

How to Satisfy Your Unmet Need

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The unmet need in you is a deep-seated need that only God can meet, to know, understand, and believe that God loves you, and to enjoy constant, fearless communion with the Lord.

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher focuses on First John, verse 16. The verse emphasizes the understanding and belief in the love that God has for us. It highlights the fact that God is love and anyone who truly loves the world will experience eternal life through God. The preacher repeats the phrase 'And we have understood and believed the love that God had to us' multiple times to emphasize the importance of comprehending and accepting God's love. The sermon encourages listeners to reflect on the depth of God's love and to have faith in His love for humanity.

Transcript

It was recorded in the French New York Times. Every picture of it will be provided by the Royal Palace Postal Service, New York Times, 75771, or by calling 1-0-3-9-6-6-6-6. Thank you very much for your attention, and you are welcome to the conference.

Thank you. One verse I want you to read with me. 1 John 4.16. So we are supposed to count.

I'm going to read one verse before we continue. 1 John 4.16. And we have understood and believed the love that God left to us. God is love.

And he that dwelleth in love, dwelleth in God, and God in Him. Let me read it again. We have understood and believed.

Do you believe that God left you? We believe the love that God left to us. God is love. And he that dwelleth in love, dwelleth in God.

That's great. My message, by the way, is entitled, The Unmet Need in You. I talk about that need in you that's never been met.

It's not a need. First of all, you must have your touch. The same spirit that ran through the tomb and raised Christ from the dead is the selfless spirit that quickens these mortal bodies, quickly by the Holy Ghost, still moving back from the tomb.

I'm not looking for volume. I'm looking for anointing. I'm looking for the anointing of the Holy Ghost.

There are people sitting here in this congregation with very dire needs. There's a crying need inside that hasn't been met. It's like an instant that has been stretched.

It's something deep inside. Oh, God, expose it in love and bring it out and show us what that need is and meet that need tonight. Don't let anyone walk out of this place without me not having been there.

Spirit of the living God, let my words be softer than a torrential storm, but then bring them to bear, lift them out of Gilead and bring healing in Jesus' name, I pray. Amen. When you and I were created, God implanted in us a deep-seated need that only He could meet.

It's with all of us. We don't understand it, but I want to tell you very few people have ever really had that need met. People have been for years trying to satisfy that need, and they've never done it.

It's so innate. That need in many, many people is so innate. You don't put a person out to pick an apartment.

You're in this main floor right now. There's a need in you that's never been met. Now, folks, we go around trying to meet that need.

A lot of people think that the thing that will meet that need is enough money. To meet every need and for everything I would like to do, give me enough money, I'll show you what it's like to have your needs met. I will show you.

I had a man say that to me. He said, you're blind. You give me as much money as I want.

He said, what do you think hundreds and thousands of people in America are spending millions upon hundreds of millions of dollars on camaraderie because they want to strike at me because they think I'm going to solve all their problems? And you see people who can't even afford a subway ticket getting into the heat of both bankers and buying numbers. We ever see you in that bank and you go walking down, we're going to throw a fire out of heaven down on you. Wouldn't it be nice to walk in and, where would you like one basket walking to put you another ticket in your hand? Isn't it? Everybody has the idea they have enough money that that need deep inside of them will be solved.

What is it the most miserable people on earth are among the wealthiest? Absolutely miserable that they have private jets, they've got three or four homes in different lands, they've got taxes, they have all the money they can spend if they die in misery, willing to give it all up if they could have had even one liter of peace and tranquility and the need has been met. They won't die on a death bed if they say it's all been in vain. It's all been in vain.

How would you, for the richest man in the world, die looking like a craven animal with one inch fingernails, straggly hair, eight feet to show about the skin where nobody was moving? All of this means that they've been fighting over whatever sense has been ensured. You see, give me money, I'm going to make my name. I'm going to tell you that that will not meet that point inside of you.

All the money in the world cannot meet that, cannot meet that deep-seated need that's inside of you. Well, I don't understand it. I don't know what it is.

It's not. Give me finger arms around me. Hug me.

That's all I need. I need somebody to love me. I want to give love.

Give me love. And every need would be supplied. And we've got women in this church right now with all the problems that we have.

