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Jerry Leachman

J Jerry Leachman 00:00
Well listen

J Jerry Leachman 00:06
well that's what we call once more for the linemen

J Jerry Leachman 00:18
you just kind of know who you are, don't you?

J Jerry Leachman 00:27
Okay. Yeah, I remember, you know, life is so depends on your perspective. My first day, my first scrimmage with the varsity as a freshman at Alabama was on the first team, freshman defense, and they give you about a week and then they then they pull you up and play against the first team varsity, and it's just a bloodletting. And because, you know, everybody's all American from where they come from when you're recruited. And it's like the Marines when you get there. You know, they got to remind you of who you really are. And how long are you going to take that picture dude go ahead

J Jerry Leachman 01:17
Thank you. Thank you. Thank you very much

J Jerry Leachman 01:26

appreciate all the applause and adulation the words of Dolly Parton's husband on the honeymoon night hey all this for me

J Jerry Leachman 01:43

Hey, I said it was a men's retreat sounds like a jet airplanes coming through the room. Don't make me come over there bro. Yeah, back to Alabama. And it's a matter of the way you see things. They pulled us up and man these are guys I'd seen on TV you know like national TV and here I am lined up against him. I was an outside linebacker. And I was little small but I was slow. At least I had that going for me. My first practice, they had us running through some plays with the varsity one of our coaches McLemore who who's our athletic director nice and Leachman. You know this these are full speed drill son. I said oh, yes, sir. I was going full speed

J Jerry Leachman 02:39

we played Auburn. And we had a great quarterback and he got hurt. And this is a true story. Pete And Pat dye was the coach at Auburn by then pat dye was my position coach as a linebacker. He was our linebacker coach. When he was just starting out under coach Brian of Alabama, ended up a great head coach at Auburn coach the Heisman Trophy winner, Bo Jackson. But we were playing Auburn and we had a great quarterback got hurt late in the fourth quarter went down. Coach Bryant put our second team quarterback in and he said we had a five point lead, meaning a field goal couldn't be this, but a touchdown could and we were not quite to their red zone we were on about their 30 Almost to the red zone and Coach Bryant told our backup and I'm not naming these guys because I think it might take them I don't I don't want them to look me up one day and make you pay for this. Because they are my brothers. And he told this guy said no look. Our first team quarterback are all Americans down. You just finished this game out boy. Now you get in there and whatever you do, do not throw the football. You just hand it off and we'll go for a field goal and that license time will run out we're gonna win this game against Auburn Tigers. Yes, sir. He got in there and you know was totally pumped on adrenaline. You know, his brain was fried by the time he got the snap from the quarterback went back the handoff total busted play. There was no back there. You know, so he looks around. He's all on his own. Here come the Tigers. At that time he sees our tight end in the endzone doing like this. So he thought man this is my shot at glory. throws the ball the fastest man on the field for eating team was Auburn's free safety. That kid dashed you know how they just come off the screen onto the screen, intercepted that ball and was heading up the sideline for six points. Our second team quarterback ran that guy down and tackled him on the third they kick a field goal we win by two and after the game Pat guy came over and asked Coach brights and I don't get it. We had the fastest man on the field. Your second team quarterback runs them down. How does that happen? coach Brian said, Son that simple. Your guy was running for a touchdown, my guy was running for his stinking life

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they say if you're in Africa and you're a gazelle, you better get up in the morning and start running because there's gonna be a tiger after you. They say if you're an African Tiger, you better get up and start running. Because if you don't catch it, gazelle, you're going to starve to

death. So in either case, you better get up and start running boys. Now, you've heard me tell this before, but a few years ago, I was in Paris, not Texas, France.

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And doing some family counseling with the personnel in the, in the United States Embassy there most mostly naval officers, flag officers. And so on Friday, a captain in the Navy said to me, you know, you've been over here, pour in your hearts and us. Is there anything we can do for you? I said, Yeah, I'd like a car. I'd like a driver and I want to go see Omaha Beach, June 1944. My father was at Omaha Beach. If you ever go to Omaha Beach and see anybody buried in that cemetery, which is a holy place now we visited notre DOM. And that's a tourist stop now now nowadays. But you walk through a little pine thicket when you get to Omaha. And then you walk out of the pine thicket, and you see that cemetery row upon row of our boys and those white crosses. And it brings tears to the eyes of a stone dog. And the other thing I requested from the Navy captain is and understand there's a Marine colonel there who's the commandant who briefed Steven Spielberg when they made the movie the saving of Private Ryan because he knows everything he's he's our national historian on what happened that day. They gave me two hours with him. Now we went to the edge of the bluff. He took us in the German pillbox and battlements that are still there, and it's what the military calls a crossfire they were pointed down the beach like this. So if you were able to shield yourself that way, they had to come in that way. The tide was out when we looked over the bluff. Is that something I'm doing wrong? That little buzzing

J Jerry Leachman 07:54

Thanks, bro. Got it?

J Jerry Leachman 08:02

Get away from it. Wheelbarrow Tara, you don't know nothing about machinery. Yeah. He's a musician. He beat me to the punch line. We looked out and the tide was out. And it must have literally been a quarter of a mile from that bluff to the water in the shallows. So the men were led out even further out the way that through the water. I said, you know, I had no idea no movie, no picture can do this justice. How in the world. Did we win this battle? He looked at me and said Son, this battle took two years to plan. It had four major elements that had to happen. Weather air cover 16 inch shells from the big guns from the ships. One other thing I can't remember what he told me said all four failed. He said the first wave and the landing parties were Academy graduates, senior officers, battalion commanders, the cream of the cream. Almost all killed. The second wave junior officers enlisted men and Seabees pinned down on the beach. I said I had no idea. We're down to that. How in the world did we win this? He said, Well, son. They realized that day there were only two kinds of men on that beach. Dead men and men who were going to get their butts off at beach. They organized themselves in a little group, they designated leaders and they got off the beach. Now I speak them in almost every day somewhere. And when I'm leaving here, I'll be heading up to Jackson Hole. I'll be speaking at a conference up there. And you know what? Most of them are pinned down on the beach. I'm going to tell you boys, you're on the clock. You don't have forever to be whatever it is you're going to be and do whatever you're gonna do. I counsel a lot And I was talking to a man now

