

# The Battle That Rages for Your Mind

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*The battle for the mind is a spiritual war where the enemy seeks to take captive the thoughts of God, leading to spiritual and moral decline, and we must be aware of the times we are living in and be prepared for the return of Christ.*

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## Description

This sermon emphasizes the critical battle for the mind, urging believers to recognize the spiritual warfare and the importance of winning this battle. Drawing from Genesis, Romans, Daniel, and Matthew, the speaker highlights the prevalence of evil thoughts and the need for a spiritual awakening. The urgency to pray fervently, stand for God, and seek victory in the mind is emphasized as crucial in these times of societal decline and impending judgment.

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## Transcript

I want to talk to you this morning about the battle that rages for your mind. You are in a mental battle, maybe the likes of which you've never experienced in your lifetime, and I'm going to share with you the reasons why and how it's important that you and I win that battle now. Genesis chapter 6, if you go there please with me, and Romans chapter 1, and Daniel chapter 5. Genesis 6, Romans 1, Daniel 5, and also Matthew chapter 24.

Now Father, I thank you God with all my heart. This is not an hour to be entertained in the house of God. We need to hear from you.

God Almighty, I ask you in Jesus' name to take this frail vessel, anoint me, and let the words that you will speak come alive in our hearts. Jesus, Son of God, give us vision for the day in which we're living in. Give us faith.

Give us power. Give us help. Give us hope.

Father, I yield my body to you, and I ask you Lord, in mercy and humility, to speak through me. I ask you, Father, to give us ears to hear what you would be speaking to your people at this hour in which we're living. Oh God, help us.

Give us strength, faith, and vision for the days in which we find ourselves. Lord, we know in our hearts that you're coming soon. Oh God, give us oil in our lamps.

Help us to stand and burn brightly for the truth that we in our hearts know is right. Help us, Lord, to get out of all compromise, to get away from everything that is dulling the testimony of your life within ours. Help us to make the break, oh God, to be fully embracers of your kingdom, of your truth, of your way.

Jesus, help us. God, we need your help. We can't do it without you, Lord.

We can't do it without the power of your Holy Spirit. We can't do it, Lord, without your word alive in us. And we can't even understand your word unless you let us understand it.

And so God of all mercy, the one who sent his son to a cross, visit us and awaken us and strengthen us for the day in which we live. We ask this in Jesus' name, amen. Genesis chapter 6, the battle that rages for your mind, beginning at verse 5. Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

And the Lord was sorry that he had made man on the earth, and he was grieved in his heart. So the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I've created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

And the scripture is describing a time in humanity when people had become incapable of hearing the words of God or following any thoughts except their own. You have to be aware that Satan is coming against this generation in an unprecedented measure. He is attacking this generation to take the thoughts of God out of the minds of an entire society.

He's doing it through the school system. He's doing it in our colleges. He's doing it in the marketplace.

He's doing it in the halls of government, and he's even doing it in the house of God. Trying to eradicate everything that comes from the mind of God, to blind an entire generation, to take captive as many as he can, for the scripture says he knows that his time is short. And we have precedence in history to know that this can happen.

These people in the book of Genesis were not that far from the testimony of the creation of God. They would have the stories. They would have the knowledge.

They had the lineage, just like so many have throughout history. But they allowed something to take over, the fallen nature of humankind, that fallen nature that was sown into humankind in the Garden of Eden, that which is resident within you and me, all of society, every man, every woman ever created has this capacity of sin inside that manifests itself through the thought that I can be as God, and I can determine in myself what is good and what is evil. I don't need God to tell me what the parameters of acceptable behavior are.

I can determine that on my own. That's exactly the warfare. Just as Satan came in and tempted Adam and Eve with this thought, and they bought into this thought, and they stepped outside of the parameters of the protection of God, and look at the heartache that came into humanity because of it.

