come in feeling a certain way.

You've come to the house of God feeling a certain way. But I challenge you today, if you have the courage to get up, God will meet you. And you will not be the same when you leave as when you came in.

I promise that in the name of Jesus. You get up with the little bit that you have and watch what God is going to do. Let's stand, please.

And if that's you, just come and join those that will be meeting us here at the front and the annex. You can step between the screens, if you will. In Roxbury, you can stand between the screens.

And at home, those in your living room, I'd like to encourage you just to get on your knees. Around the coffee table. And let's believe God.

We need a miracle in this generation, folks. But we serve a God of miracles. We sang it today.

Right now, if you believe, God will do a miracle for you. Let's do this. Just come, please, as Greg leads us in the song.

And then we'll pray together. The Lord took those 300 and gave them a word. You're to go to a visible place.

You're not to hide your testimony any longer. And you take off that clay vessel. That means all the human reasoning.

All the human frailty. All of my sense of loathing and unworthiness. And you smash that thing.

You take it off and smash it. And you hold up the power of God. That's what the torch was inside the clay vessel.

And you shout this. The sword of the Lord and the sword of Gideon. That means the power of God through people who believe him.

That's really what it means. The power of God through people who believe him. And you stand in a public place and you don't let that testimony be hidden.

And when those 300 did, the scripture says, God sent confusion into the ranks of the enemy. And they started turning and fighting with each other. Confusion because there was a visible testimony.

A visible testimony of God had arisen in the earth again. People who believed God in spite of their weakness and their frailty. That's you and me.

Who believe God. Say, Lord, whatever door you open, I'll go through. What you ask me to speak, I will speak.

Where you send me, I will go. God Almighty, all I ask is use my life for your glory. And help me to put off all of the human reasoning and thinking that tells me I can't.

When you say I can and you say I will. Help me, God, to do it your way. Hallelujah to the Lamb of God.

Father, I thank you, Lord, for every person who can hear responding in heart. For we have arrived at a season where you must be glorified through your people again. Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for mercy.

You don't come to us in our strength. You come to us in our weakness. You don't come to us when we have any ideas to add to your kingdom or resources to contribute.

You come to us in our bankruptcy. You come to us, Lord, and you invite us into incredible strength. Oh, God, I pray for these men and women at this altar.

Those that are listening at home and in Roxbury. In the Education Annex and in other places. My God, my God, my God, you yourself said a city that's on a hill cannot be hidden.

Men do not light a lamp and hide it under a bushel. Lord, you are speaking of that kind of a moment. Give us faith and strength to believe you.

That through us, with as little as we have to bring into your kingdom, that you can be multiplied. God, you can take a biscuit and feed thousands with it. So, Lord, you can take us.

You've shown it to us. You've proved it to us. You can take us and feed the hunger of thousands of people in this generation.

Jesus, Son of God, the only cry we have is be glorified again in the earth. Be glorified in New York City. Be glorified in our streets, our colleges, our schools.

Oh, God, thank you for the report of filling so many young people here Friday night with your Holy Spirit. Thank you, God, for what you're doing. Thank you, Lord.

Now, in the natural, it looks like a suicide mission to send you. And that's, if you're honest, that's what you feel like in your heart. But you get on that hill and you just say the sword of the Lord and the sword of Gideon.

God's word, God's word through a surrendered heart is all that is needed to make the difference. It's always been the answer of God to these kind of moments in history. Hallelujah.

Father, thank you. Jesus, Jesus, Son of God, be glorified again. My God, my God, let there be singing in our streets, Lord.

Thank you for stripping off of this nation its veneer of righteousness and showing us who we really are. And creating that cry in so many people's hearts. Lord, I thank you for it.

Now, raise your church, Lord, especially all over this city. Raise your people, God, everywhere to believe you. And I thank you for it in Jesus' name.

Now, I was sharing with the choir this morning the interesting thing about God's people. When they went in the promised land and there was this incredible city that stood in their way. He told them to march around it for seven days and then shout when I tell you.

And the interesting thing is they shouted before the victory. That's an amazing thing. It was a declaration of confidence in God.

That when we shout, and remember in Gideon's day they stood on that mountain and they shouted before the victory. They got up publicly and declared their confidence in God. So I'd like you this morning to give a shout to God.

Would you just give a shout to God? Alleluia! Yes! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!

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