Give me a spiritual husband. Give me a man. I'm set for life.

Give me a husband. A man in this church. I can tell.

They look at everyone. I had a daughter like that. She won't get married.

I said, let me do something. I'm going to provide. And you'll be there.

But she's afraid of everybody who walks out of church who says, let him do it. And if he was good enough to let that thing happen to her, listen, over the years, never many prostitutes have taken on the same challenge. I remember years ago, I remember my friends, prostitution was a narrow thing.

But they told me about this. They told me, prostitution is great. Thank you.

Thanks for your clientele. And I had the first phone call. They gave me a piece.

I looked at it. They gave me a number. I went through it.

I said, this is what I need first. They put it in the headlines. They gave me a phone call.

They said, what's your name? She said, I don't know if you know it or not, but I'm going to talk to you. I've never been that open until yesterday, last night. She said that's the first time that I've ever been that open.

That's the first time that I've ever been that open. I'm forgiven if you haven't been looking at me. You may have laughed at it.

But look at it. I love it. Somebody should love me.

I'm thinking of the only man who, a few years ago, two years ago, he said he was pretty fed up with me. I'm just, I'm just a man. I'm just a man.

I'm fine. I could see the look in his eyes. The anxiety.

And that young man stands up and for something to satisfy that craving, that drive, that need that's deep inside of marriage. And so if you're looking for what to do with the person, what do people call a married man? What married people do? So, then, we've got hundreds of people that's plagiarized the answer. What is he going to mean, that needed man? Folks, have you ever wondered why your life is so, you're seeking out the plagiarized, like it's limited? It seems like people think the work coming in, that I'm going to squeeze in as much of it as I can before it's all over, and everybody goes boom.

So, we've got to make some expansion there. But don't get me wrong. I think we do.

I think God is intensifying that need in people who don't know him, that need that God put the, God put the fire on it, and make it more and more intense, and people are running everywhere trying to solve it, and God's going to say, I'm going to let you do everything, provide everything, and that's, I would expect awakening that need in people all over this nation. Don't know if that God said, I'll make that need so overpowering, that when it snows, that when it, I can meet that need. If you want to see how precious it is for the world, in praise of Christ, uh, night or after when I come out.

I, I, I can't understand, get out here by three blocks and the movie's going to end up with something, somebody that will smile, and look right there, stand outside of the movie, see how many people are coming out with a smile on their face. They come out of there, they went into thinking, I'm going to have two hours of my media, they come out, and it's worse than ever. Well, well, you know, some states, save up their money, and they spend them safe, and get a weekend in that same restaurant.

So for, a good month, they come, whatever. Remains. Looks like that.

We're going to stay at the, they come here by the thousands, like, see, they get the money, they, they arrive, get in a cab, and in ten minutes, the jury's here. He's doing 95 miles an hour, sitting there waiting on him. And, the driver just goes, ah! They're going to supper.

It's nine, eight o'clock. And they go to the theater. They're supposed to stay three days.

They go to the theater, the hospital, which one they, they drive. And, they just, they walk up and down, they walk up and down, and they, they see the beggars, you know the worst thing? This is a crime. Let's get out of here.

Like, one day, the doctor comes around, and he goes, you didn't eat the meat, that's what you ate, it doesn't do it. You know, then if you hear, you replace your mask. You tried everything, it didn't satisfy that hunger.

That longing in your soul, that thirst, until you said to God, you can't have it either. You can't suck that meat down by dripping it down. That meat is so dripping, and some people, they try to drown it in alcohol, and get stoned, to, to, to, to try to stone that nagging inside that meat that's there.

You know, some of them, there's a reason some people, they're going to tell you one side's stoned, after another, they're going to be fine. I don't know how it's fine, though. But when you need, and there's nothing there, a husband right away, they kill, and they miss it.

They miss it completely. And they brought me into that, uh, meat shop, some lady, and she's giving me \$3.36 a pound. And I know, I'm, I'm taking her and her boyfriend in for the rest of the day.

She's got a, she's got a, and she's holding up this bottle. I'm looking at that bottle. And she pulls it down.

She says, oh, oh, pastor, I want you to know, I passed out \$3,000 tax this month. She won't be here tonight, but I'm not killing her, because I didn't make money, but I passed out. She's drinking herself down.

