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SPEAKERS

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P Pete McKenzie 00:26
journeys, journeys no introduction. So


J Jerry Leachman 00:35
hey, wait stay hippy. You know us southerners still have a sense of humor even this political correctness age, we like to laugh at ourselves. not take yourself so seriously. And I always just think we give everybody nicknames. And I just was thinking uh, nicknames for the band. You guys are the best worship group I've ever seen really? I saw Amy Grant Vince Gill at the Ryman they got you back a few notches but that's it. I worked with me on this that guy all the way in and he looks like a burnout hippie to me. So we're gonna call him an Alabama Hippie Boy. The other guy picks so fast. Have you noticed that? We'll just nickname him Alabama. Speedy casual? Lead singer Big Dog Joe's the drummer How about Boom Boom


J Jerry Leachman 01:50
banjo


J Jerry Leachman 01:56
banjo Billy Bo and then you got the bully bass What do you call it? Oh, the bongo boy


J Jerry Leachman 02:17
where is the bongo boy





 Pete McKenzie 02:24
for banjo


 Jerry Leachman 02:30
my wife heard about my birthday is next week. Next Saturday before I left


 Pete McKenzie 02:38
she gave me a half


 Jerry Leachman 02:44
believe like their


 Pete McKenzie 02:58
real name

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believe

 Jerry Leachman 03:14
you're the first page of play I've ever seen that looks like a college math professor.

 Jerry Leachman 03:25
He's got to bring his brother Bob teaches me and Pete southern jokes and boy he can't tell him like he can. But we tell Pete Pete's got a story for you. He learned from his brother Bob about a church situation in an Alabama.

 Pete McKenzie 03:43
I told this story, but it's been a long time. So most of you haven't heard it.

 Pete McKenzie 04:54
So Billy went to church with him at night. On this particular Sunday night

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Pete McKenzie 04:59

They had a Southern Baptist pep rally. Pastor came down on the floor, said I just want to hear from some of you congregants Tell me why you're glad to be a Southern Baptist. One guy raised his hand said I'm glad to be Southern Baptists, because we're the largest denomination in the world. loud applause now the guy this woman raise your hand said I'm Southern Baptist. Because Billy Graham's and Southern Baptists these most famous evangelists in the world not applause and several other people share the setlist hear from some of our young people. And Billy and I was on the second row with Bob and his kids. And and so we walked over and he says, This isn't Billy stands up. He goes, Why are you glad to be Southern Baptist? He says Well, I'm not What are you? He says I'm Church of Christ. Oh, we got a church of Christ with us here tonight. But tell us why you're glad to be Church Christ. He's sought a man and he says I guess goes mom and dad's Church Christ. You said well let's just follow that logic a little bit what if you mom and dad were idiots I guess it'd be Southern Baptist

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Jerry Leachman 06:27

you still got a PT Southern Baptists are famous for raising money I always tell guys if you forgotten who the Baptist start they're the ones when they baptize you if they hold you under the water to you yell the word tide

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Jerry Leachman 06:50

Well, let me see let me think of something to say today. Lord I pray we focus don't let our minds wander don't let my mind wander come upon us It's game time. There again don't let any man be left behind if you don't if you don't join up with Christ you won't have the Holy Spirit you won't have the armor of God you're on your own let us know how fight and demons works out for you speak to us today Christ's name amen

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Jerry Leachman 07:28

let me see here

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Jerry Leachman 07:36

you know one of the things Christ said is this if you're ashamed of me in front of a wicked and perverse generation he didn't even say am I using this mic or this ear thing? Okay too girly


