

Morning Parkland Chapel. It is a pleasure and honor to be here with you this morning as we celebrate our father's Happy Father's Day. To every father out there. Yeah. Deserve a hand. I've commented a few times this morning to my friends that there's always new faces here. So my name is Jason Cravens. If you've never met me and I'm the head of school at our classical Christian school here at Parkland Chapel, we call it Libertas Christian Academy. And again, my honor to open the word with you today. We're going to be heading back to Second Timothy. We're going to pick up in chapter 3. If you'd like to head that direction in your Bibles, and you may recall that the Apostle Paul is writing this epistle, this letter. To. Timothy as his ministry and his life even are winding down. He's in a dungeon and he's writing this letter to his beloved son in the faith. And I hope that we can keep that setting, that sort of context as we walk through the rest of the book over this week and next week. So you may recall that Pastor Jordan, as he so effectively taught through the first two chapters, gave us an outline. And in the first half of this letter, it is a great focus on the encouragements, the many encouragements that Timothy, as a pastor in Ephesus, was going to need. In fact, the father son relationship between the two the teacher. Disciple, the mentor pupil. It's undeniable And what an apropos day for us to be celebrating fathers with that kind of relationship highlighted in this book. Fathers do many things. There's many aspects to that role, and it's important to understand that fathers should. In fact, we're called to provide reminders. You know, we're raising up young children in many cases into young adults, and we're raising them in the faith, not just teaching them how to put on their, you know, pants one leg at a time and, and all the different things that fathers my dad actually taught me, you know, martial arts. That's a strange thing, you know, probably before he taught me anything practical like that. But fathers give reminders, and those reminders are just prevalent through the whole letter. But he would remind Timothy of his godly heritage. So Timothy was not his birth son. He was from a mixed home. His father was a Greek as far as we know, an unbeliever. But his mother and his grandmother were godly Jewish women, and they raised him in the scriptures. They raised him in the truth. And Paul would remind him of that. Paul would also remind him of his calling. Paul had laid hands on him as he stepped into ministry. He would remind him of his own journey. He would remind him of his teaching. And so fathers give reminders. Fathers are also called to be examples worthy of being followed, and we see that in our section today for sure. A little bit later. And fathers need to be living lives worthy of following, especially Christian fathers. And finally, and this may even be the most important thing, and this is not an exhaustive list, by the way, but fathers should speak the truth into our lives, and they should exhort us, nudge, push, urge, call us to abide in that truth. Key things for us, whether we're birth fathers of children or as Jordan taught us. You know, there are many spiritual Paul's in the room pouring into the lives of

young Timothy's, and that is a powerful thing. So with that in mind, my prayer for you today as we go through chapter 3, is that you would receive those reminders from our perfect and good Heavenly Father, that you would follow the example of his perfect Son, Jesus Christ, and that you would, in your own walk, receive the truth into your life and the exhortations that he has for you today. So again, second part of the outline. Now he always gives me the good stuff. Warnings of difficulties. Thank you, Pastor Jordan. And we're going to take a little time over the first verse and phrase of the second to lay some foundation and some groundwork. So let's read verse 1. But know this, that in the last days, perilous times will come. Lot of lot of ground covered there. But there are two terms here we need to understand. The first one you heard is the last days and the last days broadly can be defined as the time between. Jesus's first coming and his second coming. You see, he came to handle business for all of us. The first time he died for the sins of the world. He rose again, confirming that we have the hope of salvation if we will, simply by faith, receive that from him. Important stuff prophesied throughout the Old Testament scriptures. But he's also coming again. And in these last days, that's important to him. In fact, when the church was birthed on Pentecost, which was just a week ago, by the way, the disciples were in the upper room, they had been instructed to wait. And they experienced the coming upon the power, the the dunamis, the dynamite power of the Holy Spirit come upon them in that upper room. And Peter that apostle. So bold would step out of that room, and he would speak to the masses. And it says here in verse 17 of acts chapter 2, where we get this recorded. And by the way, he's quoting from Joel as he speaks, and it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh. And oh, did the spirit get poured out that day? 3000 souls joined the church as they heard the gospel. The good news proclaimed to them for the first time. Also in Hebrews chapter one, I'll read the first couple of verses. Here I bring to your attention, as the Scripture says, God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets. Verse two out has in these last days there's that phrase again spoken to us by his son. Yeah, Jesus and Jesus cared about these last days. He talked about these last days quite a bit. In fact, Matthew 24, which, much to all of our chagrin, who love these things I won't be able to dig into. But in verse 4, Jesus speaking to his disciples says, take heed that no one deceives you. Another translation you may see the word watch this idea of being vigilant, paying attention to because you could be deceived. Take heed that no one deceives you. A little bit earlier in Matthew, there's a record of him rebuking the Pharisees and the Sadducees. Does that quite a bit, actually, and this is a good one. I'm going to read the first couple verses as it all plays a role in what Paul is trying to communicate to Timothy, and Jesus is speaking to them. And he says, when it is evening, you say, it will be fair weather, for the sky is red, and in the morning it

