

My Food Is to Do the Will of Him Who Sent Me

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God's will is for the world to know Him and to be saved, and He has chosen to use us to share the Gospel with others.

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher focuses on the passage from John 4:34-38 where Jesus talks about doing the will of God and finishing His work. The preacher emphasizes the urgency of sharing the gospel and not waiting for certain conditions or qualifications to do so. He encourages the audience to open their eyes and see the ripe fields ready for harvest, referring to the people who need to hear the message of salvation. The preacher also shares a personal experience of sharing the gospel with a telemarketer and highlights the importance of preaching the good news to all creation.

Transcript

Well, it's a real honor to be here. I was praying about what the Lord would have me speak on, and I was thinking about several things that the Lord's been teaching me. I thought of Acts 2.42, but that's a good thing to speak on in Alaska, in the villages where there is no fellowship, no church, no meetings, nobody praying together, nobody crying together, nobody reading the Word together.

And I had the Lord really reveal that to us when we were in a village about meeting steadfastly in the Apostles' Doctrine and fellowship and in the breaking of bread and in prayers. And it's been such a testimony to Melissa and I, when you see a place like this that's so blessed, where people came and worked and toiled and look at the product of it. There's genuine believers, genuine prayer, genuine fellowship.

And so that's our hope for the people of Alaska in the places where we go. And the Lord didn't impress it upon me at all to share that with you, since He's already done that work here. And that's really the key, I think, to seeing as the church, as in the body of Christ, to reach its community, is to have that fellowship and that love for each other, not just on a Sunday meeting, but continual.

And that's what Melissa and I've had with you folks. When we came with Clint and Jenny, that's what we had. And now with the Jennings.

And it's really been a time of refreshing for us. And so we're blessed. But I want to talk to you this morning.

We'll talk a little bit later about the mission work we're doing, but this morning we want to look into some scriptures about you personally. Each one of you here, from the youngest to the oldest, is a missionary. And so I want to talk to you about that this morning.

Let's just ask the Lord to speak to us this morning first. Lord, thank you. Thank you so much.

That you've called us out of darkness into your wonderful light. That you opened our eyes. That you gave us each other, never to backbite or to destroy, but to build each other up.

That you called us your bride and you love us. And Lord, as we come together in unity in Christ, we ask that you would give us a word from you this morning. One that will not only penetrate the heart, but Lord, that will become effective in our lives.

That we will put it to practice. That we won't leave here and forget what you spoke to us, but that immediately, Lord, we would follow you. Immediately we would leave the things of this earth, and we would go and share your good news.

Lord, that we would proclaim it from the mountaintops, from the housetops. Lord, that our neighbors would know the good news, not just through our testimony, not just through our witness, but through our speaking to them the good news, no matter what the cost. Lord, we thank you for the leadership that you've given us.

I think of Bob and Clint and their families. Oh Lord, we honor them. We thank you for them.

Thank you for giving us little sheep shepherds who can watch over us, care for us, love us. Lord, may it never be said of us that we ever spoke wrongly of a shepherd that you provided for us. Thank you for them.

We honor them, Lord, before you today. Thank you for your word, Lord. Thank you that through the foolishness of your preaching, you've made known your mystery to all of us.

And we ask today that we hear from you and not from me. Lord, you must increase, we must decrease. It must be you, Lord.

Be magnified. Let us hear from you. Be glorified.

Every ear that has an ear to hear, Lord. May we hear what your Spirit says to this church. May your blood not be wasted in our day and in our age and in our lives.

In Jesus' name, Amen. I was thinking of this verse in Ezekiel. Let's look in Ezekiel chapter 3 and then we'll look in John chapter 4. Ezekiel 3 and John 4. I'm not a qualified person to stand here today.

I'd much rather be under Bob or Clint. I'll tell you that much. I've learned so much from those two in just a couple days.

It would be like going to a conference for a year, what the Lord has taught me through their lives. But I am a redeemed sinner, and God has called those of us who are redeemed sinners to go out and preach. And so, with the Lord, I know it's possible.

