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Foreword

*In this remarkable teaching, T.L. Osborn challenges believers to move beyond religious familiarity into a living revelation of the risen Christ. Speaking from decades of global evangelistic ministry, he reminds us that Christianity was never intended to be merely another philosophy, moral system, or religious tradition. At its heart stands one unshakable truth: **Jesus Christ is alive.***

Throughout this message, Osborn repeatedly returns to the centrality of the resurrection. He demonstrates that the resurrection is not simply a doctrine to be defended but the foundation upon which every aspect of Christian faith rests. Because Christ lives, the Gospel carries divine authority, believers possess resurrection life, and the Church has a message that can be proclaimed with confidence to every nation.

One of the unique strengths of this sermon is its missionary perspective. Drawing from personal experiences across Africa, Asia, and many other parts of the world, the author illustrates how the Gospel transcends cultures, philosophies, and religious systems. His burden is not merely to inform but to equip a new generation of believers to communicate Christ in ways that reveal both His truth and His living power.

Readers will also notice Osborn's emphasis on revelation rather than mere information. Biblical knowledge, while valuable, must become personal revelation through the Holy Spirit. It is this revelation that transforms ordinary believers into bold witnesses whose lives confirm the message they proclaim.

Equally compelling is his reminder that supernatural ministry must always flow from Calvary. Power without love becomes harshness, while love without the power of the risen Christ falls short of the Gospel's full witness. Throughout these pages, Calvary and Pentecost stand together—love providing the motive and the Holy Spirit supplying the power.

As editors, our assignment has been to faithfully preserve the preacher's voice while carefully proofreading and formatting the transcript for clarity and ease of reading.

Every effort has been made to retain the warmth, urgency, and evangelistic passion that characterised T.L. Osborn's ministry, allowing readers to experience the message much as it was originally delivered.

Whether you are a pastor, missionary, Bible student, ministry leader, or believer with a passion for world evangelisation, this book offers more than theological instruction. It is a call to rediscover the simplicity, credibility, and supernatural power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

May these pages deepen your confidence in the risen Saviour, strengthen your faith in God's Word, and renew your commitment to proclaim Christ to a world still searching for truth.

For the Kingdom,

— Wisdom Epsi

Chief Editor, LivingSermons.com

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Main Message

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Introduction

Today we are ready for Lesson Number Five of the *Miracle Life* series, and I trust that this will be a very effective lesson for you. Let me briefly review the lessons we have covered:

Lesson One: *Christ Our Model*

Lesson Two: *I — Christ Our Inspiration*

Lesson Three: *R — Our Response to His Mandate*

Lesson Four: *A — Action as His Delegates*

Lesson Five: *C — The Credibility of the Gospel*

Next comes another equally important—perhaps even weightier—lesson:

Lesson Six: *The Legality of Our Faith*

Finally, we will conclude with: **Lesson Seven:** *The Experience of His Energy at Work in Us.*

Today, however, we focus on **The Credibility of the Gospel**. This is a weighty subject—one of tremendous importance.

CHAPTER ONE

A Fresh Perspective from Thailand

I have just returned home from Thailand, where we ministered for three weeks in two cities—Bangkok and Khon Kaen.

I do not believe I have ever experienced anything more gratifying than this season of ministry. It is especially significant because it illustrates perfectly what we are discussing today: **the credibility of the Gospel**.

I know a great deal about the religions of the world, and I do not think there is any religion that so thoroughly shapes and colours a person's thinking as Buddhism.

I brought home a book entitled *The Teachings of Buddha*. I had already known something about Buddhism, but now I know much more after studying it. The challenge of reaching Buddhist people is enormous because almost everything we teach in Christianity seems to have a parallel in Buddhism.

Almost everything.

Yet there are crucial differences.

Those differences are what I want to emphasise throughout this lesson on **The Credibility of the Gospel**. I will explain them more fully as we continue.

The Great Question

The major question we are dealing with today is this: **What makes our Christian witness believable?**

What makes us credible?

Consider these questions carefully. **What proof do we offer that Jesus Christ is alive?**

Does that really matter?

Think about it.

Another question:

Do Christian rituals without miracles possess life-changing power?

These are questions we must face as we minister to a hurting world. We must confront them honestly and respond to them truthfully. Here is another question:

If we do not share Jesus Christ with others, is it because we do not really believe in Him?

We naturally share almost everything we genuinely believe in. So ask yourself:

What do you know about Jesus Christ that is so wonderful you simply cannot keep quiet about it?

That is a good question.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ provides the proof of the Gospel. It is the foundation that makes our witness both credible and believable.

That is what we are talking about today.

Preparing a Generation to Share the Gospel

These lessons are designed to help each one of you. I have come here because I believe it is significant to speak to so many young people who will carry the Gospel into a hurting world. Your world continues to grow smaller. Through websites, email, jet aircraft, and television, nations are being brought closer together.

I remarked to some preachers in Bangkok the other day that I once told my wife, back around 1960 when we returned from India, "We will never again have a war with China."

I told those pastors the same thing. We have finally grown enough to realise how foolish it is to kill our customers. That is simply stupid. We need one another.

China would struggle economically without people buying its products. Nearly everything you pick up today is made in China. They are not going to shoot at us—we are their customers.

Likewise, we are not going to destroy them because we need what they produce.

Beyond Religion to the Miracle Life

God wants us to become the kind of people who experience **the miracle life of Jesus**.

Why?

So that we can continue everything He began. Jesus takes us beyond religion into God's miracle life. That is what these sessions are all about.

That is why I have come to share them with you.

Everywhere I teach these truths, they are changing lives. They are affecting people wherever they are heard, and we thank God for that.

He takes us beyond religion into the miracle life of Jesus Christ.

The Bridge Between Christ's Ministry and Ours

Our scriptural foundation is found in the opening four verses of the Book of Acts. These verses form a bridge between:

the ministry of Jesus in the physical body of a Jewish man from Nazareth, and the ministry of that same Jesus in your body—whether you live in Tulsa or anywhere else in the world.

It is the same Jesus.

The same ministry.

The same Holy Spirit.

The same power.

Nothing has changed.

As this revelation grips the Church, it will produce a fresh passion for evangelism and unprecedented church growth throughout the world.

That is exactly what is happening.

The news is spreading.

These teachings are stirring young preachers around the world.

It is happening.

It is happening.

This is a better perspective than many of us have had in the past.

For that reason, today's lesson is extremely important.

What Makes the Christian Witness Believable?

We have been studying the seven essentials required to continue the ministry of Jesus.

Today we arrive at the fifth essential:

Our credibility as His witnesses.

Again I ask the question:

What makes the Christian witness believable?

The answer is found in the resurrection.

Acts 1:3 says:

"To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs..."

— **Acts 1:3 (KJV)**

Notice those words:

"...by many infallible proofs."

That is remarkable evidence.

In our next lesson, we will examine those forty days after Christ's resurrection and discover what He taught during that time.

Many people only remember that He showed His hands, ate fish and honeycomb, and appeared to His disciples.

But for forty days He continued teaching them. That is an astonishing truth, and we will study it later. For today, our emphasis is this:

He showed Himself alive by many infallible proofs.

The Resurrection Proves the Gospel

Today we are dealing with what is perhaps the most fundamental issue in Christianity:

The resurrection of Jesus Christ.