She's drinking herself down because she doesn't believe in her. And that is the first hurt that she had in the past. Somebody hurt her, and she's just trying to drink it away.

She's never really understood where her need is. She's never really understood it. I know she doesn't understand it.

But sadly, even Christians, multitudes of Christians, don't understand what that need is. And few Christians ever get that need met. Now, you may not want to accept what I've just said to you, but there are many saved, born-again believers who can go out and tell the world they testify Jesus saves, keeps, and satisfies.

But they go all through their Christian experience with this nagging inside, that feeling that there's something more that I have not touched. There's something more that I don't know what it's about. I still have a bit of emptiness.

There's something inside of me. There's a need that I still haven't met. There are Christians who go for years with that empty, longing, yearning.

They love Jesus. They're tired of sin. It's not that they want to go out to sin again.

They're hungry for more of God. But there's that unfulfilled feeling of not really being totally fulfilled. And they don't want to admit it.

They're not supposed to feel that way as Christians. If they sat down and talked to their pastor, it would be a shame to say, Pastor, I feel empty sometimes and I feel unfulfilled. And yet, some of you are hearing what I'm saying right now.

You say, Pastor Dave, you're describing me. Because with all of my praising and worshiping the Lord and my striving to do right before God, there's something deep inside of me that's not been met. There's a need that's crying out.

I can't explain it. It's so deep. It's that unmet need that God put in you.

Now let me tell you what that need is. It's in all of us and God put it there. It's a two-fold need that God implanted by His Holy Spirit when you were born.

All right. First of all, that need is to know, understand, and believe that God loves you. To know the love of God, to understand the love of God, and to believe in it with all of your heart.

There's a craving to know in your heart that God truly loves you. He truly cares about you. The second need is very... goes along with it.

It's a need to enjoy constant, fearless communion with the Lord. Constant, fearless communion with the Lord so that you don't have to go to God and get in some kind of a dignified mood. You don't have to create some kind of an atmosphere.

You don't have to spend a half hour praising the Lord before you have a right. In other words, many people go through a little formula, come in His court to praise, enter His gates with thanksgiving, so they go and praise the Lord a little bit, thank Him a little bit, and say, now I can talk to Him. That's not what God wants.

God wants you to be able to communicate with Him all hours of the day, middle of the night, any time, immediate, quick, constant communion, talking to Him and He talking to you. I'll tell you what, in New York City, it don't matter. You can talk to God on the subway, you can talk to God anywhere, elevators.

We've got a million crazies out there talking to the devil and themselves. Why can't we talk to God? I advise you talking to God out loud on the streets. I advise it.

And I've got a lot of, I've got scripture to prove it to you. Paul the Apostle said, speaking to yourself in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, speaking to yourself. Glory to God.

You see me on the streets anywhere, I'm talking to myself. I've lost my mind, I'm doing that. Speaking to yourself in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs.

Hallelujah. We ought to have thousands of Christians singing all over New York. Praising God.

If every, this whole church would follow me down Broadway right now and we all had our hands up waving, praising God. Nobody take a second look. They'd say, oh just in New York, what's that? And we have understood.

Now think about, this grips me. Paul said, we've understood his love. Paul said, I understand it and that's my foundation.

Folks, I believe that there is a wrath of God against the rebellious and I'll be talking about it in a minute. But he said, I have believed, we have believed the love that God hath to us. God is love and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God and God in him.

Now what happens to you when you sin, when you fail God, you feel miserable and condemned. You know what we do? We do like Adam did. We try to hide.

We feel the unworthiness. We feel we have no right to come and talk to God anymore because God's probably mad at us. God won't be talking to us.

So we hide in a pit of guilt and condemnation. Now, if your concept of God's love is mixed with fear, then you're going to wind up tormented. Because the Bible said, fear has torment.

Let me read you to this scripture. There's no fear in love, but perfect love cast out all fear because fear has torment. He that fears is not mature in the love of God.

You're a baby if you don't understand. Now there is a fear of God. That's a holy reverence for his laws and you love him so much you don't want to offend him.

