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Hey, good. Good evening, man. This is our last roll call together. So volume up back speaker working. Roger. Yeah, seeing you in that Seahawks. Why do you have this hat on? Because, wow, you're the 12th I'm gonna tell you a story is kind of become a legend among NFL chaplains. We were playing was with the Redskins on our chaplains team. We were praying at play in Seattle in a playoff game. We had RG three. And they had Russell Wilson. Well, Chaplin wasn't traveling with the Seahawks team. So they called me and said, Could you and we'd swap out when other teams didn't have them? And they said, Would you do the Seahawks chapel for the game? I said, Sure. So in the NFL, it's apple, if it's from seven 730 It's from seven 730 lot or Christian events you don't a lot of people generally can't shut up. It goes on forever. You know, your worst nightmares when you go to church with your wife and the purchases. I'd like to just share four points with you today. Now, after 30 minutes, he goes number two, well, this is not going to end. I tell my wife, I gotta go the restroom. She said you'd be out in the lobby talk on all your buddies. I said you probably can't get through it. Anyway, so it's, it's like the military because they have breakout meetings and so forth are professionals. And you don't walk in late in a meeting in NFL so started the chapel properly promptly at seven and they had a big turnout, one of the biggest turnouts of any any teams. And obviously the largest turnout I've ever had for a visiting team with with with the Patriots, you wouldn't figure that but but it was so you never know. Anyway, start the chapel. I'm talking on servant leadership. And after about five minutes, this kid comes walking in the door. And I'm looking at like, Who is this little punk walking in late to our meeting. But he's got a Bible and a pen and notebook. So I gave him points for that. Then he sat down right next to me and I go well, he's got some chutzpah to walk in late there right Matt? Not gonna let him ruin it. So I kept going and did the chapel. Now, at the end, I leave about four minutes for prayer because this is church for these guys. They're busy on Sunday. And so he kind of gives you an authority and I said so. Okay, guys, circle around. Now, look, we're gonna have a prayer. Don't tell me you can't pray. You guys are big talkers. If you can talk, you can pray just say something to God. Yes, sir. They had an Oprah Alpro tackle named Russell Lok. He was next to me. I said, Son when it seems like it's over, you end it? Yes, sir. And this kid that walked in late got this hand. So I'm not I'm not a great some people, like have a gift of prayer. You know, I don't. But I pray. And so I started out kind of a jock prayer. Oh, Lord, you know, I pray this kid starts praying Oh, Father, God, we pray that they would see you out there not us, Lord God. And he's doing that black Pentecostal thing you

know that white people wish they could do you know what makes me but have you ever seen a white choir try to do African? Like, come on, man. Your white people give it up. Anyway, this kid lights it up and like, Who in the world is that? You know? And then I'm looking at the other players. They're looking at me like, right after that. I said, Russell, it's over. Go, sir. So he closes. Poof. They're off to their meetings. This kid hangs around. He said chaplain, I love that message on servant leadership. Can I just have a meeting? Can I stay in touch? So what do you mean? Number one, who are you? You said what do you mean? I said you just walked into an NFL chapel. He said, I know. I said what do you with the highest? You're not supposed to be in here. He said, I'm not with the highest. I'm with the Seahawks. Oh, you're like the travel guy. You give him the room case? He said no. You see where this was going to? He said nah, I'm on the roster. I said I get it. You're the kicker. He said I can't kick anything. I said alright, what position do you play? Now he used an article adjective. He said the not A. He said I'm the quarterback. I said are you Russell Wilson? He said yes sir. still call me sir. I turned into a valley girl in one second I got



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up, shut up. I grabbed him and pulled him in. I was almost crying. I'm so sorry. So every time I see a former Chaplain they go I remember you. The league's not that big. You're the guy that tried to kick wrestle out of capital. Now watching Joe, play the drums, you've been playing the drums the whole time for this group. Right. Well, you still got it. We'll, we'll see you next time. How you doing? But I was telling somebody in the dining room we had just watching you tonight reminded me because you're white. What does that have to do with about our church repeat, and I grew up was in the suburbs of Birmingham, Alabama. We had we had people of all colors there, but mostly white people. It's a suburban church. Well, we have a sister church in the city, that historical black church, because we wanted people to know man, Christ is for everybody. Right? So this was a mistake on our part. I don't know what we were thinking. We decided one year we do a music swap. Yeah, let's round up a bunch of people from Brazil and play soccer. So we sip our white worship band for the youth group. They're teenagers, because we thought they were a pretty hot group. We sent them down there to this big black historical church balconies all around beautiful 200 Choir, you know. And it wasn't like Dippy Christian music written for chicks. I mean, they had NFL size men in this choir. I mean, it was powerful. And then they get that thing going, you know where to go and back and forth. And this choir is about to just lift the roof off this shirt. It's Unbeliev we're just pinback listen to them. And they end with an amen and people are jumping around that thanks weary for about five minutes afterwards praising the Lord. And they finally calmed down. The pastor says Now it's time for Brotherton from Briar Woods shirts. To bring them music. It's the youth man from Broadway and they give a big, big loving hand. Those kids were so intimidated. The drummer froze the drummer is the heartbeat of the band. And you know how most songs will start with a pulse from the drummer. And then the bass will kick in and then you know the drummer just Come on Joe this is no joke the black pastor from the goodness of his heart gets up.



