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Foreword

Some books teach us **what to know**. This book teaches us **what to do**.

In these pages, **T.L. Osborn** reminds us that Jesus did not save us just to sit in church. He saved us so we can share His love with the world.

This message tells us that the Gospel is the best news anyone can ever hear. Jesus took away our sins, carried our sicknesses, defeated the devil, and gave us new life. Because of Him, we are forgiven, loved, and sent to help others know Him too.

Osborn says something very important all through this message: **Christianity is love in action**. That means we should not only talk about Jesus—we should live like Him, care for people, pray for them, and tell them the Good News wherever we go.

As editors at LivingSermons, we have carefully prepared this book from a live sermon while keeping the preacher's words, heart, and message as faithful as possible. Our prayer is that this book will not only bless you but also move you to action.

As you read, ask yourself one simple question:

"How can Jesus love someone through me today?"

May this message help you love more, serve more, believe more, and share the Gospel with greater joy.

— *Wisdom Epsi*

Chief Editor, LivingSermons.com

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Introduction

I've often said that when people asked you to fill out forms—and perhaps they don't do it anymore, but they used to ask, "*Are you Catholic or Protestant?*"—I always checked both. I'm both!

If they listed Baptist, Methodist, Pentecostal—I checked them all. I belong to all of them.

And the wonderful thing about it is that no one can kick you out. They're all my family. I'm part of the Body of Christ. Isn't that great?

Hallelujah!

Today is a great day.

We bring to you the fourth of seven studies on the subject of **The Miracle Life of Jesus Christ**. We have framed these seven studies around the acronym **MIRACLE**. Since *miracle* has seven letters, each letter represents one principle—seven principles that are essential for believers who want to continue what Jesus began.

That is the whole idea.

Where would these principles be found? They would have to be located between the Gospels and the Book of Acts. And that is exactly where they are—in the opening sentence of the Book of Acts.

Actually, it covers four verses because sixteenth-century English was written with very long sentences. They used lots of semicolons and colons, plenty of commas, but not many periods.

Those first four verses form one magnificent sentence.

I call it **the bridge sentence**, because it bridges the ministry of Jesus in the body of a Jewish man from Nazareth with the ministry of that same Jesus in the bodies of His followers.

We call it **the Book of Acts**.

The King James translators called it **The Acts of the Apostles**, but it is not merely the acts of the apostles. It is the acts of believers.

And since the Book of Acts has no ending—no "Amen," no finale—unlike every other New Testament book, we understand something important.

Every other New Testament book comes to a conclusion.

The Book of Acts does not.

Why?

Because we are still living it.

We continue the ministry that Jesus began.

That is very important to understand.

I rehearse these truths because many of you have not been able to attend the previous studies, and I want to bring you into focus so you can see where we are going.

Seven Mighty Principles

In that first sentence, the Holy Spirit moved upon Luke to write a powerful declaration containing seven mighty principles for you and me.

As I thought about it, I realised that everything about Christianity is miraculous.

Everything about Christ is a miracle.

So it occurred to me to use the word **MIRACLE**, with its seven letters, as an acronym to frame these studies and help people remember them.

The principles are:

- **M** — Christ Our **Model**
- **I** — Christ Our **Inspiration**
- **R** — Our **Response** to His mandate
- **A** — **Action** as His delegates (*our study today*)
- **C** — The **Credibility** of the Gospel
- **L** — The **Legality** of our faith
- **E** — The **Experience** of His energy

They also reveal seven wonderful realities:

1. His example for us.
2. His impact on us.
3. His choice of us.

4. His faith in us.
5. His proof for us.
6. His miracle life in us.
7. His power through us.

In the first lesson we see **God**.

In the second lesson we see **ourselves**.

In the third lesson we see **the world**.

In the fourth lesson we discover **what we are to do about it**.

In the fifth lesson we learn **how we are to do it**.

In the sixth lesson we discover **why we succeed**.

And in the seventh lesson we see **our possibilities with God's energy**.

The Great Question

In each lesson we have proposed one major question, along with several smaller questions, to help keep our attention on the truth being taught.

Today's major question is this:

What happens when we discover how much God trusts us?

That is a vital lesson.

Timid, backward, hesitant, retreating Christians have never really understood how much God trusts them.

Christians usually talk about their love for God.

That is wonderful. But it has never impressed me very much.

What impresses me is **God's love for us.**

Christians often speak about their great faith in God. That is good.

But what impresses me is **God's faith in us.**

People say, "I sought God," or, "I rejected God, but one day I decided to come to Christ."

That is wonderful.

But what impresses me is this:

Two thousand years before we ever made that decision, **God made His decision.**

He came looking for us.

He sought us out.

He searched for us.

The great fact of Christianity is that **we never sought Him first—He sought us.**

We never wanted Him first—**He wanted us.**

We never truly reached out to Him.

Oh, we thought we did.

But the reality is that all along He was reaching out to us.

Yes, we love Him.

But only because **He first loved us.**

Discovering How Much God Trusts Us

Today's question remains:

What happens when we discover how much God trusts us?

My answer is this:

When we make that discovery, it motivates us to action.

You will never be content to sit back once you realise that God's plan depends upon you.

Why do you think that, as an old man, I am not sitting in a rocking chair watching my flowers bloom or simply playing my piano?

No!

Here I am, getting ready to leave for Thailand.

What makes me do that?

I have discovered how much God's plan depends upon me.

The Buddhists of Thailand know nothing about this Gospel.

I can go and tell them.

They will believe.

They will receive.

And Buddhists will become Christians if I go.

So as long as I can go, I am going somewhere.

God's Work Through Faithful Action

We have purposed to minister in ten French-speaking nations of Africa.

We have already gone to three.

God has changed those nations.

Fifteen thousand preachers attended our seminar in Abidjan, Ivory Coast.

One hundred and thirty thousand people came every day of the crusade.

We affected that nation.

We also shipped £160,000 worth of our books—in French—to French-speaking West Africa.

When you teach for a week, then conduct a great evangelistic crusade where people see the Gospel demonstrated, and then place into their hands a complete set of books in their own language—we gave them nine of our major books—you leave behind something that can never be erased.

It changes people forever.

Do What God Has Called You to Do

When we were in Kinshasa, I learned something that I especially want you young people to remember.

Do what is right.

Do it with all your heart.

Do not do more because someone praises you.

Do not do less because someone criticises you.

Do what you do because it is the work that Christ wants accomplished.

He is depending on **you** to do it.

It is His work.

But He performs it **through you**.

The Word of God is seed.

It reproduces itself.

When you become old, as I have, you will be amazed by what you discover.

People will come to you and tell you what happened to them when they were young and heard you preach.

Anyone who truly believes that the Word of God is seed will minister that way.

Many preachers think the Word of God is merely some special anointing they possess that they can somehow fling over the congregation.

That does not interest me.

Yes, I am anointed. But I do not spend my life boasting about the anointing.

The anointing is upon me for one purpose:

To exalt Jesus.

He is the star.

Not us.

Not our denomination.

