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Can somebody say Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord. Glory to God. You may be seated. You may be seated. This is a wonderful day to get together. I said, this is a wonderful day to get together. How many would rather be here in the best hospital in Alabama? Oh, amen. Say this way. Say the Lord is my shepherd. The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures. In green pastures. He leads me beside the still waters. Beside the still waters. He restores my soul. Restores my soul. He leads me in the paths of righteousness. For his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil Hear no evil For thou art with me Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me Table in the presence of mine enemies You anoint my head with oil. My cup runs over. My cup runs over. My cup runs over. My cup runneth over. One more time, my cup runs over. Surely. Goodness and mercy. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. The House of the Lord. You agree? Amen. It is so. Amen. Praise God. Well, glad that you're here this morning. We're going to have a good time this morning. Amen. Always good when you can be together.

[00:01:35] Pastor Erik West

People like precious faith who love God, who love his word. I just hear this is my spirit. Nathan I hear I'll say it just the way I hear it. He says, Never be concerned and fear not for your for the years ahead of you in times of age and whatever. And how will this come to pass? It seems like it has to do with your business life, which is the monetary thing that everyone is interested in. You know, money's not everything, is it? But having us up there with oxygen. In other words, try to live without it. And so the Lord said he's already prepared that way and he's already made the way. You may have plans. It might be the plan. But he said, I have the plan. And he says, And as you have been generous to give and to too generous to him and generous to the house, he has prepared all the days of your life. You were never lack anything. You will never no need for anything. All the days of your life. Amen. That's a pretty good word. I think I'd take that for myself. Amen. Amen. Amen. Praise the Lord. So that that could be said out of Psalms 23. If you don't mind me saying this, I just. Just. Whatever. Miss Heather. Good to see you here this morning. I. I don't even know what this is. It's real simple. Something that you've been believing God for, something that's not has.

[00:02:55] Pastor Erik West

It's. It's a stubborn resistance. I don't know if it's a person. I don't know. I don't have any particular at this time. But before the summer's end, the thing that hasn't budged, the thing that hasn't happened, the thing that looks like there's no way it's going to come to pass, it will fall just like the walls of Jericho. And you and I hear the Spirit of God saying today on this side of the mountain while the mountain is still erected, he said, You have much cause for rejoicing. Amen. Praise God. Well, hallelujah. Second Timothy, chapter two. We want to welcome our audience this morning, who's watching, if you will. When you come in, share the service. It's real simple. You have to hit share. Share. Just s h a r just hit share. And if you're watching, tell us where you're watching from. Now, if you live two miles from here and you're not sick, I'm going to send someone after you. So you probably wouldn't want to do that because I don't really get that, you know, for Satan not to send yourselves together. But there's reasons why some people can't. I love that we have the ways to do this, especially when you're if you're working or if you're out of town, you're on vacation, you can still be part of the service. We have some we have some people that can't physically be here, but they they through today's means of doing things, they're a part of every service.

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And I'm so glad that we can do that. So just share what you will when you come in and tell us where you're from and if you want to talk. I don't know if someone can talk to you the whole service. That's not really what I would do here. But Elliott likes to say, Hey, back to you. So anyway, just let us know what you're doing and where you're from. So second Timothy, chapter two. If you want a title for today and we're going to title this, stop opposing yourself. That would be grammatically correct. But I just want to say stop opposing you. Thus. So what he wants to do is that's kind of a it's kind of a wild title, like, hey, stop opposing yourself. And you said, well, I don't know that I was. Well, let's see what Paul said to Timothy in second Timothy chapter two, and we're going to read verses in the King James. We're going to read verses 24 through 26. If you don't have the King James, do the best you can. Verse 24 says in the servant. Well, let me give you a little. This is Paul writing a letter to Timothy, which is a young pastor, and he's in this whole chapter which we're not going to read. He's giving him instructions how to go about being that he's a he's a very young pastor.

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And Timothy, he's had some issues, you know, because people say, I can see how this went. All this not in there. He's had people tell him, Who do you think you are? You're only this young. What do you think you're telling us about whatever You don't know anything. You haven't lived enough enough life to know. Come on. From Sikkim. That's the West translation, not the West. There's the West. That's the West. Translation But so Paul is instructing him how to do what he's called to do. And then he verse, I'll even back up to verse 23 just so that you'll get a little context, he says, But foolish and unlearned questions avoid. In other words, Timothy is already wrote Paul and telling some of the problems. So he's telling him avoid their foolish and unlearned questions knowing that they do gender strifes. Verse 24. And the servant of the Lord must not, must not strive, but be gentle to all men apt to teach and patient in meekness, instructing those that oppose themselves their It is in meekness and struck people who are who are opposing themselves. If God prevents your will, give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth that they may recover themselves from the snare of the devil who are taken captive by his will. That's that's a that's a mouthful right there. Now watch here, he said in meekness as he instruct these people who they they are opposing themselves.

[00:07:00] Pastor Erik West

If God prevents you will give them to repentance, to the knowledge of the truth. Now watch here that they who they themselves may recover themselves. Out of the snare of the devil who has taken the ones who are posing themselves. Knowing or unknowingly there have been. They have been taken captive by him. The devil as well. You don't have to do this, guys, on the screen. But I'm going to read the last two verses in the NLT. He says gently, Instruct those who oppose the truth. Perhaps God will change the people's hearts and they will learn the truth. 26 of the NLT says. Then they will come to their senses and escape from the devil's trap. For they have been held captive by him to do whatever he wants to do, whatever the devil wants. Well, how many want to cooperate with the devil? We will. We're not going to give him any glory because we're a new creation in Christ. But there was there was a time in my life before Christ where I was helping him with his cause and shared it with others. I was I was a disciple. Well, we all were right. The Bible said before you came to Christ, you were by nature children of wrath. I mean, what do you think that means? And so. But thank God we're not that anymore. So what we want to do this morning is we're on a we're on a whether you understand this or not, we have you know, anytime you get people together, people at different places, and that's kind of the difference between the signs of preaching and the art of preaching.

[00:08:39] Pastor Erik West

The signs of preaching might be the word itself. The doctrine, the art of preaching is trying to say something in a way that it affects everybody in the room. That I'm not talking about having great oratory skills, because if that was it, I need to go find me a new profession. I'm talking about speaking in such a way, ministering in such a way that it can touch the youngest to the oldest. Amen. Amen. Because everybody's at a different walk. I mean, I used to say a prayer. You probably said one, too. If you said your prayers at night, we said something like this. What? Now I lay me down to sleep. I pray the Lord. My brother has washed his feet. We shared a room together. Now, praise Lord. And you know how it goes on. How many of you still use that prayer as an adult? No one use that. Well, you're aware of it, but you don't use it. Why? Because you have matured. You have grown. Nothing was wrong with it. But, you know, we're not we're not singing ABCs anymore. And it's like when you have kids, you're going to become and you have small kids, you're going to get to watch a lot of cartoons and shows.

[00:09:53] Pastor Erik West

I mean, I don't know if you're 25 or 30 years old that you really like SpongeBob that much or whatever a show is that your kid likes. But how many of you have seen those same shows over and over and over again? Now, as a grandparent, I have done this, you know, and watching kids and then it's on. And and here's what and I hate to admit this, but sometimes they have left the room and I'm still watching it. And they don't even realize for the 47th time, like I'm waiting to see what's about to happen. The. She asked me some time. She says, you know, she won't see nothing on. She says, You won't watch Andy Griffith. I said, No. She said, What's wrong with Andy? I said, Nothing. I just know everything they're going to say before they say it. I mean, I know everything they're going to say before they say it. I could even do the Barney moves, you know, and just ask him. He's about to go, like, you know. And so there's things everyone's at a different place. So I'm going to endeavor to because I think I think one of the things the church has done that's a mistake, me included, for years as we have tried to change people, help people, change people. You want to say at the level of we, you need to live a better life.

[00:11:12] Pastor Erik West

However, however, they say that sometimes you just go church and all you hear is you need to do better the next week. It's just another it's just another way of serving it up. In other words, you know, I know you love Jesus, but you know, you need you need to come on and you need to upgrade. You need to do better this week. You need to do better the next week. You need to do better the next week. And people never grow because they stay babes. And Ephesians Paul said that we're all supposed to grow to the fullness of the stature of Christ, not him Christ, Right? Hebrews five He told the people there, he says, By now, every one of you ought to be teachers, he says, But you're not, because you've never grown. The way that you grow is that you hear the word and then you go do it. Hearing is one thing. Hearing is good. It's better than not hearing. But there's no growth out of not doing. Jesus taught that a couple of different places in Luke you can find it and we usually go to Luke where, you know, he likened a house in a storm and a man built a house on the sand. Another one built it on a proper foundation and it says the storm came. He didn't say if a storm comes, it says when the storm came, the house was built on the sand.

[00:12:25] Pastor Erik West

Of course, it was demolished. The house that was built on the rock, it withstood the you know, it withstood the storm. But it was the same storm for both people. So if you build your he says so those who so what he was saying in in that allegory that teaching he's saying for those who hear what I say and do not practice it. He said they are foolish. If you read, I think it's like Luke 6:46 to 40:8 or 9, somewhere at the end of the chapter, he says. So a foolish man would build his house on the sand. A foolish man would come to church. A foolish man would just hear the word but never put it into practice. They have 45 reasons why it won't work. How many? You know, some people that no matter what the answer is, they got some reason why for the solution that you got for them. Well, that won't work. I don't work. One of their favorite words is. Yeah, but. Yeah, but yeah, but yeah. But you know what's always in their way there. But their butts in their way. Yeah but yeah but yeah but yabba yabba yabba. And then you got some people who's always telling you what you should do, you should do this and you should do that. How many people are telling you should do this and they're always shooting at you. You should.

[00:13:33] Pastor Erik West

You should do this. I understand what I said. You should do this. You should do that. But see, they're not you. Okay, now I'm through. Let's get back to the word. All right. So it makes me feel better. Get that off my chest. I've been carrying that all week. Let me ask you this. Are you saved? Amen. Your. Oh, that's great. How do you know you are? First few minutes we can talk here if y'all will sit down and actually wrote this Friday out just like I was having a conversation. I mean, I was in the room with you at my house and I said, Are y'all saved? And y'all said you said, yes. I heard you say yes at my home two days ago. And then I said to you, okay, great. And then I said, Do you how do you know you are? Then I said, Will you show me the physical evidence that you're saved? And then it was quiet, just like it is right now. I mean, this is like a script. I actually wrote it out. And then but someone says, Well, I think it should be Romans ten. Nine. Where Paul said, you know, he believed and confessed that if you believe and you confess with your mouth, the Lord Jesus and shall believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you shall be saved. Would that be the scriptural evidence of it? Right.