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Jerry Leachman 08:09

What did you say was the last time you had good but weapon

 Jerry Leachman 08:24

Christ said if you're ashamed of me, and by the way, you guys are on it. He put a speaker up back there. You need this up give me Okay, I'm back here. Okay, great. He said up here saying to me in front of a wicked and perverse generation. And that's a double play. That's about as bad as it gets. Think of who you're ashamed of Christ in front of people that can't do anything for you in the long run. Now, if you're ashamed of Christ, you're a coward. If you're ashamed of Christ, you're really not. You're really not on the team. You're not an Airborne Ranger. You're not a wing man. A wing man has your back. A wing man somebody you go into battle with. And when you join up with Christ, he not only becomes your Lord your God, your saver, but then as humility becomes your wingman. He's got your back. There again, none of this is possible unless you want to choose the right way, the hard way. Embrace the pain. I had a test about this. I'll tell you to one. Elope I told us last night but I was at an embassy with a A lot of world caliber leaders black tie thing it was a birthday party. For one somebody's elderly mom. They'll knew I was Chaplain the Redskins. And one of the chaplains, we had a team. But I got asked to say the blessing, that was the only guy they could think of that would give it a shot. You know, I was working out of both sides of my brain, I was saying that blessing and then when I was about to put it on the tarmac, the other side of my brain said, Hey, you got in this are you gonna say in Jesus name. And when I entered I said, in your name, amen. I was instantly felt like a dagger went into my heart. I denied Christ in front of these guys. Ali was there and in the car on the way home. I said, Did you hear what I did? She said, I can't think about anything that is not ujiri You've never been cowardly. I said, Holly, if I ever am ashamed of Christ, again, I'm going to tell you this. I'm getting out of the ministry to drive a truck. And I'm never been ashamed again. I went ahead and decided who means more to me. So about a month later, I was at the see what they call a power luncheon. And it's a round table. They give you a tea and while while you're waiting all that everybody starts doing their thing. That's a New York, it's how much you have. In DC. Back in my day, when I was there was who you know who your one or two phone calls away from who you're in with. On and on your connections. They're going around suddenly telling all their stuff, all their connectedness, all their importance, but they do it eloquently. He's a well dressed, cultured, educated people. It's so smooth. But it's the same thing. Well, it's coming around towards me. And the gentleman that invited me came to Christ late in his life, but he ran with these people. He said Could I have a ministry just inviting you on holiday? Because I know y'all just circulate I know what's going to happen. Jesus has got to get up there on the scoreboard somehow we don't do it because we have to or so we can tell Jesus stories to retreat. We do it because we can do no other this guy said the Apostle Paul your clothes suck your dirty smell bad you've been shipwrecked. You've been beat to death three times in prison and out of prison. Why'd you do it? You know what he said? The love of Christ compels me. I cannot do it. too. I am that's a conviction. Not a religious opinion. Okay, so it gets to the guy right of me. And before he answered one of the other men said that guy right there advises presidents it doesn't matter which party anything. He's advised the last five presidents on Korea issues and they said his name and I had no idea I don't really even follow that stuff. And so he was saying some things and there was a pause I looked over at him I said you advise president so

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Jerry Leachman 14:05

he said way to go. I said Yeah, way to go. Where she Mama was here to see it. That's great. I wouldn't be as smart to him as be insincere way to go. You advise President. Well, this. Then he looked at me, just with an incredulous face. He goes, Well, what do you do? Okay.

Jerry Leachman 14:39

Yeah, no. It's like those guys who confer they they're gone. You know what this is? fastball. It's common. If you can hit it, so I wouldn't be ashamed to give no, I'd rather be a real man of God. rich poor, who gives a crap that's all gonna pass away? Don't get me wrong, I'm getting older. I'm not mentally ill. I want money. I mean, I gotta play golf, right? So that if God says no, I'm fine. But if he says, yeah, when tee time. So I'm not mentally ill. So he said, Well, what do you do? I said, well, and I paused on purpose because the art of the pause has been lost in public speaking. But when you pause, it puts emphasis on what you're about to say, because everybody's thinking. What's he gonna say? So I said, that's, that's good. And everybody's just looking at me. And I didn't overdo it. And finally, I hit my hand on Tesla got it. He said, Great. What is it? I said, All right. Have you ever heard of Jesus? On the scoreboard? You know, I'm saying this, Jesus said, If you lift my name up, I will draw all men to myself, but you gotta cowboy up. Get him on the scoreboard, I don't care for three points, take points. I have more men contact me just reporting back in theory. I was convicted. I needed to talk to my son, I was afraid. But I put Jesus on the school and I know what you're talking about. So we create our language. So I said, Have you ever heard of Jesus and he had a full eye roll and said, Yes. And he wasn't a jerk. He was a gentleman. He was just getting a little frustrated with me. I said, then you got a shot at understanding what I'm about to say. Okay, if you say that. What's going to happen? Are they gonna listen to what you did? Yeah. Jesus said, Can I always quote Jesus, I don't argue with people about Jesus. I don't. I just quote what he said. There's power in his name is power. In his words. I just quote what he said. I've never heard. Now sometimes I'll say, You know what Jesus thinks about that, right? I've never heard anybody say, No, I don't I don't care what people? What does Jesus think about that? They can have a good or bad attitude, but they're about to hear Jesus speak to them. So I said, Okay, you got a shot at getting this. Jesus said, this. Whole tables locked and loaded. He said, Don't store up for yourselves treasures. On Earth. A moth can eat it. Rot can destroy it, the thief can steal it. Stop putting your faith in things that can be taken away from you. Stop putting your faith in things I'm going to add to that, that can and will eventually be taken away from you. You put your faith in things that can never be taken away from you. Then your airport. So I said and here's what else he said. So requote I'll tell it to you one piece. Jesus said don't store up for yourselves treasures on earth. Were a moth can eat at Ruskin destroy the thief can steal it. store up treasures for yourself and heaven. Moth can eat it rust can't ruin the can't seek ye first the kingdom of God and all these things will be added unto us. But what do I do? I just kind of go around trying to get people that all walks of life to seek God first. Now tell me again what you do. Well, this is where it's gonna get really good or really bad, you know? The Lord touched his head went down. And when he came up, he was smiling. They looked at me said I used to remember what I did. You just told me what you do. And so we're waiting on the food. The moods light again. And while we're waiting on the food, what do you think we talked about? Do you think I led the discussion? No. How did the discussion go? They were pepper in me. Well, what did Jesus say about that? What

