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Pete McKenzie 00:00

Hey, Brad, I just want to say thank you, buddy. I was unbelievable. And I'm deeply grateful for you doing that I had a big long introduction, but I'm gonna keep it really short because I want to give Jerry as much time as we can give him Jerry Leachman has been coming and speaking every other year to our our annual retreat since 19. I think about 93 or four. And so a lot of us have great memories of Jerry and it seems like we have a whole lot better turnout when he's coming to speak than when he's not. So we got a great turnout this year and no one's ever disappointed. Jerry's been my close friends since 1973. I think. And our families are close our boys roomed together in college. We have more stories and Carter's got liver pills, but I'm not going to tell any I just want to bring up Jerry Leachman. He's from Washington, DC chaplain with the Redskins for about 12 years has a wonderful ministry I couldn't begin to tell you how God is used he and his wife Holly, let's give him a warm Band of Brothers welcome.



Jerry Leachman 01:16

Hey, how you doing fellas? Well, they gave me a televangelists microphone up here. I feel like a Baptist TV. You remember some of you probably were are Baptists or formally Baptists. You remember those guys? They're the ones when they baptize you they hold you under the water to you scream the word ties. And they let you what a wimpy stand they gave me a wimpy speakers up here. Look at this. I got a Holy Bible and that weighs a little bit. I think I told you this last year I never can remember where I where I am or when I was here. I think I was here last year. But I always think of this when I see Joe in Washington they always ask why can't we beat the Giants? We've been chasing the Giants ever since I've been in the NFL. And you know, truth is giants aren't really from New York. They're from New Jersey. That's a big difference. And I've decided people from New Jersey are just tougher than the people from Washington. I was up there conducting a funeral service in a cemetery in Jersey last year and while I was conducting the service I looked over at one of the tombstones and engraved in that tombstone it said what are you looking at



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you think you're gonna be people like that then when the limo possession left the cemetery there was a little arch over there and a red looked up there and said forget about it

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hey, you know Pete went to Auburn he really couldn't get in college but he's got he's been and I want to show you something nice all I need. Oh, Sam I love your music man. Sam Sam's the Frank Sinatra of Christ centered music you know he's the only guy that sings in our key you know in churches the keys are always for women and children. The men are standard on how to get change a light bulb what for? Look at you guys. This reminds me what my day is when I was in prison Good to see you guys again

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got a 12 gauge pump or what speakers no good you just blow him up right lights out well back to Auburn. You know some good things are coming out of the research department in Auburn

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Now I may go to 10 over if you have to go I respect your time but after y'all Walmart pep rally I'm gonna take whatever time I want up here

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go ahead fire me I don't care

Jerry Leachman 04:36

now here's some research that has been validated from the University of Auburn academics regarding who is man's best friend. Now smart people can sum a highly complex object up and a few words were everybody even guys like us can get it. Man's best friend. This proves the old saying about man's best friend. Put your wife in Your dog in the trunk of your car in an hour open the trunk and see which one is really glad to see you

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people get it don't they wore Eagle. Now the other thing that's really created a lot of excitement in the state of Alabama that's come out of Auburn is one of the latest technologies.

Even University of Alabama people are excited about this. This is one thing, all the people in Alabama agree on this thing is going to sweep the globe, it's going to save millions of lives. Now you can go to the Auburn website. If you want your own stimulus recovery, you better load up on stock because this thing's going big and the stock is coming out about a week. It never needs power. It never needs a battery, it is guaranteed to work 100% of the time if your house catches on fire, it will give you an alarm and save your life 100% of the time. What do you have to do? Just buy it for not much and hang it on your wall and just say your prayers and thank Auburn this thing is going to work every time

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what you know all this is coming from the guy who represents a school it just went on probation again.

