

Looking Unto Jesus

by Corrie Ten Boom

This sermon emphasizes the importance of looking unto Jesus and being a mirror of his joy and love, and encourages listeners to repent of their sins and walk in the light with others.

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Description

Corrie Ten Boom emphasizes the importance of looking unto Jesus as the source of strength and hope, sharing her experiences during World War II and the transformative power of faith. She encourages believers to focus on Christ rather than their circumstances, fears, or failures, reminding them that Jesus is the author and finisher of their faith. Corrie illustrates how looking to Jesus can bring peace and purpose, even in the darkest times, and calls for a life of surrender to God's will. She highlights the joy of forgiveness and the necessity of walking in the light, urging everyone to reflect the love of Christ in a troubled world.

Transcript

This has been here a little over a week, and this is her last meeting, and it's about the 25th time that she's spoken. And there are twice as many people and groups that want her. So I'm so thrilled, too, that this was all set up before she got here, so there was no chance of her not being with you this evening.

I met Ms. Ten Boom a year ago in Washington amongst the congressional members and the diplomat members, and she spoke to us all there at the time, the presidential prayer breakfast and the congressional-wise prayer breakfast. And after the impact she made on my own life, and as I looked through the sea of women, seven or eight hundred women, congressional-wise, generals-wise, diplomats-wise, and saw the impact her message had with them, I rushed up and I said, Do you ever come west? And out of this comes this meeting, and we've been praying about it for a year. So you know what a great joy it is to me to be able to introduce her.

And I speak of her being used through the congressional members in Washington. I want to tell you that she was knighted by the Queen of Holland for her work, and it's a very great thing that the Queen, she was knighted for two reasons. One, for her work during World War II.

She saved the lives of hundreds and hundreds of Jews. And she was also knighted for the fact that she brings the gospel to the world. Isn't that great when a country will knight someone for this reason, the most important reason in the world, and overlooked in most countries as being the most important? But as I speak about this, I want to also mention that her ministry isn't only way up here with the people who are the leaders in the countries, but I myself have seen her address prisoners, and I know that she has brought the gospel to the feeble-minded.

She did this in World War II, knowing that it doesn't take an IQ to know God's plan in Christ, and she's brought joy and purpose and peace in the lives of the feeble-minded. And if you could see her in the prison, you'd know how God has used this woman who was in prison herself. I could tell you many things about her, but I'm sure you've never met anyone who organized a kidnapping of 100 babies, which she did when she heard the Nazis were going to kill the babies in an orphanage.

She organized that 100 were kidnapped and placed in homes within 24 hours. Tonight you're just going to see one fraction of a most marvelous life, the life of one who really loves her enemies. We think of our enemies, but we don't know what it is to face those who've killed our family and to love them.

So here we see not theory of God's Word. We see the fact of it, and you're going to love her as the world does. She has a ministry all over the world of all kinds and all types and all nationalities.

So we are thrilled, and we're thrilled for this quiet, lovely group tonight. You've been chatty, but we've been in such mobs, and Miss Tenbyn was just saying, isn't this lovely and restful? And so she's enjoying the fact that she's going to speak to you, too. I want to tell you a little bit about our books because everywhere we go people want our books, so we bring them along.

And they're small. She has three, Not Good If Detached, Amazing Love, and A Prisoner And Yet, and then a little book, But Of Common Sense Not Needed. This is the way she spoke to and could bring the good news to the feeble-minded.

I want to tell you about A Prisoner And Yet. Right here I have a copy that's 15 years old that was given to the mother of one of your members. It was given to Mrs. Fullerton.

And it was signed by Corrie Tenbyn in March of 1948. Here this book, and it's been read by many, many people, Mrs. Fullerton said, for 15 years. So you see these books have a wonderful ministry.

And the proceeds from the books go to a wonderful center in Africa, a Christian center where all sorts of retreats will be made, internationally, inter-nominal, interracial, in every way. This is only one of the many, many ministries that Miss Tenbyn has. So I'll have these books over there at the table afterwards if you're interested.