I was thinking of this verse, what Ezekiel was called of God. He was given a task. He was given a job.

And the Lord said these words to him, and I want us to just think of these words. Ezekiel chapter 3 starting in verse 16 to about 19. And then we'll go to John chapter 4. Now it came to pass at the end of seven days that the word of the Lord came to me, saying, Son of man, I've made you a watchman for the house of Israel.

Therefore, hear a word from my mouth and give them warning from me. When I say to the wicked, You shall surely die, and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life, that same wicked man shall die in his iniquity. But his blood I will require at your hand.

Yet if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity, but you have delivered your soul. Let's read a couple more verses. 20.

Again, when a righteous man turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die, because you did not give him warning. He shall die in his sin, and his righteousness, which he has done, shall not be remembered, but his blood I will require at your hand. Nevertheless, if you warn the righteous man, that the righteous should not sin, and he does not sin, he shall surely live, because he took warning.

21. Also you will have delivered your soul. Let's look at John chapter 4, verse 34 to 38.

John 4, 34 to 38. Jesus said to them, My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to finish his work. Do you not say there are still four months, and then comes the harvest? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes, and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest.

And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. For in this saying is true, one sows and another reaps. I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored, others have labored, and you have entered into their labors.

You know, I didn't always care about people. In fact, I could have cared less about people. And I especially, before I was saved, my BC days, my before Christ days, I never thought once about somebody else's soul.

The only thing I looked at people for was selfishness. What I could benefit myself for. What I could benefit my sin for.

My eyes were focused on me, and nobody else. If I ever prayed, it was for me. My focus was on me, even in prayers.

I talked to a guy in, I don't even remember where we were last, but I talked to some rodeo guy, and we had a little bit in common, and he said, before I was saved, I used to pray so hard before I'd get on that bull, and then after the ride was made, I had all the glory to myself. I said, I remember that. And, my eyes were so focused, even religiously, I never looked at how I could serve somebody else.

I looked at a pastor and wondered, what could I get out of that? It was all about me. Number one. Well, that was because I had not yet personally met Jesus Christ, the One who had created me, the One who had saved me.

And now, all that really matters, is that the Lord would be glorified through the witnessing and testimony to other people. I want to talk to you a little this morning about the will of God. And we just read this passage about where Jesus tells us of the harvest.

I know there's a lot of farmers around here, so you'll understand harvest season and what the Lord is talking about here. But I want to just kind of rewind and tell the story a little bit about what caused the Lord to speak these words to us this morning. What caused Him to speak these words to His disciples, so that we can get a little picture of what was going on.

At this time, it was about 12 o'clock in the midday, high noon, as we would call it in Wyoming. It was hot, it was dry, it was dusty. And the disciples and Jesus were tired because they'd been traveling from... they'd left Sychar and they were on their way to Galilee coming through Judea.

Excuse me. They had left Judea on their way to Galilee and they showed up to a village called Sychar in Samaria. And I don't know about you, but when I used to guide people in the mountains and you get in from a camping trip or get in from being in the wilderness, you don't want to cook for yourself anymore.

You want to go and buy lunch for yourself. And so the disciples are just outside of Sychar and they're tired, they're wore down, they're weary, and you can almost hear Peter say, I don't know about you guys, but I'm hungry. We're close to town.

I'm going to go get a burger and fries. Who's coming with me? And they all go except for Jesus. He stays behind, hungry, tired, weary, and the disciples go off to fill their stomachs.

And totally focused, of course, on their desires. I mean, if I was with Jesus in the flesh like that, I don't think I'd be running off to go eat anywhere, but of course, we know the disciples had a lot of learning yet at this time. So Jesus sits down next to the well that Jacob had made, and that's a very part of history right there.

He's sitting by the well that Jacob had made, and this lady showed up from Samaria, and she begins to let down her pail into the water, and Jesus strikes up a conversation with her. Now, notice that he picks the perfect place and the perfect time, and sacrificially sits down, skips lunch, and he's sitting at this well, and this lady begins to let down this bucket of water. Now, we also know that they found the well in 1935.