What does the resurrection signify?

It signifies that the Gospel is true.

It proves that the Gospel is credible.

It demonstrates that the Gospel is believable.

If Jesus did not rise from the dead, the Gospel has no value.

Never forget that.

If He did not come back from the dead, you would not possess life.

Everything you claim would be false.

But because He lives, **you live.**

Jesus came with one kind of life.

He gave that life when He died.

Three days later, God raised Him from the dead with a new kind of life—**resurrection life.**

That resurrection life proves that everything Jesus taught is true.

The Works of Jesus Confirmed His Identity

In John chapter 10, Jesus spoke about His works, and we should never overlook them. By now I assume you understand that our calling is to continue everything Jesus did.

That is the very idea of Christianity.

The Church exists because the Holy Spirit has come upon us to continue doing what Jesus Himself was doing.

In John chapter 10, Jesus repeatedly referred to His works.

Many people opposed Him.

They did not like Him.

They did not believe in Him.

After all, He was a young teacher from Nazareth—a carpenter by trade.

In their eyes, He had no right to speak with such authority.

He attracted enormous crowds, which made the religious leaders jealous.

His influence continued to grow, and they resented it.

They insisted He had no credentials.

No degrees.

No recognised authority.

No right to do what He was doing.

Jesus tried to help them understand who He really was.

He said, in effect,

"Even if you do not like Me, what are you going to do about the works that I do?"

Think about His works.

The blind received sight.

The deaf heard.

The lame walked.

The lepers were cleansed.

The dead were raised.

Every one of these was a creative work.

Religion cannot produce such things.

Only the Creator God, through His power, His life, and His Spirit, can perform these creative acts.

Christianity Without Miracles

I still do not understand how preachers, regardless of denomination, who refuse to embrace the miracle power of Christ for our generation expect to convince unbelievers of the truth of the Gospel.

Without the miracles of Christ, our Bible becomes merely a philosophical book.

Our religion becomes empty—no different from Islam, Buddhism, Shintoism, or any other religious system.

Without the miracle power of God, Christianity loses its unique testimony.

As I continue referring to my recent experiences among Buddhists, I cannot help but recognise the challenge before us.

If Christians have no miracles to demonstrate, what distinctive witness do we really have?

CHAPTER TWO

A Testimony from Thailand

The great seminar in Bangkok came about largely through the ministry of **Dr. Vinachai**, an Assemblies of God leader who served for many years as superintendent.

He first came to us as a little boy during our 1956 visit to Thailand.

He asked the lady hosting us if he could bring his little mat and sleep beneath our window.

We knew nothing about him.

When asked why, he replied,

"I believe that if I sleep under his window, some of that will get off on me."

That little boy grew up.

Years later, when we returned to Thailand, he became my interpreter—a wonderful man.

Eventually he became one of the nation's great Christian leaders and later served as superintendent of the Assemblies of God in Thailand.

Now he has retired from that position so that he can travel throughout the country conducting national seminars based on the principles of soul winning.

We are preparing to send him the book **Soul Winning**.

It will be translated into the Thai language. We will cover the costs of both the translation and the printing, and those books will be distributed throughout the nation.

What a privilege to invest in raising a generation that will carry the Gospel with power and credibility.

That has been wonderful to watch.

The young man who took Dr. Verichai's place—Brother Underpuck, I believe that is how his name is pronounced—is a wonderful young man. He served as my interpreter during the Khon Kaen crusade.

Because of Dr. Verichai's influence in Bangkok, he is highly respected as a man of integrity. People trust him. The pastors trust him.

He determined that every church in Bangkok, regardless of denomination, would be involved in this event. He serves on the board—indeed, I believe he leads the National Fellowship of Churches—so everyone became part of it.

Some participated only because of their absolute confidence in Dr. Verichai.

However, he stretched them far beyond their comfort zone.

They were genuinely nervous at the beginning.

It was actually rather amusing to watch.

Seven Sessions That Challenged Tradition

It was wonderful that the seminar took place before the crusade. All of these pastors attended, including leaders from the Church of Christ, which is the largest Christian organisation in Thailand.

Now, they have not traditionally been very receptive to miracles, at least not in the way we understand them here. Nevertheless, they are wonderful people.

The Baptists, the Presbyterians, and many others also attended.

They had a difficult time throughout the seminar because we discussed truths like the ones I am sharing with you today.

They could not deny what Scripture teaches, but they were hearing these truths presented in a way they had never heard before.

For seven sessions we taught them these principles.

Every day they followed along with the printed outlines.

I continually encouraged them:

"When you go home, get on your knees. Lay these truths before God. Read them aloud until they become part of your life."

They were such lovely people.

Kind.

Beautiful.

Loving.

Yet they were also frightened because these truths challenged long-held traditions.

It was fascinating to watch.

What Makes the Gospel Credible?

This brings us back to our subject.

What makes the Gospel credible?

The answer is the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

On the first night of the crusade, people filled the enormous park that had been chosen for the meetings.

Interestingly, nearly all the pastors had voted against using that location.

Our crusade director, however, knew what would happen.

Eventually, he insisted.

"We are going to use the park."

The pastors protested.

"Our people will not stand."

"The Buddhists will never come."

But on the very first night, the park was completely filled.

There were no chairs.

Everyone stood.

Those dear pastors sat on the platform absolutely astonished.

Yet that was not even the best part of the story.

An 84-Year-Old Testimony

Before the meeting even began, while the preliminary singing was taking place, several men helped an elderly gentleman up the steps and seated him on the platform.

He was eighty-four years old.

I noticed that his hands were deformed.

Later I learned his story.

He had attended our crusade in Thailand back in 1956.

At that time, he suffered from incurable leprosy.

His fingers had been eaten away.

His fingernails were gone. His ears and nose had been terribly disfigured. By every outward appearance, he was a pitiful sight.

Yet he was a precious man.

Brother Verichai and my interpreter told the congregation about him.

This was the same man who had been healed in 1956.

After receiving his healing, he returned to northern Thailand filled with passion for Christ.

He began studying his Bible.

Soon he became a preacher.

Then he became a minister of healing.

But that is not the end of the story.

One Miracle That Changed a Region

That dear man planted **five churches** in northern Thailand. He devoted his ministry to reaching people suffering from leprosy. Ten years after our crusade, the government officially declared that the two districts where he ministered were free of leprosy.

Think about that.

Isn't that remarkable?

Someone may say,

"This doesn't work."

Oh yes, it does.

It works.

Eyewitness Evidence

I carry with me a letter written by Elmer Morrison, the head of the Pentecostal Holiness Bible School in Hong Kong.

He wrote:

"We invited Mr. Soi to speak at our Bible Institute in Hong Kong. He had been serving as an evangelist in Thailand for two years and had recently returned.

We asked him whether he knew anything about the Osborn crusades in Thailand.

He replied that he not only knew about them but had personally attended them.

Among the interesting facts he related was this:

'Marvellous healings by the power of God took place in Bangkok during the Osborn crusades.

I personally know of six lepers who were completely cleansed after prayer was offered for them.

They testified that the terrible burning sensation in their flesh stopped during prayer.

Later I personally saw them after the diseased, leprous skin had disappeared. Their flesh became like that of a little child—clean and beautiful.