Look at the heartache that visited their own home when one of their sons became a murderer and murdered his brother. Oh, no, the devil never paints the whole picture. He only paints a little piece of the

canvas, and it's always the little piece that's got sunshine in it.

He never paints the side that has death, the side that has decay and despair and depression and addiction and hopelessness and broken families and tears and sorrow. He never paints that side of the canvas. He only paints the sunny side first.

The Bible tells us in the book of Romans, chapter 1, what a society looks like that falls into spiritual decline when people can no longer and will no longer hear the words of God, when a rebellion gets a hold of a people, whether it's through ignorance or whether it's deliberate or just simply through neglect. Listen to what Paul writes and describes as the spiritual and moral decline of any society that chooses to follow in the same footsteps that those in the days of Noah decided to walk in. Verse 18 of Romans 1 says, The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth or hold down the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.

Folks, listen to me. I've been here 21 years in America. I came here in 1994 at the invitation of Pastor David Wilkerson, and I remember coming here thinking, what an incredible nation this is.

The freedom here. I remember people out on the streets dressed in some kind of costume literally cursing people up and down as they walked by, and I thought, where in America would you be allowed to do this? Where I'd come from, you'd be arrested and thrown in a loony bin for what these guys and girls were doing. But in 21 years, I have witnessed the moral decline of this nation.

I've witnessed something that terrifies my heart. I've watched a whole generation taken captive by ungodly thought and moved away from the very fabric of what makes a nation strong and what makes a people truly virtuous. Verse 19 says, What may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.

There is no reason for the spiritual ignorance that is being displayed in this nation today. For since the creation of the world, His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they're without excuse. Because although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God.

Verse 21, Nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man, birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness in the lusts of their hearts to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever.

Amen. For this reason, God gave them up to vile passions, for even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature, and likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman burned in their lust one for another, with men committing that which is shameful and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind to do things that are not fitting.

You see, here's the point. They didn't want to retain God in their knowledge. They wanted the name of God eradicated from their society.

They wanted the name of Jesus only to be a curse word in G-rated movies. This is what they wanted of God. They wanted everything that would remind them of the one who had blessed them taken out of their coasts.

We look in the testimony of Scripture and remember the man in the Gettering Cemetery that was set free by Jesus Christ from a thousand devils, a man that nobody could tame, and yet when he went into the society and made his testimony of what God had done, the Scripture says the whole town came out and they encouraged Jesus to leave their borders and do his work somewhere else. Oh, how history repeats itself. God comes, sets a people free, gives blessing and power, gives knowledge and understanding, and we do the same thing in ignorance that many before have done, saying, thank you for what you did, but would you mind leaving our borders? We'll take it from here now.

Would you mind letting us alone? We don't want you interrupting our good lifestyle. We don't want you interrupting our commerce, our pursuit of life, our ideas of liberty and happiness. We choose to embrace these things as we envision them to be, not as your Word says that they are.

Verse 29 says, being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness, full of envy, murder, deceit, strife, evil-mindedness, whispers, backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents. Sounds like the news. Undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful, who knowing the righteous judgment of God that those who practice such things are deserving of death.

Not only do the same, but also approve of those who practice them. Not wanting God in our thoughts. It will always lead to the same place.

You know the definition of a fool is somebody who does the same thing over and over again, and every time expecting different results. The pattern is there. The history is there.

It's not hidden. Like Paul said in Romans 1, we know it. We have history books.

At least something of history might be left. We've seen what's happened to other societies who've done exactly what this society is now attempting to do. You know, in the days of Noah, God looked down, and it repented of him.

He was sorry in his heart for what he had created. And the scripture tells us in Matthew chapter 24, Jesus talks about the days of Noah. It says, But as the days of Noah were, so will also the coming of the Son of Man be.

He's now talking about the return of Jesus Christ. And he likens it to the days of Noah. Now I want you to listen carefully to this.

