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Tonight Oh God and all weekend to help us to see the reality and the greatness of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We prayed in your name, amen



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about time. Goodness, what a great smile right here. I want you to turn the guy on your right, give me your best smile that's an Auburn joke Glad you're here. We've been doing a lot of planning a lot of praying. We expect big things this weekend. You know, what we want to expect God to do is to refresh us. And God's good about doing that. Refresh the hearts of your people. You know, we prayed exactly what Don was just talking about. We believe that every one of us is here because of God's sovereign choice. God worked it out. You may be wondering, we bought it out, make a mistake. But God got to hear you got that to hear for a purpose. Got those things through retreat. So this is our 30th retreat. I mean, I've been here for most of those South Coast days. We've been to a lot of treat retreats together. And if they weren't outstanding, we'd quit doing them. But every retreat that God touches men's hearts, and God does things when we get away from home, we get out of our element in our routine. And we get up in the beautiful mountains like we are God does wonderful things. And God changed his life. And God answers prayers that haven't even been prayed. Because he knows this. Jeremiah 29:11 says I know the plans I have used as the Lord the plants are good and not for calamity or evil. So that you'll have a future and a hope some of you came up here this weekend and you don't know what your features are gonna be. You don't know what God's gonna do. You got big decisions to make. Wait no, God seems like a waste of time. But we're gonna give you a chance to wait on God up here this weekend. We want to be refreshed. That means maybe we've been in the doldrums spiritually maybe we got it in low gear. Maybe we need to be shaken a little bit well we got the right speaker for that because you will be shaken you will be challenged you

will be encouraged you're sitting around guys that are needy Can I see the hand of every guy that's needy in here today? Thank you need direct and you're gonna hit one so a test before said when the Marines said we're surrounded he said good we can shoot in a direction to him so I want to welcome you here this weekend. I want you to expect that God's gonna meet you here even if you don't want to even if you feel far away and I just wanted to read you some print pull it up on this thing something Charles Spurgeon said about this when they were exhausted God was not when they were weary God was not when they were chosen heritage and therefore all those for their good allow them to be weary. Yeah, he wants really tended to him and tenderly tended to their distresses and lack like manner to this day the elect of God in this wilderness State Route to become weary and faint. But their ever loving Jehovah comes in with timely nurture. Cheers, thank strengthens a week and refreshes the hungry. But it's faithfulness. The faith of God's people is confirmed in their hearts established if fatigue and won't make them waver, the timely supply of grace sustains him again, upon the eternal Foundation. The flock is rested. God is in the dwelling place. Within the garden circle there was plenty for all We all were poor themselves yet there was no beggars in the camp. Although poor and needy by nature we are refreshed by Grace divine preparations in the Gospel the covenant the atonement providence in the Spirits work that made ready for us was sharing with the guys this morning the Jerry and I have been walking with the Lord together for 50 years and it's like he said earlier this afternoon if I was a fake it know about now and I feel like if he was a fake I'd know by now that I have a brother in Christ Jerry played linebacker for Bear Bryant and now said about his career except War Eagle Thank you very much this gives me a warm welcome oh

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wait I don't need that I've got this right. So working Glynn. Okay, but this is okay. John, we good. Hey, hey, it's great to be with you guys. This is a reunion band Pete and I have a goal we want to finish strong picking up speed when we cross the finish line. Tom is it is man, the rumors of your death have been greatly exaggerated. Good to see. You know the Bible if a man's merit the narrative is in there long enough, so we don't know because they weren't in there long enough. 40% We don't know what happened to him. I'm talking about the men characters in the Bible. 30% crash and burn and 30% only 30% cross the finish line. Well, then my goal has always been to cross the finish line faithful to the end Christ and He perseveres to the end will be saved. So what I want to do now I'm going to be reading a lot of the scripture to you tonight. I love the Bible because it shed so much light on all those commentaries floating around out there and it's the word of God the Loggos I'm going to review some of the main points I did this morning for some of you guys that are playing catch up you're just here I want you to get up to speed because these are life changing points you know but the before I want to do a greeting, you know, Christ rebuke people for a lack of hospitality. And I've done this before I do this with so many groups because I love it. I we were just up the road from Jersey. And I've known a lot I have a lot