that I said, now what's the deal? You're just going to be screwed up your whole life and then die. Why wouldn't you just get your butt off the beach and live and do something with your life? I want to tell you this. Jesus Christ walks through the pool of Bethesda one day, and there's a guy lay in there for 30 something years the angel stood the water and he couldn't roll his rear end over there and get in and 30 something years. And Jesus said to him, do you even want to be healed? A lot of guys don't want to be healed. It's what we in counseling we call a victims complex as long as they have something or somebody to blame. It absolves them from getting off the beach and making something of their life. I counsel guys who just go from counselor, the counselor, just so they can tell their little success story. It's exactly what I think about it. You know why? Because I got one, you got one. Everybody has one of those? Don't you know that? Here's 50 cents, call someone who cares? If that's all you've got to say, you will die a broken man. And that's why most men bury their fathers and walk away from the grave site, saying Who in the world was at all the wrong set of dreams, and they don't know who they are. I'm exhorting you man today to get off the beach, I'm exhorting you to get healed and, and get out there and make something of your life. Now I'm going to tell you, some of you are self righteous, and some of your idol worshipers. I can pick it up in the conversation. I've heard some of you disgrace your wife publicly in the way you talk, and you're shrouded in humor. Now I got a guy that called me a few weeks ago, in Washington, he said, I know important people, but I can't get to you. I said, Well, I'm not important. I just got a bumper crop of crazies right now minister to he said, Well, how about I invite you to Lansdowne golf course and play the Greg Norman course for free. So it sounds like God's in that brother.

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Jerry Leachman 12:13

I'll be important if you want me to be. Truth is, I thought God was in it. Because I happen to have that afternoon free and I was going to try to maybe go to the normal place I play just say I'm a single put me with somebody. I just wanted to get out and walk the course. We went out there, we practiced a little kid a few balls, we were headed to the number one tee and I got a call from my wife. Holly. Turns out this man is in that great big class I teach on Tuesday, and I did recognize him when I saw him I'd never really had a relationship with him. But you know, he'd been in that big class for a number of years. I tell a lot of stories and men get a get into those stories with me and take the ride with me. And Holly, call me and when I hung up the phone, I just said, you know, she is awesome. I just serve in her wake. And I don't know what else I said about her. But he stopped the golf cart before we got to the first tee and he looked at me said, Jerry, do you think God answers your prayers? And I thought, you know, I don't really know him? Is this one of these dudes that ask you all these little trip Christian questions where there's no real answer, you know, kind of makes him the rabbi because you can never answer any of the questions. I thought, Well, I'm not going to be that paranoid. I'll just answer it. Like, it's not a trick question. I said, Yeah, I did. A lot of times, it's no, but I believe he answers every prayer I send up. He said I need to. I said really? Why said you don't realize but half the time when you're teaching us if it comes to family or something like that. And your wife's name comes up? You absolutely honor her. You don't even know you're doing it. You honor her publicly. And First Peter three, seven is this treat your wives with honor, that your prayers may not be hindered? He said, I don't think your prayers are hindered a bit because you speak honorably of your wife. And I'm going to tell you this publicly sad wife was a rebuke to her husband. Now, I counseled the young kids that want to get married. And then at the end of the counseling, I'll take the guys and Holly I'll take the girls will do one on one. And I say ask me any question. You don't want to ask your father. And they do. One of the things that comes up quite often they say, you boy, if I could just know you and Holly been married 37 years, if I could just know after that time, my wife would end up like Holly and I rebuke him when they

say that. You know why? On the day we got married, what guarantees the half? None. But I had a dream. And I had a vision that I was willing to pay For, that I was willing to suffer for that I was willing to give my time to. And that was to have a godly wife whose children would rise up and call her blessed it. I had that dream when I was 21 years at All Saints Episcopal Church in Atlanta, Georgia the day we got married. We didn't have any kids yet, but I swear to God, I came from a divorced family where there was no love. Now, I want to tell you, Britt Hume and the guys said, how do you be a journalist and not just vilify and crucify people had to follow Jesus and be a journalist. I said, Britt, when I find out, I'll let you know. This is kind of on the job training for me. I'm not sure if there's ever been a journalist Bible study in the history of the world. This is the one thing they don't prepare you to do. We began to study first Corinthians 13. And the default in that now that's the love chapter. They read it all the weddings, you know, that one? beautiful, poetic during the wedding rehearsal. That's the one where the mother of the bride looks in the eyes of the pastor and says, No, Pastor, I want you to read Corinthians 13, the love chapter and I want you to stare in the eyes and my son in law the whole time you read I've had him say that to me. But Paul says, I can be this I can be that I can be this and I can be that. But if I don't have love, you know what the default is you don't lose 50 points. You don't even lose 80 points. Since you're nothing. Now my wife Holly sees it that way. She was driving carpool with a bunch of our youngest son when he was like in junior high middle school. Middle school, that's the worst idea. They say if you don't believe in purgatory volunteer to be a counselor at middle school camp for one week. Anyway, these kids gotten a put down cut fight. And it didn't take but about 10 minutes before they were destroying each other and feeling started getting hurt. There were both girls and boys in there. Started in kind of negative jest. And it ended up venomous, contemptuous. And my wife looked in the rearview mirror and said with a loud voice, do you know what I see in the back of this van and all the kids got quiet? She said I see. Nothing. There's nothing in the back of his van. All you kids name the name of Christ. And you're destroying each other. You're not showing any kind of love. And the Bible says if you don't have love, you're nothing i which were some of the pH. DS in theology knew that I have guys that quote the Scripture and they know how to do it. But they have not love or not that's a very severe default in it. Now when you look at Daniel, I want to I'm gonna give you a teaching this morning on prayer. The reason I'm talking about your wife God connects those dots. You go That's not fair. What Why does have to God connect those dots? Let me just tell you something. I want to show you how absolutely serious God is about this. And then I'm gonna give you a teaching. Coaching Yup, I'm getting getting you ready to play in the real world. Now Oh, priests. This is in Malikai chapter two, the last book in the Old Testament. Now Oh, priests, this commandment is for you, if you will not hear if you will not take

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it to heart. Take it to heart if you don't take it to heart.