As in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying, giving, and marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark. And they did not know until the flood came and took them all away. So also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

They had no idea how short their time was. Every day passing by this visible testimony of God that was set before them, there was a place of mercy. Peter in the New Testament calls Noah a preacher of righteousness.

I'm sure he most likely stood there inviting people into this place of safety prepared by God. But the society around him, their thoughts were so encapsulated in rebellion against God, that even though they could recognize that this was something supernatural, this was something sovereign, they couldn't embrace it. And they had no idea in their minds they were marrying, they were giving in marriage, in their minds they were righteous, they were committed, they were committing one to another.

What possible issue could God have with this? They were feasting as if there was a million tomorrows. Folks, do you know how close we are to the coming of Jesus Christ? The Bible tells us we don't know the very day or the hour, but we're not children of darkness that that day should overtake us as a thief. Can you see it? Do you understand that we're on the threshold of the return of Christ now? He's right at the door.

I can hear his footsteps coming. There's something in my heart that's saying get your lamp out, trim your lamp, get ready. Behold the bridegroom is coming.

Go out to meet him. That's got to be the cry of the church now. The bridegroom is coming, go out to meet him.

Get oil in your lamp, get ready. The Son of God is coming. The world as we know it is coming to an end.

It's all coming to an end. This insanity in the Middle East, a nation now rising against nation, calamities coming upon the earth just as Jesus said they would. All leading to this definitive moment.

Folks, the ungodly know that Christ is coming. There's something in the hearts of every man, woman, and child that knows the hour we're living in. We're living in the season of Christ's return.

I fully expect this event scripture calls the rapture of the church of Jesus Christ. I expect it to happen any day now. Even in the church of Jesus Christ there's a dullness in much, not all, thank God.

I'm not standing here to indict the body of Christ. It's not my job. I'm telling you there's many places where the people in God's house are just as blind as the people outside of God's house.

The last king of Babylon was called Belteshazzar. He had a history. He knew God.

God had dealt with one of his forefathers severely to show that man that the kingdoms belonged to God and he sits on the throne whom he chooses and he takes off whom he chooses. That knowledge was not hidden from him, but yet he chose to take the holy things of God that had been taken out of Solomon's temple in Jerusalem. He threw a feast for all of his friends and all of his family and they put wine in these vessels and they began to party and they praised the gods of gold and silver and stone and wood and then suddenly the writing of a hand appears on a wall.

It's sovereign and they know that God's trying to speak, but nobody in the room can understand what it says and that's what happens when you begin to party with the holy things of God. When you take lightly the cross of Jesus Christ. When that kind of a spirit gets a hold of God's people, they open the book, but they can't understand it.

The hand of God wrote this book. Through the apostle Paul, through Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, it was a human hand, but it was the hand of God superimposed over them that wrote the words of this book. And when people take lightly this salvation, when Christ is only just an add-on to an already set in motion

life plan, when Jesus is no more than a song on Sunday and fire in church for the rest of the week, when there's no living relationship, men and women don't read their Bible because they can't understand it.

And that's what happens with the party crowd. The Jesus party crowd. That's what happens to them.

That's what's happening in this generation. Oh, how unaware they're going to be. How caught off guard many are going to be.

When all hell begins to break out and they'd stand in their congregation and say, Preacher, you told me that if I would come to Jesus, it would be nothing but wealth and health and happiness and prosperity and a bigger slice of the pie. You lied to me. And so they called for the men of God.

They knew there was a man of God still left in the kingdom. And Daniel stood before Belshazzar and all of his entourage. And he said, here's what God's word says.

You've been weighed into balance and you've been found wanting. And God has numbered the days of your kingdom and finished it. And even though you stand in a place of power and authority, your kingdom is over.

He's given it to somebody else. Another nation is going to take your place. Now, the interesting thing is the servant of God stood there and the words of God were clear.

There was no ambiguity. There was no misunderstanding. But this king Belshazzar and possibly many who were with him, they could recognize truth but strangely couldn't hear it.

