

(Where Is the Church Going) 5. Our Reaction to the Gospel

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Miki Hardy emphasizes the necessity of responding to the true gospel, which challenges personal ambitions and calls for transformation through repentance and commitment to Christ.

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes the power and truth of the Gospel. He highlights how Jesus' teachings in the book of Matthew challenge worldly values and encourage believers to focus on heavenly treasures. The preacher also discusses the importance of recognizing the different reactions and attitudes people have towards the Gospel, using the example of the Galatians who were initially enthusiastic but later became confused. He emphasizes that the Gospel not only reveals the truth but also shows God's plan for our lives and calls us to live a renewed life in Christ. The preacher encourages listeners to read Matthew chapters 5 to 7 to understand Jesus' teachings and the impact of the Gospel on their lives.

Transcript

Today I'd like to share with you about the reactions towards the gospel. Every one of us, in our hearts, we have a reaction when we hear the gospel. Every single Christian, when he hears the gospel, has a reaction.

When we hear the true gospel, the pure gospel, without compromise. You know, it makes me think about Jesus, when he spoke during his ministry. He spoke the true doctrine of the Lord, of his Father.

And wherever he went, he had a lot of opposition, because the Jews had a way of life, but the Lord wanted them to have another way of life. You know, before we talk about the reactions, we need to define a little bit of the pure gospel. I like always to refer to the apostle Paul.

He refers to the gospel, he says, this gospel. He talks about the gospel, and he says, my gospel. He says, the gospel.

It sounds like it's something special. It sounds like it's something very particular. My gospel, this gospel, the gospel.

But unfortunately, there are many preachers today that don't carry the true gospel. They don't preach the same gospel that the apostle Paul preached. They don't carry in their heart the same revelation that the apostle Paul carried in his heart.

Paul had to face all sorts of preachers, and he had to defend the gospel. He had to stand for the pure doctrine of Christ. And it's one of the reasons that he defines the gospel as my gospel, which he received directly from the Lord Jesus Christ.

The gospel that carries always a price to pay. But unfortunately, today, there are many preachers that preach like a feel-good gospel. I don't know if you understand it, feel-good gospel.

When you come in church, you've got to cope out feeling good, you know, excited. Emotional gospel, excitement, but it doesn't change lives. Paul, when he talks about my gospel, he's not talking about a feel-good gospel.

He's not talking about an emotional gospel, but the gospel that challenges lives, that brings us to repentance, that allows us to see the plan of God clearly. There are others today that can only preach with music. If they don't have music, background music behind them, they have difficulty to preach.

And the people of God are so excited when they hear about the music beyond the preaching. Let me tell you something. If we had Jesus in the midst of us, and if we had Apostle Paul in the midst of us, and all the apostles that wrote the Bible, we wouldn't see the type of reaction and excitement and emotion among the people of God.

The gospel of the Apostle Paul is serious. It's not feel-good gospel. It's not feeding your mind or your emotions.

There are many reactions to the gospel, the true gospel. The first reaction is that it testifies to our spirit that it is the truth. That's the first thing.

Because when you are born again, I keep repeating that all the time. When you are Christian, born again, the true gospel must testify to your heart that this is the truth of God. Now, no matter if you like it or not, if you want it or if you don't want it, that's not the point.

You know, I've been traveling in the world, in many countries, and I can say that 95 or more, 95% or more of the Christians that have heard the gospel of Jesus Christ, the gospel of the cross of Jesus Christ, accompanied by a price that every Christian has got to pay, all these Christians, 95% of them, can say that it is the truth. It is the truth. If you are born again, your spirit must identify with the true gospel.

Now, open your Bibles with me. In Matthew chapter 7, verse 28, Jesus spoke something to the Jews, to the multitude. He spoke to them a language that they never heard before.

He spoke words that were strange to them. And in verse 28, it says, so was, and so it was, when Jesus had ended these things, that the people were astonished at his teaching. They were astonished.

For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. He spoke words that were totally different to what the Jews were used to hear. He spoke with authority.

He spoke with the anointing of God. He spoke clearly sound doctrine. He had come to save the world from sin.

