

# Western Christianity

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*The sermon critiques Western Christianity for its lukewarm state and calls for a more radical and authentic faith, emphasizing the need to take a stand for Christ and against the status quo in world evangelism.*

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## Description

In this sermon, the speaker reflects on the twisted state of the world and the media's portrayal of it. He emphasizes the contrast between the negative aspects of society and the positive experiences at a conference where people of different races and backgrounds come together in harmony. The speaker criticizes modern music as a medium that goes beyond communication and influences young people to engage in immoral behavior. He highlights the transformative power of Jesus Christ and the testimonies of young people who have been saved from various backgrounds. The speaker encourages believers to actively engage in the spiritual battle and avoid becoming stagnant in their faith.

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## Transcript

We turn in our Bibles to Matthew chapter 9. We do especially praise God for those of you who are parents who have come tonight. Though last night was Parents' Night, we praise God for others who have come. Tonight we especially would like to meet the parents of young people going on OM after the meeting here at the front.

Matthew chapter 9, verse 35. Familiar passage to those on OM, but perhaps not so familiar to others. Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then said he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labors are few. Pray therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.

Let us pray. Speak, O Lord, a message to our hearts. We may go away from here with something definite and real tonight.

Hey, Lord, no prejudice, no bias, no fast experience. Keep us from what you have for us tonight. We would give you all the glory through Jesus Christ.

Amen. I have so much that I would like to share with you tonight, and so much I'd like to say. I wish I could somehow communicate to you what God has been doing in this conference.

As someone who doesn't come from a Christian home, I wasn't reared in what would be called a real Christian home, a home where the Bible was never read, a home where we never prayed. It's always a fantastic thing for me to think of what God does in a life. Tonight, during our month here in London, the newspapers have reported to us increased crime, increased immorality.

If a young person gets drunk and hits somebody on the head with a bottle, it's in the headlines or near the headlines. And our newspapers report every form of corruption. As many an adult in Britain today thinks that the younger generation is completely hopeless.

They look at the hippies with disgust, the long hair, the fags, the pills, and they wonder, what is our nation coming to? They read the papers. There's no newspaper in London that has given even a line to what has happened here over a month. Not that we want that, because we don't.

But it is interesting, isn't it, that 300 people could gather, young people whose lives have been changed, young people who are just as committed to righteousness as others are committed to iniquity, and the world will never know that they even were here. There will be some who know, because during these days, in a quiet but real way, men and women have come to know Jesus Christ through the witness of these young people. And though that will never be flashed across the press, though no newspaper man in London today would walk across the street to get the story, in the captions, in the press, in glory, it's big news.

For the Bible says that there's joy in heaven over even one sinner who repents. And oh, how twisted our world is, how twisted our newspapers are. Sometimes one wonders if they're even worth picking up anymore, for you can get so little of the real picture, especially of what God is doing in the 20th century.

You be here in a conference, never smell any smoke, never have the foul sting of booze and liquor cross your nose, never see anybody in a fistfight or hardly in an argument, never seeing the things that, if you've ever lived in a world as I have, just happen every day, all the time. To see young people of different races, of different creeds, of different backgrounds, working together, praying together, loving one another, is to me a bit of heaven on earth. And that is the plan of God, really, to through the incarnation of Jesus Christ, through the new birth, bring some heaven down to earth, to use it to show forth his glory, to use it to show forth that he is God, and that he, through love alone, can draw the deepest sinner from the clutches of Satan into a living relationship with Jesus Christ.

If I could allow young people tonight, if we have the time for it, to come and give their testimonies on this platform, you would be amazed. They'd be former drunkards, former communists, former atheists. There'd be some of the young people who never got very far in school, and there'd be others who graduated number one in their field in Cambridge or Oxford.

Such an array of young people from every background, from the lowest of the lowest class, to the upper caste, class, and all the different things that we say don't exist in Britain, but exist in a very real way. You'd be amazed. Some reared in Christian homes, godly parents.