will be foul weather. Today, for the sky is red and threatening. So armchair weather forecasters, right? Hypocrites. You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times. Jesus was always already preparing people. In fact, this is a big deal. Christian in. It's noteworthy because the Pharisees and the Sadducees knew the word of God. It was even their job. You could say it was certainly their identity. It's what people would think of when they interacted with them. These guys have it all together. They know the scriptures. The Messiah was standing right in front of them and they missed it. And Christian, in these last days, we must stay vigilant so that we're not deceived because he is coming back. And the times that we live in, we need to pay attention. Or we, the ones who know the truth, who come here and hear the truth, taught and spend our daily time in the truth are just as prone to being like the Pharisees and the Sadducees. What kind of times? Perilous times. That word perilous in the Greek. You dig in, you can find a little depth there. Terrible. Troubled. Difficult. Extremely stressful. I like this one exceeding fierce. And I have Matthew 8:28 up there just to reference this instance in Jesus's ministry where two demon possessed men were coming out of the tombs and he would go on and heal them in that record. But the way they described those men as they came out towards Jesus, they used this exact word exceedingly fierce. So you see the tie in to the demonic guys. These are the last days. And if you look around and see the world that I look around at, these are perilous times. We would be good and wise to be watchful. So as we move forward into the second verse again, we're only going to get a phrase in. But we need to lay this groundwork for you. It is verse two where it says, for men will be lovers of themselves. There's a Greek word there used for that, and it is actually the combination of two Greek words. I have it up there for you in the form that it was used actually, in this sentence, but it's made up of *philos*, which is one of the Greek words for love that we will discuss today, and *Otto's*, which is self. And so you can see very clearly that this is self love. And the reason I bring that to your attention is because we're about to go into a description where Paul will take Timothy through and describe in detail what the men, the women, the people, the spirit of the age. You might say, would look like as the time for Jesus's return approaches. As these last days really take on their full purpose. And this list is going to be a little uncomfortable to go through. And it is meant to describe those who are not his, but Christian. I would ask you to listen closely to what the spirit might reveal to you about your own heart. I'll say it up front.

Anyone that teaches on this stool, or has the privilege to open the Word of God in a group, it gets filtered through them first. So I've been beat up, tore up all week long, and it's a privilege. But let's get in. So now we can pick up speed and get to cruising altitude. Here for men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money. First on the list. Notice that doesn't say possessors of money, but it is the love of money