[00:14:55] Pastor Erik West

I'd been there a long time, but I am a member of Sams and never been a member of Sams. Did you get a card or Costco? They got your card. Can you show me your saved card? Does anybody have one? How many You're convinced you're saved. Can you give me any physical proof? Can anyone give me physical proof? You're saved. But every one of you believe that. And you all are wild. I may have a credit card or a gas card. It is assigned a number and you can purchase whatever you want to purchase from anywhere. If you want to purchase it because it's got your name, it's got a it's got a card number and then got the little number on the back. Know that they ask for all part of security to acknowledge who it is, who are you? And you can do whatever you want to with that. And it's tied to your identity. It's who you are. So we believe all these things. But the major thing, you know, whether we live to be five or 50 or 150, is that when we leave here that we go to be with Christ that we have in heaven the goal. When you leave here now, I mean, go on to heaven is not just the goal. That's not the reason why he brought us here. He wanted the family and he has he has a wonderful purpose for your life. And after that, the goal will be to heaven.

[00:16:19] Pastor Erik West

I mean, you don't want to go to hell. You know that. That's what y'all told me two days ago in my house when I was writing this. I thought I saw one hand going up, but I realized they were young and they were like. And I was like, okay, well, take off. I mean, you shouldn't, but I can't. I can't stop you. So you have no physical evidence. So so I asked this. I said, I asked this. I said, So what is your unit of measure for salvation? And the answer would be your answer was the word of God. So don't think it could be right. And now you have hope right now that you say that you have hope. Now the hope gets hope gets thrown around and hopes made into a bad deal. You know, even in, you know, Christians say, you know, hope's not any good. You know, I mean, you got to have faith. Hope won't do anything for you. Well, that's not what the Bible says. You have to have hope to have faith, you know, without going there. Hebrews 11 one says now faith is the substance of things. What hope for the evidence of things not seen. Now, faith is Hebrews 11 one, which we won't go there. But now faith is the substance of things hoped for. Other translation says Faith is the evidence. It's the title deed.

[00:17:30] Pastor Erik West

You know what that is? Other things hope for. See, hope really is just is a expectation, a good expectation, A confident expectation that what you hope for. Faith. Will be the substance that will bring it into manifestation. So if you have no hope, you have nothing for faith to have substance to. So now that you you have a hope that you're going to go to heaven, you have a knowing. You have a confident expectation, What you just told me, you have a confident expectation with no physical evidence whatsoever that for eternity you're going to be in heaven, but you have no evidence. And you wonder if you have faith sometimes. That's pretty amazing. Everyone here believes the same thing and no one has any evidence to it. If I asked you, do you have a belly button, you would say, Yes, I'm not going to ask you to show it for proof. But we have aunties and we have Outies and we have some way outies and praise the Lord. And so but you have that. You could you could prove that there's a number of things that I said. Do you have it, man? Do you have a wallet? You say, Yes. I don't. I actually left mine. I got halfway here and I thought, well, I don't get pulled over, say, Well, where's your license? I said, at the house. So if you leave me alone please, I'll have it next time.

[00:19:03] Pastor Erik West

Well, you could prove that. Ladies, do you have do you have identification? You could prove that you could show your license. You could that you are who you say you are. Now, you have to think about it. That Jesus died 2000 years ago. And you. And you believe this. But you weren't around, were you? None of us was around. There were people on the earth with him. We know this here in the scripture. But were you one of them? Have you actually met Jesus yet? No one hears about him yet. Right. You weren't there to hear his teachings personally. You did not witness the crucifixion. You didn't witness the death, and you certainly didn't witness the resurrection. Now, here's some questions for you. This is questions, y'all. Class. When does salvation start? You don't have to whisper. Immediately after. What? After you confess, Jesus is Lord. So that's when salvation starts. How many all agree that salvation starts the moment that you confess Jesus as Lord. Amen. Or is it or would it be? Or does salvation start immediately after your physical death? Then salvation starts and you go to heaven. Is that when it starts? No. Okay. You can't always get this many people to agree on this many things. This is. This is good. This is really good. So we're saying, according to the scripture, that we believe we're saved, born again, made a new creature in Christ. As soon as you believe.

[00:20:37] Pastor Erik West

Is that what you're saying? Amen. So when I heard the gospel believe, asked Jesus into my heart question, was my past sin or sins or the multitude of sins and transgressions, was it able to stop my salvation? But one, if he is a drug addict, could it stop it? No. So before you come to receive Christ, was there any any sin that could stop? If you truly wanted Jesus to come to live in your heart? Was there any sin that could stop? At the moment. You received Jesus as Lord. Could any kind of sin stop it? Well, let's just know. I hate to say this, but what if you murdered someone? What if you as a serial killer? And I won't go into whatever. What if you had hurt children? Would Jesus still receive you as Lord? Really? What if you had burned someone alive? I'm thinking of a minister right now that Norvel Hayes had a daughter. You remember Norvel Hayes. He's in heaven now. And the devil would just mock him. He said, Norwood. He said. But it feels kind of foolish to travel all over the world helping everybody else and their kids. And you can't even help your own. He said. He said Zola was so crazy. She you know, he said she'd go to the bars all night and she's so high on drugs. He said there was two of her friends that went to the beach. They were so high that they poured gas on themselves and lit themselves on fire and burned to death.

[00:22:13] Pastor Erik West

But what if he was the person who did that? Someone? Would Jesus still receive you? I don't know that it did. I don't I don't have any evidence that it did or did not. If Hitler, before death, had asked Jesus to forgive him, would Hitler be in heaven? Really? But you know what Hitler did, right? So. So there's no you telling me there's no conditions of sins or transgression that can stop the salvation. Well, that's kind of funny, isn't it? Because sometimes we feel like we can't go forward and we can't get past this. And the devil is opposing you so strongly, and he's just got this thing bound up and. And the greatest miracle you could have would be salvation, right? It really would be right. And with one scripture. Romans ten with John 316. You beat the devil with one scripture. Amen. Good of all that he's built up to be other than other than the Book of Revelation. And I know the people been here a while know this, so just endure with me for those who are watching or haven't heard it, other than the Book of Revelations, the devil's only mentioned four times in New Testament. So I always said if this was a play, a theatrical play, a drama, he didn't get that big a role. He's only mentioned four times and all four times puts him in the all four times.

[00:23:46] Pastor Erik West

If you look at the reference of how he's mentioned, it's that he's been defeated and stripped of all power and authority. That's his that's his role in the New Testament. Now, the old bugger, he'll raise up in Revelation and he'll he'll put a hurt on a few people and he's to the place, to where he still thinks he can win this thing. He's going after it. Now the reason why the Antichrist hasn't come. Now, this is for people who believe in the rapture. There's a great deal of people who do not believe in the rapture. Whether you do or whether you don't, it doesn't matter to me. I mean, some people can't get along together because if you don't believe this, I ain't talking anymore. I said, Well, how are you going to do in heaven? Well, I didn't believe all that. Don't be around me. I have friends and I have people that that I that I listen to that minister to me in other things that they don't believe that we're physically going to go up in the rapture. I'm of the persuasion that we are. How many? I want to ask you, but how many you be okay to leave when he comes? But you know, if we stay here, it's going to be okay. I mean, just. Just go back to the Israelites in Egypt. They got locusts.

[00:25:07] Pastor Erik West

You don't. You know they got frogs. You don't. They're in darkness. You're in light. There plagued you aren't death Angel comes in, their first born dies. You're not. So if God can do that with Egypt, he could do it if we're here. But I don't. I've listened to both sides and I can kind of see some things that they're saying. I don't see enough evidence that says we stay here. But we'll be okay either way. So but, you know, every time that there was things that took place where there was going to be destruction throughout the scripture, you see that God always removed his people. You see, with Noah and the Ark. You see it with Sodom and Gomorrah. What did he do before Sodom? Gomorrah was. Was destroyed. He brought the righteous out, Right. The reason why the Antichrist can't come right now is because you're here. Darkness cannot overtake the light. So Satan has always had to have someone ready to be the antichrist. Always. I mean, I just always used that baseball term. He's always had someone in the bullpen had to be ready because they have to be ready when Jesus comes or when it comes and we're gone. He can't come. Antichrist can't come because you're here. You're the light. So he would like to run the show. But since he doesn't know when that moment comes, Satan's always had to have someone ready. I'm thinking when he. When he had Hitler on the earth, he thought he had someone.

[00:26:43] Pastor Erik West

Boy, this would be a great time to come because I got someone here that that's going to, you know, give us all that we need. But Hitler died, so he knew he had to have somebody else. So he cannot come because you're the light and you're here when we leave. He will come. The scripture says he will come, but he will become as a peacemaker. He will come. He will come as someone. He won't come with horns. He won't come with a whip. He won't come with fire. He'll come as someone who is a great orator, who's concerned for the peace of the world, and since the world is going to be in such chaos, they're going to listen to him. You know, the tribulation don't even know why I'm talking about this right now. We know it's seven years. It's broken up into two. You know, it's the it's the it's the tribulation. The first three and a half years, the second three and a half years is is called the Great Tribulation. Tribulation. Great tribulation. The only difference is the intensity is so bad in the last 42 months that the Scripture says that if Jesus didn't come back when He did, no man would survive it. No man. But the greatest revival that will probably ever take place. When you read the Book of Revelations, you find out will happen when the church is gone to the marriage supper of the lamb.

[00:28:04] Pastor Erik West

All kind of misconceptions say, Well, the Holy Ghost won't be here. Well, of course he'll be here. You can't get saved without the Holy Ghost. He will be here. You have the 12 tribes of Israel. You have all. You have the 144,000. You have people that will be ministering in Israel and all over the world. And at that time, they'll know that they was actually wrong, that Jesus was not just a great teacher. He was not just a prophet, but he was the Messiah himself. God will give them every opportunity to repent during those seven years. But when he comes back, we come back together with him. We come back on a white horse. When he comes back, it is not the dispensation of grace. He comes back with wrath and he comes back with fury. And we come back together with him on a horse. So if you don't like horses, you need to start liking them and a little bit and and practice now and do the giddy up because we're going to look here. I mean, how many y'all believe the Bible? We're going to fly through the atmosphere on a horse? I mean, have you ever rode a horse? You like horses? Have you ever flown on one? This is going to be so cool. I mean, Star Wars don't they don't have anything. I mean, just think about the rapture.