The leprosy was completely gone, and the disfigurements had disappeared.

Besides these six, there were others who were healed, but concerning these six I speak from firsthand personal observation."

Isn't that marvellous?

I would imagine that the dear eighty-four-year-old gentleman sitting on the platform was one of those six people.

I never knew he had been healed during our 1956 meetings.

I only discovered it many years later.

Hallelujah!

Isn't healing wonderful?

Credibility Gives the Gospel Power

Now here is the point.

When that eighty-four-year-old man sat on the platform—healed for decades, having planted five churches, and having ministered until leprosy disappeared from entire districts of northern Thailand—all those Church of Christ pastors, Baptists, and Presbyterians witnessed living evidence.

At that moment, my ministry became credible.

More importantly,

Christianity became credible.

Praying for the sick is credible.

Ministering to the needy is credible.

It is real.

It works.

Hallelujah!

Without that evidence, what do we have?

Nothing more than another philosophy.

Young preachers, this is why I am speaking so earnestly to you today.

God wants you to believe these truths.

The Gospel in Four Great Facts

Open your Bible to **1 Corinthians 15**.

Paul writes:

"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins..."

— **1 Corinthians 15:1–3 (KJV)**

When Paul says, "the Gospel," stop and think about what that means.

Have you studied that Gospel illustration—the Cloverleaf presentation displayed in the lobby?

It is a wonderful teaching tool.

I did not even know it was being prepared ahead of time.

Ladonna coordinated with our crusade director and with the pastors in Thailand. She knows Brother Verichai very well.

That Gospel display stretched from the floor to the ceiling across the platform.

It was magnificent.

It greatly assisted us in proclaiming the Gospel to Buddhist audiences.

If you ever minister overseas, I strongly encourage you to prepare a large visual presentation of the Gospel.

It requires no words.

No language.

No translation.

Yet it becomes an extraordinary preaching aid.

It presents the four essential facts of the Gospel.

It simplifies the entire Bible.

That is tremendously important.

Paul continues:

"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel..."

I must confess something.

I do not particularly enjoy saying "brethren," because the sisters are included too.

The translators tended to make everything masculine.

Well, ladies, you are free to remind yourselves that Paul is speaking to you as well.

Then Paul declares:

"...which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

By which also ye are saved...

For I delivered unto you first of all... how that Christ died for our sins..."

— **1 Corinthians 15:1–3 (KJV)**

Now, my dear friends—especially you young ministers—understand this.

If you stand before a crowd of Buddhists and simply say,

"Christ died for our sins,"

those words mean absolutely nothing to them.

Nothing.

Communicating Across Cultures

Many Buddhists do not even possess vocabulary that corresponds to our Christian terminology.

Traditionally, there was no distinct word for "God."

The word commonly used referred to a deity associated with Buddha.

Likewise, there were no words for Jesus, the Holy Spirit, or many Gospel concepts.

When the early missionaries arrived, they immediately encountered this problem.

How do you communicate truths for which no words exist?

They had to create new vocabulary.

They combined existing words to express biblical ideas.

For example, they developed a new word for God that Christians came to understand.

Yet only Christians recognised these expressions.

The average Buddhist did not.

So Christians grew up inside the church using language that made perfect sense to one another.

Then they went outside and tried to witness using words nobody else understood.

It is rather like a computer specialist speaking to someone unfamiliar with technology.

He uses terms and abbreviations that leave the listener completely confused.

Much of our modern language has become that way.

We speak of CDs, DVDs, and countless technical abbreviations.

Someone may know English perfectly well and still have no idea what those terms mean.

That is exactly what happens with many Christians in Thailand.

They go out using Christian vocabulary that has become a kind of religious code.

People simply stare at them because they do not understand what is being said.

Many believers have not yet awakened to this reality.

A Great Opportunity in Thailand

Perhaps God will call some of you to invest your lives in Thailand.

Some believers from Finland have done so.

Some from Norway have done so.

Some Americans have also answered that call.

It is one of the most wonderful mission fields in the world.

Thailand is a Buddhist monarchy, yet there is remarkable freedom.

If you request permission to minister, they will generally grant it.

No one will stop you.

The Buddhist people are precious.

They are gentle.

They are kind.

They are respectful.

They are naturally humble.

Their culture teaches them to bow continually before one another.

They often hesitate even to walk in front of another person without showing deep reverence.

That entire cultural system has shaped the way they think about themselves and others.

It is a society deeply marked by humility, yet many people have never discovered the confidence and new identity that are found only in Jesus Christ.

Buddhism speaks much about enlightenment.

Yet it offers no true inner light.

The Apostle Paul spoke about **"the light of the glorious gospel."**

Perhaps, because I have returned and shared these things with you today, some of you will one day move to Thailand and begin a ministry there.

That is my hope.

When I wrote the book **Soul Winning**, I did so because there was virtually no book in Christendom devoted to winning souls.

The only resource available at that time was a small booklet by Charles Spurgeon. With his permission, D. L. Moody reproduced it, and various denominations circulated it.

That was essentially all that existed.

So I wrote *Soul Winning* and distributed it to approximately 125,000 national leaders and missionaries around the world.

That book became a seed package that pushed the Church beyond its four walls.

Originally, we described that vision as **"Out Where the Sinners Are."**

Later we changed the wording because "sinners" can sound unnecessarily derogatory.

Now we simply say,

"Out Where the People Are."

That book has helped change the Church around the world.

I have no question about that.

You can do the same.

Help Thailand.

Help its pastors discover that much of our Christian language has become coded language.

We have become a club speaking our own vocabulary.

Let us learn to explain ourselves clearly when we go to those precious Buddhist people who are so gentle and respectful.

Let us give them hope.

Let us help them stand upright in Christ.

A cultural transformation must take place.

I tell you, Thailand is ready.

It is ripe.

Speaking to People Who Do Not Understand Our Language

We often say,

"Christ died for our sins."

But what does that mean to someone who has never heard the Gospel?

In Thailand, many people do not even have a biblical understanding of sin.

Our Western approach often creates obstacles.

Some Thai people dislike Americans coming to preach because they associate Western culture with warfare and bloodshed.

Their religion does not promote killing.

They see Americans making bombs and fighting wars.

I say these things to provoke your thinking.

If you call yourself a Christian...

If you claim to be filled with the Holy Spirit...

What would the Holy Spirit say through you to a Buddhist audience?

That question should make you think.

Do your thinking here before you find yourself standing in a mission field trying to answer it for the first time.

That is exactly what happened to me back in 1956.

It forced me to think.

After fifty-six—now fifty-seven—years of ministry, I can honestly say I have never ministered among people more precious than the Buddhists.

At the same time, I have never found it more difficult to communicate the Gospel.

The only place I can compare it to is Poland.

Catholicism has become so deeply rooted in the hearts of the Polish people that neither Communism nor Hitler could remove it.

They held firmly to their faith.

When you preach there, everything you say is filtered through a Catholic understanding.

In much the same way, Buddhists already have concepts that seem to parallel many of our Christian expressions.

We speak about peace.

They speak about peace.

We speak about kindness.

They value kindness.

We speak about blessing.

They have their own understanding of blessing.

But Christianity offers something more.

We proclaim the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We proclaim the miracle-working power of God.

Without that, we are in serious trouble.