of friends from Jersey. And I love the humor and I love the accent and one of the things they say is so endearing to me tell me if I'm wrong when they greet each other they'll come on go Hey, who's better than you? Know Did you hear that accent? All these who's better than you? And other guy goes You are no no you you you and they get in a fight about it. They got attitudes I want to take 60 seconds I want you to stand up greet everybody Hey, who's better than you give me an attitude and accent and some argument let's go yo you like a bar fight okay, hey, that band is world class. I tell you why. You guys ought to be singing Christian music down in Cabo San Lucas. Hey, after this session, can we have some more some songs after this session? There's one up I don't know the name but there was a great refrain to it. So is any of the band left in here? You're the band so I can't remember but it was out the men were wailing. On the refrain. I'll just find it up here when you

know I come where I'm in Colorado, we live on a ranch out there. These are fourth generation pioneers. They can be a little crusty cowboys, especially. This cowboy was on a plane sitting next to a fundamentalist Southern Baptist preacher. The stewardess came down there offering him drinks and the cowboy said I'd like a JD black on ice. Is anybody know what that is? Everybody knows what it is. She looked at the pastor and said What do you want? He said, I'd rather be accosted by 50 brazen Huskies than let the devil's brew touch my lips. That that time the cowboy pushed his glass back is Excuse me, ma'am, I didn't realize we had a choice you talk to a cowboy make sense to him? Right. You know, I used to be so cocky and I've been talking to some you older guys. And everybody agrees I'm 73 now I can't believe and I look in America. Whoa. What happened? I was in high school last month, you know was in the parking lot with a hood up talking about engines with guys. That's what my gender right. We talked about engines talk about changing times, Montgomery, Alabama and our high school. Everybody had pickup trucks, we had to loaded guns on the gun rack in the parking lot. And a different world, wouldn't it. But I just want to say this. I'm going to share the gospel with you today. Because when I was I need to catch some of you guys that weren't there this morning. I died for 15 minutes five years ago. And I was on the other side with the Lord. And I'm an eye witness. I don't talk about it. But because when Paul went to the third heaven and Second Corinthians 12 He didn't. He had a thorn put this side so he wouldn't be conceded. I don't want to get attention from it. I'm nobody special. I didn't plan on dying that day. And I didn't plan on coming back. It was all out of my control. It just happened to me. But I remembered when I was crossing over. I'd lost my sight but I could still hear and one of the doctors said he's down to 30 and I knew they were talking about my pulse. I know when you're in the 20s You're dead. And I thought my God I'm crossing over I've been talking to people I'm Chaplain I've been with so many people when they cross the finish line by their side by their bed and and I was with the Lord I'm wondering, I'm gonna at the end of this thing tonight, I'm gonna tell you up front if you're not on God's team, you better get on it now. You miss it, it will not end well for you and I'll bet there's people in here you're gonna harden your heart and you will not get on with Christ tonight. You'll regret it the rest of eternity in hell. Now you say you're making me uncomfortable. I don't care if you're in cope or not be a man. You don't want to be a man just get up walk out and whimper out there. No part of my column stop calling men to be men. Our country in this oldest world crap. They're trying to make women out of men men. No men are men by God told you this morning if you're a little coward. Somebody said aren't you afraid of offending little cowards? I go into what are they gonna do? They're cowards. Nothing. I'm clear. I don't want to send you. I told you. I'm gonna try real hard not to take you. You know what? I'll take y'all okay. You can't catch me YouTube. I was so cocky. God had to humble me. When I was in Alabama. And back in my day, you had to play freshman ball. You just couldn't go straight to varsity. And they had a tradition where at the end of summer camp right before the season started. The first team defense and offense from the freshman team came up to play a series each against the first team on the varsity Alabama team. And I was a starting outside linebacker for the freshman team. I was small guy I was only about 220 They call me Middle East. I mean, the guys in the middle were like aircraft carriers, you know, but I was quick. And I ran stunts. I had the pitch man, I had pasca. And my, my position by position coach was coach Pat die who went on to Auburn. And he coached. Bo Jackson had a pretty good career at Auburn. He was just starting out. He loved me because he called me a little Leachman. And so we were in the huddle and he said, You got the pitch Bailey Smith if it comes here with a run an option your way you got to pitch me. And I thought, This is my chance to make I'm gonna make a name for myself. I'm gonna show this these people what courage is all about? The runningback weigh 242 pounds. I'll be honest in high school, I never thought I mean, that was the tackle, you know? But I said if they pitched it to him I'm gonna make him cry. Well, you can you tell where the stories go. Like, you know they're coming my way. He gets the pitch. And I went up there and I was going to stick him to him and throw my coast. Toma through only to

