

SIGNIFICANT PROPHETIC DEVELOPMENTS IN THE LAST 5-MONTHS POINTING TO THE PRE-TRIBULATION RAPTURE

1) Swift and unprecedented financial changes speeding towards a one-world digital economy to buy & sell	Revelation 13:16-18
2) Swift and unprecedented peace covenants specific to Israel speeding towards prophesied false peace	Daniel 9:27
3) Swift and unprecedented man-made geoengineered weather speeding towards crisis-reaction-solution	Revelation 11:18
4) Swift and unprecedented bioweapons creating fear of an even worse world-wide "so-called" pandemic	Rev. 6, Matt. 24:7
5) Swift and unprecedented deception plunging masses into a strong satanic delusion so they'll buy the lie	2 Thes. 2:9-10
6) Swift and unprecedented advances in AI careening towards transhumanism altering God's human DNA	Daniel 2:42-43
7) Swift and unprecedented alignment of nations geopolitically fulfilling precise prophecy concerning Israel	Ezekiel 38
8) Swift and unprecedented agreements to divide Jerusalem by way of prophesied intoxicating obsession	Zechariah 12:1-3
9) Swift and unprecedented declaration of "peace and security" leading to sudden destruction upon "them"	1 Thessalonians 5:3
10) Swift and unprecedented world-wide wars and threats, (rumors), of wars under the banner of "peace"	Matthew 24:6

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KAPONO: Would you join me as we pray? Loving Father, we thank You so much, Lord, for this time. Lord, we want to lift up our friends and family across the state, Lord. This weather that's going on, Lord, would You, through this time, speak to their hearts, Lord, and draw them close to You? And for those who don't know Jesus, that's going through a hard time, Lord, that they would come to rely and solely depend on You.

Lord, we thank You for this time that we can gather in this place to worship and praise Your name, to lift Your name up on high, Lord. And most of all, Lord, we thank You that we have a place that we can come and hear Your living word. So Lord, would You speak to us this morning and reach the deepest parts of our heart? We thank You, Lord, for this time together, and we praise Your name, and we ask these things in Jesus' name. We say amen.

PASTOR JD: Amen, and amen. And good morning and welcome. So glad you're here. You can be seated. Those of you online, we're so glad that you're joining with us. Before we jump in, I want to let you know — this is very exciting — that the Calvary Kaneohe Children's Ministry will be doing a singing performance for both services on Resurrection Sunday, which is that cool or what?

[Applause]

So what's not cool is that, and I don't know if you know this or not, that's in two weeks. The last time I checked, it was still January, but anyway... Okay. This is the first of two Sunday morning services. It's devoted to Bible prophecy, the teaching of End Times by way of our weekly Bible Prophecy Updates.

And then Second Service is the sermon, which is a verse-by-verse teaching through the Bible. We're currently in the *Gospel of Mark*. For those of you online, it will be livestreamed, the teaching portion, on social media at 11:15 a.m. If you're on one of our other platforms or the website, you can join us at 10:45 a.m., again, Hawaii Standard Time.

And our text today will be *Mark 1, verses 21 through 28*, In a sermon I've titled, 'What I Might Be Missing In My Life Is Just Jesus.' And what we're going to see is how prone all of us are to settle for less and emptiness while starving for Jesus who came to give us life, life more abundantly, a life of wholeness, holiness, and fullness. So that'll be Second Service, 11:15.

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Again, for those of you that are watching by way of YouTube or Facebook, we'd really encourage you to go to the website, or we have in the description below, links to our TV channels, apps. These are Apple App Store, Google Play, Amazon App Store, Roku TV, Channel Store, etc., so you can there watch in the entirety today's Update.

So with that, let's get to it. I'm going to get straight to the point, and it's going to come straight from the heart, by virtue of how we're now at the point where we're either being plunged down into hopelessness or we're being lifted up into hopefulness. And I pray it's the latter for all of us, such that our hope is built on the solid rock foundation of the sound doctrine of the pre-Tribulation rapture.

And the reason I chose this title of my only hope is the assurance of the pre-Tribulation rapture is twofold. First, having to do with the emphasis on the words “only” and “assurance.” I'm not angry. I'm going to talk about that in a moment. Just hang on. Don't rush me. First, specific to the word “only.”

Jesus and His soon coming in His catching away of us to the place He's prepared for us, as He promised in *John 14, 1 through 4*, to us is the only hope in us. This, in a world in this the last hour that's getting so evil, seemingly with each passing day, leaving one not knowing what or who to believe in and/or hope for. But God. The God of the Word and the word of God in a world riddled with false hope and deceptive lies is the only One that we can fully believe in, be absolutely assured of, and truly hope for.

Second, The word “assurance.” The hymn is coming to mind. Whenever I do that, Kapono always plays the song. So I don't mean to do that to you or obligate you, but (Singing)

♪ Blessed Assurance Jesus is mine ♪

You guys can — I'll hum a few bars. You could join in kind of thing — I don't know, I love that classic, timeless, beautiful hymn. You know what a hymn is? A hymn is about Him.

[Congregant says, “Amen.”]

I'll give you a moment on that. I know it's early. (Chuckling) I love you guys so much. We have this assurance. Done deal. Finito. Khalas in Arabic. Of course, Arabic is going to — I have to spit on people to speak Arabic. But it's not our blessed hope = oh, I sure hope. No.

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I'm assured. I'd like to see it and say it this way. I have an eternal life assurance policy. It's already paid for in full. So I have no question. No doubt. I have assurance, confidence, which, like "only," the word "only" serves as a steadying and readying anchor in the life of a believer at a time in human history when we need it the most. There's an unshakable hope.

I love what Paul says. Luke writes, by the Spirit, in *Acts 20*. [Nothing] **"Nothing moves me."** Nothing shakes me. Nothing fazes me. And I — when you read about the life of the apostle Paul, it's painful to read it. He lived it. And for him to say this; this is not hyperbole. This is literally the truth. Nothing would ever shake him. Why? Because he was rock solid, immovable, unshakable. He had an unshakable hope and an unmovable assurance in Jesus. And Jesus is the only One who's given us this assurance, which is His unbreakable promise.