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To give glory to my name, says the Lord of hosts. I'll send a curse upon you. Now you know they have these little Bible Promise things they sell Christians to put on the breakfast table and they have a little promise about the promise and Psalms where it says If I regard iniquity in my heart, God will not hear me. Here's a nice promise for you. He says this, If you don't give glory to my name, I'm going to send a curse upon you. Now these are people who should know better. To whom much is given much is expected. I'll curse your blessings, all your religion. Yes,

I've cursed them already because you have not taken it to heart. You don't mean business? The holdout rebuke your descendants. I know fathers that call down curses on their own children and grants Sheldon, the Bible says, The sins of a father will can be passed on, it's possible to be passed on to the second, third and fourth generation. That was me. I was the recipient of some of my grandfather's and my father's sins. The reason my family and my marriage and my children, my grandchildren die for them daily. If I can't do it at home, why in the world would I come? What would I have to say to you boys? You should tell me shut up and go home. Now I know a man I know three men who went to see Mother Teresa, I know all these men. That's why I know this is true. What I'm telling you because these men I've known for years, they were in Calcutta so overwhelmed to be in her presence. One of the man's a successful businessman has two or three private planes. He was so overwhelmed to be in her presence. While she was talking to the other two men. He took out his checkbook, and he wrote her a check for \$1 million. Which he could do. He took it out of his checkbook, and he handed it to mother when it was his turn to have a little audience with her. She took that check, look down at it. She can read. She spoke several languages. She reached out and handed that check for a million dollars back to that man who's my friend. And you know what she told him? Mike, go home and love your family. She had discerned something about that man that he was getting his strokes being Mr. Good guy out in public. Everybody praised him for giving money. I'm sure most of the Christian ministers would tell him what a saint he was, and how God was going to blessing for his generosity. She handed a million dollars back to him and said go home and love your family. That would probably be her message to a lot of you boys here today. When you leave here, you need to go home and love your family. You know why? Those of you that are married? And if you're not married yet, get the lesson now and save yourself some heartache. Why does God connect these dots? Because listen, he said because you don't take it to heart. I'm going to rebuke your descendants. And I'm gonna spread refuse on your faces. Any guesses what that means? In Hebrew, the word refuse. This is very graphic language, you know, the Bibles are rated easily. He said I'm on a spread refuse on your faces, the refuse of your solemn feasts. And one will take you away with it. Basically, God said I'm so tired of you guys. All the sacrifices and little religious things you're doing for me, I'm gonna rub it right back in your face. You will offend me. I mean, we've been talking about love, love, love so much. You think God can't be offended? God can be offended. Of course it's all grace. That's the point. He's so holy. What could you do to earn it? God's gonna owe us a penny I never begged Jesus people to give Jesus a try. I tell him he's doing you a favor. Trains pulling out why don't you jump on? It'll be the greatest decision of your life. But you're not giving him a try. He's giving you a break. Because what he's given you. This is the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. He connects these dots because of this reason. Those of you that are married oh, here's what I tell these young if I just knew Holly, my wife would turn out like Holly after all these years I said You fool. A lot of what Holly turned out to be is because of Christ's working in my life. A lot of what I've turned out to be is Christ in her life. I never prayed in the morning. I didn't like quiet times. I would get straight up run out in the driveway, get the paper and have my quiet time laying on the couch reading the sports page. Holly one me without a word. I would come downstairs and we have an elephant chair we had upholstered especially for our young son Tucker to sit in on Christmas morning. Nobody could sit in that chair at family meetings. Sometimes we go to church sometimes we're back church and we have home church. We have about an hour long Bible study and discussions we do both and and Holly meals by that elephant chair, elephant per chair every morning she's done it so many years. The arms are frayed. They are you come to my house. I tell the story and some men come to my house. We'll invite him for cookout. So walk straight and go where's the elephant share? They look in and go Doggone it there afraid we'll never get it recovered. So Holy Place chair. She wanted me without a word. Hi, Judy, here they're praying. Now the first thing I do is I get up and I go to that elephant chair and I pray first thing in the morning. Now, if you can't have a vision, and take responsibility for how your wife's turning out,


lay your life down, pay for it suffer for whatever load, however long, wherever we're going, I'm in. Now that's a covenant then your words no good. How can you say that? Now those of you that were married in a church, you stood up and you made a vow, the minister had said something like this, Do you solemnly swear? Before God and these witnesses? Did you just hear what I just said? You give a vow before to people who God and these witnesses and you make the vow to your wife now in Hebrew, the word vow means debt. When you make a vow, you become a debtor. And when do you cease to be a debtor when the vows paid? Now think back on your marriage vows How long did you make them for? I'll give this thing a shot for three months in the name of Jesus, amen. You made them for life. The vow was only fulfill when the debts paid that's why I'm so mafioso about Christianity. Well, I don't suppose when you made that vow, you know, I heard you make the vow to my daughter. You know, I don't forget. I don't forget. God's the ultimate, ultimate mafia. Don, if you think about it, because he wants us to be family. He wants us to give blood to join up, and it'll cost your blood to get out. I'll tell you this, boys, if I can't keep a vow to my wife and lay my life down for my wife, who I voluntarily stood up in front of a church of 300 people and made that vow, holy vow to God before all those people my wife, if I can't do that, I forfeit my prayer life. And I forfeit my right to have one stinking thing to say to you. Are you catching the vision the sin of this now when you look at Daniel in the lions den you know what put him in there? They told him to stop praying. So what does Daniel do? goes to his room and prays now three times a day with the window open? Go ahead make my day. Now, here's the amazing thing about it. Daniel was in his late teens when this happens. Me scheck, Shadrach and Bendigo were kids. You know, in Psalm 39, it says this, my heart was hot within me. While I was musing, the fire burned. Does that remind you of a talk you've heard lately? Then I spoke with my tongue, Lord, make me to know my end. That I may know how frail I am indeed, you have made my days as handbreadths My age is nothing before you. Certainly every man at his best date is but a vapor.