But folks, there has to be in every one of you, and I'd like to see that instilled by the Holy Ghost, every one of us to know every foot you walk, every place you go, every waking hour, every sleeping hour, you've got to convince yourself, I believe in God's love for me. God loved you when you were a sinner, when you were alienated, an enemy to God. He loved you then and he gave his life a ransom for you.

How much more now that you're reconciled to him. Glory be to God. A love mixed with constant fear is not going to help you get through what's coming.

Now it all boils down to this. In spite of all the talk we talk about loving God and all the songs we sing about loving the Lord and him loving us, we really do not, we are not fully convinced that God loves us. We're not convinced.

Now let me show you something. Both Moses and God the Father knew that the Israelites were stiff-necked and bent on backsliding. Moses, ever since I've known you, you've been a stiff-necked people, bent on backsliding.

Ever since I've known you. Moses said, understand that the Lord your God giveth thee not this good land to possess it for your righteousness, for your rebellious people. He said, you're rebellious.

I'll tell you one thing. Moses understood something. That God loved his people.

God said, I set my love on you. The Lord thy God giveth thee not because of your righteousness, because you're rebellious people. For thou art a holy people.

Now listen to this. Moses just told him, you're stiff-necked. You're rebellious people.

Here comes a loving father who says, for thou art a holy people unto the Lord thy God. The Lord did not set his love upon you, nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people. For you were the fewest of all people.

But because the Lord loved you, and because he would keep his oath that he swore to your fathers. God looks down at this church. They're just like the Corinthian church.

The Corinthian church was full of all kinds of problems. And then when I stop for just a minute, and start to get this story, the Lord says, David, I want you to understand they're still my people. They are my people.

And when you want to get up, you want to really deal with all of those things. You cannot deal with those things until first every one of them, me included, have as a foundation the knowledge that God loves his children. But God tells you you've got to believe in that.

He's working on me. Again, he loves me while he's working on me. Can you say you believe in God's love with your right hand? He's overpassed.

I can't. I've been condemned. I've been condemned as he's greater than I am.

I'm not excusing anybody's sin. But I'm saying you can't deal with your sin. You can't really deal with it until you get this foundation under you.

Yes, I've failed God, but I know he loves me. He's going to give me victory. I don't know.

Get the foundation under you. God loves me. You see, I don't believe in God's good plan.

They disappeared. I went to God and he came down to meet with me and they weren't there. They still came after me.

Still reaching out in spite of all that. And the Lord, he understands me before he can change me. He said, I love you.

And the Lord loves you. He doesn't change you with anger like some of us do. I heard him there in front of the church in front of the church.

You weren't even looking at him. He was just talking and talking. You didn't get up.

And it's often not just about, I would imagine 90% of the time what we think we need is going to destroy us, it's going to hurt us, because only God knows the future. So let me give you quickly just three things on how to have that need met. First of all, you laid down all your own dreams, your schemes, your hopes, your ambitions, lay it all down at His feet and let it die.

Convince God you know what's going to hurt me. And if you're the Father, I have believed you to be. And if you love me like I believe you love me now, and you want communion with me, you're going to take away from me everything that would hurt me, and you're going to bring back into my life, you will bring to me everything that will bless me and bless the kingdom of God.

You've got to trust the Lord that He knows best. Father knows best. Can you say it again? Father knows best.

Yes. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

I remember a pastor, a young pastor, fell in love with a beautiful, talented young lady. He said, oh boy, this is it. I'll be successful in the ministry because, boy, she can play and sing and she's pretty.

That was it. He was so happy. He knew.

He had a word from the Lord. It was her. That rhema word, he called it.

I don't know what it was. He got that word. That's her.

So happy. But she fell in love with somebody else behind his back. Kind of crushed him for a little while.

He wondered about it. He said, I thought God told me. Ten years goes by.

He's married now. He's got, I think, two children. And it just so happens that they meet and had dinner.

He listens to her with her new husband. The one that she fell in love with and broke away from him. The biggest nagger you ever saw.

She nagged for the whole hour. Non-stop talking. Just going like this, blabbing away.

He's sitting there saying, oh, thank you, Jesus. Thank you, Jesus. He went out of the restaurant.

He said, oh, that could have been me. Did you see that poor guy? Never said a word. He's henpecked.