Let me just parenthetically expound on that. It's not that God can break a promise. It's that God can't break a promise. His word is true and Amen. Done. Period. Not comma. On Thursday nights, we're going through verse-by-verse, the Old Testament. And we completed the *Book of Zechariah* last Thursday night, Lord willing, this Thursday night. we'll begin in the last book of the Old Testament, the *Book of Malachi*.

And throughout, particularly in Zechariah, we read numerous times the Lord, through the prophet Zechariah, saying, "I will." You know, whenever you read in God's word, God's saying, "I will," you know what that means. He will. Not "He might." Not "we'll see." Not "Eh, I'll think about it." No, "I will." I will. God said it. That settles it.

So what is this unbreakable promise that gives us our only hope and blessed assurance to anchor us? It's this: His coming back for us in the catching away of us, to the place He prepared and promised to us, which again is our only blessed hope and our only blessed assurance.

Now please know that I in no way wish to sound sensational when I simply say that what the Lord prompted and permitted me to say today comes from a fire inside of me that won't go away. Like with the prophet Jeremiah in Chapter 20, God's word is a burning fire in my heart. Burning up in my bones. And I cannot hold it back.

That's not to say that I've been holding back. Rather, it is to say that heretofore I've been careful and prayerful in what I speak forth. So this is really a preface. And I do need to

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preface this with this. I've been made keenly aware, especially as of late, that what I say and how I say what I say is not everyone's cup of tea and doesn't float everyone's boat, metaphorically speaking, of course. I hope you know that I know. Because I do. I know that my often misunderstood, burning passion for prophecy coupled with the quirkiness of what I see as humorous can rub people the wrong way, to borrow another metaphor.

I love what Billy Sunday, the well-known evangelist at the beginning of the last century was told by a woman who came up to him after an evangelistic outreach where thousands were in attendance. And she said, "Preacher, you rubbed me the wrong way." To which He responded, "Ma'am, you need to turn around the right way, and you won't be rubbed the wrong way."

[Laughter]

No, I like that; I stole that. That's my story, and I'm sticking with it. So please know that I also know that I need to continue to inquire of the Lord in regards to this.

And just this last week, He, as only He can, settled my unsettled heart about this. If you'll just indulge me. It happened early Monday morning in my time with the Lord, which is significant, as I'll share shortly, when the Lord directed me to one of my archived prayer journal entries where I found this timely — that's an understatement — word fitly spoken. While I don't know the original source, I do know the Lord grabbed it for me and gave it to me for such a time as this.

Here's the quote I wrote. "Always be who God made you and called you to be, because the ones that matter don't mind, and the ones that mind don't matter." Now, I better hasten to say that I don't see those who do mind as being those who don't matter. Because every life matters. This, under the banner of the only thing that matters, which is that eternal lives matter. ELM. I know it's early. Again, I'll give you some time to...

Enter how it is and why it is that the Lord settled my unsettled heart concerning this matter, for which I am profoundly grateful and thankful. First, I know that I may not be the vessel that God chooses and uses as the instrument in some people's lives. I'm totally cool with that. I get it. That's okay.

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Second, and perhaps in some ways, more importantly, I will never dance to the beat of a drum played by man in order to be pleasing to man, but instead, I'm heeding God's word and God's call to always dance only to the beat of the drum, played by God in order to be pleasing to God, this according to the word of God. I'm doing that which is right in His sight.

And this is tethered to and based on many scriptures, not the least of which are just two that I handpicked: *1 Thessalonians 2:4* and *Galatians 1:10*. And it's *Galatians 1:10* that I would like to read, if you don't mind. Here, the Apostle Paul, by the Holy Spirit, is writing, better said rhetorically asking two questions and then providing one answer. He says in his writing to the Galatians four asks: Am I now seeking the approval of man or God? *[Question mark.]*

Question number 2: Or do I seek to please man? *[Question mark.]* Answer: For if I still *[Interesting word]* please man, I would not be a bond servant of Christ. The reason I say "interesting" about the word "still" is because it implies that there was a point prior where he sought the approval of man or sought to be pleasing to man. But no more. Are you still doing that?

No, I no longer do that. I'm not a man pleaser. I'm a god pleaser. Because here's why. Listen. If I were still a man pleaser, then I would no longer remain a bond servant of Christ. That word in the original language of the Greek New Testament is "doulos," which is bond slave and carries with it the idea of a slave who actually has been freed from their master, but because of their love for their master, of their own volition, chooses to stay with their master and serve, as a slave, their master.

And they would actually mark them. There's some messianic typology in this. They would mark them with an ear piercing. Don't — not like what we know today — so that you can identify them. Oh, that's a bond servant. That's a doulos. They're free from their slavery. But they've chosen to remain with their master. Why? Because they love him. And want to please him.

When was the last time — I got to be careful now. I don't want to come off in the wrong way. So let me phrase it this way. This isn't in my notes, as you can tell. Was the last time you or I — I'll include myself — prayed this? Lord, I am here for Your pleasure and Your

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pleasure only. Do with me as You please. I am Yours. That was kind of convicting. I could tell because I'm convicted. So...

It's with this preface that I'll now get straight to the point coming straight from the heart. This is how the Bible in all its authority and all its infallibility says it will end. And I can't hold back the burning passion to emphatically and even dogmatically, passionately warn, sound the watchman's trumpet, and warn that we're absolutely at the end. It's not just coming. It's here.

And I — I can't get away from *Ezekiel 33*. And I'll add *Acts 20*, again, in with that. Because the one thing they have in common, particularly *Ezekiel 33* concerning the watchman is if you don't warn the people, their blood on your hands. If you do warn the people, it's no blood on your hands. You did what I called you to do. You warned them. Now, it's up to them.

So Paul said it this way. Luke writes, by the Spirit, in *Acts 20*. [*Paraphrase*] I won't have the blood of anyone on my hands. Why? Because I have not shunned from teaching the whole, whole counsel of God from Genesis to Revelation, book-by-book, chapter-by-chapter, verse-by-verse.