Others rear under the crash of beer bottles, cussing, swearing, beating, and divorce. In some cases, suicide. And yet here tonight, after a month of living together, praying together, discussing in our discussion groups together, all having decided that for one year they will work together in love, for one year they will launch out, and I can tell you a vast majority of these young people have no intentions of a one-year program.

Though they may only be with O.M. a year or two as a training program, many of them have set their sights and their burdens toward spending the rest of their life in world evangelism. To me, it's a 20th century miracle. I no longer can understand people who can be skeptical about such a thing.

They certainly must not read the papers. And if there's anyone tonight who's skeptical, I wonder if you could just turn the table for a minute. And picture us not here, some of us rather young, some of us certainly not mature, some of us certainly bound to make a few mistakes, some of us probably have maybe even caused you personal harm, I don't know.

But turn the table tonight, in your mind, if you will, and let's go into a nightclub. Let's pretend that tonight God had never saved the wretch who stands behind this microphone. Let's pretend that the ones sitting on the floor here were never saved by the grace of God.

They still exist in the way they existed before Jesus Christ came into their life. And I've been in nightclubs like that. The way I traveled, even at the age of 16.

Young men, we loaded our cars. We'd mock our parents. Today, mockery of parents is as common as drinking, as smoking.

I've heard more young people smash their parents, call them every dirty name in the book, than you could ever dream. We did that. What were parents? They brought us into the world, they were old-fashioned, and some of us had even wished that our parents would die off.

If you don't think that talk exists, then you don't know youth. You don't know youth and rebellion. You don't know youth let loose with a pill, with a bottle, with a woman.

You've got your head perhaps in the sand like too many evangelicals in the 20th century. Turn the table tonight and take us out of this religious environment. Take us away from our zeal for Christ.

Take us away from our mistakes because we are young and because mistakes seem to be an inevitable part of life. You might remember it was Winston Churchill who said there's only two things we can be sure of in warfare. Disappointments and mistakes.

That's right. Take us down to perhaps the Communist Youth Club, to perhaps one of the hippie meetings, to perhaps a man-the-bomb meeting. Any one of these groups gets caught up in a tangent, gets caught up in something that never lasts.

What would you have tonight? The first place you wouldn't even be able to hear. Because the modern medium of music is no longer a medium of reason. It's a medium of communication beyond communication.

And though the older generation doesn't understand it, the young understand it all too well. In this new medium of music, communication beyond communication has invaded society and has turned young

people into spontaneous robots who upon the twist of a jukebox lose all sense and dance and give themselves first to dance and then to lust and then to things you can never talk about in a public meeting. Not a few little odd ones, but youth by the thousands, youth by the tens of thousands tonight are sold out to out-way out music that I believe after years plays with the mind and destroys the soul.

Music that makes anything that ever came out of the jungles sound very mild to say the least, and I know I've compared both. You wouldn't be able to hear. And maybe you wouldn't be able to see because the lights would be dark.

In many of the clubs today, sexual vice of every form takes place right in the room, hidden. We're commanded not to speak about such things. So you wouldn't maybe even be able to see.

You certainly wouldn't be able to have a rational conversation for many of them would be high, not with old-fashioned liquor, but with pills, with drugs, with dope. It flows among young people today at such a rate we can't imagine. Leaves a young man with nothing to live for so that last year in the UK, 5,000 teenagers and those a little older, 5,000 of them took their own lives, suicide.

I don't think there's a rational man here tonight that would say I'd rather have these young people there. I don't think you could be rational and say, well, that would be better, wouldn't it? We could go to many other places in London, places the average adult in Britain does not even know exists, but who young people in this room have been to. We could not describe.

London, my brethren, has become a 20th-century Sodom and New York, a Gomorrah, and perhaps it's only because of the few righteous in these cities that the wrath of God is night. One out of every three girls in Britain today before she's married, yea, before she's 21, has had sexual intercourse. But we don't talk about that in the church, do we? We're the silent ones in the evangelical church.

For the Bible speaks about this problem of morality as straight and as blunt as any book. We in the 20th-century evangelical church are still on the Victorian hush-hush. Though even thousands of evangelical young people dive into immorality every year, we don't want to talk about it.