It's 135 feet deep, so there's plenty of time for an evangelism opportunity here. And so she's letting down this bucket of water, and Jesus says, Give me a drink, and she said, Sir, how can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink of water, when Jews and Samaritans don't even associate with each other? That was detestable, and Jesus said to her, You don't know what God wants to give you, and you don't know who asks you for a drink. Listen to these words.

If you did, you would ask him for the water that gives eternal life. She said, Well, sir, are you greater than our father Jacob, who made this well, and he watered his flocks, and herds, and people at this well? Are you greater than him? She says that to the one who made her, and the one who made Jacob, and the one who provided the water in that well. Isn't that something? And she asks him that, and he said, Everyone who drinks this water will thirst again, but the water that I give, Jesus said, will become a spring of living water, welling up to eternal life.

And notice, she's still thinking in the worldly way, and she says, Well, sir, give me this water. I don't want to have to keep coming back up to this well. She forgot that part about eternal life.

And she wants this water, so she doesn't have to come back there twice a day to haul water back to her village. That's often times what we run into when we share Christ with people. It's all about them.

What can we get out of it? I hope you weren't converted that way. You might want to look inside your heart and make sure that it's not all about you. Because Christ said, I didn't come to be served, but to serve.

And to give my life is a ransom for many. And so the discussion goes on, and Jesus brings her to a place where she must realize that she's a sinner. And He says to her, Go get your husband.

And she lies to God and she says, Well, I have no husband. And Jesus says to her, You're right in saying you have no husband. In fact, you've had five husbands and the man that you're now living with is not your husband at all.

So here's an adulterous woman standing before Christ Himself brought to her realities of her sinful life. And she still does not realize who's talking to her. And she says, Wow, I can see you're a prophet.

Now she takes it to the religious side of things and she asks Him a question. She said, I need you to settle something for me. We Samaritans worship God in the mountain.

And you Jews worship God down there in Jerusalem. Who's right? That was the essence of what she was asking. And I remember when a young man came to tell me the Gospel on the street.

And I went up and pounded on his chest in front of my friends and I said, You don't know anything about God. I work in the mountains. I pray in the mountains.

I know God. You don't. Get out of our face before I whip on you.

That poor kid doesn't know I'm saved to this day, but in heaven we'll meet. He'll have his reward. So I was very similar.

I thought the place was it. I like what Melissa and I, we were driving into town, she goes, you know I like that they call this meetings, not the church. Because you're the church.

This building is not a church. It's just wood and stubble. It will be burned away, but your soul will last forever and you are the church, the bride of Christ.

And so she's asking this question. She gets very religious and she wants to know the truth because she thinks she's standing before a prophet. She didn't know she was before the prophet.

And he says these words to her. And I want you to hear this. Believe me, woman.

He says, Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem worship the Father. You worship what you do not know. We know what we worship for salvation is of the Jews.

But the hour is coming and now is when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is spirit. And those who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth.

Do you know what those words mean? Have you come before the Lord and discovered what that means to be a true worshipper of God in spirit and in truth? Well, the woman realizes her need for Christ in a way

and she says, Well, I may not understand all that, but I know that Messiah is coming. I know that the One called Christ is coming and He'll teach us all things. And at that moment when her heart was ready, God revealed Himself to her and He spoke the good news to her and He said, I who speak to you am He.

She believed the message. And at that time the disciples come back and they think it's strange that He's visiting with a woman. That's kind of strange.

But they kind of marveled at it and they were still concerned with Jesus because He hadn't ate lunch yet. And they wondered, Did somebody bring Him lunch? What's the matter with Him? He's going to keel over on us on the next leg of the journey. It doesn't say that, but I can hear them thinking this.

And they say to Him, Rabbi, eat something. And that's when He gives us the word this morning and He said, I have food to eat which you know nothing of. And the disciples thought, Has anyone brought Him something to eat? And that's when Jesus said to us this morning, My food is to do the will of Him who sent me and to finish His work.

