

A Word to Followers of Jesus in Jerusalem, Israel

by George Verwer

Following Jesus is an exciting adventure that brings love, joy, and a sense of purpose to our lives.

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Description

In this sermon, the speaker begins by referencing Hebrews 12 and encourages the audience to strip off any weights that hinder their progress in the race of faith. He draws a parallel to the Winter Olympics and the intense training and discipline required to win. The speaker emphasizes the importance of spreading the teachings of God through various mediums such as sermons, books, websites, and the arts. He shares his personal testimony of coming to faith and witnessing many others come to Jesus. The speaker concludes by urging the audience to be marathon runners in their faith and highlights the need for increased evangelism in nations with a low percentage of Christian witnesses.

Transcript

Father in heaven, we do love you. Lord, we thank you for what you're doing through George and thank you, Lord, for his sacrifice, for Drina. Lord, the family, we ask your blessing on them.

Lord, we want to hear what you have to say to us this evening. We ask especially for George, Lord, that your word should go forth through him from here, from Zion, from Israel, to the ends of the earth. Bless him, make him a blessing in Jesus' name.

Amen. Amen. Thank you.

I'm so happy to see these young, young lads, we say in England, sitting here in the front row, because a lot of the churches I go to, just before I preach, the people that age walk out. Isn't that an irritation? And I understand that because so many of the speakers, you know, are boring and they want to get the kids out so they don't have to suffer, but I just want to say a little word to you in the front row here, that following Jesus is not the same as going to church. Going to church is good, sometimes it's boring, but following Jesus is the most exciting thing you can ever do.

And here's my testimony. I started this when I was only 16. I've never had a boring day.

I'm an old man now, I have grandchildren your age. I've never had a boring day. Here's another thing.

It's a lot of fun. Don't think, if I become a radical disciple of Jesus and really start to get serious about my faith, then I'm no longer having any fun. And I don't understand the fun thing, because underneath it all, I'm a very serious person, and I want to reach the world with the gospel, and it's life and death, it's heaven or hell, but there's a fruit of the Spirit, which is love and joy.

The joy must be tied in with what God does. And I don't know if you'll understand this phrase, but for a while, as a Christian in the early days, I didn't understand what it was to be fully human. And when you're fully human, you'll have fun, because you'll laugh at yourself, you'll laugh at others.

I mean, I think of some of the people here, I mean, it's really just to look at them, you know, you could just start laughing. And God has a sense of humor. You read the Bible carefully, God has a sense of humor.

So, I've had all these years, all over the world, I've been in 80 countries, I've had fun. I've cried as well. Another thing, it's a great adventure.

And I'm finding the younger generation, quite a few of them, they're more interested in adventure than their parents. A lot of the parents were really quite boring, never did much. And we don't want to judge them for that, you know, God saves all kinds.

But following Jesus is an adventure. And so, I hope that I get some of you on our ship, and I hope you'll all follow Jesus. Because there's so few, I promise, as long as I'm alive, every time you email me, I'll send you a free book, a music CD, who knows? If you go into missions, I'll send each one of you hundreds of dollars, just got to tell me where to send it.

So, we're glad you're here, all the rest of you are excluded from those offers. But we're glad for these young lads. I don't know where the young girls are in this movement, but maybe this is what happens here in Israel.

I'm so excited about tonight. The thing that gets me excited next to Jesus is seeing old friends, really. And to see so many, one at a time is enough.

I had Victor Samaja yesterday afternoon, I had Roger Elbel for lunch, very tasty. I had George Khalil from Nazareth, and I remember when I first met him, carpenter from Nazareth, and his wife. Yesterday, we had supper together in the YMCA.

A couple of days ago, a man took me to have a meal in the King David Hotel. I had bream, that's a fish, 100 of these Israeli shekels. Wow, the King David Hotel.

This has been a very special trip, and I hope I can be a better ambassador of Israel. When I go from here, I know Nathan will be. And we're just excited about this little opportunity to be with you.

I want to read Psalm 67. I've been at a business person's conference of business people from all over Europe. Most of the speakers were Israeli people.

And I was the foreign speaker. And it was, I think it was quite a balance, because they all talked about Israel, and I talked about all the rest of the world, and we got the balance. Then we had a lady from the

Knesset come, a Jewish lady last night, and pay tribute to us, and told us about this new department of the Knesset, which their whole thing is to build partnership with Christians.

So you'll want to meet her and have a time of prayer over there with her in the Knesset, or wherever they have their prayer. And it's exciting. These are difficult days for planet Earth.

If you think things are heating up here with what the Hamas becoming the political leaders over there, believe me, globally, it's heating up more than here. And don't just be aware of what's happening here. I wonder how many of you are following the Darfur, the Darfur crisis of the Sudan.

Raise your hand. It's the largest single genocide going on in the world in these past few years. There have been other genocides, the Tutsi and the Hutu.

That was 700,000. And I know people here, especially Palestinian people, and I sympathize with them. I try to sympathize with all who think they're suffering.

But people who think they're suffering here, they often don't know what's going on in the rest of the world. There's almost no comparison to all the suffering you've gone through here, which is a lot. To me, every bomb is one bomb too much.

Every death is one death. The Darfur have had two and a half million people displaced in one year and there's nowhere to go. They're starving.

They've had 200,000 slaughtered and before. And this is Muslim killing Muslim. Just so you understand, this is in southern Sudan.

They have peace there, you know, after two million dead. They have peace. This is Arab background Muslim killing black African Muslim, second class citizens, 200,000 dead.

This is on the news again today. But the UN, the USA, all the great nations, we should all be humbled. The whole world should be humbled that we cannot do better with these global crises.

And the fact that Muslims who I love are not that concerned about 200,000 Muslims who got slaughtered in Darfur. And it's going on tonight. Most of the women get raped first.

They also this particular militia. There are many militias they like to behead. So many are beheaded first.

That is just one of probably 10 major hotspots on planet Earth right now. And I believe as believers, as believers in Jesus, you have to be different than the rest of the people in Israel. The rest of the people in Israel, they will mainly be concerned about Israel.

They'll be concerned about their family, about their little turf, about their economic situation. And true of Palestinians as well. And just human beings, if they don't know the spiritual revolution of first Corinthians 13, the whole message of love, which there are seeds of in the Old Testament, like, hey, Old Testament verse, love your neighbor as you love yourself.

And if I ever got into a synagogue, that's that's when I preach on right out of the Old Testament. But the average person has not experienced this revolution of love. It's also true of the average Christian.