that is most certainly rooted in self-love. And you will see that throughout this whole list. Boasters. We love ourselves so much, we need other people to know why we are worthy of their love. We'll say it loud. Every sports field and pool in the entire world probably filled with that proud can't get away from pride. Lifting yourself up, ascending above others, putting yourself above another blasphemers. We would actually have the audacity to to curse or or make fun of or put down God, His word, or sacred things. Who? Boast. Or I already said that one disobedient to parents, and this threw me a curve ball. You're getting into some heavy stuff and disobedient to parents. Well, my wife and I, we've spent our entire adult lives working with families and their children, and it is always a great encouragement to us when we see parents willing to check, call, correct. Discipline when necessary so that they don't grow up. And that's what I thought about. Why are they telling men disobedient to their parents? Well, they're raising a generation. And if you don't raise a generation respectfully, you're going to get the result of that. Anyway. All right? Unthankful in this, this will start a series of words that start with UN in the Greek. It's actually the letter A, and that means without so, without thankfulness, without gratitude. This first one without holiness, unholy right. Without love. This is our second Greek word for love. It's not philos, it's storge. And that's a more intimate love typically reserved for your closest family members. Typically reserved, maybe some really close friends, but it's more intimate than philos. I told you that we get filtered through this thing, and it's gonna test. Test the love of my wife here for a second. But some of you may recall some of my early times teaching here, and I shared a story of my courtship of taking her to a NASCAR race in Daytona. You know, one of the greatest experiences ever, by the way, I thought for sure she would love this, right? Her brother was with her and we were like, let's go check out some real speed, Ari. Faster than you and the hundred free. Right. And so we're there, and there's 300 000 people with us that are wanting to be there. And then my wife's reading a book, and her brother, shockingly, is wishing he had a book to read. And I just couldn't figure. But the Lord is graceful. We're months away from engagement. And she still said yes, right? Well, be careful what you ask for. So this week, this week my wife was backing out of the garage and she gave me a Darlington racing stripe right on the side of my suburban. And for that one moment. Storge love was challenged. But God quickly corrected me. And that was for you, darling. Happy 17th yesterday. All right. Okay, so I've totally gotten distracted and off track here, but unforgiving. Christian, do you keep a record of wrongs? Do you keep a list? Are you a grudge holder that describes the people of this time? All right, we're not to do that. In fact, in Matthew six, he reminds us, listen, if you forgive others trespasses against you, your heavenly father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, it's pretty harsh warning here. He refused to forgive you of your

trespasses. So, Christian, there's no place in this. But this is a characteristic of the time that we're speaking of. I would argue the time we live in Slanderers gossips breaking down other people, typically also behind their back. Again, lifting yourself up. You can see the root of self-love here. Without self-control. Brutal. You can't even get on the YouTubes or the social media threads without seeing things that never would have even made public consumption. Not so long ago. Men are brutal in they're open about it. Despisers of good. Traitors. Those who would betray headstrong can mean reckless. It can mean stubborn and full of your own opinion being right. And that wouldn't hit any of us here in the room the wrong way. I think we might consider it a virtue here in the Midwest, but God has a different story there. Haughty, conceited. Lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God. Pleasure. You know, I jump immediately to the extremes you think about. And I have a past drug addiction. You think about alcoholism, you think about sexual addiction, pornography, all these heavy things. Right? But it doesn't have to be that we are seekers of pleasure. We're looking for comfort in so many ways, and we're promised it in so many ways. Maybe it's entertainment for you. Maybe it's a hobby, maybe it's whatever it is, food that keeps you from fellowship and loving on and doing the things God's called you to do with the people. He's called you to do it like the body of Christ, like your family, right? So it really goes a little deeper than that. Rather than loving and agreeing with God on the things we're supposed to be putting our affections to, we choose things that promise us fulfillment. But have you ever met someone at the end of those roads that's happy I haven't. I certainly wasn't right. It's a false promise. Having a form of godliness but denying its power. We Christians are really good at this. I want to have a little pop quiz for you. How many of you guys came in and are wonderful greeters said, hey, welcome, how are you doing today? And we all mostly lied. Great. Everything's fine. And I know we're trying to be respectful, but the reality is we're so quick to put on a front. We're so quick to learn a few Bible verses, learn the lingo here around church. You know, Calvary Chapel sort of has its own lingo. Parkland Chapel has its own lingo within the Calvary Chapel lingo, right? And we know how to put on that front instead of being authentic and open and revealing and say, hey, we're here because we're all dirty and we need to be cleansed and washed off and dusted off and ready for the week ahead. A form of godliness, but denying its power. And from such people. Paul says, turn away. Big exclamation point. There doesn't mean you don't do life in the lane God has given you, and you bring light to places that need it to people who don't know him yet. But we're not to associate to have those relationships that are deeper, to simply put aside the truth in order to get along or be unnoticed. And that would be the heart, of course he wants. He died for all people. But your life as we're going to get to here in a little bit, must be a light, a life that stands out. If anyone is going to truly come in and engage