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God, please release the drama. The drama and this little kids like just kicked right in. And they have ducked and they got a standing ovation and everything. Man, just the sweetness of Jesus in it. Well, I'm gonna talk to you about prayer and I'm gonna talk to you about early Christians, just like the big dog was saying what's it look like? What do you say? What's it look like when you're really born again? I'm on the show you tonight. It won't even take that long. Before I do, we would be remiss all of us this weekend. You if we didn't notice Israel you know what Christians need to remember. were grafted in there the original branches and the Romans were the grafted in branches. In its essence Do you understand Christianity is Jewish after Christ When the apostles went around spreading the gospel to their mind, this was a continuation of Judaism the Messiah had come. It was kind of an illusionary split because they felt the Christians felt they were continuing Judaism because the Messiah had come and they were spreading the word about the Messiah and this was to them the next chapter of Judaism and the Gentiles us are kind of stepchildren were grafted in any person you see that professes to be a Christian as anti semitic, they're no Christian. Are you judging? Yeah. I'm making a judgment call. There's a difference between being judgmental and making a judgment call. Anytime you hear our witness anti semitism is satanic. Because this started in Genesis, this is nothing new. And it's irrational, why people who don't even know Jews would hate Jews. God has been clear I will be said to his nation, I will bless those that bless you. And I will curse those who curse you. down I want to have a prayer for Israel. You can say well, they don't know Jesus. I don't know what the deal is for them. God is just That's all I know. Some fundamentalist preacher almost happy when they announced groups they think are going to hell I'm not I'm pulling for everybody that can to get to heaven, aren't you? Pete is my big brother. I am under Pete I view him as my superior and he is the elder for all of you want to ask Pete in behalf of all of us to come and pray for our brothers and sisters in Israel Amen. I was watching a Christian station on TV last week. You guys know Joel Rosenberg. Joel is it was his show. And he closed it after talking about all these things that are going on in Israel and how the whole world is starting to rally against them. Is Jerry said this is nothing new. It's been going on since Genesis Israel in Psalm 83 It's a song of Psalm for myself. I think it's his last one. Got employed, he's employed God to confound their enemies. Oh God, do not remain quiet. Do not be silent. And oh god, do not be still. For behold your enemies make an uproar. And those who hate you have exalt in themselves. They made through plans against your people, and conspire together against your treasured ones. They have said come and let us wipe them out as a nation, that the name of Israel be remembered no more. For they have conspired together with one mind against you. They make a covenant, the tense of Edom initialize Moab and hag rights and an MLS. For Listia. With the inhabitants of Syria also has joined with them. They have become a help to the children of Lot. Deal with them as with Midian as with Sarah, and jabbing at the torrent of Keshawn, who were destroyed at Endor, who became as dunk for the ground, make their nobles like Oreo and all their princes like Zebah and sow Munna who said let us possess or ourselves the pastures of God. Oh my God make them like the whirling dust like chaff before the wind, like fire that burns the forest and like a flame that sets a mountain zone fire. So pursue them with your Tempest and terrify them with your storm. Feel their faces with dishonor, that they may seek your name, oh Lord, that then be ashamed and dismayed forever. And let them be humiliated, embarrassed, that they may know that you are alone, or the Lord of hosts are the most over the earth. And Lord, Israel has been praying these kinds of prayers forever. And you've always come through. And you preserve your people in the nation since

1948. They've been war after war every few years. And here we are again. And we want to pray in Jesus name. And we want the outcome of this war to be that they know that you alone other Lord knows. And only you could pull off what you've done. The Seven Day War, or six day war in 67. Lord, you came through then in the whole world was saying, what happened? How could they do that they were surrounded, and they're surrounded again, Lord in Israel. And it's not just Israel, in every country that arrived there, roaring against your people, and for the bad guy. And we're for the good guys, Lord. And it's good to know. It's good for Israel to know that their chosen people, but they don't know you personally. And I just pray and we pray that you come against their enemies, like you have so often in the past, you'd comfort the US hostages and the families of the hostages, that comes all the families who have lost loved ones over there, we pray for the Americans who haven't gotten out, that they'd be able to get out safely. We prefer not in his kennel, and all the military and politicians that are making decisions over there. And they are resolute, in their desire to wipe us off the map. So this could never happen again. So Lord, we stand with Israel, we stand with your chosen people, but we stand with them, hoping and praying that they would their enemies would be confounded. And that they would know that you're the Lord God, almighty, and that Jesus Christ is their Messiah, in a great revival would break out because of the war. And only you can do that. Only you could do something like that. But we wouldn't put it past you to do something like that and preserve Israel. We pray that the United States would continue to back Israel, we pray that there'd be a speaker named in the house so that they could give aid to Israel. The Lord, there's many prayers going up in this room. I'm speaking that they are praying as well. So we agree together, save Israel. Protect your name for your chosen people. And let the outcome of this be a better world where Israel is safe and its own borders. And we pray that in Jesus name and all that Americans American Woman Thank you one of the reasons, the reason one of the reasons we're here by the way, I want I want to give you a coaching tip Pete had mentioned was that you at the end of the day, or who wasn't said, You need to honor your wife. Was that up? I'm gonna tell you something. And if you'll do it, and you'll teach it to your boys and your friends, your wives are going to say what in the world did they teach you at that retreat? I want you to go next year to in my household, we have a tradition. Stand Wait, sit Wait. What that means around our dinner table at any meal that we're going to sit down with. It's not one of the families fragmented, so half of them are gone. That if we're all gonna have men and boys never sit ever before Holly says if we have guests with wives, if Holly seated but the wives are not we never sit all the women are Seated. Now if my daughter is sitting there and she watches that day and day out month in month out year in year out what do you think that teaches her? This is how you should expect to be treated by men. Now my boys that stand with me, what does this teach them? This is how you treat women. And I can't think of a better way doesn't cost you a thing. Now I'll have adult guests we have a lot of guests that our rents can we kind of run a guest ranch during the summer because of our age where mentors or counselors or teachers, so I mean, I've always gone around and spoken but you know, I do a lot of work with couples one on one that kind of thing. I call it six band yet ministry and to hand combat and people come to the Rockies you just get punched in the face by God, good lord. You know, it's it's overwhelming. It's so beautiful. And a lot of times the the girl, the grown man will go ahead and sit down and they'll look around and see my boys are still standing and I'll just do like that. And they'll stand up, have never had one be offended. They might be a little embarrassed. Uh, trying to shame them. Just trying to improve them. That's not that hard, is it? Why don't you do it? Do it. Be a gentleman. You know who else was a gentleman? Jesus Christ. Holy Spirit. Do you know that's where the word gentleman came from. In ancient times, people would refer to Jesus as the gentle man. So always be a gentleman. Honor your family and honor those worthy of honor. My pleasure, son. So I have a book I began to study kind of going over what you were saying what's it looked like about the ancient Christians? And I thought if they could time travel forward, what would they think of us? And half of them are I'm embarrassed in advance.