is Jesus think about? The whole table. But you got to get Jesus on the school board. No, I tried to talk about Jesus flying to John Wayne Airport for Pete to pick me up on I think it came Wednesday. She sat next to me and I just looked at her I go that's a wealthy woman from Orange County, California. I mean, they got that look, you know, they all look alike and you with wealthy wives, you know what I'm talking about?

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Jerry Leachman 20:08

Everybody's looking around. No, you know, you can just look at people and tell what they are. And she was nice and cultured and lovely. And I'm sure educated and she ordered to drink and we're just sitting there. And so I just kept asking her questions about herself. I wasn't forcing anything. Now, if anybody has any protocol in them at all, they'll realize after a while, I've just been talking about myself though. So they'll out of courtesy, they'll do what they'll say, Well, what do you do? Okay, here we go. You asked me that. Hit it, if you can, it's coming. But in love, I'm not a jerk. I'm make people laugh. love people. And I can describe what I do 10 different ways. My mentor said, when people say what do you do? Don't define it, describe it. So I said, well, for her, I pull this one out of the armory. I said, I'm a I'm an NFL chaplain and a marine chaplain and I get after men about chasing after Jesus. Well, when she heard that Jesus word, she was like that. And she just said, how lovely for you. Which means that I didn't respire to the ground. I'm fishing. I'm waiting to see that court. Go under and set the hook. For fish don't bite, you can't catch it. But he said, were to be fishers of men and women. You got your line in the water or not. It really gets kind of fun. And it builds my faith. I read on an interview. And I'm gonna coach you the rest of the way last night was the call. From here on. We're going to do coaching sessions. The Sermon on the Mount, which was Jesus, Hallmark sermon. It's three chapters long. The first 17 verses to the attitudes and the similitudes the symbol tubes. So what what it would be like if you had the Beatitudes and the symbol to said you'll be like a city on a hill, a candle on the lamps, a light 17 verses that was the teaching portion of the sermon on the mount all the rest. Two and a Half chapters was application. Jesus was a coach. He just didn't call you some mystical conversion. He coaches you up Alright. Here's how we go play offense and defense. I read this interview that's haunted me ever since I read it in a good way. It's President Jimmy Carter when he was at Annapolis. He had an interview with Admiral Hyman Rickover Rickover was tough. He had to be he was in charge of all the nuclear arsenal and the Navy which the President Jimmy Carter had shared and this is written by Doris Kearns, a famous presidential bog. President Jimmy Carter had shared a powerful encounter he experienced as a young naval officer and events that he says powerfully shaped his life in order to be considered for an officer's position on a nuclear submarine. The candidate first had to personally be interviewed and approved by Admiral Hyman Rickover who at the time was the head of the United States Nuclear navy. Here's how President Carter describe the interview. Quote, I had applied for the nuclear submarine program. Admiral Rickover was the interviewer interviewing me for the job. It was the first time I'd ever met Admiral Rickover and we sat in a large room by ourselves for more than two hours. He let me choose any subjects I wanted to discuss with him carefully. I chose those which I felt I knew a lot about current events, seamanship, music, literature, naval tactics electronic Next, and gunnery, he began to ask me a series of questions of increasing difficulty. In each instance, he soon proved that he, I knew relatively little about the subjects I had chosen. He always looked right into my eyes. He never smiled. I was saturated with cold sweat. And finally he asked a question. I thought I could redeem myself. He said, How did you stand in your class at the Naval Academy? Since I had completed my sophomore year at Georgia Tech before Annapolis as a plebe, I'd done very well. And I swelled my chest with pride in the sensor. I stood 59th and a class of 820. I sat back to wait for the congratulations. Which never came. Instead, a question Did you do your best?