[00:29:23] Pastor Erik West

He says you'll be changed in the twinkling of an eye. Well, you can't get ready for church that quick, can you? Wouldn't that be cool? Oh, let me do something. I to be there. You're there. You're going to be changed in the twinkling of an eye. I mean, NASA doesn't have anything that can go to space that quick. I mean, you're going to be with him and already changed before you can blink an eye. I mean, can you imagine what it's going to be like? You know, just like you're going a billion miles an hour, like, boom, There you are. Hello? A lot of fun, exciting things. People say church is boring. It doesn't boring about it. I mean, just think about I mean, think about the rapture. I mean. I mean, what Rocket could stay up with you? Faster than a speeding bullet. You know, we might even get a Christian cape to go in. I don't know. This is nowhere in my notes where I talk to all. I was doing this conversation. I was talking with y'all two days ago, so someone pulled me off over there. So if you don't like that, it's someone in the room. Pull me off over there. I just lost the Holy Ghost. If I go that way. Amen. Either that it was the oatmeal I ate. I don't know which one it is. So you said that no sin can stop our salvation now.

[00:30:40] Pastor Erik West

Okay, I know this is simple, but is your salvation? Is your salvation that you're now saved? Was your was your salvation reliant on God's timing? Did God keep salvation away from you on purpose? Until there was a perfect time. If someone wanted to be saved, would he say no right now? Does anyone believe that? Thank you. No one believes that. And it's funny how we introduce sovereignty into so many things except for salvation. We believe that if you really in your heart, you were sitting on a bar stool somewhere, half lit, whatever, and everybody in the room, but you had enough consciousness about you and you were truly as Jesus to come that you could be around. Dope addicts and drunk, as you know what? But if you truly mean it in your heart, how many you believe that God would save you right there in that bar room? Does anyone believe that other than me? Can anybody say amen? Amen. So it's not relying upon a specific time. I mean, there is something called what we call the age of accountability. For me, it was the fourth grade. I just woke up one day thinking, he's coming today. I knew he was coming that day. It was the most worst, horrible day of my. It was the best. It was the worst. I mean, my mother should have realized what was going on because I went to school. I just woke up and I just that's what it was.

[00:32:05] Pastor Erik West

I didn't know I was I was fourth grade. I was in Miss Byrd's class in Clanton. I don't know nothing. Miss Byrd said she was singing all day long, and I was terrified because in my mind, I mean, you go to church and, you know, they would give an altar call. And just as I am, I wish I could sing, but just as I am. And people would come up right, if they was going to come up. So I thought the only way you can get saved is you have to be in a church. A pastor has to preach. He has to give an altar call and you have to answer the altar call. I mean, that's the way you have to get saved. I didn't know I could ask him. So all day I was terrified. And Miss Bird said, she said, Eric, are you okay? I said, Yes, ma'am, I'm fine. She said, Do you need to talk to somebody? I said, No, ma'am. All I was doing was crying. I was begging God. I was so thankful. It was Wednesday and I knew we was going to go to church. Because you didn't ask my mother, Are we going to go to church Unless you wanted a lot of trouble. So I knew we were going to church, but I knew on Wednesday it was you. The the real church was there on Wednesday.

[00:33:06] Pastor Erik West

Right. So I knew then he would not give an altar call because he ain't gonna have no visitors on Wednesday. But I told my mother, I said, So I got home and and I was thinking, oh, dear God, I'm still not talking to my mother because I know this is how it has to work. And I'm sitting there looking at 5:00, two more hours and he's got to preach. So I hope he don't preach long. So I said, When we get there, tell tell, tell pastor to give an altar call. I want to get saved. And she says, Oh, good, that's great. And but I didn't ask her because I know you have to be in church. You have to be in church and they have to ask and you have to say, okay. So I just knew he was coming. I knew he was coming. I knew he was coming. So he preached about 25 minutes on Wednesday night. We had a few songs and a few terrible testimonies. And then so he'd already been told, Mom said he's real anxious about getting saved. I said, Well, that's good. He says, I'll make sure I give an altar call. He said, If there's anyone here tonight who would like to accept Jesus, I'd like to Roadrunner. I was like, I don't even know this person. I don't know nothing. The man preached. But when he said, Is there anyone here? I was like, I said, beep, beep.

[00:34:19] Pastor Erik West

Hurry, hurry, because I got to get every word out because I mean, it don't count, you know, legally.

[00:34:24] Pastor Erik West

And he said, would you? Yes. And so, you know what are you, ten years old? So it was traumatic for me because I mean.

[00:34:36] Pastor Erik West

I barely got in under the wire. And for me, because I got in.

[00:34:42] Pastor Erik West

It was so traumatic.

[00:34:44] Pastor Erik West

To me, to be honest to God with.

[00:34:45] Pastor Erik West

You. It was like.

[00:34:46] Pastor Erik West

I heard the.

[00:34:47] Pastor Erik West

Hallelujah choir in my head and I made it like.

[00:34:50] Pastor Erik West

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah. Oh, God. But then I thought, oh my gosh. And I knew my dad wouldn't say.

[00:34:57] Pastor Erik West

And I went home and and to knock on his door. You don't do that. And I went to his room and I just I got home. I said, Dad, I said, I got to tell you something.

[00:35:05] Pastor Erik West

I got to tell something real quick.

[00:35:06] Pastor Erik West

He said, What is it? This is not a conversation you would have. My dad. And I said, I don't have time, but this is so important. He says, What is it? I said, Jesus is coming today. I said, I'm shocked he hasn't already come. And I said, But he is coming today, Dad. And I know you're lost.

[00:35:26] Pastor Erik West

Because you're mean a lot and you cuss a lot. And and it didn't matter because Jesus was going to come and he didn't have time to ground me or beat me. So I just said, You're mean a lot. And you cuss a lot and you're angry.

[00:35:38] Pastor Erik West

A lot and you don't have much time. I cannot even believe we're still here. I said you need to receive Jesus right now. I said, Are you ready? He says.

[00:35:49] Pastor Erik West

I'm fine.

[00:35:49] Pastor Erik West

You go to your room. I said, I'm not playing with you.

[00:35:53] Pastor Erik West

I remember I'm not playing with you because you know. So when you believe you're out of time, you'll get pretty bold. You got to be bold like that now. So then I called a couple of my friends just getting kind of late.

[00:36:04] Pastor Erik West

And I called the parents and I said, May I speak to I won't tell the names. I'll just say Johnny. And I said, Johnny, this is Eric. Hey, look, man, I got to tell you something real quick. He said, What is it? Because my parents don't want me. This is too late to call. And I said, Well, I told him it was it was serious. So that's why the parents let me do it, you know, call because they were already in bed. And one of them got up. He said, Well, what is it? I said, Man, it's serious. He said, What's happening? I said, Jesus is coming tonight.

[00:36:29] Pastor Erik West

And I said, You know, you, me, best friends and I know you're mean.

[00:36:32] Pastor Erik West

As you know what.

[00:36:34] Pastor Erik West

I know you're I know.

[00:36:35] Pastor Erik West

You're going to go to hell.

[00:36:36] Pastor Erik West

And I said I was too, until tonight. But I'm saved now. We don't have much time. And I remembered what this is, what the preacher said. And then he told me afterwards, I could have done this all day long.

[00:36:45] Pastor Erik West

And I was thinking, Really?

[00:36:47] Pastor Erik West

That's what I been through? I have, haven't.

[00:36:48] Pastor Erik West

Eight nothing I've had. I've had.

[00:36:50] Pastor Erik West

You know, diarrhea. Sorry, but I just like I sick I mean, this is honest to God truth. Can I go to the bathroom? If she said no, I'm still going because, you know, like, oh, I was sick to my stomach. So I said, John, you're going to hell because you were just like me. And he says, he said, He's come now. I said, Yeah. I said, Say this. He said, okay. And I called another one, got him, said.

[00:37:14] Pastor Erik West

Here I am.

[00:37:14] Pastor Erik West

Today.

[00:37:18] Pastor Erik West

939 and and Jesus still coming soon.

[00:37:25] Pastor Erik West

You better, you better get with it. So. So nothing you said.

[00:37:30] Pastor Erik West

Nothing can stop your salvation now what can stop your salvation? Let me tell you, according to the scripture says.

[00:37:37] Pastor Erik West

What can stop your salvation is not believing on the Lord Jesus.

[00:37:41] Pastor Erik West

Agreed. Amen. Not confessing him as Savior. In short, what stops you.

[00:37:48] Pastor Erik West

From being saved and what stops you from.

[00:37:51] Pastor Erik West

Anything? Is unbelief. So if you actually.

[00:37:58] Pastor Erik West

Read the scripture, even though we pray this way.

[00:38:00] Pastor Erik West

We ask we ask people to pray with us through Christ, and we ask you, Lord, forgive us for all our sins. That's that's not actually in the Scripture that you were ever asked to ask him to forgive you of all your sins. You only had one sin. You said, Well, no, I had a bunch of sins. The only one that was going to send you to hell was not all these other stuff. You only had one sin. You. And the sin was you had rejected Jesus. Who was the payment for your sin. So? So someone has to pay for sin. Jesus did. But if you don't receive him, then you have to go pay for it after he already did.

[00:38:34] Pastor Erik West

Amen. So if you reject him, you are rejecting the payment. So on belief in him equates to you being.

[00:38:42] Pastor Erik West

Lost eternally.

[00:38:46] Pastor Erik West

Because you was.

[00:38:46] Pastor Erik West

A sinner. You say, Well, and I will say it this way what do painters do? What a welders do, right? What did cooks do? What does Sanders do?

[00:38:57] Pastor Erik West

Hello. So? So it wasn't no shock to Jesus that she was sinning. You were a sinner. You were by nature a sinner. So you. You would only leave here and go to hell because you hadn't received Jesus Christ who was the fulfillment of everything and died for all your sin.

[00:39:16] Pastor Erik West

So.

[00:39:19] Pastor Erik West

For those who hadn't.

[00:39:20] Pastor Erik West

Heard it, listen to.

[00:39:20] Pastor Erik West

This. Really good. You may think this is just a play on words, but it's not. Jesus did not die for your sins. Ready.

[00:39:31] Pastor Erik West

He died as yersin.

[00:39:36] Pastor Erik West

Do you. Do you understand what.

[00:39:37] Pastor Erik West

I'm trying to say?

[00:39:38] Pastor Erik West

He didn't die. He didn't come down here and.

[00:39:40] Pastor Erik West

Say, Well, the boy did this, this, this.

[00:39:42] Pastor Erik West

He didn't die. He didn't die for your sins.

[00:39:46] Pastor Erik West

We were by the nature. By nature. The scripture says.

[00:39:50] Pastor Erik West

Because of Adam's transgression, by nature, we were the children of wrath. He died as your sin.

[00:39:56] Pastor Erik West

He died as your guilt.

[00:40:01] Pastor Erik West

And the scripture said in Colossians, when he was raised from the dead.

[00:40:04] Pastor Erik West

He took.

[00:40:05] Pastor Erik West

Everything that was contrary to you.