Kind of selfish isn't it a little bit, you know? I hope you don't see me like that. But I'm just trying to get off the hook because I don't want the blood of anybody on my hands. Because I'm going to be held to a stricter account, James says, as a teacher and a pastor. So to whom much has been given, much is required.

And to be a good steward, a good and faithful servant who hears the words from his Savior, whom he loves with all of his heart, soul, mind, strength, body, **“Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter in to the joy prepared for you.”** You finished the race, as Paul would say to Timothy. He didn't just finish it; he won it because you were in it to win it. And you fought the good fight of faith, and you won that too. Ha ha. The reigning champion of the world.

Was that too much? I'm not excusing. And actually, in some ways, I'm not even really explaining myself. I'm simply apprising you of the “why” behind the “what” of my dogmatic, static, passionately burning, I mean, you know, a consuming fire, consumes and penetrates

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and has an impact. And I don't ever want to stand before God and be guilty of quenching that fire, grieving the Holy Spirit, the power of the Holy Spirit. So as for me and this, God's church, you're going to get the whole burning truth and nothing but the burning truth, so help me, God. So...

Okay, Pastor, I know, you're — this is supposed to be straight to the point. Straight from the heart. So where are you going? Well, here's where I'm going. We need look no further than to the numerous and voluminous Bible prophecies that with precision, perfection align exactly. Not 99.99999% ad infinitum. No, 100% precision perfection. All these Bible prophecies: exactly what's happening in and with the world today. Agh! I can't — I don't — better said, I don't have permission from the Holy Spirit to go there. Maybe another time.

Because we've covered these Bible prophecies actually, for over the last well-nigh 20 years now in our Prophecy Updates — did you realize that? my first Prophecy Update — of course, they were way, way shorter. They were just supposed to — you know, I just was prompted and led by the Holy Spirit to because I — in 2006, I just had this discernment, discerning the times. And in that discernment of the times, I discerned that we were entering into a period of time in human history like no other before it, or even after it, to quote the Savior in *Matthew 24*.

So I started off with a quick (Chuckling) I had to use that word — I didn't use “real quick,” so... Brief. Is that better? You feel better? Okay. You don't. I do. A brief update before the verse-by-verse teaching. And it was about ten minutes, just to kind of get everybody up to speed prophetically in terms of what was happening in the world geopolitically and trying to connect those prophetic dots, if you will. And then, it just blew up from there. That's my — now I am excusing myself because they went from 10 minutes to 30 minutes to 45 minutes to an hour and 45 minutes.

Why? And I've had, you know, people query me about this. And I'm gracious in my response, or at least I try to be, by letting them know that if you only knew how much I left out. And that's a grueling process that I diligently seek the Lord about in my preparation for a weekly Bible Prophecy Update.

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I did it last week. There was one. There was more than one, actually, but one in particular that I just — man, I kept the tab open in my browser, one of my browsers, and I copied the URL. And I just laid it out like King Hezekiah before the Lord. Hey, what do you think about this? And it wasn't from Sennacherib either, but it might as well been. And I didn't get the green light. So I left it out. And I still went an hour and 20-some minutes.

So it' 2026 now. And I rewind back to 2006 and I — I just kind of — it's (Mind blowing sound) you know, it's for me, at least it's — it's just stunning. Breathtaking for lack of a better word or words. Because in 2006, I would say things like, “this is what is about to happen.”

Fast forward ten years. “This is what is now starting to happen.” Fast forward ten more years, 2026. “This is what's now already happening.” So I'm going to take you through 20 years of Bible prophecy updates over the next — no — relax. Come on. You got to know my sense of humor by now. No. And not for you; again, selfishly, for me. I'm getting older, you know, and it takes a lot out of me. Not a lot left in me.

They say — I don't know who “they” are. I'd like to meet “they” someday. But waiting for somebody to introduce themselves and say, “I'm they.” You're “They!” Oh! They say that a pastor who preaches one sermon — they're assuming a one-hour sermon — we'll push that envelope a little bit — is the equivalent of a laborer working a full eight-hour day. So I did the math. Okay. Hour and a half. So now we're at... What is that? 24. And then Second Service, an hour and.... Okay. This is — let me have this. Hour plus. So that's another eight. So over— so that's like working 30-some hours straight.

And that's the reason why on Sunday afternoons I don't respond — well, I haven't been anyway for other reasons — to emails, of which I get hundreds a day and texts and calls and — but particularly on Sundays. Because I — I can't form a sentence. I'm broken bread, poured out wine. I'm spent. I put it all out. My best. My utmost for His highest, to quote Oswald Chambers well-known devotion.

So Sunday afternoon, don't take it personal. Three o'clock — you text me, and I don't respond is because if I did respond, it would be something like (Mumbling).

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Okay. So what are you going to do? Thank you, by the way, for not taking us back through 20 years of Bible Prophecy Updates to bring us up to speed. So instead, I'll just simply provide an at-a-glance summary. How? Okay, roll the eyes. Laugh. Get it over with. By way of the list.

Yes. The list, again, from February 25th. This was and still is an overview of the swift and unprecedented significant prophetic developments within the last, now, five-plus months, all of which have one thing in common. And that one thing is they all point to the nearness of the soon and very soon pre-Tribulation rapture.

Again, as I mentioned, and I know this will come as a relief to you to know that I'm not going to go through any of these prophecies on the list today for the sake of brevity and in the interest of time; however, I want you to listen to me. I'm referencing them today with the hope that you'll all be Bereans and search the scriptures for yourself to see for yourself whether or not this is true.

Please, please, please; I implore you. Don't be one who believes what they believe but don't know why they believe what they believe. And please, whatever you do, don't say, "Well, I believe it because Pastor JD taught it." Please. You need to be checking me. And by the way, just the process of searching the scriptures gives the Lord, by way of the Holy Spirit, unfettered access to your heart to search you, search your heart, see if there be any wicked ways. See if there be anything at all, Lord, that keeps me from hearing You, knowing You, loving You.