with the Savior that saved your soul. All right, so this is a fun verse for of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. There's a mouthful for you. The beginning. I want to draw your attention, though, to gullible. That's the key word there. Easily bought in, easily willing to pay for easy, willing to adopt an idea. Basically vulnerable to lies. And don't you know we're in a technological age where that's coming at you 24 over seven. We all carry devices in our pockets that have algorithms working through every single app or site you visit. And their whole entire purpose is to shape your view of their product or their idea, their narrative. We can't even watch any newscast, by the way, without wondering what kind of spin are they throwing at us here? Right? So we're all possibly in that boat. And the only reason women were identified there is most of the time in that day and age, they were around the home. They didn't get the educational opportunities that men who had access to that and not all men did, many of them were loaded down with guilt. Right. And those emotions can get played on. I was listening to one pastor and he was talking about this, speaking of people like the men of this age that were like snake oil salesmen, they would come in promising everything, but never able to deliver. It was false advertising. It isn't that the day we live in, it's there. Again, led away by lusts, always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. They always present the world apart from this word will always present that they know the next new thing that they've achieved, the next new understanding, and they never, ever reach the truth. Final part of this section now is Janice and Jamboree's resisted Moses. So do these also resist the truth? Men of corrupt minds disapproved concerning the faith, but they will progress no further for their folly will be manifest, made clear to all, as theirs also was. These guys are named as two of the magicians that were serving under Pharaoh back in Exodus seven and Exodus eight, when Moses and Aaron were commanded to go before him and tell him, God wants his people, they're going to be leaving. And these men were magicians of the dark arts, and they hung for a little bit. God told them to throw the staff down. It became a snake. These guys could do it too. God turned the water of the Nile to blood. These guys could do it too. The enemy is real, guys. Frogs. They could do it. But just as he said there in the last verse, they will progress no further, for their folly will be made manifest to all. And that's exactly what happened. They couldn't hang. You aren't going to win this battle with God, not for your heart. You must surrender and Pharaoh and the people there learned the very most difficult way. Right? Okay, so I need to go to one more word for you that the Greeks used for love. We've talked about fellows. We've talked about storage. They use eros for physical love. But this word agape, it's a God powered love. And it is unconditional, sacrificial. It's selfless as opposed to being rooted in the love of self.

It's putting yourself out there for another, let's read the Bible's definition of this. And to do that, I have first Corinthians 13 up there for you. And in verse 4 it says, love suffers long. Your Bible may say, is patient and is kind. And again, this word for love is agape. So I'll just substitute agape does not envy. Agape does not parade itself. It is not puffed up, does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil, does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth, bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. So Paul is about to get right back to Timothy here with some exhortations, some reminders, some encouragement, and that agape love is going to be vital. In fact, if that is the love we as Christians are supposed to embrace, what is the fruit of that? Well, last year I had the opportunity to teach Galatians through the summer, and if I can find it, I had in Galatians five, starting in verse 22, sort of the fruit or what the effect is of an agape love at work in the Christian's life, it says, but the fruit of the spirit is. Guess what? Agape love, joy, peace, long suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. And against such there is no law. So Paul gives us a clear contrast for the Christian and for the men and women. Again, spirit of the age that he was describing in that first section. And so he's going to do so by then, turning to his own life. And so let's read verses 10 here through 11. But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, long suffering, love, perseverance. Persecutions, afflictions which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra. What persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Let's pause there for a moment. The second thing on his list. Again, you follow my doctrine. That's just another word for teaching. But manner of life, your Bible might say conduct and Christian. This is a great reminder that your life will speak volumes to anyone that the Lord allows to come into your path. Believer or nonbeliever? You're going to speak something into the lives that you encounter, right? Some of that may give you the opportunity to speak to them, to teach them. And those words can make an impact. But your actions and your behaviors and your attitudes are going to speak volumes, amped up to a degree that is much louder than your words. Your life. Christian must be in agreement with your words, or they will fall to the ground. It's so important. And Paul knew with the time he had spent and poured in and discipled young Timothy, that Timothy would recall all of this. He actually references the time that Timothy. Timothy is likely to have met him. He goes back to his first missionary journey. He talks about his time from. Antioch to Iconium to Lystra. And while we don't have time to dig in there, in acts 13 and 14, you can find sort of that run of scripture, that story, and what happens there is they get from Antioch and they do their regular thing. They go in, they find the Jewish believers or the Jewish people, and they will preach the gospel to them first. And then he goes and finds the Greeks. They're called to bring the Gentiles to the faith. And so they preach the gospel there. And