They could recognize it. You could be sitting here this morning and you could recognize that man's speaking from God. The words that he speaks, I know they're true.

But you can't be moved to change your behavior through it. You can't be moved to bend your knee. You can't be moved to say my ways are not God's ways.

It's a strange affliction of those who have played games with the holy things of God. The ability to recognize truth but a lack of ability to embrace what they recognize. Daniel stands before Belshazzar and says your kingdom is over.

Your season of ruling is finished. Your military might is not going to save you now. And he stands before Belshazzar and tells him your kingdom is done.

It's been given to somebody else. And what does Belshazzar do? He commands his servants around him. He says promote Daniel to the third highest ruler in the kingdom.

Put a gold chain on his neck and put new robes on his back. So here he is. Daniel's just standing there.

It must have been so incredulous. This foolish king was decorating him while the enemies were right at the gate. Recognizing and decorating and honoring a man who spoke the truth but yet unwilling to bend his knee to what he was hearing.

Psalm 10 verse 4 says the wicked in his proud countenance does not seek God. God is in none of his thoughts. If you are able to be under conviction, thank God for it.

If you are living in sin and you are bothered by it, thank God that you are bothered. That means God is still in your thoughts. God is still with you.

God is still fighting for you. The danger is that when God is no longer in your thoughts, when you send away the day of grace as they used to preach years ago in the house of God, when you've so resisted God then finally he's just withdrawn. Say okay have it your way.

Live your way. Create your own system of right and wrong. Don't bend your knee to God.

And he walks away. And a man who lives in evil starts thinking he's doing good. He even begins to think that heaven might be his home when it's all over.

God is no longer in any of his thoughts. As in the days of Noah, his thoughts are continuously evil. He doesn't think they're evil.

But when you have expelled God from the borders of your mind, there's nothing left but that which is created out of the human spirit, which in contrast to the holiness of God, of course, is evil. Psalm 15 verses 1 and 2 tells us the person who speaks the truth in his heart will be given the power to stand no matter the difficulty of the time. That's why Hebrews chapter 3 and 4 three times says today if you will hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.

If you can still hear God, don't harden your heart. If God is in your thoughts, if God is fighting against that which wants to occupy your mind, if you feel like there's a war going on inside of your head, thank God there is a war. That means two opposing sides are still there.

When there's no longer a war you've either given into one side or the other. But thank God there's a war. Thank God that those of us who know him, we can't do wrong without being convicted of the Holy Spirit immediately.

That what we're doing is dishonoring to God. We can't speak something we shouldn't speak without. You can't even, if I say something I shouldn't say, I can't get from here to the end of the platform without him suddenly talking hey wait a minute, get back here, we've got to talk about something.

Thank God. Thank God. We all struggle with our thoughts.

We all battle. Despair knocks on every door. Depression tries to find, lust comes to every mind.

The tendency to want to exaggerate, embellish or outright lie comes to every person. We want to be angry. We want to hate those that persecute us and speak evil of us.

We fight in our minds, but the difference is that the true believer God is in our thoughts. God is with us in our thoughts. He is touched with the feelings of our infirmities.

He's not aloof. He's not angry. He's not critical.

He doesn't stand as judge. He stands as the one who says come to me in your time of struggle. Come quickly to the throne of grace that I may help you in your time of need.

God is with us in our thoughts. I thank the Lord for that with all my heart. He promises us victory and power to withstand the downward pull of this fallen generation.

There is a huge downward pull to conform now in this generation. We are living in a time very much like Daniel's time when statues are being raised up of what man says. This is what the image of society should look like.

When you hear the music you better bow or you're going to suffer for it. God is the only one who can give us the power to stand. God is the one, because the Bible says in 2 Corinthians 10 verses 4 and 5, the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God and bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

The weapons of our warfare are not carnal. The weapons of our warfare are mighty. The weapons of our warfare God gives us through faith in the finished victory of Christ on the cross.

