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Happy Easter Doxa today, we're gonna be reading out of the book of Luke chapter 24 verses one through 12, and it reads, "but on the first day of the week at early Dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices. They had prepared and they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. But when they went in, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus, while they were perplexed. About this behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you while he was still in Galilee, that the son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful and be crucified. And on the third day rise and they remembered his words and returning to the tomb, they told all these things to the, to the 11 and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary, the mother of James and the other woman with them who told these things to the apostles. But these words seemed to an idle tale and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb, stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves and he went home marveling at what had happened." This is the word of the Lord. You may be seated.

You can sit down, but don't lose your energy. Please come on. Hey, it is Easter. Yes, it is Easter for this is a really important day for Christians because Easter's a celebration. Did Tim say it? He has risen. He's risen. Indeed. This means the tomb is empty. That means the hope of the world is still alive. This means all of our sin, all of our brokenness and our death has been defeated. This is a big day. Hey, if you don't know what Easter is and you're a Christian, I just wanna tell you, Easter is a celebration. It's a celebration where Christians all around the world celebrate this resurrection of this guy, Jesus. If Jesus Christ has not rose from the grave, we are dead in

our sins and our faith is worthless. So when we get up on Easter morning, it's either the tomb is empty.

We have everything to be hopeful for. This is exciting, huh? My name's Eddie. If you're new, I'm I'm the lead teaching pastor here with Doxa. Needless to say, this is incredibly big deal for Christians, but if you're new and you're not a Christian, this should be a big deal for you too. It should absolutely be a big deal for you because whether you know it or not, everything that you see around you, your worldview, even your perception of right or wrong, even your schedule has been influenced by this guy. Jesus Christ. You might not even know it. This guy Jesus has influenced you think about it in the year 2000, which is probably older than some of you at this point, right? Year 2000, this guy Jesus was named Time person of the millennium. Pretty big deal, not person of the year person of the quarter or the month or any of that.

Even person in the century person of the millennium. Now think about it. Who else would it be? Who else would it be out of a thousand years? Who's been able to influence anybody at that level. Who name it actually, uh, Reynolds Price, who is a non-Christian novelist. He helped write this article in the year 2000. He makes an interesting case in this article. He says this, it would be, it would require much exotic calculation to deny that the single most powerful figure, merely in these two millenniums, but in all of human history has been Jesus of Nazereth. This is unbelievable. Now with all the talk, what it means to be an influencer today, nobody has influenced the world like Jesus, nobody. He's done it in a me. I don't care if you've got a book tour, you got a book tour. Jesus' book is the most public book in human history.

The Bible published 20,000 times more than the next closest book. That's not even within an ear--That's that's not even close you're into movies. Awesome. The very first long film was a story on Jesus life story on Jesus life. Unbelievable. This is where we're at. In fact, the printing press was literally invented to print the Bible. That's where he's at, okay. We write books. Jesus invents printing presses to get his book written first. Okay. Our calendars are literally based off of this guy's life. We're lit--we're in the year 2022, counting down 2022 years away from the life of Jesus. Okay. BC before Christ AD Ano Domini year of the Lord. This is important. And if you like weekends, thank God. It's Friday. Right? You're getting outta bed. Oh, here we go. Thank God. It's Friday. Well, you have your weekend here in America because of Jesus Sabbath.

The Saturday, Sunday, the Lord's day we're inventing the country. You got both. You're welcome. T G I F thank God. It's Friday. Amen. Come on. And have you considered how fast Christianity expanded? How fast it expanded early. I mean, Jesus Christ. We celebrated Good Friday here. Just a, not too long ago, just on Friday. And Jesus Christ died alone. On the cross alone. He died alone on a cross. He had a few followers that were scattered around, right? He had, uh, his disciples that were scattered around and then slowly it grew back up 144 people in the same room, right? Upper room to a few thousand, to almost 2 billion people who claim to worship Jesus today. Not counting all of the people that have passed on since, uh, have passed on and died. Right? This is unbelievable. And yeah, I know what you're thinking. Yes. There's other religions.

It it's true. There are other religions, but no other religions' founder ever claim to be God, none of them, none of them, Jesus Christ is the only founder of a world religion who says, I'm not just pointing to God. I am him. Okay. This is a big deal. Furthermore, all of the founders of all other

religions, they have grave sites. They have grave sites. They are dead. They have been buried, all have died, but Easter is a celebration that Jesus doesn't just succumb to death, but that he conquers death. This is the only religion that does this. Now we think of people in history. We think of, you know, religious founders, historical figures as impactful. And it's true. And they, and there have been some impactful people throughout history. But again, our friend Reynolds Price, the non-Christian novelist, he says a serious argument can be made that no one else's life is removed--proved remotely as powerful as that of Jesus.