[00:40:08] Pastor Erik West

Contrary, was you was guilty of all sin.

[00:40:14] Pastor Erik West

James said, if you you could.

[00:40:16] Pastor Erik West

You could.

[00:40:17] Pastor Erik West

Give 99%. Good. But if you miss it.

[00:40:19] Pastor Erik West

One point you're guilty of everything.

[00:40:21] Pastor Erik West

So the Bible says Jesus came and fulfilled all the law.

[00:40:25] Pastor Erik West

See, sometimes when we're talking about the law, Twin Grace, we think, well, the law is a bad thing. I mean, it's just like this law was pitiful.

[00:40:30] Pastor Erik West

No, it was God's law.

[00:40:32] Pastor Erik West

It was God's standard of holiness. But the law never perfected anybody.

[00:40:37] Pastor Erik West

It couldn't because no man could keep it. The law was when you saw the law, when the law came in, when you when.

[00:40:44] Pastor Erik West

You you had Ten Commandments, then you had.

[00:40:47] Pastor Erik West

613 others. Ceremonial type.

[00:40:50] Pastor Erik West

Commandments.

[00:40:51] Pastor Erik West

I mean, some like like on some days you can only take so many steps. You can't cook on this. You can't visit the bathroom on some days. True. Six in the 614, which.

[00:41:04] Pastor Erik West

I always said, you know.

[00:41:05] Pastor Erik West

On that Sabbath day.

[00:41:07] Pastor Erik West

When you can't.

[00:41:07] Pastor Erik West

Even go to the restroom, you better really watch your diet.

[00:41:10] Pastor Erik West

Today before that.

[00:41:12] Pastor Erik West

Right? Don't stay away from the prune juice.

[00:41:15] Pastor Erik West

And the prunes. I mean.

[00:41:16] Pastor Erik West

Because the next day you're in major trouble.

[00:41:20] Pastor Erik West

I know that's a pitiful joke, but it's absolutely true. When the law came down for the first time, do you know what the first person died of? Do you know what they did for the first person who died after the law was instituted? It was one man who on the Sabbath day was doing what he always did. And now he went to go pick up sticks to gather a fire to cook for his family. And that was forbidden in the law. And he was stoned to death.

[00:41:49] Pastor Erik West

Before there was a law.

[00:41:51] Pastor Erik West

There was no transgression. God had. He has.

[00:41:57] Pastor Erik West

All children. But if he had. But if you think you've had problems sometimes your family.

[00:42:01] Pastor Erik West

This helped me years ago.

[00:42:02] Pastor Erik West

When I had a few.

[00:42:03] Pastor Erik West

Issues at home and I said, Lord, where did I go wrong? He said, you know, because I just I mean, where did I go wrong? He said, What do you mean?

[00:42:10] Pastor Erik West

I said, Well, I told him, you know, what was going wrong in my family.

[00:42:13] Pastor Erik West

He said, Well, where did I go wrong? I said, What do you mean Where did you go wrong? You've never been wrong, he says. He says, Have you ever read about Cain and Abel? I said, Yeah. He says, Those are my kids. You would call them grandkids. He said, Where did I go wrong with Adam and Eve? I'm not a good enough father. I didn't teach him right. I didn't spend time with him. I thought, Well, no, you're perfect. He says, Oh, so people do make choices on their own. I said, Well, yeah, that helped me so much. Not just to take it off me, but just to see that that, you know, you know, all these.

[00:42:45] Pastor Erik West

Problems is going on in your life, in the world.

[00:42:47] Pastor Erik West

There are all his problems. He's got a lot of problems.

[00:42:52] Pastor Erik West

He doesn't seem to be moved that much by him. The Lord, the Lord's not being.

[00:42:57] Pastor Erik West

Medicated daily.

[00:42:59] Pastor Erik West

Because of all our.

[00:43:00] Pastor Erik West

Problems. He's like, I'm not. I'm tell the Lord doesn't have anxiety attacks.

[00:43:07] Pastor Erik West

Just like he has all your problems. And then the problems of seven.

[00:43:12] Pastor Erik West

Almost 8 billion more people. Amen.

[00:43:15] Pastor Erik West

And sometimes you think you need counseling. If I could give you all the problems.

[00:43:23] Pastor Erik West

That I have with this church.

[00:43:25] Pastor Erik West

And say, this is now.

[00:43:27] Pastor Erik West

Your situation and I'm going Hawaii. You think, Well, what is there? You'll know in about a week. You'll know when your phone goes off.

[00:43:39] Pastor Erik West

At 2:00 in the morning.

[00:43:42] Pastor Erik West

And and all they want to know is, Pastor.

[00:43:45] Pastor Erik West

Where is this in the Bible?

[00:43:48] Pastor Erik West

We're like, we don't do that. I did that 30 years ago. Call me. Know where Scripture is. Well. The Lord is not concerned. He's not worried. I'm kind of getting away from here, but I really follow the Holy Ghost. Now watch here. Some of you have some problems. Look here you can't fix. Just be honest.

[00:44:10] Pastor Erik West

Sometimes it. This helps me so much. Sometimes to just be honest with the Lord.

[00:44:16] Pastor Erik West

You think you ought to be? Yeah, but I'm saying I want you to hear that literally.

[00:44:20] Pastor Erik West

Go to the Lord. Now he knows.

[00:44:22] Pastor Erik West

He already knows. But if you're like me, it kind of helps to lay things out. You ever done that? I've laid out bills before. I remember laid out bills before and I'm like, okay, I got this much money and I got that many bills. And I wasn't great at math, but I was enough to know that wasn't working. And then we'd have these people You ever heard? You may not have heard them, but see me. I've served as a call bill collectors.

[00:44:47] Pastor Erik West

And some of them get mean.

[00:44:48] Pastor Erik West

I mean, they're just mean. And I got so tired of it. One day I came home from work one day, and that's when we had answering machines. I remember answering machines and mine was lit up.

[00:45:00] Pastor Erik West

Green, boom, boom.

[00:45:01] Pastor Erik West

And it was like 14 messages. I'm just telling on me today. But have you all ever have you all ever known where your checks going to go before you get it? Yeah, me too. I knew where several checks was going to go for I got and it wasn't enough. I went to a dentist one time because I had to finally go and he says, Boy, you. He said, I know what your problem is. I says, What's wrong? He says, I know. I know why your mouth is in the shape that it is. I said, Why? He says, Because of four kids. He said, Chad Taylor, Amy and Kristin. You spend all your money on them. He says, your mouth is a mess. Well, I had all these cares and I and I found.

[00:45:49] Pastor Erik West

Myself trying to fix things that I couldn't fix. I know you've never done that.

[00:45:54] Pastor Erik West

But I'm just admitting to you today that I sometimes have tried.

[00:45:58] Pastor Erik West

To physically.

[00:45:59] Pastor Erik West

In my in my strength and my care and.

[00:46:02] Pastor Erik West

My compassion.

[00:46:03] Pastor Erik West

Have tried to fix things that.

[00:46:05] Pastor Erik West

Really I wasn't fixing, I couldn't fix.

[00:46:07] Pastor Erik West

But I felt like somebody has to do something.

[00:46:09] Pastor Erik West

I was like, I prayed the Lord and he just sitting around.

[00:46:11] Pastor Erik West

I was like And I was like, I mean, I couldn't say, but I want.

[00:46:15] Pastor Erik West

Like, do something.

[00:46:16] Pastor Erik West

Like, you know.

[00:46:17] Pastor Erik West

I know you got a throne. You ever thought about getting up?

[00:46:21] Pastor Erik West

I mean, I mean, that's just my thinking. Not today. I mean, a long time ago. And so. So since he wasn't working on it, I did.

[00:46:28] Pastor Erik West

And I was.

[00:46:29] Pastor Erik West

Getting all kind of results. One of the worst days I ever had. And I can't go into details. Was. Number of years ago. Me and some people who's here today in this church tried to help a young man who who had every disadvantage to life and home and family and parents. Um, he just lived in a pitiful situation.

[00:47:07] Pastor Erik West

And.

[00:47:09] Pastor Erik West

Probably wasn't the wisdom of God to do what was done, but. A couple in this church cared so much to take him into their home, away from his home. Which gave him some presence of sanity. What we didn't know was over a period of time when we was at church and he would go home with different kids. He'd go home to different families who had kids. And then we went to a like a summer kids camp where a bunch of kids are this kid who was 18 or 19in.

[00:47:48] Pastor Erik West

Age, but probably 12.

[00:47:49] Pastor Erik West

To 14in his mind. We found out actually my my wife, we were we were just playing cards one night. It wasn't poker. Don't, don't don't write me a letter. We was playing cards, so I'll cut my grass, you cut yours. And we were just playing cards one night, and he was with us that weekend and he was with my kids. And we were at a pool. There was a pool and just a little four foot high pool. And they were not small kids, but they were they were still young, 12 and under, 13 and under. And he was up there. And then all of a sudden, my wife said, Where's so-and-so? I said, They're in the pool. She says, something's wrong. Something's wrong right now. And I'm thinking God, shoulder or something. I'm thinking water pool. And I ran out of that house and I ran as hard as I could to that pool. And they were all okay, except the oldest one had his britches down and he wanted to show him his rear parts. That night the Holy Spirit said to me, He didn't say this to me. I was. I was. I fell asleep. And in a dream I saw him in all these different people's homes that was in our church and at this camp. And I saw what he did to those kids. And I thought, Is that real? I never had a dream like that. So I knew where he was. The next day. And I knew the presence of his mind was younger than his age.

[00:49:20] Pastor Erik West

And. And I'll just say his name was, you know, Joe. And I said, Joe, I know what you did when you were at so-and-so's house and use it so-and-so's house. And he said, Who told you? And I got so sick on the inside and he, not knowing, admitted to everything that I saw in my dream. It was terrible what happened to those kids. It was all of them. Wasn't as bad, but some of them it was they were abused in every way that you could be. And you just wanted to cry. A bucket of tears. But yet no one when he came out of was was horrific. And I had to go see the law enforcement. And I said, what would happen if someone had a situation like this and they came out of this kind of home? But this happened. But the kid, he's just he's just Pastor West. He says, you're giving me the what ifs. He said, But you've got a real situation. And he says it has to be taken care of now. And if you don't do it. And you even send him away. He's going to do this again. And when he does, he says, does. Then the day that he's arrested, then we're going to come back and arrest you for all these things that you knew I hate. That was his situation. But he has to be taken off the street. So I had to tell him what I knew. And they.

[00:50:54] Pastor Erik West

Went and picked him up.