Because I know I used to teach church history. And the first 300 years, they should have died. It's a shame. We don't teach church history. We're Christians know nothing about their ancestors. And how we got here. You know, we used to say, look, if they dropped some kind of bomb, and it was just us, we were all left would we carry on the faith? Because there are moments in history where the Christians got to be a very tiny group, man. Maybe they wouldn't make it. But they did. Through people that show you what it looks like to be a bonafide Airborne Ranger Christian. Now they were contraband. They were illegal and wrong. They didn't send out death squads all the time to hunt them down. But if you got crossed up, and they told you to put the incense in, and they would put incense in, and it would burn this fragrance, but it was a tribute to Caesar, who was considered God. Christians were forbidden to do that, by their own volition. You could die Nero to Christians and tied them on the post, poured kerosene on him and lit them up. So he and guests could laugh at them while they were torches burned alive. so forth, and on down the line. In the first 300 years, they went from a little sect. And at the end of three years, there was a million of them. This is unexplainable. They had no printing presses, no media, no radio, no TV, no buildings, until the third century of their existence, or did they meet in homes? Weather permitting, maybe they'd made in the field. They didn't have printed Bibles. They had manuscripts of the scripture that would be passed around from church to church. They would call their pastors there were no self anointed pastors who got up said what God led me to be a pastor. I mean, people run around the day saying, all on there Rome, God told me this to do. No, in the early church, they would have observed character qualities gifts in people. And they would call them you probably maybe you've heard that they're going to call the pastor. That's from the old days when they go to somebody said, we've seen Christ in you. And you are a gifted teacher, you have the ability to teach a lot of people get ministry, and they take can't all they do is bore people. They can't teach. The Bible literally says if you're going to be a teacher, you should have a gift of teaching. So so that's the way it was back then. How did it spread? Since they didn't have a media, a lot of today's churches are copied after corporate models. And they have two year three year five year plan. He's just like a corporation. They have events, you know, and different things like that. Well, meaning God bless him. That's never been the most effective. Way to evangelize for people come to Christ in the Spirit. You know what it always is? hand to hand combat. personal witness. Now, guys, I'm hoping everybody here has given their life or recommitted their life to Christ, and you're not on the train to hell. If there's any of you that aren't you come and talk to me. before this is over and give me one more shot at you. Are you crazy? It's eternity. And God wants to use you here. He didn't come to save you. So you can sit around wait to go to heaven? How do you know that? They know what corporations will pay 35 \$40,000 to get consultants to help them come up with a mission statement. What's a mission statement? This is who we are, what we stand for. And that's usually far as a lot of them go because you know, the harder one to do is the strategic plan. The strategic plan is okay, we got a mission statement. Here's where we are. Here's what we stand for. Strategic Plan is, how are we going to pull this off? How do we get there? What does it look like? You want to know the strategic plan of Jesus. It's in Matthew 14, feeding of the 5000. John the Baptist got killed. Crowds are going this is beyond religion. People are starting to die. This is kittens serious like the times we're in and they saw it out Jesus. That's what the crowd that's why they all went out there. There in those one or two days. The crowd was 5000. You've probably heard this before that was men. Put women and children in there. You probably had 20,000. And they needed a word from the boss. Look, John the Baptist just got the head of I mean, you're the guy, right? I mean, is this real? What do we do and where do we go from there? They needed answers. They needed comfort, and he he ministered to him until everybody was fatigued. They were tired. They were hungry. They had children with him. And then he said, That's it. So the disciples said, Lord, just shut her down and let these guys go into town. Let the bellies give them food and he said no, you feed us feed them. There's 20,000 People here. You know the story there was a boy with a few fishes and loaves.

You may think you don't have much to offer to the Lord. I've talked to so many of you this weekend. I don't just come to give talks to the group go hide out in a room I'm here to converse, talk to the brothers appeal to you. So many of you have confessed to me low self esteem like you feel you can't be forgiven. Stop being self righteous. Like an atheist, you're saying God doesn't have power to forgive you. You're not trying to be self righteous. It's a trick. But you are humble yourself and accept the forgiveness from your God. You're crazy and you know what? If you want me to tell you if you're worthy or not, you're not go ahead and make peace with that. I know I suffered from an inferiority complex for years to God finally showed me I was inferior that's the whole idea of the gospel How do you miss it? Not have a sir. Are worthy Good lord. Anyway listen to this this is a book I've acquired. Was that in the middle of the story I need to finish for you. What was it you don't know you were unworthy can anybody else remember what Yeah, so he he tells he tells these guys you feed him he takes what this boy has he doesn't have much but just take Christ what you have he'll multiply it little boy came up said that all you got kid now. Good for you. You're gonna make the Bible and Matthew Hey made the Bible. When I get to heaven, I look that kid up but you made it. You got the Bible. He gives these baskets to the disciples. Now on the face time curve, that what exact moment does the miracle happen? of multiplication what? When they held out the basket, when they reach out, he prayed that set the miracle in motion. You're right. But in the time space curved the multiplication happened when they reached out with the basket. This is the st strategic plan of Christ. He's gonna bring a blessing to people he's gonna feed people and sustain people immerse people. Did he need the disciples to help him? Really? He could have just gone watch this smorgasbord. No. He wanted to bring a blessing to those people. But what was the plan? He was going to use? People. So here's the axiom if you pass algebra, God uses people is using you. Why not? That's the plan. God's gonna bring a blessing to the world. But he's going to use people there again, the great theological mystery. Does he need people? No. But he cuts us in on the deal. I think that's so cool. It's like your uncle just cut you in on a stock deal. You don't even know what it is and you got stock. God wants to bless people. He's gonna use people, but you're not gonna have any stories to tell. Until you hit that time space curve moment and you reach out. You gotta reach out. I do in big ways and small ways. I love fish. I was walking out a Dick's Sporting Goods the other day. I got a big box of golf balls to play golf with my son because that's about how many I need around. The cashier lady said Is anybody helping you? I said, Jesus Christ is helping me who's helping you. I walked in a restaurant at a five star resort in Colorado Springs down the road from us and the hostess these two gals behind the desk all dressed up. They said I walked in with a doctor friend of mine. They said Well, good evening, or Are You Too celebrating anything? I think she got we were gay. You know? It's on him. You know what do you guys celebrate? That I'm celebrating my salvation. In Jesus. What do you celebrate? You know? It's not even in your face, but I'm putting him on scoreboard. You wouldn't believe how many people saw Corrado when we talk you know they get curious you know if there's a little something in there, succeed that might grow. I love putting Christ on the scoreboard because he put me on the scoreboard so that's the plan. He doesn't want you to just come to him and now you're saved. He wants to use you. He wants you off the sideline. He wants you on the field and he wants you to wear the jersey. He wants you to be in the game. Yeah, you might get your button off. Just jump up laugh and that's part of the deal. But you're in the game. Listen to this personal witness. These are historians, world class scholars. This book is called the history of Christianity. And edited by Tim Dally. I don't know these guys, but I just wanted to tell you if you wanted to get this for your library, you can just leave it here. Take a picture of it. Later tonight. You can see I'm perfectly bored with that book. I mean, Holly said what line did you not underline? You know, personal witness. This is why we're here today. This is why the Church of Jesus Christ made it through that critical first 300 years. personal witness, but it was by far the most common method of evangelism used by Christians. Because it was the easiest to organize, personal friendship formed the basis for bringing many people to