We don't want to get too close to it. And I've had young people testify to me that they knew that basically in the long run their parents didn't even really want to know the way they lived. Oh, I tell you.

Would you want us in that situation tonight? Would you want the table turned? That these religious fanatics, these immature youth, might be in something else? You say, well, of course we don't want that. Of course we don't want to see that kind of thing. We want the more neutral situation.

We want a normal Christian existence. We want our young man to just get a good education and just be a normal young person and just go on and be happily married like us, I hope. Get a job.

You can witness for Christ where you are. You don't have to get excited about this. You don't have to rush off to other countries.

You don't have to begin giving tracts out on the streets. You don't have to begin carrying your Bible around as if it was the most valuable possession you had. But I want to tell you, if you as of tonight think that we as young people in the 20th century can remain neutral, you must not read your papers.

You must not be educated. Because you can't remain neutral while Vietnam and Nigeria and Czechoslovakia and Congo and Sudan continue blowing up in the papers every day. And the only way you can become neutral is just become so selfishly involved with yourself that basically you don't care about anything else.

But you wouldn't want that either. Young people, especially those of you who are visiting tonight, I believe that I can prove in any debate, in any match of logic that there is no neutral ground in the 20th century and I'm not sure there ever was. And this is what Jesus Christ taught.

Jesus Christ taught that you were either for him or against him. Jesus Christ taught that you either were all the way for him or you weren't for him at all. There is nothing in the Bible about this evangelical lukewarmness that exists so pleasantly in so many places.

There is no verse in the Bible that teaches anything about the fact that we can be sort of normal by building our own little house somewhere and living in it without bothering any of the neighbors, without ever taking a stand for Christ, without ever letting the people in our office know that we belong to Jesus, without ever letting the people in the factory know that we were his. There's not a verse in the Bible about this. This is a product of what most Indians will call Western Christianity.

Not biblical Christianity, but a Western Christianity that has unfortunately been constantly linked with our own culture, constantly linked with Western philosophy, with the Western idea of success, with the Western concept of superiority, with the Western idea of white superiority and all the other things that are such a hindrance to us in world evangelism today. But this affluent, easy, lukewarm Christianity that gives heaven on one hand with the lowest possible investment does not exist in the Word of God. This is why A.W. Tozer is being recognized around the world today as a man, as a prophet, though he died a few years ago of our generation, because he is the one who says that there is no such Christianity in the Bible.

There is no such middle road experience. There is no such lukewarm state that one can sort of slip into. For as we read the Bible, we see that Jesus was a divider of men.

He did not come and pat people on the back and say, Now look, join my band. Join my band. We're going to be the largest group in all of Galilee.

We're going to have the biggest numbers. We're going to put on the biggest meetings. That's not the way Jesus worked at all.

And don't accept what I have to say. I'm sure my very accent, the very fact that it's very difficult for me to even begin to be a reserved, calm Englishman, though I've lived and loved this country for more than eight years, I know that very fact alone will hinder God's communication tonight, because I admit that these things excite me. I admit that I don't understand, and I see the Lord Jesus' standard and principles so completely different from what most of us, and I'm speaking to all others as well, believe that Christianity is today.

When they were about to make him king, do you remember what he said? Of course, they just had a good meal. And I'll never forget the great British preacher, Alan Redbath, speaking at Moody Church when I was a student. My, I tell you, if he was a reserved Englishman, wow.

And I'll never forget what he said. He blasted out with all his heart this congregation of superficial Americans. He said, you know, many of us don't believe in fasting anymore, do we? And with all of his

heart he said, because we're not hungry for God.

How true it is. Today we want to be satisfied. If we find a young person who's struggling, a young person who's concerned to break the status quo, to know more in his life, we quickly slip him a verse on assurance, or a verse on resting, or a verse on sleeping, or something else, because you can find anything in the Bible.

And there's no place, hardly, that I know of where the rest of faith is preached more than right here, and where we believe more in the all-sufficiency of Christ. And if you judge O.M. by this one little message, you'll have the picture completely distorted, because we've been ministering for 30 days, and to sum it up in one night's impossible. But I want to tell you there's a difference between the rest of faith and the sleep of death.