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Surely every man walks about like a shadow. Boys we are only one breath away from eternity. One breath away from eternity. Now I tell you, you talk about a man for the for the times. Daniel, me Shaq, Shadrach and Abednego are the leaders for us. Nebuchadnezzar was the most powerful man in the entire world. There wasn't even a close second Babylone one of the seven wonders of the ancient empire. They had two of them. And God decided to judge Israel in their rebellion. And God signed off on this captivity and Jeremiah prophesied that they would be in captivity for 70 years Daniel and these books ways were kidnapped. They took the cream of the Jews to Babylon and left everybody else behind. Hordes died because the old and the weak and the infirm couldn't take care of yourself because they took all the cream with them. Now the plan was to educate them. And it would be a three year program and they were going to brainwash them because they wanted them to become little Babylonians. Do you understand your culture is trying to do the exact same thing to you? Seriously, I'm not a conspiracy. Conspiracy theorists guy think there's plenty of sin to go around where you don't even need that crap. The world wants to brainwash you and make you and I little Bab Babylonians. Now, before they got there, the Bible says Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the king's wine or the king's delicacies you got to front load yourself up front before he went through that beautiful gate. He that he front loaded that I will not defile myself. I know who I am and I'm not going to forget who I am. Now God had brought Daniel into favor and the goodwill of the Unix now his buddies his three buddies they were all 16 or 17. When they first time they entered that gate to be brainwashed and made little Babylonians Daniel's name means God is my judge. They changed it to Belshazzar which means Bell protect the king. Hannah Niaz name is the Lord is gracious they changed his name to Shadrach which

means command of a coup. Babylonian demonic entity. Michel means who is like the Lord, and he was given the name nichette. Who is what a coup is. And they changed these boys names. Now. God gave Daniel Favre, I'm going to come back to that in a little bit. When I talk about prayer. Here's one of the things I want to say to you. These boys were playing defense when they went into captivity. They were in the most pagan culture imaginable. That's why Christians have been so isolated. They've been preaching to themselves. They never really come up with a product that can withstand a secular onslaught. That's why I'm coaching you so hard. I know the team we're going to be up against next. I'm not guessing. I know it. I think you do too. You better learn to play offense, stop playing defense stop being half hearted, or you will get rolled like dice. These boys refuse to bow when they blow a horn. They refuse to be little Babylonians. They refuse to worship demonic gods. And so they were threatened to be cast into the fiery furnace heated 10 times the normal kindling temperature of a furnace. The Babylonians were master glazing bricks right before they went into the fiery furnace, the most powerful man in the world Nebuchadnezzar says, and who is the god who will deliver you from my hands? Shadrach Meshach. and Abednego answered and said, Oh, king, Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to even talk to you about this. Can you believe these three teenage boys told that King that

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is, he said, King, we don't need to talk to you. But since you ask,

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he said, we don't even need to answer you in this matter. If that is the case, if we're going into the fiery furnace, our God whomever we serve, is able to deliver us from the burning furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand oh king, but if not, let it be known. Oh King, we will not serve your gods. We do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up. In the Hebrew I can tell you what that means without even taking Hebrew. Listen, King. We may be confused about some things but here's one thing we're not confused about. God will rescue us if he wants to. And if he doesn't see now, now the TV evangelist, the prosperity guy is always going to tell you and God will always do what well, you know what? What a mockery to the millions and millions of our brothers and sisters who've been martyred because of their faith in Jesus Christ. What a mockery to them. I'm with them. I'm in solidarity with them. They're our heroes. arose the blood of the martyrs. That's happening today. Don't ever say that? How about having this kind of faith? Hey, King, you know what? If God wants to deliver us from that furnace, he will and you know what else if he doesn't? We really don't give a crap. We're not theologians, but we know this. We're not Babylonians. Do you think those kids knew who they were? Did they have all the right set of dreams? Do you? Now I asked my men these questions. Does God wants you to be a man of God? Yes or No? Has he given you everything? You need to be a man of God? Yes or no? Third question and how come you're not? There it is. You have the purpose in your heart. And I told you last night, if you're going to go ahead through life, fearing for your own life, you'll never be a man of God. This isn't a matter of IQ. This is a matter of who you serve. Everybody served somebody even Bob Dylan got that right, didn't he?

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You may be an ambassador to England of France. You might like to gamble, you might like to dance.

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You may be the heavyweight champion of the world. You might be a socialite with a long string of pearls, but you're going to have to serve somebody. Amen. Bob. Wonder who do you serve? Now? I love these kids. I want to be them. I want to be them. Now, here's the interesting thing about these boys. They had a very disciplined prayer life. On a close out this lesson with some thoughts on prayer. Now I want you to take notes. And if you're not able to do that, get them from somebody. Two things that will hinder your prayer life is that you don't honor your wife. You took a holy vow to death do you part. You need to have a vision to lay down your life. Peter says that you are to present your wife to Christ. She should be your number one disciple over your career, your golf game, your jogging or you're situps. Your wife is your number one disciple. I tell men that and they look surprised. And that's because of the holy vow. God's in the covenant. He don't forget. Now, the next thing that will hinder your prayer life are secrets. James one. James is the oldest book in the New Testament. It was written by the brother of Jesus. And when you read James, it sounds like somebody who was with Jesus a lot. And he says this, If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God who gives to all men liberally without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith with no doubting for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind For let not that man suppose he will receive anything from God. There's another promise they don't put in that little bread basket thing on your breakfast table. Now listen, man, I'm coaching you the way forward if you do what I'm saying you'll put some W's up in your life. If you don't, you'll get roll like dice. In the words of Hans and Franz, he me now believe me later.