Not our Pentecostal doctrine.

I hope I do not offend anyone.

You understand what I mean.

He is the One.

Truth Produces More Truth

Our response to His trust motivates us to action.

That is why we did what we did in French-speaking Africa.

When Daisy and I first went to Kinshasa in the early 1960s, there were very few preachers in the entire country.

When we returned years later, I spoke every day for a week to between eight and nine thousand preachers who had gathered from all over the nation.

Think about that.

I am not saying this to boast.

It is simply a fact.

I say it to encourage you young people.

If you will focus on truth, truth will reproduce itself.

God confirms truth.

He confirms the Gospel of redemption.

Preach the Gospel

Have you ever heard of John Wesley?

Have you ever heard of Charles Spurgeon?

Why do you know their names?

Because they were preachers of redemption.

They preached the Gospel.

They preached Christ crucified and salvation through Him.

Did you know that hundreds of other preachers lived during their time?

Most people have never heard of them.

Why?

Because they devoted themselves to promoting little denominational doctrines instead of proclaiming the foundation of Christianity.

That is not the foundation of the Bible.

That is not the foundation of the Gospel.

Your life will count if you remain faithful to the simplicity of the Gospel.

That is exactly what we are focusing on.

This is God's miracle message to the world.

And today **we are His voice.**

The Gospel Has Been Committed to Us

You Pentecostals can pray and fast until your face turns blue, but you will never persuade God to send the Holy Spirit or His holy angels across town to do the work He has already commanded **you** to do.

You cannot do it.

You are wasting your time praying that kind of prayer.

Are you hearing me?

The Gospel has been committed to **us**.

That demands action.

Hallelujah!

That is the joy of life.

I know what I am talking about.

I have spent nearly sixty years in action.

And I have never grown tired of it.

Every crusade has been the same.

Never a failure.

Why?

Because it has always been **the Gospel**. The Gospel always works. Think about that.

Be thankful.

Value These Days

As Dr. Ron Lewis and Dr. Ron McIntosh have told you, these are important days.

I think it is a miracle that I am able to be here.

They asked if I could teach seven Mondays.

When I looked at my calendar, every one of those Mondays fit perfectly between other ministry assignments.

I had just returned from Florida.

Soon I would be leaving for Thailand.

Everything lined up.

I took that as a signal that it was God's plan for me to speak to you during these seven sessions.

I believe that.

Hallelujah!

Young people, I want to encourage you.

The world is waiting for you.

If Daisy and I could have attended a Bible school like this before we went to India in 1945, we would not have failed as we did. We still brought blessing to India.

We cannot go back and change the past.

But when we returned from seeing multitudes trapped in empty religion, we were determined to do something about it.

We simply did not yet know how.

What we did have was a vision of Jesus.

Hallelujah!

I will share more about that in our final lesson on **The Experience of His Energy**.

If we had been able to study in a Bible school like this, things would have been different.

So treasure these days.

Value them.

And never allow anything to divert you from making **the Gospel** the centre of your preaching.

Good News for the World

In America we sometimes become casual about the Gospel.

We have television.

Bright lights.

Modern conveniences.

People imagine they have progressed beyond the simple message of Christ.

That is nonsense.

Listen carefully.

I do not know if another voice will tell you this while I am here, so I want to tell you now: **The Gospel is what works.**

It is **good news**.

People ask me why we always have such large crowds.

The answer is simple.

We have good news.

Their religions offer bad news.

Ours offers good news.

Anyone will exchange bad news for good news.

That is why they come.

We preach with joy.

We preach with a smile.

We are happy.

Hallelujah!

God confirms our ministry.

People will follow you if you preach the Gospel.

God will confirm you if you preach the Gospel.

I am amazed at how many preachers I hear who never even mention the Gospel.

I do not say that to criticise them.

But send them to Africa preaching those messages, and nothing will happen.

They will come home saying, "That didn't work."

Of course it will not work if you do not preach what Jesus preached in Galilee and Judea.

Am I overemphasising that?

Chosen to Continue His Work

Today we are talking about **action**.

Acts 1:2 says that Jesus **gave commandments unto the apostles whom He had chosen** (KJV).

Notice something.

He gave His commandments to those He had chosen to follow Him.

Our action flows from the fact that **He has chosen us**.

We act because His work depends upon us.

We act because **He believes in us**.

And He expects us to continue what He began.

That is why Jesus came.

He came to show us how.

He did not come merely to be God—He **was** God.

We know that.

He came to reveal God to us.

But the beautiful truth is that He also came to show us **who we are meant to be.**

He is our example.

That was our first lesson:

Christ, Our Model.

Sometimes it is difficult for us because we revere Him so deeply that it almost feels sacrilegious to ask, *"Am I supposed to be like Him?"*

But He **is** our example.

He told us that if we would follow Him and believe Him, we could do what He did.

Then He paid the price for us, returned to heaven, and sent back the Holy Spirit so that sin would no longer separate us from God. He came to live in us so that we could continue His works.

Do you believe that?

Listen carefully.

I am focusing these seven studies on what I believe is the most vital message for the Church today:

What Jesus did—and what we are to do.

Grasp that.

Believe it.

Walk in it.

If you do, you will succeed. And when you grow old, as I have, you will discover hundreds—even thousands—of preachers where once there had only been a handful.

Sow the Gospel and Watch It Grow

Let me tell you something.

We went to Nigeria when there were almost no churches there.

Benson Idahosa was selling shoes.

Margaret and Benson were still very young.

They lived in a tiny little house where you practically had to bend over just to get through the doorway.

I told Benson, "Get out of that little house. Build yourself one where you don't have to stoop to get inside."

He attended the seminar.

After the crusade he served as my interpreter.

What a wonderful seminar we had!

We rented a small football field, and it was packed.

The new believers came.

The few pastors who were there came.

I'll never forget Benson sitting off to one side with a little table and two or three yellow legal pads.

That man wrote notes like a madman.

Look what happened.

Today, more than seven million Christians belong to the churches that grew out of that ministry.

More than six thousand churches.

Think about that.

Later I said to Benson, "Look at your location. Every direction around Nigeria is surrounded by French-speaking nations. If you cross the border, you'll need French. Yet your Bible school isn't preparing anyone for the French-speaking world."

He answered, "Papa, I'll fix that."

And he did.

The next time we returned, they had established an entire French division in their Bible school.

Do we have anyone here from Nigeria?

Am I telling the truth?

Exactly.

They brought teachers from France and other French-speaking countries.

Today they are sending preachers all across French-speaking Africa.

Believe What God Has Given You

Some time later, shortly before Benson went home to be with the Lord, I returned again.

By then the church seated twenty-two thousand people, and it still could not contain the crowds that came for the seminar.

I am telling you these things to encourage you.

This can happen to you.

It is not because I possess some unusual gift.

It is not because I have a special anointing.

The only anointing I have is the one I received years ago in Oklahoma, when I knelt in an old Faith Tabernacle, received the baptism in the Holy Ghost, and went home speaking in other tongues.

That is all the anointing I have ever received.

And it is enough.