[00:50:55] Pastor Erik West

And he had to admit to it. And he did. And he was 19 years old. And he he is serving because I initiated the whole thing. He's serving two life sentences. Oh, that was not a fun day of pastor. For everybody involved. Some of those families. One of those families never stayed together. Their whole family split over. The kids were messed up. Their grades went sideways. Some of them ended up in all kinds of trouble. And I carried the weight of that for so long. Like I should have heard from God. I should've never done this. I just carried it. It was just eating me alive. And I was sitting with a friend of mine who's he's in heaven now. He just died a few months ago and he was a pastor years beyond my experience. Before that, he was a sheriff. So he had a lot of experience. And I told him. And he says, I hear what you're saying. He says, But you've got to change your thinking. And I says, Well, he says, I'm going to say something and you're going to repeat after me. This guy has strong personality. I said he was a sheriff and he had a he had a motto about devils. He said, I'm just giving you a look into his personality because he's he's he's about to help me in his own way. And so but his motto was, With devils, there's two ways to get a devil out. Cast it out or beat it out. So he said, Now say this with me. We'll just call this boy Joe. He said, Joe is going to prison.

[00:52:48] Pastor Erik West

For two lifetimes census, which is that would be 15 years and then another 15 years. So it was going in at about 20 and he will come out at 60. Can you imagine from a messed up home from a mind that's not really there, from people from family in his home that did the same thing and he just repeated it. But now he's going to be my age. And he went in at 19 because I had to turn him in. I'm not want you to feel sorry for me. I'm just trying to give you an idea of what I'm saying here. So. So, Pastor, my friend said he said he said, say this to me. He said, Joe is going to prison for 30 years. I said, Joe is going to prison for 30 years. He said, okay, ready? I said, Yeah. He said, And I don't care. And I said, What? He said, Say this because. And I don't care. I said, I'm not saying that. I mean, how could you even say that? He said, Derek, he says, Are we going to do this one more time? And now that was now the guy. That was two ways to get a devil out. And I was at his home way out in the country where if you got lost, no one would ever find you out there. He said, Joe is going to prison. I said, okay, Joe. He said, No, I don't care. And I said, He said, I said, Say it. And I said, and I don't care. He said, Now.

[00:54:19] Pastor Erik West

Do you know why you don't care?

[00:54:22] Pastor Erik West

And I said, You'll have to tell me that one. He said, Because God cares.

[00:54:28] Pastor Erik West

He said, The problem with you, you become.

[00:54:30] Pastor Erik West

Incapacitated to do anything for yourself.

[00:54:32] Pastor Erik West

Or help anyone because you're.

[00:54:33] Pastor Erik West

Taking the care of this. He said, You care and you have a concern, but.

[00:54:38] Pastor Erik West

You don't take the care. Amen.

[00:54:43] Pastor Erik West

And that's real simple. But for where I was at in the situation, I couldn't see all the other like this. I couldn't think clearly, he says. And I said, Joe, Joe is going to prison for 30 years. God loves him, but he's going for 30 years and I don't care because God cares. And I felt the burden. God just lift off of me. And I've been able to pray for that kid, which is now a grown man. All those. All those years. And that's what happens when we try to do things in our own strength and our own ability and our own might. Is we we take something that doesn't belong to us. It's not yours to take.

[00:55:30] Pastor Erik West

How many of you agree that if.

[00:55:31] Pastor Erik West

You're born again.

[00:55:32] Pastor Erik West

That even you don't belong to you? Amen.

[00:55:35] Pastor Erik West

If he's Lord now, there's a lot of folks who got him a savior, but they're not Lord. He's. See, your.

[00:55:41] Pastor Erik West

Spirit belongs to.

[00:55:42] Pastor Erik West

Him, right? If he's your Lord, so does your soul and your mind. And then your body belongs to him. You can't.

[00:55:50] Pastor Erik West

Do anything you want to with your.

[00:55:51] Pastor Erik West

Body because.

[00:55:52] Pastor Erik West

He owns your body. Amen. The way that you have to deal with that is.

[00:55:58] Pastor Erik West

You have to say.

[00:55:59] Pastor Erik West

If Jesus come down.

[00:56:00] Pastor Erik West

Today.

[00:56:02] Pastor Erik West

Would I invite him to go do.

[00:56:04] Pastor Erik West

This with me? And you pretty much have your answer. See, there's things that that boy, I'm so far away from them notes. I mean, I don't even know how to get back over there. I'm running out of time. I mean, it's like a bridge to get over there now. But there's. There's things. There's, there's things. There's paths that you set out on. And sometimes you get stuck because you got to a place to where.

[00:56:34] Pastor Erik West

You're you're not able to move forward and you're just kind.

[00:56:38] Pastor Erik West

Of stuck there. I know what I'm talking about. I don't know who I'm talking to. I think I'm talking to some of you. I mean, I don't.

[00:56:44] Pastor Erik West

Care if you're in the fifth grade.

[00:56:46] Pastor Erik West

Or if you're 70 years old. We've all get to a place, to where we've come to. A place that I can't go on anymore the way this is or the walls are up and I feel surrounded. I feel isolated. And. And. And it all looks real.

[00:57:05] Pastor Erik West

And factually it is real. But the Lord is not moved.

[00:57:10] Pastor Erik West

By it at all.

[00:57:13] Pastor Erik West

He greatly cares. But see, you really haven't.

[00:57:16] Pastor Erik West

Given him the care.

[00:57:19] Pastor Erik West

Because you're whatever dominates your thinking is.

[00:57:22] Pastor Erik West

Dominating your life. Whatever moves your emotions is what has control of you. Who or whatever emotionally has control that that is who's in control of your life. I'll say that to help you. So but you have to be honest with yourself. If if you're afraid and you're in fear.

[00:57:45] Pastor Erik West

All of it, really. I'll be honest with you.

[00:57:48] Pastor Erik West

You know, the Bible says in the the carnal mind is enmity against God.

[00:57:53] Pastor Erik West

That doesn't mean.

[00:57:55] Pastor Erik West

The enemy of God. That means.

[00:57:57] Pastor Erik West

It.

[00:57:57] Pastor Erik West

Means this the carnal mind is enmity or the carnal mind is in opposition. See, Paul told Timothy, he says, you're going to.

[00:58:05] Pastor Erik West

Have to teach these people because they're opposing.

[00:58:07] Pastor Erik West

Themselves.

[00:58:08] Pastor Erik West

And they can set themselves free, but.

[00:58:11] Pastor Erik West

They're not free.

[00:58:12] Pastor Erik West

So therefore, he has them captive and they're doing his will. He's running the show.

[00:58:18] Pastor Erik West

And they're not.

[00:58:19] Pastor Erik West

But he didn't say God would have set you free. He said, you can set yourself free. If you quit.

[00:58:25] Pastor Erik West

But you're going to have to quit opposing yourself. You say, well, well, well.

[00:58:30] Pastor Erik West

Tell me how. Back up. I said, okay.

[00:58:32] Pastor Erik West

I'll back up. Let me back up. How am I opposing myself? Okay, here's how you're opposing yourself. This is at least one way. How many know the scripture? We won't go there, but seven Corinthians 517 if anyone be in Christ. He's a what? A new creation. Brand new. Never existed before. New species of being.

[00:58:56] Pastor Erik West

Now why are you why are you a new creation?

[00:58:57] Pastor Erik West

Is it because that you got a new hairdo? Hairdo?

[00:59:00] Pastor Erik West

Who do?

[00:59:02] Pastor Erik West

You change your clothing, change your profile page on. You know, it's just like.

[00:59:09] Pastor Erik West

You got all these signs of.

[00:59:11] Pastor Erik West

The end time and they're all over you. I mean, some of you may not like this, but I'm used to that. I'm real used to that. So that doesn't affect me a whole lot. I'm not trying to make you mad, but I'm just saying. But. But some of the end times, it says, you know, they will be lovers of themselves. You see people all the time, like on Facebook, you know, taking pictures every three days. It's a different picture.

[00:59:37] Pastor Erik West

Let me let me.

[00:59:38] Pastor Erik West

Let me let me let me look at me. You see me in the mirror. You know, like, look at me. Look at me. Look at me. Look at me. Look at me. They got the stick on. Let me look at me. Look at me. Look at me. Did our numbers just drop off dramatically on Facebook or YouTube? I hate that guy.

[00:59:58] Pastor Erik West

It's like he said one way that you'll know you're at the end, he says. He said, There'll be lovers of themselves. It's all about me. What's your favorite TV channel? My vision. Lyrics to that song used to sing his song.

[01:00:18] Pastor Erik West

Whatever it's all about. You made the song? Yeah. No, I want to change this all about me. It is not about you because you died. But the Lord would take better care of you than.

[01:00:31] Pastor Erik West

And He wants to. Than you would take care of yourself.

[01:00:33] Pastor Erik West

Amen. But you have to stop opposing yourself. So. So here's how you oppose yourself.

[01:00:38] Pastor Erik West

So you're a new creature in Christ Jesus. How many know when he came into.

[01:00:42] Pastor Erik West

You, he brought. How much of him did he bring into your spirit?

[01:00:49] Pastor Erik West

I'm hearing all faintly.

[01:00:52] Pastor Erik West

Are you being kind or are you just wanting not wanting to get on the tape or.

[01:00:58] Pastor Erik West

They're going to think you don't agree with anything I'm saying.

[01:01:00] Pastor Erik West

If they can't hear you now, according to. I mean, I got gobs of scripture. We just don't have time. So when.

[01:01:07] Pastor Erik West

Jesus came.

[01:01:08] Pastor Erik West

Into your heart, how much of him did he bring in?

[01:01:10] Pastor Erik West

Oh, did the Bible not say of his.

[01:01:13] Pastor Erik West

Fullness you have received?

[01:01:15] Pastor Erik West

Did the Bible say that you're.

[01:01:16] Pastor Erik West

A complete in him?

[01:01:17] Pastor Erik West

Did the Bible say that you're lacking nothing? Now, okay, now he's a spirit and you're a spirit.

[01:01:22] Pastor Erik West

Are we still on the same path?

[01:01:25] Pastor Erik West

Are you a spirit being? You have a soul and you have a body.

[01:01:28] Pastor Erik West

But you're a spirit. One day you're going to vacate this body.

[01:01:31] Pastor Erik West

And you're going to get.

[01:01:32] Pastor Erik West

A new one. Are y'all okay with getting the new one? How many? You want the upgrade? Forever. Yeah, me too. But he's actually going to take this body when he comes back and he's going to pull it up from the grave. And he's going to make it a spirit body, too. You're going to like. You're going to like that new suit that you're going to wear the rest of your life. I mean, the rest of eternity. It's going to be really cool. Amen.

[01:01:54] Pastor Erik West

You think you're a good looking now?

[01:01:55] Pastor Erik West

Just wait till you get to heaven. You might be taking like.

[01:02:00] Pastor Erik West

Look at me.