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Jerry Leachman 26:19

I started to say Yes, sir. But I remember who I was talking to. And recall several of the many times at the Academy, I could have learned more about our allies or enemies, weapons strategy and so forth. I was just human and I finally got and said, No, sir. I did not always do my best. He looked at me for a long time. A long time. He turned his chair around in the interview. And then he asked one final question I've never been able to forget or answer. He said why not? I sat there for a while shake him and slowly left the room

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Jerry Leachman 27:12

have called you to Christ last night, take it or leave it. But if you're in Christ is just like the big dog and our bandleader said what about when we get back down there? You just got to play with this like a loser and a JV ballplayer you got to give it your I'll testify to you. I'm giving this all I got. I am trying to do my best. I study I pray I'm on the floor every day, sometime in the shape of a cross on the floor with that space right in the carpet. It's a good position to be in my mentor taught it to me. I'm serious about Christ yet. I think I'm fun. I enjoy life. But I know who I am. I know who my God is. Like I said, I don't need any of you to tell me. You should be able to say the same thing. Am I perfect? No. Am I all in? Yeah. Yeah. I'm taking it to the next stage. And we'll start coaching a bit for do you need to answer this question. Are you going to do your best. Your only have so much life left to do anything. I told you last night you can waste it. You can sell your soul. Or you can give your life away. There's a There's a principle in the scriptures.

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Jerry Leachman 29:00

That's referred to as the way early Christianity was often referred to as the way. The way is, there's a principle that will ultimately determine the outcome of your life. It's begin with what is known as wisdom in the Bible. It's a word that's used consistently in the Bible, and that's called the principle of the way proverbs 411 I have directed you in the way of wisdom. Proverbs nine six proceed in the way of understanding. Psalm 119 104. I hate every false way. Psalm 1625 There is a way that seems right to a man but the end of us destruction. We're being told that each of us is on a pathway that is leading us into a certain direction. The principle of the path is simply this. Everyone's on a path right now, all of you. Right now you are on a path that's taking you somewhere. The core question is, What path are you on? And where are you headed? And where will you end up? Now, if you're immature like a child, or you're a fool, you don't even think of it. Fools just walk to start walking down some random path. With no thought. Fools can't learn they have no upside. A wise man will choose wisely the path he's on. And that's gonna lead him to where he's called to go or wants to go. He will pay for it. He will show up every day. And it'll eventually get him across the finish line. My main goal in life is to cross the finish line with P Rocky, smokin hot Holly, my kids, my grandkids, I want to cross picking up speed. I don't want to crawl across it. The principle of the path is simply this. Everyone's on a path right now. Whether you realize it or not, you're on a path right now. Whether we realize it or not, and this path is taking each of us to a certain destination. The path we're on is not a respecter of persons. It doesn't care who you are, where you're from, or who you know. It leads where it leads, irregardless of your talent, wealth, physical appearance, or social status. There's a wonderful example of someone that illustrates this principle. This

little story I call it the Daffodil principle. True story. With a great lesson for all of us. This mother writes this she said several times my daughter had telephoned me to say, Mom, you have to come to our house. And before they're over the daffodils before the see the daffodils before they're over. I wanted to go but I was it's a two hour drive from Laguna to Lake Arrowhead. Are we near that? Well, this happened here. It's a true story. She said, I'll come next Tuesday. I promised a little reluctantly on her third call to me to come out and see her and the baby. Next Tuesday, Dawn, cold, rainy, but I promise so I drove there. When I finally walked into Carolyn's house and hugged and greeted my grandchildren. I said, forget the daffodils, this roads and visible clouds everywhere fog. There's nothing in the world. Except you and the kids that would have made me come here. I'm not going to drive another hand. But daughter smile calmly and said, well, we'll drive in this. We drive in this all the time. Well, you won't get me back on the road until it clears and I'm heading straight for home. Well, I was hoping you take me over to the garage though to pick up my car. How far will we have to drive? My daughter said not that far, just a few blocks. After several minutes, I had to ask, Where are we going? This is not the way to the garage. Mom we're going to the garage the long way. By way of the daffodils. Carolyn, I said sternly please turn this car around. It's all right mom. You'll never forgive yourself if you don't miss this experience if you miss this experience. After about 20 minutes, we turned into a small gravel road and I saw a small church and on the far side of that church I saw a hand lettered sign with an arrow that read Daffodil garden. We got out of the car. We took the kids hands. We followed Carolyn down the path and then we turned the corner to the past. I looked up and gas before me laid the most glorious sight. It looked as though someone had taken a great bath of gold and poured it on the mountain peak. All the surrounding slopes. The flowers were planted in logistics, whirling patterns, great ribbons, squats of deep bars white lemon yellow salmon pink, saffron, butter yellow Each different color variety was planted as a group so that it's swirled and flowed like its own river. There were five acres of flowers. But who's done this is Carolyn? Just one woman. She lives on the property that her home right there. She pointed to a little a frame house it was small and modest in the midst of all that glory. We walked in to the house. And on the patio we saw poster. answers to the questions. I know you're asking. The poster said the first answer was simple. 50,000 bolts 50,000. It read the second answer, one at a time by one woman with two hands, two feet and very little break. The third answer began in 1958. The Daffodil principle there it is. That moment was life changing. I thought of this woman who had never met more than 40 years before he began one bulb at a time to bring her vision of beauty and joy to an obscure mountaintop. Still just planning one bulb at a time year after year. It changed the world that she lived in. She had created something indescribable. Again, we'll pass on that word we know what that really means. Let's just say amazing, magnificent beauty. Inspiration. The principle of her Daffodil garden taught this one of the great principles. It's learning to move forward in our goals and our desires. One step at a time, one bulb at a time. Learning to love the doing learning to use the accumulation of time. When we multiply tiny pieces of time with small increments of daily effort, we to find we can accomplish magnificent things. The mother said this. As she departed she said it makes me sad in a way. I had to admit that Carolyn, what I might have accomplished. If I had a thought of a wonderful beautiful goal 35 years ago 40 years ago and had worked away at it one bulb at a time. All those years just think what I might have been able to achieve. My daughter summed up the message and looked at me and said start today mom. I proclaim Christ to you as men been in your face and love. I had coaches grabbed me by the face mask and say some things I'm glad my mom didn't hear. But we all still always say you know you're really in trouble when they stop talking to you.