He gives us the power to pull down these thoughts that would try to rise up and exalt themselves above the knowledge of God. Whether they're coming in from the outside or they're coming in from the inside. As Paul said, I've got fightings without and fears within.

It doesn't matter where they come from. God promises me the power to pull them down. I can walk in the light of scripture.

I can walk in the truth of God. I can stand in an evil day. I can be given authority to make a difference even though everything around me looks like it's going the other way.

You might seem like the only fish in the stream going upstream and everybody else is going the opposite direction. But God says I've given you weaponry and power to pull down these strongholds and to cast down these arguments and all these high things that have exalted themselves against the knowledge of God and to bring these thoughts into captivity. That's why it's so important to win the battle of the mind.

That is the battle ground that we've got to fight on now. And that's where the battle must be won. Because we are all that is left to stay the hand of God's judgment on this nation.

Hear me on this. We're all that's left. There's no political party.

There's no new preacher. There's nothing going to happen. This nation is on a collision course with almighty God himself.

And there's nothing left to stop it from where it's going but you and me. Coming in boldly as Hebrews tells us to do to the throne room of grace and saying God I'm not here just for myself. Thank you God for winning this victory but I'm here for my city.

I'm here for my family. I'm here for my friends. I'm here for my enemies.

I'm here God. For those that don't even know who you are. I'm here to cast down in the name of Jesus Christ the thoughts that are holding them captive and keeping them from the salvation that's freely offered them in Christ Jesus.

That's why folks we've got to pray like we've never prayed before. This is not an hour to play. It's an hour to pray.

It's an hour to come into the throne room of God. It's an hour to be filled with faith. It's an hour to stand like Moses stood before Pharaoh and say no deals with you.

It's an hour to come to the throne of God not in our strength but in our weakness. Not with a history of our faithfulness but with a recognition that God's mercy has covered everything that we've done to offend his name. Coming into that throne room of grace in the midst of our recognition of our own poverty and our own need.

Not coming in with arrogance. Not coming in knowing everything but knowing this one thing that there's only one name given under heaven whereby men might be saved. Coming in and believing that when we pray God hears us.

If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray I'll hear from heaven. I'll forgive their sin and I'll heal their land. Jesus said now my eyes will be opened and my ears will be listening for the prayer that is prayed in this place.

It's time to pray folks. It's time to pray. It's not about a program.

I'm not talking about a program. It's time to pray. It's life or death for people now.

It's time to pray. We've come to the very border of becoming a godless nation. It's time to pray.

It's time for you and I to go down on our knees and begin to petition God. It's time for us to make a decision as Joshua said to the people of his day. If it seemed difficult for you to serve the Lord choose this day whom you're going to serve.

But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. Choose this day. Choose this day.

Choose this day whom you're going to serve. Choose to stand. Choose to be a light.

Choose to be a man and woman of prayer. Choose to be in right relationship with men and God. Choose to do it God's way.

Choose to walk inside of the boundaries of the text of scripture. Choose it with all your heart. Only the prayer meeting can save America.

Nothing else is going to make a difference. We are all that's left. As Aaron once did, we're the only thing that stands between a rebellious people and the wrath of a holy God.

We have played away our day of grace in this nation. We have snubbed our noses at God too long. We've entered into the fields of the fatherless forgetting that God's word says 50 million babies have been aborted in this nation.

And we're going into the schools of those we didn't kill in the womb and telling them there is no God. We have entered into the fields of the fatherless. And God says when you do that I will rise up and defend them.

We've crossed the line in this society. The only thing left is the prayer meeting. The only thing left is you and I. Going again to our knees with lives as much as we know, walking in obedience to what God has asked us to do and with hearts filled with faith and with a passion in our heart that says oh God oh God

this is my prayer most every morning now.