him and through him and I went up there to punish that guy. Coach Bryant was on the tower. Looking. All the coaches were watching. This was my moment. I went up there stuck him right in the numbers. He rammed flap over me. I watched him score like this. He was upside down when he coached. And it was one of those things you could hear but practice, you know, right before the hit all the kids are like an F free read over it is kind of like that. And coasted I ran over to John, do you know whose fault that was? I said, Yes, sir. It was his fault. He ran the crap over me. Are you blind? He thought that was so funny. He said I like you. Next time he comes your way hit him in the knees. That's not cowardly. Survivor theory. I've learned a lot of lessons along the way. But I will tell you this. Dying and come back. Take your meds, Pete. You don't need this to wait. You're good. I kept thinking when I was on the other side, you can't get this wrong. This is for eternity. This is forever. You know, I was I've told you this before, but I'm gonna review stuff because either way, I'm minister. I'm a coach. And there's a saying in coaching and teaching. If you don't repeat, you're not coaching. If you don't repeat, you're not teaching back on the line. Run it again. Run it again. You have heard that one? Yeah. And so I do that when I teach. Now I want you to listen to this. I ran a couple of marathons. I'm not a I'm a football player. I'm built for five yards and a crash lesson. Then I stay at around 60 seconds before the next five yards in a crack. But my kids talked me into when you kids ask him do that. What an honor. So we trained five months, I was running the marine marathon. I got a coach, Young Life staff guy who was a real runner. He's running the Boston Marathon, all that stuff. He coached me, he said you're going to run out of carbs, about 20 miles. And you're not going to know in your brain how you're going to get the other 6.2 miles in it's going to tell you stop you cannot do it. But you can't if you do the training. And that exactly happened. I got to the 20 mile point and y'all can imagine me I'm shooting my mouth all over Washington, you know, a minute marine America, you know, I'm relevant, you know that. I mean, I had a big crowd waiting to deal with a memorial for me because I've been shooting my mouth off, you know, the month before. Now I'm thinking I'm gonna be totally humiliated. I'm not gonna make it. I reached up to get my electrolyte. The Marines run it rolled up, guns hanging out. And the six to marine was holding my luggage. And I was kind of like this and I grabbed it. They wouldn't let go. They want me to look up at him which I did. And he came in and zero down and his eyes just lasered through my eyes into the back of my head and he went

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us the good Lord. And it was rainy and cold and I look Though when there was another Marine stand beside him with a piece of cardboard, black magic marker, you know what it said? I accept the pain. And I thought, That's it. I'm suffering. Mentally. I'm trying to figure out how to get these next 6.2 miles and without suffering, which caused me to suffer more. You see the paradox. I was trying to avoid pain. These Marines get it. There's a moment, guys when you embrace the pain. The hell with it. I mean, that literally. It's not a cuss word. It's a literal. There is a moment in your life and I'm calling you to be men, that you're going to be called to go through some suffering. Embrace it. And it's all about attitude in attitude, everything. I remember they wanted me to do another marathon. I was training and it was cold and wet and I was just being a whiny baby. I was out there on a training run. You know, kind of the bike trail. And these two jugheads that means they're Marines enlisted men. You just tell you guys to see

what they were. I had on a warm up and all this stuff. They had on short little marine color shorts and a T shirt running shoes. That's all they had. And they're coming right at me. And my manly pride pricks me. So I speed up and when it came by lower my voice and uh, well, how about this weather man? And I got looted a lot because I have white hair and people go You look like an officer. I let them salute me I liked it. You know, but I said how about this weather man and I'll never forget one of them got right here by me said Where else would you rather be sir? I got caught. I love these guys. He gloried that was wine and and being a baby. Do you know there's a verse in Philippians that said, if you will, this is in the Bible. If you will stop complaining and whining you will shine like stars among a wicked and a perverse generation. Wicked and ungrateful people all they do is whine and complain. Godly people have grateful hearts. They don't whine. They don't complain. Rails Would you rather be sir. There again, God will call you to places you think you don't want to be. But if you embrace it as God's will, there's nowhere else you'd want to be. If God smashes you down in the dust, here's my suggestion than you worshipping the dust. That's what a man is all about. Am I losing half of your anybody with me here I told you this morning. There are only three ways to live your life. What I want to say is kind of the parenthesis for tonight is whoever you live for dictates your purpose for