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I tell him in this James says if you lack wisdom, which we all do, we all need wisdom, don't we? Let him ask of God who gives to all men and he upbraideth and it doesn't make you feel stupid when he tells you that but he says now if you're double minded don't expect anything from God. double minded. What is it? If you have secrets? Now I'll ask a man sometimes in a session, do you have any secrets? Sometimes I'll get the answer in this form. What do you mean secrets? I said thank you for being brutally honest. I never named the secret because you know some guys may have a genre of secrets. I haven't even fought up yet. But I will tell you this. Most men have a problem with lust. It's not about pornography. It's about lust. The reason I say that most Christian men a lot of Christian men aren't into hardcore pornography. They do softcore because somehow they ran rationalize, it's easier to rationalize if it's softcore. Maybe even the Playboy Swimsuit issue because they're not exactly naked. By the time you look at them in a bikini, you'll make them naked in your brain, trust me. I've had pastors confess to me that they'd be up in the pulpit about the preach and some woman comes into church, showing a little Christmas cleavage in her dress, you know? And he's like, Good lord, I don't I don't need that right now. So it's not about pornography, it's about lust. But if you have secrets, if you guard iniquity, in your heart, bitterness, anger, Jesus says, If you come to the altar with your gift, and your brother has anything against you, Go, make peace with him, and then come back. that'll handle your prayer life, and secrets will handle your prayer life. And I tell him in this if you have secrets, and you say you love your wife and your children, don't bother praying for the Bible says you don't need to expect anything from God. You don't love them that much

anyway. You can't lay your sex life down for them. You love yourself. I tell you, most of my ministry is trying to get guys out of denial and just put them in the real world. Men, I'm asking you this weekend to stop being conspicuous swimmers and idol worshipers. I'm asking you to have love. Do you see how I'm connecting these dots? Now? One of the greatest ways you can love your family and your kids for real instead of BS in it. Just burying it with a bunch of Christian language? Would you be willing to lay down your sex life and your fantasies and all those little naked girls that have become your little friends? Now if you're not here's a heart saying you don't love anybody. You're a white Washington, a walking corpse. And I don't care if you're a pastor. I don't care if you're the poker room. Boys, I'm telling you the truth. You know, I'm speaking the truth in this moment. When I met a computer, and I'm not absolved, I feel as horny from time to time as the next guy. And men confess to me, their moments of biggest temptation is when nobody's in that house for some reason. It's like when I was a kid, we used to have cold water and a jar in the refrigerator. And your mother said Don't you drink right out of that thing. But if nobody was in the house, all bets were off. Matter of fact, I so distrusted my brother with that water bottle when I come in to get a drink out hold it up to the light to see if I can see bread crumbs float minute. But when I am so tempted, because I just you know, they say men aren't that complicated all they really wants a beer into c sub nekkid. And when I am that tempted I really am tempted to double click and I've got it rationalize it won't be hard porn. It'll just be you know something. I've decided what it's like as you go into a voting booth. And when you double click your voting, here's what you're voting for. If you decide to double click on something that you know you shouldn't what I call a secret. It's like voting for this. Yes, I want to be part of the problem. I don't want to be part of the solution. Please identify me with all this crap and trash around the world. I want to support it by my participation. I'm with them. I'm a Babylonian that's who I am. I also vote this Yes. It's okay for my daughter. To sexually fantasize about the other men she sees at this children's soccer grandchildren's soccer game. It's okay for my son in law to have an affair in the office at work just fine with me that my boys get into pornography and masturbate up in their bedroom every night. Fine with me. I'm going to vote that this is fine with me. You know why? Don't expect God to do anything in the life of anybody else. You haven't let them do in yours first. Or you're a hypocrite and a phony. Now men don't think I'm overwhelming. Don't sit there and go the man this guy is lay and stuff. No, God never perfects, expects perfection out of us. But he does expect we not be hypocrites because that is within our grasp. And a hypocrite is just pretending to be something you're not. Have you noticed all during my talk? Why? Have I been confessing to you my sins I've stood up here public and said I'm like everybody else out there but I want to tell you this I sometimes get that clicker in my hand I go What would Jesus do and for some reason that doesn't help me that much you know why think well, he was the son of God but when I say I'm gonna vote what that has power over me because it comes right down. Do I really love the people I say I love and what am I willing to pay for that or suffer for that? I'm willing to give up all my little naked girlfriends guys. For them. Now, I know it shocks you that an ordained minister stands here and talking to you but I'm talking to you like men. Hope you feel like I'm honoring you. In that way, do you now I'm voting like Daniel, I'm laying down my sex life for my grandbabies.

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Can you tell this stuff matters to me? You know, the Apostle said, we just didn't give you the gospel. We gave you our life.

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We had a beach house. Fred Barnes lent us to have a nice beach house down in Florida and you have to fly into Orlando to get there. And I remember I was standing there and my little six year old granddaughter Kerrigan, named after her Irish grandmother. She has a little monogram backpack. She's a little girly girl. She has a heart as big as a watermelon full of love. She came running down that jetway and flew through the air and grabbed around my legs and said, Pop. All my kids and grandkids have always called me pop. She said, I love you pop, and she just held on and I looked at my daughter. I said when she's 16 she's going to Paris. That's it. She said that don't say that said she is gonna have to sell a house. I'm taking her to Paris when she's 16. You know, to her, I'm bigger than a lie to her. I'm a hero. They're her. I'm a patriarch. Well, you know what, men? Why not make your dreams come true? Why not be that. And I know I can't do that less. I'm willing to lay down my sex life. And lay down my anger. Jesus said when you come to the altar, if you have anything against anybody else, you go you go make it right. Now there are four attitudes. If you have in your relationship, you're done. Defensiveness, which is a male trait. That's a trait of a fool. You're uncoachable you're on teachable. You try to counsel a man who's a fool who's defensive. They can't learn anything. They have no learning curve. You know people like that. Some I said we need to go talk to him something you can't talk to them. That'll kill a relationship. stonewalling another male trait. Men finally hear enough and they build a stone wall around them go you know what, this is my castle. I rule inside here. Everybody else may rule out there. But this is my kingdom and I decide who comes in here. I did that to my oldest son is one of the biggest mistakes ever made as a father. When he was in high school. He stood up to me what was the issue? I have no idea. But there comes a moment and every child, every boy when he wonders if you can take the old man, I promise you they think that now I bluff mine beyond the years just because I did mind games with him. But I knew like three years ago Tucker could whip could whip me my youngest. But he stood up to me and in my pride. I froze him out. I didn't say bad things to him yell at him, but I just cut him off. And then do this otherwise, I Stonewall it said fine. I just cut him off emotionally. Hope that works out for you. It was wicked for me to do that. critical spirit is more of a female trait. That's the third one because women notice so many more details than men do. They notice little things that we don't get right. But here's the one if you have in your relationship, you're dead. This is the nuclear bomb. You can work with those three I just gave you this one it's over. The only thing that can fix this one is total repentance. And that's contempt. You see the other three are linear that contempt is horizontal. When you hold somebody in content, you have denounced them to a lower phylum. Now I heard a coach say contemptuous thing to apply. At one time, that guy ended up a psychologist and a counselor and confessor was in his 50s. He's doing all this. He's, he's still not over high school. And the coach said to this, to that boy said, You know what, son, you're just a piece of crap. You've always been crap. I had your brother, he's crap. And all you'll ever be is crap. Now, that's contempt. That's when you've, you've condemned them through a lower caste, or phylum than you are. Now I teach this and I have a lot of men come up to me said, Gosh, I've never heard it that way. I hold my wife in contempt. I've said things like that to my son or daughter. Men repent. Or you're going to be a dead man walking. Now, a couple of thoughts on prayer. I think I'll go to about a quarter till it's about 15 minutes behind, but this whole thing's been behind who's the boss? I'll deputize you. You give me your permission. Pete you're out. He's in. Okay.