But most importantly, Jesus Christ is not a historical fact to be consumed. He's a person to be acknowledged. He's a real person, a person that comes with power, power to impact you on a personal level, power to change you and give you answers that you seek and listen, we all have, we all have questions. We're all seeking answers on some level. You know, you might have questions about the world, about yourself, about your--about other people about what happens when you die. Everyone has these sort of questions that they wrestle with. We all wrestle with the uncertainties of ourselves, whether or not we're good enough, whether or not what we're doing is right. Whether or not the path that we've taken in our lives will matter in the end, will it be enough? And the truth is it's incredibly difficult to know whether or not your decisions or choices are correct.

It's incredibly difficult to understand that it's hard to know whether or not you're leaving--living with real purpose at all, that you just haven't given yourself. How do you know what's true? Truth is, and this is why for me as a pastor, I've given my life over to telling people about Jesus, because I believe this story that we tell people about Jesus called the gospel can actually help people, help them matter, help them belong, give them meaning, give them value and help them experience joy. Cause that's what they're created for. And that's why I've given my life to do this. Now again, we call this, this story. This thing we tell people about the gospel and the gospel is most clearly articulated in a verse we--in a verse, John three--chapter three, verse 16. Now, if you've ever seen a, a, a football game or you've seen people hold up, this sign, John three 16, it's actually a really powerful verse.

And if you're not a Christian, you maybe have heard it before. So let's read it together. It says this "for God. So loved the world that he gave. His only son that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life." Now one theologian calls this, the gospel in miniature because it sums up all four gospels in one line. It's powerful. It packs a punch. So this afternoon while I have you, okay, I'm gonna hope to break down this for you and, and help--share you and explain why your entire existence is related to the story about Jesus. And I'm gonna use John three 16 to do it. Okay. Seems like a tall task. It is okay. It is now at the end, you're gonna have a choice to make, okay, you're gonna have a choice. You can believe in Jesus. Find meaning in Jesus.

Find value in Jesus and believe the truth that he died a death. That was meant for us, that he rose from the grave. Three days later, conquering our sin. Or you can not believe that and continue wondering whether or not you're actually making a difference of your life and whether or not you can continue to flip a coin for what your future might hold for you. Okay. Sound good. Let's look at the first thing together. The first thing I see in John three 16 isn't is an unconditional emotion. It says here for God. So loved the world. Okay. First thing we've seen in

this passage is that he loves now here on the east side. When we hear the word love, we think of a few things we think of, you know, I love my iPhone or I love my Tesla, right? Those are like the two big camps.

Right? I love my Tesla seems to be the, the favorite, at least where I live in Redmond. Uh, people love those things, but this isn't the sort of love we're talking about. Okay? If you're, if you have a Tesla and you're upset, Hey, you're got a Tesla. You're doing pretty good. Okay. Don't worry about it. If, if now, if that's not the sort of love we're talking about here about, about your Tesla. Now, when it comes to translating the Bible, things are tricky. It's tricky. The reason why is because the Greek language, which is the original language of the new Testament, has four words for love. And we have one word for love. That's why things like I love my Tesla, seem to pop out at us because that's not what Jesus is getting at. That's it's, he's getting at a deeper love. Now the deeper love that Jesus is getting at, he uses the word agape, which is the highest form of love in the Bible.

Now this love is selfless. It is unconditional. It is sacrificial. It is, it is powerful. Love that we have for someone else. Now is anyone here? If you have kids or you have, maybe you're a parent or you know, you are a child and you've got parents. If you're one of those things, hopefully you're, you know, at least one of 'em you're born. Right? You understand <laugh> at least you get what I'm saying, right? Yes. If you love your child, that's the best we can do to explain this sort of love that Jesus has, he loves this kid unconditionally so much. He loves his people. This love is not easily matched by humanity. Now in this passage, who does it say, God loves "for God. So loved the, the world", the world. Who's the world. Doxa who's the world. Me. You us our church. The people on the east side, humanity, God loves the world.