I believe in it.

I truly believe in it.

People are always running around wanting someone else to lay hands on them and transfer an anointing.

To me, that reveals that they do not really believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

They would rather exchange God's gift for someone else's second-hand anointing.

I don't want your second-hand anointing.

You keep it.

I have my own.

Mine comes from God.

I will not dishonour Him.

Understand that.

Perhaps you can tell I get a little stirred up about this.

Maybe I shouldn't become so animated.

But people need to hear it.

Everywhere I travel, someone wants a little of "my anointing."

It is such a misunderstanding.

Don't do that.

Believe in what God has already given **you**.

As long as you keep trying to borrow someone else's touch, you will never go very far in ministry.

Every time the devil jumps out of the bushes, he'll frighten you into retreat because you won't have confidence in what God has already placed within you.

I am working on you during these seven sessions.

I want you to have what I have—**but not from me**.

I want you to receive it directly from Headquarters.

Get your own.

It is available to every believer.

Hallelujah!

Do you believe that?

The Fruit of Faithful Teaching

When I returned to Nigeria, the cathedral seated twenty-two thousand people.

Still, there wasn't enough room.

So they rented a huge field.

Do you know how many ministers gathered?

Seventeen thousand preachers.

When we first went there, there were almost none.

Now there were seventeen thousand.

Are you hearing me?

When Benson introduced me to speak, he said something I'll never forget.

"Dr. Osborn, thank you for coming to Nigeria to teach us."

Then he added,

"You do not need to give an invitation for sinners to be saved."

He looked over that vast field of people and said,

"These people have already received Christ. You taught us that years ago."

Then he said something else.

"You won't need to pray for the sick."

Why?

"Because you taught us that believers are to walk in health.

These people are well. There are no sick people here."

Are you hearing me?

In America, it is often not like that.

Are they greater than we are?

No.

Perhaps they have simply appropriated the truth more fully.

Sometimes we become distracted by the spotlight, the excitement, and all the religious hype.

But I have come to encourage you.

Believe what the Word says.

We always say, "The Word! The Word! The Word!"

Then let us actually believe the Word.

When Jesus Comes, Devils Leave

There were seventeen thousand pastors gathered there.

Then Benson said something remarkable.

"While people in other countries are running around trying to cast demons out of Christians..."

What an insult to the finished work of Christ. What a tragedy to diminish the power of the blood of Jesus by imagining that demons and Jesus can occupy the same vessel.

No.

Then he looked at me and said,

"Dr. Osborn, you won't need to cast out any demons here."

Why?

"Because you taught us that when Jesus comes, the demons leave."

These people have Jesus.

Now teach us more.

That is what we want.

Teach us more.

Think about that.

I witnessed that transformation during my own lifetime.

From a handful of believers to seventeen thousand ministers.

Am I boasting?

No.

I simply want you to see what happens when you sow the simple Gospel.

It works.

It reproduces.

It grows.

What Motivates Us to Action?

What truths motivate us to action?

First, understanding God's plan and how much it depends upon us.

Second, understanding God's love—a love that compels us to bring life to those who are spiritually dying.

Think about that.

That is your ministry.

What else motivates action?

God's message.

Good news.

Not bad news.

Happy news.

Good reports.

Not endless problems.

Another truth that motivates us is God's redemption.

It is for the whole world.

Therefore, we must tell them.

The Whole World Must Hear

Carlton once misunderstood something I had said and quoted me incorrectly.

I often joke that since he used my name, I can use his.

Oral Roberts called me and asked, "T.L., is that really what you said?"

I answered, "No. He only quoted part of what I said."

Oral replied, "That's what I thought."

Here is what I actually meant.

Jesus died for the whole world.

No one would deny that.

But if people never hear about it, they will still be lost.

That is why we exist.

Our mission is to tell them.

That is why I am going to Thailand.

If the Thai people hear the Gospel, they will believe on Jesus.

I know they will.

I was the first person to take this message there in 1954.

At that time there were fewer than a dozen Spirit-filled believers in the whole nation.

There were eighteen thousand Buddhist temples.

I stood there and preached Jesus.

Years later they invited me back.

They said,

"You must come. We are celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the Holy Spirit coming to our nation. You were the one who first brought this message to us."

So I returned.

Dr. David Yonggi Cho preached Monday through Wednesday.

I preached Thursday through Saturday.

The auditorium held more than five thousand people and was filled with joyful Thai Christians.

What produced that?

Every morning, after preaching until midnight the night before, we gathered again at 5:30 a.m.

About fifteen or twenty enthusiastic young people came every morning.

Their eyes sparkled.

They were eager to learn.

That little group became the nucleus that helped change Thailand.

Today there are thousands of Christians there.

Now we are returning once again to strengthen them.

Then we will travel north to Khon Kaen, near the borders of Laos and Cambodia, where the population is still overwhelmingly Buddhist.

Do you know what excites me about the place where we will preach?

The field we have chosen is surrounded by seven large Buddhist temples.

And we will be right in the middle of them.

Isn't that wonderful?

That is exactly where the Gospel belongs.

Not hidden inside beautiful church buildings with golden candlesticks.

It belongs among people who need Christ.

Please pray for me.

I will walk into that place just as calmly as I stand before you now.

Because I already know what I am going to tell them.

I will tell them about Jesus.

I will tell them why He came.

I will tell them why He died.

I will tell them that He rose again.

I will tell them that He returned to the Father and sent His followers into the world.

And I am one of those followers.

So I have come directly from God to bring them this good news.

If they will believe it, Jesus will do for them everything He did in the Bible.

That is the message.

Do you really want something different?

Do you want to decorate it with religious flourishes so that you appear more important?

No.

Let **Him** be the star.

Hallelujah!

Lonnie Rex is sitting over there.

He has stood with me on those platforms many times.

Isn't that right, Lonnie?

It works, doesn't it?

My son-in-law, Corey Nickerson, is also here.

He witnessed the same thing in Bulgaria.

It was difficult in Bulgaria.

But the Gospel still worked.

Hallelujah!

Redemption Is for Everyone

I love my notes.

Some of you preachers ought to write notes too.

They'll help bring you back when your mind wanders.

Redemption is for the whole world.

Everyone can receive it.

But if people never hear about it, they cannot receive it.

That is my ministry.

What is yours?

How do you see yourself?

Does your life have value to God in what He is accomplishing in this world?

Before answering that, let me ask another question.

Do you even know what God is trying to accomplish in the world?

If you have attended these classes, you already know.

God wants everyone to hear the Gospel and believe on Jesus Christ.

Now ask yourself:

Do I have value to God in accomplishing that purpose?

Think seriously about it.

The early believers certainly believed they did.

If you had asked them, they would have answered,

"Yes. He has chosen me."

What about you?

Sometimes we can become just as lifeless in our traditions as anyone else, reducing ourselves to a religious formula that accomplishes nothing unless we truly believe the Gospel.

Hallelujah!

Does your life matter to God?

Does what God is doing in China matter to you?

Or do you think it is beyond your concern?