So we're not lifting up Christians, saying they're always better than Jews or better than Muslims. It's not that simple, is it? But people who know this revolution of love, they are different and they are concerned about other people and other nations are concerned about the issue of human rights. Some of you got my business card on the back of my business card are seven areas that I'm giving a time to children at risk, abused women, extreme poor, 20 percent live in extreme poverty.

You know very little of that in West Bank or in Israel. Proper extreme poverty. You know a lot about poverty, but the kind of poverty I've seen in Kenya, one million people living in a total slum where in Britain you'd be in trouble if you kept your dog there.

Children at risk, abused women, the extreme poor, the HIV AIDS patient, 42 million infected. When will God's people start to get a little concerned about this HIV thing? Does it have to be like your brother, your sister, your child die? This is not a homosexual thing. That's 20 years out of date.

This is going among people of all different so-called sexual orientation. And it really is moving fast. A lot of people have HIV.

They don't even know it because there's denial. There's denial on the part of the church, part of the government. And so it spreads.

It's horrendous. People who can't get water. That's a surprise.

Praise God. The church is beginning to give drinking water as well as the water of life. The unborn, the whole crisis of the slaughtering of the unborn.

And then Mr. Planet, who I brought with me, the environment. And I would appreciate your prayers as I got very involved in these issues and the opportunity to speak on radio and television in some very large churches, 5,000 people last weekend alone. The priority for me is still the whole counsel of God.

It's winning people to the Lord. It's seeing the church built up and transformed. But I believe these areas that I just touched on, it's all part of building the kingdom.

And one of the things I'd ask you to do, you're probably already doing it, is affirm believers, affirm them as first class citizens, no matter what job they do. Do not allow this divide between those of us who are called missionaries or full time pastors. We praise God for such people.

That's my calling. But I know now that the business people have supported me all these years, that they're together. We're together.

They're just as much part of the kingdom. And I'm just so convinced we need to honor business and professional people. And if you're in that category, many of you are, I honor you.

Your job is important to God. Your job is important to God. It may be much harder to see than my job.

My job is easy to see that it's important. I've never liked that. I've never liked that hardly for a day.

But other jobs. But, you know, if it wasn't for those people in the other jobs, characters like me, we wouldn't be doing much because they're supplying the prayer, they're supplying the finance, they're holding the rope. Now, that's not the only thing they're doing.

That's a great mistake. If we think business people, professional people, the main thing they do is work so they can give their money to characters like us. That is the old paradigm that's out.

Their work as well as part of the kingdom. And we can dream dreams, we can pray prayers, and we can see how people in the political world, people in the business world, people in the sports world, people in the world of arts. That was a real transformation.

And I'm indebted to Dr. Schaeffer for helping me understand the place of the arts, the place of music in the kingdom, not just Christian music, all kinds of music, part of the kingdom. And I think in some ways, in your powerful culture here in Israel, that you can experience these things quicker than some people in other parts of the world. There's so many gifted people, so many intelligent, wonderful, exciting people from all over the world.

And Israel is such a miracle, such a miracle. And it doesn't mean there's not a lot of pain and that the road ahead will be easy. Here's my psalm, Psalm 67, missionary psalm.

May God be merciful and bless us. And let's just say, you know, I haven't primarily come here tonight to get a blessing. I'm not here primarily recruiting for OM or trying to get your money or something.

I'm here just as God's servant. And I do apologize for not coming here before now. I don't know why.

I don't understand it. OM got so big, I had to give so much of my time to finding the finance and the recruits. I think previous visits here were discouraging for me for whatever reason.

But the truth is, I don't know why I haven't come here more often. I think the fact that I am overwhelmingly committed to this whole giant part of the world, from Morocco all the way to Indonesia and those special people, that probably was a factor. But I think it's too complicated for me to understand.

But he brought me here now, and he's always forgiving me for my stupid mistakes. So I believe he wants to bless us tonight. He wants to bless you.

I know it's not easy to sit through maybe a long meeting. I'll try to be short and maybe reward you at the end. I don't know, we can go get an ice cream or something.

But he wants to bless us. He wants to bless you in your marriage. He wants to bless you in your business.

That blessing sometimes comes only after a time of suffering and testing. But I believe God wants to bless. May his face shine with favor upon us.

Whoa, that's beautiful, isn't it? May your ways be known throughout the earth. You're saving power among people everywhere. I wonder--you may be a Jewish friend here, and many of you have a Jewish background--how do they handle that psalm? You're saving power among people everywhere.

Maybe I'll ask one of you after the meeting, do the really dedicated Jews have full assurance of salvation that they'll be with God in heaven the moment they die? From what I've studied, they don't seem to have that. So I don't know what keeps them going. I don't know what they do with this psalm.

You're saving power among people everywhere. May the nations praise you, O God. Yes, may all the nations praise you.

How glad the nations will be, singing for joy, because you govern them with justice and direct the actions of the whole world. May the nations praise you, O God. Yes, may all the nations praise you.

Then the earth will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will richly bless us. Yes, God will bless us, and people all over the world will fear him. Now, you may feel that the church here in Israel is growing a little slow, or maybe you're a hyper-optimist, you think it's growing fast.

But I think it's important to realize we are part of the whole church throughout the whole world. So we rejoice with those that rejoice. The fact that 20% of all the people in Brazil are praising and worshiping Jesus, we rejoice in that.

And with a little more action, we could get a lot more Brazilians to Israel, unless maybe they're passported. Are there any Brazilians here? They're one of the greatest missionary forces in the world today. I just spoke to 1,000 Brazilian leaders.

This message that I just read on the back of the card, only the message takes 40 minutes. 90% stood up to say, I want to be a good Samaritan. I want to be a good Samaritan.

It was based on Luke 10, the Good Samaritan. And I just believe with all my heart, though, your priority is Israel. And some of you may be prioritizing on Arab people, some on Jewish people, some on hippies and new age Jews, which I heard about, never even hardly knew they existed until Janice parachuted into London and took over one of our prayer meetings.

I never thought I'd get back, but that was a joke. And now she's going to Thailand. And we got a lot of amazing people in OM.

Other people don't even know about them. They're like the hidden heroes. They know about George Verro.

Look, I'm boring next to some of these new ones that are coming along. And it's exciting. And I believe, though, you have your priority.

We honor you for that. In your prayer life, in your conversation, in your heart, you can take in other nations. I took in Iraq in a major way before I ever went to this part of the world.