typically some would believe and others would not. And the ones who would not would typically cause some trouble. And that they did is they would end up following along eventually. So they go to Iconium from Antioch, and they narrowly miss a violent attempt on their well-being. And they get out of there because they're warned, and they get to Lystra and they go about the same bit of business. And in Lystra, they present the truth. People respond. Many believe, some do not. And this time they aren't able to avoid the physical confrontation. They actually take Paul out and they stone him and let me pick up and read for you. In acts 14 verse 19, Then Jews from Antioch and Iconium came there, and having persuaded the multitudes, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead. Check this guy out. However, when the disciples gathered around him, he rose up and went into the city. He didn't run away. Paul gets up and walks right back on into that furnace, and the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe to go. Go at it again. All right. So Paul's life certainly backed up his teaching, his words. And Timothy would take that to heart. I want to pick up here in verse 12. We'll read a couple more. Yes. And all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. Remember we said at the beginning, Paul will speak truth, and he does not shield Timothy from the reality of what walking with Christ means when it comes to persecution and suffering. Look at that word all there in verse 12. Yes and all. I checked, it was hard. All means all in the Greek, right? Every one of us who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will not may not, possibly not could its will suffer persecution. And then he goes on to tell him, listen, this isn't the yellow brick road. This right here, evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse. And check these last three words deceiving or forwards and being deceived. Just like Jesus warned us back in Matthew 24. It's the truth. And he was faithful to deliver it. Last section of the chapter here, picking up in 14. But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. Got your pens out to underline right here highlighters. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. So all Scripture is given by inspiration of God. You could translate that God breathed. Many men penned these books. The Holy Spirit was the author across the board. This is such a wonderful, really confirming thing to know for the believer. What a foundation. We don't have time to dig into all of this today, but I do have up there for you a deeper dive. I strongly encourage you to go revisit or if you haven't heard it, pastor Mike was so faithful in February of 24 to take us through a

few Wednesdays, specifically talking about how this book was put together, how it was God breathed, how it was transmitted along the years and the ages and the generations, how it was preserved. Some of the facts about even what we have in terms of manuscripts will blow your mind far outweighs the things Like at our classical school, we'll study Homer. Nothing close to what we have that we have of the scriptures. So with that said, little, little pitch for you, let's focus in on these things that the God breathed Scripture is good for. And we've already talked about doctrine. It's just another word for teaching the truths. But reproof. You see, God knows that we're prone to wonder. He knows that we'll step off the path. We're carnal. We have to deal with these carnal bodies. We have a deceitfully wicked heart apart from Christ, and we'll get off the path. So the Scripture is good to reprove to us where the path should be to get us back on track. So important correction. And I have up there. It's needed in all seasons of life. I just passed one of those, you know, milestone birthdays. I guess 50 years old, about a month ago. Everyone's calling me old. Every swimmer I ever coached usually greeted me with, hey old man, you know? And and it was a wonderful celebration. My wife and and my mother surprised me with many things and got to talk to a lot of people or hear from a lot of people. But it was also sobering. You see, King David fell into sin. Now he didn't fall. He walked into sin with Bathsheba in his 50s. I've had a long journey walking with the Lord, and I've been affected by pastors even, who have crashed and burned in their 50s. There is no age limit on correction. Christian. You must be willing to continually stay in the word and receive the correction from it, from God Himself. You don't have to receive correction from me. I need the correction. Right? But the Word of God is faithful to correct us, and he disciplines those that he loves. The heart of God is their instruction to righteousness. And that's the heart of a teacher. I mean, I know there's teachers in the room. Isn't this our deal? We teach, we reprove, right? We correct where necessary, we instruct again, and we will sit in that until we know it. Whatever the topic is. Right? That's his heart for us. We must stay in the word so that we will know it. And then finally here. And that involves repetition, as it says up there, but finally here. Only God knows how to equip us. And that caused me to consider Ephesians. And over in Ephesians chapter 2, verse 10, the Scripture says, for we are his workmanship. The Greek there is poema. Some of your Bible translations may say masterpiece, and rightfully so, for we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works. And this blows my mind, which God prepared beforehand. That's before we ever stepped into this relationship with him, before we ever responded to his love. So God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. So it is only true that God knows how to equip you. He's already handpicked what he has for you to walk in. He knows exactly what you need to shape your heart and your skills and your gifts and everything about your life. He knows you might need storms to chip away a