Christ. It was friendship evangelism. The Christians had so much love in their heart, so much compassion for their fellow Roman citizens. Caesar said at one point, the Christians take better care of Romans than we do. They weren't going around calling all the non Christian sitters. They were fellow citizens. The Christians were noted as model citizens. They didn't have special Christian clothes or any of that stuff. That doesn't make you holy. When the plagues started, guess who didn't leave town but who stayed to take care of it but Christians? They were noted as honest and business loving. They'd help you and they would make personal friendships and basically earn the right to talk to their neighbors about Christ. I don't know how to get just start serving people. Your buddy next door is his mowers broke, take him years. Help people assist people love people. You'll get to talk to him about Christ and you'll know when the time's right. It was more casual encounters. They were used to Justin Martyr became a Christian after talking to an old man in emphasis. An old man witness to justin martyr who became one of the heroes while in Cyprus oh man and emphasized well at Cyprus he was converted through a church leader. Later influence became a strong factor origin became a Christian family and owed Much to his parents. For his Christian faith, origin his his family led him to Christ. I had a guy asked me in Washington one time what would your plan to beat evangelize America? I said my plan you wouldn't need it you wouldn't need Campus Crusade Young Life for anybody? What if every family in our country that names the name of Jesus all they did was just leave their own kids to Christ we would have 100 million Christians discipled and you didn't even have to make a donation I want you to be convicted you could serve in divorce I'm this I'm that I'm happy man. I don't care. Whoever your blood is, it's on you. You need to go on a mission to figure out how to lead them all to Christ. All your blood are gonna make it across the finish line that burns within me I'm on point for my family there's no father ahead of me there's no grandfather ahead of me my family's down to me. Our family motto was winners take responsibility losers blame others I want all my blood to be saved. After that God can have my money my reign soul and I don't give a crap. I want my blood and I want you to get real convicted about that. I want you to think about maybe relatives you haven't seen, but if they're your blood, you're on point. some idea of the effectiveness of Christian witness was given by Celsius. He was a powerful opponent to the faith. In the second century, he mentions how Christians with little or no education, seize every opportunity to witness the people. And even when confronted with highly educated pagans, they would politely be quiet for a moment. When the pagan got quiet. They'd start witnessing. personal evangelism was often backed up by conspicuous acts of kindness. Another opponent of Christianity, Lucien samosa. He told how a charlatan whose name was Portis was befriended by a Christian by Christians. During outbreaks of plague in Alexandria, Christians tended to the sick and buried the dead, when almost everybody else had fled Alexandria, in fact, the Christian lifestyle itself was a powerful influence on evangelism in society, kindness, honesty, personal purity were rare. Christians who live out these virtues, were sure to attract comment and often serious inquiry. Yeah, I was with Billy Graham one time. All day I was his valet. Taking taken him around. He was in Washington, he had speaking engagements all over town. We'd have some gaps where we'd wait in these gilded waiting rooms before I would walk him in. I remember asking him I said, Dr. Graham, what is the what about that scripture? It says, Pray without ceasing society. He says before I walk in any room, I pray that God would did me a favor. He said, I pray when people would see my face, they think of Jesus. I pray when people would hear my name, they think of Jesus. I pray when people would hear my voice, they think of Jesus. I started praying that for myself. St. Patrick, he wasn't just the inventor of green beer. He was a man of God, he led all of Northern Ireland to Christ. No, he was a saint. And he had a prayer Christ before me. Christ behind me, Christ above me. Christ beneath me. Christ to my left, Christ to my right, Christ in me that about covers it. Well God wants to guide us as people as a us a new one. All those Christians have two little more articles are going to read that I'll go to another topic. I'll just keep track of you if you look like you're getting tired. This is those Christians this is by done a