Are you like John Calvin, believing God will simply do everything Himself because He has already predetermined every detail?

Be careful.

The predestination God is interested in is **you**.

Read Romans chapter 8 and discover where you stand.

God's Love in Action

What is God's greatest expression?

It is love in action.

Not merely power.

We Pentecostals sometimes become so fascinated with power that we overlook the greatest truth of all.

God's greatest power is His love.

The Bible does not say,

"God is power."

It says,

"God is love."

Yes, He possesses all power.

I appreciate His power. But what impresses me even more is His love.

Love is the power that cannot be resisted.

Friends of the Father

Jesus said,

"Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you."

(John 15:14, KJV)

Then He continued,

"Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth... but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you."

(John 15:15, KJV)

Listen carefully.

I have often said this to the students at VBI, yet many people let it pass without really hearing it.

Everything Jesus said about **His Father**, we can now say about **our Father**.

Everything.

Jesus declared,

"...all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you."

(John 15:15, KJV)

That is exactly what I do.

I travel throughout the world making known to countless people everything I have heard from **my Father**.

You Did Not Choose Me—I Chose You

People around the world love this message because they have never heard a messenger speak to them this way.

Listen to the very next verse.

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you."

(John 15:16, KJV)

Have you noticed where that verse is located?

Think about it.

First Jesus says,

"...all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you."

(John 15:15, KJV)

Then immediately He says,

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you..."

What a tremendous truth.

He has chosen us.

He has ordained us.

He has appointed us to go and bear fruit—fruit that remains.

And because we are carrying out His mission, He promises that whatever we ask the Father in His name, He will give to us.

Grow Up Into the Stature of Christ

Sometimes we Pentecostals become so focused on getting our prayers answered and demonstrating spiritual power that we lose sight of the greater purpose.

Forgive me—I keep jumping ahead.

Let me slow down.

Are you still with me?

I have said many times that if you truly preach the Gospel, you will hardly need to spend your time chasing demons.

Too often we become fascinated with hunting devils.

We want to cast out demons.

We want to demonstrate our power.

Forget that.

Grow up.

Become the stature of Christ in your generation.

Announce the Good News.

Tell people that Christ paid for their sins.

Tell them He paid for their diseases.

Tell them He lifted the curse from humanity.

Tell them He comes to give us His own life.

That is healing.

When people understand what the Gospel really means, any demons that may have held them will not want to remain.

I know what I am talking about.

I have seen it happen repeatedly.

I do not worry about casting out demons.

Yes, at the close of our meetings, we pray and command every evil spirit to leave.

But many of them have already gone while the Gospel was being preached.

If they have any sense, they leave before they are commanded.

Believe this:

"...the gospel of Christ... is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth..."

(Romans 1:16, KJV)

What the Gospel Really Is

Let me remind you once again what the Gospel is.

The Gospel contains four great truths:

1. **God's creation**
2. **Satan's deception**
3. **Christ's substitution**
4. **Our restoration**

That is the Gospel.

God created us beautiful and complete.

Satan deceived humanity and ruined what God had made.

Jesus took upon Himself all of our guilt and all of our failure.

He redeemed us.

Now He comes to restore us completely to what God intended before sin entered the world.

Do you believe that?

That is the Gospel.

That is what the world does not know.

You can preach it ten thousand different ways, but let that always remain the heart of your message.

Then Jesus said,

"...whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you."

(John 15:16, KJV)

A Woman Transformed by the Gospel

I believe I told some of you this story in Mombasa.

If I haven't, forgive me.

I preach in so many places that sometimes I forget where I've shared certain testimonies.

There was a poor woman in that city who had become well known.

She refused to wear clothing.

She wandered the streets completely naked.

She was mentally tormented and obviously demonised.

When we arrived for the great crusade at the municipal stadium, we first gathered with the believers, as we always do, to teach them how to minister effectively among people who have never heard the Gospel.

Many Christians do not understand this.

Within the Church we often develop our own religious language.

You might call it a church culture or even a coded vocabulary.

We understand it.

Unbelievers do not.

Sometimes we speak an entirely different language.

When Christians gather in a crusade field, they often want to turn it into a Christian celebration.

They shout and behave as though everyone present already understands.

No.

You do not scare the fish away before you catch them.

Christians need to understand that there is a difference between speaking to believers and speaking to those who have never heard Christ.

That is one reason why some very religious people in America have occasionally taken offence at me.

They say I do not sound "holy" enough.

Well, how could I?

For almost sixty years I have spent my life speaking to people who knew nothing about our church language.

I have learned to use words that unbelievers understand.

You should learn that language too.

Learn to speak so the unreached can understand you.

"Poor Devil"

Some believers who attended our pre-crusade meetings understood what we had been teaching.

Several of them decided they were going to help that woman.

Before they found her, they bought cloth from the market.

When they caught her, they wrapped her in the cloth to cover her nakedness and brought her to the meeting.

She screamed continually.

Those poor demons within her made a terrible commotion.

Whenever people brought someone in that condition, I always instructed them not to bring them directly in front of the platform where their shouting would interrupt the meeting.

Keep them on the edge.

Treat them kindly.

Help them.

They did exactly that.

But she continued screaming.

It was pitiful.

Very distracting.

I simply kept preaching.

I always tell the congregation,

"Pay no attention to that. The devil is disturbed. Just keep listening to the message."

That is the truth.

Incidentally, many of you have heard me use the expression,

"Poor devil."

That phrase was actually born that night.

I had never used it before.

While I was preaching and she continued screaming, I simply looked over and said,

"Poor devil."

Then I went right back to preaching.

The interpreter echoed my words in Kiswahili.

I know Kiswahili fairly well after preaching through interpreters so many times.

When I heard him repeat those words, I stopped.

It suddenly struck me what I had said.

I turned to all the pastors sitting on the platform and said,

"Pastors, forgive me.

I did not intend to say anything irreverent.

Please excuse me if I have offended you."

I wanted to reassure them.

Some people become so religious that they think even speaking lightly about the devil is improper.

Then I simply continued preaching.

Keep the Focus on Christ

Eventually the screaming stopped.

At first, I did not even realise it had happened.

I was simply thankful.

That has happened many times.

The devil wants you to interrupt the preaching and give him centre stage.

Never do that.

Do not stop your message to make a public spectacle of the devil.

Keep the focus on Christ.

When the invitation was given and people came for prayer, several believers rushed forward saying,

"This is her! This is her!"

I asked,

"Who is she?"

"The woman who was making all the noise.

The naked woman."

"Bring her here."

She gave one of the most beautiful testimonies I had ever heard.

Now listen carefully.

I did not cast those demons out.

Do not blame me for that.

God did it.

Why? Because **He confirms His Word.**

Believe that.

Believe it.

Believe it.

His Command Demands Our Action

Jesus gave commandments.

That mandate demanded a response.

That was Lesson Three.

Now we come to Lesson Four.

He gave those commandments to the people He had chosen.

To the people He trusted.

And **His trust demands action.**

Remember Acts 1:8.

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me..."