Okay. Suffice it to say — and please hear my heart — this is the end of the end. Let me try that again. I'll go slower. This is the end of the end. How do I know? Because of the more sure word of prophecy leaving no doubt that this is the end of the end. By my use of the more sure word of prophecy, I quote what the Apostle Peter wrote by the Holy Spirit in His epistle found in *2 Peter 1:19*.

We've talked about that before; I won't take the time on it now. But the positioning of the accounts of the Mount of Transfiguration and subsequently, Peter's proclamation of the more sure word of prophecy, meaning that I'm not hanging that hat of my faith and my hope and my assurance on the miraculous, the signs, the wonders.

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No, I'm hanging my hat of my faith and my hope and my assurance on the more solid and surer and secure word of Bible prophecy. Good move. This is in concert with what the Apostle John, by the Spirit, wrote in *Revelation 19:10*, which we just completed our verse-by-verse study through and survived, and probably need to get a T-shirt that "I survived JD's verse-by-verse teaching through the book of Revelation, and lived to tell about it." I think it only took us two years or something, but who's counting?

What did John, by the Holy Spirit, write in *Revelation 19:10*? I'm glad you asked. He wrote this. **"The testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy."** Did you catch that? I mean, we know that Jesus, *John's Gospel, Chapter 1*, is a personification of the Word. The word was with God. The word became God. The word tabernacled amongst us, *verse 14*.

So He is the Word. And here's the thing. Testimony: That's a strong word, a picture, if you will. Use your God given imagination. You are subpoenaed to be a witness and give testimony at a trial. I don't think they do this anymore. I — some of the older movies, which I don't watch. A friend told me about them.

But in the newer stuff that's out there, do they put their hand on the Bible and swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help me God? I don't think they do that anymore, do they? That's what I thought. You don't know either.

In other words, you're testifying about the truth. You're not falsifying your testimony. No. You're testifying about the truth. Who's the truth? Jesus. And the truth is Jesus. And the truth about Jesus is that He, Jesus, is the spirit of prophecy, meaning that Bible prophecy is all about Jesus from *Genesis to Revelation*.

And I could, but I won't take you, which we may end up there if we're not raptured out of here first, tarting over in the book of *Genesis*, chapter-by-chapter, verse-by-verse. But you will see Jesus from before the beginning before the foundations of the earth were formed. Example. Very fast. See, I replaced the other two words.

Don't you find it a little bit conspicuous the absence of God in Genesis declaring, let "me" make man in "my" image? That's singular. No. **"Let us make man in our image."** Who dat? Who's the "us"? The Holy Trinity: God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit. Whoa!

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I got chicken skin on that one. I'm going to try to project the chicken skin on you. We'll just keep turning the AC up and bring the temperature down, and you'll have it by default.

Okay. This brings me to the aforementioned significance of what the Lord did for me this last Monday, which, if I can say it this way, checked off the last box, using yet another metaphor. But... sorry. In order to cover this by rightly dividing God's word, correctly teaching God's word, and freely expounding God's word, we're going to have to end the YouTube and Facebook livestream at this time, and hopefully, you're already at one of the apps or TV stations or website. Bye.

At 1:31 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time last Monday, I received my very first robo call from the Center for Disease Control (Shouting), emphasis added, and Prevention, a.k.a. the CDC. Now, what made this so prophetically peculiar is that not only was it my first call, but it was a personal call to my personal cell phone number, which only a very few number of people even have.

So when I saw CDC on my caller ID, I let it go to voicemail for what I think would be deemed obvious reasons. And I'm sharing this for a number of reasons, chief of which is that the Lord [*The Lord*] the first two words of that well-known psalm, *Psalms 23*, the Lord... stop right there. It says it all. The Lord is my shepherd. Oh! Well, you're good then. You better believe I am. Because He's the Good Shepherd. I lack for nothing. He provides me with everything. And not only that, I have two followers. I'm not talking about social media followers here.

This isn't about clicks and likes. I don't care about that. I think you know that, those of you who know me. In fact, I never sought that. Always fought that. I'm uncomfortable with that. But at the end of the day, I have two followers. You know their names? I do. You should too. *Psalms 23*. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and never unsubscribe. Was that too much too?

So again, just — this is — you have treasures in heaven for just indulging my, you know, quirky personality. But here's how I see it. So I'm walking And I see somebody, and they say, "Hey, are you Pastor JD?" To which I now respond with, "It depends." Because I'm not sure yet. Kind of taking their temperature first. And so when I find out that they're actually

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friend and not foe, then I open up. And they ask me — this is — again, just let me have this, okay? They ask me, “Hey, who — you got two followers.” Yeah, that's all I need. Let me introduce you. That one follower is goodness. And this follower is mercy. And they're going to follow me all the days of my life. And I'll take them both. Goodness and mercy. Okay. I'm good. Goodness and mercy.

So I don't know why I went off on that, but it's a gift. I know I have — because the Lord has goodness and mercy following me all the days of my life. I also know from the word of God that God is for me.

And oh, by the way, if God is for you, no one or no thing will ever prevail against you. And not only is God for you, God goes before you. Have you ever thought about that? And that's exactly what He did earlier that same morning. He went before me to steady me and ready me for what would come later that same afternoon, so I wasn't blindsided by it or moved or shaken by it.

Oh, hello, CDC, I've been expecting your call. Voicemail. Why voicemail? Because I want to record the voicemail. And I want to transcribe the voicemail, which I did, by the way. So now I've got it on record. Hahaha. It wasn't surprising. It was confirming and again, I'll add settling. And if you'll kindly allow me to, I'd like to quote as forensic evidence, as a witness testifying under oath on the witness stand. So I'm taking you into a courtroom. You'll forgive the analogy. I'm going to quote it verbatim. These are the facts, word for word. It's as follows. Quote. The voicemail.

“Hello. I'm calling on behalf of the Centers for Disease Control (Shouting) and Prevention. *[Emphasis added.]* We are conducting a nationwide survey about childhood immunization. Would you please call us at 1-877-220-4805 to let us know whether or not there are any children between 6 months and 17 years old living or staying in this household. If you prefer, just text the word “web” back to the same number that we called you from, and we'll text you a link to the survey. Message and data rates may apply.”