There's a difference between moving in the Spirit and sleeping in oneself. And God has not called us to a lounge. He's called us to a battlefield.

And I believe with all my heart, the man who once said, it's either evangelized or fossilized. And I wonder how many of you know tonight, deep in your heart, that in your Christian life you're fossilizing. You're not alive.

There's a verse in the Bible that in some ways was used to bring O.M. to Britain. It began in Spain. And two British young men, both evangelists, came down to Spain, and they came to Madrid.

And in Madrid, they met some of these O.M. young people, and they saw their way of life, and they were quite amazed and quite shaken by the whole thing. Shaken. Really shaken.

Just the way these young people lived. They couldn't believe it. They went into the mountains, somewhere near Spain.

And in the mountains, these two men, who later organized the first meetings in this country where I spoke, in the mountains, God took them to Revelation chapter 3. And with Matthew 9 in mind, I'd like us to look at Revelation chapter 3. And let me just say this. I know what to say tonight to make the adults happy. I have hardly ever had an adult that I was given 15 minutes with that I could not win.

Anyone of any spiritual caliber whatsoever, and even many people who do not even consider themselves Christians, I have been able to link because God knows my major interest in all life is people. I love people. I just asked my wife how many hundreds have tramped through our house and how many dozens we've lived with.

And I pray for every O ever by name and every XO ever as much as I can. And to me, the major thing that God did in my life when he converted me in March 5, 1955 was give me an unbelievable, completely unexplainable love for people. Africans, Indians, it doesn't matter, poor, rich, drunkards, dope addicts, I just love people.

And God knows how I would do anything to somehow be able to communicate something to parents of what your son and daughter really is going to get involved in. And it's not an evangelistic bubble. It's not something that's going to harm them unless in God's plan something very unusual happens that very seldom happens.

It's not something fly-by-night, as this work has not only been established in land after land, but has brought to pass the birth of new churches and has brought into its fellowship hundreds of adults, pastors, ministers, and missionaries from all over the world. And I could go on along this line tonight and convince you, and I'm not against that, but I can't do everything and we did that last night. And this is my last chance to say what God has put on my heart.

And though some will misunderstand and though I'll miscommunicate to some, I must speak what God would have me speak. We had 70 pastors to our luncheon on Wednesday. As far as I know, every single pastor and missionary went out of that place completely content and sold on Operation Mobilization.

And we've done that and seen that all over the world because it's God's work and basically God's people will recognize God's work without us having a big publicity program. An editor of one of the Christian magazines was rather offended because I wouldn't give him a personality story. God knows our 25 reasons why we're not interested in that.

The likes of us. And I believe when people do come in contact with us, take time to get to know the core of what God is doing. If they are at all spiritually discerning, they will say, this is something I want to pray for.

This is something I want to get behind. They will see the mistakes. I see the mistakes and it almost overwhelms me.

But I've also studied an awful lot of history. In fact, history was my major subject at college next to Spanish. And that was involved mainly in Spanish history.

And all of history is mistakes. Where in the world do we get the idea that you have a priority on mistakes? Hitler wasn't a boy when he made his big mistakes. And neither were all the other great generals and monsters and tyrants that have run across the world.

And history proves that the majority has never been right. Therefore the majority of people in the world have made the biggest mistakes. And mission leaders and church leaders will tell you they also believe a majority of Christians are making awful big mistakes.

And so, it's not a priority for you, though we're all on the same street. And if you could come to one of our lectures on organization, if you could go through a 120 page manual on leadership, if you could go to a conference in Belgium where we discuss about every subject under the sun and train in both practical and spiritual ways more than most people that I've ever seen, I believe you would say, I praise God my son is going to this work. I praise God my daughter is going to this work.

I praise God there's people from our church going to this work. And I'd be glad to answer any question that anyone has about this work tonight. But I can't speak on it.