That's the object. That's you? Do you understand that? You know, we live in a day where it's we often ask the question, how do we feel about God? Right? How do I feel about God? Do I believe he's true? You know, as I've pontificated, these various YouTube videos, books, I've been reading and I've ascertained, I'm not sure how I feel about God. It's--we ask questions about God, right? Who, who is this? God. And what does he do? Is he even real? Do I, should I even believe in him? We live in a day where you often ask question, how do I feel about God? But the most important question is not that it's. How do God feel about you? How does God feel about you? And here, I'm here to tell you--tell you today in a church, the most predictable line you've probably ever heard in a church.

God loves you. God loves you so much. How many of us have ever viewed God? Maybe? You know, I don't know where you're at. I became a Christian as an adult, as a teen--as a, as an older teenager in college, I don't know where you're at. Has anyone ever felt like maybe their view of God was distant or impersonal or he just felt like a little bit far off. That's my story. And maybe that's your story. That's not the God today. God is close. He's near he's personal. And he loves you very much. Now, maybe you've had a parent that was distant. Maybe you had a family member that was distant. So it's hard for you to understand the love of Jesus or the love of God for his people. Maybe that's hard for you, right? Or maybe you treat God, like you treated Tom on My space.

Did I just lose gen Z? Everybody on My space gets Tom. As a friend, you log on, he shows up on the page and there he is. And you're like, yeah, Tom's my friend. But do you know him? No.

Nobody knows Tom. But he was there and everyone under 25 is like, what are you talking about? <laugh> don't worry about it. You'll be distracted on your phone in short order. Anyway, it's not a big deal. We sign on, we get this automatic friend, right? But God's not an impersonal God. Like Tom is not an impersonal friend. And he's--God is not like our, our earthly parents. Who've tried to love us. And can't love us in all the ways we need to be loved, who have given us everything they could or maybe gave us nothing. God is not like our earthly parents. God is not an impersonal.

God. He wants you to know that he cares about you and his desires are for you. And the reason you're in the room is because he's ordained it because he wants you to know that for sure.

Okay. So God gives us an unconditional emotion because he loves the world. Okay?

Unconditional emotion. God loves the world, but he also gives us a perfect gift, a perfect gift, a perfect gift. He gave his only son. Now you don't have to give on your end, contrary to what you might think about religion and how religion works. Okay? You actually don't have to give on your end, but God sure does give on his end. And he shows us how much he loves us by the size of the gift. Quick question, who here has received a gift so big or so meaningful or valuable to you so magnificent that you kind of got emotional when you received it.

Anybody. Yeah. You got something and you went, this means a lot to me. I actually started crying. It's so powerful, right? For the ladies. Maybe if you're engaged, you're married. Maybe it's a wedding ring, right? Oh my gosh. I'm getting married. Something like that. Wonderful gift, powerful gift in your life. I received a gift once from someone, it made me cry. It was so unbelievable. It changed my life. It changed the way I thought about the cost of a gift and how much I would have actually needed the gift. Even though I didn't need about it--know about it. You can tell how much you mean to someone often by the cost of the gift, can't you. Right? But even more so by the need it fills. So the cost of the gift and the need, it fills. Look at the cost of God's gift.

Then the gift I received, I received that day. When I got my gift, it was costly because the cost demonstrates how much someone is willing to give up for you. Okay? If someone spends big on you, you can believe that there's a good chance. You might matter more. And what did God spend on you? Friends? What did God spend on you? You see Jesus was his only son. Parents. Imagine for a second, giving up your firstborn to a human being right now. I'm gonna right--just in a few minutes, I'm gonna be baptizing. My oldest daughter in that tank. I cannot wait to do that. Yes there's. Yes. I'm so happy. I love you, babe. She's gonna get baptized in there. It's unbelievable. Right? She's my only my, my firstborn daughter. Imagine if I had to give her up, I couldn't do that. Jesus wasn't just a wonderful, loved child.

He was also a perfect child. He was valuable and perfect. And no one has ever been perfect, but Jesus was perfect. And so Jesus was God's perfect gift to the world. And the cost was really high. So the cost is high, but what about the need? Right? Because if it fills the need and it's expensive now, all of a sudden you've got yourself a gift. Now all only was God's gift costly to him. It was incredibly needed by us. Look at verse 17, John chapter, uh, three verse 17 says this "for God did not send his son into the world to condemn the world. But in order that the world might be saved through him", Hey, I'm gonna be, I'm gonna level with you. Okay? I'm gonna level with you. If you don't know this, the world is a sinful place. What do I mean by that?