Iraq was almost number one in my life at 20 years of age and then Afghanistan and then Turkey. And though at that time I studied Israel, it seemed to me even at that time, you know, there was something happening here compared to countries where the church did not even exist. It didn't exist in Afghanistan.

It barely existed in Turkey. Turkey, by the way, has a good relationship with Israel, which is quite amazing. And now after all these years of working in Turkey, there are maybe 2000 believers in the nation.

There are believers also among the minority groups, but I'm talking about the majority people. So I'd like you tonight as hard as it is, as you're all so focused on your own work and vision and country, I'd like you to travel with me in my globe. You can choose either this globe or my global jacket.

This is brand new. I want to have this morning. I sold this one is for sale after the meeting.

It doesn't look very good on me. It's sort of sort of hangs and we know the world's not flat. It really looks a lot better on, I mean, global people.

And we do, we sell quite a few of our extra, extra large ones. And those people look so beautiful. When I get to heaven, I want to put one on.

I want to put one on D.L. Moody. Have you ever heard of D.L. Moody? You know what a secular encyclopedia said about D.L. Moody? Overweight American evangelist who depopulated hell by two million souls. That's not bad.

So don't worry too much about the weight thing. Get on with the soul winning. So we want to visit some of the countries and I want to share with you my top 10.

I'm a big into music. I listen to the top 10 classics and the top 10 pop songs sometimes. And so I got my own top 10.

The top most impossible, difficult nations in the world. Now, I know in missiological circles, and they do run in circles sometimes, the missiologists, we're supposed to now talk about people's groups. But as I'm ministering to ordinary churches, ordinary people, I find they don't relate to the people's group thing.

They're reading in their newspaper about Israel. They're reading about Afghanistan. They're reading about Turkey.

They're reading about nations. So I'm back talking about nations. But I want to honor the people's group concept and the push downs and the various types of people.

I think the Druze who are all around us here, they're a special people's group. My wife's sister was going to marry a Druze, but really, their his parents weren't really too keen on marrying this little gal from Texas. And so anyway, she married another Muslim instead.

You can pray for her. People said, well, where's that? It's Texas. American women, they're looking for Omar Sharif.

Yeah. And every time they see anybody who even looks near Omar Sharif, boom, they marry him. Most of the marriages don't go too well.

But some of you thought your husband was Omar Sharif and you're married and going on happily. Praise the Lord. Top ten.

Number one, North Korea. North Korea is one of the most impossible, difficult nations in the world. Now, North Korea.

With the microphone. But North Korea, where is it? Dear me, I got it caught in the wire here. OK, there's North Korea.

North Korea is a little different than the other nine because it does have a fair number of Christians in comparison, but it's still a small number of Christians. Some are in prison. There's very little freedom of expression.

There are other fanatical elements about North Korea that put it on my list. But I want you to pray for North Korea. We know all the Koreans here pray for North Korea, but we want the rest of the world to join in prayer.

There are some slight rays of hope. People are getting in there. People getting in there on business.

Some believers are getting in there, but it's a tough challenge. Second country is Tibet. I used to live in Nepal.

I haven't been there in a long time either, maybe 20 years. I used to live there in Nepal, and just north and thousands and tens of thousands, couple hundred thousand now follow Jesus in Nepal. When I lived there, it was a few tens of thousands, if that.

But north of Nepal is Tibet. And let me just take my survey. See if you're doing better in Israel than the average country.

How many of you are already praying for Tibet? You're people of prayer. You've read Operation World or something similar. You're praying for Tibet.

All those who are praying for Tibet, raise your hand. Okay, that wasn't too encouraging. Let's try something else, lest we get depressed.

How many are willing? You're willing to pray for Tibet. Raise your hand. This is always the way it is with God's people.

They're so much better at being willing than they are at ever doing anything. That's so encouraging. So God bless you.

But I would ask you to pray for Tibet. How can you compare Tibet with a place like Israel? There is no church in Tibet. I heard of one Catholic church in a village left over from decades ago.

I've heard of some believers now. We've been pushing Tibet now a lot for the last few years. I met a girl at Moody Bible Institute just 10 days ago.

She said she's going to live in Tibet this summer with some nomads. God is answering prayer for Tibet. Now is the hour for Tibet.

And I believe, maybe this is why the Lord didn't bring me here all these years or I made a mistake, but I believe the hour has come when the church in Israel needs to send out more missionaries. If the passport is a problem, there's groups here, not far from here, they just print their own passports. But somehow, you know, that might not be the best way.

But I want to encourage you to be creative. And when we do, maybe you can't go because you don't have the right passport, but maybe God will lead you to someone who does have the right passport, and you can be the sender. But wouldn't it be wonderful if the Israeli church could send a missionary or two to Tibet to see the church born in that country? The third nation is a tough one, but this isn't a message just for tonight.

It's a message I share all over the world. But the third nation is Saudi Arabia. Saudi Arabia is probably the strongest nation almost in the world against the gospel, against the Bible, against Christians.

They even throw foreigners, just showing a Jesus film, throw them in jail. We have Koreans there. I think he had to flee the country for a while.

He's back. We know there are Saudi believers, but they got to keep a low profile if they want to stay alive. So let's love these people, and let's make sure that with the environment you live in here, that no hatred comes into your heart toward people who are thought of as enemies of Israel.

This is not where we are as God's people. You can have your little political section of your head, and you keep that stored up there, and that's all right. You have your little private thoughts in the bathtub.

But as far as reality, we need to love our enemies. We need to love our enemies. That's so basic.

That's not something like radical. I was fanatic anti-communist already at 17 years of age. I almost joined the anti-communist league in America.

They tried to recruit me. I spoke avidly against communism. So did Billy Graham, my spiritual father.

But as a baby Christian, I loved communists. I couldn't wait to meet the first communists, and love them, and share about Jesus. And so soon as I got to Europe, what do you think I did? What do you kids think I did? I smuggled Bibles into the Soviet Union.

I was so young. I didn't know. How many of you ever heard of God's smuggler, Brother Andrew, God's smuggler? Have you read that comic? Yeah, tonight you've got Brother George, God's bungler.

I tried the same thing, but due to my own stupidity. Do you ever do anything stupid? You need to work on that. Due to my own stupidity, I got arrested by the Soviet secret police on the third day in Rovno, Ukraine.

At front page Pravda coverage, American spy arrested in Rovno. This really wasn't what we had planned. I can tell you those very men that interrogated me, the love of Christ, just flowed out toward those men.