And if you want three books, then Miss Tenbyn likes to give this little one with it. So I won't take any more time, but it's with great pleasure that I turn over to you, Corrie Tenbyn. Thank you very much for that kind way of introducing me.

If there are some of you who would like to keep contact with me afterwards, then give your name and address printed on the paper on the book table, and I will send you. It is harvest time. That is a little paper that I sent to about 30,000 people in the world.

This afternoon, when I was with the other business, Christian business women's group, came a lady to me, and she said, Do you know that you were ten years ago in our house in Tokyo during a cyclone? I said, Yes, I remember it. It was a cyclone, you say? Cyclone. Cyclone.

It was a cyclone, and I could hardly reach the house of a missionary. I was on the way to a nurse's fellowship, but there was no way to come there, and then I had to stay there 24 hours because it was just pouring and pouring rain and storm, and more than 1,000 people were killed during that cyclone. And this lady came here this afternoon, and she said, Do you know that every two months I read your little paper? And so I know everything.

And I like it when people give their name and address for that paper. I don't ask money for that, but if you like to do it, I like that. Sometimes you pray for me, for I need very much prayer.

This week here has been unusually blessed, and I'm sure it was because a year long people have been praying here for my coming. And when Christians pray, then the devil has not much chance to come in between when God will speak. And now I will read to you Hebrew 12, 1 and 2, from the translation of Philips.

Surrounded then as we are by serious ranks of witnesses, let us strip off everything that hinders us, as well as the sin which dogs our feet, and let us run the race that we have to run with patience, our eyes fixed on Jesus, the source and the goal of our faith. For he himself endured a cross, and thought nothing of its shame, because of the joy he knew would follow his suffering. And he is now seated at the right hand of God's throne.

Think constantly of him, enduring all that sinful men could say against him, and you will not lose your purpose or your courage. Let us just pray a moment. Open our eyes, dear Lord, that we may see the far vast riches of eternity.

Help us to look beyond life's little cares, so prone to fret us, and the grief that wears our courage thin. Oh, may we tune our hearts with thy great harmony, that all the paths may always be in perfect sweet accord. Give us thy own clear vision, blessed Lord.

In Jesus' name. Amen. Some time ago, I had a little accident in my hometown.

It was not so very serious, but it was so that I could not walk. My hip was not broken, but hurt, wounded. A policeman helped to carry me into a car.

Now, when a policeman in Holland does a job, always his little notebook comes, and he must write a report. So he said, What's your name? I said, Corrie ten Boom. He said, Ten Boom? Are you a member of that family that we arrested ten years ago? I said, Yes.

You must understand that the good Dutch policemen remained in their job in the police station. These stations were in the hands, of course, of the Germans, but these Dutch policemen remained there with the purpose to help us political prisoners. And God blessed them for all the help they have given to us.

And now this man told, after ten years, I was on duty that night that your father, with all his children, a grandson and 50 friends, were brought into a police station. You were all sitting on the floor. There were no chairs in that police station.

And he said there was an atmosphere as if there was a feast instead of that most of you realized that they had to die sometimes later. My father died in prison, my brother, his son, my sister, and many of my friends. And he said, I often tell my friends how your father said.

That old man, he was 84 years old when he came in prison, and ten days later he died. But this policeman told, your father said, let us have a word of prayer together before we try to sleep. And then he read Psalm 91.

After ten years this man knew what father had read, that Psalm, he that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. When I come in heaven, I am going to ask father a question. I like to use my fantasy a little bit about heaven, do you? And you know, when you have a very good fantasy, the reality is a trillion and more times greater than you can imagine and think.

So we can just go ahead. But one thing I know from the Bible, and that is that we will know each other. In that story on the Mount of Transfiguration, where Jesus was together with Moses and Elijah and the disciples, I do not read that Jesus said, may I introduce you, my disciples, Moses and Elijah.

Oh, no. But the disciples knew that is Moses and that's Elijah. How did they know that? Because these two had celestial bodies.