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Now, there's a nice primer on prayer. will work about 1314 more minutes than Hit pause. You can go on the website, Dr. Adrian Peters. I think he's from Texas has a six point message on prayer. It's kind of a blocking and tackling primer for prayer. You go there and get that CD. I'm going to mention some of those points and then close out with some personal things. Dr.

Peterson says number one, six keys to answered prayer. You must pray in the name of Jesus. This gives your prayers authorities if you go to the bank with a cheque and write \$500 on it. I want \$500 to Jerry Leachman this money. They shouldn't give it to you. But if I sign that check, Jerry Leachman, my name's there. They'll give you \$500 Because that Chet was in my name. pray in the name of Jesus. I was always after the fox guys. put Jesus on the scoreboard has become the motto of our group putting Jesus on the scoreboard as the guys even if it's a field goal, take the points put him on the scoreboard. Say the name Jesus don't say the man upstairs or the good Lord say Jesus, don't be ashamed. Well, after Tony snow died, they had a panel of these notable journalists, Brit Hume was on it. And they kept talking about the joy telling had all the way to end finally Brit couldn't take anymore said Well, I'll tell you why. And they'll said, you know why? So I know why. So why is it because he had a relationship with Jesus Christ. That was like a train wreck in the studio. He said, How did that happen? He said, Well, there's this guy, Jerry Leachman. He's a chaplain with the Redskins. He's kind of a guy's guy said he came and shared the message of Jesus Christ with all of us, and we were ready to hear it. And Fred Barnes said, Well, it's just not him. It's me too. I'm a I have a personal relationship with Jesus. I'm not a theologian, but I can tell you before that happened, my life generally sucked. It's kind of going a lot better now. I mean, that was his summer. So there looked at Britain said you to send me to, you know, now he says he's getting invitations from all over the country to speak for groups, but he doesn't know the group. So he said, Would you go through it because some of them are kind of whacked out and I went through his Malaga. Yeah, you got some wackos in here. And you got some good ones. So now he said booked me two or three times a year, I want to get up and give my testimony for Christ. pray in the name of Jesus to pray in the Spirit. Romans 826 says we don't know how to pray. You know, we really don't know how to pray or what to pray for. Pete and I got together with some people out here almost 30 years ago. And Brian, we decided we wanted to pray all night. And I think we made it to 230 in the morning and couldn't think of one more name or one more issue. One more thing, and we just ran out of steam. And then we looked at each other. I said I can't think of any other vocabulary words. I know right now. Orchidee by Elsa, we quit. But the Bible says we don't know how to pray. I'll have somebody come to me and say pray for my Aunt Sally. She's at something. Well, how do I know God wants to heal out Sally or not? Jesus said Lord, I pray that those who have given me may be with me where I am. How do I know Aunt Sally and supposed to go with Jesus? Now? You know when I asked for prayer requests, almost all of them are for health issues. Almost none of them are for the salvation of the last Dr. Peterson says he believes that there are more prayers to keep saints out of heaven than there are centers out of hell. So you have to pray in the Spirit. I'm not leaving you confused as a Spirit to lead you in prayer. Ask the spirit to show you what to pray for. Just Humble yourself like a child realize you can't pray without the Holy Spirit. Matter of fact, Roman says it others up it it leads us in intercedes for us with groanings which cannot even be uttered. pray in the name of Jesus, pray in the Spirit. Pray in obedience to God. Men, it's foolishness and wicked to think God will answer your prayers and your rebellion. I've already quoted Psalm 6618. To you If I regard iniquity in my heart, God will not hear me. Your calling in fire on your own position. I counseled a man not too long ago who told me I'm a I'm a closet functioning alcoholic. I own my own company, but I drink a quarter bottle of bourbon every day. I said, Are you self medicating? He said yes, I have guilt and shame and pain. He said I was an artillery commander in Vietnam. And a young American boy called in and the excitement of a firefight. I could hear them in screaming in the background. He called in a longitude and latitude and said, put some artillery in here we're going down. He said I did. We went in the next day to do a damage assessment control. And I said let me guess You killed all our own boys. He said I killed all our own boys. That boy called in his own coordinates. Via notice some of you could because of the hardness of your hearts and you will not repent your Colin fire on your own position. Fool. Fool. Shame on you. Pray in obedience to God. Don't regard iniquity in your heart don't have secrets. Or just know this forfeit your prayer