One of them ended up singing hymns with us. One of our captors ended up singing hymns. And we launched at that time, though I failed, the largest single smuggling operation in the history of Eastern Europe, not Russia.

Brother Andrew was handling more Russia, but our guys based out of Vienna were handling all the rest of Eastern Europe. We're talking about millions of pieces of literature during those Cold War days, smuggled in, brought in. We had people beat up.

We had vehicles confiscated, but God's hand was on it. But the first effort was a failure. And I think that's one of the things that helped me the most in my life to understand that though I was a failure, God could use me.

Yeah. In fact, later on, a book came out called Failure, the Back Door to Success. Have you seen that one? That's been such a blessing to me, that book.

I sent a lot of books, by the way, for these meetings, but they didn't arrive. What's new? But when you get them, you give everybody a free book. Probably sent them to the wrong person.

But this wonderful book, the truth is, I never read the book, and the cover just really touched my heart. The failure, Failure, the Back Door to Success. So what am I saying tonight? I'm asking you, I'm asking you to love even Hamas.

I'm asking you to pray for those people. And we know terrorism is never acceptable. There's a lot of things that aren't acceptable.

But as believers, hatred is not acceptable. Now, for a believer to be in the army and have to fight, that is one of the most difficult things. But I've never become a pacifist.

And I believe defending one's nation and being in the army to defend that nation, that is possible for a Christian to do. Some Christians don't believe in that. I honor them as well.

But I believe with all my heart, we are in a revolution of love, and there's no exception except Satan himself and all his angels. And I believe much more that's happening here is linked with principalities and powers than is linked with little people running around the streets with guns and bombs. And the Word of God says, you know, in Ephesians 6, we are battling principalities and powers.

And we need to reread that chapter and pray in the light of it. So, Saudi Arabia, love them, pray for them. There are believers there sharing their faith.

Tentmakers can get into Saudi Arabia with most passports, not all passports. It's a walk in the park to get in. It's not a walk in the park to get anything done.

And so you can get really discouraged there. The fourth nation is Libya. Where is it? Way over here in Libya.

We've had quite a few people there over the years, including prison. Did you know that Libya has less than twelve believers? You think you got a small church, huh? Less than twelve believers in the nation. Did you know that through prayer, Gaddafi and his son have changed? Did you know that? No, they're not born again running down the street waving a gospel banner.

You know, it takes time for these heavyweights. But they've changed their viewpoint, and they're welcoming even Americans back in big numbers, who not that many long ago were dropping bombs. And they repaid these giant sums of money in regard to that Pan Am crash.

These things are not a coincidence. These things are not accidents that are born out of the secular mind. These are God and His sovereignty working in His mysterious ways among kings and those in authority.

Are we not told to pray for those people? And so today we have a new open door in Libya, and it's in my top ten. Tunisia is number five. Tunisia is a much more liberal place.

Let us pray that it doesn't tip the scale and go the other way in the present. You know, twelve were killed two days ago in Libya in the riots in connection with the cartoons. Tunisia I don't think has had that.

Used to be considered Paris, Tunis, the Paris of North Africa. Tunisians are coming to Jesus. There now may be even a hundred believers.

Not many, huh? See, in Israel you ought to be able to pray better for these places, because at times you feel a little bit outnumbered, right? But these countries are really, really forgotten. And then my sixth country is Turkmenistan. Central Asia basically is wide open.

Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Tajikistan, you know, you've got to be careful. There's one exception. Turkmenistan is totally different than all the other states.

Fanatically anti-Christian, no missionaries even, even they're watching even to let tent makers in. There are a few there. Turkmenistan, the leader of the country, is like a megalomaniac.

Think he thinks he's God. Turkmenistan is in my top 10. No other Central Asian nation is in that 10.

By the way, I have a runner-up 10. I have another runner-up 10. I have 40 nations in my notebook all trying to get into the top 10.

Every one of those 40 nations would have less than 5% of the witness that Israel has for our Lord Jesus. You know you have a long way to go here. What are you going to say of those other 40 nations that would have less than 5%? I think of how many Christian agencies here, how many gospel people come here to give their testimonies.

One of the biggest television networks in the world beams up out of Jerusalem, the God Channel. You may not know much about that channel. That is huge.

Joyce Meyer on the God Channel, she's no more in India than Billy Graham, much less some of the other superstars of that very unique ministry. And so I tell you, Israel has had a lot of witness. Of course, that doesn't mean they respond easily, does it? You ever pray for Japan? Japan is not in my top 10.

Japan has less than 1%. Japanese people do not respond. There's lots of missionaries in Japan, lots of churches, most of them are small.

They've tried every strategy on planet Earth. Even David Young E. Cho, I had time with him a couple years ago when I preached in his little church in Korea, 700,000. They don't all come at once.

But his prophecies concerning Japan have not come true, which is true of most of these different prophecies. And forgive my negativism, I got to work on that. But in Japan, it would be a little bit like Israel.

There's quite a lot of witness. There are churches, but the people, just the prejudice, the complexity just doesn't happen. I wonder how many Israeli missionaries you've sent to Japan.

That would be a tremendous change. How many of you at least pray for Japan? Big country, you pray for Japan. That's a lot better than that Tibet thing.

The seventh country is Afghanistan. Afghanistan was put on my heart reading Oswald J. Smith's book as a baby Christian. Afghanistan tucked away between Iran and Pakistan.

There's Afghanistan. There's still no functioning church there. That's why I feel my life is just loaded with failure.

People can say great things about OM and write great stories, and I'm thankful. I don't want to be unthankful. But this is not what I've been aiming at.

So I'm hoping, I'm praying that in my senior years with my co-workers and the whole body of Christ, I may see the dreams that I've never seen. We have a lot of people in Afghanistan now. There's no lack of people there.

But they're all in humanitarian work in order to even stay in the country. They are seeing a little response, but it's a really tough place. And there are Afghan believers now.

Some of them are dead. They meet in secret. They study the word of God.

I've heard different numbers, somebody even saying maybe more than a thousand throughout the whole nation. I find it hard to believe, but I hope so. But Afghanistan is still in my top 10.

And Iraq is still in my top 10. It may fall out because so many are coming to Jesus in Iraq and his new churches, his Christian bookstores. There's whole containers of books and Bibles getting in there.

It's wide open right now, but dangerous, wide open, but dangerous. So not many want to go. And we pulled our O.M. teams out of Iraq.

It just got too dangerous. We get the parents on the phone. We got the churches on the phone.