In heaven, we will know each other far better than here. Now, when I see father, I will say, Dad, do you remember that last time that we were together in the police station in the Smedestraat in Haarlem? And I'm almost sure that father will say, yes. I remember that very well.

It was the last time that we were together. Then I will ask, see, do you remember that policeman that was on duty? And it is very possible that father will say, policeman. No, I don't remember that.

You know, father has not thought that even that night, now I must do or say something to be a blessing for a policeman. No, father lived very relaxed till the last day of his life. I heard that from fellow prisoners who have met him the day before he died.

But, you know, father's whole life was turned towards Jesus. And there is written in 2 Corinthians 3.18, We all with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed unto the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord the Spirit. A mirror doesn't do much.

It stands or hangs in the right direction and then it does its job. You and I have not to do so much. We have just to look in the right direction.

And then the Lord will use us. I am sure that there is a great possibility that when you enter the beautiful city and the saints all around you appear, that several people will tell you, it was you that invited me here. But you will say, I, when did I tell you about heaven? And then you will find out, oh, that was the time that I so really looked unto Jesus.

So let us look unto Jesus and he will use us to be mirrors of his joy and love. I looked at Jesus, unto Jesus, and the dove of peace flew into my heart. I looked unto the dove of peace and he flew away.

Mother K. Hamm once has said, when I pick up the newspapers, then I get scared. And after I read what man is intending to do, then I pick up the Bible and I read what God is intending to do. How necessary it is for you and me to look now in the right direction.

The newspapers really can scare us. But when we look at the Bible, I can tell you if I had never believed in the Bible, I should now believe in the word of God when I read the newspapers. For everything that is said that will happen in the last days before Jesus comes, you can now read in the newspapers.

And it is good that we know the secret of God's plan. We are citizens of heaven. Our outlook goes beyond this world to the hopeful expectation of our coming Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

When we read the newspapers, we see an embroidery like this, a mixed-up pattern. But in the Bible, we read the secret of God's plan. And there we know that God has plans, no problems with this world.

There is never a panic in heaven. And in Ephesians 1, we read, God has allowed us to know the secret of his plan. And it is this he purposes in his sovereign will that all human history will be consummated in Christ, that everything that exists in heaven or earth shall find its perfection and fulfillment in him.

And here's the staggering thing, that in all which will one day belong to him, we have been promised a share. Yes, the best is yet to be. We read in the Bible that this world, this world will be covered with the knowledge of God, like the waters cover the bottom of the sea.

And the Lord Jesus said, in the world you will have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world. And this is the time of which Jesus said, look up, your liberation nearest. Yes, in Romans 8.21, we read, the whole of created life will be rescued from the tyranny of change and decay and have a share in that magnificent liberty which can only belong to the children of God.

It is plain to anyone with eyes to see that at the present time all created life groans in a sort of universal travail which can only belong to the children of God. Are you a child of God? If you are not, then I can tell you how you can become one. The Bible tells when we receive Jesus, he gives us the power to become a child of God.

We can come to Jesus, but only when we are sinners. Pharisees who say, I am good, the Lord Jesus cannot help and cannot save. But when people come to him and say, I am a sinner, then Jesus says, come unto me, I will give you forgiveness of your sins.

I died for your sins at the cross. And when we are willing to repent from our sins and bring them to the Lord Jesus, oh, it is a joy to read what Jesus does with your sins. After you have received him as your savior and you bring him your sins, he casts them into the depths of the sea, forgiven and forgotten.

And I am sure he put a sign, no fishing allowed. That's what Jesus will do with your sins. Isn't that a joy? Some people are a little bit afraid for that decision.

And indeed, it is life's greatest decision to receive Jesus as your savior. It is so important that even the angels in heaven rejoice for your soul is very precious in God's eyes and therefore also in the eyes of the angels. But some people say, oh, I cannot do that, for when I look at myself, I know that I have never the faith and the strength to be a good Christian.

And when I look around me, I know in my job, in my family, it is very difficult to be a Christian. But you know, it is the question where you look. Look unto Jesus.