life. Now, some people don't live for anybody. So they're in category one right here. The first way you can spend your life is to wasted just wasted. I'm gonna read you a story that Jesus told. scholars don't think this is a parable. Because in every parable, Jesus told there was a man there was a woman. This one he uses proper names. And many of the scholars say this probably actually happened. Jesus told him this is all in red letter. I've got a Red Letter Bible that means when it's red, Jesus said there was a certain man a rich man who was clothed in purple, fine linen. He fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Lazarus was homeless. He had some kind of infections. He was laying at the gate, this fabulously wealthy man he said, I'll just take some crumbs Moreover, the dogs came and licked his sores. That's an added humiliation. You think being homeless would be enough? Cheer up it'll get worse. So it was that When that beggar died was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom, that's heaven. The rich man died was buried and being in torment and hell. He lifted up his eyes and he saw Abraham afar off and Lazarus in his bosom. This risk guy dies one night, he wakes up in hell. No, I told you when I was with the Lord, it was very surprising. I knew from the minute I was with him, I was coming back and he showed me the entrance to hell. And he said, I'm gonna send you back not for just the sole purpose. But one of the things I'm commanding you to do, son, as a gentleman, when it's appropriate. I want you to let people on earth know that hell is still in play. Don't be a jerk, or some kind of a firebrand preacher. You're trying to scare people and then take a collection. None of that. I'm calm. I'm not trying to scare you. If you're wise, you should be afraid. If you're a fool. You won't fear anything. I'm saying else but you'll end up in hell. This guy had everything and he dies and he wakes up and he'll listen to this. Then he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me sin, Lazarus, that he may dip the tongue of his finger in water, and cool my tongue fry and tormented in this flame. This guy does still doesn't get it. You get this. He's ordering Lazarus, to be a servant. Bring him order. Abraham said, Son, remember that in your lifetime you received all the good things. Lazarus received the evil things, but now he's comforted. You're tormented? He goes on to say, well, could you raise somebody from the dead were my brothers can see it. Maybe they'll come to believe he said, No. They have Moses on the prophet, which is a reference to the Bible. He said, if they don't believe the Bible, they wouldn't believe it. If somebody raised from the dead. They scoff it I had a lady that helped teach me she was a missionary and live in Israel. A lot of her life spoke six languages. She was our neighbor, Virginia. And I said, Pat, Jesus used to words would you do a word study because she was a professional linguist. Linguist. He used the word loss and perish. What's the difference? That's three days later and she loves to do assignments like that. It's what she did. She came back

said I got it for you. Hebrew, Greek whatever. Lost is you're technically on your way to hell but there's there's still clock there's still time on the clock. You gotta shots not over yet. Some of you here tonight may be lost. On I'm not trying to get after your due evil. I'm trying to yank you up in the lifeboat hug your neck and kiss you on the forehead.



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It's over. There's no more mercy. We get so used and are used to in our lifestyle, Mercy. It's all grace, mercy. If people begging you stuff like that, that's gonna stop. That won't be forever. Buddy, you better be right. When your clock ends. And you don't know when your clock is going to end. You. don't presume you have any more time. You might or you might not. And you all know that down deeply as I do. The Lord said to him, no. Remember, in your lifetime, you had all the good things. I said, Would you do a word study for me on hell? She came back in three days and you know what it was? It tied into this Luke 16 that we're reading and studying. You're in complete isolation. She said it's like a black hole just sucked stuff deeper and deeper. And the gravity so powerful. Nothing can go back over the event horizon. It's stuck in there forever. She said it's like that it's imploding, ever increasing aloneness. There's no fellowship. There's no party. You're completely Euclid alone and you have your memories. How do you know that? He just said remember in your lifetime does that sound like hell to you? And it's total darkness all alone no communication in no communication now. That's hell for me guys. I have been with y'all. I love like I love laughter I love telling jokes laughing and jokes thing and songs football games. I love people love relationships. I don't want to be alone and dark for eternity to you. When you're looking down the gun barrel if you haven't really meant business I don't mean double minded. I don't mean half hearted. I mean, you're in. You're in. I'm praying tonight. Not only to the third night. I'm praying tonight. Everybody in this room would walk out of here squared off with Christ. He's offered your way out. Are you crazy? That guy wasted his life, all his wealth, think of what he could have done. It's not a sin to be wealthy. It's not a sin to have a big house. You know, when the Holy Spirit came, they were waiting in the upper room and