So I want you to look at this verse in Revelation. I came to these two British evangelists in the mountains of Spain. And I want you to allow the Holy Spirit, forget George Burwell, forget my accent, forget my outgoingness or anything that's hindering the Lord tonight.

Listen to the Lord. See what he says from this verse in his word. And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write these things.

Verse chapter three, verse one. He that hath the seven spirits of God and the seven stars, I know thy works, I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest. Many of us are like that tonight, aren't we? The very name evangelical, the very name Bible believing, the very name Christian relates life, doesn't it? He's a Christian.

He's a believer. He's an evangelical. He's a keen Christian.

And many of us in this room tonight, when I speak to the youth, as much as to the adults, many of us have a name, don't we? You're known in your church, in your assembly, in your mission, in your group. You're known as a live Christian, a keen Christian. Perhaps you lead meetings.

Perhaps you minister the word. Perhaps you're known in your own circle as a man of God, as a servant to the Lord. That's the way these two young men in the mountains of Spain.

And then God, almost like a thunderclap, showed him the verse and said, Yes, thou hast a name that thou livest and art dead. I wonder if tonight there are some who know that this is God's word to your own heart tonight. You're not even sure why you're here, but the Spirit of God has sent you or is saying to you, Yes, you have a name, evangelical, Christian, leader, but in reality, you're dead.

In reality, there isn't that life. There isn't that Christ-likeness. There isn't that love.

And the word of God said that without love, we're nothing. There is no life without love. This is the message that perhaps we as leaders teach and preach more than any other message I know of apart from the work and the person and work of Jesus Christ and his all-sufficiency.

The fact that Christianity is a revolution of love. Some of you have seen my booklet on this subject. I hope you would read it and study it because it's the very pulse of this work.

And the Bible says that though you be a martyr, though you give all, though you be a great preacher, though you have great wisdom, all of these things, if you don't have love, you're dead. And isn't this the disease that has worked into the church? I know it's in us as young people. I know it has infiltrated our lives that if some of us ever learn to really love, it will be the greatest miracle in the 20th century.

To learn to smoke is very easy. To learn to drink is not much harder. To learn to take heroin isn't even that much harder.

To learn to dance, to learn to even make a living, to learn to do so many things is not really that hard. Many of us have been very successful. But I want to tell you to learn to love as Jesus loved, to learn to love as Paul loved, to learn to love people as the Bible commands is the greatest challenge a young man can ever accept.

Even to accept Jesus Christ as Savior is not very hard because it's by grace and we only come as weak sinners and fall at His feet and He miraculously and wonderfully saves us and begins to change us. But when that Christian determines to become a revolutionist for Jesus Christ, when that Christian determines that he's going to believe God for a revolution in his love so that he can love all people of all nations, of all backgrounds, of all religions, regardless of age, size, dimension, or anything else, he's in for the toughest, roughest, most impossible job he can ever take on. Some of you know, some of you know deep in your hearts, though you've been a Christian for 20 years, 30 years, though you've preached and been successful, though you're a leader, though you're this or that, you know deep in your heart that the great

lack is love.

Love sometimes even for your own wife. One out of every three marriages in my country ends in a divorce court. The statistic in Britain is not much better.

Not to think of separations, not to think of unhappy, happy couples living together in order to meet the young people who come from broken homes. One out of every three young people on OM is from a broken home. Why? Because man has never learned to love.

Because man has never learned to live with his fellow man. Because many a husband who had big words at the wedding altar became a complete failure when the chips were down and the emotions were gone, and after that it was love as a discipline, love that only God could give, and he failed. There was another broken home, another torn heart, another potential schizophrenic child and all kinds of other things that fill our prisons in all that some of us would take time to visit our prisons and visit our mental institutions and visit these places that some of us have been to and see what Satan has done because the world does not know how to love.