He had come to give the world a new type of life. He had made it possible by his death on the cross, to all those who would believe in him, to live a new lifestyle. And all these multitudes, they felt that his teaching was full of authority, and that his words were carrying life.

When Jesus had a conversation with his disciples, Peter said to him one day, where would we go? You are the words of life. They heard it. They heard it.

So the first thing that the gospel does, it reaches out to your heart to make you see that it is the truth from God. That it's the truth. You know Jesus had been saying to all these multitudes, if you look from chapter 5 to chapter 7 in the book of Matthew, you know Jesus said, do not lay up for yourself treasures on earth.

Strange stuff. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven. He said, no one can serve two masters.

He said, do not worry about your life. I'm going to take care of it. He said, enter by the narrow gate.

For wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction. And there are many who go in by it because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life. That were the type of words that he spoke.

He said, a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Yeah. If you come to church and you are not challenging your heart, it's because you don't hear the right gospel.

Yeah. If you come to church, you have goosebumps and to always feel good in your emotions. It's not the right gospel.

Yeah. If your emotions are lifted up, it's not the right gospel. It's because if you come to church because of good music, it's not the right motivation.

Yeah. So it reveals my intentions. It reveals my attitude, my ambition.

Because the true gospel is always accompanied by a price that I have to pay. So before I take a decision, I must know the cost. And if the gospel that you hear does not bring you to the place where you have to take a decision because there is a price to pay.

It's not the right one. The Bible says that the revelation of your words give light. In the book of Psalms 119 verse 130.

When the revelation of God's word comes in its fullness, it brings light. It enlightens. You cannot come to church if your life is not exposed.

Whatever Jesus went, he exposed the people. They were totally exposed. They were challenged.

They reacted. The true gospel brings a reaction in you. There's a price to pay.

Before I take a decision, I must know the cost. And the true gospel always tells you the price you have to pay. The life that you have to lose.

Always. It shakes you. Shows you your state.

Our identification to Christ. In his sufferings, in his death. That's what the gospel brings.

That's the type of reaction that it brings. It shakes lives. It makes us to question ourselves.

It shows us why we do many things. When you read in the book of Acts, the Bible says that the people of God, they had the fear of God. They had the fear of God.

They had a fear in their lives about what they needed to do for God. In other words, when you have the fear of God, you don't hold your life in your hands. There are many things that God allows to happen.

The same way that when we hear the gospel to show us our state. Ananias and Sapphira fell dead in the midst of the church. God allowed it to do.

There was a purpose in it. They fell dead in the midst of the congregation. But the Bible said that it brought a fear of God among the people.

And that's what the word of God, the pure gospel does or should do in our hearts and lives. Brings us the fear of God. Am I going to continue to live the way I want? Am I going to continue to have the same motivation? Am I going to hold on to my ambitions? Am I going to hold on to my plans? Am I going to hold on to my own vision? Am I going to stay independent? Am I going to stay rebellious? The feel-good gospel ignores that.

It goes over your head and your heart. And it just speaks to your emotions. Never challenges you.

But the pure gospel challenges your life. It brings a direct reaction. Yeah.

That's why you are sitting here or you are hearing me. Whatever you are. You're going to church every Sunday.

You're hearing the gospel. Are you just feeling good about it? Are you just feeling excited about it? Or does it bring you to the place where you want to repent? Where you have a conviction? Where you want to stop your bad ways? But when you keep hearing the feel-good gospel, emotional gospel, it never challenges your inner state. But the pure gospel always comes with a reaction.

Brings a reaction. So the first one is what? I know it's the truth. I know it's the truth.

That's what I want. That's what my heart testifies. It's true.

It's from God. It's pure. And then I question my life.

And then it makes me to know what God wants for me. It gives me hope to grow in the spirit. It's full of grace.

It motivates me to become more and more like Jesus. Even if I have to take my cross and follow him. Even if I have to lose my life.

But I have an ambition in life. That's what the gospel comes to. When it comes to what? That's what it brings to my heart.

I have an ambition in life. I want to become like him. Whatever the cost.