[01:02:01] Pastor Erik West

Look at me in my heavenly suit. And they'll say, Put it down. We all look that way. You're going to look like Jesus.

[01:02:12] Pastor Erik West

I always thought.

[01:02:13] Pastor Erik West

It'd be funny.

[01:02:14] Pastor Erik West

For white folks.

[01:02:15] Pastor Erik West

We get to heaven If we get to heaven. It'd be so cool. And they found out Jesus was black.

[01:02:21] Pastor Erik West

And they're like, Oh my God. Or he's Asian or he's. Or he's an Indian. He says, How are you doing? How are you doing?

[01:02:36] Pastor Erik West

We know why there's at least four colors on the earth. We're made out of dirt. There's four colors of dirt.

[01:02:43] Pastor Erik West

Mm. That's why he deceives people. Love has no distinction. No one wants to. But if you take us to the hospital and put us in a surgery, and if they cut off a 16th of the pigment of your skin and someone saw.

[01:03:02] Pastor Erik West

You know, they never saw you.

[01:03:03] Pastor Erik West

Before, they wouldn't know what color you was. That you can need a kidney. You know, you're Asian.

[01:03:14] Pastor Erik West

And a white man or black man living in.

[01:03:16] Pastor Erik West

Sacramento.

[01:03:18] Pastor Erik West

May have the match and be.

[01:03:19] Pastor Erik West

Willing to give it to you. And your body can live and function.

[01:03:22] Pastor Erik West

And you're going to die. You don't really care what color they are, do you?

[01:03:28] Pastor Erik West

Huh? This is all the tactics of the enemy is what it is.

[01:03:33] Pastor Erik West

This church knows I've been.

[01:03:34] Pastor Erik West

Believing for a lot of.

[01:03:35] Pastor Erik West

Black folks in this church for a long time.

[01:03:38] Pastor Erik West

Somebody who can sing. I mean, we got people who can sing, but I'm talking about.

[01:03:42] Pastor Erik West

I want some soul in here sometime.

[01:03:45] Pastor Erik West

I like Pastor Keith Green, you know.

[01:03:47] Pastor Erik West

And is he still in Birmingham? Pretty good size church and.

[01:03:52] Pastor Erik West

It's a good.

[01:03:52] Pastor Erik West

Mixture of white and black. And he says he says.

[01:03:55] Pastor Erik West

It's just amazing what we can do. He said, we only have two problems.

[01:04:00] Pastor Erik West

He's preaching this year and going there. And I listened to it and I said, What's he going to say? He's going to say somebody to black folks and the white folks.

[01:04:07] Pastor Erik West

He said, it's the black folks could just come on time. And if the white folks could just clap on time. You know, my.

[01:04:17] Pastor Erik West

Wife.

[01:04:21] Pastor Erik West

Used to, like.

[01:04:22] Pastor Erik West

Get rid of the gum. We'll have a better chance. I mean, I'll remember Miss Reed. I used to have my church come out of church before she passed. Man, what a voice. Dear God, what a voice. She said, What do you want me to do, Pastor? I says, I just sing. And I said, Just. She said, Any request. I said, Yes.

[01:04:42] Pastor Erik West

Please just don't bust my speakers.

[01:04:45] Pastor Erik West

That woman had a stadium voice that was just.

[01:04:50] Pastor Erik West

And I was sitting here before.

[01:04:51] Pastor Erik West

She passed at her house and her husband said.

[01:04:54] Pastor Erik West

Could you stay.

[01:04:54] Pastor Erik West

Here a few minutes? I need to run the store. And I said, Oh.

[01:05:00] Pastor Erik West

She was at the end.

[01:05:03] Pastor Erik West

I said, How long are you gonna be gone? He said, You know, medically I was not comfortable. This is 20 more years ago. All right. So Reed Reed is on the couch. And I said, okay, so Jimmy takes off. Do you remember Jimmy? He went, his name Jimmy. Her name is Rita. He takes off. And and I said.

[01:05:24] Pastor Erik West

Well, praise the Lord. I mean, you see me like, praise the Lord, and.

[01:05:28] Pastor Erik West

She ain't moving. And I said, Oh. And so I start doing what you do. If you're Pentecostal, Jesus name.

[01:05:36] Pastor Erik West

Be healed.

[01:05:37] Pastor Erik West

Be strong. And I'm looking I don't see a blouse moving. I don't see.

[01:05:42] Pastor Erik West

I don't see no heartbeat. And I get real close and I said, Oh my God. Oh, I think he just died. Oh, my gosh, Jimmy's gone. Reed's to die. So I said, So I started. I said, I rebuke the spirit of death. Death go life like this.

[01:05:57] Pastor Erik West

And nothing. Ten minutes and.

[01:06:00] Pastor Erik West

I can't even see her breathe or move. And I sit down thinking, think. Oh, God. He just went to the store and his wife died with me here. And I'm supposed to be your helper, you know? So now I'm really going into my bag of tricks. Singing ain't one of them.

[01:06:17] Pastor Erik West

So I'm sitting on the other side of the house from me, and I start singing and I start singing.

[01:06:24] Pastor Erik West

Jesus, you know?

[01:06:26] Pastor Erik West

And then.

[01:06:27] Pastor Erik West

And I'm trying to sing.

[01:06:28] Pastor Erik West

I'm worshiping in the spirit, you know, trying to bring her back. I think she's dead.

[01:06:33] Pastor Erik West

And all of a sudden, about two minutes later, she says, Oh, she's passed away. She said, Please, please. She said, I'm already dying. She says, she says, Just stay with your gift. That was her last words to me. She said, Oh, I'm already fighting death. So I went to a funeral.

[01:06:59] Pastor Erik West

In Birmingham and and I told Pastor, your brother, I said, he said, well, I ain't going. I said, oh no. Are you going. No, no, no. Are you.

[01:07:05] Pastor Erik West

Going.

[01:07:06] Pastor Erik West

I said, I never been to a black funeral and.

[01:07:08] Pastor Erik West

I'm going to be the only white person. Now you are going.

[01:07:10] Pastor Erik West

You are.

[01:07:11] Pastor Erik West

Going, you send it to my church, you are going. He said, Well, I wouldn't. I said, No, you're going.

[01:07:15] Pastor Erik West

You're going whether I drag you or. But you're.

[01:07:18] Pastor Erik West

Going.

[01:07:19] Pastor Erik West

Turned out I had the best time of my life because white folks don't know how to do no funeral.

[01:07:24] Pastor Erik West

They say they celebrating. It's like, when are y'all going to start.

[01:07:29] Pastor Erik West

Like and man, we worship.

[01:07:33] Pastor Erik West

And praise in the Lord. And there was like several pastors who knew her. So I just kind of followed the lead, you know, And I got and they, you know, they get up there and praise the Lord Saints.

[01:07:41] Pastor Erik West

Praise for.

[01:07:43] Pastor Erik West

Praise the Lord. And and I got up there, that anointing got on me and I got, you know, I'm the only white guy in the house, which I didn't care, but it was just like, I ain't never done a funeral like this.

[01:07:54] Pastor Erik West

And I said I said.

[01:07:57] Pastor Erik West

Well, praise the Lord Saints. And and they all laughed. And I said, Praise the Lord. I said, Uh huh. They said, Uh huh. I said, Jesus is wonderful. They said.

[01:08:09] Speaker3

Amen. I said.

[01:08:11] Pastor Erik West

I'm looking for a new pastor.

[01:08:16] Pastor Erik West

Oh, but just the soul. Just just the soul.

[01:08:21] Pastor Erik West

That, you know, that you feel on the inside of you. It's not just words.

[01:08:26] Pastor Erik West

You know, You.

[01:08:27] Pastor Erik West

Feel it. And that's what you get from the Bible. When I read it, I don't read no story, man. I'm in the story like the woman with the issue of blood. If you put yourself there, who are you? Are you Jesus going to be ministering? Are you in the crowd? Are you the woman trying to get there? Which one are you? What would be in your thinking? If you're the woman, what would you be thinking? If you was Jesus, what would you do? If you people in the crowd put yourself there, Change your.

[01:08:50] Pastor Erik West

Mindset.

[01:08:51] Pastor Erik West

So as long as you stay in your flesh.

[01:08:57] Pastor Erik West

How am I going to take this?

[01:09:00] Pastor Erik West

This is a miracle to do this. If you could receive healing for your body the same way that you receive salvation.

[01:09:20] Pastor Erik West

You would stop imposing yourself.

[01:09:23] Pastor Erik West

Because all of Christ came into you.

[01:09:25] Pastor Erik West

And you say, you told me. You said you got the complete package. Huh?

[01:09:30] Pastor Erik West

That's what you told me.

[01:09:31] Pastor Erik West

You said all the fullness.

[01:09:33] Pastor Erik West

Of him came into you. Romans 8:11 says the same spirit.

[01:09:39] Pastor Erik West

You all know this. Listen.

[01:09:39] Pastor Erik West

The same spirit that raised Christ from the dead.

[01:09:43] Pastor Erik West

Who would that be? Thank you. Say louder.

[01:09:48] Pastor Erik West

The same Holy Spirit who raised Christ from the dead now dwells in your spirit and quickens, which means makes alive your mortal body.

[01:10:05] Pastor Erik West

Now, it is true that there's a measure.

[01:10:07] Pastor Erik West

Of it, not the fullness of it. We get the full measure when we.

[01:10:10] Pastor Erik West

Get the new body in the rapture and we get the full measure. But how many you believe there's enough of that measure of the same.

[01:10:16] Pastor Erik West

The same identical spirit, the same generic brand? This ain't like, you know, well, this is whatever brand. And then we got the we got the.

[01:10:27] Pastor Erik West

Walmart's brand called Great Value. Like, no.

[01:10:30] Pastor Erik West

You ain't getting the same spirit. You can have.

[01:10:31] Pastor Erik West

A greater a lesser value.

[01:10:34] Pastor Erik West

Brand. The same spirit, the same. The same.

[01:10:40] Pastor Erik West

Spirit that raised.

[01:10:40] Pastor Erik West

Christ dwells and does what makes alive.

[01:10:43] Pastor Erik West

Your mortal body. Amen. Now, how do you oppose that? I'm going to have to minister on this several times just to correct myself.

[01:10:52] Pastor Erik West

Because word people can get too wordy. They can turn their confessions into works. Works of confession. You can say by his stripes, I'm healed. And you believe that? I believe that. I know you believe it. You actually believe that, don't you?

[01:11:07] Pastor Erik West

By his stripes, you are healed. How many believe the word? Amen. You have to go to Isaiah, who prophesies.

[01:11:14] Pastor Erik West

Of Jesus. Who tells you that he that surely he bore your grief and he bore your sorrow.

[01:11:20] Pastor Erik West

He bore.