What is God's will? I remember struggling with this in my early life of being a Christian and I could not figure out what God's will for me was. And I was with this group of young evangelists and they asked me to bring the devotional the next day and I got so worked up I couldn't speak to these guys and I was so, you know, trying to figure it out and I was wishing I had all my books back home and what was I going to do? How was I going to come up with a devotion? I didn't even have some pastor's message to copy or anything. It was just me and the Bible and the Lord and I was in agony.

It was about 11 o'clock at night and I said, Alright Lord, I'm just going to start reading through the Gospel of John and when You tell me something, I guess that's what I'll share. I wish I had learned that beforehand. The poor people that I preached to before would have been a lot more blessed.

And so, I got to John chapter 6 and the Pharisees asked Jesus, What must we do to do the work God requires of us? And He said, Believe in the one He sent. And the Lord just opened my eyes that that's the work, is to believe in Christ. If I get up in the morning and I forget that and I'm not doing the work of God, I have missed the point.

And then later on I read, they asked Him, What's the will of God? How do we do the will of God? And the Lord's reply was, Believe in His one and only Son. It's that simple. And I'm telling you friends, if you don't have that right, you won't have the latter right.

You'll be like the Pharisees. You'll be left with works and worries about the will of God. But when we come to Him and we know Him and we're intimate with Him and we draw near to Him and He draws near to us and we're in fellowship and intimacy with Christ Himself, the One who took us from dust and brought us here and planted us in this generation in this very day and He gave you the breath of life this morning and when we know Him as He is, then they will know Him as He is.

And so the question is, why was it Jesus' food to, what did He say? My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to finish His work. What is your food? What is it that you feed on? Is it the wealth and the riches of this age? Is it that hunting show that you've got to watch? Is it that popular magazine of the people in Hollywood? What is your driving force? Is it the next college class that you'll take? Is it the next job pursuit that you'll take? Is it the next book you're going to read? What is your food? What are you feeding on? Jesus said, My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to finish His work. God's will, the

Bible declares, is that the world may know Him, that His praise may be on their lips, that they may be saved.

The Bible says, Our Father in Heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should be lost. And He says in another place, God our Savior wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. And I don't know why, but God has chosen you to share.

He's chosen to put His words in your mouth so that the lost may know Him. As much as we would like to have Him do it some other way, this is how He has chosen to do it. I'm going to tell you a very shameful story.

And I know that this, as Ezekiel said, God gave him a word. He said, If you don't tell these people, if you don't warn them, their blood will be on your hands. Those are harsh words to swallow.

But I want to tell you why it's so important for you to understand this. When my wife and I moved to Alaska, we were in prayer, we were in the Word, we were in fellowship. And when we stepped off the plane, the doors were flung wide open to share the Gospel with people.

And I got so busy about the work of God that my prayer life and my time with Jesus and my time feeding on the Word dried up. I was so busy, I mean, we got phone calls, we had people stopping by, we got flown out on helicopters onto these ships, and the Lord opened doors to share Christ. And I got so busy, so busy, even with the ministry.

We get so busy with the pursuit of life. Didn't God say that He would provide even for the sparrows? He'll provide for us. We don't have to worry about that.

And so I dried up on the vine. And I thought I was okay. And the winter came on and I was still preaching.

And the people, you can ask them up there that I was preaching to, they knew I was dry. They were not getting edified. And one time I got invited to take some fuel oil.

The river freezes up and it locks up and you can drive four-wheelers and vehicles across. And there was a man that lived in a little shack across the river and he was out of fuel oil. And so I was invited to take fuel oil across.

And I hate telling you this story, but you've got to see it to understand it in your own life. And in my mind, I made a plan that this would be the compassion side of the ministry. We're delivering fuel oil to a man.

I mean, I could even write this in a newsletter. And so we went over there and the door was open. He gave us a can of pop.

And I'm telling you, if someone gives you a can of pop, the door is open to share the gospel with them. And so he gave me this can of pop and we visited. We talked trapping.

We talked hunting. We talked fishing. We talked living out in the bush.

And he talked about all his rock music and the opportunity was there. But I had already reminded myself, this is the compassion side of it. Next time I will share with him.