It's easier for independent people to go. We're in Kurdistan. We're in the Kurdish part of Iraq that's safer.

And the Kurds of my people's groups, if I were into the people's group thing, the Kurds would be my top 10. Kurds are coming to Jesus. There are now new Kurdish churches.

Of course, there are Kurds in Turkey and Iran as well. Not much happening among them. I'm speaking about Iraq.

So my seventh nation. By the way, if a year from now you send me this list, these 10 nations, you get 10 free books. Just tell me where to send them.

So it's good to see some of you writing it down. It proves that you at least got the spiritual kindergarten in terms of the disciplined life. So the seventh nation is Iraq.

The eighth nation. That was the eighth. Sorry.

The ninth nation. I always need someone like that in the meeting because I don't have it written out. Yeah.

Iraq is the eighth. The ninth nation is Somalia. It was Sudan.

Sudan has slipped into my next group because the number of believers in southern Sudan has gone from 7 percent to 70 percent. Now, talk about the sovereignty of God. I find it hard to fellowship with believers who are not into mystery.

So that's OK. We'll still have a chat. These guys and and people that have the answer to everything.

It's just it's just it's just ridiculous to me. How can you explain southern Sudan? Two million dead. Two million dead.

I don't want to see one person dead. Two million dead suffering beyond comprehension. And yet through that, the greatest one of the greatest single church growth explosions in the world at the time from 77 percent to 70 percent.

Now, they're not all born again believers, but a lot of them are. And it's there's so many believers there now. Many believers have no Bibles.

Many believers have no Christian books. Of course, there's a lot of illiteracy. Do you think a lot of missionaries are rushing into southern Sudan even though they have peace? Forget it.

It's a tough place to live. So Sudan is in my second 10 group and in its place. Number nine, Somalia.

Somalia is barely functioning as a nation. It has almost no believers. There are Somalis now all over the world.

Some of them are being reached. Just a few weeks ago, one of the leading Christians was assassinated. The Muslim fanatic who said assassinated him said all Christians in Somalia must die.

That's a great place to live. You know, if you think like getting your church burned down, getting beat up or punched is bad, it is bad. I don't want that.

What do you say about assassination? Maybe some of you are depressed and you don't like it here. You prefer that, but it's not your decisions. So Somalia is a nation I want you to pray for.

I know of hardly anybody who wants to work there for Jesus. There it is right down here. Remember when the Americans went in there in a big charitable operation? Have you seen that film? What was the name of that film? The Hollywood film.

What was that called? Yeah, Black Hawk Down. Just watching it, I almost got ill. Somalia is just an unbelievable challenging situation.

And number 10 is Yemen down here. Now, Yemen only got into my list because of Socotra. How many have prayed for Socotra? That's one of your favorite spots, right? Socotra.

Let's be honest. How many, to be honest, you never actually heard of Socotra? Raise your hand. It's great, isn't it? You got so much more left to learn in your lives.

There's no scope to be bored. There's no scope to stop reading. You guys all knew about Socotra, didn't you? Here in the first row.

Here it is. It's not that far away. You can go there by boat.

Right there, Socotra. I discovered, see, so I'm in the ignorance club too. Socotra is now part of Yemen.

So Yemen got on my list because of Socotra. Socotra has no church, not one known believer. There's no missionaries.

There are some short-termers spying out the land. Maybe by now there's somebody there because I'm sure getting a lot of people embarrassed around the world about Socotra. And they come up to my globe afterward.

And please, don't come up here and pin missionary pictures to their location, you know, as they do on some of these maps. And this globe is very sensitive. But pray, pray for Yemen.

Let's all stand. Different people lead out in prayer until we cover all 10 countries. I won't close.

So some of you want to go home? Pray quick. We want to cover every one of these 10 countries. You are allowed to pray only for one.

Some of you just want to pray for all 10. You're just so anointed. You're just about levitating out of your shoes.

But you've got to just pray for one country. So let's pray and cover these 10 most needy, impossible nations in the world. This is the George Verwer list.

You can have your own list. You can disagree with me. That's no problem.

You can even put Israel as number one, do your own thing in your ignorance. But you've got the top 10, according to me. And that's and I'm in the pulpit right now.

So you'll have your day. Let's cover every one of those countries. Praise the Lord.

Amen. Thank you, Lord. Father, help us now as we just spend a little more time looking into your word and then go from this place to bless others in Jesus name.

Amen. Please be seated. I just would like to read from Hebrews 12.

Therefore, since we're surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight, every weight that slows us down, especially that sin that so easily hinders our progress. And let us run. Let us run with endurance the race that God has set before us.

We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from start to finish. A lot of people around the world these days are watching the Winter Olympics. I've watched just a little bit on the news just enough to challenge me that the training these people go through to to win these these human races.

They have this new skeleton race where you lay on the sled head down. I never used to have this. It's like extreme sport.

People easily can get killed. And there they are, all these people after this intensive training and focus and discipline and just a few of them get gold medals. The whole place is mainly filled now with losers.

Yeah, it must be very depressing. That's why they send evangelistic teams there, because, you know, these people, after they lose, they're open to hearing about Jesus and praise God for sports ministry. OML has a sports ministry.

I think some of you are networked into that. But I believe I'm one of God's marathon runners. That's not saying anything special because we're all in this marathon race.

Some of us have been in it longer. I just celebrated my last March 50th spiritual birthday. For any of you who are new, I wasn't from a Christian family.

My grandfather was an atheist from the Netherlands who went to America with my father, also born in born in the Netherlands. My other grandfather was Irish, Scottish and English blood mixed, which is, you know, basically toxic. He was an alcoholic and a drunkard.

My grandmother divorced him, so I didn't have much of a background. And into my life came this lady that Harrell referred to Israel. Sometimes I get your names reversed, but I know it's Israel Harrell that Israel referred to.

And she she heard about me. I was a little trouble to the police. I was sort of a radical student leader about to be elected as president of this big student body of 1200 students all over the school was my picture.

Let George do it. And I gave my little speech and got the football players on my side and I won the election. And she wasn't too interested in all of that.

She prayed that I'd become a Christian, a believer, and that I would become a missionary. She didn't even discuss this with me. Be nice if we could talk over right what's going to happen with our own lives.

If your parents are praying that you're going to be a missionary, you might want to have a talk with them, see if you can make a deal or something. And then she sent me a Gospel of John through the post. And I began to read God's word.