scholarship. That was the house of John Mark wrote one of the Gospels mom she was a wealthy woman had a really big house. But it was full of God's people. You got a big house good for you. If it's a museum or something, you try to get your validation from bad for you. Fill it up with God's people. have dinners have barbecues with non Christians get to know love them, make friends with them earn the right to talk to them one day about Christ. Every I'm gonna teach you tomorrow about the early Christians. But one of the things about early Christians they were all airborne had to be you gave your life to Christ. So that group I told you this morning, you're an evangelist. Everybody shared their faith and it was one on one. They emphasize not the crucifixion but the resurrection. Now, what was Jesus like, in the beginning? We read Excuse me. I gotta finish three ways to spend your life. First one wasted. Scott Lewis, this rich guy. I bet he wished he had that pitch back again, right. Second way you can spend your light is to sell it. You sell out. There's something somebody someone something that that'll pay a price for your life. Company A career. You want to hit a money mark you want to own stop trying to validate yourself from people. And you can sell out. You can prostitute yourself. It's not sexual prostitution, but it's prostitution. You'll sell out to the world. It's happens all around. I'm only analyzed and I'm not condemning anybody guys, I'm a coach. I'm just looking

at the film so you're telling me what I'm seeing. The third way is you just give it away. Christ completely gave us everything he had. He didn't want to do it. Hebrews says he despised the shame of the cross. He wasn't mentally ill and crazy. He went all pumped about going into the cross. And it's not just the physical suffering which is unspeakable. A scourge? Crucifixion. What did he suffer spiritually during those three days reverie was you know, for the sense of I don't even know if we can talk about that. I have language for it. He got on the garden in December it on that rock and he says Father I don't want to do this. Does that make him less than your opinion? Not mine. Makes me feel like he wouldn't be crazy. Who would want to? I mean if he wanted to sacrifice was but he said God basically said to him, yeah, I can. I can opt out. But if you refuse the cross, you're going to lose all your friends. Because right before he was arrested, he turned all the cycles. He said I'd call you guys my friends. Do you know Jesus made everything he made you he made every molecule in your body. I'm gonna read that in a minute from the first chapter of John. He made the spiffed they spit on him. He made the nails they put in it he did it for you. You know who killed Christ? I did. You did. You can say the Romans to Jews. No, we did. He died for all our sins. I want you to picture this work with me. This may be your moment. Christ is leaning into you with a bloody face. Bloody snot coming out of his nose. Mill prints in his hands in a hole in his side of the spear and he's saying, follow me. I got you. I want to be your friend. I don't want Christians and I don't want religious people. I want friends to you know, the whole New Testament is not about Christianity or religion. It's about friendship. He's about to get arrested. He tells those guys I call you my friends. What kind of friendship you think it was talking about? Y'all check in on you from time to time Jesus. Y'all make little donation sometime? No. He said No greater love has any friend who lays down his life that's airborne. God's calling together a remnant. The only question is, we're in the last days. As Pastor Laurie asked anybody. We're all in agreement, we're in the last day I just can't believe he did all that. Who would I be ashamed of Jesus in front up. If you'll do what I'm about to tell you, even if you are a Christian, you may be getting this part wrong. It'll change you. Stop looking to what you have. Who you know, what you've done, where you've been, what your kids have achieved. Stop looking at that for your validation. It'll never validate you. It's heartbreaking. Pete and I've been ministering to men 50 years and it's heartbreaking. They just killed themselves to validate themselves and they can't get it. At a friend that was entrepreneur, entrepreneur of the year Washington Hilton 500 people cheering for him. He got the trophy he deserved it. Built a Company flipped it for \$250 million. He was in one of my groups, but he was kind of new at it all. Still had one foot in business one foot and Jesus. And I said the next day I said hey, girl congratulations you deserve that? You did that. applause was legit. I said I'm just curious. I want to ask can I ask you questions? Like yeah, you had that trophy in the back of your car and your wife? You were driving home did you hear a little voice in your head? You did a good job you deserve that but I think you and I still no you're not okay. Yeah. I can't get rid of that voice. I'm never okay. No matter what I did. Tim Keller taught me anybody ever do the guy he taught me we got to meet me with him from time to time. He said all of nature's things the same song Our God loves us and we know it. Oh nature thinks that CS Lewis used to write about it when you go in nature and you see someone speaking really beautiful sight you're looking at it. Have you ever noticed you're kind of melancholy? Lewis said it's because we don't have the capacity in our current state to take it in and we're looking at it and you can't possess it. He says that's why you walk away and you stop and just look back one more time Keller said the only thing that can validate you is what Christ did for you on the cross. And God can now say you're good you're good to go now get out there and make something out of your life. Do something great with it have little fun along the way. You are free. You are validated. Now if you will tonight while you're laying in bed say God I'm swapping my validation. Now a lot of ministers P can tell you this. We've ministered to a lot of ministers to try to get their validation from Guess what? Being in the ministry but it doesn't If you can truly swap over to getting your validation from Christ and the cross the you know the first thing