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Jerry Leachman 38:52

I want you guys to start dreaming again for your last time you guys have lost a drink I want you to start dreaming. Get over this stuff like I have low self esteem. I don't know that God had fully accept me. What an insult. You have just made to God. Did I not tell you last night he made 2 trillion galaxies and then he Hunza hangs on across he gets spit on for you. What else would he have to do? That Almighty you could feel forgiven. Receive God's love. Believe God for who he is. Good lord. Get rid of all these bones and skeleton from your past. You can't control that. But what can you control the future? You can start today. I want you to dream. If I don't have a dream I don't know what to ask God to give you a dream. The Psalms say if you delight yourself in the Lord, he'll give you the desires of your heart. That doesn't mean I've always wanted to Blue Corvette and you'll give it to him. No, it means he'll give me the desires of my heart for his work, it's called the way. Be disciplined on one hand and get yourself on a path that's going to lead you somewhere worth going. And then dream big. I got a big wooden side of my house that says a dream big. I'm a dreamer. And a lot of my dreams have come true. I knew when I knew I wasn't going to be a business. I used to be a commodity trader on businesses. And Pete McKenzie prophesied over me. I stood I don't know maybe stayed away from Pete more. He came in one day Saturday, I was having a great day we lived in Brea had a garden or we had a swim club and lemon trees in the bed. We were living the California Dream, you know, and I was reading the support. So the Los Angeles Times, Pete walks him. He's looking like that. She said, God just told me about you and Holly my quiet time and he never does. fakie Pentecostal. No, no, there's real Pentecostal on Pentecost. Well, you know what I mean by fakie? Pentecostal, they're just pretending it's a little dance. The largest told me to cook. Shut up, you know. And who cares? Pete comes in. I said, What's the prophecy? I was listening because he never does stuff like that. He said, You and Holly are to go on the ministry full time. I said, You mean one of those things where you have to have donations? Yeah. I don't know. Oh, no. I wanted to be in the ministry full time. I was good at it. I love to Hollywood. We're a team. We deployed together. I'm her wingman. She's my wing woman. We're deployed. But I'm Jewish. So I talk about money. Christians pretend like it doesn't matter. It matter. You know. Bob hopes that Well, money can't buy you happiness. But it'll sure help you choose the kind of misery you want to live in. Amen. And that's how we got in the ministry full time, peace prophecy. Well been in the ministry, start noticing other people in the ministry and I was looking at some of the elders who were about to retire in the ministry and most of them were retired in genteel poverty. They gave their whole lives to a church or a ministry and then they retire and nobody's got their back. Well, I didn't become cynical. I put myself on the way. I got on a path. I was taught this. When I was young, some of you guys are young. You have the opportunity, not of a lifetime, but to be eternity. I got on the path that would help me be a man of God, I surrounded myself with mature guys who could guide me and counsel me and mentor me, I sought them out. I signed them up. I call them my cabinet. I made them part of my decision making process. And you know what else? One of them walked in a little fellowship group we had and said, How many of you he was our teacher? We were all in our late 30s. He said, How many of you guys are putting away money? Now I was still sloped self righteous. I mean, I'd been a Christian. I knew at all. I was gonna leave Christian, because my name was Jerry Leachman. Well, God eventually kicked that stuff out of me like he does. I told him to Jim, this is for Christ, this group's for Christ. This is not a financial seminar, because I know. But I just want to ask you a question. How many of you want your kids to have to take care of you and to get over? That feel me full of fear? I don't want to burden to I want to be free. I mean, I'm an outlier. I'm like a blind dog in a meat house. I got to have freedom. It's just who I am. People are wired different ways. No, I got with a couple of my guys. They said we're gonna put you a financial plan in place. Late 30s We'll make sure whatever percentage and other financial percentages you can put in for what you make will maximize your contribution every year. Your other support your problem, you gotta raise that but we'll do the retirement account. Well, I'm 73 But starting at