That's where it's going to be for you. You think you've got it all figured out. Do you want God to do what he did with Israel? So, all right, here's your king.

You can have what you want. But that's not what you need. That's not going to meet your need.

God knows how to meet your need. He knows how to meet it. And when he does it, it's without sorrow.

Hallelujah. Praise God. Secondly, work on getting to understand that your real need has to be met first.

Your real need. Because if the real basic need is not met, this need to know and believe in the love of God and have perfect communion with the Lord, if that's not solved, and that need... Because if you keep talking to Jesus all day long, you're going to have that hunger met. You're going to be satisfied.

You'll be the most satisfied person on the face of the earth because you're in constant communion with the Lord. Because you're getting to know His voice and hear Him. And He's beginning to just share His heart with you.

And that's where the joy... You're finding out, Hey, when I talk to people, it leaves me empty. I've talked to my Lord, and I feel full. I feel the joy of the Lord.

Something's happening to me. I know that even when I fail, He loves me. He's not going to let go of me.

It makes you so secure. You're in His arms. You're secure.

Get yourself secure first. Get secure in the love of God. Get secure in your communion with the Lord.

And that need is met. He'll start taking care of these other peripheral needs all around you. Because your basic need has been met.

Get this foundation under you. Be convinced that God wants unhindered, fear-free love relationship with you. Hallelujah.

And finally, lay back in His loving arms and trust Him to do what's right. You lay back in His arms and say, Lord, I'm not going to figure this out. I'm not going to try to work it out.

I'm going to spend my time with You. Oh, folks, I look over my past life, things that I prayed for and begged God for, and I thought I had to have life or death. I am so glad.

I'm so glad He never heard. If He heard me, He said no. I don't know where I'd be today.

I'm so glad I laid back in His arms and I said, Jesus, You do with me what You want. I want Your will, not mine anymore. And if You'll lay down Your will.

Now, don't come to Jesus laid down. You won't say, well, if I lay down my will and take up His will, is it going to be two weeks then before He does it? Or a month? Or is that the way to do it? Is this the way to get it? Surrender your will? No, You don't come. It's not just to get something.

It's come to say, Lord, I want to know You. I want a love relationship with You. Folks, you heard it with Billy this afternoon.

You're going to hear it now too. I'll love Him. I'm in love with Jesus.

I'm in love with my Heavenly Father. I get more pleasure out of talking to Him and communing with Him than I do with any human being on the face of the earth. Hallelujah.

That's what He wants. That's how my needs are met. That's how my needs are met.

Say, Jesus, I want to hear the prayer because perfect love falls down. What do you need? To believe it is love for you. That you need open, curious communion all day long.

Have you ever woken up in the middle of the night just beginning to talk to Him? Sit right up in bed? Say, Lord Jesus, You're in this room. I love You. Hallelujah.

Say, Lord, I can't sleep. Thank You, God. Put me to sleep.

Amen. He's there. Talk to Him.

Come into this revelation and say, Lord, I love You to me. Hallelujah. Lord Jesus, I've got to learn this.

I want to learn it. Teach me to truly understand that You love me and to believe in my love. Pastor, we've understood that we need the love of God toward us.

We have understood it now and we believe in it. I believe in it. For God is love.

Lord, You're not going to let us get by with our problems and our sins. But You're going to love us while You're working on us. While You're choosing a way, You're going to guide us, when we're still here at home.

You're the one that's working on us. I know You're working on me. We should work it out sometime.

Lord, I know You're working on me. Praise You, Jesus. Let's just love Him.

Lord, I love You. God, give me an opportunity. God, give me an opportunity.

I'm a kid. It's a funny thing in life. I tell you, there have been many times I've been paralyzed by reading this, Christ is born.

Isaiah 65, beginning verse 2. I begin to read verse 2. I've spread out my hands all the day to the greatest people, which walked in a way that was not good, after their own thoughts. The people that provoke me to anger continue to my face, but sacrifice a big garden from foreign insects and plant others a brick, which we made among the graves and walked in the monuments which each swine's blessed. The prophet of many things is in the verse, which says, Stand by thyself, take not near me, for I am no nearer than thou.