Whatever the price I have to pay. The pure gospel brings you to the place where you know it's costly. If you want to grow.

If you want to mature. If you want to become a spiritual person. There's a price to pay.

There's a life to lose. I can't just imagine the gospel coming to me without challenging me. It's not to condemn me.

It's not to crush me down. But to make me become more and more like him. To give me the right desires.

The true gospel brings me to the place where I know what should be my prayers. Because the true gospel comes to the place where it takes in me all my own desires. That make me desire the kingdom.

The things of the kingdom. And when you hear the true gospel, let me tell you, your prayers change. Yeah.

Because the true gospel brings you to put to death that selfish attitude. The give me, bless me gospel. Give me, bless me.

But the true gospel comes to me and I question even my prayers. Why am I asking for that? Why? What is my ambition? What is my motivation to ask for that? What does it feed in me? Why? I tell you, since the day I started to be enlightened in the gospel of the cross of Jesus Christ, where I understood I had to lose my life, my prayer life changed. And let me tell you something.

I don't know the last time I asked God something for me. I don't even know. It's so far away from me that I don't even remember when did I ask God something for me.

I don't know. But when the gospel of Jesus Christ takes your heart, your prayer changes. Yeah.

You pray in the spirit. You pray led by the Holy Spirit. You pray according to the kingdom.

Yeah. You pray for others. You pray for the church.

Yeah. But before my list, 95% was for myself. I tell you, it brings a reaction.

And there are so many things that then I need to decide. But the gospel brings me to the place where I have choices. Many choices, either to continue or to change, either to keep feeling good and asking and blessing me, asking for things.

They give me, bless me. Yeah. Oh, God, here's my life.

What do you want for me? What do you want me to have? It's yours anyway. Brings me to the place where it shows me the plan of God. It shows me the plan of God for my life.

It shows me the hope that I can have by taking up my cross and following him and become a spiritual person. Gives me hope and does not keep me seeing myself who I am today. But giving me hope and faith because God is changing me.

Because the true gospel changes you to the image of Christ. As you lose your life, it's his that you have in return. The first time that God opened my eyes about this gospel of the cross, I was alone.

There was no one with me. I was alone, but I had to decide. I knew I didn't know everything.

I didn't know what I know today. I didn't have the same life that I have today, that you have today. But I have some little bit of light shining in my heart that my life was a lost one.

As from that day, I had to take a decision in life. I had to decide about something because when the gospel came to my heart and it showed me the plan of the Lord for my life, I had two choices. Either to continue in the give me, bless me gospel or to give my life and to know that it's lost.

It's lost. I've got nothing to claim anymore. I had to choose.

I didn't know what was, what I could expect. I know it was a plan. I didn't know exactly the full cost of it, but I knew I had a price to pay.

I didn't know everything. I didn't know. And let me tell you something.

God changes the course of your life. God changes the course of your life. Changes the circumstances around you.

When you take the decision, even if you don't know everything, to take up your cross and follow him. To embrace the pure gospel. To embrace it.

I'm not telling you that this was the reason why some things happened, but in my heart, I knew there was a price. Attached to my decision. That's what the pure gospel does to you.

Yeah. If you come to church and you want to get something out of it, you're in the wrong church, sir. You're in the wrong church.

Yeah. And you better be careful that you take for granted what God gives you. Anyway, that's for next week.

But when the gospel comes to your heart and you know the price that you have to pay, you've got to stop and know what you're going to choose. It's a big challenge. The pure gospel brings a big challenge.

A big reaction. I tell you, I've seen many people react to the gospel wildly. Wild.

You know, if they could, they would turn your neck and finish with you. All sorts of reactions. You see some people come to you and say, are you a wonderful man of God? Wonderful what you shared with me.

The next day, you don't see him at all. You know why? I tell you why. I told you why.

Because the first thing it does, it shows you it's the truth. It shows you it's the truth. That's the first thing it does.

So you get these guys coming to you, why are you, oh brother, I tell you, oh, what I heard today, it's something I've never, I've never heard that in my life. Tell me, tell me, where can I get some more? And one week after you hear, he's an enemy of the cross. You see everything.