The Resurrection Makes Christianity Credible

I believe God will send some of you to Thailand.

Burma will also open.

We must open it.

God does not simply do those things independently of us.

That is our assignment.

So what will you say when you stand before the Burmese people?

Most of them are Buddhists.

Think about it.

Paul continues in **1 Corinthians 15**:

"...how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve."

— **1 Corinthians 15:3–5 (KJV)**

These are the facts that make Christianity credible.

Jesus is still revealing Himself.

He is still demonstrating His resurrection life.

He is still performing the supernatural.

Because He lives,

we live.

The same resurrection life that raised Him from the dead now works in us.

As an old man, I can tell you with confidence that I would never go into countries like these if I did not know these truths for myself.

Communicating the Gospel is not easy.

That is exactly why we have the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit Is More Than an Experience

For some people, the Holy Spirit seems to be only about speaking in tongues.

I believe in speaking in tongues.

Of course I do.

I speak in tongues myself.

But there is far more to the Holy Spirit than that.

The Holy Spirit is the very nature of God working within us and expressing Himself through us.

He is a powerful Teacher.

He is God's own expression through His people.

Do you believe that?

Jesus Still Reveals Himself

Paul reminds us that Jesus:

was seen by Cephas,

then by the Twelve,

and afterward by more than five hundred believers at one time.

That reminds me of an extraordinary experience we had in Trang, down near the Malaysian peninsula.

One evening, while I was preaching, more than one hundred people saw Jesus.

Anna Jean Price from Christ For the Nations Institute was there with her husband before he later passed away.

Ask her.

She witnessed it.

During the meeting, a rickshaw driver suddenly cried out,

"Who is that Man in white up there?"

Everyone looked.

Then people all across the audience began to see Him.

The following day, as people started sharing testimonies, so many described seeing the Lord that we stopped them and said,

"This is too important. Let us gather the whole town together tomorrow."

The next day the city assembled.

Everyone who had seen the Lord came forward and testified.

More than one hundred people publicly declared what they had seen.

I wish the entire world could have witnessed that moment.

Jesus is not dead.

He still reveals Himself.

He still shows Himself alive.

Even while we were preaching there, Jesus appeared to two local ministers.

Isn't that wonderful?

We can preach the message.

But unless Christ confirms His Word, we are in trouble.

When He confirms it, the devil is the one in trouble.

CHAPTER THREE

The Greatest Revelation of Christ

Paul continues:

"After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once...

After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.

And last of all he was seen of me also..."

— **1 Corinthians 15:6–8 (KJV)**

Paul could say he was the last to see Christ in his own day.

But believers throughout history have continued to encounter the Lord.

Hattie Hammond once said,

"If you ever see Jesus, you'll never be the same."

That is certainly true.

However, let me encourage you with this:

The greatest picture of Jesus you will ever receive is not through a vision.

It is through His Word.

Visions are wonderful.

But never build your life upon them.

Build your life upon Scripture.

This is true.

This is our foundation.

Revelation Is More Than Knowledge

Notice Paul's prayer in **Ephesians 1**.

He says:

"...That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him."

— **Ephesians 1:17 (KJV)**

Think carefully about those words.

If you possess knowledge, does that automatically mean you have revelation?

Not necessarily.

Paul had spent his entire life studying Scripture.

He had been trained as a rabbi.

A rabbi was expected to know the Books of Moses, the Psalms, and the Prophets.

Paul knew them all.

Yet he completely missed Christ.

That explains why he prayed continually that believers would receive **the spirit of wisdom and revelation**.

Knowledge alone is not enough.

Truth must become revelation.

That is a vital lesson.

One of the great dangers facing the charismatic world is that we can become people who merely know the language.

Like many religious systems, we can memorise the expressions.

We can recite the creeds.

We can even argue over individual words and grammatical details.

Yet we may completely miss the revelation.

Come with me to the nations.

There you will hear the revelation of Christ preached with fresh understanding.

A World That Needs the Gospel

I do not want you to think I believe I am smarter than anyone else.

That is not my point.

I simply want to challenge you as strongly as I can.

There is a world outside these walls that knows nothing of what we know.

They need us.

They need us to come to them burning with the message that Jesus bore the sins of the world.

That He carried the diseases of the world.

That everyone who believes in Him can receive health, forgiveness, and a brand-new life from God.

Burn with that message until nothing else matters.

That is our message.

That is exactly what the world is longing to hear.

If you burn with that conviction, people will believe you.

Even a Buddhist will believe you.

The Resurrection Power Working in Us

Paul continues his prayer:

"...That ye may know what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places."

— Ephesians 1:19–20 (KJV)

No preacher can ever exhaust the richness of that passage.

It is powerful.

Believe me.

When you stand before the kinds of crowds I have faced, you will cling to this revelation.

You will hold tightly to the unchanging power of God.

You will rely upon the resurrection power that came into your life when Christ saved you and filled you with the Holy Spirit.

Then, as you look across a sea of unfamiliar faces, you will remember that the risen Christ now lives in you.

You will act upon that truth.

You will believe it.

You will put it to the test.

You will not retreat.

You will smile.

You will look people in the eyes.

And you will expect God to confirm His Word.

Hallelujah!

That is our ministry.

A Message Worth Believing

The picture may look different when you are ministering to one person, two people, or a small group.

Large crowds present different circumstances.

But faith does not change.

Believing does not change.

We must be completely convinced of the Gospel.

Paul declared:

"...the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

By which also ye are saved..."

— **1 Corinthians 15:1–2 (KJV)**

That is the message we carry.

It has become revelation to us.

We know it will stand every test.

So we go to people who may seem distant, unfamiliar, or completely different from us.

Yet they are beautiful.

They are courteous.

They are precious in the sight of God.

When you truly care for people, watching them without Christ will move you to tears.

They must have Jesus.

Our responsibility is to present the Gospel in such a way that they can believe it.

Alive with Christ

Turn with me to **Romans 6:8**.

"Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him."

— **Romans 6:8 (KJV)**

I like to express it this way:

If we have died with Christ, then we are also alive with Christ.

I believe that better communicates Paul's thought.

Many people read this verse and immediately think only about eternity.

No.

The life of God begins **now**.

Through Christ and His finished work on the Cross, we receive His life today.

If we do not truly believe that, then there is little reason to keep talking about Christianity.

We should simply go and listen to someone else.

But we do believe it.

If we have died with Christ, then we are alive with Christ.

Paul declared:

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me..."

— **Galatians 2:20 (KJV)**

Those words can easily become a cliché if we are not careful.

If Christ truly lives in me, then why does He live in me?

So that He may continue doing through me what He did while He walked upon this earth.

Hallelujah!

Allow that truth to come close to your heart.

How great can Jesus Christ become in your life?

What limits have you placed upon Him?

How much room have you given Him to work through you?

Men and women alike should think deeply about that.

I almost said Christ cannot do much through a woman—but let me correct that immediately!

He can do anything through a woman that He can do through anyone else.

I certainly do not want anyone quoting me incorrectly!

Because He Lives, We Live

Jesus said:

"Because I live, ye shall live also."

— **John 14:19 (KJV)**

I believe that with all my heart.

Young preachers...

Young people...

If it has not yet become a living reality within you that the very Christ who walked along the shores of Galilee now lives in you, then let that truth be born in your spirit today.