There was a little mouse that was threatened by a broom in a kitchen. And that little mouse did not look at the broom that was used by a woman who would kill him. He did not look at his little weak feet, but he

looked at the hole in the wall.

And that was good, for he disappeared in the hole in the wall before the broom could kill him. That hole in the wall is Jesus. When you look unto your little weak feet and to your perseverance and your endurance and your faith, then you have no courage to say yes to Jesus.

When you look unto the circumstances and then you say, oh, no, I can never do it, just look at the hole in the wall into Jesus and the great joy is that when you look unto Jesus and when you throw yourself into his arms, then he takes care for your little weak feet and for the broom and for all the difficult circumstances. So let us look unto Jesus, always unto him. Our iniquities hinder us to look up, and therefore it is very necessary that we take care that we always repent of our sins.

Here we have read in this translation the sins that dog our feet. But also our iniquities hinder us to look in the right direction. Therefore the moment that you know that there is something between you and God or someone else and you, immediately bring it to the Lord.

I was in Africa, and I met these people who walked in the light. They taught it to us. And we saw they're Christians who were so happy and so really always so gay and so full of joy.

And then we asked them, how can you be always so full of joy? And they said, we walk in the light. And they opened their Bible and they read 1 John 1, 7. If we walk in the light like Jesus is in the light, we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all the sins we confess. And I learned a great lesson there.

When there's something between Connie van Hoogstraten and me, Connie van Hoogstraten is my fellow worker who goes with me around the world, and we are night and day together. Often we have the same bedroom, and we travel together, and it is a great joy. But in the beginning it was a little bit difficult because Connie and I have both our characters, and we know what we will.

And then it was a little bit friction. And then in Africa we learned, they asked us, do you walk in the light together? And first we said yes, but then we thought it was not true. There were several things that were between us.

And do you know, now when there is something between Connie and me, immediately we go to each other and say, say, I'm sorry. Will you forgive me that? And then we pray and say, Father, forgive me this sin in Jesus' name. And you know, that's walking in the light, and we have a very good work together.

Do you walk in the light with your husband, with your colleague, with your chief, with your teenage son and daughter, with your neighbor? If you do not, then begin a new chapter, a chapter where you walk in the light and look in the right direction. And you can walk in the light because Jesus walks in the light. If you have never made that first decision for the Lord Jesus, then I invite you to do it tonight.

And if you have a little bit problem that you think, yes, but how do I do that? Then stay a little bit longer, and one of us will help you. And perhaps your friend who brought you here will help you. And I know that most of you are Christians, and now I have a word for you who have invited a friend here tonight.

After we have spoken, have a little talk with her and say, did you receive the Lord Jesus, or will you do it? And then be a good counselor. You know, that's such a joy that we all can be good counselors. And even you, when you have received the Lord Jesus, you can bring other people to the Lord because everyone

can point to Jesus and look at Jesus.

And Jesus makes you moon. Do you know what I mean? The sun gives the light from itself. A moon doesn't do anything than reflect the sun of the moon and even when you receive the Lord Jesus this very evening, you can reflect the light of Jesus Christ.

And the world needs so very much the mirrors of Jesus' joy, for the world is very poor. Look in the right direction. When I was in the concentration camp, people were so cruel, and I remember that when we stood on roll call in the icy cold mornings, often from 3.30 till 6.30, the guards who were on duty used that time sometimes to demonstrate their cruelties.

One morning I could hardly bear to see and to hear what had happened in front of me. And suddenly a skylark came and started to sing in the sky and all the prisoners looked up and listened to the bird's song. And when I looked at the bird, I looked at the sky and I thought at Psalm 103 where the poet says, As high is heaven over the earth, so high is God's mercy and love over all that fear him.

And suddenly I saw it. Oh, love of God, how deep and great, far deeper than man's deepest hate. And God sent that skylark three weeks daily, exactly during roll call time, to turn our eyes away from the cruelty of man and to the ocean of God's love.

Oh, it is so important that we look in the right direction in this time. I see so many people who are so very afraid for the communists and they have reason to be afraid. But it is very good to look not only on the communists but unto Jesus.

