

# What's Next? - Sermon Transcript

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The Spirit entitled this, What's Next? Okay.

So you know we talk about the glory of the Lord here regularly and what we desire with all of our heart is to love Him and to receive His love. And out of that, He reveals and manifests His goodness. Out of the love of God, God is love. He will reveal and manifest His glory presence.

To each and every one of us, not just on Sunday mornings or Sunday nights, every day of the week, 24-7, we are His. We are vessels of honor. The Father has chosen to come and live inside of the born-again believer. He calls us the temple of the Holy Ghost now.

It's not the temple of another idol. It's not the temple of another false god. It's not the temple of money. It's not the temple of carnality, right? It's not the temple of the world, the flesh, and the devil, right? It is a temple of the Holy Ghost. That's who we are.

And it is a journey of love, is it not, for the Father to redeem us, save us, deliver us, renew our minds, change our patterns and habits and thoughts into what is pleasing to Him. Say, I'm a miracle. We are. Every one of us are miracles. We're just a miracle. And He is perfecting what concerns Him.

And so glory to God. I want you to always be encouraged in this. And it is our greatest desire to see Him, know Him, to allow Him to manifest His goodness and glory to us individually and corporately and the church at large from one generation to the next.

The light's not supposed to go dimmer, it's supposed to go brighter and brighter until the coming day, the scripture says. So we're supposed to be going brighter and brighter, brighter and brighter, more fire, more oil, more power, yes, more yielded hearts, more submission, more fruits of the Spirit, yes, more miracles, signs and wonders, more kingdom, more harvest. It's always increase. His kingdom is one of increase, not decrease. Thank God they were on the winning side of increase. Yes?

So go to Jude 1:24. I love this book. It's one of my favorites because the kingdom of heaven wins.

Jude 1:24, we're going to look at verse 24. Amen. It says, now, I'm reading this out the New Living, just if it's a little different for you. It says, now all glory to God, who is able to keep you from falling away and will bring you with great joy into His glorious presence without a single fault.

I want to read that again. Now all glory to God who is able to keep you from falling away and will bring you with great joy into His glorious presence without a single fault.

Jude 1:25, all glory to Him who alone is God our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord. All glory, majesty, power, and authority are His before all time and in the present and beyond all time. Amen.

All glory to Him who alone is God, our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, all glory, majesty, Power and authority are His before all time and in the present and beyond all time. Amen. What's next? Say glory. We go from glory to glory, from faith to faith, from strength to strength, and all glory goes to God because He is able to keep You. He's able to keep me. He's able to keep the church. He's able to keep His word. He's not a man that He would lie. He can't. Truth?

He is able to keep us from falling away from any truth, the truth that He says about us, about you, about the kingdom. He is able to keep us from falling away from the truth, Him, and all that He has in His heart.

The enemy is a liar. Yes, he is defeated. He's been disarmed, dismantled, and displaced by King Jesus Himself, period. Jesus Christ has all authority in heaven and earth and over all earth, above, below, within, without, yes? He has the keys to hell, death, and the grave. He has conquered it all.

Now all glory to God, you hear this? Don't let it just be the good prayer at the end of the book. It's as powerful, who is able to keep you from falling away from the truth that you know. Keep us steadfast. Keep us in the glory to manifest great joy in our hearts as we host His glorious presence.

When you host His glorious presence every day, you're abiding in Him and His Word, yes. You're hosting His glorious presence in your home. You're honoring the Word of God in your home. You're honoring the Holy Ghost in your home. You're honoring His presence in your house. Yes? You are the temple of the Holy Ghost.

All glory to God. He is able to keep. He is able to keep you. He's able to keep you from falling away from any truth, from fresh fire, from the oil of His presence. Yes? He is able to keep what He has entrusted to us. He keeps us in line with His will and is going to bring great joy to Him. And it's going to bring great joy to us because there's great joy in His glorious presence.

He's able to keep us without fault, blameless, perfect. Wow. You're like, wow. Say, wow. Okay. Because the church of Jesus Christ is going to be completely perfected from one

generation to the next. Yes? Without blemish, wrinkle, or spot. This is the work of our head, Jesus Christ. Thank you, Lord.