[01:11:20] Pastor Erik West

Your sickness. He bore your pain. He bore your transgressions. He prophesizing before he comes. Matthew eight, seven, eight, 17 Bears witness to to what Isaiah said because he's seen it every day. He said what?

[01:11:33] Pastor Erik West

What Isaiah said.

[01:11:35] Pastor Erik West

He's. He's bearing their.

[01:11:37] Pastor Erik West

Infirmities right now.

[01:11:38] Pastor Erik West

Peter looks back after it's all happened.

[01:11:40] Pastor Erik West

Death bearing, resurrection. Jesus is gone and he looks back to.

[01:11:43] Pastor Erik West

The cross and he said, Who is own self bore our.

[01:11:46] Pastor Erik West

Sins on his body on the tree that we being.

[01:11:48] Pastor Erik West

Dead to sin should live unto righteousness.

[01:11:49] Pastor Erik West

By whose stripes? Back there you were healed. Amen.

[01:11:53] Pastor Erik West

Can you remember back there when you were saved?

[01:11:56] Pastor Erik West

Well, then why don't you go.

[01:11:57] Pastor Erik West

Back there when you was healed? Amen. Amen. Amen.

[01:12:00] Pastor Erik West

Amen. Now, you have to really listen to this.

[01:12:03] Pastor Erik West

To get this.

[01:12:05] Pastor Erik West

It's not complicated.

[01:12:07] Pastor Erik West

But sometimes people who know too much have.

[01:12:10] Pastor Erik West

A hard time hearing. Sometimes when people don't know.

[01:12:13] Pastor Erik West

Much of anything, it's just really easy because you have things that compete with it.

[01:12:21] Pastor Erik West

Kirsten Elliott has this program that they were telling me about. You know, that you can put something in there and it'll spit out all kinds of things. You can do a comprehensive study on anything.

[01:12:29] Pastor Erik West

You can argue with it.

[01:12:31] Pastor Erik West

I said, show me where I'm wrong and it'll tell you where you're wrong. And then.

[01:12:35] Pastor Erik West

So.

[01:12:36] Pastor Erik West

She told me to do that. So I said.

[01:12:38] Pastor Erik West

I said, I.

[01:12:38] Pastor Erik West

Don't agree with what you just said.

[01:12:41] Pastor Erik West

I said, because this, this and this.

[01:12:43] Pastor Erik West

And then I said, answer. And it says, Well, yes, what you said is true because this, this, this and this. And I said, Well, it can't be both ways.

[01:12:52] Pastor Erik West

And then a machine artificial intelligence says it.

[01:12:55] Pastor Erik West

Appears you're right.

[01:12:57] Pastor Erik West

I think I knew that when we started talking because because they don't know the difference between two countries and mixing them. It'll just say what God said, you know, when he was this before for the covenant of grace. So go back to when you was saved. So if I can say it this way, if you if you're using.

[01:13:20] Pastor Erik West

If we do.

[01:13:22] Pastor Erik West

This but we don't realize we're doing it.

[01:13:26] Pastor Erik West

The carnal mind.

[01:13:29] Pastor Erik West

Can't please God.

[01:13:33] Pastor Erik West

What's Romans eight six say?

[01:13:38] Speaker4

The spiritual.

[01:13:40] Pastor Erik West

The carnal mind is what is death and the spirit is what so carnal? All it means is what? Flesh. Which means what? Your five senses. So if your carnal, that just means.

[01:13:56] Pastor Erik West

That you're making.

[01:13:57] Pastor Erik West

Decisions out of your your five senses. You take, you assimilate this.

[01:14:02] Pastor Erik West

Information, and, you know, like this, you take your.

[01:14:04] Pastor Erik West

Experience, you take some doctrine and you heard over here your belief about this. You put it all together like artificial intelligence. Then you come up and say, this is the answer. The problem is you're a spirit. You have a flesh, but you are a spirit and God doesn't deal.

[01:14:18] Pastor Erik West

With your flesh. He deals with you.

[01:14:20] Pastor Erik West

Spirit to spirit. Okay, now watch here. I'll put it in healing. For the carnal mind.

[01:14:29] Pastor Erik West

The physical.

[01:14:31] Pastor Erik West

Man.

[01:14:32] Pastor Erik West

When he considers his symptoms. He considers his pain. Brings him to death.

[01:14:43] Pastor Erik West

You know why?

[01:14:44] Pastor Erik West

Because he's opposing what Jesus already did. See what you have to really know, and you know it because you're. You're intelligent. You've been your.

[01:14:55] Pastor Erik West

Word minded.

[01:14:56] Pastor Erik West

People.

[01:14:57] Pastor Erik West

And sometimes that's our problem. Here's here's what I'm trying to say. By his stripes, you were healed. You know that? You can quote it. You can quote.

[01:15:05] Pastor Erik West

Our scriptures like like this. Like this. And you know them. But you don't know the truth.

[01:15:14] Pastor Erik West

You say, well, that is the truth.

[01:15:16] Pastor Erik West

Does it mean you know it? Because when you keep on confessing the word.

[01:15:21] Pastor Erik West

Over and over and over again and over again and over.

[01:15:26] Pastor Erik West

Again for 4 or 5, six, seven years and nothing happens.

[01:15:31] Pastor Erik West

You've been taught that the word is medicine, and that's true. You've been taught death and life is in the power of the tongue. That's true. You taught that. You were taught by me that Jesus spoke to the fig tree. He did. So we emulate all that, where we miss it.

[01:15:46] Pastor Erik West

Because where we miss it. When you have symptoms.

[01:15:50] Pastor Erik West

And you have pain.

[01:15:51] Pastor Erik West

Or you're suffering.

[01:15:52] Pastor Erik West

In some area, is you.

[01:15:54] Pastor Erik West

Have forgotten that Jesus already dealt with.

[01:15:57] Pastor Erik West

This.

[01:15:57] Pastor Erik West

And he's not moved by your symptoms because he knows he's already healed you and he knows that you can't take your physical senses and.

[01:16:04] Pastor Erik West

Fix a spiritual problem. Amen. And you don't even realize it.

[01:16:08] Pastor Erik West

But you're trying.

[01:16:10] Pastor Erik West

To.

[01:16:10] Pastor Erik West

Do enough say enough speak enough. Live a certain way. Enough for a different result.

[01:16:18] Pastor Erik West

I've done it. Have you? Because you believe it. It's not like you don't.

[01:16:23] Pastor Erik West

You do believe it. But what? You don't even realize What you're doing we're doing is we're trying to take the word and we're trying to work it.

[01:16:32] Pastor Erik West

You're going to.

[01:16:34] Pastor Erik West

The mall with your faith.

[01:16:35] Pastor Erik West

Card to get something. There are all this works. Instead of taking your faith.

[01:16:41] Pastor Erik West

Card and go to the throne of grace and just cash in. Then don't use your faith to try to receive things that's already.

[01:16:50] Pastor Erik West

Been paid for.

[01:16:51] Pastor Erik West

Use your faith to go and access the grace that already supplied it. Amen.

[01:16:57] Speaker3

Amen. Amen.

[01:16:59] Pastor Erik West

You see, when you go out this driveway, you just look down at the ground, the left, you'll see a water meter like you got one at your house.

[01:17:05] Pastor Erik West

I didn't put it there.

[01:17:08] Pastor Erik West

Jamison put it there. But Jamison said, if you.

[01:17:12] Pastor Erik West

Want water that building, y'all gonna have to lay some pipe yourself to the building.

[01:17:16] Pastor Erik West

So Grace Jamison Waterworks supplied me with a meter and brought water to it. Wherever the water comes from in Jefferson.

[01:17:26] Pastor Erik West

To this building, it comes right there at the water meter. Just like at your house. Right?

[01:17:32] Pastor Erik West

But. But the city doesn't.

[01:17:35] Pastor Erik West

Lay pipe to your house. You have to do it, or a plumber has to do it.

[01:17:39] Pastor Erik West

So Grace supplied it. Faith didn't do it. Grace did. Grace is not a thing or a doctrine. Grace is a person. His name is Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ brought water.

[01:17:51] Pastor Erik West

To the house and I said, I see that. I believe that. I do believe it.

[01:17:57] Pastor Erik West

Now, how did Abraham become righteous? He just believed. Amen. Amen. Abraham was born, lived, and died about 1800 years before Jesus was ever born. If I hadn't gone 47 different.

[01:18:15] Pastor Erik West

Ways today, we'd read about it.

[01:18:18] Pastor Erik West

In Galatians two, where God wanted to use this man as the father of our faith to bring Jesus through him. So in Galatians two and three, you'll see where God preached the gospel to Abraham about this Jesus, his Son, who would come.

[01:18:34] Pastor Erik West

And what the purpose for him coming in Abraham, 1800.

[01:18:37] Pastor Erik West

Years between.

[01:18:38] Pastor Erik West

Him and Jesus said, That's what you're going to do. He says, Yeah.

[01:18:44] Pastor Erik West

And my son is going to come through your lineage and you're going to be the father.

[01:18:46] Pastor Erik West

Of faith for everyone who believe.

[01:18:48] Pastor Erik West

He says.

[01:18:49] Pastor Erik West

What say you, Abraham? He says. I believe it. God said, Mark that down as righteousness on Abraham sake. He's a righteous man. And those who believe, just like he.

[01:19:00] Pastor Erik West

Believe gets the same inheritance. Amen. See, it wasn't doing. He just believed in his heart.

[01:19:07] Pastor Erik West

Amen.

[01:19:08] Pastor Erik West

So if you're not really healed right now.

[01:19:13] Pastor Erik West

And you be how many you believe by his stripes, you were healed. Amen. But if you have manifestations or symptoms in your body and I'm not going to ask you to raise your hand and I'm going to keep my hands in my pockets. You know, when you're 20, you don't even know you have a body.

[01:19:29] Pastor Erik West

When you get a.

[01:19:29] Pastor Erik West

Little bit older, it'll tell you, you know, different areas. So if you're if you're not really healed of that situation or your symptoms, when will you be? Win. If you're not healed today, when will you be healed?

[01:19:51] Pastor Erik West

I started off asking you what you saved and you said, Yeah. And I said, I said, Well, you get saved when we leave this and go to heaven. And you said, No, we're saved. The moment we.

[01:19:59] Pastor Erik West

Believe when Isaiah said both both both of them happened at the same time. You were saved and healed at the cross and at.

[01:20:07] Pastor Erik West

The whipping post.

[01:20:08] Pastor Erik West

Actually.

[01:20:10] Pastor Erik West

It wasn't the blood just at the whipping post.

[01:20:12] Pastor Erik West

Jesus bled way before then. He bled in the garden, praying to her blood.

[01:20:17] Pastor Erik West

Came out of his eyes.