You see every type of person. Every type. I'm not talking about the physical guys, physical aspect.

I'm talking about inside. You see everyone, every reaction, everything. Everything.

It's like what the apostle Paul said in the book of Galatians. He said there was a time that you were ready to pick, pluck up your eye to give it to me. And here they were, the book of Galatians.

Here were the Galatians, confused and become foolish. You like it today. You can hate it tomorrow.

It's not because it's no more the truth. It's because of your own decision. It's not because of the truth.

Because you cannot change truth. It is written. You cannot change it.

You can change your decision. Yeah. You can change it.

Because something happened one day. I tell you, not long after I decided to take the true gospel of Jesus Christ in my life. God allowed me to lose people that I dearly love.

And I questioned it. I questioned it. It challenged me.

Yeah. It challenged my life. That's why I said to you, God changes the course of your life and he changes even the circumstances of your life.

When you decide to take the gospel. The true gospel, sound doctrine. God changes things and now things to come your way.

Good or bad. But you have to take a decision. Because the gospel brings a reaction.

You can't bridge the gospel and believe that you will just excite people around you. Yeah. You can't.

Question your gospel, sir. Question it. Question what you preach.

Question what you share. It's got to bring reaction. It's got to bring opposition.

It's got to shake. That's the purpose of the gospel. To bring people to Christ and bring people to the image of Christ.

That's the reason why it shakes. There's no shaking. There's nothing.

There's no shaking. You know what? You go, you go and abide and cherish and embrace. They feel good.

Give me, bless me, gospel. Bless your heart. It's the truth.

The revelation that the apostle Paul received showed him the plan of God for his life. It showed him the way he had to live. It challenged him.

Not only, you know, not only he was persecuting the people of God. That's one thing. Okay.

He was on nearly every coup where Christians had to be killed. He was in all these plots. We're not talking about that.

We're talking about a changed life. Not only stopping to kill or stopping to drink or stopping to this, but a renewed life. Amen.

A renewed life. A permanent renewed life. That's why the apostle Paul, he talks to the Corinthians.

He said, even if your outward body is being, what's the word? Decaying. But your inner man is being renewed day by day. Day by day.

Yes, I tell you. And the apostle Paul knew when that revelation came to him, it shocked him. He said, oh, what a life I need to live now.

Hey, and he took the decision. He took the decision to abide to the gospel, to embrace the gospel in his life. He knew that he could not separate the gospel and his life.

He knew it was not a question of revelation and preaching without engaging and giving and surrendering his own life. He knew it. That's the reaction that the gospel brings when it tells you the truth.

What's my decision? What am I going to decide? Am I going to accept it? I'm going to refuse it. I've got two choices. I don't have many.

Only two. I take it. I live it.

It's amazing that every time you hear the gospel, it's a question of accepting it or rejecting it. But you know how many millions of Christians come to church every Sunday and every week and they don't have to make decisions because they live in the feed me, give me, bless me gospel. Without the cross, without any bit of losing your life, of identifying your life with Christ.

You're just excited and emotionally blessed. You like the music and you know, all the thing that comes with it. But you never take a decision of your for your life.

Do you accept it or reject it? I'm talking about your life. I'm not talking about deciding and rejecting if you've got to leave, leave here and go to live in another city. I'm talking about rejecting and accepting that God wants to break you, bring you to the place where you've got nothing about yourself.

And it's Christ in you, the hope of glory and nothing else. And if the gospel doesn't bring that to you, it's void of power. It's void of truth.

It's mixed, compromised. Bless me, give me, feel good gospel. You can dance for one hour in church and still go out and beat your wife.

Yes. When the when the preacher speaks, you can stand up and say and say like that and put your your Bible up and go out from that place and go and be drunk. Or you can leave that place and have no perfume of the knowledge of Christ in you.

So you can accept it or you can reject it. So what does it do? It enlightens you, shows you that it is the truth. Amen.

Christians swallow, swallow, swallow everything, every mixture, every stuff that comes by. We can only pray that God will bring the true gospel and challenge Christians all over the world. The gospel of the cross.