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And whip your butt 38 to zero last year. Thank you

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Jerry Leachman 07:05

Well, it's time for me to mention God. You know, I was at a luncheon recently in Washington. And it was they were leaders there. Most of them in there were not millionaires. They were hundreds, multiple 100 millionaires. And many had powerful positions. Now I was just there because one of the guys considers me his chaplain. He's a Harvard graduate and MBA from Harvard law degree from Georgetown. These people are marvelously educated in Washington, DC. I was recently teaching a group of CEOs and leaders and I was sitting on a it was at a round table. And I looked around this table. And I was thinking of were the men went to College, Oxford, and I'm calling it my mind Yale Law School, MBA, Harvard, Fulbright Scholar, Harvard, MBA, Harvard, Princeton, Dartmouth, University of Virginia, University of Virginia, and then me to teach your bachelor's degree University of Alabama. They're taking notes while I speak. And I said, you know, man, I only went to Alabama, do I? Should I really be teaching this group? Do I have the credentials to teach this group? The man that was a Fulbright scholar from Harvard, looked at me and he said, Jerry, you're the only one that could teach this group at Harvard, whose motto was Veritas, which in Latin means truth. They don't believe in truth anymore. Not taking a slam. They really don't. There's no curriculum on leadership at Harvard. There's no curriculum on truth at Harvard. Now, the ancients, the Greeks, even the Romans, among other ancient civilizations in their curriculums. Actually, it's used to teach wisdom. This man said to me, you're the only one that could teach this group. They only taught us knowledge in our schools, they taught us no wisdom, and at our age, we're dying for wisdom, or empty, We're thirsty. You're the only one here who can teach us to it because you know the Word of God. Now, unfortunately, most people, I think many people who named the name of Jesus Christ really don't believe the Word of God. Now, if they do believe it, they don't really follow it. Because in our culture, people say what do you think about what's going on in our culture, the DNA of it's not that complicated. Greed on all sides, not just the lenders, not the money changers on the borrower. worse. The people bar the people signing up for some of these loans for homes and things they know they really can't afford that they're in denial over. It's like a bartender, running up a tab to alcoholic customers, unemployed alcoholic customers. Now I,

our family has a little place in Colorado called Westcliffe. Colorado, we got a saloon in the middle of West cliff, and it's always full. We were riding by I said, Somebody said, Well, that seems to be the most busy business in town. And this guy said, No, they'll go under, she lets all those guys run up tabs. It's the same people every night, getting loaded in there running a tab up. What's your best guess you went to business school have the chance to her ever collecting all that debt. And that's what's happened in our country. You know, I went to half our neighborhoods for sale. And I asked, I was riding with a friend of mine, who's our realtor. I said, Who are these people in these mansions? Who are they? Where do they go to work every day? How could there be this many rich people in the world? She said they're not. Most of them can't afford those homes. Now, here's the problem. Jesus Christ said to his church, you're the salt of the earth. You're the city on the hill. I really believe going all the way back to the turn of the century. We Christians, we people who say we're Christians, are probably at the forefront front to blame for all of this. And I'll tell you why. Now back to this meeting in Washington. One of these men who I did not know, looked at me and said, What do you do? Which is a very common salutation in Washington. People. They're known for what you've done, who you know, and what you have. Period. That's basically the culture of the entire country, Washington people criticize it. It's nothing but a reflection of what's out here. I said, What do I do? I looked down and I said, Here's what I do. Don't lay up treasures for yourself on earth where moth and rust destroy where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures. In Heaven, neither moth nor rust will destroy where thieves do not break in and steal where your treasure where your treasure is there your heart will be. You know, it comes down to money according to Jesus Christ. I have some Jewish businessman in the groups I teach. I remember the first a bunch of other guys brought them to see me one time. And they said he says we need to be in your group. Problem is you talk about Jesus were Jewish. I said Jesus was Jewish. This guy said no way.