I mean, there's lots of bad things happening. I mean, we experience brokenness loss. We grieve, it's painful. We experience doubt. These things are hard, right? It's difficult. How many of us have done something that we shouldn't have done? And we've hurt someone as a result of that? Anybody? Yeah. We've all done it. If you haven't, you should be preaching. Okay. It's called sin. Sin is a condition that we experience. It brings about harm to the world. It brings about harms to others and it brings about harm to God. This is, or this is what sin essentially is. But did you know there was a time on earth where there was no such thing as sin where humanity lived in perfect relationship with God. What might that have been like every day must have been great, right? This, this, this day did happen. They lived perfectly together.

There was no pain or suffering, not even death, nothing, but one day of course, humanity. They decided to rebel against God. Okay. And with that rebellion came sin and death. Have you ever received a warning from someone about, this is me. Have you ever received a warning from someone to not do or say something? And then you went, nah, I'm gonna do it anyway. And then you did it and you went, oh my gosh, I should have just listened. Has anyone done that? Or the, the, the quintessential line is, you know what, if you're dating the guy, right? I just, I just wanna fail my own way. You know, I wanna find out that this is not the right way. No, you don't. You don't wanna find out. You gotta let other people pay your dumb tax. Okay? Humanity didn't do that. This is exactly what humanity did.

They didn't listen to God. They didn't listen to God. And now we suffer. See sin, infiltrates, humanity--humanity through Adam and Eve and all human beings. Everyone who's bared after inherits that sinful nature. That's why we're all here. You see the pain and suffering that this world has, it was never supposed to happen. We were not designed for this fractured existence. So God decides he's gonna send Jesus into the world. He's gonna send him into the world. And for those that would believe in Jesus, that he was the, uh, was the, he was the atonement for our sins, that he was the guy who would essentially inherit all of our sin and give out, uh, right his righteousness, if we believe in him, we would not be condemned for our sin. Cuz the wages of sin is death. We would not be condemned. Instead Jesus would be condemned on our behalf.

Okay? And Jesus is the perfect gift in this setting because we needed a perfect gift to pay for our sins. It took a perfect savior to take our sin away and God gave that gift. He gave it so he offers an amazing gift, but a gift. Isn't the only thing God gives. He also gives us a promise. Check this out. The greatest promise. Remember, "so God so loves the world. He gave his only son that whoever believes would not perish". There's your promise with the gift becomes the promise that God would remove your imperfection from you and give you Jesus' perfection. And what do you have to do to get that?

All you have to do is believe, believe in this Jesus, that's it. Verse 18. Oh, John three 18 says "whoever believes in him is not condemned". Hey, that's it. That's it. Wh--you believe in Jesus? Do you deeply and earnestly believe that he is who he says he is. That he'll save you from your brokenness, from your loss, from the brokenness of other people in this hard world. You believe that then all you have to do is hold fast to your belief. And you're in relationship with him and his righteousness counts for you and you go free and you can flourish in joy and peace in this life. And the next, now you might read that and go, man, whoever believes is not

condemned, that feels like strong to me. Like I was vibing until I heard the word condemned and all of a sudden it's like, whoa, like that's heavy.

Condemned seems like a strong word. I mean, what's it condemned anyway. And, and how are you sort of condemned? Well, you're condemned for one reason and one reason only. And by the way, it's not because you didn't pray the prayer. It's not because you didn't give enough. It's not because you didn't go to the right church. It's none of those reasons, okay? You didn't give the right amount of money. We're only condemned because we did not accept the lifeboat that Jesus is. Let me explain. Verse 19 of chapter three, it says, "and this is the judgment or the condemnation" friends. Listen, the "light that's Jesus has come into the world and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil". Let me explain this to you for a second. You think, wow, that's a lot. Check this out. The physical earth it's experiencing decay.

It's people and the creation, the planet. We only perish because we do not believe Jesus has the power to save us in the midst of a hard and broken world. You see the gift of Jesus is that lifeboat. He's the rescue boat. The world is in a monsoon with choppy waters, 17 miles an hour winds, the winds flying around. Everything's crazy. And if we perish in those waters of this crazy hard world, it's only because we decide that the cold frigid waters in that place are more pleasant than the warmth of the boat cabin that Jesus freely is offering us. Jesus Christ has his hand extended towards you. You've got salvation here. Do you-- would you like it? Or do you think it's you think it's up for a good swim? Do you got your boogie board? Do you wanna go for a ride?