letter to dynamics. A lot of these sources are secular historians. In a way they're more valuable to me than if they were Christians. Because don't get me wrong, but you know, you might expect Christians to kind of slanted our way does that make sense? These guys don't care. They're just gonna say. So when they say these things about Christian man that swings double wait with me listen to this. The entitle this letter. Those Christians This is written in the second century. Christians are not differentiated from other people by contract language or customs. They do not live in cities of their own. They speak a strange dialect or have some particular lifestyle. In other words, they don't come across as weirdos. they assimilate into the culture. This teaching of theirs has not been contrived by the invention and speculation of inquisitive men nor are they propagating mere human teaching, as some people do. They live in both Greek and barbarian cities. Wherever chances put them they follow the local customs and clothing and food and then other aspects of life. But at the same time, they display to us their wonderful and certainly unusual style of citizenship if they live in Mexico, So what would they kind of look like a Mexican. They would learn the songs love the food people. These guys are pretty cool. They were likable. They marry, they have children, just like everyone else. But they do not kill unwanted babies. That's the second century. There's nothing new under the sun isn't even back then. Rome, Roman. They can, if they had a little child decided they didn't like it, they could kill it. I mean, that's the way it rolled back then. You don't see that history books. But it's common knowledge. Christians wouldn't do that. They offered a shared table, but not a shared bed. They pass their days on her, but they're citizens of heaven. Now, this is one of the things in my studies I've seen over and over and over again, these early Christians, one thing that was clear to them, this was not their home. They were citizens of heaven. They were visitors here. They were passing through, you know what's called a pilgrimage. I have a buddy that I've been working on for Christ now started calling him pilgrim. Less than every time I call you that I want you to understand. You're a citizen of heaven, you're just passing through. So don't get too wrapped around the axle about the Earth and the things that are going on here guys, don't get too attached. This is not your heaven, not your your home. They obey the laws. They're not troublemakers. They go beyond the laws in their own lives. They love everyone. They are persecuted by all the secular historian. They are known and condemned. They are put to death, but they gain life. They're poor and yet they make many rich. They lack everything, and yet they have plenty of things. They're dis Dishonored, and yet gang glory through dishonor. Their names are blackened and yet they are cleared. They are mocked and blessed in return. They are treated outrageously and behave respectfully to others. When they do good, they're punished as evil doers. When they're punished, they rejoice as if being given a new life. They are attacked by Jews as barbarians, and persecuted by Greeks, yet those who hate them can give no reason for their hatred. To put it simply, the soul is to the body as Christians are to the world did you get that one? That's profound as the soul is to our body these early Christians review by these secular historians to worship pagans they were the soul to the world. Christians are scattered through all the cities of the world. The soul is in the body. But it is not the body Christians are the world but they're not in the world or of the world but not in it. That's what it looks like. What's it look like to you? That's come to attain to art Aren't you proud of our ancestors? I almost want to say a prayer. I mean they're in heaven but gosh, I'm proud of them. We come from pretty good stock guys. We got to live up to these guys. Are we mock them? Here's the last on this part of the roll call tonight. Then I'll move on to make just a few comments on prayer and sit it down. I'm not gonna ride you hard and put you up wet tonight. In the words of Elizabeth Taylor to her five husbands I won't be keeping any of you that long I crack myself up this is a well documented St. I'm gonna read you a one page story of the essence of her life. Her name is Paul But to and he's revered in Christian history. We have incredible documentation on her. She came from kind of a upper middle class family in Rome. She became a Christian as a young adult. She had just had a child. They it was kind of in her neighborhood there turned a lineup and put incense in the sensor, the hot coals as a tribute to

Caesar. She wouldn't do it. Listen to this last page, you want to know what it looks like. For real Christians while we were under arrest, my father this has been hurt diary. My father, out of his love for me, he tried to persuade me and shake my resolve. Father, I said, Do you see this vase here? He was trying to get her to deny Christ and save her life. Because they were about to drag her in the court. Father, I said do you see this face here, for example? Or this water pot? Or whatever? Yes. He said, could it be called anything other than what it is? No. It's the face. It's a vase. Well, in the same way, I can't be called anything except I'm a Christian. My father was so angry at that word Christian. That he made his if he would tear myself. But he left it at that and departed, defeated along with his devilish arguments. During those few days, I was baptized. And I was inspired by the Holy Spirit not to ask for any other favor after the water except physical perseverance. She never exactly asked God to get her out. She just said whatever you've ordained that I go through, helped me endure to the end, Lord. I was only prayer. A few days later, we were lodged in prison. I was terrified. so honest. That's why we know this is not mythology. It doesn't sound like she was terrifying. Who wouldn't be as I had never been in such a dark hole. What a terrible time it was overcrowding. The heat was stifling. There was also the extortion of the soldiers. On top of everything else, I was tormented with worry about my new little baby. I had to endure these trials for days. Then I obtained permission for my baby to be with me in prison. I've been in prisons in Russia, where the babies were allowed in with the mothers. Immediately I regained my health. relieved of worry and anxiety about my child. Prison suddenly became a palace. I wanted to be there more than anywhere else. Then one day, while we were having breakfast, we were suddenly rushed off to court. We arrived at the forum and immediately the news flow around the neighborhood and a huge crowd gathered. We entered the prisoners dock when they were questioned. All the others admitted their guilt. When my turn came my father appeared with my son dragged me from the bench saying make the sacrifice. Have pity on your baby. Hallo rainiest, the governor who succeeded the late Proconsul meniscus Timonium, as judge said Have pity on your father's gray head Have pity on your infant son off for the sacrifice for the well being of the Emperor. I will not reply. Are you a Christian? Said the pro council I am confess. Then the pro council passed Senate's on all of us. We were condemned to death by beasts In the Colosseum. Listen to the last sentence of her letter. We returned to the prison in high spirits that's what it looks like. Palena study studied the rest of her life we found animals. She was killed by beasts the next day. Then gladiators were to go around and finish off those that were quite dead. She had a young kid probably his first day doing this in the Coliseum in the Roman army outfit. He was he just couldn't quite pull the trigger. She grabbed the sword and put it over her heart and helped him finish her off because he was gonna die anyway, that's what it looks like. We returned to the prison in good spirits now this is either gonna make you feel fearful or you're gonna go God I want to be like her. That's freedom. When Christ says the truth will make you free. I will make this as complete freedom. When we're not bound to this earth we don't fear for life anymore. I'm not from here anyway. And I'm gonna die anyway. I talked about dead men walking in the sense aren't we all dead men walking? Death is getting there for all of us. I could go on about these people. But thank God your prayers tonight for your ancestors. God I'm proud of them, aren't you? Okay, last chapter. I want to make a few comments about prayer. Now the you know, you can have short prayers. You can have long prayer. When Paul mentioned Philemon, he said i i mentioned him every day and my prayers. When you look up that word the original language is just it's a thought you would take Paul with a pray for Philemon 15 minute, no, he had too many the run out of time he wouldn't have. So it's legitimate. You may have a prayer list. And you can say, Lord, would You I just placed Pete in front of the throne that you would bless and be with him today. Okay, that took a few seconds. That's a legitimate biblical prayer. There's no time limit. You should have yourself a little prayer notebook. If you don't. This is put this puts me on the path to have a better prayer life than I would before. Here's what's interesting boys. I've been doing this 50 years. And so when I