(Acts 1:8, KJV)

The word *power* speaks of divine ability—the ability to produce proof for the message of Christ's resurrection.

In one of our coming sessions we will discuss **the legality of our faith**.

Do not miss that lesson.

It centres upon the resurrection.

If Christ had not risen from the dead, Christianity would have no foundation.

Jesus gave His followers power so they could provide evidence that their message was true.

Their message was the resurrection.

If Christ had remained in the grave, the religious leaders would have been right when they claimed His disciples had stolen His body.

But they did not steal Him.

God raised Him from the dead.

That is the heart of the Christian message.

Our Prophet Is Alive

Other religions cannot proclaim that message.

For example, Muslims know where the tomb of their prophet is.

They visit his grave.

Our Prophet is alive.

That is why, in Kinshasa, twenty Muslims came onto the platform one evening and publicly confessed Jesus Christ.

Isn't that beautiful?

Muslims are no different from anyone else.

They need the Gospel.

In Indonesia, where the population was about ninety-five percent Muslim, we preached Christ.

They believed.

They cried out to Jesus.

Today Indonesia is home to one of the strongest Pentecostal movements in the world, with millions of Spirit-filled believers.

Think about that.

It all began in a field filled with Muslims.

The Gospel convinced them.

They exchanged a dead prophet for a living Saviour.

That is a wonderful exchange anywhere in the world.

Hallelujah!

Chosen to Continue His Work

We must always remember this:

Without the miraculous, Christianity becomes nothing more than another religion or philosophy.

Christ chose me.

Why?

To do His work through me.

Write this down.

Never forget it.

He chose me to do His work through me.

Now I count in His plan.

I am vital to Him.

Jesus prayed,

"As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world."

(John 17:18, KJV)

There is no difference.

What He came to do, He now sends us to do.

We continue what He began.

Do you see yourself that way?

Do you call yourself a Christian?

That is what a Christian is—

an expression and representative of Christ.

What does Christ look like in you?

Where does He go wearing your shoes?

What does He say through your voice?

Whom does He embrace with your arms?

What Good News does He proclaim through your life?

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Daisy once asked me,

"How can He always be the same?"

Then she answered her own question:

"Because we let Him be."

Do you let Him be the same through your life?

Think about it.

As the Father Sent Me, So Send I You

After His resurrection Jesus appeared to His disciples and said again,

"...Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

(John 20:21, KJV)

Hallelujah!

I love those words.

Go again into all the world.

To all people.

God so loved **the world**.

America, listen.

Preachers, grow up.

Do not limit your vision to the Western world.

Yes, our nation faces challenges.

Yes, there are threats against us.

But we will endure.

And you preachers, keep preaching.

You are helping preserve our nation.

I once told members of parliament in Ukraine,

"It is not merely our army or our navy that makes a country great.

It is the churches.

It is the preachers."

At that time they were attempting to deport a faithful pastor.

I pleaded with them,

"Do not do that.

You need him.

He is one of the greatest assets your nation has."

They listened.

He remained.

Today that church has more than twenty thousand members.

Speak up.

Be what God has called you to be.

Lift Your Eyes to the Whole World

Do not think only of the Western world.

Do not divide the earth into "first world" and "third world."

Sometimes we become fascinated with mission slogans and geographical windows.

People speak continually about the "10/40 Window."

Have you ever noticed how much of the unreached world lies **outside** that region?

We become so focused on one small section of the map that we forget the rest of the world.

Russia, for example, is not even within the 10/40 Window.

Yet tens of thousands of Russian villages still have no Gospel witness.

Think about that.

I carry notes reminding me of places like Yakutia.

Half the size of the United States.

Almost no preachers.

The communist system has fallen.

The doors are open.

Yet vast regions remain without anyone to proclaim Christ.

While some are praying to plant another church where churches already exist, perhaps God is calling someone to become a citizen of Yakutia, just as missionaries of previous generations identified themselves completely with the people to whom they were sent.

The whole world is still waiting for the Gospel.

That's Christianity—love in action throughout the world.

That's Christianity.

Hallelujah!

Don't think only in terms of the Third World. People don't even talk about Russia as being part of the Third World. Russia is educated like us. I don't know what category they put it in, but they are up-to-date people—scientists, great minds. They once thought

they were going to conquer the world. Poor things, it turned out they can't even run a post office. That's the truth.

The people are poor and needy, but that's our opportunity. Don't think only about the 10/40 Window. It's wonderful to talk about reaching the illiterate world, but come on—grow up! You're called to the illiterate and to the literate. Everybody is your calling. Do you believe that?

Hey, I'll give you Pentecostals something to think about. That's why God let you receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost—so you can speak any language. I'll leave that for you to figure out.

Grow beyond nationality. Grow beyond caste.

In India it's the same way. People say they have a special call to the Untouchables, or to the Brahmins, or to the different castes. No! People are people. They have all sinned. They have all come short of the glory of God. They all need to hear the Gospel, and they can all believe the Gospel.

If you're British, you've got classes over there. Russia has classes. Europe has classes. Go beyond class. Go beyond region. Grow beyond language. Grow beyond colour. Our ministry—your ministry—has world proportions. Our action is vital to our hurting world.

Action! Hallelujah!

On the back of your paper, the first point—I'm not even going to get to it. I wrote down too many notes and then didn't get to them. But you can say I got inspired, and you can figure out the rest of it. You're smart. You know your Bibles. See, I don't get so lonely.

We're using Cuba. I said action. Christianity is love in action—actually doing something.

Daisy always said, "Don't think you're going to be holy when you get to China. No, no, no. Cross your backyard fence and love your way to China."

Yeah! That'll do it.

When we were in Cameroon, during that great meeting, there was a little fourteen-year-old girl and a twelve-year-old boy who were so captivated by what they were seeing. I wonder where they are today. I'd love to find them.

They made a pact. They said, "We've got to tell this."

"This is wonderful!" They saw it so simply. *This is the Gospel*. They were convinced, and they knew they had to tell others.

So they took notes. They remembered the verses I preached from, and when the testimonies came, they wrote those down too.

Then they went back to their village, about fourteen kilometres away. They found one of those old school bells with a handle on it. Every day at noon they would go into the little town square and ring that bell. The people would gather to see what those children were going to do.

Then they would tell everyone about the meeting in town—the great crowd at the stadium. They would read the Scriptures I had preached and share the testimonies they had written down. Then they would take turns telling about the miracles.

We were there for four weeks. Before the end of the fourth week, a wonderful pastor had joined them, and today a thriving church stands in that village.

They did something.

They did what they could do.

Don't worry about being like the preachers under the limelight on television. Be yourself.

I mean, nobody knows much about me, but that's alright. I've got good news, and I've given myself to the world. Hallelujah! That's what I'm interested in.

I was standing by Daisy's grave one day, looking at it, when the devil attacked me. You know how he comes around your weak spots and tries to get to you.

We had written an epitaph on her gravestone. I don't remember the exact wording anymore—it's been a long time—but it said something like:

We preached Christ to the nations. We declared His righteousness. We declared His name among the nations.