We know though certain death awaits us in those waters Jesus' offer for salvation friends is real. And here's the kicker. Here's the, here's the kicker. Jesus is the only solution. There is not another solution you see, he's the only lifeboat in those choppy waters of life. He's the only one. He's the only one you can't, you can wish and hope that there's gonna be other boats coming or you can imagine, or conjure up a series of other boats that you're piecing together from various other places. And hoping that that boat maybe one day will take you or you can believe in the real hardcore, legitimate boat. That is Jesus. His offer for salvation. It's real. And at best, I hate to say it, but you're flipping a coin that own ideas that you've put together in your own head about life and morality and about whatever life is gonna be about after you die is somehow true.

It's a coin flip, but luckily for us, the promise isn't the end. So he gives us an unconditional emotion, a perfect gift, right? He gives us the greatest promise. Whoever believes shall not perish. And then he gives us an unfailing result. We'll have eternal life. God's promise does not just stop at not perishing. Like what does that mean? Exactly. God also ensures that we have an eternal destination. Praise God. He ensures you have an eternal destination. Let me ask you a question for those of you--Maybe I, I don't know. Jesus. I have no idea. What's gonna, what happens when you die? Do you know? Do you have a guess? You could say no one knows. Sure. But we're all gonna die and what's gonna happen. I can say. And I'll just ask the question. Do you believe in Jesus for those of you, do you believe in Jesus?

Do you want that? Do you want him, do you want him to save you from your brokenness and the brokenness of others? If you do want that, I can say to you that not only can you be saved, but you will be saved and that you will spend an eternity, apart from Christ, what other

worldview can offer you? That sort of guarantee. Now how many of you feel like that's hard to believe? Yeah, that's tough, right? It's hard to believe, right? You know, actually this concept is what separates, uh, authentic following of Jesus from other religions. Do you know that this concept of grace, that Jesus Christ welcomes you into his family and all you have to do is believe this is the only other worldview that offers such a, such a, a promise. It's pretty crazy. All other religions actually have other worldviews.

They have contingencies on them, right? They have contingencies. They're not covenants. They're contracts. Right? You signed on it. If you fulfill your duties, I'll fulfill my duties, right? That's how it goes in religions. Outside of authentic, authentic Christianity. You actually have to, I don't know. You gotta pray the prayer. You've gotta live the life. You gotta do this and do that. And if you don't, man, the smite of God is gonna rain down on you. If you step on the crack on that sidewalk, it might happen. It might take you out. And that's why so many people that friends, that I know, people that I've done this, we try to clean ourselves up before engaging in a church. Like I gotta get myself ready because man, if I mess up in that church, woo, those people are gonna judge me.

I mean, I I've got a lot of skeletons in my closet. I I've been hurt. I've been harmed. I've been divorced. I've had issues. I've been in fights. My past is deep. I don't know. I might have to clean myself up. That church is gonna reject me that God is gonna reject me. That might be hard. Oh, I don't think I can do that. So I gotta clean myself before I engage a church. That's kind of like saying, I've gotta, I wanna go to the gym, but I gotta lose weight before I get there. You know, I I'm really excited for the gym. And I've been thinking about all this exciting stuff I'm gonna do, but I gotta really get in shape before I show up. Or it's like saying, you know what? I, I, I'm going to the doctor. I'm sick. Something's wrong with me.

But I gotta really just do some surgery and figure this thing out before I go in, I gotta at least show them that I tried. Right. Get the scalpel, honey. And you're you're in there working on yourself. That's what we're doing. When we say I gotta clean myself up. Before I walk into a church building, you go to church for healing. You don't go to show you're healed. This is not that sort of place. And if you've been judged by people, I I'm so sorry that you've walked into a church in the past. And those people have made you feel like you were less than, but guess what? We're all less than. That's the whole point of church. We're all here. We all recognize our loss and our brokenness. We don't have it together. And we come to this place cuz we need a savior to put us together.

And then we should go out and tell the world about this guy because Hey, you don't have it together either. And we gotta know about this guy cuz you and I we're the same. That's what the church is for. Don't do surgery on yourself before going the hospital friends. Okay? In the Bible, you don't find a tit for tat angry. God, who's looking to smite you in case you are not up to his own standards. Okay? You have a God that's willing to help you to love you friends. We don't, we're not supposed to obey God so that he loves us. We're supposed to obey him because he already has loved us. That's the point of the gospel? Look at John chapter 10, verse 29. "My father who has given them to me is greater than all" talking about God, the father, "and no one is able to snatch them out of the father's hand", who can snatch you out of the father's hand, Christian nobody.