He can live in you because He has cleansed you from your sins.

Had He not purified you, He could never dwell within you.

People may boast about religion all they like.

Religion cannot produce the indwelling Christ.

If this truth is so great—and it is—then teach it.

Become so excited about it that you cannot keep it to yourself.

Tell people.

If you are called to minister in America, preach it there.

Many church people have never truly understood this reality.

Tell them.

Teach them.

Declare it boldly.

Let God Be the Star

Most of you have heard me tell the story of Cornelius, the crippled African Muslim beggar.

Allow me to tell it again briefly because it illustrates today's lesson so well.

For thirty years, Cornelius had not walked.

Polio had crippled him as a small boy.

He crawled everywhere with pieces of old tyre wrapped around his knees and hands.

His wife attended one of our meetings.

She watched people receive miracles and immediately believed there was hope for her husband.

She hurried home to tell him.

He stopped her immediately.

"Do not tell me any more about those Christian meetings."

He was a devoted Muslim and had no intention of attending one.

The next day she secretly attended again.

She witnessed even more miracles.

She could not contain herself.

She went home and told him again.

This time he took the heavy whip Muslims often used for driving cattle and beat her severely.

"Never speak to me about that again."

He earned his living as a professional beggar.

Each day he stopped at specific places where people regularly gave alms.

One of those places was the king's palace.

God Knows Where the Lost Are

King Akenzua—one of the greatest kings in Africa—was attending our crusade.

He was eighty-four years old.

He sat upon the platform in his royal chair.

Kings are not expected to smile.

He tried very hard not to.

Yet tears continually streamed down his face.

He loved the meetings.

He loved Daisy and me.

He never missed a service.

Every Friday Cornelius stopped outside the king's palace, and the king would send a servant to give him alms.

But this particular Friday, immediately after Cornelius had beaten his wife, something different happened.

Instead of sending a servant, the king himself walked out to the roadside.

He placed the gift into Cornelius's hands.

Then he gently patted him on the shoulder and said,

"Karimu, I'll see you tonight at the racetrack."

Isn't that beautiful?

God watches over the lost.

That dear little woman had done everything she could.

She had faithfully witnessed to her husband.

When she could do no more, God stepped in.

And when the king invites you to a meeting, you go.

The Gospel God Confirmed

That evening Cornelius came.

He did not stand near the front.

He remained at the edge of the crowd.

How wonderful that God arranged everything perfectly.

That night I preached on the death, burial, and especially the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Muslims do not believe that Jesus rose from the dead.

I did not know Cornelius was there.

I did not even know he was a Muslim.

I simply preached the Gospel to everyone.

As Cornelius listened, something began to happen within him.

When the time came for prayer, he bowed his head reverently as a good Muslim would.

Suddenly two people lifted him by his legs and held him upright.

Curious, he opened his eyes to see who was helping him.

There was no one there.

Angels had lifted him.

God confirmed the Gospel.

He was instantly healed.

He looked down and realised he was standing on his own feet.

He became overwhelmed with joy.

He tore the pads from his knees and waved them high in the air as he shouted through the crowd.

Everyone knew Karimu.

Everyone knew he had been crippled.

Now everyone could see he was healed.

He rushed to the platform.

I have often said that he preached the greatest resurrection sermon I have ever heard.

Holding onto the platform railing and waving those worn-out knee pads, he cried,

"Jesus must be alive! Otherwise, how could this happen to me? If He is dead, how could I be standing here? You know me! You have known me for thirty years! He must be alive!"

What eloquence!

Hallelujah!

What a testimony!

That is how God confirms His Word.

And He will do the same among the Buddhists.

He is already doing it.

CHAPTER FOUR

The Gospel Became Credible

In Khon Kaen, on the first night, I prayed only for deaf people. I did not want to rush things. I wanted everyone to observe carefully. Many deaf people were healed. As they came forward to testify, something unexpected happened.

An elderly man sitting far back in the audience suddenly rose from his wheelchair. He walked all the way to the platform. Someone else pushed the empty wheelchair behind him. There was also a young African man attending the meetings.

Ironically, he had travelled to Thailand because of its drug culture. Instead, he found Jesus. When he saw the miracle, he grabbed that empty wheelchair, lifted it high over his head, and shouted throughout the meeting.

Do you see the point?

At that moment, I became credible before those Buddhist people in Khon Kaen. When that elderly man walked away from his wheelchair, the Gospel became believable. Without the supernatural, how are we credible?

Otherwise, we are merely philosophers.

Young people, do not become philosophers.

Do not simply memorise doctrines and creeds until they become lifeless.

This is life.

Real life.

Blood.

Flesh.

Hurting people.

Frightened people.

Confused people.

Lonely people.

People who have never been loved.

The world is filled with them.

That is what keeps me going.

This trip has been physically difficult.

Thailand is on the other side of the world.

When you return, your body clock feels completely upside down.

The sun seems to rise and set at the wrong time.

It has taken a great deal out of me.

Sometimes I think I ought to stay home.

I am getting older.

But I cannot stop.

If I do not continue, then you must.

That is one reason I came to teach these lessons.

I am looking for replacements.

People talk about changing the guard.

Very well.

The guard is changing.

But somebody must continue the work.

Hallelujah!

Two Great Attempts to Find God

What distinguishes the ministry of Christ?

Let me share something that may help you think more deeply.

Throughout history there have really been **two great international attempts** to find God.

Think carefully.

The whole world is searching for God.

The Buddhists are searching.

Humanity is searching.

Our mission is to reveal who God really is.

That is why Jesus came.

The first great attempt was **moralism**.

This developed among the Hebrews.

From Abraham onward, generation after generation sought God through moral obedience.

The rabbis and priests eventually turned that system into something from which they could profit.

The sacrifices became part of a religious system that generated income.

Finally, prophets like Isaiah, Jeremiah, and the others rose up because they saw that something was terribly wrong.

The system was no longer accomplishing God's purpose.

The Torah...

The Talmud...

The Mishnah...

The many tractates...

Hundreds upon hundreds of detailed regulations were developed from the Ten Commandments.

Every detail of life became regulated.

Everything was designed to make people morally acceptable before God—and especially before the rabbis.

What was the highest product of that system?

The Pharisee.

The Pharisee who said,

"I am holy."

"You are not."

"I am righteous."

"You are not."

"I am sacred."

"You are secular."

"I should not even come near you."

That was the greatest achievement moralism ever produced.

The Second Attempt: Philosophy

The second great attempt to find God was **philosophy**.

Young people, that is an important word for you to understand.

In the ancient world, philosophy was their educational system.

They did not have universities as we know them today.

They had philosophers.

The philosophers were the teachers who imparted knowledge.

Understanding that will help you grasp the foundation of what we believe.

By the time Jesus came into the world, it had been roughly three hundred years since the days of Aristotle, Plato, and Socrates.

Their influence continued through generations of disciples.

Their followers became the recognised intellectual leaders of society.

The finest students gathered around them in small circles, learning their wisdom and carrying their ideas into the next generation.

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...and they were everywhere. But there were not only the Greek philosophers—the descendants of Aristotle, Plato, Socrates, and others—but there were also the Eastern philosophers.

Remember where the Holy Land is located. It sits between Rome and the East.