life. Go find a godly man and ask him to pray for your wife and children. It won't be you. Number four, PRAY IN THE WILL OF GOD. The first verse I usually have men memorize when I began to disciple him is Proverbs three. I bet a lot of you know this trust in the Lord with all your heart. And all you in all your ways acknowledge him and he'll show you the way forward is what that literally means. And a man says What do you mean all my wife's ago? I don't know. They're your ways. Figure it out. Let me tell you praying in the will of God. If you're not willing to obey God and black and white, I'll have a couple of condiments a pastor, I think we believe God wants us to be married. I said you feel led that way says yes, we do. So that's wonderful. Are you having sex? And the guy doesn't have to do with that. I said, Well, the Bible reserves that for marriage. That's black and white. You don't even need counseling for that. You don't pray over that. Now if you're not a willing willing to obey God in a black and white area, you're coming to me with a shade of gray decision. Get married, don't get married? How in the world? Would you expect the lead you in a gray area? If you're not even willing to obey his will? In a black and white area? What should we do simple. Move out for three months before the wedding, let's just delay this thing. Because marriage is hard enough with Jesus. Much less you guys just pretending he's in there. If you're not living together, cease from having sex for three months. And then I promise you, you'll get a clear word from God. Because that's not involved. You know, a lot of times the guys will split. I don't know why girls don't get it. It's just free sex for the guys is what it is majority of time. They don't love them. They lust they love. They're in lust. They're not in love. Pray in obedience of God. In all your ways acknowledge him and let me tell you, this guy's stop striving, trying to find the will of God for your life. If you will get your heart right and I'm coaching you listen, if you will get your heart right. acknowledge Him in all your ways, and have this attitude of God says Jerry, I want you to do something and I say well do what is it Lord? My heart's not right. Here's when your hearts right, Jerry, I want you to do some Yes, Lord. Now what is it? Lord, the answer's yes. What's the question? When you get a heart like that? I'll promise you call me and tell me if I'm right or wrong. The will of God will find you. He knows how to die yet boys. He's got your number. The will of God will find you you don't find it. You don't do deals with God fellas he does deals with you. Pray in the name of Jesus. Pray in the spirit. Pray in obedience to God. Pray in the will of God. The fifth one is pray and fellowship with other believers. I heard a story about a little girl who got in trouble at the dinner table for complete insubordination and terrible attitude out of control. Her mother said head up to your room, you're going to bed now. Mother went up with her and she said, Now before we go to bed, let's have our prayer. So the little girl prayed for her dog, her daddy, her classmates, her playmates next door and said Amen. And she turned to her mother. She said, I guess you notice you weren't in there

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man, I'm like that little girl sometimes. I gotta confess to there's some of the guys I ministered to. I can't stand them. But you know what, they don't know it. I read a I read a teaching on prayer. Okay, I'm gonna update you. This is like the elections update. We're going past 1045

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That's right, they say no JV game voice. Now, if you're bored, raise your hand and you're bored. All right. There was a little nun called Teresa of let's sue in France. She was a middle a Middle Ages sang. Not because the Catholic Church said so because she was I read this little teaching and it changed my life because I thought Lord, this is funny. I'm a minister. I'm called to love

men love God, speak the truth in love. And some of the men in my group I just I can't I made them once and can't stand being around them other guys. I made them once and I just love them like a brother. This leads directly into the classical approach to formation prayer. Now this is a book and prayer by Foster. I like to come in these books now the Book One Minute after You Die who knew who the author was? Or when Lutz or get that book and read it boys. One Minute after You Die by Irwin L U tz er thank you all you smartphone Google freaks out there in the audience. This is by a classic book on prayer by Foster.

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The little way was the way of Teresa Lisu. This simple woman was known only as The Little Flower. She devised a prayer filled approach to life that has helped many Me included this was life changing for me this little way as she calls it the little way, it's the ministry of the little way. As she calls it is sensitively simple. It isn't short to seek out the menial job to welcome to welcome unjust criticisms, to befriend those who annoy us and to help those who were ungrateful. When I read this, then I understood God says I'm always going to have men like that in your life. It gives him a chance to prove you really love me. Because I love all those guys gives you a chance to grow. This little way as she called it was the simple in short to seek out the menial job to welcome unjust criticisms and to befriend those who annoy us and to help those who were ungrateful for her part. Teresa was convinced that these little trifles please Jesus more than the great deeds, the upside down kingdom of God in these little trifles please Jesus more than the great deeds, they don't give you a medal for these little things which proves you'd have to be doing it for Jesus. God convicted me at one point when I begin to meet with a bunch of important people wearing a suit walking down Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, that I was to pick up three gum wrappers in the name of Jesus. I said, now that's another insane thing you're asking me to do? He said, and I said it won't solve the litter problem of Washington DC there. He said, No. I don't want you to forget who you are. You're a nobody and I work really good with nothing. I created the universe from nothing. Don't forget who you are and So, in my suit from I would pick up three pieces of gum wrapper, throw them away. It's a little trifle, it's the little way. For her part it keeps your waist sharp to Teresa was convinced these trifles please the Lord more than the great deeds of recognized holiness. The beauty of the liberal way is how utterly available it is to everyone. From the child to the adult from the sophisticated to the simple, from the most powerful to the least influential. All can undertake this ministry of small things. The opportunities to live in this way come to us continually. While great Fidelity's happen only now and again almost daily, we can give smiling service to nagging co workers. Listen attentively to silly bores Express little kindnesses without making a fuss. We may think these tiny trivial activities are hardly worth mentioning that, of course, is precisely their value. They are unrecognizable conquests over selfishness. We will never receive a medal or even a thank you for these indivisible victories in ordinary life, which is exactly what we want. An incident from Teresa's autobiography, The Story of the soul underscores the hiddenness of the little way. One uneducated and rather conceited sister managed to irritate Teresa, and everything she did. rather than avoid this person, this was life changing for me because I used to avoid them. Rather than avoid this person, she took the little way straight into the conflict. Quote, I set myself to treat her as if I loved her best of all. Teresa succeeded so well, I heard a little way that when Theresa died following her death, at her funeral, the same sister declared quote, during her life, I made her really happy. Theresa, I'm sure she loved me. Best of all, Teresa, I'm sure would be pleased. I take it as a challenge. The Ministry of the little way, I'll see the caller ID of somebody I don't want to talk to and I'll think of a little way and I dive right and go Hello, and I'm there. Number six, you is you must pray in faith. You must pray in faith, not because you think you deserve it not because you're doing a