55 we have 103 acre ranch in Colorado. five bedrooms. It's, it's as pretty as any place I've been in the whole world. We're at 8000 feet in the Rocky Mountains. The big mountains go up to 14,000 feet. I'll have any depth

J Jerry Leachman 45:50

you understand what I'm saying? It's about steady plodding. Stop swinging for the fences. Your spiritual life is steady plotting your prayer life is steady, plotting your fun. Every part of your life the Bible says this in Proverbs. He who is a steady plotter will know his share of wealth. And that doesn't only is not only talking about money, it's talking about spiritual he who chases fantasies will no poverty. Me and I don't want you to end up spiritually bankrupt I don't want I don't want you end up kind of destitute at the end of your life. We have money now to send to our grandkids that are starting college. How good do you think that makes me feel? I don't need anything. I don't want anything. I gotta beat up truck looks like it's been through World War Two. I love it. Transmission goes out is good enough. You gotta get on the path. This is literally what the Bible teaches. Now let me pause the you guys know what I'm talking about today. You're not going to grow in your faith just by accident. You need to get in a group you need to find men that mean business you need to find airborne rangers and it's on you. Don't just sit around and wait for somebody knock on your door. You go make it happen. Pray your way down the line. I'm gonna have one more teaching for you. And then I'm gonna talk about prayer this afternoon and just give you some coaching on prayer. Okay. I'm gonna end with this because if you'll receive this into your heart today, and I think many of you have it's a game changer. I genuinely have such limited time with men the only things I share if you buy it, it'll change everything will make you feel better. It'll change everything but this will change everything and make you feel better

J Jerry Leachman 48:01
does that come off

J Jerry Leachman 48:07
thank you Billy Bob banjo.

J Jerry Leachman 48:14
I'm a core teacher. I told you what that was. I chuck it down to the cob as we say in Alabama and I just give you the good stuff you figure the rest out yourself. You guys are smart. If you sum up the whole Bible the course in the course of the whole Bible is in Romans 121 Oops 2122 2321 22 and 23 read aloud for although they knew God

J Jerry Leachman 49:13
parts were dark, although they claim the glory of the immortal god for images

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Jerry Leachman 49:28

the core of all sin when they knew God they didn't recognize him as God meaning they didn't praise Him as God and they didn't thank you I mean why do you say to an atheist when they sneeze nothing

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Jerry Leachman 49:54

bless you that's a nonsensical it's an ungrateful heart is The core of all sin. That's it right here. The opposite of an ungrateful heart is a grateful heart

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you can tell I'm a coach, right? I'm drawn up place. Now listen to this. People know there's a God. Atheism if you are true atheists, which most people really are. It's a learned experience. You ever seen a six year old atheist? Have you ever seen a six year old bigot? No, they hug anybody. It's a learned experience. These people didn't recognize God they didn't praise Him as God from their heart. They didn't thank you. And they became fools. And then it goes into an exponential equation like algebra. Not only did they become fools, they gained all Heart of Darkness. Have you ever been around anybody and you felt this person has a heart of darkness I have. I really have. Now on the good side this is part of the path I'm putting you on to discipline yourself to know when you're out of bounds here. If you have a grateful heart, this is what your life will look at. This will be very helpful. One Joy Joy is different from happiness. If I get upgraded to business class, I'm happy I'm not mentally ill. I like to sit up in front of the plane. Course that brought out sin in my heart one time I was flying Air Canada. And I was up at the gate and this gal says hey, we have a weight problem. Would you sit up front? I go I'm gonna balance a jet I'll do it. Yeah, absolutely. I'm sitting up front and I'm thinking they're not gonna feed me I saw I'm getting steak ready. Some fancy mirlo And I thought they're not gonna give us that stuff. That's the pain. I got it. Then they had this little curtain between back where people row you know in the back and this guy comes through with his little girl to use the bathroom and I've literally gone who's this guy? I'm looking at the stewardess kicked him out you know and I looked over them Hollis obviously looking right at your how I can become that way. It's in all of us in our mentor that raise Pete and I said this The Bible says the righteous man falls seven times. Seven times surely rise again. And the mark of material so it's not like you're not going to stumble from time to time guys. But Martin Luther said you can't stop a bird from flying over your head but you can't stop it from building a nest in your hair. We all have that flyover no matter how godly you are. I was with Billy Graham all day just me and him I was his ballet and he confessed sins to me that secret sins but his sinful nature I thought okay, Billy Graham just like everybody else so joy I can sit at the back of a plane still have joy cuz I have eyesight. Oh my gosh, I love to see I was walking here that you seen that tree turning golden yellow out there. I just looked at that and praise God. Joy you guys some you guys got close to Christ in prison. I used to travel with Chuck Colson who was in prison and I would go in prisons with him and we would see guys in there that were so joyous, they just trumped any minister I've ever met in my life. They had because they had Christ. Joy can't be taken away from you, but you'll never have this type of joy in your life. If you are ungrateful, it kills dead. joyful people see more beautiful things than ungrateful people do that you know that I can take a walk and I was just looking at these trees when I just look at everything I'm out there go on Pentecost Allama I'm just so grateful I be and be part of it I'm grateful to be with you guys I'm