I was in Berlin and there was not yet the wall in Berlin and so the people from East Berlin came often to our meetings. Once I was in the YWCA and there came a woman from East Berlin. She was a nervous wreck.

And when she sat down, she said to me, don't forget that somewhere a communist is now listening for what we say. I looked at her and I knew that was nonsense. She was not in East Germany.

But she said, oh, the communists are everywhere and I'm sure there is a little machine here that they can listen and hear every word what we can say. I saw that she was really a nervous wreck. And I prayed the Lord for wisdom.

And I didn't say it is not true, for I knew that that shouldn't have helped her. But the Lord gave me to say this to her. Is that so? Is there a communist listening? She said, perhaps more than one.

I said, my, what an opportunity. Wait a moment. And I said, communists who are listening, I have to tell you something.

Do you know that there is an ocean of love available for you because Jesus came to this world to save us? And do you know that he has carried your sins at the cross? And you can be saved, but salvation is a gift. And you can give a gift only to one with an outspread hand. And communists, when you come to Jesus, he will in no wise cast you away, and he will make you very happy.

Do you know what it is to receive Jesus? Say, listen, communists. Do you know what it is? That means that you throw yourself into an ocean of God's love. Have you ever thrown a bottle into an ocean, an empty bottle? Immediately it was filled and surrounded by the ocean water.

And now when you throw yourself in the arms of Jesus, you will be filled and surrounded by the ocean water. And so I just gave that communist a good talk. And I wish you had seen that lady.

Her whole expression was relaxed. And she smiled and she said, Oh, I've never thought about that we could use that opportunity to bring the gospel. I will do it wherever I am and where I know that the communists listen.

You know, the Lord has used me to turn our eyes away from this terrible broom that threatened her into the little hole where she could escape. Do you know what I mean? She turned towards Jesus and away from the hatred and the bitterness. All my friends, it is so necessary that Christians look away from the communists and to Jesus and sure you will be used to help the communists and you can be a wide open channel of God's love.

You know, I saw that in Betsy. Betsy was so really full of the Holy Spirit. I will never forget when she was beaten for the first time.

This was not the time of the communists. This was in the time of the National Socialists. We had hidden people in a secret room and we were arrested in our house and the man who arrested us said to Betsy, Where is your secret room? She knew when I tell that, that means a cruel death for she tells it.

Then the man started to beat her cruelly in the face and suddenly she cried, Oh my Savior, where are you? And the man said, When you say that word, I'll murder you. But he could not beat her any longer. And when she came to me afterwards, I saw in her face that she was beaten.

She has been deaf at one ear for the rest of her life by that cruel beating. And I said to her, Did he beat you? And she said, Yes, I'm so sorry for the man who did it. That's God's love.

My friend, I don't know if you realize what it means when you must suffer by cruelty. When a doctor makes you suffer, you don't mind. And you know he does that because he will help you.

He must cut that wound to heal you and doesn't make you bitter or angry. You just endure it with patience. But when you must suffer by the cruelties of men, Oh, that brings into your heart such a bitterness and hatred.

But you know Betsy looked unto Jesus and there was only love and kindness for that man that was beating her. Oh, what a joy that we may look unto Jesus, always unto him. You know, when we look at Jesus, we see things as it were from God's point of view.

My younger sister, Nolly, was the first one who was arrested. She was a mother of six children. They brought her into a prison, no, first in a police station.

This was a year before all of us were arrested. And when she came from the police station, I saw her and I put my arms around her and I cried. But Nolly smiled and she said, God is love.

And when she was in the prison vent, she wrote on the wall, Jesus is Victor. When she came in the prison, there were five women and they said, don't you cry. We all cry when we come for the first time into a prison.

But Nolly said, no, I don't cry. God does not make mistakes that he allowed the enemy to bring me here. You see, Nolly had learned what Mrs. Pearsall Smith tells in her book, The Christian Secret of a Happy

Life.