So why do you believe the lies of the world? The lies of other people, the lies of your mom or your father, the other people in your life that have said, oh, I don't really know about this. Jesus. I don't really know if you're saved. I don't really know if this is even true. Maybe you should just do whatever. You'd like, it's a lie. No one can snatch you. Out of the father's hand, you go into the hands of the father and once you're there, you cannot be taken away. You may wrestle with doubt. You may dabble in your missteps, but once you make a decision to follow Jesus wholeheartedly, you are his, The sacrifice of Jesus was too great. A gift for God to give up, to let you just slip through the cracks of his fingers. And no one who God has set out to rescue will go unsaved. If you, in your, in your understanding, you believe I love Jesus. Just, I'm just figuring things out. I'm just trying to figure this out. Praise God. He will welcome you. So you have a decision to make, you have a decision to make.

You can come into the world that Jesus has laid for you. You've seen how far Jesus is willing to go. How are you gonna respond? Here's my advice with you die with Jesus. Jesus Christ died and was buried. If you want, Jesus can take your sin to the grave. Along with him, he can take all of the evil, the injustice that you've committed. All of the things that have happened to you with him to the grave. He can stay there for three days and he can come out with a new life for you, a new identity, a new heart with new desires, with new purpose and new meaning. Or you can continue trying to figure out your own way with the lights off, feeling your way out of the building of life in the dark. What would you like to do

In a few moments? We're gonna be baptizing. Some people here, baptism is an outward profession. <affirmative> of an inward reality. Those who have been baptized have declared in their hearts. Man, I want this Jesus to count for me. I want this Jesus, his, his blood to cover me. I need his salvation. Cause I've lived this life and I'm telling you, it is just, it is difficult. It is difficult. And they acknowledge, you know what? I've I've studied. I've ascertained. I've looked at it. This book is true. This is a book. Not for me. It's a book about me. It's a book that has discovered and uncovered who Jesus is and I'm excited about it. And I believe it's true. That's who gets baptized. It's an outward profession. Then you get to declare your, your sal--your salvation, your faith to the outside world. You get to do that.

I stole--I told a story here a couple, uh, few weeks ago, uh, up in that balcony, about 12 years ago, I was sitting up there with my friend and uh, he's not, he was not a Christian. And he was just sitting there and the preacher started talking about baptism. He started kind of going, okay, here we go. By, the end of it, the person made the call to say, Hey, listen, now's the time you've made the decision in your heart. It's time to go. And he went, okay, fine. And he went, got down, got changed and got dunked right in that tank, declaring to the heavens and the earth that he is property of king Jesus friends. You get to do this. You can make the same choice here today. I know for a absolute fact that there are people sitting in here right now that want to be baptized that are making and knowing in their hearts that I need to give my lives over to this Jesus.

And we can make that absolutely official right there, right here in just a few moments that can happen. I'm gonna do it to my daughter. I'll do it to you. You wanna jump in, come on. We can do that. Okay. No more meaningless pain or suffering in your life. Wondering whether or not why all the loss and the shame and the hurt no more. Then we're trying to understand why,

why you have so much money and why the goals of, of climbing the corporate ladder and accruing more wealth where those goals are actually headed. And why am I gonna have it all just to die? No more wondering about that. No more wondering whether or not the pain and suffering you've seen your loved ones. Experience means anything. No more pretending like you're not going to die one day,

No more wondering if you're living, how you're living matters, you can be free. You can be free of it all. What? The son sets free is free. Indeed. That's right. Let me pray for us. Lord Jesus, you are king. You are Lord. You are sovereign. We love you. We pray for your spirit to be in this room that we might hear you today. As we finish out our time together, that as we sing to you, as we respond to you, Lord God that you're present, pray that the people there that that are willing to be baptized that are ready, their hearts are there. Lord Jesus. And I pray that you open their hearts and minds and they might meet you in a new and amazing way. And for my friends here that just needed a, a, a quick refreshment, they just needed to, they just needed to win Lord spiritually, Lord God, would you, would you grant that to them? Would you show 'em how kind you are, how freely you give salvation, who receives salvation? Whoever wants it, Lord Jesus. I pray that they make that declaration. Now you can be free and then you can be empowered to live the way that God has called you to live by the spirit. We love you Lord in his name. Amen.