[Laughter]

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No, I'm quoting it word for word. I'm not... Come on. And then came this. "We will no longer need to follow up with you once the survey has been completed. Thank you." *[Close quote.]*

What? Wait, wait, wait, wait, wait. Okay. If your brain is wired like my brain, first, I'm so sorry; I'll pray for you. But the way my brain's wired, I'm reading in between the proverbial lines, as they say. And this is what they say, what they're really saying. We'll continue to trace you, track you, and follow up with you until we get through to you in order to verify you and identify you so as to control you, vis-a-vis your vaccination status.

Man, I have — well, I don't want to solicit pity. I'll solicit prayer all day long and twice on Sundays, by the way. But the vile and foul backlash over the last five-plus years. Why can't you move on? Build a bridge and get over it, using my own — actually, my wife's words against me.

Why do you keep talking about the vaccine? The vaccine? The vaccine? That's old news. No, it's not. They want you to think it is, but it's not. And again, this — this circles back to what I said at the beginning. I don't dance to the beat of a drum played by a man to be pleasing to a man. The only drum beat I'm going to dance to — and by the way, I'm not a bad dancer, I'll have you know — is the drum beat played by my God. Because I want to be pleasing to my God.

So as it's been said, aptly said, if you want to be a pastor behind the pulpit in this day in which we're living especially, you need to have the heart of a child, the mind of a scholar, and the hide of a rhinoceros. If you're thin skinned, find something else. Romain, Pastor Chuck Smith's second in command if I can say it like that, when these guys would come to him and say, hey, I'm sensing that God's calling me into the pastorate, you know what he would do? He would try to talk him out of it. You? Come on. Here's a plunger. Go unplug that toilet.

What was he doing? What he was doing was seeing if he could talk them out of it because if he could talk them out of it, they weren't called to it. Once God calls you, He ruins you for Himself and for anything else. Ask Peter about when he thought he was fired. By the way, God will never fire you. I will never walk up to this pulpit, as is my privilege to, and see a

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sticky note. “You're fired. God.” Nor will He ever see a sticky note. “I quit. JD.” Because slaves can't quit. And God's callings are, and giftings are without repentance. He doesn't change His mind and go, Yeah. No.

So God has — and I love it when He does — He's taken all of those vile and vile criticisms and He's toughened up this rhinoceros hide and refocused me with a laser focus, keeping my eyes on the prize. You've heard that? It's — I haven't quoted this in a while, so I think you'll let me do it at this time. I think it's appropriate. It goes like this. If you're looking at others, you'll be distressed. If your eyes are on yourself, looking within, you'll be depressed. But if you're looking to the Lord, with your eyes fixed on the Lord, you'll be blessed. I mean, it's dorky, but it's true.

I mean, this whole “you need to look within yourself.” Don't do that. Because what you'll find is your heart is deceitfully wicked. No wonder you're depressed. You don't even know it. And you can't do anything about it. But God can. He changes your heart.

So God's been simultaneously softening my heart to become more childlike, more Christlike. He's been constantly, like the rod sharpening rod and iron sharpening iron, He's been sharpening my mind. And He really needs to at my age. But so too has He also simultaneously been thickening my skin. So as they say, again, whoever “they” are, it just rolls off of you like water off of a duck's back. Is that how it goes? It's just it's like, pfft.

Okay. If I — not only that, it actually, has the opposite effect. Because when I get concerned is when there's no criticism, there's no false accusation, there's no vicious attack, there's no vile comment. When I get nervous is when the enemy leaves me alone. I get really nervous when the enemy sends me a thank you card and a gift card. “Keep up the good work for the kingdom of darkness. You posed no threat whatsoever.”

No, actually, it's a badge of honor. And it's a verification, if I can use that word — I probably shouldn't. But for lack of a better one, it's a verification that I've aroused the ire of the enemy. Good. I'm taking ground from the kingdom of darkness, and I'm making ground for the kingdom of God. Right on. Bring it! I'm doing something right.

And specific to me, week in and week out harping on, beating that dead horse — boy, I'm full of metaphors today. That poor horse, by the way. Vaccination. Vaccine. Vaccine.

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Vaccine. Vaccine. That was so 2020 and 2021. In fact, they're on the phone calling you — not the CDC this time — wanting it back. Well, they're not getting it back. Why? Because I still need it. Why? Because they're still doing it.

Okay. For those asking the question of how all of this fits in and ties together with Bible prophecy, I'm going to answer that question with a question. Do you hate that when you ask a question and — and somebody answers your question with a question? Well, if it's any consolation, Jesus did that. Of course, His were always perfect because He's perfect. But it provides us a template, a model, if you will, because they were always trying to trap Him, corner Him.

One particular occasion stands out to me when they thought, “We got Him. There's no way out for Him.” They come to Him. “We heard the other disciples have been telling people not to pay taxes to Caesar.” Gotcha. Gotcha. Question. So I love the details in the account. Don't have time but summarize. Jesus goes, Hey, Peter, come here. Go catch a fish. Now, when Jesus said, “Go catch a fish,” you're going to catch a fish. So he catches a fish. And He says, what's in the mouth? Oh, it's a coin. What a coincidence. No such thing. So He takes the coin out of the fish's mouth that Peter caught, and He puts it up and holds it up and shows it to them and answers their question with this question. “Whose image is on this coin?” Gotcha. Caesar. **“Give to Caesar's what is Caesar's and give to God what is God's.”**

And I love the late Larry Burkett, founder of Christian Financial Concepts back in the '80s. He had a great saying. He said it like this. “Give unto Caesar what is Caesar's and give unto God what is God's. But don't give unto Caesar what is God's.” That's called stewardship. Is this tax season?

Okay. So, Pastor, let's get this over with. You're going to answer our question of how this all fits in and ties together with a question. What's your question? Wait for it. Do you really know Bible prophecy? Question mark. Pause. I don't mean to sound mean. But the Apostle Paul, in his first letter to the *Thessalonians in Chapter 4, verse 13*, echoes the many warnings specific to this — I'm going to call it a huge problem, growing problem in the last days, lukewarm, Laodicean church of today.