I'll come across that river on my four-wheeler and I'm going to share with him. Well, some time went by and it warmed up and the river went out, broke up a little bit. The water went out.

So I thought in my mind, the Lord brought it to my attention again and I thought, I think I'll get in a canoe and I'll go across there. I need to share Christ with that man. And then I thought, no, I have young children.

Sometimes those canoes get sucked up under the ice and that's it. I better not risk my life. And then I got the news that that man no longer could handle life without the Gospel and he didn't know why he existed so he took his own life.

And just the other day, I shared a similar message and a man came up to me and he said, yeah, well, you know, even if I miss all the opportunities, God will still save him if He wants to. And I'm telling you, there's no excuses. When the Lord is asking you to do a job and you say, I cannot.

And I'll tell you, the sinner's cannot is will not in the face of God. Have you been ignoring the Holy Spirit by not telling others the glorious good news of why they exist? Has Satan blinded you into this sin of silence and just this, oh, I'll just kind of be compassionate and I hear this big heresy that floats around in the churches in America that says, oh, preach the Gospel all the time and if you have to, use words. But the Bible says that you're to declare His good news.

He gave us vocal cords. He gave us a mouth that we may preach to others. And they will not know God if we're silent.

We can't just make them happy on their way to hell. The Bible says, do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord. And Jesus said, if anyone is ashamed of Me and My words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in His glory.

Now, I don't know about you, but I don't want him to come in His glory and be ashamed of Me. And I just hold on here because I want you to know that it's not about you. It's not something you can work up to share with somebody else.

It's not something you can do to share with somebody else. And I'm going to get to that in just a minute, but I want to share a poem with you by the African-American poet, Lawrence Dunbar, written back in the 1800's. He says this, The Lord had a job for me, but I had so much to do.

I said, You get somebody else or wait until I get through. I don't know how the Lord came out, but He seemed to get along. But I felt kind of sneaking like because I know that I'd done Him wrong.

One day I needed the Lord, needed Him myself, needed Him right away, and He never answered me at all, but I could hear Him say, Sinner, I've got too much to do. You get somebody else or wait until I get through. Now when the Lord, He has a job for me, I never tries to shirk.

I drops what I have on hand and I does the good Lord's work. And my affairs can run along or wait until I get through. Nobody else can do the job that God has marked out for you.

Nobody else can do the job that God has marked out, that has predestined for you. So many times I've wanted to call the pastor. So many times I've wanted to call somebody more gifted to me to come and share with a family member or somebody, but God has asked me to do it.

I wish I could take Bob and Clint around everywhere I go and have them do it for me, because I know I'm not good enough to do it. But that's not possible. And you are the one that God placed in your family to share with your family.

You're the daughter. You're the son. You're the father.

You're the mother. You're the brother. You're the sister that God put in that family to share.

Nobody else can go into that college that you're in. Nobody else can go to that job site that you go to. Nobody else can do what God has given, marked out for you.

I remember when I first started preaching, I was so taken up with Billy Graham. It was like I carved out a little idol and set him up there. I just wanted to preach like Billy Graham.

And I remember one day I was struggling so bad. I was so unfocused, so focused on the things of this world, and my wife said, Why don't you just preach like Justin? That's who God made you to be. And the burden was gone.

We don't need to be anybody else but who God made us to be and let Him use us. I think of, there's the can't side of things when we try to share the gospel. I can't.

It's basically saying I won't. But if you think about can't, can't never did it. Can't do it, never did it.

Can't afford it, never bought it. Can't go, never went. And when we think about could, I could go share with my neighbor.

I could go off to a foreign land. I could just throw off everything and go preach the gospel in some jungle never to be heard of again. We dream up these big dreams, but could've, only should've, and only would've, but never did it.

And the third C is the gospel. And that's when Paul realized, I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength. Nothing's impossible with God.

And I want to tell you, it's time for us as genuine Christians in the faith to raise a banner for God throughout all this nation and to cast off everything that hinders and to go out for Him. To go out for Him. To go out with Him.