I know you believe in the cross. I know you believe that Jesus died for you. I know you believe that he resurrected from the dead.

I know you believe he's alive. That's just the beginning, sir. Just the beginning.

Let's open our Bibles in John chapter six. John chapter six, verse 67. No, John chapter five.

Excuse me, verse 39. John chapter five, verse 39. My apology.

Jesus saying to the Jews, you search the scriptures for in them you think you have eternal life and these are there which testify of me. But you are not willing to come to me that you may have life. You like the scriptures.

You search the scriptures. You want to abide to the scriptures. But you are not ready to come to me to have life.

In other words, you are like the guy who says, yes, the gospel is the truth. But you are not ready to accept the price that comes with it. That's what Jesus said to the Jews.

You search the scriptures. You think you have eternal life in them. But you are not willing to come to me that you may have life.

In other words, you are not ready to come to me to accept that I, Jesus, will change you so that you may have life. But you only accept that it is the truth. So you are like these guys that you preach the gospel and say it's wonderful.

Come on, preach some more, preach some more. That's the truth. But then when it's finished, you turn your back to it and you go and you take your life in your hands and you do what you want with it.

Because you don't want God to touch these inner parts of your life. And change you to the image of his son, Jesus Christ. That's the reason why you have many gospels like in the time of the Apostle Paul.

But there is only one that is the truth. My gospel. This gospel.

Sometimes I go and preach this gospel to many people and they come and say, why this gospel? Why it is this? Isn't there any one? Only one gospel? Yes, we read from only one Bible. That's the truth. We read from only one Bible.

But the Apostle Paul had one gospel. His gospel and this gospel. And I believe that all of us in the church today, we need to have this gospel.

This, this one. Not the blessed be given me. This one.

The cross. My life. My lost life.

I say it again, it will change your prayers. It will change the reason why you come and take the table of the Lord. It will change your time of fellowship with brothers and sisters.

Everything will change. It removes all religion. You know, you can know Jesus Christ as your personal savior and still be a religious person.

Am I right? You can. You can. I encourage you to go.

I tell you, I encourage you to go and read. Matthew chapter five to chapter seven, and you will hear the words of Jesus Christ about your life. Amen.

The gospel. One Thessalonian. Chapter two.

So what's the first reaction? Of the gospel shows you it is the truth. Correct. Second one shows you the plan of God for your life.

Shows you your attitude, your ambitions, your plans, your motivation, your state of heart. And what God, where God wants you to reach. What's the goal? Now you need, we need to make a decision.

Now we need to decide to face the truth or turn our back to the truth. And the more you have been rooted in the give me, feed me, feel good gospel. You need a greater miracle.

You need a greater miracle. To be set free and give your life on the altar and say, Lord, it's not mine anymore. I am ready to lose it.

I want you to live through me. I want your life. I want the perfume of the knowledge of Christ in me.

I want your anointing. I don't want this emotional stuff anymore. I don't want this intellectual stuff anymore.

I want you to change my life to the image of Christ. The more you are rooted in the give me, feed me, bless me, the harder it will be. But God is a God of miracles.

For God, nothing is impossible. You can touch your life one second and show you the light of the gospel and give you the grace to say yes. Even in your state, even when the gospel comes to you, it shows you how far you are from the reality of the Christian life.

It doesn't matter. It doesn't matter. I was so far away, so far in the hype and the excitement and the feed me and the give me and the bless me and everything.

I mean, I was deep, but God had a miracle for my life. God had his grace for me and he gave me the strength to say yes yes and to accept it. Bless the Lord.

Bless the Lord. We're not dealing with men. We're not dealing with, you know, intelligent, I mean, rich people or powerful people or politicians or head of governments of all this stuff.

We're dealing with God. We're dealing with almighty God who can change lives instantaneously. In a second, you were going that way in one second, God takes you and you go that way.

Glory to God. He can. The same way he saves you, he heals you, he delivers you, he sets you free.

The same way, the same way that you were plunged and you were swimming, swimming, I mean, swimming in the deep sea of the bless me, give me, feed me, claiming things and he shows you, hey, son, hey, my friend, hold on here. Let me give you what I need to give you. I know better what you need than you need that what you think.