just grateful I had a bitter guy tell me today what can I be grateful for my life sucks Are you glad you can see no comment joy has only one source and one source only a grateful heart. There you go. Did you know that that's it Secondly, you'll have a sense of worship if you have a grateful heart now I worship more Pete's retreats because the group's you guys always put the songs and keys that men can actually sing it Have you ever noticed when you're in church to get on the thing you have to Oh the men and women will be doing their thing you know and you see men doing that? You know what they're thinking? How do you change a light bulb that hi

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oh, they just stand there they're just lit they're just waiting for the sermon pretty much God bless you guys for playing men's praise music awesome just stay in that same key Frank Sinatra to get in and we're with you okay? know you'll have a sense of worship. And for some people church is the hardest place to worship for a lot of people church is actually the hardest place to find Jesus. I'm not being anti church. I'm just addressing a reality. I was playing golf with my oldest son Shenandoah. Long shadows we were the only ones left on the course we both missed our putts on a 10th grade. We were up by the hole and for some reason I just looked at him and started crying. grabbed him around he's the kid he's never been rebellious. He's been my wingman. He's a kid everybody wishes was their job. And I just had him like that I got a son Ivan like

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he said I love you. You know what that moment is? That's worship. Worship doesn't always have to be kind of religious. I think mostly it's not it's just you see a sunrise the sunset a full moon Your heart is filled full of praise and you're going you got it man. This is awesome. I don't know what to say or think that's worship. Man A lot of you had failures. And you're letting it hold you captive. I want you to ditch today God can take your failures and turn it into your glory I ran out of money or support didn't come in I had a friend who said look I I've got a budget I have a three story house that needs painting can you paint us that I'm from Alabama I'm paying plant corn in your backyard at same time if you want me to be said I can hire you to paint it'll it'll be enough to pay your rent this month to your committee can hopefully get the support rolling again. Great, thank you brother so I got over there. I tend to underestimate thing I knocked this out three days. Well, no has 10 days. And then I wasn't gonna get the finish in time to get the money from him to pay my rent. I had to go check my son out of school. He was in ninth grade. And I went in there said how many days can you be able to hear and not get in trouble he's a straight A student. He wouldn't want to miss anything. So they said 14 a cement I don't know how much my son got left. All of them send him up here I'm checking him out. So he was What's wrong path as well. Okay, so right now i need you No at 14 I realized years later this was a rite of passage for him into manhood for me to tell him, I need him. My generation was not raised to ask for help, or quit. Death was acceptable, but quitting was not. Literally. He said, what's the deal is that I gotta finish this up house to pay a rib. He said, You're an I'm your partner. I can't, I can't do without you said I'm in. We go out there. And we had tins, going on a little boombox. And I spilled a half gallon of paint up on the roof, but I'm thinking, Well, unless the helicopter comes over. I don't say I looked at him. I said, start out your mother or this guy needs to know about that. Great example. You know, we finished it. We got the money and paid the rent and then the fourth started coming in again. years later, he came