that will happen to you, you will stop fearing people because you're not trying to get them to validate you anymore. You will be absolutely free love people with no agenda because you don't kiss up the people hoping they can get you something or help you. You learn to look through people to God that doesn't stop with the person. You're absolutely fearless. You don't need anything they want to have and when they realize that you're free love them with no agenda. Do you know you'll be all by yourself in line for their life? Everybody else you know that they everybody wants something that's a usually they know everybody that wants something. If you could just say tonight, God, I'm sorry. I didn't get it. I get it now. What you did on the cross is my validation. I'm good to go. We're done with that part. What that'd be a relief. Yeah. Here's the next thing. What was Christ like in the beginning? Now I told you guys and we couldn't get that online. Could we? Oh, my gosh, you got it. That's the Sombrero galaxy. The Hubble telescope has built up my faith as much as anything because the book of Isaiah, chapter 40. The great Prophet, he's the watershed of Old Testament prophets invites us to look up to the stars. He said, just look up and see God's glory. Every star has a name every star has an exact place. They're all exactly where they're supposed to be. Just look up. And I do that in Colorado, especially when I need some puff myself up about my prayer life and have more faith. Not 10 o'clock it gets really story out there. We're at 1000 feet going on the deck. Look up go. You got it. I'll just go sleep the sleep of the I call it Junior High sleep. You know you shut your eyes open it's morning. course you're older, you get the P factor going forward. I can't help you. There's no verse. I can. Yeah. So one of the things the Hubble showed us we didn't know was there is that? Does that look like artwork to you? Yes. It's artwork. You want to see the butterfly nebula? I mean it just just go on and look at these things online. That galaxy is who's the boss This is okay, Joe. Yeah, well, thanks for running up here brother. Dress like a coat I'll take it. Okay. Thank you, brother. Okay. That's okay. This galaxy we didn't know was there to the Hubble. Now they have even a better telescope that does he might know the name of that one. James Webb telescope. It does circles around the Hubble, but this changed my life. This is 35 million light years from Earth. I'm gonna talk slowly because what I'm juxtaposing this with is Second Corinthians 9:15. Second Corinthians 9:15 and says thanks be to God for his end. describable gift to us. Paul was telling this to the Corinthians. They made a pledge to help with other Christians and famine. He said that don't renege on your pledge be generous. And when the people get the food, they'll never meet you in this lifetime, but they'll praise God for you. And they don't even know you for sending that gift to them. And so and so, by the way, thanks be to God for His indescribable gift. This word indescribable here, Second Corinthians 9:15. So the only time it's used in the New Testament, it is never used in the original Greek Old Testament. So technically, it's the only time this has been used in the Bible as referring to guests who Jesus As it says, God's gift of Jesus, which some of you may yet reject is indescribable. You can't describe it. Oh, the Red Sea parted. Fabulous. But it's not indescribable. I just told you about 35 million light years from that Sombrero galaxy to Earth. Light travels at 186,000 miles a second. I gotta say that again. Slowly 186,000 miles a second. That's how fast light goes at the speed of light. It takes 35 million years to go from there to here. Can you comprehend that? No. But I just described it to you in finite numbers, and you'll have a clue like, I don't have a clue. Next time you question God, why don't you just shut up? You can't comprehend that. Shut up. God is way beyond we're not that big guys. When it comes to God, amen. Just get on the floor. It's 25,000 miles from 25,000 light years from there to there, just across the galaxy. That's 25,000 years and 186,000 miles. Just across it. In that galaxy, the scientists passed into the Hubble. They're all agreed no debate about 2 billion stars most bigger than our Sun. In that galaxy, 2 billion stars. They now believe there's about 2 billion in the Milky Way. Here's the punchline. They all agree to this next figure two. How many galaxies like our galaxy, the Milky Way? And that galaxy? Are the scientists telling us there are out there now. 2 trillion. Again, shut up. I say that to myself. I mean, the Bible says that you're in the presence of God he's pretty big. No, I've had a situation in our family. You pray about it.