These are the smoke of my nose, of fire that burn upon the day. Do you see that? That's it. Do you know who my anger smokes against? I'm going to ask you, have you ever done this? Have you told me, don't get away from me? I don't want you.

I don't need you. You see, that's the child of a certain person, a believer, that is back to work with God. There's a hard hat that says, Stay away from me, God.

I don't need anyone. I've got enough religion. I've got what I have.

Go back to work. And he said, listen to what he said, These are the smoke in my nostrils. These are the ones that burn my mouth.

The first of all, the God is not on you when you're struggling and you're praying and you're, yes, you're battling a temptation. You're going through it. But you love him.

You're reaching to him. You're crying for deliverance. The wrath of God is not upon you.

You've got to understand that. He said, These, that my anger smokes against, have said they don't want me. They want me more.

Isaiah 64, section 7. Isaiah 64, section 7. For we are all as one great thing. God outright justifies standing riots. We all do things that need for amiquities.

That's the way that he's taken us away. There's none that can or that can not be but stand up himself to take over me. But I'll sit down and face the mess that's been seen as because of amiquities.

But God alone, God alone, Father, we are the clay. You're the powder. We're all the work that you're doing.

Look at that. Again, just take a good look at that. Lord, I'm unclean.

My rights are for slipping riots. I'm faded as a leaf. My amiquities are like the wind that's taken me away.

I'm not called upon your name like I should. I'm not stood up now like the little herd of you to make your face for me. And I feel consumed because of my amiquities.

But then, listen to it. But now, oh Lord, I'm stood up now. How many see it? Come on, pray back there if you see it.

I have got to get this into you as a pastor. I've got to get this into your heart. The storms are coming.

The winds and waves are going to pass you. You've got to have this rock solid knowledge that's got the truth. I believe in what I've got for me.

And I believe you must touch the communion with me. I believe it. See, we all think we know what the need is.

We all think we know how to meet that need. And we beg God to give it to us. Now listen to me.

I've got to get down to this. If some of you right now, you're not satisfied. Is it needed? Is it needed? You think you know what it is.

But when we focus in on something, I don't care if it's a date. I don't care if it's somebody who came and underwrote your project. I don't care whether it's a new job or career that they did.

We know what it is. We go to court and we start begging God for it. Oh God, please do it.

You know I need this. You know I want to have it. But I think we don't need it.

We don't need it. We go to God and we're going to shake it out of it. If it's the wrong thing.

So you can do what you need. And God says, no. We've got one amen there.

Remember Israel begged for a king. They thought they knew what they needed. We need a king.

They said to Sam, now make us a king to judge us like all the other nations. You know God said, said, Sammy, you go tell them what's going to happen if I answer their prayer. They think they want a king.

They think that's what they need. He's going to take all of their girls and make confectionaries out of them. Maids and cooks for his army and his household.

He's going to steal your lands. He's going to tax you dry. He's going to be such an abomination to you.

You're going to try to, you're going to hate what you're asking for. And after he told them all of that, listen to what they said. They said, oh, but no.

We will have a king over us that we may be like all the nations and our king will judge us and go before us and fight our battles. A king. That's it.

Boy, they got their king, didn't they? Got Saul, who died as a madman. Took all of their best lands and gave it to his servants. Took their vineyards, took everything and gave it to his lowly servants.

Everything that they've been warned against, what an abomination it became. Now, if you think that what you have is going to meet your need, I want to tell you how you can meet the real need. You say, Pastor, what am I going to do? I'm just human.

I've got these needs. I'm lonely. I have human needs.

Those needs are God put in me. He said it's not good for a man to live alone, didn't he? Yes. But God has a time and he has a way.

And it's often not just about, I would imagine 90% of the time what we think we need is going to destroy us. It's going to hurt us. Because only God knows the future.

So let me give you quickly just three things and how to have that need met. First of all, you laid down all your own dreams, your schemes, your hopes, your ambitions, lay it all down at his feet and let it die. Convince God, you know what's going to hurt me.

And if you, if you're the Father, I have believed you to be. And if you love me like I believe you love me now, and you're going to, you want communion with me, you're going to take away from me everything that would hurt me. And you're going to bring back into my life, you will bring to me everything that will bless me and bless the kingdom of God.