home for Christmas break from college. I'd always wondered if he thought I was a failure. Because I ran out of money and couldn't pay the house rent. Really, it was haunted me a bit. We were riding around the beltway in Washington and he said, Hey, Dad, remember that time we went broke? We had paint that house and I thought, Oh, my Seamus is just floated right back at the welfare because this is when God turned it into my failure. One of my failures into gold. He's waiting to do it for you guys. If you just surrender. go limp. Just go limp in his arms. My son says to me pop remember that time. He said I've been sick and I've seen other friends of mine. Their dads have been out of a job in between jobs. They just sit on the computer, send it out electronic resume. Bitch complain. go negative. He said pop. We ran out of money. And that day, you were talking to your friend about paving the house. you humbled yourself. You were a star you have a college degree. Love these guys, you minister to you could run their companies. But God called you to be their minister. And you went out in front of everybody to pay in the house. Hey, there's nothing disgraceful about being a house payer. And he said death I just realized how much you love our family that you'd do anything to keep us going. And then he says to me You're my hero Good Lord. God can take your failures and new saints and just turn them into go stop fighting boys. Surrender let me say missus you'll have a sense of worship. If you have a grateful heart, three you'll have a sense of mission. Have you noticed it's always the people with grateful hearts to go I can donate to that. I can help with that. Yeah, I'm gonna go on a short term mission trip I just want and we go Why are you doing these things? Say same thing has been so good to me. I just want to give back. That comes from a grateful heart. Number go close with just a few comments hit pause and then among coach Yep, on prayer this afternoon.

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Let's finish with if you have an ungrateful heart, what that looks like

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bitterness. If you have an ungrateful heart, you will be better. And if you're bitter long enough, you will achieve a Heart of Darkness. You will have no ability to detect what's right, what's wrong. What's good, what's bad. Bitterness blinds people. If you are bitterness long enough. There's a verse in Hebrews that says don't fall short of the grace of God. Let each of you pursue bitterness about pursue peace. Less the root of bitterness sprang up in you and thereby many are defiled. When you become bitter, it'll ruin every relationship you have. When you become bitter and you don't correct it, you become toxic. And you will repel people. They'll see you on caller ID and they're not going to pick up, they'll see you come in, they're going to duck behind the water cooler. They're tired to hear in your crap. It's old news. Bitterness also does this. Now the medical community knows that when people are bitter, the first thing that happens to their bodies, is your immune system goes down. This is real. Mayo Clinic anywhere. You will be in and out of sickness and you will be in depression. When you are bitter, it creates stress, cortisol is released your emotional gas tank when your emotional gas tank is full, you're there. That fills your emotional gasping a grateful heart. When you're ungrateful heart, it's a form of chronic stress. my cardiologist just told me because I'm in the zipper club, had a quadruple bypass recently. He said Jerry, you can drink too much that's bad for you. You can eat too much that's bad for you. What's the other thing was bad for you?



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drinking, smoking, he said you can use tobacco that's bad for you. But he said now we know stress, especially chronic stress, which means it's ongoing. Trumps all of them at the same time. And it will take years off your life. You know, Americans we have money we have access to any kind of healthy stuff we want. And when they compare Scandinavia and all the countries have who lives the longest, we suck. And we're going down. And people go why we're so wealthy we have access to everything. What the answer is stress. And that's what an ungrateful heart will do. So Romans 12:1-23 A grateful heart, the trend lines in your life will be joy. Worship, mission, and I can put a sub title just to finish up under mission. Generosity. The most generous people are the most grateful people. And one of my core goals is around my funeral. I want my wife, my children or my grandchildren to say our pop loved and we knew it. And I want them to say our pop was a generous man. I'm on a path for that to happen. I'm on the path. I'm disciplined. I'm giving you an executive summary. If you don't know what I'm doing, guys get on a path you really think an excellent life's gonna happen to you why you just walk around in circles now. And remember, you're on a path make correction, make course corrections and get on the right path. Here is the lesson for today. Let's have a prayer. Lord help these men just take a good look at their lives. Examine your life. A life that has no self examinations not even worth living. Oh god forbid these guys can just lose the precious gift of life that you've given us by wasting it or help them not be fools and naive and simple minded by just wandering around with no plan, no discipline. Help them have a desire of just being sick of being feeling guilty and weak. They don't have to pray these men would be strong. You're given the strength of an eagle. I prayed give him a mighty man's heart. like pizzas I pray they would desire nothing else but to be a man of God. Lord put them on a path some of these young guys they don't have to retire in poverty. We use our rants to host so many people around the year it's a ministry we we've already left it to our kids and grandkids are already on the wilderness No prob. But as part of our legacy we lay down the deck with our grandkids looking at the stars, there's no schedule at the ranch. And I tell him the story of every star has a name every stars in this place what we've been talking about. I know for sure my great grandchildren who I'll never meet if you don't come back soon. My grandchildren or take their children on that same deck and tell him those same stories. Now that's a legacy a legacy is something that goes on afterward gone I pray that these men would start dreaming dreams again about their life. And then they will put themselves on a path to intersect with those dreams and make them come true. Lord, help us to dream big in Christ's name Amen.

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Here comes Pete Church of Christ pastor

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we got about 30 minutes before lunch at the table talk so y'all go to your table right now and share what God spoke to your heart about in the last hour. I want to know