When you have difficulties, problems, give it wings. One wing is surrender and one wing is trust. And then instead of seeing it as a caterpillar from the underside, you see it as a butterfly, as it were, from God's point of view.

When the devil cannot get our eyes turned away from Jesus in another way, then he turns our eyes to our faith. Some people ask me, did your faith help you through the ten months that you were in prison? But I must say, no. My faith was very weak and wavering.

How did I come through? It was Jesus. He has carried me through these terrible times that I was in a prison where 97,000 women were killed or died, where people were around me who had had a training in cruelties. But Jesus carried me through.

And it is good that I tell you that, for just imagine that you have to go through deep waters. You can say, but I have not the faith of Corrie ten Boom. But when I tell you it was Jesus, the same Jesus who has helped me through that terrible time will help you.

You know, there was a man who was in a prison. Night and day his hand was chained at the hand of a guard. And that man wrote a letter to his friends.

This man was Paul. And you can read that letter in your Bible in the book to the Philippians. And he writes, then provide New Testament, I count everything as loss compared with the priceless privilege, the overwhelming preciousness of knowing Christ Jesus, my Lord, and of progressively getting more deeply and ultimately acquainted with him.

It was Jesus who carried him through. It is he. Let us look unto Jesus, the author and the finisher of our faith, not unto our faith.

When I look unto my faith, there are two possibilities. One is that I say I have a very great faith, spiritual pride, or that I say, oh, my faith is nothing. That is defeatism.

But when I look unto Jesus, I know it is he. I had a watchmaker business before the war. I was a businesswoman before the war.

And sometimes I had a new watch in my jewelry store that didn't run well. I never repaired it, but I sent it straight back to the manufacturer and wrote him, this new watch does not run all right. After he had repaired it, it went absolutely exact.

When my faith doesn't work, I don't try to repair it. I sent it back to the manufacturer, the author, the finisher of my faith, Jesus. And when Jesus repairs it, then it works.

So let us not look unto Jesus, unto our faith, but unto Jesus, always unto him, and he will do the job. Never look back at a canceled sin. Sometimes when we have sinned and we bring that sin to the Lord, then the devil still shows us that sin.

I will never forget what I experienced a year ago when I was in Berlin. In the inquiry room, there came a man who looked very dark. Oh, it had been for me a very strenuous day.

I had many meetings. And Germans, when they trust you, they creep into your soul. Do you know what I mean? They tell you all their troubles.

Now, that means that you can help the Germans. But when I say now, after the meeting, if you need a little bit of help or counseling, just come into that room, and you can be sure that half of the audience comes to be counseled. I must always go after Germany to England, for there the people are far too reserved to tell you their trouble.

So that's far easier. But in some way, I like it that these Germans just tell their trouble. But now I was real tired.

And there came that man. I said, just take a seat. He didn't do it.

I said, what's the matter? Can I help you? He didn't say a word. I was impatient. I said, now listen, I can help you if you tell me what's the matter.

But there are more people waiting. So tell me, why do you come to me? And that man said, I am one of your guards from Ravensbruck. You are one of my victims.

With Christmas, I have received Jesus as my savior. And I brought him all my sins. And then I have asked, oh God, give me an opportunity to ask one of my victims forgiveness.

And now I am here. Oh, Corrie ten Boom, forgive me for all I have done. I said, brother, give me a hand.

I forgive you with my whole soul. I am so glad that you asked me. And I really can forgive you 100%.

And then I asked, why do you look so dark when your sins are forgiven? And then the man put his hands before his face and he said, oh, my sins, my sins. The cruelties I have done, I can't forget. Now, I can understand that.

But this was not from the Lord. That he was still worrying about his sins. But the devil always shows us our sins.

And the Bible tells us when we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us. And the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all the sins we confess. A little girl broke a beautiful cup of her mother.

And she brought it to her mother and she said, mother, I am so sorry I broke your cup. The mother said, all right, I will forgive you. Just put the pieces in the garbage can.