Hallelujah. Okay, one Thessalonians. The Lord is good.

Do you like the gospel? Oh, I love it. Changed my life. I was in deep trouble.

Let me tell you, let me tell you the worst five years of my life. Do you want to know? Do you want to know the first, the first five years, the worst five years of my life, the worst as a preacher, as a preacher, walking in defeat in every aspect of my life, my family, my relationship with my wife, with the brothers, working with

me. Everything was turning down.

Everything. I couldn't sleep at night walking down the corridor. Lord, what must I do? That's what your word says.

Lord, what must I do next? Couldn't sleep. Maybe I would sleep one, two, three hours. And the next day I was, I would walk up and say, Lord, what am I expecting with this brother today? I'm going to the office, to the church office.

Maybe I'll find five rebels in front of me wanting to take back the church. Who knows? The worst five years of my life as a preacher didn't know about the cross of Jesus Christ for my life. Didn't know.

Didn't know. I was claiming everything. I was believing everything.

Yeah. Everything. Everything.

When the gospel of the cross came to my life and I said, yes, I see it, Lord. I see it. But it's right.

But Lord, it's tough. I see it, Lord. I see it.

I see it. I keep seeing it, Lord. That's the truth.

But it's tough. Let me tell you. Let me tell you something.

In just a few years, just a few years when I gave my life and accepted to take that road of the cross, I have received, been blessed. Now, listen. Been fed by God.

Been blessed by God without me asking anything. More than those eight or ten years of claiming and praying, sweating, sweating. I was walking.

I mean, you know about it. Walking, walking, walking, walking, kicking, kicking, fighting, casting. I mean, doing all sort of stuff.

Everything. Come out of that prayer room. You're sweating.

It's as if I've just been preaching for nothing. God changes the course and the circumstances of your life when you accept the gospel of the cross of Jesus Christ. The true one where you know the price to pay and you're ready to pay it.

Changes. Juan de Salomians. We're gonna have it.

Let's read chapter two, verse 13. For this reason, we also thank God without ceasing because when you receive the word of God, which you heard from us, the revelation, my gospel, this gospel, the gospel. Okay? That's what he preached.

You welcomed it. Oh. You welcomed it.

That's the truth. Not as the word of men. Or in other words, you discerned.

This is from God. Correct? Following? Clear? All right. But as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe in it.

So in other words, what does it do? You accept it as the truth. Okay? You saw the plan of God for your life. It showed you the price you have to pay.

You accepted it. It worked in you. And it changed you.

Effectively. Effectively. It works in you.

Effectively. Because you accepted it. Because you believed in it.

You believed in it. You saw it. You accepted it.

And it changed you. I like that piece. Right? So in other words, you receive the revelation of the word of God not like the words of men, but as it is really.

Working in your life, exercising a powerful change in you and in the life of those who believe. There's hope. There is hope, my dear friends.

There is hope if you accept it. There is hope if you accept the price to pay. There is hope.

You'll find mountains in front of you. I'm telling you the truth from the start. You know, the bless me, give me, feel good gospel will tell you when the mountain comes, you cast it out and you walk.

When it comes, and you keep walking. Let me tell you, in the gospel of the cross of Jesus Christ, you fall on the ground. It's too tough, but God almighty takes you by the hand and lifts you up again and say, come my son, I'll do it for you.

I'll make it for you. It's not by your mind. It's not by power.

It's not by your intellect. It's not by your logic, but it's by my spirit, says the Lord. I'll take you to the end.

Don't worry. And then you find that mountain again in front of you. And it's a God way out.

God says, be at rest, be still and know that I am God. And during that time, you see, it's your choice. It's your choice.

You can continue to ask, to be blessed, to claim, to be rich, to be prosperous, to have everything you want. You can still try. I don't say you can still have it.

I say you can still try. If you are lucky, maybe you'll get one. But you have another decision also and other choice to accept the mountain.

Yeah, and the valley and the mountain again and the valley. Knowing that all things are possible with God. And during that time, He molds you.