Here came traders from China with their silk and precious goods, passing through the Holy Land on their way to Rome, the centre of commerce.

Here came the Indian philosophers with their gems, their beautiful treasures, and their philosophies. They traded, made money, and spread their teachings.

The land became an amalgamation of Greek, Chinese, Indian, and many other pagan philosophies and teachers.

Then along came a young Man called **Jesus of Nazareth**.

He, too, was a Teacher.

Those philosophers—the intellectual elite of their day—became alarmed by what this young Man was teaching.

They asked,

"Where did He learn all these things? Isn't He from Nazareth? Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"

How did this Man know such profound truth?

Think about the environment into which Jesus came. The minds of the young people of that generation were saturated with every philosophy imaginable.

Young people, this will help you.

The greatest philosopher known in India was **Shankaracharya**. He was honoured by many as the wisest of men.

Yet none of these philosophers truly knew what was "up there."

They did not call it God.

Not the Greeks.

Not the Hindus.

Not the pagans.

Certainly they worshipped many gods. Emperors were called gods. Idols were worshipped everywhere.

But the real question remained:

Who is up there?

Look at me, young people.

The world is still searching for the answer.

Do you really know?

Or have you merely learned religious terminology in Bible school?

If you don't truly know Him, you're in trouble.

The world today is exactly as it was then.

They still have not discovered who is there.

Many Hindus simply refer to the ultimate reality as "**It.**"

Not "He."

Just "It."

They do not know.

Finally, Shankaracharya decided to make public what he believed was his great revelation.

He gathered his leading disciples and announced that ultimate reality was "**Neti, Neti.**"

That means,

"Not this."

Think about that.

"Not this."

Isn't that remarkable?

Whatever you think it is—

Not that.

Then consider **Lao Tzu**, the great Chinese philosopher.

People pressed him with the same question.

"What is ultimate reality?"

Finally, he gathered his followers and announced:

"It is silence."

Silence.

Think about everything connected with that philosophy.

Anything material cannot be ultimate reality.

Everything on earth is considered inferior.

Every desire is considered wrong.

That is why the Gospel stands in complete contrast to Hindu philosophy.

A Hindu must not desire anything.

If he desires, he risks returning through reincarnation as an insect, an animal, a leper, or something even worse.

The worst thing a Hindu can do is desire.

Yet we come preaching the Gospel, saying:

"What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them..." (Mark 11:24)

But they have been taught not to desire anything.

Jesus says,

"Ask, and it shall be given you." (Matthew 7:7)

Yet they have been taught never to ask.

Their present condition, they believe, is simply the result of previous incarnations, and they must be careful or they may return in an even worse condition.

So they concluded:

"Not that."

"Silence."

If it makes a sound...

If it exists in the material world...

It cannot be ultimate reality.

Silence.

Because silence itself is not material.

What brilliant human reasoning!

These philosophers travelled throughout the biblical world, shaping the minds of an entire generation.

Then came this young Nazarene.

This young Jew.

He preached a completely different message.

They could not explain Him.

They wondered where He had learned such wisdom.

Everywhere He went, the crowds increased.

That only made them more alarmed.

I can picture Him on the mountainside.

We call it **The Sermon on the Mount**—Matthew chapters 5, 6, and 7.

There He taught truths that no philosopher has ever equalled.

He came from God.

He revealed what God is really like.

But religion often prevents us from seeing that clearly.

When Jesus finished teaching, perhaps they sang a hymn.

Then the people began returning to their villages and homes.

Jesus started down the mountain toward His next destination.

Then suddenly...

A leper came running down the road.

He fell before Jesus and cried,

"Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean."

Now tell me...

What could Aristotle do for that man?

What could Socrates do?

What could any philosopher do?

Let's never become mere philosophers.

We have something to give.

Jesus simply said,

"I will; be thou clean."

Immediately the leper was healed.

That is what distinguishes Jesus from every philosopher who has ever lived.

Write this in your heart.

Jesus is the only spiritual Teacher in all the world who came back from the dead to prove His teaching.

Young people, if that truth is not important to you, then you're simply playing church.

That is the foundation of everything.

Our Teacher came back from the dead.

No other religious leader can make that claim.

And there is something else.

Our Lord Jesus Christ—the Son of God—is the only spiritual Teacher who gave His teaching and then demonstrated it through miracles.

No Hindu teacher.

No Muslim teacher.

No Shinto teacher.

No religious leader anywhere has ever taught people and then said,

"Now watch. I will pray, and the God I have told you about will perform miracles that prove what I have said."

None.

That idea simply does not exist anywhere else.

That is the very heart of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The purpose of these seven lessons is to impress this truth upon you:

Jesus came to take us beyond religion and into the miracle life, so that we can continue the works He demonstrated.

As this truth grips young people around the world, I believe God will raise up an army of believers who will cleanse lepers, raise the dead, minister healing, and do mighty works in the name of Jesus.

That will become their passion.

We must give proof of what we believe.

Let's lay aside all this empty religious performance and get busy with the real business of the Kingdom.

Hallelujah!

Right?

Do I need to stop now?

Do I still have some time?

...A little more?

Good.

Look here.

Do you see the distinction?

Jesus is not a philosopher.

The philosophers could teach.

But they could not perform the works of the Creator.

The resurrection makes all the difference.

Paul asked,

"If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain... we are found false witnesses of God..." (1 Corinthians 15)

He goes on to explain that if Christ is not risen:

our preaching is empty,

our faith is empty,

our sins remain unforgiven,

and those who have died in Christ have perished.

Paul understood that the resurrection separates Christianity from everything else.

He explained our entire faith in one powerful argument.

So let me ask you:

Is our preaching vain?

When we were in **Nakuru**, Silas was there.

One side of the platform was served by the Finnish missionary, Sutherland.

I did not even know they were counting the miracles. Daisy had arranged it.

When the crusade ended and we met with the pastors, they reported that they had documented **sixty-three totally blind people** who received their sight during that crusade.

Think about that.

Don't blame me.

I didn't do it.

God did it.

They explained that they counted only those who were completely blind—not those blind in one eye or partially blind.

Only the totally blind.

Sixty-three.

I say it again.

I didn't do it.

I wish our American preachers would stop trying to do everything themselves.

Preach the Gospel.

Let the Holy Spirit do His work.

Give Him the credit.

The reason many struggle is because they have never received a true revelation of the seed of God's Word and what the Gospel really is.

Once that revelation comes...

Once redemption becomes real to you...

Everything changes.

In **Bogotá**, at one moment we counted **five wheelchairs** lifted into the air, **eleven pairs of crutches**, and **twenty-one walking canes** being waved by people who had been healed.

Those wheelchairs and crutches stayed in the air again and again throughout the meeting.

Even those dear pastors in Bangkok...

On the second night of the crusade...

There were **three wheelchairs** lifted into the air at the same time.

It shocked them so much—

I suppose I shouldn't laugh—but it certainly made an impression.

Is our preaching vain?

No.

Preach the Gospel.

God will confirm it.

Believe it.

God will make His Word good.

Hallelujah!

We found a large field for one of our meetings.

At first, the mayor refused to let us use it.

He said,

"That is the worst part of our city. All the prostitutes and terrorists live there. Even our police won't go into that area..."

We said, "That's exactly why we came, Mr Mayor. Give us that place."