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I literally said, Well, what do you think he is? He said he's Baptist. I said, No, he's Jewish. And these two Jewish men looked each other and looked back and he said, You mean he's one of you mean to tell me he's one of our guys? I go Yeah, and they high fived each other? Well, both of them join the group. They love me. They love to hear me talk about Jesus. They've never named the name of Jesus as their Messiah. But I'm praying before I'm dead or they're dead. I want to be a gift for me to hear them say that. Now Jesus connects greed. He connects greed, with hypocrisy, apostasy and phonies. He said you can't serve God and man. We ever even have preachers in this country that go around telling people Jesus wants you to be rich. Can you imagine Jesus was the most humble person that ever walked through your? How ridiculous. And if you believe that you want to confront me, when this is over, kiss off, I'll tell you right up front will care what you think. Here's the question. Jesus asks, how wealthy would you be if you lost everything? That's the measure of a man. This is the words of Jesus in Matthew, chapter six. These texts are so accurate. It's like we're sitting around the campfire 2000 word years ago and he's saying this exact thing to us. He said don't store up for yourselves treasures on earth. store up for yourselves treasures in heaven. How rich would you be if you lost everything? Now if you're coming up blank I'm about to tell you the truth. I'm not being mean, I'm not a shock jock, preacher, speaker. But if you're coming up blank on that question your life at the end of days is going to amount to about nothing. There's a line from the novel Of Human Bondage and when they died, it was as if they had never even lived. That'll be you. Know, don't be offended at me that when I tell you the truth, because the truth is your friend, the truth is your friend. I continued on with this VIP, he said, Jesus said, No one can serve two masters, He will either hate the one and love the other or else he will be loyal to the

one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and man. Jesus ends this run by saying why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field how they grow. They neither toil nor spin, Yet I say to you, that even Solomon in all his glory, was not arrayed like one of these. Now, if God so clothes, the grass on the field, which today is and tomorrow is thrown into heaven, Willie, not much more clothe you, O you of little faith, the disciples were never rebuked because their togas weren't properly tucked in or their sandals weren't shine, they were rebuked for their unbelief. Therefore, don't worry, saying, What shall we eat? What should we drink? What should we wear? After all these things, nonbelievers, people who don't even name the name of God, think like that. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and everything else will just kind of work itself out. And I looked at this man, I said, that's what I do right there. I tried to get men in every way I know possible to seek first the kingdom of God and everything else will work itself out. That's what I do. I try to get men to seek God first. What do you do? And he looked at me said, I thought I knew before you read that scripture to me now I'm not so sure. On the way out of that restaurant, one of the men said you don't know who you're talking to. He holds a cabinet position for the President. I said, Well, that's wonderful. I'm sure his mother and father proud of him. But I'll tell you what, when the Titanic went down the London Times, ran two lists. With a heading over each list, regarding the passengers on that ship lost and saved. You know, when it's all said and done, it comes down to that, doesn't it? It always comes down to that. How rich would you be if you lost everything, that's the measure of a man, according to Jesus, if he matters to you at all. Now, a lot of people name The name Jesus. But do you know men get their core opinions from the person that matters most in their life? That's where they get their core opinions who they really are. I have seen my life change as Jesus Christ has become more and more important to me. And now he's the most important person in my life. And I care what he says I listen to what he says everything he says has tremendous weight with me. I jotted some notes down on the plane coming out. There's a play, everybody had to read and study when they were in school. By a brilliant playwright named Arthur Miller called Death of a Salesman. Anybody ever studied that in school? It's well known. The main character and Death of a Salesman is Willy Loman. Now Willie, was kind of small time, completely dysfunctional family. I think he was a Salem kind of a salesman and he desperately wanted to be respected. He wanted to make it in business. He was trying to validate himself. That's most men I counsel. They think they can get validation from people from themselves from the world. You can't Willy? Willy just just grant grounded out all his life trying to make it never really made it on his best day, maybe he was average. And at the end of his day, towards the end of his life, he lost his job. He lost what he had. And then he took his own life. Now our counseling ministry has gone through the roof since the financial collapse. Well, you know what? I talked to a lot of people, some of them are world leaders. They think this is just a warm up, that there'll be a spike in the economy and the real collapse is still ahead of us. I'd like my mentor used to say when I'd wind to him, he said I'll Leachman Cheer up, it'll get worse. I can stand here and tell you today, if all you men lose everything you have, you'll be fine. You will. I just said that the 800 high tech people at the high tech prayer breakfast in Washington. It's a huge interest industry in Washington. These are the people that make all the planes and missiles and everything else. In the McLean Hilton ballroom, it was packed with 800 people. It's exactly what I tell them. I said, By the way, those of you that have little money, how many of you had nothing when you started out almost everybody in the room, raise their hands. If you were fine, then you'll be fine again. But don't come to prayer breakfast they can. I'm gonna give you some little formula, how Jesus is going to work out your greed and your idol worship for you, because he ain't here to do that pal. You need to get out of denial and get in touch with reality. Back to Willy Loman. You know, this brilliant playwright funneled the whole thesis of his play down to one little channel in one paragraph. Now that's a genius Arthur Miller. After Willie killed himself, his mother said to the his oldest son, her son, why did your father do it? Why did he take his