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What is this huge problem? It's that of not being ignorant, uninformed, or unknowledgeable about God's word and infinitely more importantly, prophecy in God's word in which one third of God's word is about Jesus, the Spirit of prophecy.

I'll end the way we begin with the solid rock foundation and sound doctrine of our only hope being our only blessed assurance of the pre-Tribulation rapture. And the Lord knows my heart, my heart for Him, after Him, and Him alone. As I say this from my heart And with all my heart. The pre-Tribulation rapture is sooner than any of us could possibly even begin to think or imagine. No, for real.

Oh, there he goes again. Why do you have to be so dogmatic? Why do you have to be so narrow minded? I mean, there's other views. There's other theories. I know. And that's what they are. Theories. This is doctrine, right? This is sound doctrine. This is truth. You think — by the way, I think I might have mentioned this last week. I'm sorry. I'm going to mention it again this week.

Don't you find it curious that the attack against the sound doctrine of the pre-Tribulation rapture is the likes of which we've never seen before? Hmm. Things that make you go hmm. Why do you think that is? Because it's true. If it wasn't true, the enemy wouldn't bother. He's only going to attack the truth.

There's another thing I got — I got to — just very fast — mention, and I've been asked about this. And this is increasing exponentially in recent months, I would say. There's 88 books in the Bible. Did you hear that? No, there's not. There's 66.

Have you heard about the Mandela Effect? Now, I'm really going to step on toes here, Especially if you're wearing slippers. King James only. All the other translations are corrupted and perverted. What's the common denominator with these three? And these are just three of several. They erode the believer's confidence in the infallibility of the word of God.

Question. I have a lot of questions today, as you may have noticed, I want you to think this through with me, though. If God is all-knowing, omniscient, and He is, if God is all-present, omnipresent, and He is, and if God is omnipotent, all-powerful, and He is, wouldn't it stand to reason that God would preserve His word that will outlive the heavens and the earth?

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Let me flip it around. And I know this is just by way of illustration. Could you imagine God in heaven going, "Eight-eight? What? What happened? Gabriel! Michael, get over here. We only got 66. They say there's 88."

Well, now, no wonder pastors don't teach through the Bible, may merely reference a verse in the Bible, but don't dare teach verse-by-verse the entire Bible. They don't have confidence in it. They don't actually believe it. And they don't know it. And that's why they stay away from it. Wouldn't that explain it?

Oh, you're snarky today, JD. If you only knew how much I'm holding back. That fire would really burn, so I won't let that one. Here's the bottom line. And I say this every week, and I will say this every week. If there was ever a time-driven urgency to get Jesus to people and people to Jesus, that time is right now. Right now. We're out of time. There's no more time. Now.

How? By way of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which is the good news of salvation and eternal life, paid for in full by Jesus Christ. Please grant me just a couple more minutes. By the way, I spent a considerable amount of time trying to simplify because I have the — my wife used to always tell me, "You have the gift of complication." And I would always say, "Honey, that's not one of the gifts in the Bible." She said, "I don't care. You still have it." And she was right.

This is always right, and I knew it. I can take something so simple, and it's a gift of complication, and I can make that thing so complicated. And I — so I just went before the Lord said, "Okay, Lord. I need to keep it simple." I'm not going to say, "stupid," which is, by the way, in the Bible, that word. Saint. Keep it simple, saint. Servant. Better. Keep it simple, servant.

So I want to explain just how childlike simple the Gospel really is and also explain how you can know for a certainty that you're saved, born again, and can never be un-born again or lose your salvation.

And this vis-a-vis the ABCs of salvation, where the A is the obstacle, the B is central and essential, and the C is evidential. Let's start with the A. This is not a formula. This is not a,

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you know, magic wand. It's just a tool to equip you, the saints, to do the work of the ministry.

The A is for admit or acknowledge that you're a sinner and need the Savior. That's why it's the obstacle. You can't go any further unless and until the sinner admits their need for the Savior. And the problem is the average person will say, "Well, I'm a good person." I used to say back when I was younger and had more energy, "There's going to be a lot of good people like you in hell, and a lot of bad people like me in heaven."

That's not the gauge by which you are granted access into the kingdom of heaven. It's not about being good. You might be a good person. You might have — oh, they have such a good heart. Oh, actually they don't. But they don't know because Jeremiah says you can't know how deceitfully wicked your good heart is. *Romans 3:10* explains why. **"There is no one righteous, [No one good], not even one."**

Oh, you're the exception? I'm a good person. Wait. No one's good. So... Not even one. So you're out. You're not good. You're not good enough. And *Romans 3:23* tells us why. It's because **"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."**

Now, if this is true, and it absolutely is, then there must be a penalty for our sin, and there most certainly is. And *Romans 6:23* tells us that it's the death penalty. We're sentenced to death. We're still in court, right? Guilty as charged. Sentencing phase of the trial. Death. **"For the wages of sin is death."**

The penalty. The sentence. Now, that's bad news, isn't it? Good. Sometimes bad news can be good news. And such is the case when it comes to the simplicity of the Gospel. Because when someone looks into the perfect mirror of God's law, which was never meant for us to keep — it was meant for us to see us as God sees us: Lawbreakers, sinners. Well, I've only broken one of the ten. Well, you're guilty of all breaking all ten, the Bible says. Nice try, though. I'll give you an A for effort. Whatever they say.

So bad news first. Because the badder the bad news is the gooder the good news would be. Don't email me. I know that's not proper English. Because the bad news, according to the Scriptures is that when you see yourself, and James echoes it, that when you see yourself in the mirror of God's perfect law, you realize, whoa, I'm imperfect and have broken the law.

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And then here comes the Holy Spirit, schoolmaster, tutor. Takes you by the hand and goes, hey, you dirty, rotten, stinking sinner! No. Takes you by the hand as a lawbreaker, one who has broken the law, to the One who fulfilled the law And that's why sometimes, in order to overcome this obstacle, you've got to take people back to the mirror so they can see themselves as God sees them.