Nothing. Pray about nothing. You guys ever had one of these pray about nothing. And you finally start, you don't just change your position, but you start fizzling out a little bit. I'm doing Isaiah 40. I'm looking at I think about this stuff. The Voyager left our Earth in the 70s. That poor little things only going 35,000 miles an hour. It was going to take pictures of Pluto did a couple of laps did it. Now it's left our solar system somewhere they call it the troposphere. So there's some kind of word for that. But it's left our solar system the first man they think they ever do that is navigated towards just the closest star to Earth, which is only seven light years away. 38,500 miles an hour. It's going to do a fly by one light year from the star so it doesn't melt. Do you know when it's scheduled to make that rendezvous 40,000 years from now. I hope you'll get on your knees and pray to God tonight. Like you've never prayed to him before. This was the god of prophecy. This is the guy that's running the universe. He's the ruler of the universe and he made you and he made me and he made all that stuff. Jesus. Let's juxtapose that to let Roman soldiers he humbled himself that much for us to take a break and I'd die for him in a heartbeat. Would you what else do you got to die for? We're all gonna die right? Come to terms with it. We're all dead been walking? Well, what's the gonna be like? Now? The, the apostle John wrote five books in the Bible, how many do you write? And I would listen to John. Since you haven't written any John was in the inner circle. Christ had an inner circle. And when he was on the island of Patmos, he wrote revelation. It's not revelations. It's the revelation nowhere. In Revelation chapter one, it picks up in verse 12. And he gets a glimpse of the present day Jesus. There they're not spitting on him anymore. Oh, that's over with. He's coming to judge the quick and the dead. This next trip in the great apostle said, and I turned to see the voice that spoke with me and having turned I saw seven golden lampstands and in the best of the lampstands, one like the Son of Man, there he is. clothed with a garment down to the seat and girded about the chest with a golden band. His head and hair were white like wool, white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire. His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace. And his voice was just the sound of muddy waters. He had his right hand. The seven stars out of his mouth came a sharp two edged sword. Out of his mouth came a sharp two edged sword and his countenance was like the sun shining and its strength. And when he saw him, the apostle John fell at his feet. Dead. Just as a glimpse of him the apostle John, did what? Just wilted to the ground? I can't believe Jesus, people use Jesus name as a cuss word. I'm not condemning a bye, guys. I have every sin of my heart. The Bible says if you confess your sins, it'll bring healing to you. Have lust in my heart murder, greed, pride. What else what I missed? I got it all about you. Yeah. God, I love Christ. The he said, Don't be afraid I'm the First and the Last. I'm He who lives I was dead and behold, I'm alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys to hell and death. Right the things which you have seen, and the things which you are and the things which will take place after this. And he writes the revelation. So Christ, no more spitting on him. That's. And this is a different image of Christ. I want to tell you since I've come back, I've never spoken to so many men. And so in 2023, I was trying to get off the road. I'm getting older. And a board says you traveled too much and all that and got your heart deal going. But I can't stop running around telling men about Christ. But you know what's interesting? I've gotten zero pushback on the message of hell I include in the message is none. Matter of fact, the only feedback I get I get a lot are people coming up saying what? Thanks for somebody finally bringing this up. I spoke at a sports banquet where you had to get a ticket in the giveaway. Fabulous. Guns, Knights, goats and stuff like that. They don't do the raffle till after the speakers done. It's pretty true. Because I told the organizer said you'd give all that stuff to these hunters. I won't have 10 people to talk to there was 300 there. Oh, no. You take as long as you want. There'll be here. Wait for the wrap because it's after? Well, a lot of moms were there. A lot of kids were there. I didn't know little kids were there and be there in the dinner part. I walked around to the table. I said I may Mitchum Hill. Do you have any problem with the little kids here? Every pair of 100% know what they said, no brain. Brain Health scares the hell out of me. And Jesus said this, don't fear him who can just kill you. And that's all I can do this anybody know the second half of this

one? Fear hand that can kill you AM, cast you in hell, fear that there are some things we are, we should fear. Well, I'm gonna come to just a pause point here. I just want to say this. If I told you I'm a core teacher, I just, as we say, in Alabama, I shut it down to the cop. And I gave you the main idea. If I think you're a bride, audience, if I didn't have the baby feed you but you're a bride, you qualified for bride audience. bright people, if you give them the main idea, they got it. They're gone. They're headed down the road, you don't have to baby. If you take all the teachings of Jesus, all the teaching of the Old Testament, synthesize it down. There's only three reasons to reject Christ. Only three. Number one is ignorance. I didn't know I wasn't raised in the church. I grew up a military kid, we were deployed on a fighter basis. Everything was live. We were waiting for the Russians any day to light it up. We feared God. You know, but I didn't know the gospel. I didn't know Christ personally. But I was responding to the light ahead. You know, I used to pray and I think God was on the other end. I think this business about becoming a Christian has more nuance and these little formulas. You agree? Well, I was ignorant. And then I came out to the young