life? Now we've had a couple of suicides right where we live in my neighborhood. Last time was that guy that headed up Fannie Mae, well knew who he was. He lived about two miles from my house. She said, why did he do it? And his son said something very profound, which is the thesis to the whole place and Mom. Dad had all the wrong set of dreams. And he didn't know who he was. Unbelievable. This is almost every guy me all the wrong set of dreams. And they don't know who they are. It's only been in the last few decades. Referring to some of these things I noted on the way out. Major leading economic indicator is not for producing manufacturing. It's the consumer confidence index is what we base our economy on now. Many analysts say the way for economic recovery, we got to get the consumers buying again. Do you notice we're not citizens of the United States anymore? What are we consumers and we're not only consumers, we're what they call conspicuous consumers. What is a conspicuous conspicuous Zoomer, we purchase cars and homes and all types of items not for the functionality, but to make a statement to the watching world, how we appear in the eyes of others. That's the driving force behind most consumption of our major personal purchases, how we appear in the eyes of others. As one national advertiser put it, we tap into people's insecurity into their fear that they don't measure up.

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They do not appeal to our common sense they appeal to our fear that we do not measure up. David Wells set it right, men today I listen to this men today would rather be envied for their material success than respected for their character. I tell you, I hear men all the time. They'll be talking about a guy how bad he was. I kind of be screwed over his wife and family and how he did this and how sorry, was it that and then at the end of their soliloquy on the person that they're making commentary on, they'll suddenly but I gotta tell you, he's made a lot of money. It's like that last statement hits delete for every bad thing they said about the guy heretofore. That's a sobering thought. I want to read a little paragraph copied here I copied from Warren Buffett is Berkshire Hathaway. He sent it out to his board in this February. By the fourth quarter of last year credit. The credit crisis coupled with tumbling home stock prices had produced a paralyzing fear, a paralyzing fear, or the is the phrase Mr. Buffett used that engulf the country, Buffett said in a free for all business activity ensued, accelerating at a pace that I've never before witnessed the US and much of the world became trapped in a vicious negative feedback cycle. Fear led to business contraction, and that in turn led to even greater fear. What does he keep repeating here in one paragraph? In one paragraph three times you use the word fear and in one usage, it was a pair realizing fear. I'm not afraid. I don't care anymore. Man I'm, I'm like that scene from Paul Newman and Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid when they were on the edge of that cliff and the Pinkerton guys were catching up and Paul Newman says we got to jump. This is 200 feet down there. So we got to jump but they're gonna get us Newman's Redford says I'm not jumping said why I said, I can't swim. Newman says swim. Heck, the fall will kill you just jump.

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Fear is an interesting emotion. It's created by uncertainty over the future. Runs crazy in our imagination. Most men don't know how to deal with fear. You know, the number one imperative all through the Old and New Testament. The number one imperative, for those of you that actually took English in school, is Fear not. Through the Old and New Testament, the number one imperative God's message to man as fear not. Southern historian Wayne Flint, he studied