You've got to trust the Lord that he knows best. Father knows best. Can you say it again? Father knows best.

Yes. Hallelujah. I remember a pastor, young pastor, fell in love.

The beautiful, talented, young lady. He said, oh boy, this is it. I'll be successful in the ministry because boy, she can play and sing and she's pretty.

That was it. He was so happy. He knew he had a word from the Lord.

It was her. That rhema word he called, I don't know what it was. He got that word.

That's her. So happy. But she fell in love with somebody else behind his back.

Kind of crushed him for a little while. He wondered about it. He said, I thought God told me.

Ten years goes by, he's married now, he's got, I think, two children and just so happens they meet and had dinner. He listens to her with her new husband. The one that she fell in love with and broke away from him.

The biggest nagger you ever saw. She nagged for the whole hour non-stop talking. Just going like this blabbing away.

He's sitting there saying, oh, thank you, Jesus. Thank you, Jesus. He went out of the restaurant.

He said, oh, that could have been me. Did you see that poor guy? Never said a word. He's henpecked.

It's going to be for you. You think you've got it all figured out. Do you want God to do what he did with Israel? All right, here's your king.

You can have what you want but that's not what you need. That's not going to meet your need. God knows how to meet your need.

He knows how to meet it. And when he does it, it's without sorrow. Hallelujah.

Praise God. Secondly, work on getting to understand that your real need has to be met first. Your real need because if the real basic need is not met, this need to know and believe in the love of God and have perfect communion with the Lord.

If that's not solved and that need, because if you keep talking to Jesus all day long, you're going to have that hunger met. You're going to be satisfied. You'll be the most satisfied person on the face of the earth because you're in constant communion with the Lord.

Because you're getting to know his voice and hear him and he's beginning to just share his heart with you and that's where the joy, you're finding out, hey, when I talk to people it leaves me empty. I talk to my Lord and I feel full. I feel the joy of the Lord.

Something's happening to me. I know that even when I fail, he loves me. He's not going to let go of me.

It makes you so secure. You're in his arms. You're secure.

Get yourself secure first. Get secure in the love of God. Get secure in your communion with the Lord and that need is met.

He'll start taking care of these other peripheral needs all around you because your basic need has been met. Get this foundation under you. Be convinced that God wants unhindered, fear-free love relationship with you.

Hallelujah. And finally, lay back in his loving arms and trust him to do what's right. You lay back in his arms and say, Lord, I'm not going to figure this out.

I'm not going to try to work it out. I'm going to spend my time with you. Oh, folks, I look over my past life, things that I prayed for and begged God for, and I thought I had to have life or death.

I am so glad. I'm so glad he never heard. If he heard me, he said, no.

I don't know where I'd be today. I'm so glad I laid back in his arms and said, Jesus, you do with me what you want. I want your will, not mine anymore.

And if you'll lay down your will, now don't come to Jesus laid down. You will say, well, if I lay down my will and take up his will, is it going to be two weeks then before he does it or a month? Or is that the way to do it? Is this the way to get it? Surrender your will. No, you don't come.

It's not just to get something. It's come to say, Lord, I want to know you. I want a love relationship with you.

Folks, you heard it with Billy this afternoon. You're going to hear it now too. I'll love him.

I'm in love with Jesus. I'm in love with my heavenly father. I get more pleasure out of talking to him and communing with him than I do with any human being on the face of the earth.

Hallelujah. That's what he wants. That's how my needs are met.

That's how my needs are met. He's there. Talk to him.

Commune with his love relationship and let him love you to me. Hallelujah. Lord Jesus, I've got to learn this.

I'm going to learn it. When you teach me to fully understand that you love me and to believe in my love. God said, for we have understood and we believe the love of God toward us.

We have understood it now and we believe in it. Hallelujah. You're not going to let us get by with our fathers and our sins.

But you're going to love us while you're working on us. God, you're chiseling away and you're going to guide me. You're going to build us but we're still your kind.

You're the one that's working on us. And I know you're working on me. We should hurry it up some time, Lord.

I pray you to work it out for me. Praise you, Jesus. That's his love.

Lord, I love you. Thank you for your love to me. Thank you for your love to my heart.

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