I stood there reading it and thought, *That's the finest thing we could have written.* That's what we gave our lives for. That's our epitaph. That's what it all comes down to.

We went and told people the Gospel.

That's the most worthy purpose a person can give his life to.

Then the devil jumped on me and said, "Yeah, you sure did. And the world is worse off now than when you started. Besides, she's dead."

That's the devil. He takes something beautiful and tries to make you see it in the most negative way possible.

For a moment, it hit me. I thought, *Yeah...* I was even crying a little.

Then I stopped.

I said, "Wait a minute!"

I spoke out loud.

"Hey, devil! Don't run off. I've got a few things for you to hear."

Turn the tables on the devil!

I told him, "You know what? We had just come back from the Congo, where thousands of people had come to Christ. Three demonised men from three different villages had

been brought in chains. All three were delivered the same night, and the chains were taken off. None of them knew the others were coming."

I didn't do it.

Don't blame me.

God did it.

I preached the Gospel, and God confirmed His Word.

I didn't touch them. I wasn't operating under some special anointing. No, no, no.

I preached the Gospel.

I said, "Devil, don't run off. I've got something else to tell you. What worries you is all those thousands of people who now know about Jesus because we passed their way."

Then I reminded him of things that had happened in country after country.

I said, "That's what's troubling you. You're trying to make me think we've failed."

"No, sir! No, sir!"

"Go bother the world, Mr Devil. You know we've won."

Then I said, "Hey, devil! Hey! Where are you running?"

But he wouldn't listen anymore.

He never listens.

He's a liar.

Hallelujah!

Now here's something I want to share with you.

Write this down:

Our best is God's best.

Think about that.

When you are giving your best, you are allowing God to express Himself through you as fully as you will let Him. And He is pleased. He says, "You're beautiful. You're wonderful. We're doing a good job. We're reaching them. We're telling them."

Hallelujah!

Nobody in the world is better than you when you're doing your best.

Never forget that.

Our Mandate for Action

John 8:31

"If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed." (KJV)

Listen to all these verbs.

An action verb is an action word, isn't it?

Matthew 28

- Go.
- Teach.
- Teach them to observe.

Those are action words.

Mark 3

He ordained twelve—that they should be with Him, that He might send them forth to preach, to have power to heal, and to cast out devils.

Every one of those is action.

Action.

M stands for **Model**—He is our model.

I stands for **Inspiration**—He is our inspiration.

R stands for **Response**—our response to His mind.

A stands for **Action**—our action as His delegates.

Matthew 10

He gave them power.

Then He said:

- Go.
- Preach.
- Heal.
- Cleanse.
- Raise.
- Cast out.

Be an action person.

The Gospel is action—not theory, not creeds, not dogmas.

It's action.

Hallelujah!

Luke 9

He gave them power and authority, and He sent them to preach and to heal.

Luke 10

Into whatever city you enter, heal the sick there.

Enter.

Heal.

Action.

Luke 10:19

"Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions..." (KJV)

Tread.

Action.

Our mandate is for action.

What is a mandate?

A mandate is an order.

A commission.

A command.

A requirement.

Legal authorisation.

Do you have it?

Did it reach you?

Did you accept it?

Were you there when He gave the command?

Someone said to me the other day, "Brother Osborn, how would you feel if you had been there after Jesus rose from the dead, following Him and listening to His final words, and while He was speaking He began to rise from the earth until a cloud received Him out of your sight?"

How would you feel?

Is it any different for us?

Were we represented there?

Were His words for us?

Or were they only for those people at that time?

If that's true, then His words about healing the sick and bringing salvation to sinners were only for that generation.

Do we believe that?

No.

We believe His words are for us today.

Most of you are going out to preach somewhere.

What part of the Gospel are you going to preach?

How much of it belongs to you?

I tell women, "Always carry a yellow pencil. Every Scripture that doesn't apply to you, highlight it in yellow."

Be honest with yourself.

You'd be surprised how much yellow some people would end up with.

Maybe not you ladies.

You go to VBI—you know better.

Maybe you won't have any yellow at all.

Hallelujah!

Glory to God!

Isn't that right?

Some of you put your hands up as if to say, "I won't highlight a single verse."

Good for you, ladies!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

I've got to skip so much of this.

Revelation for Action

Paul's revelation is important.

You know how he was converted.

Straightway he preached Christ, the Son of God.

The believers were afraid of him.

He confounded the Jews, proving that Jesus is the Christ.

As a new convert, he tried to join the believers in Jerusalem, but they were all afraid of him.

Barnabas stood up for him and said, "Don't be afraid. He's genuine."

Then the Grecians tried to kill him.

The believers said, "We'd better get Paul out of here."

So they sent him to Tarsus.

But Paul said, "That's not enough. I'm going to Arabia, where I can get away from all this and listen to God."

Don't you hope our Pentecostal movement never becomes so programmed with our own ideas that people miss God's voice?

The world is still out there.

Keep it simple, saints.

Paul went to Arabia.

There he discovered that all the Old Testament prophets spoke about the Gentiles, yet almost nobody acted on it.

Young students, hear me.

All the disciples quoted the prophets—that was their Bible—but though the prophets continually spoke about the Gentiles, they did very little about reaching them.

Jesus did.

They treated Him as the exception.

Where do you stand?

We're talking about revelation that produces action.

If it hasn't been revealed to you that the Gospel is for everybody, then start over.

It's for everybody.

Paul discovered that all the prophets spoke about the Gentiles, yet no one acted on it.

He realised Jesus had, but many others had failed to understand.

Paul was present at Stephen's death.

I can't get into that now.

But write these three things down.

This is **Paul's Revelation for Action**.

If we're going to continue the miracle ministry that Jesus began—and that we are called to continue—we must become people of action.

Are you with me?

This Gospel...

Sometimes I feel that among Pentecostals, it isn't the Gospel that excites us—it's Pentecost itself.

But there could never have been Pentecost without the Cross.

Do you understand that?

Pentecost was impossible until Jesus went to the Cross, took away our sins, and cleansed us.

Once our sins were removed, God could finally come home to where He had always intended to dwell—just as He did in the beginning when He formed Adam from the dust of the earth, breathed into him His own breath, and man became a living soul.

That was God's original purpose. But mankind rebelled against Him, believed the devil, and that was sin. Sin separated humanity from God because God will not cohabit with sin.

Generation after generation, people offered the blood of bulls and goats as sacrifices, but it never solved the problem. The Bible says:

"For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins." (Hebrews 10:4, KJV)

Are you understanding me?

Think about that.

Then the Gospel came.

Jesus came preaching the Gospel, but they didn't fully understand it. He lived the Gospel, but they didn't grasp it. He demonstrated the Gospel—healing, saving, and forgiving all kinds of people—but they still didn't catch on.

Jesus died for the world, yet they still didn't understand.

Then He came back and said, "I'm going to give you power."

And what did they ask?

"Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?"

They were still thinking about political government.

"Are You going to take authority away from Rome and make us the rulers?"

That was all they understood.