Because you and I as Christians, as Christians many times do not know how to give love to the weak. Why do you think the vast majority of people who make decisions in our evangelistic meetings don't go on for God? Why don't we come down to earth in our evangelism? Why do we continue climbing up the wall of statistics when we know for a fact anyone who has studied knows for a fact that a majority of people who make decisions for Christ never go on to be disciples of Jesus Christ, many of them never even to go to church. Why? Because they come out of a warm evangelistic meeting where there has been a loving preacher pouring out his heart and they go into a frostbitten, cold generation that doesn't even want to open their home, that doesn't even want to dirty their hands or bend their back for a man of another color skin or a man with a different length of hair or a youngster or someone who might break their favorite vase or some other thing.

And so out of these evangelistic meetings come thousands of hungry people and they are hungry. Come thousands of people who that night made a decision which was the beginning of something but because we're cold, because we're unloving, because we don't know this revolution of love, this vitality, this overflowing, this gathering in, they freeze in a cold climate of a dead church and we go on with our name, we're alive, we're evangelicals, we're biblical. Don't you see this? This is the situation in the world today, a lost world, young people, adults giving themselves and all the dishonesty of it all.

You know, one of the reasons why God can use youth is because young people take off their masks quicker. That's right. That's right.

Young people have come to me in this convention. They've taken off their masks, they've confessed their sins, they've confessed immorality, they've confessed terrible things, some of them. Not that many, but many of these young people are truly young.

But there's not many an adult who'll take off his mask. There's not many an adult that'll even take off his mask at times to his own wife. And we live in a false world.

And the more reserved our society, the more cold our society, the more emphasis we put on status and position, the more we put the mask tight up against the face. And many of you who sit here tonight, you know that no one really knows you. The places you've been, the things you've done, the things you've

looked at.

Some time ago I was talking to Roy Hesschen. I said, Roy, what is the answer to the great problem of immorality among youth? And I want to tell you one of the greatest miracles of this work. It's the way God has kept us from impurity.

It's truly a miracle. I said to Roy, what can we do? This is a message that O.M. stands against and preaches. You know what Roy Hesschen said to me, a man who's counseled hundreds.

Roy said, look, George, if you think this is a problem among young people, you don't know anything. This is a greater problem among adults. This is a greater problem among adults.

And oh, I wonder how many of us are maintaining a facade, we're maintaining a front in the church, we're maintaining a front among our children and many of us as young people have had to be jolted and knocked and almost become reprobates when we saw the facade in the lives of our parents who put up the front, who pretended they were angels when they were living like the devil in secret. And oh, I tell you, God knows all about it. And I used to be afraid to speak to adults.

And I used to think, oh, they'll never understand. And now that I'm 30 and have three children, still doesn't give me any authority to speak to you. It doesn't.

But the fact that I believe God's spirit is with us and is with me by some miracle that I don't understand, I speak to you with this authority. Take off the mask. Whether you're young, whether you're old, I'm not saying go around and make big public confessions and cause confusion.

But with your wife, with your best friends at least, become real. Confess your faults one to another and pray for one another that you may be healed. Some of you have had habits that have ripped your life apart for 20 years, for 30 years, for 40 years and you've never got down with a brother in Christ and said, look, I've got this problem, I've got this habit, let's pray and believe that God can take it out of my life.

So God many times has to bypass adults. That's right. He has to bypass because he can't work with a man with a mask, he can't work with a man who's unwilling to be real, who's unwilling to face his real spiritual condition, who's unwilling to really be real with his family, with his wife, with his church.

So he goes to young people who don't know sometimes any better and who because of their very youth at times are willing to be honest. Do you know how many young people I've spoken to who have lived a complete lie? Some of you as parents I think you'd have nervous breakdowns. It's incredible.

Young people today are absolute specialists in deceiving their parents, absolute specialists in living double lives. We had a testimony like this the other night and the young man who gave his testimony has been plagued for several days by others who have been living the same way. If I told you things that I know go on and have gone on in Bible colleges you wouldn't believe it and it would accuse me of slander.

So I won't say it. But I want to tell you the situation is desperate. And God in this third chapter of Revelation I believe has his hand on the pulse of twentieth century Christianity and perhaps has the hand on some of us tonight and he says yes you've got a name, you've got a reputation, but you're dead.