interview people, and you'll see I stay till I turn the lights out talking to whoever will talk to me. And they interview people I learned when I asked good guys, Christian guys, what part of your Christian experience or you walk with the Lord? Are you if you're disappointed or wish it could have been better? What part would it be 90% of them say what? My prayer life? Well, you heard what I said about the path. You got to get yourself deliberately on a path and a plan to take you where you need to be want to be. So I'm just trying to get your creative wheels turning in this I'm not giving you a theological treatise on prayer as a scholar, I'm just kind of coaching you up like we're a neighborhood club. Get yourself a prayer book. And this holds in a pen. It's been all over the world. And in here's mine, yours doesn't have to be like mine. But this is kind of the idea. On the first page, I have different prayers I pray. No, I have my life first. The Ephesians three 320 That's my life first and it's also a prayer I pray every day for myself for smokin hot, and my children and the grandchildren. Ephesians 320 says now to he who is able he being God to do exceedingly, abundantly more than you could ask for even think up. My mentor was we were in a session one day out in the country and he said Jerry, you're one of the most creative guys. You have a life first. I don't even know what that is. Remember, I grew up completely uncertain. I mean when the gun goes off for Christ, some people are on the starting line. When the gun went off to Christ in my life, I was like 500 yards behind the start line. But I got on the track. He said, Well, it's like you like the Bible, but you got to have a verse where if you missed it all, you got that, like the old Green Bay Packers, we may we may not do a lot, but we're going to run off tackle. So Ephesians 320 explained it to me, and he says, you know, what this means is, God can make things happen in your life, you wouldn't even think to ask or pray for. I said, I love stuff like that. To me, life is an adventure. Life has never been about survival. To me. It's been an adventure. My best friends are adventurous risk takers. We try to take smart risks, and sometimes we wouldn't have any other way. So I said, I want to see since 320. It came through in my life. People go heads up with the Redskins. I don't know. Somebody got sick, and they call me and said you were a college player. We need a sub Would you come out? I did it. And then coach Joe Gibbs came up said you know how to talk to the y'all to just do this full time. Okay. That was my plan. That's Ephesians. Three. I couldn't have thought that up. Could you imagine me just out of blue. And Father, I'd like to be chair. I mean, I wouldn't even say that. I don't want to take up the time. But I could take 10 things in my life like that. People think I had some kind of a plan. I don't know. I normally have a five minute plan. You know, I just chased after Jesus. That's all I do. I'm Chase after Jesus. I pray Ephesians 320. Now, if I'm praying for Holly and I run out of things to pray right at the end, I go, and Lord Ephesians 320 for Holly, meaning. I'm sure there's stuff I forgot, or I don't even know how to ask for. But that kind of, it's like my insurance policy that Ephesians three, it just covers the rest. And it happens. Now I pray it for the kids and the grandkids every day. I want to teach you a prayer. And I want you to write this down. This is a game changer. After I'd been in Washington and I was chaplain of the high tech prayer breakfast, the real estate prayer breakfast, this is exposure to 1000s of people in these industries. Annual prayer breakfast at the Hilton like 800 people sold out in Washington, Washington's divided town. So being with the Redskins, all our chaplain team, we got invited everywhere, because the only thing the town could agree on was the Redskins stuck. Yay, we're together. So they love but they love the risk. And so we got to. And after being in Washington for 32 years, after about early 20 years, I got invited to teach a group of generals in the Pentagon off the grid. Because these these meetings can't be published. I have a lot of groups like that. And I accepted immediately like, well, all generals, how many journals will be in the group? They're like eight. I said happy and honor. Sometimes they invite you to stuff you accept immediately. Okay, so then, the day before it was about to happen, I was out jogging on the bike trail. I thought I can't do this. I'm not on my death. I don't have the pedigree. My dad was never higher than a tech sergeant. He never went to college. My grandfather was a coal miner. A family grew up in genteel poverty, meaning they were clean, civilized, but they were broke. A lot of people were in that generation. But I thought I'm

not the guy. I mean, I had a really existential crisis. And I stopped jogging. And I you know, you can from time to time actually get in the conversation with the Lord. Doesn't happen every day Moses that didn't happen for 40 years but then it got hot after what you got going. And I said Lord, I don't want to do it. What do you mean you want to do it? I'm not qualified. You know, the Peter Principle where you keep going up and you're good at it. You're good at it. And then you get you get promoted to one level higher than you have the ability for I felt that happened to me. And then I started naming every Christian I could think of the god I said God I don't want to force Bill Bright. Where's Billy Graham? Where's Dawson Trotman who founded the navigators? Where's you know naman the heads of all these national ministries. Then when I ran out of names the Lord literally don't tell me that have a sense of humor. He said back to me, Jerry. They're not here. We're down to you. I'm not kidding. That's down to me. That's about it. Now, here's when he gave. Here's when he gave me this life changing prayer I'm gonna teach you. He said, What if I just gave you a favor? With a general you know the Bible? You know what to say? You know how to teach you have more lessons than you could teach at this stage in your career. You boasted No, I'm supposed to know that. It's what I do. If you're an insurance guy, I hope you can read me a policy. You should be able to. I said favor. He said, Yeah. Think about justice. In the Old Testament. He ended up second command of Egypt. But I gave in favor. He was basically a nobody. Like you've just proclaimed to me you are. What about Daniel? He was a teenager. Nebuchadnezzar basically took notes when this kid talked to him. I gave him favor. Anita, neither one of those kids could have carried out this high mission I gave them without my favor. And when they spoke, they said what they knew. They knew what to say. But they needed