I was a seeker with all my confusion. I was moving into the world of pornography at that time. I was I had such a foul mouth.

I was going to produce a little dictionary of curses, dirty stories and blasphemous. I had a giant ego. And, you know, I meet these people that never had a lot of confidence as kids.

Shy people, people put down that was not my world. I was always confident. My parents were just tremendous people on that side of things.

And so my problems were different. I was also very happy. We hear of people converted when they're miserable.

I was incredibly happy the night I was converted until I heard Billy Graham speak and then realized I was probably a sinner and probably not going to heaven and that good works wasn't enough. To finish that story, this lady prayed and sent me this Gospel, and that prepared my heart for a one night meeting with Billy Graham. It's interesting, Victor Simaj told me the other day that when he went to publish his first book in Hebrew, Billy Graham, some people here, judgmental, pharisaical, extremist type said, ah, Billy Graham, I don't need to publish his books.

And it's amazing how many enemies Billy Graham has had. And I try to encourage people, you know, narrow is the way narrow is the way. Why do we work so hard, certain people to make it narrower than it is? It's already narrow.

You don't need to make it narrower. You know, I use the King James Bible only. I do this only.

I wear neckties in church, and I don't fellowship with these kind of people. And I think that's really a stumbling block. It's a really a stumbling block to non-Christians.

Our narrowness, our judgmental is they see us fighting among ourselves. I hope you don't have so much of that in Israel, but most countries do. But anyway, that night I was born again.

I didn't understand it all, but I knew that Jesus loved me. He forgave me. I went back to that ungodly high school where I had now a lot of clout as a student leader.

It happened around the same time. I got the principal to give me permission to distribute the gospel of John in the high school. And we had a lot of drunkenness in our high school, a lot of fornication.

A thousand students promised to read God's word. I found out around that time that lady had prayed for that school for 15 years. The power of prayer.

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By prayer and by the Internet, you can touch people anywhere. And I'd ask you to check out my own website, George Verwood dot com. That's pretty simple.

You can just about fall into that if you're a cyberspace person. George Verwood dot com. Then you can go from there into 40 audio messages and MP3 format.

And you you can have all of you want to have your own website and get into using the Internet for sharing your faith around the globe. So I was saved that night. I went back to that high school.

People started to come to Jesus. I went off to university and I came back at Christmas break and six hundred people came to hear me speak. I was 18 years old and one hundred and twenty five stood in that meeting, this ungodly high school and believed in Jesus and among them my own father who followed Jesus, son of an atheist until 94 years of age.

That's my testimony. And what I want to share with you in closing is just certain things that God taught me before I was 21 that had held me all my life. And I want all of you to be marathon runners.

You probably already are. You probably already know these things. So it's good to hear things again just to reaffirm.

But I just want to share a few of the things I call these biblical realities that have helped me stay in the race. I've never had a day away from Jesus. I've had my moments.

I've had maybe up to an hour. Bad attitudes, impatience certainly have had lots of struggles. A great Scottish theologian said, Great faith is not in the absence of struggles.

Great strength. Faith is often in the midst of it, even in the midst of doubt. I've had lots of doubts.

I can't walk into a place like the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem two days ago and not be just overwhelmed with my doubts about the whole thing and how it all fits together. So great faith is not in the absence of doubts. Great faith is often in the midst of doubts.

And I praise God that there are some new churches today where people are more free to talk about their doubts, because that was a no-no in churches many churches years ago. And I think this younger generation, with what we're bombarded with, the constant bombarding through the media of things that produce doubts, need to be able to talk about it, pray about it, read books like C.S. Lewis' books and other books that can help us. The writings of Dr. Schaffer helped me build up our intellectual convictions and knowledge.

So I want to just share these realities, very basic, that have kept me running all these years. Number one, the reality of the crucified life. We have to be able to say as Paul, I'm crucified with Christ.

This happened to me as a very young Christian because I was exposed to such phenomenal books. The writings of Roy Heshin, Calvary Road. Wow.

The ministry of the Keswick Convention. The writings of Andrew Murray. The writings of L.E. Maxwell, founder of Prairie Bible Institute.

Born crucified. And I'm convinced much of the immorality that gets into the church, among all kinds of church people, is because they never understood the reality of the crucified life. I am crucified with Christ.

And I've had a high level of sexual temptation. I've never fallen except with the eye gate, and I'm not excusing that. And it's because self, most mornings, got crucified.

And then at noon, and whenever the temptation came, not I, but Christ. When we fall into these sexual sins, it is a testimony of self-centeredness. And our society is trying to tell us nobody can live without sex.

Do you know that in Africa right now, people staying free from AIDS because of abstinence are being mocked by their own African peers in high school because they're not having sex. I hope you folks are living in the real world about what's going on in terms of sex outside of marriage. And at almost any age, starting from 12 on, it's absolutely mind-bending.

And Christians are falling all over the place. Surveys among Christian young people, even those that make a commitment to abstinence, show they break the promise. A commitment to abstinence is not enough.

Without the crucified life, I am crucified with Christ. Nevertheless, I live, yet not I. Ego is crucified. That doesn't mean we're perfect.

It doesn't mean we won't have wild temptations and some falls on certain levels, especially the battle for total control of our minds. But I'm convinced this message needs to be preached. And I've been doing my surveys, and let me tell you, a lot of these churches in America that are so superficial and the pastors are just wiped out all over the place.

Thousands and thousands, thousands of American pastors have fallen into adultery, including top television people. My surveys show they do not have this emphasis. They do not preach the crucified life.

And so that's one of the reasons I'm still here. And that's one of the reasons OM, who celebrates their 50th year next year, has had very little immorality. We have 130,000 graduates.

Of course, we've had some. We've even had people live in victory over incredible homosexual temptation. Live in victory.

One of my close friends with that struggle married with two dynamic young men as children. There's victory in Jesus, but it's not an easy road. You've got to deny self.

This is the word from Jesus himself. Deny self. Take up a cross every day.

Follow me. And who said that? Jesus. How many times? Three times.

We've got to make sure we got this. And our churches, a lot of our problems in our churches, the arguments, the pettiness, the Pharisees and the judgmentalism, these are men and women that have never understood the crucified life. They would never say these things.

They would never do these things if they knew the reality of the cross in the depth of the ego. You could never do these things. I have never had a day when I could go to bed at night after saying anything angry

or unpleasant to my wife or an OM board or an OM leader.