deal with God. Your faith has to be in God. All you need is a little faith in God. Now I want to close with a few personal comments. As I said, a lot of times when I'm finished with a teaching like this, people say, Jerry, you're our teacher. What about your prayer life. I'll just close out by just telling you how I take this stuff and go with it. I pray by my chair, I pray the first thing I greet the Lord every day when I get up when I get out of bed. It's the first thing I do. In mid day, if I'm home, I'm not often home midday, but when I am I want to do it just because I want to be like Daniel, I go up to my bedroom and I open the curtain. And I kneel by front of the window open window and pray. Now we live on a cul de sac. So it's not really a big deal. But I do it just to identify myself with the great Daniel I pray at bedtime. If I go to bed and Holly's already in there, and it's dark. I just put over there and I put my hand on her head and just say a prayer for quite often she'll just moan Thank you. And then I get out of bed and I kneel down by my bed. This is what we call personal piety. I want you to get a fresh vision for your personal piety. And I pray and what I call slow motion for my family. I'm often tired and I want to pray quickly in something to bed but I forced myself out of discipline out of love for them. I'm the Good Shepherd and the good shepherd lays down his life for the flock. Not confused about what my job is. To die daily. I'm ready to rock and I pray in slow motion for my family. Here is the prayer I pray Lord Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on Holly and I start with the oldest down to the youngest grandchildren. Lord, give my wife favor. Lord, you cause people to love and bless my wife, Holly. Lord, give her power with people but only if she gives you power with her Lord, I pray for my oldest son Josh. Lord, give him favor. cause people to love Him and to bless him. Lord, give him power. With people but only as he gives you power with him, and then that Al add on anything and I go all the way down. You know, I have literally seen God give my family favor. We're not conceded we're not proud. You know why? We asked for it. And he gave it. I asked for us Ray a guy. He was one of the most loving guys I knew he mesmerized me. I said, Forrest was it is about you. He said, I have a love of Jesus in my heart. As how'd you get that? In a simple way, he thought for a second. Well. I asked him for it. And he gave it to me. It says that it thought for a minute. It's kind of it. Just wow. I pray in slow motion from a family. And then I kissed the covers three times for the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost and then I put my face on the floor and kiss the floor 12 times God's number of perfection. This hidden superstition. It's my personal piety. Develop Your Personal piety. You are the sum total of your habits. That's who you really are. I pray while driving my car. I never listen to the radio. I tell them in turn your stinking radio off. You can the longest prayer times I have are in my car. I never did any good at long prayer times waking up because I'm not a morning person. I don't like it. I fight feelings of depression in the morning till I get a couple of cups of coffee. And I get up early but I don't like it. I just do it out of discipline because it's my duty. I have all these early morning groups. But my longest time of prayer is in a car. Now if I'm driving from Washington to Richmond, which is about two hours, I've prayed about an hour and 45 minutes before I get lost in it. Then I look around go and who just drove to Richmond, you know, try that sometimes on a trip by yourself. Leave the radio off and begin to pray. It'll be the longest time of prayer you'll have in your car. We pray before every meal my boys and I stand at the table. We never sit till their mother sits I'm teaching my boys how to treat women. How do you think they'll treat their wives the same way? How do you think that makes Holly feel? They call her blessed by the way my dreams have come true. My children call my wife blessing. When Holly sits we sit but we never eat because once I cut those boys loose to eat a dislike pigs at a hog slop. When their mother takes a bite, we pray and then we wait to their mother takes a bite and then they're free to honor to whom honor respect to whom respect.

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I bow my head in public places and pray. I pray every time we somebody leaves our house you

get a blessing. When anybody ever leaves our house, you'll get a hand on the shoulder hand on the head and maybe a 1015 minute prayer when I'm going out to speak even when Tucker was little he was small I would kneel down he's who you got tonight Papago Tuesday night group gave me a little prayer or blessing upon knowing and feeling you don't even know what that is. But God knows what he's talking about. So you get to bless him when you leave the house. I pray dear in my son's game now, when I pray I never pray with my hat on I always take it off in this because it's come kind of a joke and my family because they'll always see me down at the end of the field where my son is. My hat's off and our kids somebody's eyes in the stand they'll be doing like that. So, Tucker, look at me from the field. They like that because it goes No thanks. You're praying for me? I know you think that's silly. But let me ask you a question. If I don't pray for my son, who will you? Nobody. Here's the last thing I'm gonna tell you, Mike. I know they got to clean out their rooms. But this camp will forgive us. I stand up my children's room at night when they're asleep. Because I'm the night owl and I try to face through the door where they are. I do this for my grandchildren. Now hold my hands up, send out a blessing. I stand in the hallway. And I pray for my babies and I'm never in a hurry. And the Holy Spirit will tap you sometimes if you've done that boy, you can go there again if I don't do that, who will you? You're not going to come to my house and do that. If you don't do that for your kids. Who is before every meeting I lay on the floor or anybody I speak to if I meet a man, one on one, the shape of a cross and it's lay on the floor with my face on the floor, and be still an answer. God's anointing is wisdom. And they nailed his tap means that you can go now, he's done last over 30 seconds, sometimes a couple of minutes, but it's my way of howling myself. These aren't examples. And I'm going to have a prayer right now to tell you how great I am. I just wanted to give you a feel. These are precious to me. I shared this recently with a group in Washington I had a 75 year old man said, I've been walking with Jesus 50 years and I've never been on my knees more my whole life since you shared about your prayer life here. Take these things into your heart man, the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God. Lord, I pray for these men. That they have a vision for their prayer life. That they would understand what grown up manly love is real men lay their lives down real men jump on the grenade. They don't die for the army. They die for their bodies. Lord, you've assigned all these men people that they are to lay their life down for. It's unthinkable that they would love themselves and be so narcissistic. They couldn't lay their life down for their babies. They couldn't have a vision for what their wife could turn out to be. If they would only be at first. What was Peter like when Jesus met in a complete profane basket case? And he ended up the greatest pastor that ever lived. Paul was a killer, a murderer and a vile man and he ended up the greatest missionary that ever lived. Let us have the vision for people around us that you have for us, Lord. Help us not to be hypocrites.