To go out in Him. To go out with Him in us. Jesus said, go.

Jesus said, go into all the world. That includes everywhere. The neighbor's house.

The next village over. Can't even say town anymore, I've been in Alaska so long. Cities.

Some farmer down the street that you've never known. Some Catholic priest that you've made fun of for 30 years. He said, go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.

Jesus says in verse 35, Do you not say there are still four months and then comes the harvest? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields for they are already white for harvest. Let me put that in your language. Do you not say, as soon as I'm a more mature Christian, then I'll share my faith? Do you not say, as soon as I've graduated four years of cemetery, then I'll share my faith and I'll have my cement degree? Don't wait till then.

You'll be dead. Do you not say, as soon as I've gone through the Share Jesus Without Fear program, then I'll share my faith? Open your eyes. Lord God, open our eyes this morning.

Look at all the people you walk by each and every day who will either be in heaven or either be in hell and you can be used of God to change all of it. Hell is a reality. It's the wrath of God.

They need a Savior. They are ripe. They are ready to be harvested.

Our food, our food is to tell the world about Jesus. Jesus Christ talked all night long with Nicodemus about His soul. He, instead of making fun of this religious man who was all wrapped up in his legalism, instead of pointing fingers at the next church down the road, instead of making fun of that synagogue, He took the whole night, didn't even sleep, and He shared the Gospel and He talked about being born again and He talked about how as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up and that all His sin would be upon Him and that He could step into the new life and He shared this with Nicodemus.

How long has it been since you took some religious person and shared, opened up the Scriptures to them all night long? Why do we treasure sleep when we know that tomorrow Jesus may return? Jesus passed up His lunch. He was hungry. His stomach was probably rumbling and He said, Who cares about lunch? This Samaritan woman is walking up here for a drink of water.

I could help her pull up the bucket or I could tell her about life that lasts forever, give her eternal water. How long has it been since you skipped lunch hour and went out and preached the Gospel to adulterous people? I hope we are not judging them. Christ took the sinful prostitute by the hand and lifted her up after she was condemned by all the religious people and He said, I do not condemn you.

Go and sin no more. When have you told a prostitute to go and lead a life of no more sin that she can be free? Jesus didn't go to the cross for nothing. Jesus didn't take the whip with the bone and the metal and get torn to shreds for nothing.

He didn't hang on the cross and utter His last words of My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me? As God turned His back on His one and only Son, as all of your wickedness and all of your sin and all of your iniquity and all of your filthiness and all of your selfishness was placed on Him and God left Him hanging as He went to hell for you. He didn't do it for nothing. And then that day came after three days where that cold body was laid, wrapped up and a sound came in the tomb as it was unraveled.

A heartbeat began to pound in this grave where once was death. Life now flowed as the blood circulated through the body of the risen Lord Jesus Christ and the stone was rolled away and He walked out risen and He told His disciples you wait here I'm going to the Father and I'm going to send you the Holy Spirit and you'll be clothed with power and then you go from here, you tell Jerusalem you tell Samaria and you tell the ends of the age the earth to the end of the age the good news all of that is a fact of history for the glory of God it's His plan, it's His way and now He gives us that same Holy Spirit and clothes us with power and sends us out. Today, this very day, God has His winnowing fork out and He's pulling in a harvest for eternity.

Bob, we need to go back and see Clark today. And He's pulling in a harvest for eternity. People are dying today.

Some people didn't wake up today in this earth. And God has marked out a great job opportunity for you. Has anybody ever hired you to do a job and said now I'm hiring you for this job is all I want you to do is to

walk forward and open your mouth and I'll do the rest.

I'll do the rest of the work. Has anybody ever hired you like that? And they promise you all of eternity? Not because you did that, but because of the work of Christ. But listen to this.

You have a job opportunity to invite people to heaven. To give them life that lasts forever when you introduce them to their Savior and Creator Jesus Christ. And we can say with the Apostle Paul, I'm not ashamed of the Gospel because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.

You know, I used to get so worked up. Bob said something last night. We took a walk.