I say Lord if New York City if people in this city go to hell let it be because they had a choice. Let it be because they knew and rejected the truth. But don't let anybody end up there who never heard.

I pray God for an awakening in this city and every church. I don't care what name's on the door anymore oh Jesus son of God visit the people who come to your house. Visit our parks, our businesses, our schools.

Visit us God as you've done in the days of old. I know what God can do. I know he can visit this society.

It looks so big to us. It looks so insurmountable but that's always the way it's been throughout the course of history. Enemy armies gather.

They've got the superior armor. They've got the upper side seeming to have all the advantage and all God's people have left his faith. It's so ironic we start we end up where we should have started and we turn to him again.

The only hope for America folks is a spiritual awakening where men and women wake up where the church of Christ wakes up where we begin to realize where we are what we have done. Begin to understand that it's not God's heart to judge it's in God's heart to be merciful and his mercy will be there until we reach the point where our thoughts are continuously evil. As the people of God, it's so important now that our minds become shrouded in this book and as Paul said, whatever is of virtue, whatever is of good report, whatever is praiseworthy, whatever is lovely think on these things and the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly.

It's time to get out of the seat of the scornful It's time to stop associating with sinners if we're associating for any other reason but winning them to Christ. It's time to make the break folks. It's time to get oil in our lamps.

We don't have that long. Mad men are eventually going to get access to weapons of destruction. That's a given.

It's only a matter of time. Do you know that New York City is the number one target of most of these insane people? How long do you think we have? And the number one target in New York City is Times Square. Where are we? Of all people, we should be praying more than anybody else.

I'm not trying to scare you. I'm trying to stir you. We're going home soon.

Soon and very soon we're going to see the king. Whether Christ returns for us or we go to him first, I don't know. But soon and very soon we're going to see the king.

I want to challenge you to pray like you've never prayed before. Stand for God like you've never stood before. You have to have a vision of yourself.

You have to see how important you are to the kingdom of God. I'm talking to everybody here. You are important to the kingdom of God.

You are the only one that stands between your family and the judgment of God. Do you understand that? You're the only one that stands between God and this boss that you hate and workers that stab you in the

back. They're going to a Christless eternity.

Do you understand? You're the only one left. There's nobody else. They're not going to hear it anywhere else.

There's only one person left standing that can separate them from death eternally and it's you. And don't underestimate the power of the prayer meeting. You're going to see that tonight.

A man in this church from the very inception of this church who hated God, who hated preachers, who railed on everything we did here, screamed at us out on the street, threatened to bomb us, and yet gave his life to Jesus Christ just a few months ago. All things are possible to him who believes. Are we in the minority? Yes, absolutely as Christians.

But I want to remind you that all through history, Gideon, Esther, Moses, David, and the list goes on and on of God waiting until there was no chance but his own intervention and all he wanted and searched for is somebody who would believe him. Somebody who would come into his presence and say, I don't care how big Goliath's mouth is. He has defied the armies of the living God.

You don't do that without a consequence. You don't boast against God without a consequence. You don't stand against God without a consequence.

Oh, we're about to reap the whirlwind. But I pray that your prayer be as mine is. Let there be an awakening.

An awakening where people just wake up and begin to realize I've got to get right with God. My prayer is, Oh God, turn our park benches in Central Park into prayer meetings. Turn businesses and schools into prayer meetings.

Just come sovereignly. Come powerfully. Come in a way that nobody could touch the glory.

Nobody could say I did this because of something I did. Nobody could touch the glory. Let it just be the mercy of almighty God that touches this city in these last moments of time.

You see, that's why there's such a battle in your mind right now. The devil fears you going into the prayer closet with faith. The devil fears a surrendered life because his kingdom has been destroyed and demolished throughout history.

He knows that. He's been alive a lot longer than you and I. And he knows what happens when somebody's abandoned to the purposes of God. My other call this morning is very simple.

God helped me to win the battle in my mind. It's for the person who says I'm not going to pretend there isn't a battle there. There is.