Darlington racing stripe or two, right? To keep your attitude right and your loves correctly directed. All right, last week I challenged you guys and I'm not afraid to challenge. I'm sorry, I'm a coach. Coach's challenge. The people that they're working with. So it's in love. It's not challenging your manhood. Fathers. I'm challenging you as a fellow brother who needs challenged every day. I challenged you to read the longest chapter in the Bible, Psalm 119. So let's finish up there as we wrap it up, 176 verses. I did it again yesterday, just straight through. I didn't put the stopwatch on it because I was afraid that was going to be a bloated time, and it took a while. I think it took most of the time. My wife was driving back from Saint Genevieve on 32. I mean, I was grinding through that thing, but what a beautiful thing. And I asked you to consider the themes of that chapter and the scholars say, or those who know you could have a little thumb wrestling here, but at least 171 plus of those mentioned the word of God. So if you said, hey, the themes, the Word of God that's, you know, very observant of you, right? They use different terms law, word, God's judgments, his testimonies, his commandments, his statutes, his precepts. And we're literally just going to touch the water here and see what we might find. But I encourage you, if you didn't take that challenge, step into it. Don't have to do it all in one sitting, but you're going to be blessed. In verse 11 it says, thy word have I hidden in my heart that I might not sin against you speaking to God. It does keep us on the path. Oh, this one's great. 54 we experienced this this morning. Write your statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage. My journey. Isn't that so awesome? How God can meet you right where you're at. The lows, the highs. His word can become the song that leads you through anytime, right? I love the worship band here, right? They always, always when we are here and I'm here up there in the booth and. And we're here for practice. There's prayer. There's a heart to worship, not perform. What a blessing. And so many of the songs they lead us in are songs that are basically re singing scriptures to the author of the word, praising God and directed to him. That's such a beautiful thing. Verse 105. This one's you probably all heard. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. It gives us direction. Even in those times where you can't see ahead. Everything looks like it's beat down. It's falling to the ground. And he'll give you just enough light for the next step. Right? He's so faithful. His word is so faithful to light our path. And finally, in verse 147, I rise before the dawning of the morning, and I cry for help. I hope in your word. The word gives us hope. You were right. If you identified the Word of God as a key theme of Psalm 119, but I submit to you that if you read that whole psalm, you will see a psalmist, a man in love with the Word of God, who has been shaped by the Word of God, whose life is directed by the Word of God. And you will never regret that. Whether you're a father, birth father, spiritual father, a Paul, you will never regret that it is the authority for your life. And so with that said, the Word of

God is a theme. But if you're in the Word of God like that psalmist, you will know the God of the word. And I would say that is the big takeaway from Psalm 119. Abide in the word. Our students wear it on their back every day, and you are my disciples indeed, and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free. No, the God of the word. You will be equipped for anything you face. He is worthy. He is the only one worthy of your trust. Amen. Let's pray. Heavenly father, thank you so much for your word. Thank you for all those who've gathered today, especially Lord, we give you a great thank you for our fathers and whether we had a wonderful birth father, or we have a godly Paul in our life. Lord, we know we have a perfect Heavenly Father and that you know us completely. So Lord, please speak to our hearts. Allow us to receive encouragement, reminders, correction, reproof. Lord, we love you and we trust you. And we pray these things in Jesus name. Amen.

Why don't you stand? We'll sing one more song together.