These guys have been walking me. I mean, I'm going to have a healthy heart between Bob and Clint. These guys are walking me all over.

I was out of shape. I needed that. But Bob said something to me.

He said he asked about some of my rodeo. And I don't care about rodeo. I don't care about that old Justin Vold.

He's been crucified with Christ. The life he now lives, he lives by faith in the Son of God. And so anyways, I shared some of the rodeo and Bob said, you know, as Christians, do we devote ourselves like those guys who rodeo? They give it all.

They go out there to win. And I wasn't thinking about this until just now, but listen to this. Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, everybody who's lived their life by faith, not by sight, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.

Looking unto Jesus, just like the symphony guys look unto their leader, let us cast off everything that hinders and the sin which would so easily ensnare us and entangle us, and let us run with endurance the race set before us as Christians, which is the only thing worth doing. The world runs after everything that is worthless. Wallace Francis, a friend that I work with in Ambassadors for Christ, he's a leader over me, he was a running back for some team in the professional football, and he had a career coming on, the millions of dollars were coming in, he was getting signed another contract, and his father-in-law was living his dreams through him, and a few months or weeks, I don't know, before they started the next season for practice, he was saved and born again.

And instead of trying to mix the two, he said football is nothing, Jesus is everything! And he told me, Justin, I realized it was all about Jesus. And so a couple days before he was supposed to go back on the practice fields, he enrolled in a Bible college, and boy did he ever see what unforgiveness from a father-in-law looked like. But he has been used of God since that very day to share the Gospel with thousands of people.

Devoted to God. He cast off everything that might have hindered his life and went out to share the Gospel. The Gospel that sets the captives free.

The Gospel that takes a man out of darkness into light. The Gospel that delivers from sin and takes a person into a life of praising Jesus and walking with Him. And I used to guide hunters, and I was so worried and so caught up with getting my name in the Boone and Crockett book.

I wanted my name in there. Justin Vold Guide. You know, managed to guide somebody to take the lungs out of this poor deer that was just trying to survive.

Well, that's not what they wrote, but Justin Vold, you know, I wanted that. But after one's name is written in the Lamb's book of life, that becomes nothing. And what really matters in hunting is that one may pursue a sinner through prayer and open up the Word of God and drive that spear right in between the soul and spirit.

And you see the man die. And then the resurrection life comes into the man. He comes back to life.

And two years later, he's telling you things you didn't know about Jesus. That's true hunting. Christians, when will we get back to fishers of men hunting down sinners that they may be saved and redeemed? Too often we try to work it up within us.

It's a supernatural work. Jesus says to you today, and be encouraged, my brothers and sisters, the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

My friend Al Whittingill told me, Justin, fear of man is your worst enemy as a preacher. Each one of you is a missionary. Each one of you is called into the battlefield of winning souls.

Jesus said, even if they persecute you, do not worry about what to say. Or even how to say it. That means you don't have to come up with four days of wrestling with a sermon message and 500 commentaries to figure out if you're saying the right thing.

He says, don't worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time, you'll be given what to say for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Now, if that doesn't take the pressure off in evangelism, you're still under the yoke of slavery.

Because friends, if you ever say, I have to go to my neighbor. I have to do this. Oh, I have to do this.

You're still under the law. Instead, the Christian should say, I get to go to my neighbor and proclaim the gospel and if he spits in my face, I get to go home praising God. I get to go to my parent who was abusive their whole life and I get to declare the praises of God.

But I'll tell you this, don't ever go unless you're prayed up. Too many times, I've tried to share the gospel, not prayed up. That's why I'm excited to see such genuine Christianity gathered here today.

We get to share the good news with the lost and dark world and have you ever stopped in your tracks in this busy life and thought of how much blood has been spilled so that you could be saved today? It started on Calvary and it has continued on all through the centuries. We've got it so good in America, we don't realize that people suffered and died and bled to get the gospel to America. That little infants were brought over by their missionary families with one idea to share the gospel with the new America and those infants died.