But the stupid little girl the next day saw in the garbage can these pieces and she took them again and she said, mother, yesterday I broke your cup. The mother said, leave that in the garbage can. Just think of my forgiveness.

Do you know that when you have repented of a sin, that that sin is dead? Give it a burial and you don't go to the graveyard to look at the dead body. When you have brought your sins to the Lord, you can be sure that God is faithful and just to forgive you. I have this week a very good hostess.

She always knows when I'm thirsty. And I'm sure when I come tonight that she will say, well, you have a cup of coffee or a little bit of ice cream or anything and then I have hardly to say it or she put it in front of me. Now just imagine when she tonight gives me a cup of coffee and that I should say to her, oh, please,

can't you give me a cup of coffee? I should be ashamed.

I shouldn't honor her as my hostess. When she put a cup of coffee in front of me, I honor her. When I drink it and perhaps say, my, what a good coffee.

It is almost as good as Dutch coffee. My friends, when God says I am faithful and just to forgive you, then God means it. And take the forgiveness and don't ask for a second time forgiveness for the same sin.

Now one thing more. Don't look into your inability. You know, I have found out that sometimes when I see that I cannot do a job, that then God uses me.

You know, so often I come to the Lord and I say, oh, Lord, I cannot do this. And then the Lord, I believe he smiles and he says, oh, Corrie, I knew it already a long time that you couldn't and I'm so glad that you know it. Now I can do it.

God can use nobody. God made Moses was 40 years somebody and then God made him 40 years nobody and then God could use him to be somebody. This is a very queer glove.

This cannot do anything. But when my hand is in the glove, it can even play piano. Oh, I know that's not a glove, that's the hand in the glove.

You and I cannot be the light of the world. We cannot bring other people to the Lord. We can only be used when we are filled with the Holy Spirit.

And he does the job. And when my hand is only in the midst of this glove, the glove cannot do anything. The Bible says be filled with the Spirit.

And he does the job. And that's a great job. You know, I was in Christchurch and they asked me to speak for a group of boys.

So from 12 to 50, I can tell you I have respect for boys of that age. And these boys had had games two hours. Have you ever seen boys who have had wild games two hours and had you to speak to them now? They brought them into a little room that was far too small for 60 boys.

And when I came into that room, it was like a nightmare. Everywhere were boys. Under the table, on the table, on the cupboard, everywhere.

And a noise. I said, Lord, I can't speak to these boys. And the Lord said, I know it, but I can.

I said, all right, Lord, then you do it. And he did it. And strangely, he gave me a very strong and not too happy message.

Do you know what he told me to tell these boys? I said, boys, I'm going to give you a message. And after I have given the message, then I will give you a challenge and an opportunity to give an answer. And that answer must be that you will enroll in the army of Jesus.

And after I have told you what it means, then we will be quiet and you can say yes to Jesus or no to Jesus. But you can be an ambassador for Jesus Christ. But don't forget that it is very dangerous and very difficult.

And I made it very difficult for them. I said it can mean martyrdom in this time. It can mean that the boy soldiers, gentlemen, when you are my soldiers, then I cannot promise you food when you are hungry, a

house when it is bad weather, shelter when it is bad weather.

What is waiting you is blood and sweat. But one thing I can promise you, that when you follow Napoleon, you follow a man who never lost a battle. Napoleon lost the battle, the last battle.

But I said, boys, when you follow Jesus, that means take up your cross. And I made it very difficult. I said, but Jesus never lost a battle and will not lose a battle.

And then I said, now, boys, you have heard it and now just be quiet and give your answer to Jesus. After a moment I said, now, if you have really said, now, I will follow Jesus, then you may not have any fear of men. So I tell you, then you must have the nerve to raise your hand.

Who has chosen for Jesus? And all the boys raised their hand. I said, no, no, no, you have not understood it. And I made it a little bit more difficult.

I said, now, and now only those who really mean it say to Jesus, Lord, here is my life, use me. I was quiet. I said, now, who has now really said it? They raised all their hands.

I said, now, now I must believe it. All right. And now you must have a training.