Sure, I've done it, but you can't get away with it because immediately the conviction of the Holy Spirit is so great. And you repent and you break and you ask forgiveness and revival comes. This is how OM for 50 years has had very little disunity with an army of strong-minded people from many churches and many denominations from pretty straight shooting Pentecostals to deep-fisted Plymouth brethren.

We've had 50 years of running the race together, and we believe it's because of this great message. The second reality is the reality of the Holy Spirit. I lived in a day when the Holy Spirit at places like Moody Bible Institute was neglected.

It doesn't mean he wasn't present. The Holy Spirit is God himself. The Holy Spirit has a way of working whether we have the vocabulary or not.

There's been a great emphasis on vocabulary, but not enough emphasis on the reality, the daily reality of the Holy Spirit, the fruit, the gifts. And it has to be connected with the crucified life. We can't put these things in boxes.

Oh, this is a crucified life guy over here. Here's a spirit-filled guy over here. Well, this guy over here, he doesn't seem to know anything about it, but I guess he loves Jesus.

It flows together as we become mature in God. It doesn't all happen the first year of our conversion. And as I discovered more of the reality of the Holy Spirit among different people, and I read different books and prayed different prayers, and when we were young, you know, I remember praying a prayer after reading Torrey's book about the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

I was a baby Christian that somehow had experienced the baptism, the fullness, the reality of the Holy Spirit. Billy Graham says, I don't care how you get it, just get it. And I don't see how you can be effective without the reality of the Holy Spirit.

It doesn't mean we all become Pentecostals, we all become this, we all become that. Don't let those prejudices we may have against this group or that group or extremism that we certainly see a lot of on television keep us from the reality, the basic reality of the Holy Spirit working through our lives. And that has been so powerful.

And I minister in Pentecostal and charismatic churches all over the world, and they receive me and accept me, and they know I have the anointing of the Holy Spirit, though I don't have all the gifts. And I probably have more of a charismatic heart and an evangelical head, and I hope somehow it connects on a daily basis. The third reality, which is tied into both of the other realities, is the reality of the discipline life.

Again, I believe this is one of the things that God honored in OM. We did get extreme at times on the discipline thing. We did have some legalism.

There's no way you can walk for Jesus and not have some of these problems at times. You remember A.W. Tozer, he said about enthusiasm, I guess in OM at times we were too zealous and too enthusiastic and didn't have enough common sense. One of the first missionaries I ever met when I went to Mexico, he just spotted me right away.

He got me in the car and he said, well, what do you think of this common sense thing, George? Huh, why did he ask me that? No one had ever asked me that before. And I realized common sense is really important in God's kingdom. And we had to grow in that area.

But I believe without the discipline life, these other things somehow, it doesn't work. Because those other things are linked with your will. You may know the crucified life, but someday you will.

You will to do your own thing. You'll do it. You may know the fullness of the Holy Spirit on a particular day.

You decide you're going to grieve the Spirit. You're going to do your own thing. You've just got infatuated with the woman who you think is the most beautiful woman on the planet.

It happened to me after marriage. I thought I was going to go right out of my mind. But because I had this message, nothing ever happened.

And I am so thankful for that because that infatuation could have destroyed me as a young Christian. I'm just dealing with an infatuation situation in Texas where two Christians, these sort of people I don't believe understand this. This man got infatuated, churchgoer, Bible believer, murdered his own wife and denied it until he got in court.

The woman he was infatuated with, he was so stupid. He had told her, I love you so much I murdered my wife. I tell you, she had her circuits pwned for her immorality.

She gave the tape to the police. He was convicted of murder after he was convicted in the court. She, by the way, is the sister of a close friend who I was just with.

So this isn't something I've just read about. He stood up in front of the court and confessed that he had murdered his own wife. How can it be? Somehow just professing Jesus is not enough.

It will definitely, hopefully in most cases, get you to heaven. If it's a true confession, true faith, you'll be there in glory. But boy, I tell you, I wouldn't want to risk.

I wouldn't want to be that guy sitting in prison wondering whether I'm going to heaven or hell or just what exactly happened. I believe with all my heart in the words of Paul. I'm not going to go much longer.

Paul said, I buffet my body. So much of my problem has been my body, which is linked with my mind. My theology is solid.

My thinking is pretty good. But the body, and especially the whole area of sexuality, which, of course, in many churches in the 50s and 60s, we never talked about, never talked about. Five hundred verses in the Bible about sex we can't talk about.

You know, we get these guys in America, especially both. They expound on the whole Bible. They start in Genesis.

A lot of times it's boring. They start in Genesis. They go right through the Revolution.

And I've always wanted to go up to these guys and say, what did you do with this verse? Did you expound this one? Did you expound this one? Well, what verse are you talking about? Right here. Be thou satisfied with the breasts of the wife of thy youth. How many of you preachers here, you've preached on that one? I

have.

I just did right now. And the Song of Solomon. We've done everything we can to spiritualize the Song of Solomon.

The whole thing is just way too sexy. None of us can handle the Song of Solomon. We got to get the sex issue sorted out in our life.

That takes the crucified life, takes the reality of the Holy Spirit, and it takes daily discipline. And if Paul, in case you think I'm unbiblical here, if Paul said, I buffet my body, I bring it into subjection, less after preaching to others, I become a castaway. How many Christian leaders have that verse as a major motto? I haven't met many.

Maybe I need to continue my survey. We're living in the feel-good society. We want to feel good.

We want to feel nice. We want to be happy. And I'm not saying there's no place for those things.

In fact, I'm big, I'm big on accepting our humanness. No matter how filled we are, this is one of my favorite Verwer original statements. Hey, get ready.

No matter how filled we are with the Holy Spirit, we're incredibly human, totally spirit-filled people who have had seventh heaven experiences, they still go to the toilet. Did you know that? So does the Queen of England, huh? Denying your humanity, denying your humanness will lead to extremism. And OM got into it for a couple of years, and we hurt a lot of people.

And I've tried to go around apologizing to some of these people. And I never realized how people of different temperaments, they hear completely different things. When I'm speaking back there in the 60s with messages that have very little humanness, very little humor, my kind of temperament, I've always been able to take things with a grain of salt.

I've always been a bit of a clown. I got voted class clown in the freshman class of my high school. But when I'm out there coming across with this somewhat lopsided message, other temperaments, people that have had a totally different background are hearing completely different things.

I remember a friend from Finland. Anybody here from Finland? You are a very serious people. You're very serious people, and you have a very serious suicide rate.