life camp and given this to Colorado, and they shared Christ with me in a language I could understand. And man, I I got here with Christ. And I've been on fire ever since and I'm on fire right now. Am I bragging? I'm testifying. I like being on fire. And I like winning. I don't like losing only hanging out with losers because Jesus loves them part of this true? Not really. No Christ didn't come down here to Thai boys. He came down here to want to win it and when you start doing things the Lord's way you start putting W's up in your life you got I start to get life how it works. Now. I'm putting some who feels great. Anything wrong with that. I'm not saying you get rich I don't like all that false prophecy about prosperity gospel. You know, prosperity, gospel, White's heresy. It mocks God and amongst the poor. I've made I've ministered to some people that just they sleep in the dirt. They'll never be rich. They'll never have anything you don't mock them. Have mercy on ignorance is the first reason not to have a relationship with Christ. The second one is pride. Now I used to think for men to be prideful ahead to be rude and obtuse. And then I started counseling some guys that were just smooth and velvety and that had protocol and manners. And they were just prideful as can be. And an increased my understanding. Pride is not necessarily being a jerk. You know what, it's about control. I am not giving up control of my life. And so they will not accept Jesus. I'll tell you this. You can share this with your friends. Demons are being let loose around the world. Have you noticed even news announcers are saying this department? Have you noticed that people are on apology sick because we all know it. If you don't get in Christ tonight you're sitting duck for demons. Let us know how that works out. Stay in control of your life. Let us know how that works out. The last reason know what it is? It's in the book of Job. Men love the darkness more. Now, I don't necessarily mean the satanic demonic, and that could be that, but mostly the darkness is there's just some sin. They're not going to give up. Women. pornography, whatever. Greed, money, power. They just love the darkness more. But I want to revisit something we just said this life goes by so quickly. I'm 73 I do feel like I was in high school two months ago. I'm like, what happened? I was with Billy Graham. Just me and him all one day. And boy, did I quiz him. But I'll never forget one of the things I said I said, Well, Dr. Grande you've met every king every queen, every president every leader. Is there anything in life that just surprised you? And he kind of dreamy? He was looking up like that. Then he kind of came back a little bit. He said, Yeah. It seems like just the other day, it was just a little boy running down the creek and Montreat North Carolina and now I'm an old man. He looked at me he goes what happened? I've just never forgot. Don't reject Christ for some gig you like right now. It's gonna be Cisco by so fast. You won't believe blink your eyes you're gonna be as death's door I'm just so frightened tonight. If somebody's out there blind. You could see what else can I pray? I don't know. But I'm gonna have a prayer right now our lessons over I'm going to talk to you about friendship tomorrow. Jesus put a premium on friendship. It's what the whole thing is about is becoming the question is not are you a good Christian? What kind of Christian Are you? You know what the question is? What kind of friend? Are you the kind of friend that's a follow

through guy if you say that's going to happen? Are you the kind of friend I can count on? He's got my back my wingman crisis, that kind of friend and he wants a ton of friends. He's recruiting remnant. Now. I urge everybody to join up. Praying for everybody in this building right now. I'm praying 100% of you guys would join Christ. Are you crazy? He's given us a way out let's have a prayer Lord, I pray your spirit would drift among us now. I pray it would drift among us and we would be in the midst of your spirit. We are waiting on you now to drift among us and silence our mouths shut I'm praying now if any man in here is experiencing resistance to completely surrender to you, the king and the ruler of the universe I pray you would break down those walls and melt his heart. Pray every man in here even if he's a professing Christian, he will revisit his position freshen up. Focus or accept the pain. You're the only option Christ. Without you we are lost and one day we will perish in times of no more mercy if you have a longing to join up, go airborne with Christ and be part of His remnant from here to eternity and be used by Christ to lead your friends and your family to him. We're not he doesn't want you to sign up just so you'll be blessed. He wants you to be a soldier and enter the fight. Get on the field. Get off the sidelines. I pray that any man who has a heart would pray along with me, Jesus. Just repeat silently to yourself when I'm saying, Jesus, Jesus Jesus come into my heart capture me. I want to be with you there's no other option. There's no other way out Jesus, you have given us the way out. I don't have to fear people. I don't have to fear death. And as low as you could go if you're homeless, my brother was homeless. He ended up a missionary. He repented Lazarus with homeless Good Lord, He made Luke 16 It's in the Bible way to go Lazarus. I don't care how low you are, how high you are. We're all equal at the foot of the cross. Lord, I want you to take my life. I want you to be my commander in chief. I want to be one of your soldiers. I'm joining up tonight given my life to You, Jesus, Jesus. We pray this in Christ's name Amen. Now like I say if you say maybe that'll make somebody uncomfortable I don't care if you're uncomfortable the man. If you want to talk to me or Pete or somebody about this talk to us that's what we're here for. But don't go back down this hill still lost brothers How about some Amana? Put it on the tarmac tonight. So right now so how about some Can you play some worship music? How about some prayer about some prayerful stuff What do you think?