the Great Depression. He said this the real damage may not be economic but in its human toll which can be lost for generations the stress is just tremendous. Divorce, excess drinking pleasures, anger, depression and suicide. Larry Crabb says the basic two needs for people are security and significance in times of stress. He says women feel the need that their security is threatened but men feel that their significance is threatened when they begin to lose their stuff. You know the movie *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*. The main character was Big Daddy, Paul Newman and Elizabeth Taylor, were in it. And at the end of his life, Big Daddy said this. And this was like in the 50s. He said I'm worth \$10 million in cash, blue chip stocks but there's only one thing you can't buy on any market on Earth. And that's your life. When you know it's finished the human animal is a beast that must eventually die. And if he has money he buys and he buys and he buys. He hopes one of these things he buys is life everlasting. The imminent present presidential biographer Doris Kearns said this about President Lyndon Johnson. A month before he died, he spoke to me with immense sadness in his voice. He said he was watching the American people absorbed in a new president forgetting him forgetting even the great civil rights laws he passed, he was beginning to think his quest for immortality had been in vain. That perhaps he would have been a better better off focusing his time and attention on his wife, his children. So then he could have a different sort of immortality through his children and their children in turn, he could have depended on them in a way he couldn't depend on the American people. But it was too late four weeks later was dead. Despite all of the money and the power. He was completely alone when he died. His Ultimate Terror realized you know, I want to close with a thought. I'm gonna run 10 more minutes. You know, in Luke chapter 16, Jesus Christ told a story about a rich man and about Lazarus. Now the rich man would never do a thing to help that poor man he chose himself, chose himself chose himself. Psychologists say for the first time in history, ours is filled with what they call the empty self. So widespread in Western culture that it sometimes is referred to as a cultural plague. The empty self is filled up with consumer goods, calories, experienced politicians, romantic partners, experiences lack personal conviction and worth. It ends up in emotional hunger. People who choose themselves choose themselves choose themselves. You know Jesus in the end of the story, and Luke says that that rich man die they went to hell. And when you study the Aramaic word for perish, it means ever imploding aloneness, when you're in hell, according to that Aramaic word. And I have a woman that helps me study words. She speaks seven languages in Washington. She told me that when Jesus used the word perish, it's different from the word lost. When you use the word lost, you're still on the clock, you still have some time. But the word perish, it's all over. Here's what you can ultimately look forward to. And revelations 20. It says, Then I saw a great white throne in him who said on it, for whose face the earth and the heaven fled away, and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, the small and the great, standing before God, and the books were opened. And another book was open, which is the book of life. Now it talks about a couple of set of books here. It said the books were open then another set of book, a book was opened the book of life, the first set of books are opened, you know what they are? That's right. In those books are recorded everything you've ever said. Everything you've ever done, everything you've even thought, everything. Every woman, you've undressed mentally while you sit in church, even everything. Right now, what do you think your chances are right now you're feeling good about it. Now, if you don't speak Hebrew or Greek, I'll tell you what that means. You're screwed blued and tattooed, what that meant.

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Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to the works by the things which were written in the books, the sea gave up the dead who were in it. Death and Hades were delivered up and the dead were in them and they were judged each

according to his works. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. Now, let me tell you something. I don't care about any of this anymore. No, I'm not mentally insane. I'd still like to play pebble beach one day. But if I don't, I don't care. I have two houses. I have one in Colorado with no debt on it. God can have it anytime he wants. I don't care if it burns down to the ground. When I go out there somewhere. It's a pile ashes. I don't care because you know why? The Bible says everything's gonna burn. Do you really think when people get to heaven, they're gonna be looking around going. This is a rip off. He's got a bigger pile ashes than I do.

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I tell you, I get it. You just blink and we won't even be here anymore. Dr. Halverson said this. He's a former chaplain of the Senate and a mentor of mine. He said your priorities in life aren't just marginal options. They're life determining. Now priority is something you would pay for or suffer for. What do you think? We're heading across the finish line right now? It's my last example. So work with me. Don't pull up sort of the finish line. If you say something's a priority, this will absolutely be true of it in your life. You'll pay for it. And if you have to, you'll suffer for and if you have to, you'll die for now I know a lot of men in the church who have wonderful values but no priorities. Because there's not anything they suffer for not anything they die for the complete candies in my opinion, men a conviction those are the men you should fear. You fear a man of conviction because you have to killing you literally have to killing those are the guys I have a healthy fear of those are the kind of man God's looking for a man with conviction because a big conviction because who you are, you can do no other also with a priority you will give it your time. I always tell my man Don't tell me you don't have time. Just tell me what? It ain't a priority. Get out of denial and get into reality. What are your priorities? Is Christ really a priority to how much would you pay for your walk with Christ suffer for it? And in the end Would you die for? I'm there I'm not confused about who whose Jersey I've got on. I'm really not. I'm up Owston Yeah, and the Lord. I'm absolutely not confused now no to say things like that. You can't say I shouldn't say things just impress some group like you. God may hold me to it. I'm ready. My mother's gone in heaven. I shared the gospel with her. My father's gone in heaven. I shared the gospel with my beloved brother, who I miss every day. He's gone. He's died on the mission field. He's in heaven. I shared the gospel with him. What's interesting, I was their teacher, I shared the gospel with them now they're with Jesus. Now I'm down here just still teaching people with three little things I know about God, they know everything now. And I will tell you this, those of you that have lost loved ones that are in heaven now. The more people you lose like that, the closer connection you have with heaven. I'm connected now with heaven. I'll be there soon. Would you just please show me? Show me Who the heck I'm supposed to be ashamed of Christ in front of a bunch of fancy ass leaders in Washington. I don't have a chip on my shoulder. I do not begrudge people success. I praise them. They've done a good job. The Bible says Do you see a man skilled in his work? He'll stand before kings. A lot of Christians have a chip on their shoulder because their failures. I don't. But when a man says what do you do? Do you really think that's going to cower me down? I know whose Jersey I've got on, do you? God uses people. Is he using you? Or are you an idol worshiper? You may be greedy. Do you know of all the men I've counseled all these years they confess lust to me anger to me. I've never had a man come to me and said chaplain, I need help. I'm greedy. That's why Jesus said Be on guard against covetousness it's so subtle in it greed.