Never getting to live a full life, never getting to live the American dream, never growing fat on the fast food and all the rush and the busyness that distracts us from the goal. How many people have died? How many thousands have died so that you could have the gospel? They did not stay silent. I look at these testimonies, we've never been in this country before and I think what if John Breshears would have said

I'm going to be a gentleman and I'm just going to love people in the kingdom, I'm not going to tell them anything.

How many of you would be sitting here today if that man would have stayed silent? Maybe you don't know who I'm talking about but I know that the lighters and them have the Lord worked through John to share his message and now many of the family are born again. Because one teacher shared the gospel. He didn't say, well I can't share because that's the law.

Do you think if the apostle Paul was a science teacher that's what he would say? He would have been fired a long time ago. Either that or he would have had thousands of converts as a science teacher. And he would say the first thing on that first day, he would say, here's your science books.

I want you all to grab them walk up here and throw them in the garbage and I'm going to give you a bible and we're going to study true science. When are the Christians going to step up to the plate? Because they need to realize they have the power of God. They have the Holy Spirit.

They have the gospel. They have the I can. The I get to.

The I will. You've got the power. Everything.

My dear brothers and sisters, that will hinder you. Get rid of the sin that so easily entangles it was nailed to the cross. Why walk in it anymore? Don't ever let an accusation come to your mouth against one of your brothers or sisters.

And if the thought crosses your mind, go and get before them and cry that you ever even thought about the bride of Christ in that way. And come together in prayer and in fellowship and in love in the gospel. Retreat back to the secret place of prayer where just like Moses when he was with God the people could see it.

And even in a hard land he continued to declare God's word. Tell every soul you meet about Jesus. Let's tell the lost.

Let's have a revival. Lord, let us have revival here. Let's win souls for Christ today.

He who wins souls is wise. And you're not wise until you know Christ. Let's tell people about Jesus.

Let's tell people about Jesus Christ. Let's introduce people to Jesus Christ. How then? Can they call on the one they have not believed in? How can they call on the one they have not believed in? How can they even believe in the one in whom they have not heard? I got a phone call from a telemarketer and instead of putting wrath of God on her and hanging up, I decided to share the gospel with her.

And this lady, I couldn't understand her accent, but she'd never heard the word. She'd never heard of Jesus Christ. That's the day and age in which we live, Americans.

And I'm telling you, these teenagers do not, have not heard the gospel in these public schools. We need not fear them. They're hungry.

They're ripe. They're ready. And it continues and says, how then can they hear without you preaching to them? Go into all the world and preach the good news.

I'm going to close with a poem by C.T. Studd, early missionary. Some like to live in the sound of church or chapel bell. Did you catch that? Some like to live in the sound of church or chapel bell, but as for me, I would rather build a rescue shop within a yard of hell.

Let me not rust out. Let us not glide through the world and then slip quietly out without having blown the trumpet loud and long for our blessed Redeemer. At the very least, let us see to it that the devil holds a thanksgiving service in hell when he gets the news of our departure from the field of battle.

And I want to tell you, that Samaritan woman didn't wait. She went back to her village. She went back to Sychar and she said, Jesus Christ is here.

And the village came out and nearly the whole village was saved. Jesus came to that village. She did not care about anything else.

She didn't care about her sins. She didn't care about her reputation. She didn't care about seminary.

She didn't care about being a Samaritan and not a Jew. She cared about the fact that she knew the Gospel and immediately she took it back. And I'll tell you, lunch is prepared, but if God has put on your heart somebody that needs the Gospel, don't go eat.

Go share the Gospel. Maybe you need to make a phone call to someone today. Some old enemy.

It doesn't matter if you're going to get persecuted. We can rejoice in that. Maybe it's that co-worker that you have had the Holy Spirit wooing you day after day after day just to open your mouth.

Go talk to them. Your job is not to save them. It's to share the Gospel with them.

Let the Lord do His work through you. You are a clay pot. There's no flowing water in you within yourself.

But as the Holy Spirit pours Himself upon you, you flow out streams of living water into the lives of others. O Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, go. Go.

Go. Before He returns. Amen.

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