Pretty limited thinking, wasn't it?

Now don't put halos on their heads and condemn yourselves. You're actually smarter than some of them were. Is that sacrilegious?

No.

That's simply a fact.

Think about it.

Even after all of that, many of the disciples still struggled to understand.

Read the Book of Acts.

In Acts chapter 3 they brought people into the temple, where sacrifices were still being offered and the priests were ministering.

That's all they knew.

That was the only religion they had ever known.

They still hadn't fully understood.

Then along comes Paul—a man who had fiercely opposed the Christians and hated their doctrine.

But Jesus appeared to him.

That's exactly what happened to me.

I wasn't an angry unbeliever. I was already a missionary. I loved Jesus.

But then He revealed Himself to me.

That changes you.

Hattie Hammond used to say, "If you ever see Jesus, you'll never be the same."

And friends, you'll see Him most clearly in His Word.

That's the greatest picture you'll ever have of Him.

Paul was converted and tried to join the church.

These believers were all filled with the Holy Ghost, yet they couldn't even recognise a genuine convert when they saw one.

Am I making that up?

No.

People are people.

We're not a bunch of dummies, and they weren't a bunch of perfect saints.

They were human beings just like we are.

We make mistakes.

They made mistakes.

God loved them, and He loves us.

He worked with them, and He works with us.

Isn't that right?

Paul realised, "This isn't enough. I'm never going to understand God's full purpose by staying here."

Now don't quote me out of context. Some people might think I don't believe the Bible.

I'm trying to wake you up.

I'm trying to help you grow up.

We're moving into a new generation.

New centuries lie ahead.

We must understand some things.

We're not a little clan.

We're not a little cult of tongue-talking people whose whole purpose is to bless one another and make ourselves feel spiritual.

Come on.

Grow up.

The world is out there.

They need us.

That's why I'm here.

If I can add just a little of what I've learned, I know it'll help because I've seen it work all over the world.

It has never failed.

We've got to get beyond our little religious circles.

Now I want you to write down three things.

Never forget them.

I won't have time to explain all of them fully, but these are the three revelations Paul received during his time in Arabia.

Read Galatians chapter 1 sometime.

Paul says,

"I didn't receive this from those people in Jerusalem."

Did you ever notice that?

He says,

"I received it by revelation."

Jesus Himself showed it to me.

Here are the three truths that motivated Paul for the rest of his life.

They drove him into action until the day he was executed in Rome.

He never stopped because these truths burned within him.

Three Great Revelations

- 1. The Gospel is the Gospel of Redemption.**
- 2. The Gospel of Redemption has been committed to our trust.**
- 3. The Gospel of Redemption is for all tribes, all peoples, and all nations.**

Write those down.

Build your ministry on those three truths.

That's exactly what Paul did.

The Gospel of Redemption

Romans chapter 5 tells us that we now have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.

He has brought us into this place of highest privilege where we now stand.

He has made it possible for us to become everything God intended us to be.

When we were utterly helpless...

When there was absolutely no way of escape...

Christ came.

He died for us.

For sinners.

People who had no use for Him.

God demonstrated His love by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

Paul keeps repeating those words:

"While we were yet sinners."

I've often said:

We didn't seek Him.

He sought us.

We didn't love Him.

He loved us.

We didn't come looking for Him.

He came looking for us.

While we were still sinners, God provided redemption.

But people have to hear about it.

That's where some get it wrong.

People must hear the Gospel so they can believe it.

If they never believe the Gospel, they'll remain lost.

Hallelujah!

Then verse 9 says—and I'm reading from *The Living Bible*—

"He has now declared us not guilty."

Think about that.

I stand before God without fear.

Without guilt.

Without inferiority.

Not because I'm proud.

Because He has accepted me as His child.

He has made me a member of His royal family.

I represent Him.

I'm His ambassador.

Hallelujah!

What a Gospel!

The Gospel of Redemption.

Sometimes I think Baptists and Methodists understand redemption better than many Pentecostals.

Do you know what "redeemed" means?

It means to be restored to what we were before sin entered.

It means to be put back.

It means to be justified.

I love that English word.

You can't explain it quite the same way in many other languages.

Justified.

Just as if I'd never sinned.

Just as if I'd never done it.

There's no record against me.

It's gone.

Therefore, I stand before God without blemish.

Without spot.

Without stain.

Hallelujah!

I stand clothed in the righteousness of Jesus Christ.

His righteousness has become mine.

The life He possesses, He has shared with me.

That's what I preach.

Do you know the world has never heard that?

Go preach that to a crowd of Hindus.

It will astonish them.

Go to India.

Grow up in the Gospel.

Paul went into Arabia.

You go a little farther.

Go to India.

Discover what this Book is really about.

We have an incredible responsibility.

We're talking about **Revelation for Action**.

First came **the Mandate for Action**.

Second comes **the Revelation for Action**.

Receive the revelation that the Gospel is a message that accomplishes redemption.

The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation.

Unto redemption.

Unto forgiveness.

Unto deliverance.

To everyone who hears it...

and believes it.

The Gospel itself is God's power.

That's why I said,

"Poor devil."

I knew he was already defeated.

I knew what I was preaching.

I knew it was true.

I knew he was throwing his last tantrum.

"Poor devil."

It just came out.

I didn't cast him out.

I didn't have to.

I preached the Gospel.

When you stand before a crowd and teach them that they are God's creation...

that Satan is the destroyer...

that sickness, oppression, and every curse came through him...

that God didn't send the storm...

God didn't send the plague...

God didn't bring disease upon the village...

Satan did.

Teach people that.

Then tell them Jesus took every one of those curses upon Himself.

He carried the burden.

He bore the curse.

He died under its weight.

It killed Him.

It would have killed us.

But three days later...

God raised Him from the dead.

He filled Him with resurrection life.

Then He exalted Him to heaven and sent that same life back to everyone who believes.

Now we are restored.

That's a fact.

Sin has been paid for.

Sickness has been paid for.

Christ accomplished it all.

Therefore, we are healed.

We are saved.

We are redeemed.

Tell people that.

They don't know it.

Preach that, and you'll gather a crowd.

Spend all your time preaching little side doctrines, and you'll wonder why nobody comes.

Then you'll get upset because the other preachers have people listening to them while you don't.

Did I say that too quickly?

Did you catch it?

Then don't get angry with preachers whose churches are full.

If you're boring, I wouldn't come listen to you either.

People come to hear me because I have good news.

They love hearing good news from God.

No other priest offers it.

No other sadhu offers it.

No other holy man offers it.

But Jesus does.

And you can too.

You don't need my anointing.

You've already received your own.

It's the very same Holy Spirit.

He came from the same God who gave Him to me.

Hallelujah!

I'm getting excited about this because I love you.

I want to help you.

It's the Gospel of Redemption.

The Gospel Committed to Our Trust

The second truth Paul discovered was this:

The Gospel has been committed to us.

Paul says this repeatedly.

If we don't proclaim the Gospel, you can pray until you're exhausted, but God is not going to send angels to do what He commanded us to do.