And this bad news can be the catalyst for the good news to overcome this obstacle. The bad news is the death penalty. What's the good news? Don't you hate it when people say, "I've got bad news and I got good news. What do you want first?" I want the good news first and then the good news second.

Well, good news. That's what the word "gospel" means. Your debt has been paid by another, your sentence carried out by another because of their love for you. **"Greater love hath no man that he lay down his life for you."** Good news. You're free to go. Instead of being handcuffed and taken out of the courtroom, your hands free, walking out of the courtroom. **"Because the gift [Gift] of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."**

That's the good news. That's the Gospel. Wait. It's a gift? Yeah. Can I re-gift? No. Can I reimburse? No, because then it's a purchase, not a gift. Okay. So it's a gift; well, somebody had to buy the gift. Who bought it? Jesus. What did it cost Him? Everything. Why did He do it? Because He loves you. Jesus loves me. This I know. For my Bible tells me so.

Okay. So let's say that you are privileged, profoundly so, to have somebody that needs Jesus, and God has chosen you to introduce them to Jesus. And you've overcome this obstacle. Now you're ready for the central and the essential. Believe. Believe in your heart that Jesus Christ is Lord. And here's why. This is central and essential. The A brings about the B which results in the C. But it's center.

It's actually even simpler than ABC. It could be said it's as simple as B - lieve. **"For God so loved the world [The most well-known verse in all the Bible by Christians and non-Christians alike] that He gave His only begotten [Only begotten] Son, that whosoever would [Agree to the terms of service, fill out an application, apply for the position.] [No.] believe would not perish but have everlasting life."**

It sounds pretty central and essential to me.

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Romans 10:9 says, **“If you believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, [Look at the specificity of this.] you will be saved.”**

You will. We talked about earlier when God says, “I will,” He will. Here, He says, “you will.” When God says, “you will,” guess what? You will be saved.

Okay. Now some say, “Well, I believe in Jesus.” This is — this is why I believe it is that Christians are scared to death to share the good news of eternal life. Because they're like, oh, now, what do I say now? They believe in Jesus. Discussion over. We'll do lunch sometime. Bye. Not so fast.

James 2:19 says, **“Even the demons believe and tremble.”** And this comports with many Gospel accounts of demon possession in particular. By the way, *Mark 1:14*, which we'll see in today's Second Service, verse-by-verse sermon, the demon in Mark's Gospel believed and trembled, saying, quote, we'll see this Second Service. **“What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?”**

Oh, they knew. They know Jesus. And they know what Jesus can do. And they even say as much. **“I [The demon says] know who you are. The Holy One of God.”**

Wow! Would to God that there would be Christians like the demons who would declare, **“I know who you are.”** Jesus, you're the Holy One of God. Now when the demon manifests and says this, it's at the time that — around the time that Jesus is calling His disciples to turn around, repent, *[Hang on to that word]* which they did. How do you know? It's evidenced — borrowing a courtroom word, term — by the fact that they believed Him and followed Him. Stay with me.

Conversely, and hypothetically, had they not turned around, repent *[Again, hang on to that.]* it would have been evidenced by and explained in them not truly believing Jesus, changing their direction, and following Jesus. Here's the point. Even though the demons know and believe in Jesus, their rebelling and rejecting of Jesus sealed their fate of damnation instead of salvation by Jesus.

In other words, there's no decision to change the mind, which is the Greek word *metanoia*, translated to the English word “repentance.” You just say the word “repentance,” and the

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average person thinks it means penance. Something I gotta do first? No. And I hope to clear that up Second Service once and for all, so I don't have to go an hour and a half and keep doing it.

Repentance is the decision to turn around from the wrong way and turn to the right way, Jesus, who is THE way, THE truth, and THE life, and as such, the only way to the Father. Ah, you are so narrow minded. Well, you might want to talk to God about that, because **“narrow is the gate, and few go therein.”** [That leads to life.] **“Wide is the gate, and many go in.”** And it leads to destruction.

I guess I'm narrow minded because the gate is very narrow. So.... I'm almost done. But.... If you were with us a couple of weeks ago, we saw this in *Mark 1:15*, where Jesus says, **“The time has come. The kingdom of God is near.”**

Repent and believe the good news, the Gospel. Now, at first read, those who see repentance as a prerequisite go, yeah, see, it's right there. Where? I don't see it. I see the opposite. I see Jesus dismantling this misnomer that to repent is a prerequisite to believing. Instead, I see it reinforcing that to repent is a result of the genuineness of believing. Put another way, if I'm truly a believer in Jesus, I'll turn to Jesus and become a follower of Jesus.

If I called you — you're on the way to town. And I said, you need to metanoia. Repent. Turn around. You need to trust me. Turn around. Change your direction. Change your mind and follow me. Click.

The believing isn't predicated on the repenting. The believing is evidence of the repenting. Because you see, I'm not going to metanoia if I don't believe you. I'm not going to follow you if I don't believe you. Am I making this more complicated? If it's a gift; remember, it's a gift. And I got it.

Okay. I'm going to catch my breath, and then you can breathe a sigh of relief while I do. The result is the evidential C, which is to confess Jesus or call upon the name of Jesus. And here's how it goes down. I need to rephrase that. Here's the way up. Once the A as the obstacle has been overcome, resulting in the B as the central and essential, it will be the C that will be the evidential.

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And here's how we get there. Jesus said, in both *Matthew 12:34* and *Luke 6:45* that **“Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks.”**

We don't know the heart, right? We only see the outward appearance. By the way, you all look marvelous today. But God's looking at your heart, and I don't see your heart. And maybe that's a good thing. But God does.

So how do I know what's in somebody's heart? I don't want to judge the motives of someone's heart. And I can't know what's in someone's heart. Oh, yes, you can. How? By what comes out of their mouth. See, the fruit is what comes out of their mouth. But the root is what's in their heart. And a good tree can't bear bad fruit, Jesus said, and a bad tree can't bear good fruit. So you want to know what's at the root in the heart? Listen to the fruit coming out of the mouth. So if I have and believe in Jesus in my heart, what's going to come out of my mouth? Jesus. Jesus. Jesus. Jesus.