I want to be happy. I want to live in comfort. I struggle in some areas in my life.

And the devil tries to tell me I'm never going to get the victory. It's never going to change. But that's not what the word of God says.

And today, it's just people getting up and coming to the front of this auditorium or wherever you're listening and saying, Lord, I just have to trust you. There's a raging battle in my mind. I have to trust God that if I

choose to go in the direction of your word, that you will be my strength and my deliverer and my high tower.

That will become my testimony. You will fill this vessel with oil, that there will be light in me. For you told us we're the light of the world.

That I'll not be a marginal player, standing terrified on a hilltop in the last moments of society as we know it, but I will be, as David was, one of those running down to face the giant. I will stand before Pharaoh like Moses did. I will be a man, I'll be a woman of prayer.

I will believe when nothing my natural eye sees can show me a way to victory. I will believe in my heart for the words that you've spoken to me. I will stand for those who don't have the voice to cry out for themselves.

I will stand for this young generation who are despairing and don't even know there's a God. I will stand for them. I will pray for them.

I will believe you, God, for them. I will stand and believe for an awakening in a nation. When everything in the natural stands against it, I will stand and believe it.

Even you, God, said to Ezekiel, I sought for a man that I should not have to judge the nation. Oh, God, let that be us, each of us, that we would stand in the places that we're given and win the battle of our mind. Father, I thank you for this with all my heart.

I praise you for it. In Jesus' name. And we're going to stand in just a moment.

And for those who really want to win this battle of the mind, you just, you want to win it. I want to walk with God. I want to make a difference.

I want my life to count. I want to have oil for this generation. I want to be a city set on a hill that cannot be hidden.

If that's the cry of your heart, I'm going to ask you to slip out of your seat, wherever you are, and just come and join with me here in front of this altar. We're going to pray together. In the annex, do the same.

North Jersey campus and at home. Just stand up in your living room. Let's stand together, please.

You can go to either exit in the balcony. Thank God. Thank God.

Thank God. We're going to worship just for a few moments. Then we'll come back and we'll pray together.

Praise God. Say hi. This is Tyler Thomas.

His dad plays the piano here. this is what we're fighting for, folks. For Tyler and probably hundreds of thousands other Tylers in this nation who are being raised and told there is no God.

This is what we're fighting for. You tell me now if it's not a battle we're fighting. If it's not worth you and I making the break from everything that holds us captive and making the choice to live for God, to be poured out for the sake of others, and to believe that these little ones, thousands and thousands of these little ones, will one day stand and praise God for all of eternity.

That's the cry of my heart. Can you wait? Can you wait? I don't know about you but I'm not letting them go without a fight. I'm not letting the devil have this generation.

You know, Moses was all alone, just him and his brother. People were of a doubtful mind, but he stood before Pharaoh and said, no deal, we all go. We go, our kids go.

Do you want to turn around and see the people over there? Do you want to remind them? What is it that you're looking for? Hey, can you sing? Can you sing? Is he singing any songs? You sing Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world. Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in the sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world.

There they are. There's everybody. There they are.

Can you wave? Can you wave and say hi to everybody? Father, we dedicate these little ones to you. God, we ask you in Jesus' name give us the grace and the strength to live as men and women of God. Give us spiritual power and authority to stand against the forces of darkness that stand against this generation.

Help us, Lord, to recognize that this is a battle for the souls of men and women and children. Help us, God, to live outside of our own comforts and our own view of success and what our lives should be and to embrace the will that you have for us. Help us to understand your word when we read it.

Give us faith in our hearts and give us power in our prayers. Oh, Jesus, Son of God. Oh, Jesus, Son of God.

I come to you today simply because I know who you are. I know your heart. I know your heart.

So, God, give us the power we need, Lord, to stand in this generation. Give us victory in our minds. And we thank you for it, God, with all of our heart.

In Jesus' name. Hallelujah.

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