Sin, habit, blindness, dishonesty has gripped your life and though you're twenty, thirty, forty, fifty, though you may be an elder your life is dead and you know it if you'd only be willing to repent, to say it's right,

God's right, I'm wrong, I want to start anew. I want to be real with God, real with my wife, real with my children, real with my father, real with my mother. For young people it is a sin to be dishonest with our parents, an absolute sin.

Be watchful and strengthen the things which remain that are ready to die for I have not found thy works perfect before God. May we tonight realize the job of world evangelism will never be done. Perhaps you expected me to speak on that and give some wonderful presentation of the field we've done that other nights but I'm here to tell you those countries will never be reached never, never, never be reached.

Those millions of India, of China, hundreds of millions, half of whom have never had a gospel tract that cost a tenth of a penny will never be reached. They'll never hear. Though OM teams will mobilize, though we'll fill our trucks, though we'll recruit armies, though they'll go forth, these lands will never be reached unless those of us who love Jesus Christ are determined to become real and honest and true and repent of spiritual death.

This is the biggest problem today. It's not more money. We always have some people gripe and complain after a meeting because we don't take an offering.

It's not what God wants tonight. It's not money that's needed. It's not ships that's needed.

It's not literature that's needed. It's not a bigger radio station. It's not a greater campaign.

Man has always wanted to organize. The church looks for more organization and God looks for men. And this is the need of the hour and regardless of what you think, we as youth and as adults are all before God the same.

Naked. He knows all about us. He is no respecter of age nor person and I believe he's saying to many of us including some of us on O-M if not all of us behold you have a name.

O-M-er. Wow. Evangelist.

Witness for Christ. India team. Turkey team.

The name you know deep in your heart you're dead. You've never really cleanly broken and repented of all that grips your heart light. You've never become honest with God and with man.

The light has never penetrated the inner secret room where you store your favorite habit where you go at certain times unseen unknown. It's there dark and ugly like a sore and as you grow older it grows and many times the seed of the teenage years becomes the acorn of the twenties the tree of the thirties the forest of the fifties the world of the sixties and the universe of the seventies and that's why many die wicked old men who before maintained the spiritual front and you know that's true.

O-M God Jesus by his power by his love many of us when we have a name are dead and may we in brokenness and repentance as God commanded believe him for a quickening for an awakening for a personal revival for a spiritual revolution that he promises to give if we will come broken hungry I could perhaps give an invitation of some kind tonight sometimes I do but I don't want to pull an emotional rip cord on you tonight I want this message to be driven home by the Holy Spirit himself and I would ask you again to try to forget who spoke even forget O-M and allow the spirit of God to search your heart tonight you're not here by coincidence you're not here to just see an O-M team go off God has something to say is

he saying to you you have a name a name that you're alive but you're dead maybe only in certain areas of your life but still it's death nonetheless may you right now in obedience to God's word repent which means to turn from to turn around and break before God and ask him in faith to produce a spiritual revolution will you do that in your own heart Lord I know I know this message is for me in many ways a big name in yet areas of my life that are dead some I'm sure I haven't seen O-Lord I don't know what to pray you know my love for those who are here tonight and those who I've spent this month with you know that I have not planned this message but I pray O our Father by the power of your Holy Spirit to bring men and women boys and girls to the feet of the Lord Jesus tonight Lord Jesus we've spoke so many nights about your sufficiency about your love about your person but we know we can only come as sinners broken tearing off the mask ready to accept ourselves as we really are stopping the little game that we've been playing please God hear our prayer cleanse us forgive us you know many of us have failed to pray for each other we've signed as prayer partners and it's all gone by the board because other things have occupied us and so God we know young people go to the field and there are few to stand in the gap to make up the hedge Lord I just pray and I do something in this meeting this is the last meeting Lord you know we're not ready to go you know we don't have the people really praying with us you know all the impossible barriers God that face us as 300 young people with a handful of prayer partners and we wonder where they are O God we ask in the name of Jesus that you would break through and do the impossible in changing lives for we know it's only then that this world will be evangelized it's only as we become real and repent and turn to you that this thing can really take place we pray this we cry this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ Amen

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