J Jerry Leachman 37:06

You know, when you're committing adultery, you kind of know it. Even if you're dumb it's not like halfway through adultery. You look and go oh,

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excuse me. You're not my wife. But greed is subtle, man. I want you to I'm closing now. I want you to take a look at your heart. How wealthy would you be if you lost everything? Stop being afraid. Stop having paralyzing fear because you're losing your crap really? Who gives a crap?

J Jerry Leachman 37:40

Like I say I'm not mentally ill. I'd like to have money in the bank. But if I don't, I'm fine.

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I'm really fine. Been broke before I was fine. Dr. Halverson said this. If you live for pleasure, you become shallow, empty. Getty. If you live for fame, you become haughty, arrogant, rude. If you live for power and influence, you become overbearing, oppressive, insensitive. Live for wealth and you become greedy and selfish. But you live for the will of God. And you become selfless, loving, caring, and whole become like Jesus Christ who lived only to do what pleased his Heavenly Father become truly human. Become what man was intended to be in the providence of God. Now listen to this man becomes like the God he worships. Concerning Israel's lapse into idolatry, the prophet Jeremiah said this, they followed worthless idols, and they became worthless themselves. Jeremiah said they followed worthless idols and they became worthless themselves. This weekend, if you're not signed up, you want to go just get a sleeping bag and come on down. Tonight I'm gonna be talking about why I believe that evangelicalism as we know it's going to collapse within 10 or 15 years in this country, not around the world. Christianity is now the fastest growing religion in the world. If you're discouraged Don't be but not here, South America, Asia, Africa. They're now sending missionaries to the United States that are full of the Holy Spirit, which is what we need to get back in touch with here and stop idol worshipping. Now, the only question will be which side of all this will you turn out on? So put your seatbelt on tonight boys because we're going to talk about all this. Jesus Christ said, Seek ye first the kingdom of God and all these things will be added to you. Pete come up and close with prayer my brother

P Pete McKenzie 40:22

Well, guys, as always, we're never under challenged. And Jerry comes in and speaks. Let me close. Thanks for your patience. And thanks for being here today. We have a lot to look forward to. For those of us who will get a chance to be down there this weekend, if you won't have that opportunity, they will all be taped all the messages, and we'll be able to get them to you. Join me in prayer. Father, we just thank you for this time. And we thank you for the message. We thank You, Father for reminding us again about what real priorities are and you're yet. And Lord, we just want to keep a Christ centered message. Lord, we don't want to be distracted. A lot of us it would have to confess, if we're really honest with you, and with ourselves would have to confess it, yes, we've been fearful. We're worried about things that don't really matter,

and things are going to pass away. But Lord, we're here today. And we'll be there this weekend. And we'll be back here next week and in our small groups and in our churches and our worship services in our churches, because we want to be your men for such a time as this. We don't want to miss the boat. We don't want to be consumers want to be purveyors of the gospel. And so Lord, we just ask you now to take this message, apply it to our hearts, change our hearts, our lives, our perspectives, so that we can be the reliable and the dependable ones for such a time as is your man going out at night now to give them heaven in Jesus name and all guardsmen said Go get them guys