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So Lord, while I was standing there, and my gym clothes gave me this three point prayer and it's changed my life. And I've shared it with people and it's changed their life. It's just three Roman numerals. It's not that long. Roma, here we go. Roman numeral number one. This is a famous prayer in the Bible. One sentence, Lord Jesus, Son of David, have mercy upon me. That's Roman numeral number one. Lord Jesus, Son of David, have mercy upon me. Got it. Roman numeral two. Lord, would you give me favor you as capital while you? Lord, would you give me favor? Period? Continue, Lord, would You capital while you cause people to love me and bless me? Period. Got it. Lord, would you give me favor? Lord, would You cause people to love me and bless me? I'll explain that to you in just a second. Roman numeral three. Lord, would you give me power but only as I give you power with me? Is this quid pro quo. Lord would you give me power but only as I give you power with me? Let me explain this prayer because sometimes I get men on number two they go way way Wait a minute, that's backwards or upside down. Lord, would you give me favor and cause people love me and bless me? Think with me a second guys. Think about this. Lord, would you give me power with people? But only as I give you power with me. Lord, three, Lord, would you give me power with people? As I give you power with me got it. Tell me what you got. We got the first one was mercy The third one, power. I'll say it again. Men, I'm gonna explain it to you. And this is a game changer. Number one, Lord Jesus, Son of David, have mercy upon me. That's a very famous prayer. Number Roman numeral two. Lord, would you give me a favor? Would you

cause people to love me? And bless me? That was too. Number three, Lord, would you give me power with people, but only as I give you power with me? Now, let me explain this to you. Now, a lot of guys, they're not challenging me. They just want some clarification. They go, I don't know what that number two thing. I've been asking for God's favor, okay. Because people love me and blessed me. Yes. Let me ask you this. Now listen, I'm not gonna work you that much longer. So keep working. Practicing over yet may make some of your stay after. If you don't trust God to give you favor. If you don't trust God, to help people love and bless you, then how do you get favor? You get it on your own. Think of this. Think of ramifications? Well, then how do you get favor on your own, you're at a reception. And you're saving intelligence. You're trying to be funny. You're trying to give the impression you're more contacted, that you really are competent, that you really are wealthier than if you tried to get your own favor. I don't know how you can do it. Integrity, your BS and you're doing it out of survival. Because you want favor. We need favor with people. So if you don't trust God, to give you a favor, I'm gonna ask you again. How do you get it? You have to get it yourself. Now, here's a funny little paradox. Let's say you're at a reception or serving little white wine and cold shrimp. You're standing around and you're holding court. People are listening to you and you are red hot. You're in the zone. I mean, you're coming across as bright. You haven't said one thing that wasn't brilliant. They're laughing that you walk away and they're like, why guy? In the car driving home, I'm tell you what you're gonna think I don't want to see those people again for a year. And why do you think that? I can't be like that every night. I was in the zone. I was brilliant. I was funny. But that's not who I am in perpetuity. I just it's like in baseball, right? The guy goes for four greatest hitter in the world. Then he goes Oh, for 12 I mean, that's life. Let me tell you the other benefits. I got this thing wired guys, you're gonna like these explanations. When God gives you favor and he gives you power with people, and that's for Christ's sake. This isn't for you to scam them or make money. It's for their sake. It's for goodness sake. You follow? That's the power you're asking for. When you start talking to people, and they do like that, start listening to you. Especially if there's somebody important. You're never tempted to be prideful. Why? You know what's going on? That's God's favor. I go to the Pentagon and they send a two star general to the front door to escort me. My dad was a tech sergeant. We used to walk around the bases and we had to salute everybody because I mean, first thing you do is you look on their sleeve and their shoulder to see what's up there and it was always higher than tech sergeant. My dad's like that I was a little kid. I thought I was supposed to do it. I thought I'm having a great day. There's them in a two star general to escort me up to the suite or a four star general was hosting this group. I'm as cool as the center seat of the cucumber. I'm actually having fun. Why? have asked God for favor. I have no pressure to impress him all hell shot By and he'll multiply any truth I tell him in his behalf, in their mind in their heart and their soul. And I started talking and they were taking notes. For for three star generals were taking notes. And they wanted to know about friendships, relationships, they don't teach you stuff like that at the academy. These guys are in charge of the whole nuclear. And when they go home, their wife's not that impressed. Neither other kids. And they've had no training and any of that. God gave me a favor. I don't feel like I'm special. I'm confessed you I didn't even want to do it. And I've had never have any temptation to be conceited about it. It's not just favor with the great. I talk to waitresses, I just chat with everybody. And I've noticed sometimes when I just start talking to them, they'll just do like that and just start listening to me. And it's all for their good. So I don't think I'm CS Lewis, or any of that. I'm the guy that made a C in chemistry in the dead don't even know why. I had a group of physicists from the Kurchatov Institute, I taught Moscow, physicists are taking notes while I'm talking. I'm a BS in Alabama. Funny thing, nobody's asked me if I have a license for any of this. You know? In that kind of make you feel like you're getting a Christmas present on Christmas morning, this teaching I'm giving you right now, like man, I want to start praying for God to give me a favor. And I'm tired of trying to put a snow job on everybody. How do you feel about that? Yes, no, no pressure. You're literally free to love them.