It's for this reason that *Romans 10:9* also says, **“If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”**

Are you making the connection here between the heart and the mouth? I believe in my heart, so it's going to come out of my mouth, “Jesus is Lord.”

Romans 10:13 is another reason It says — I love this. **“All who call upon the name of the Lord will be saved.”**

Man, I — we'll get to our “But God” testimony and close. But and I appreciate your patience. But please, I implore you. Maybe you're watching online. Maybe you're here in this service today. And there's always been a question mark on this in your life. I hope that you don't leave this service or end this video without removing that question mark and replacing it with a period. It is finished. Period. It's done. It's that simple. He did it. See, religion is what man tries to do for God. Our Christian faith in Jesus Christ is what God has already done for man.

So we bring nothing to the table of our own salvation. Well, I got — let's see; how much I got on me? No, just keep it. Well, can I, at least, you know, maybe do a good deed? Walk an old lady across the street? Do they do that anymore? Of course, on the islands I don't —

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I wouldn't walk anybody across the street, including myself. But anyway. Good deeds: in other words, works.

No, *Ephesians 2:8-9*. **“For by grace you are saved through faith. It is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast.”**

Can you imagine having someone boasting about what they did to get there? Well, I did blah, blah, blah, blah, blah. That's nothing. I did blah, blah, blah, blah, blah. I don't think that's heaven. I think that's the other place. I'm just saying.

Okay. I don't want to be overly dramatic. But I don't want to subdue or keep the fire of my personality, that God chooses and uses, in either. But I'm just going to say, bottom line, man. Today's the day of salvation, not tomorrow. It's decision time. And you don't have to do anything. Pay anything. Nothing. He did everything. He paid it all. So what do I need to do? You need to acknowledge that you are a sinner in need of the Savior. And put your trust in Him, believing in Him. Calling upon Him out of your mouth comes what in abundance in the heart, and you will be saved.

That's it? Yeah. That's all I gotta do? Actually, you don't have to do it even. It's not something you have to do. It's something you have to believe. You have to be a believer. Believer. Is that simple? Did I — was that a good save? Okay, well, I'm going to take that as a yes.

“But God” testimony today Comes from Todd Noteboom who writes, “Greetings, Pastor JD. To start, I wish to express my most sincere and deepest gratitude to you and the church.
[That's you.]

About this time fifteen years ago, I made a move from the Midwest to Colorado. The decision to move was based largely in part to be in close proximity to the mountains for adventure. Looking back at it now, I also needed to get away from the reckless lifestyle and the negative influence of my group of friends. At that time, I started sensing God reveal to me the biblical significance of the times *[Yes!]* and the world events that were unfolding. *[Yes!]* Thankfully, a YouTube search led me one day to your Bible Prophecy Updates, and I started watching. *[I'm sorry.]* You had more hair back then. *[You should be sorry.]*

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[Laughter]

[But you redeemed yourself.] You had more hair back then, as did I. *[Cool.] [Bald men unite.]* Over the past 15 years, *[Wow.]* I have weekly kept up with your Updates. My sincere and deepest gratitude to you stems from the ways in which you have faithfully pointed to the prophecy truths in God's word, and how they are being fulfilled in front of our eyes today. *[I think I just got done — don't look at your watches — last hour and a half telling you that.]*

I also value *[And I appreciate this]* your unique eccentricities *[He's quite articulate, you know.]* while delivering the Updates. *[Well, at least somebody appreciates it.]* Before you, *[This guy's got wit and humor, which I very much appreciate, as you might imagine.]* Before you, I never knew that gnats had eyebrows.

[Laughter]

[Now I love you, man.] [If you're watching, I love you.] [But they don't have eyebrows.] [But I know that you know that.]

To wrap up, my life is dramatically different today. Each day I love spending time in the Word while seeking more of Jesus in my day and giving Him *[Listen]* full rights of the renewing of my mind. Although you and I have never met, I consider you a friend, *[Back at you.]* a friend that I've journeyed with for well-nigh a third of my life. *[I actually had to figure out if it was 15 times 3... anyway...]* *[So he's younger than me; that's all right.]*

I understand that you've been traversing a significantly difficult season in life. *[And I am.]* You are in my prayers for healing, *[Which means a lot to me.]* and continued empowerment to steadfastly proclaim the good word of God. You are a major part of my “but God” testimony, and for that I thank you. Many blessings and prayers. Todd.”

All right. That's what I'm talking about, huh? Hey, if God can use a donkey, an Arab donkey to speak through, He can speak through you too. And He chooses someone like me and you because then only He receives all the glory due His holy name. He chooses the foolish to confound the wise, the weak to shame the strong. The end.

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Come on up, Kapono. Stand up please, if you will. I know half your body has gone numb now. Oh, my goodness. I didn't realize. Oh, I'm sorry. Hey, if you're visiting Second Service starts in three minutes.

[Laughter]

Oh... You know, when you — when you — when you get there — I might as well. Why not? I already blew it. So when you get to heaven, you're not only going to hear, “Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter in to the joy prepared for you.” You can also hear this. Hey, wait! Didn't you follow that guy on the windward side of Oahu or attend that church on the windward...? Ho! Bruh. Enter in!

[Laughter]

That doesn't work? Okay. How about we pray? That'll work.

Father, I thank You that You would — and You're searching to and fro throughout the earth, looking for hearts fully devoted to You, hearts after You. That in that search You would find us, so that You can be strong on our behalf for our good and Your glory.

Lord, I thank You for what You've done. It's amazing to me that it's been 21 years since my wife, the love of my life, and I moved here, by faith, starting over to start this, Your church. And look at what You've done. And You did it. All we did was stay out of Your way and let You do that which only You can do for only Your glory. Be glorified, Jesus, in our midst. And thank You, Jesus. We love You, Jesus. Come quickly, Jesus, please. Come quickly. In Jesus' name. Amen.