Finally, he agreed.

We held the crusade there, and when it ended, we had a parade through the city. The mayor joined us in the parade, and he told us:

"We haven't had a single arrest in that area since the crusade began. It has changed our city."

See?

Is our faith vain?

Is our faith vain?

While we were there as guests of the president, pastors came to me reporting miracle after miracle.

One preacher came to me weeping. He was carrying an old, worn copy of *The Good Life*. In their language they called it *La Vie Comblée*—*The Fulfilled Life*.

He said,

"Brother Osborn, I'm sorry I don't have a better report. I've only planted forty-five churches. Most of the others have planted more churches than I have, but I've done my best, and I'm still working."

Think about that.

Now let me ask you:

Is our faith vain?

Listen.

I went to preach in Benin City for Benson Idahosa and Margaret, shortly before Benson passed away. They had invited me for quite some time.

He wanted me especially to address the pastors.

When we first went there—in 1954—there were very few ministers. They were kind, humble colonial pastors, but they were not making much progress.

We preached.

We preached.

We preached.

We taught.

We taught.

We published books—truckloads of them, literally tons of them—and gave them away to the people.

Hallelujah!

They went to work.

Benson Idahosa's ministry began to flourish, and God did something marvellous.

When I returned that last time, just before Benson died, I understood the fruit of all those years.

There were so many ministers that they could not fit into the great auditorium.

Their church was an enormous arena with three galleries.

So they moved the ministers' meeting outdoors.

They built a massive platform, and thousands of pastors gathered beneath the open sky.

When Benson introduced me, this is what he said.

Remember, I'm asking,

Is our faith vain?

He stood before those ministers and said,

"Brother Osborn, we welcome you to teach us."

Then he said,

"You won't have to give an invitation for sinners because these people are already saved."

There were **seventeen thousand** ministers present.

Then he added,

"You won't need to pray for the sick because you taught us that when we receive Christ, healing belongs to us. These people are already healed."

I had never received an introduction like that.

Then he continued,

"Brother Osborn, you won't need to cast out devils because you taught us that Jesus and demons do not live together. None of these people have devils."

Think about that.

Seventeen thousand ministers.

Is our faith vain?

I'm asking you.

We need to be careful in America.

A lot of foolish things are happening.

There are also many wonderful things happening—that's the beautiful part. God is working in this country.

We've been blessed with resources, and we're sending missionaries around the world. Like the teams Pastor Billy Joe is sending out—that is wonderful.

But many who go overseas are not receiving this kind of training.

Is our faith vain?

Paul asked,

"Are we false witnesses?"

Are we?

What about Cornelius?

We preached to him that Jesus had risen from the dead.

He understood immediately.

He said,

"If Jesus were dead, how could He have healed me? Look at me! You know me! He must be alive!"

Paul said that if Christ has not been raised, then we are false witnesses because we testify that God raised Him.

But tell me—

How did Cornelius walk?

How did that man in Khon Kaen walk?

How did those three people in wheelchairs walk in Bangkok?

How did that leper remain healed for more than fifty years?

How did it happen?

No.

We are not false witnesses.

Let's bear witness.

The Bible says:

"With great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus."

That is our witness.

Is Jesus alive?

How do you know?

Can you prove it?

Or are you simply preaching another sermon?

Young people, don't settle for that.

Go and do the works of Christ.

Hallelujah!

Paul also asked,

"If Christ has not risen, are your sins forgiven?"

Let me ask you something.

How many of you remember the sinful life you lived before you met Jesus?

Maybe you were a drunkard.

Maybe you stole.

Maybe you lived an immoral life.

Wave your hand if Jesus has changed you.

Are your sins still condemning you?

Or are you free?

Hallelujah!

The poor devil has lost you!

Glory to God!

You have peace.

Paul also wrote that if Christ has not risen, those who have died in Christ have perished.

Have they?

Has Daisy perished?

No.

I don't believe that.

Matthew 27 says:

"And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many."

Hallelujah!

Have those who have fallen asleep in Christ perished?

No.

Absolutely not.

My friends, we possess the greatest message in the world.

If I ever have the opportunity, I want to go to Arabia and speak before the royal family.

I would say,

"What puzzles me is why you believe in Jesus so much."

They would answer,

"No, we believe in Muhammad."

I'd say,

"No, no—not Muhammad. Jesus is the One who concerns you. You know that if you allowed us to preach freely, you wouldn't have many Muslims left."

They know that.

Hallelujah!

Then I'd like to stop in Beijing and address the Chinese officials.

I'd ask,

"Why do you believe so much in Jesus?"

They would say,

"No, we don't."

I'd answer,

"Yes, you do. Because you know that if you allowed us to preach freely, many of your people would turn to Christ."

Young people, we preach the greatest message on earth.

We possess exactly what the world is searching for.

Don't become religious philosophers.

Become what God created you to be.

That is why I'm coming here for these seven sessions.

Let's become what Jesus was.

"As He is, so are we in this world."

"As My Father hath sent Me, even so send I you."

We are His messengers.

We are His associates.

We are His co-workers.

We are His interpreters.

The Word became flesh and lived among us.

We watched Him for three years.

The whole Gospel record shows us exactly what He did.

That is what we are called to do.

He said,

"Follow Me."

In other words,

"Watch what I do.

Do what I do.

I'll teach you."

He even said,

"He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also."

That was His intention.

Yet religion has buried that truth so deeply that many no longer believe it.

Thank God you're in a place where this is still preached.

Do you appreciate attending a Bible school that allows me to preach like this?

This is powerful truth.

You'd better believe it.

This is exactly what concerns the devil.

I have earned the right to speak strongly to you.

I've invested fifty-six or fifty-seven years in this ministry.

I've ministered in eighty-seven countries.

The results have never changed.

Everywhere, God confirms His Word.

It may sound like boasting, but I'm simply reporting what I have witnessed.

The younger generation needs to know.

God will not fail you any more than He failed us.

But you must become convinced.

You must believe it completely.

If necessary, do what some preachers have done.

Go into the woods.

Find a log.

Stay there for two or three days.

Leave the food behind until this truth becomes absolutely real to you.

When you come out of those woods, the devil will be looking for the nearest exit.

Hallelujah!

Oh, I've got so much more I'd like to tell you.

What makes Christianity credible?

I'm glad I make notes, or I'd forget some of these things.

F. F. Bosworth—you know that name.

What a great saint of God.

Daisy and I were privileged to know him well.

We preached with him for five weeks, three services every day, in the Detroit Masonic Temple.

He was already elderly then—not as old as I am now—but he was getting older.

We had such wonderful fellowship.

He truly was a saint.

His hotel room was just down the hall from ours.

He would be reading his Bible, discover some wonderful truth, and become so excited that he'd run down the hallway to tell Daisy and me about it.

He would pat my hand and say,

"I'm just tickled pink!"

Then he'd smile and say,

"You young people already know everything I know."

Of course, we didn't.

But he was so gracious.

He rejoiced that younger people were carrying the message.

That's exactly how I feel about you.

You look young.

You look strong.

You look dangerous to the devil.

We older men will soon be gone.

Who will carry this message then?

One day Brother Bosworth came running down the hallway again, excited about something God had shown him.

I met him at the door and said,

"Brother Bosworth, you forgot your trousers."