And I will send you the navigator's course. And you must become ambassador for Christ. You must learn the Bible how to win souls for Jesus Christ.

A year later I came in Christ Church. And the leader of that boys group said, I just come from a camp where were 300 boys. 120 boys have received the Lord Jesus as their Savior.

And your 60 boys were all counselors. He told, I have gathered all these boys of that group every week on Friday evening. And I have studied with them the navigator's course in counseling.

And they all have got, they all were graduated. And isn't that a joy? Now these boys are also winners. God does a good job.

You know, I have found in the world you must have your diplomas. You must pass your examinations and then the world can use you. Sometimes in the kingdom of God you must fail your examination.

Is that good? Fail your exam. You must fall through. And when you cannot pass your examinations, then the Lord said, now I can use you.

Isn't that a miracle? The Lord can use nobody. We have a priceless treasure, but in common earthenware jars. But it is the treasure, and that treasure is Jesus.

Look around and be distressed. Look within and be depressed. Look at him and be at rest.

And now let us just look unto the Lord. And he will make us ambassadors for Christ. Children of the light in this very dark world.

And all my friends, I don't know when I can come back to your country. It is possible that very crucial and difficult years are coming. It is possible when you decide for Jesus Christ tonight that you will perhaps have to die as a martyr.

And that this world will become really a territory of the Antichrist. But look unto Jesus and do it by studying the word of God. And when you look unto Jesus, you know that you have nothing to fear.

For Jesus has said, my peace I leave to you. And when you pass through the waters, I will be with thee. And through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee.

And every knee will bow for King Jesus. The best is yet to be. Jesus is coming very soon.

Look unto him. And the days that are still coming before he returns, use it to win souls for Christ. And when he comes, what a joy it will be.

When you know that you have been used to bring people to everlasting life. I don't look back. God knows the fruitless efforts, the wasted hours, the sinnings, the regrets.

I leave them all with him who blots the record and mercifully forgives and then forgets. I don't look forward. God sees all the future, the road that short or long will lead me home.

And he will face with me its every trial and bear for me the burdens that may come. I don't look round me. Then would fears assail me, so wild the tumult of earth's restless seas, so dark the world, so filled with woe and evil, so vain the hope of comfort or of ease.

I don't look in, for then am I most wretched. Myself has naught on which to stay my trust. Nothing I see save failures and shortcomings and weak endeavors crumbling into dust.

But I look up unto the face of Jesus. For there my heart can rest. My fears are stilled.

And there's joy and love and light for darkness and perfect peace and every hope fulfilled. Hallelujah. Jesus was victor.

Jesus is victor. And Jesus will be victor. And very soon he will come.

Let us pray. Turn your eyes upon Jesus. Look full in his wonderful face.

And the things of the earth will grow strangely dim in the sight of his glory and grace. O Lord Jesus, we will look unto you. Keep our eyes in the right direction, so that we may be mirrors of your joy.

O Lord, by your Holy Spirit, give us a new look on the Old Book, the Bible. And Lord, keep us very close to your heart, that we always see the things as it were from your point of view. And I thank you, Lord, that you love us so.

You know, Lord, that there are some of us who have never come to you. But listen, Lord, when they now say, Yes, Jesus, yes, I will look unto you. I will look at the little hole in the wall, for I am in danger.

I am weak. And the circumstances are very difficult. But Lord Jesus, I look unto you.

And I throw myself into your arms. I am a sinner. But I thank you that you save sinners.

Lord, I will bring you all my sins. Will you cleanse me with your blood? O Lord Jesus, what a joy that you have said, He who comes to me, I will in no wise cast out. And now, Lord, listen who says, Lord, use me.

I am a nobody. But I know that you will fill me with the Holy Spirit. And therefore, give me power.

Power from the Holy Spirit, so that you can use me as a mirror of your joy and love in this joyless and loveless world. O Lord, what can you do with a totally surrendered Christian? Thank you, Lord, that you will use nobodies. And that you will make them somebodies.

To tell about somebody who loves everybody. What a joy. Hallelujah.

Amen.

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