Do you believe that?

Don't waste your time asking God to do what He has already instructed you to do.

He told us to preach the Gospel.

He told us to make the Good News known.

That was part of Paul's revelation.

He didn't receive it from Peter.

He didn't receive it from John.

As much as I love John, Paul went away into Arabia, and because he had been trained as a rabbi, his mind was filled with the Torah—the five books of Moses—as well as the Prophets and the Psalms.

Every rabbi knew those Scriptures well.

It was incumbent upon every rabbi to know all the Psalms, all the Prophets, and the five books of Moses. From childhood, they were trained, drilled, and trained again. Paul had all of that in him, but he had missed the Star of the whole story. He had missed the Messiah. He had missed Christ.

But then Jesus appeared to him.

Paul said, "Who are You?"

Jesus answered, "I am Jesus, the One you are persecuting."

That brought him to attention.

He tried to work it out with the other Christians, but they didn't understand what had happened. We're a little like that sometimes—we don't always represent Him very well.

They said, "No, that's the man who's been killing everybody! We're afraid of him."

He had frightened them, so he had to get away. He went into Arabia, where he spent time on his knees. His mind was like a computer. He didn't have a Toshiba, but his brain was full.

There, as he searched the Prophets, the Torah, and the Psalms, he realised that this gospel is committed to us. If we do not proclaim it, His message will never be known to our world.

That's who we are.

We are God's people. We are His messengers.

Hallelujah!

That excites me. If you keep this clear in your heart, you'll still be going strong when you're as old as I am.

The third thing Paul discovered through revelation was that the gospel is for **all people**, not just the Jews.

Everywhere Paul went, they followed him, persecuted him, and stoned him. The Jews opposed him. Even some Christians struggled because they were trying to follow Christ while still holding on to Moses. It was difficult. It was a new era.

Even Peter wrestled with it. God had to give him a vision. Read Acts chapter 10. It was a tremendous struggle before Peter finally declared:

"Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

It took a vision—actually, two visions.

Even Peter did not fully grasp it at first.

But little old Paul—people say he was short and unattractive; I don't know if that's true—but when he walked into town, he had understood what the gospel really is.

It is redemption.

Hallelujah!

It is committed to us.

It is for everybody.

Aren't you glad?

That's how you got in on it. Preachers believed what Paul preached. They kept telling the story, and eventually you heard it. Here you are today—smiling, happy, and redeemed.

Hallelujah!

Paul's revelation of redemption produced the most revolutionary concept ever proclaimed.

The Jews pursued him everywhere and finally killed him in Rome because he never stopped preaching it.

Hallelujah!

Paul declared:

"There is no difference between Jew and Greek. The same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him. Whoever shall call..."

Those were fighting words in his day.

When we go out and announce that message, proclaim it with conviction. Don't mumble through it as though it were merely another religious doctrine. You're not performing a ritual.

You are a messenger of good news.

The world wants what you have.

When people believe this gospel, the devils flee.

Poor devil!

He's terrified of this gospel.

Yes!

We've talked about Christ's mandate.

We've talked about revelation.

Now let's talk about **urgency**.

I don't have time to cover everything, but let me leave these thoughts with you.

The Urgency for Action

Number one: The harvest is ripe.

Number two: God's Word is provable.

Write that down. I'm not going to develop it now, but you'll hear it on the recording.

Number three: God's love is irresistible.

Isn't that wonderful?

What good is it if you say you have faith but never do anything with it?

Christianity is **love in action**.

He chose us and sent us. That calls for action.

His ordination demands our obedience.

Action is urgent.

Our Focus for Action

First: Fulfil the will of God.

Second: Make Christianity practical.

I wrote these down:

Take that authority and use it.

Take that Name and use it.

Take that power and heal people.

Take that anointing and deliver people.

Take that message and proclaim it.

Take that love and share it.

You could preach a sermon on every one of those.

His ordination calls for our obedience.

It is urgent.

I had a brother who is now in heaven. He was a wonderful preacher. He led me to Jesus.

But he spent much of his ministry wondering whether he was truly in the will of God.

People like that often spend the other half of their lives wondering whether they ever fulfilled God's will.

When you don't know what God's will is, you'll never know whether you've done it.

Grow up.

Let me settle that question for you forever.

What Is God's Will?

Three questions.

Number one: Is the idea good for God?

Don't miss that.

Number two: Is the idea good for people?

Number three: Is the idea good for you?

If the answer is yes to all three, then go ahead.

That's God's will.

Hallelujah!

Now here's something that may surprise you.

When you pray, God will always answer, **"Yes."**

But then He adds,

"Now, what are you going to do about it?"

You see, we often pray for God to do what He has already told us to do.

If what you're asking is good for God, good for people, and good for you, then God says,

"Go for it."

Now what are **you** going to do?

"I'm not coming down there to do it for you.

You do it.

That's My will."

Jesus said in Hebrews,

"Lo, I come to do Thy will, O God."

Again He said,

"In the volume of the Book it is written of Me, I come to do Thy will, O God."

That's why you're here.

What's good for people?

What's good for God?

What's good for you?

Go for it.

The world is yours.

God is with you.

The Holy Spirit lives in you.

Everything you need has been provided.

Imagine having half of the United States with no one there but you.

You'd be the smartest preacher in half of the country!

You'd have the biggest church in half of the country.

How could you miss an opportunity like that?

Finally, I would say our focus is this:

First, fulfil the will of God.

Second, make Christianity practical.

Third, become a vital part of God's plan.

Hallelujah!

His plan depends on us.

Do you believe that?

Now get out the paper I gave you when you came in.

Let's stand together with it in our hands.

Let's read it aloud.

Let's make that poor devil—the one who tried to discourage me at Daisy's grave—tremble.

Hallelujah!

Poor devil!

I'm still at it.

I'm heading for Thailand.

Glory to God!

And I'm happy.

That's what worries the devil.

And he's worried about you VBI students too.

VBI—for the world!

Hallelujah!

Ron, I'm stirred up.

All right.

Let's read this together.

Take a deep breath.

Read it loudly enough for every demon in hell to hear, for the angels to rejoice, and for the Father and Jesus to hear.

Who knows?

Perhaps He will stand and say,

"If you've understood that, then I'll be with you to make it happen."

He stood when Stephen died.

Are you ready?

Let's begin.

**Thank You, Lord, that You believe in me and have chosen me as
Your delegate.**

Your power is invested in me.

Your plan depends on me.

By action, I transform my knowledge into power.

My possibilities become realities.

My actions prove what I believe.

**Dear Lord, when I act with You working in me, all things become
possible.**

**Lord, when I act upon Your Word, Your power brings Your best
into my life and into the lives of those around me.**

Doing Your will gives my life purpose.

**Dear Lord Jesus, I am saved so that You can continue Your
ministry through me.**

I am one of Your chosen delegates.

You have committed Your work into my hands.

I am motivated to action.

You trust me to share Your love with people.

Christianity is love in action. Your plan unfolds through me. You trust me to interpret You to our world.

Amen!

Hallelujah!



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