And living in the dark for seven months up there in Finland could depress even a gospel rabbit. But I love Finland, and I try to go there regularly. But a lot of Finns who came in OM in the early days, they had no humor.

They didn't understand grace. And though grace was in OM's message at the time, it wasn't enough. They would just hear this discipline thing and then mix into it legalism, mix discipline with legalism, and you come out with a really weird cocktail.

And believe me, in OM for a while, we could serve that drink with great ability. But I will tell you, OM, by God's grace, became a grace-awakened movement. And that's my third reason why I'm still here.

I experienced a deeper work of grace, understanding God's love for me when I fail with that pornographic magazine and Satan telling me I'm a scumbag in order to chuck Christianity down the tube. Satan, I mean,

God ministering to me and showing that some of my convictions--remember in those early days, any of you around then, we had convictions about so many issues. And God sent an amazing man to one of the first conferences in Spain.

Very few people know this. His name was Doug Coe. He might be today classified as being a little wishy-washy in his theology, but he's one of the great leaders of the global prayer movement.

The prayer breakfast that just took place--4,000 people in Washington--with Bono preaching from the heart. Doug Coe is one of the behind-the-scenes persons you never see. And Doug Coe and God's Providence spoke at the Madrid conference in 1962.

After the big 62 campaign, we went back to Madrid, and he could see that OM had a lot of different agendas. And he got in front of us, and he said, I want to beg of you to mainly focus on the Lord Jesus. Never forget it.

And I realized I had too many convictions--strong convictions--about smaller issues, especially in the area of money. And I hurt a lot of people with my teaching about money, and I hurt my wife. And I just thank God that grace came in, and I saw that in a greater way, God could supply even money that you could just spend however you want.

So I gave my wife a dollar and said, look, just feel free. You don't have to account for this to me. Just go for it.

And then I increased it to five dollars, and then I turned all money over to her. Oh, my God is so merciful. God is so merciful.

Crucified life, spirit-filled life, disciplined life, yes, but it's got to be grace awakened. It's got to be saturated with forgiveness. Isn't that a great word? I've never gone to bed at night not knowing I was forgiven.

Never gone to bed at night not having forgiven anyone who hurt me. It doesn't mean it was total emotional victory. And I would recommend you get Charles Swindoll's book, *Grace Awakening*.

I recommend you get Philip Yancey's book, *What's So Amazing About Grace*. I would ask you to search your own heart to see if there are not some remnants of self-condemnation and legalism still there from your childhood, from your family, that are not from God. Some of those things in your heart from your family background may be good, but the whole idea that as a Christian we can always trust our conscience is wrong.

Our consciences are stained by legalism, by false teaching, by judgmentalism, by Phariseeism, by some of our own cuckoo ideas, and we all have them. And I tell you, when you can learn to have the final authority as the Holy Spirit, the grace awakened message of the New Testament with all that emphasis on forgiveness and mercy and acceptance, and allow that to bring things in your conscience into balance, knowing you, of course, will never be perfect. We're all growing.

We're all learning. And you will. As you discover the grace awakening, you become more free, as I did in my life.

The pendulum will start to go the other way, and then you'll have to grab it and, you know, those other emphases and bring it back to balance. But that's God's way, and I'm excited. I'm excited that there are

churches now that welcome divorced people and don't treat them as second-class citizens.

We were the first missions movement of any major kind that recruited divorced people and saw that it could be used just as much and more than someone who had it all together in their marriage from the very beginning. It's amazing how, in the Christian world in which we so condemned divorce in the 50s, we had so many miserable marriages that went on and on, often with mistresses and pastors sleeping with their secretaries, and frowned so heavily upon divorce. We know divorce is not God's plan A, but we know a God who gives people a second chance.

And if any of you have made a lot of mistakes in your life, and you're on plan H, whoa, that's serious. Missed plan A, B. You're the best ones here to get plan A. The rest of us, probably not much hope. But you got good chance to get plan A. But if you have a failure and you're on plan B, praise God.

What about this guy on plan H? You know what I say to him? Praise God for the big alphabet. Press on. Bounce back.

Keep going. I shared with this group of business people from all over Europe some of my failures. And one person after another came up to me after.

You know what they said? Thank you for sharing your failures. Why? Because it gives broken people, it gives broken people hope. It gives discouraged people hope that through their failure, they can find new, a new day and new ministry and new blessing.

Praise God for these four great realities. Of course, there's so many more. You don't want to be here all night.

So let's pray. Four, I gave you four. Oh, the fifth one.

The fifth one is just keep repenting. Yeah, I've got, you know, I've got 20. So five, just keep repenting, repenting, repenting, repenting.

Let's pray. Lord, I just thank you for so many receptive, wonderful people, even taking notes. So maybe some of them are just writing to their boyfriends.

And we thank you for grace. We thank you for forgiveness. We thank you for humor.

And we thank you for seriousness. We thank you. We can weep with those that weep and rejoice with those that rejoice.

We thank you that even this crisis hour in Israel, with all that's taking place, that we can trust you and your sovereign purposes. That doesn't mean we'll be lazy. That doesn't mean we won't be as active as possible to do what is right.

But it does mean we'll have solid sleep at night and we'll be set free from worry and fear. And we can live a wholesome and a fulfilled and a grace-awakened life. Protect us, Lord.

Protect us, Lord. Help us every day to take the shield of faith which is tied with the discipline life. We have to take the shield of faith.

It doesn't drop down out of the ceiling. We have to take the shield of faith in which we can stop these fiery darts. And Lord, I know there's still going to come some more on me.

And I just thank you for this whole armor. I thank you for your holy word that gives us this tremendous teaching. And we want to take this teaching through sermons, through books, through websites, through preaching, through teaching.

We want to take it in DVDs and videos. We want to take it through the arts and plays and films and spread it throughout the whole Christian world that we can see greater reality among your people, that we can see more marathon runners that are running the race right to the end. Oh, Jesus, we ask this in your precious name.

Amen. Could we stand and sing a song in English? I don't know if you still know this song. We sang it all over the O.M. teams around the globe.

He is Lord. He is Lord. He's risen from the dead.

He is Lord. Can we sing that? Do you have that song in Hebrew as well? Let's sing it first in English, and then I'd like to hear you sing it in Hebrew. He is Lord.

He is Lord. He is Lord. Every knee shall bow.

Every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Now in Hebrew. Hallelujah.

Amen. Thank you very much. Israel, you come up and stand with me.

We have a few CDs left from our display that we brought in our suitcase. So take a look at our CDs. They're just on a donation basis.

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