He changes you. Yeah, He takes you like the potter. He makes you the way He has planned for your life.

And sometimes you say, Lord, leave me alone. I don't want that thing. He says, OK, I'll leave you alone for a week.

And then the aids, they come. He says, now it's the time for you to stop rebelling. Come, my son, I'll take you.

I tell you, you want the gospel in any other way, it's too complicated. Tell you, you get deceived out of any other gospel. Any other stuff is not the pure gospel.

It's not my gospel. It's not this gospel. It's not the gospel.

It's a gospel. A, a, a, anything, anything. Bless me, give me, feed me.

Anything. You put some music there. I don't want that.

I tell you, it's a choice. It's a choice. Me, I like it.

It's tough stuff. But I know something. I'll become stronger by the day.

What I cannot accept today, I'll accept tomorrow. What I cannot face today and I fall, I will be able to make it by the grace of the Lord. Maybe not tomorrow, give me some time, please.

Another week or another month or maybe six months, but I guarantee I'll make it. I tell you, I'll make it by the grace of God, not by my strength because of Him. Because of Him, I'll make it.

He'll take me in every mountain. He'll make me climb it with Him. You have a choice to carry the life.

You have a choice to carry the perfume of Christ. You have a choice wherever you go, in any country, in any place, in any house, in any work that you take to carry the perfume of the knowledge of Jesus Christ. You have a choice.

And if you make that choice, even if it's a price that you've got to pay and it's the cost of your life to be lost, let me tell you, it's worth it. It's worth it. It's worth every penny of it.

But there are those who don't like it. Let me tell you from the start, sir, you can't. You cannot tell me that you really love the gospel if you want to make it your life.

If you have just accepted that it is the truth, but you have not accepted what Jesus spoke in Matthew chapter 5 to chapter 7. You have not accepted because you have two masters. Because you are planning to build a treasure in this world. Let me tell you something.

All your treasure and all the things that you possess will disappear one day. I'm telling you. You believe it? You leave it right there on this earth.

You will leave it there. Might as well invest it in the kingdom of God. You are investing.

You are making a treasure on this earth. You can't have two masters. Deep stuff, huh? It's not all those who say, Lord, Lord, that will enter the kingdom of God.

And some of them, the Lord will look at them and say, I don't know you, sir. Now you take it as you want. I don't know.

You refuse it because you don't want to pay the price. You refuse it because you don't want to be exposed. You refuse it because you don't want to change life.

You refuse it because you like your sin. You refuse it because you like yourself. You refuse it because you like your... How do you call that? Status.

You refuse it because you are so proud. You refuse it because I can continue the list. It'll bring you to death.

There is one gate that brings you to life. It's a narrow gate. There is one other gate that brings you to perdition.

It's a wide gate and you better take the narrow one because it will bring you to life. We're living in the last days. We're living in the last days.

I've read an article yesterday. I read an article yesterday about a rabbi. I mean a rabbi, a rabbi, the right one, a real one.

And before he died at the age of 106 years old, a few years old, I don't know how long, very... Some time ago, before he died, the Lord God Almighty revealed to him that Jesus was the Messiah. And he said that Jesus is the Messiah and he added something else. He said he's coming back soon.

I'm quoting. I'm just quoting. Quoting from a rabbi.

Do you know what is a rabbi? Do you know? A Pharisee, Jewish priest, strong in the old covenant, old testament. They have not accepted yet that Jesus was the Messiah. But this one God, God Almighty showed him one day that Jesus Christ is the Messiah and he's coming back soon.

You accept it or you leave it. You accept the cross or you leave the cross. If you want to joke about it, it's your life.

I don't want to joke about it. You can curse me if you want. You can say that I am a preacher of false doctrine if you want.

I don't care. My life has been changed. I tell you.

And your life has been changed too. Am I right or not? My marriage has been changed. Today preachers are getting divorced.

Oh Lord, help us. Why, why, why, why, why, why, why, why? Where is the gospel? Where is the gospel? If you don't want to take it, you're in trouble, sir. God bless you.

God bless you.

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