Due to things I've told you this weekend, swap your validation from trying to get it from people achievements, what you have who you know where you've been. Give that up. It'll never validate you. Swap your validation to God validating about what Jesus did on the cross. When he did that on the cross, we're good. Like, get out there, son and do something. Have a little fun along the way. validation, if you'll swap your validation to God and stop trying to get it from people or achievements. You'll be absolutely free to love people with no agenda, how many people that they know like that? Not many. Everybody wants something. If you'll begin to pray this prayer for favor, it'll change your life. If you have a pure heart, and you're for real. I have a bunch of material I love to teach you. But I'm going to close with one story. I know when it's over. I was talking that we were talking today how some ministers you hear him preach a preacher and it was a sermon. It was great. They got Yeah. I'm ready to sign the check. And then they go and preach another sermon, then they lose you're like I just want out of here. Here's our last story. And it's about prayer. Because I know we got a lot of accomplished prayer warriors here and we got some some plebes coming in the door. One of my mentors was Dr. Hendricks from Dallas Seminary. He mentored Pete too. And he's in heaven now. But he he was also the chaplain of the Dallas Cowboys for a while when he was professor there to Dallas Seminary. And, but he he wasn't kind of a cleric, seminary guy, he got out into the boardrooms and restaurants you know, places football games were real people go and make friends. And he wasn't just walled up in the bubble of a similar academic seminary like love these guys are. He was able to share Christ with probably the most the hottest businessman in Dallas. Okay, one of the top five. And this guy's he was a salesman. He was he was just everything he touched turned to gold and this guy heard a talk came to Christ and he said Dr. Hendricks, could you mentor me said absolutely. We're going to meet in the seminary in my office before the staff comes in. They come in about 730 Can you meet me there at 630 We'll have an hour every Wednesday, so I'm there. And they've been meeting about two or three Wednesdays this guy. So excited. Hunger and thirst after righteousness. He was on fire. Couldn't get enough. Here he's got this PhD mentoring. Dr. Hendricks. Well, they ran a little late one Wednesday, and they came out. The seminary staff was always there and they don't ever go anywhere but home in the seminary pretty much. And Dr. Henderson, this guy walk up this guy was at such a great session. He was so excited learning all these new things about Jesus. He said doc, tat was one hell of a meeting. The seminary says like, hell, you know, Jesus reads the heart. You tell me what's your best guess? What was that guy really say him? In our language, it would have been praise the Lord. That would eventually be his language right then that's one hell of a meeting. It was kind of the probably the same thing to God if you know what I'm saying. And Dr. Hendricks, and I'm glad you liked it. But I want to tell you this. I leave here every Winston we go in this boardroom and we have a prayer meeting with other professors. Why don't you just come and hang out and just listen in? Oh, no. This guy can't fear came over when he got that. Prayer pray and I don't know yet until I don't we hadn't done that yet. He said, we'll just come and listen in I know you want to. I will Oh, just come on. We gotta go. Okay. So the guy goes in with. So there are all these learning guys around this conference table. Here's Dr. Hendricks, and there's Joe. And so, it looks like it's going to start the Dr. Hendricks left and go around clockwise, theoretically to Joe and then Dr. Hendrix will be the last in the lineup. And so the first professor starts his tour of the universe. Oh Heavenly God who dialed This predated the permanent symbolical of the symbolical you know, he's doing it just like Dr. Hendricks try not to laugh. In the second professor starts his history lesson. Thou who from the past came in through the you know he's doing his history lesson prayer is kind of like that. And so it's turning into white noise in a way and so so Hendricks and Joe start whispering and DOCSIS Joe when it gets to you say a prayer and I can't praise Joe you're the best salesman in Dallas. You got a silver tongue you can talk if you can talk you can pray just say something that God man up and then he squeezed the you know that nerve and you're almost like have an added risk. Alright, it's finally getting out of the professor's deal and Joe's up to bat it was Thailand. People were picking up like what is this

I remember every word doc the doc told me one time I remember every word and chose prayer he said well God Hey this is Joe remember me he said I'm the guy gave my life to you two weeks ago just thought I'd say hi. Well Goodbye What a precious prayer. Dr. hindered said nobody else dared open their mouth because they were all certain even these other guys were revived. Who's the only guy that got through to the throne that day? Joe you new guys. Is this kind of encouraged you just be Joe I've never I'm done. I've never been so prayed up for before. I've been praying for this retreat for a spirit of revival. I've been praying that one guy would leave here on his way to hell. Not one not one. And I just felt the Holy Spirit all over this thing. I went to your prayer meeting on Friday. I can't remember being at a prayer meeting like that with and I've been all over the world forever. This reporting into you on what you got. You may not know I go all over you don't. So I can compare you and I can tell you. This is really something it should be growing. If you guys would get out there and be like the early Christians and witness the people and love them and befriend them. Get on the path. Make God your priority. Stop being afraid. No more coward. Be a man. Really? God's gathering himself a remnant. The only question is, are you going to be part of it? You are now I'll tell you that. God has always say for himself a remnant throughout the Bible history. You're part of it. It's a game on your country, your state, your city, your neighborhood, your family, your friends. I need you to step up. If you don't know what I'm talking about activity. That's mean No, it's just truth. I'm so thrilled about this. Pete, I'm honored. You invited me here. I just feel like I've been with some of God's ATMs. Thanks here. This is really a prayer deal. Is anybody invited to that? You guys ought to check that out. I've never been around anything like it. And I mean, I've been to every kind of prayer thing but not not not like that. I've just been really rejuvenated I'm so proud of you. Putting up with my crap all these years. With Rocky and Pete and I Pete was always the steady of steady when Rocky and I were always a basket case. The Pete was just steady. And I can't thank you enough for how much God used you in my life. Thank you Okay, Bongo boy. Come here once you dismiss us with a prayer, this is part of my penance for calling you Bongo boy, I'm sorry.



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Father, thank you so much for calling us. We've gotten nothing. And thank you for helping us understand we don't need anything. You've called us not. Because we have so much it's because we're willing to give you nothing. And you'll make everything out of our nothing to Father, you've called us up here. You've given us the opportunity to be broken in front of you. You've given us the opportunity to worship the Creator of the universe and be a part of your plan. Lord, thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to serve you Who and to lead people to you, Father, thank You for humbling us. Thank you for giving us strength, not our own strength. But thank you for sending us out with your strength. filling us up with your belief, your strength, Lord. Thank you for covering all the men. Thank you for raising up, Pete, Jerry and all the men who served God, you've given us more than we could ever imagine. Thank you, Lord. Thank You for sending us back. Lord, filling us up helping us be strong with your power. We love you Father God in Jesus name, Amen.



Jerry Leachman 1:30:52

My last charge. Get on the floor every day and pray for your blood. All right. Yes, ma'am.