He had become so excited about the revelation he forgot to put them on.

Some things seemed more important than trousers that day!

I love that memory.

It was a great honour for me later to preach his funeral.

Before he died in Florida, for several days he seemed to be living in two worlds.

Sometimes he would speak to the saints in heaven.

Then he would talk to us.

Then he'd say,

"Oh! It's you! You made it! It's so good to see you!"

Then he'd drift back again.

You see...

Our faith is **not** vain.

Do you believe that?

Not at all.

What makes Christianity credible?

The Day of Pentecost.

Hallelujah for Pentecost!

But remember this truth—even if you forget everything else I have taught you.

There can never be a Pentecost without Calvary.

Calvary represents **love**.

Pentecost represents **power**.

Many Pentecostal believers today want power...

...but they have forgotten love.

I hope you'll take that home.

Study it.

Pray over it.

Ask God to give you revelation.

Pentecostals often seek power while neglecting love.

But there can never be true Pentecostal power without Calvary.

Never.

And remember this as well:

Power without love produces harshness.

That is why we have so many harsh Bible teachers and preachers who seem eager to strike people down whenever they make a mistake.

Today, many Pentecostals preach about power without love.

We preach faith, we preach hope, but too often we neglect love. That must change.

Faith and hope are closely connected. Faith comes by hearing the Word of God (Romans 10:17).

As I may have mentioned before—and it is certainly worth repeating—hope is the picture.

Write that down.

Hope is the redemptive picture.

Hope enables you to see everything that Jesus died to provide. If you cannot see it, you cannot receive it.

Faith possesses what hope first sees.

Revelation knowledge allows you to see what God has provided through the Cross.

Faith takes possession of it.

But love is what makes it all possible.

Hallelujah!

Do you understand that?

What makes Christianity credible?

The Day of Pentecost.

The Resurrection.

Hallelujah!

Peter's miracle at the temple gate made his message credible.

Paul's miracles made his message credible.

The Gospel was always accompanied by evidence.

I'll stop there.

God loves you.

You are important.

Let's stand together.

I'm teaching you with compassion.

I'm teaching you because I love you.

I know what it is to be young.

I know the wonder of youth.

The strength.

The vitality.

I remember it.

I thank God for good health.

I marvel that He continues to strengthen me.

I want to use everything I have for His glory.

But I love you.

You are the new generation.

Most of you have the world before you.

My testimony is important because it gives you confidence.

Sometimes I wonder what would have happened if, when I was young, I had heard someone speak like this.

Doesn't this encourage you?

Doesn't it confirm that this Book is true?

If God has confirmed His Word through my life, then I want that same confidence to be established in yours.

I never even had what people would call a special calling.

I never even received a particular gift.

Isn't that remarkable?

All I have is the Giver of gifts.

That is the truth.

So if I can do it...

If I can go into the nations...

If God will work through me...

Won't He work through you?

Many of you are greatly gifted.

I don't say that to ridicule myself or anyone else.

Many of you have wonderful anointings and spiritual gifts.

That is a beautiful thing.

I have lived without any of those things.

I simply preached the Word, acted on it, and God produced the results.

That should encourage every one of you.

If you feel you have not been endowed with certain gifts, remember this:

T.L. Osborn ministered in eighty-seven nations without depending on a particular gift, and God's Word never failed.

God is in His Word.

His Word will never fail.

You are God's treasure.

Look at me.

He is depending on you.

If you do not obey Him, your assignment will remain undone.

People sometimes say,

"If I don't do it, God will simply raise up someone else."

I do not believe that.

Your assignment is unique.

Your part will never be accomplished by another person.

God does not work through second-hand callings.

Kathryn Kuhlman once said that another man had been called but she stepped into his place.

I don't believe she should have said that.

It unintentionally diminished the significance of women.

We all make mistakes.

But hear me.

You are important.

God is depending on you.

His work through your life will not be accomplished unless you obey Him.

I have just come from parts of the world where people know almost nothing about what we are studying here.

Right beside Thailand is Myanmar.

Then there is Laos...

Cambodia...

Vietnam...

China...

Bhutan...

Nepal...

These nations are opening.

Who is going to go?

You will.

Hallelujah!

Father, in the name of Jesus,

All we can do is feel what You felt.

The harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few.

You told us,

"Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest."

I pray for that.

Yet I do not really need to ask You, because You have already said,

"You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that you should go and bear fruit..." (John 15:16)

Thank You for that.

Let every person here who walks closely enough with You to sense this calling...

This desire...

This burden...

This vision...

This revelation for a hurting world...

May each one respond.

May the same power that raised Jesus from the dead flow through them and work through them.

In the name of Jesus.

We know that when they go in Your name and in the power of the Holy Spirit, demons will flee before they even arrive.

Thank You for it.

May these truths become life to them.

Not merely beautiful sermon language...

But living reality.

Because the world is waiting for them.

And You are depending on us.

Thank You.

Hallelujah!

Say,

"Thank You, Lord.

You are depending on me.

I am Yours.

Here am I, Lord.

Show me what You want me to do.

Give me the willingness.

Let me hear the voice that says,

'This is the way.'

I am ready, Lord.

I thank You.

Let the Word I am learning in this place grow within me.

Fulfil Your will through me.

In the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen."

I'm alive today!

Hallelujah!

Glory to God!

Hallelujah!

I'm sorry—I almost forgot.

Take your paper.

Turn it over.

Let's read it together.

Take a deep breath.

Ready?

Lord Jesus,

Your resurrection is our Father's guarantee that all His promises are true.

Because You came back from the dead, I can experience Your resurrection life within me.

Hallelujah!

Christianity without Your resurrection would be a dead religion.

But because You showed Yourself alive by many infallible proofs, I know that You are not a dead prophet.

You are alive in me.

You said,

"Because I live, you shall live also." (John 14:19)

Preaching the Gospel is never in vain.

It changes lives.

It changed my life.

My faith in God is not in vain because You confirm my trust in Your Word with signs and wonders of Your grace.

When I declare that Jesus rose from the dead, I am not a false witness of God.

Your miracles continue to prove Your resurrection today.

Lord Jesus, Christianity is credible.

My witness is believable because You continue to give proof that You are the same yesterday, today, and forever.

You are not the founder of a dead religion.

You are my living Saviour...

My Healer...

Your resurrection guarantees that Your life is in me.

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah!

Take it, preacher.



About The Speaker

Dr. T. L. Osborn (1923–2013) was an American Pentecostal missionary evangelist, author, and Bible teacher whose ministry profoundly influenced global evangelism during the twentieth century. Together with his wife and co-minister, ***Dr. Daisy Washburn Osborn***, he carried the message of Jesus Christ to more than 70 nations through large outdoor evangelistic and mass-healing crusades, often preaching to hundreds of thousands of people at a time.

Dr. Osborn was widely recognised for his unwavering emphasis on the believer's authority in Christ, the power of the Gospel, divine healing, and world missions. His ministry inspired countless pastors, missionaries, and evangelists to proclaim the Gospel with confidence while demonstrating God's compassion through prayer for the sick and the proclamation of the Good News.

The messages preserved in this volume continue to encourage believers to embrace their identity in Christ, rely on the Holy Spirit, and faithfully carry the Gospel to the nations.

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