[01:20:18] Pastor Erik West

Because the capillaries were so pressurized. The blood came out of his eyes and the blood was flowing in the garden because he knew what was about to happen. He wasn't trying to get out of the crucifixion.

[01:20:29] Pastor Erik West

People who preach.

[01:20:30] Pastor Erik West

That I love them, but they're wrong. I think they said, Jesus said, if there's any other way to do that.

[01:20:34] Pastor Erik West

He knew his whole reason for being here was to.

[01:20:36] Pastor Erik West

Go to that cross. What he didn't know was, I know what it's like to.

[01:20:40] Pastor Erik West

Be separated.

[01:20:41] Pastor Erik West

From my father. I don't I've never experienced what it's like to be separated from the father.

[01:20:47] Speaker3

To where you bleed.

[01:20:49] Pastor Erik West

And the blood that came out of his eyes was in the garden. And that's the same blood that belongs to.

[01:20:54] Pastor Erik West

You for every need that you have.

[01:20:56] Pastor Erik West

In your life right now. When they nailed him to the cross, he could have called.

[01:21:00] Pastor Erik West

Legions of angels, but he wouldn't.

[01:21:01] Pastor Erik West

Do it.

[01:21:02] Pastor Erik West

And that blood still speaking today.

[01:21:05] Pastor Erik West

Amen.

[01:21:05] Pastor Erik West

So if you're not healed now, when will you be? So what we're doing is we're listening to the symptoms. When we're saying by his stripes, we are healed and three years later, we still feel the same.

[01:21:15] Pastor Erik West

It's because really, can I be honest with you? Include me. Include me.

[01:21:21] Pastor Erik West

It's really just unbelief.

[01:21:24] Pastor Erik West

We don't really believe we're healed. We're being moved by the.

[01:21:28] Pastor Erik West

Symptom because the symptom is saying this, this and this, and you need to address.

[01:21:34] Pastor Erik West

That. Mm hmm.

[01:21:42] Pastor Erik West

I'm not preaching you something I don't know about. I ain't preaching something. I ain't never been walking in or.

[01:21:48] Pastor Erik West

Not walking in today. I talked to a doctor.

[01:21:52] Pastor Erik West

This week who told me there's nothing we can do for you anymore.

[01:21:56] Pastor Erik West

We can give you all these pills.

[01:21:59] Pastor Erik West

I said thank you.

[01:22:00] Pastor Erik West

I went home, looked up to Peter, and I said, My God, man, if I took that, I don't know what I can identify myself as a drug addict for sure. For long. To keep you out of pain. I said, Yeah, if you stay awake and it don't eat up your liver and your kidneys and everything else. And the answer is really simple.

[01:22:24] Pastor Erik West

So when he says the carnal, the flesh, it's just physical. So your pain is physical. Your sickness is physical.

[01:22:32] Pastor Erik West

Your anxiety is physical. Your emotional stress is stress is physical. So when you're not moved by the physical.

[01:22:41] Pastor Erik West

That's because you come into the spiritual.

[01:22:44] Pastor Erik West

And what's been stopping.

[01:22:45] Pastor Erik West

Your healing is because.

[01:22:47] Pastor Erik West

You've been.

[01:22:47] Pastor Erik West

Opposing what God has already done in you. That same spirit.

[01:22:50] Pastor Erik West

Because your spirit, his spirit, and now you're opposing it because you're.

[01:22:54] Pastor Erik West

You're dealing with the symptoms.

[01:22:55] Pastor Erik West

You let the spirit to come over to.

[01:22:56] Pastor Erik West

The natural.

[01:22:57] Pastor Erik West

And now you've taken the word which you believe in, but you've made it a work trying to accomplish something.

[01:23:02] Pastor Erik West

That he's already finished with. He's already finished with it. Amen. Amen.

[01:23:10] Speaker3

Hallelujah.

[01:23:12] Pastor Erik West

I'm sorry for the time, but can y'all give me two minutes? How can you give me two minutes? Well, there's 12 minutes right there. Just d4. No, just two minutes. The way that we know that we're healed is what? By the.

[01:23:27] Pastor Erik West

He was whipped.

[01:23:28] Pastor Erik West

He was beaten by his stripes. Were hit by his stripe. That word stripe is actually the word wound or healed. It became so large across him, it looked like one huge stripe. Isaiah, 52, said When I was prophesying about him coming into the world and it prophesied about him being to the cross and dying there, Isaiah prophesied. When you look upon his his figure, he's talking about the cross.

[01:23:53] Pastor Erik West

He said.

[01:23:55] Pastor Erik West

Is that a human?

[01:23:59] Pastor Erik West

Is that a human? It wasn't. They gave him 40 little stripes. Isaiah said, Is that a human? And to say, well, God could heal. I mean, can you imagine being tortured like that and then saying, like, God could heal? Can you imagine what an offense that.

[01:24:22] Pastor Erik West

Could be to him.

[01:24:22] Pastor Erik West

That you beat beyond the.

[01:24:24] Pastor Erik West

Place that they don't know you're human.

[01:24:28] Pastor Erik West

So when was you saved The moment? You accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and everything from heaven came into your spirit. Amen. When was you healed? The moment that you were saved. Amen. So when I get someone saved, I always do.

[01:24:43] Pastor Erik West

Especially if they're older. And I got situations and I know they don't know anything, which is the best time to get anything done, I just go ahead and get them healed and feel the Holy Ghost at the same time.

[01:24:53] Speaker3

Yeah.

[01:24:54] Pastor Erik West

So lastly, just to reinstate this, because, you know, we've been taught different ways, even by me.

[01:25:03]

Stop there. Huh?

[01:25:07] Pastor Erik West

Just to state this. How am I opposing it? But I believe. I believe Eric. I believe Pastor Wes. I believe you. I believe that. Bastrop Starshield. I know you do. I've been trained well. I know that. The last part of my tongue. Yeah.

[01:25:23] Pastor Erik West

Please. I'm not saying don't.

[01:25:25] Pastor Erik West

Speak the word.

[01:25:26] Pastor Erik West

Please don't leave here and think.

[01:25:27] Pastor Erik West

Well, he's saying we don't need to speak the word. Believe God and confess the word. No, no, no, no. I'll get to all that.

[01:25:34] Pastor Erik West

Second Corinthians 4:13, Paul talks about the spirit of faith, and this is what he said. He says, we believe.

[01:25:42] Pastor Erik West

Therefore, we spoke. When I got into word of faith in the 90s, I was taught the opposite way. You just need.

[01:25:51] Pastor Erik West

To speak and speak and speak. And speaking. Speaking. Speaking. Speaking. Speaking. Speaking. Speaking. Speaking. Speaking. Speaking. Speaking. Speaking. Speaking, speaking, speaking, speaking. And one day that will change your heart and your belief. We didn't know if it would be 100 times 100 million. Some people can die before.

[01:26:05] Pastor Erik West

They get to that number. Right.

[01:26:12] Pastor Erik West

So you. So we don't even know. We take the.

[01:26:16] Pastor Erik West

Proper use.

[01:26:17] Pastor Erik West

Of speaking and faith and authority and words, and then we turn it into a work. We leave. We leave Grace in.

[01:26:27] Pastor Erik West

Turn the word.

[01:26:29] Pastor Erik West

Into a work. Because we're following a symptom like Peter on the water.

[01:26:40] Pastor Erik West

What made Peter able to walk on water? Did he have flat feet? Is that what helped him? How could Peter walk on the water suddenly real quickly? Even before that.

[01:26:57] Pastor Erik West

So there was a directive. There was a question.

[01:27:03] Pastor Erik West

And then there was an.

[01:27:03] Pastor Erik West

Answer, which was a directive.

[01:27:06] Pastor Erik West

Peter said, If that's.

[01:27:07] Pastor Erik West

You, bid me, come on the.

[01:27:08] Pastor Erik West

Water.

[01:27:10] Pastor Erik West

When Jesus said, come. That was that was the directive that now you can do what I just said. Amen. Can a man walk on water? No. But when he tells you to do something, you can do it. The Lord told me a few weeks ago about. About giving something that I didn't think I had the money to give. But then I know this story and this happened to me many times before. He says, But I told you you could do this.

[01:27:38] Pastor Erik West

I said, Yes, sir. Then it's done. Just as.

[01:27:40] Pastor Erik West

Soon as I can get.

[01:27:41] Pastor Erik West

It done. It'll be done, sir.

[01:27:45] Pastor Erik West

And before I mean. I mean within minutes after I gave and did what I was supposed to do, which was none of my business. I don't I don't I don't own a.

[01:27:56] Pastor Erik West

Penny here at this church.

[01:27:58] Pastor Erik West

I'm not in charge. I don't like them. Old signs used to say, God, God, I'm the pilot. God is my co-pilot. I'm thinking, maybe you better.

[01:28:06] Pastor Erik West

Swap seats in a hurry like God is. Go sit over here.

[01:28:09] Speaker3

Like, All right, Now, if I need you, I'll call him.

[01:28:12] Pastor Erik West

Now I'm back here. You know, in.

[01:28:14] Pastor Erik West

First class, they ordered me a ginger ale and some peanuts. I let him drive.

[01:28:17] Pastor Erik West

So as soon as I did what he told me to do, within minutes, within minutes. The same day, within. Within less than three minutes, everything that I had just given came back to me and more. Amen. I mean, just that quick. And then before I got home, he said he said, Lord says, See, I really know what I'm doing.

[01:28:39] Pastor Erik West

I said, Yes.

[01:28:39] Pastor Erik West

Sir, you do. I mean, I said, You want me to do it again?

[01:28:45] Speaker3

Can I do it again?

[01:28:47] Pastor Erik West

And he didn't answer anything about that. He said so.

[01:28:50] Pastor Erik West

So Peter walked on the water because Jesus said so.

[01:28:53] Pastor Erik West

So why did Peter fail?

[01:29:01] Pastor Erik West

He looked at his symptom. He was in the flesh. He was in the five senses. It says, man.

[01:29:11] Pastor Erik West

Can't walk on water and look at the waves. But Jesus said you was already healed. You say.

[01:29:16] Pastor Erik West

Yeah, but you ain't.

[01:29:17] Pastor Erik West

Looking at the symptom.

[01:29:21] Speaker3

Did y'all get that?

[01:29:23] Pastor Erik West

You said, But.

[01:29:24] Pastor Erik West

What am I doing out here? You can't walk on the water. The doctor can't help me no more.

[01:29:31] Pastor Erik West

You're looking at the.

[01:29:32] Pastor Erik West

Symptom and.

[01:29:33] Pastor Erik West

You're opposing the life that's already in your spirit that.

[01:29:36] Pastor Erik West

Now can't come through.

[01:29:39]

God bless you.

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