So that's why all glory to Him. Yes, all glory to God, all glory to Jesus, all glory to our great Lord. And every day that is what stirs our blood. That's what keeps our heart going. All glory to Him. You cannot accomplish this in your flesh. He just wants your flesh to submit to Him.

All glory, majesty, power, and authority. Those are very majestic titles. Glory, majesty, power, and authority. Glory, majesty, power, and authority. Okay, that kicks dead works out. Yeah, it wakes up the slumbering saints. It keeps you from just having to go to church. Yes? Read your Bible and pray thing.

To all glory, majesty, power, and authority are His before all time. He is, He was, He is to come, correct? In this present and beyond all time, amen. So what's next, Lord? We're looking for the Lord every single day of our life, yes?

We must have great self-control. Say, I must have great self-control, which is the fruit of the Holy Ghost, to remain faithful, to remain faithful in looking for our Lord Jesus Christ in our daily lives and ultimately for His Second Coming.

So this is our part, that we are faithful to Him. Yes? We have self-control. Self-control empowers us to be faithful to Him. Self-control empowers us to be faithful to Him. Self-control empowers us to be faithful to Him. Isn't that amazing? Self-control is not just the fruit of the Spirit to keep you from eating too many Reese's. Okay? Right?

We have to have great self-control to remain faithful. Yes, to remain faithful. There is something required on our part. Yes, we are called to remain faithful because He is faithful. It's not something He's trying to do. That's who He is. One of His names is Faithful and True, correct?

And looking for our Lord Jesus Christ, we need self-control. the fruit of the Holy Spirit to remain faithful to look for Him in our daily lives. So what's next? Look for Him every day. Look for Him. Expect Him. Yes? Don't let day go by that you're not. It's not fresh and flourishing.

Versus, God, what's next? What's going to happen next? Bad news at every turn, you understand? He's shifting the way you're thinking. What's next? All glory to Him. His presence is always with us. He'll never leave us, fell us, forsake us. And great Holy Spirit is with us and in us.

And I love this, that Holy Spirit is in us. We pray today for the reminder of the brave, wonderful outpouring of the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost. In Acts chapter 2, you see these records. And since that day, the Lord has not stopped. He has been pouring, pouring, pouring, pouring, pouring, baptizing, baptizing, baptizing.

Since that day, all the way until the end, until He takes us home. He will not relent. And every vessel of honor can be baptized, be being filled. Yes, be being filled with the Spirit. Every believer can be being filled. This is why I got baptized in the Holy Ghost in 1990. Well, today's a good day for a fresh outpouring.

All you have to do every day is ask Him, fill me to overflowing Lord. Baptize me in your Holy Ghost in fire today, because there is more. Yes? It doesn't negate your fresh impartation from the Spirit. He just fills.

I had a vision years ago. It was a dream I had. And in that dream, I saw the Anointed One, Jesus Christ, sitting before me, and He was clothed in a garment wrapped around His waist. And He was sitting in front of me, and over here to the side looked like what would be like a conveyor belt, but not.

But on that belt were all these vessels, clay vessels, pots, think clay pots. And they were very large, not big, but not little teacups. And on that conveyor belt, these vessels were moving very slowly in front of Him.

And He was taking each vessel, and oil was pouring out of Him. He was covered in it. He is called the Anointed One. He is the Anointed One, you understand? Oil. He is consumed with the anointing. Yes, whoa, right? He drips with oil.

And so in front of me, He is soaked and bathed in this oil. And each vessel He would pick up and then He would rub that vessel. And as He rubbed the vessel, the oil came out of Him, out of His hands, and each vessel was bathed in oil. Then He would set that vessel over and He would go to the next one.

And I, my position in this vision was behind Him. He was here and I was there, and I'm watching this. And then I felt the unction of the Holy Ghost in me in this dream and vision. I put my right hand on Him, and I lifted my left hand, and I just praised and worshiped the Lord, right?

And in that, all of a sudden, oil started pouring out of this hand. Oil started coming out of this hand as I had my hands on the anointed vessel, Jesus Christ, the Anointed One. He is the Christ, the Anointed One.

And in that revelation, God gave me more understanding of the anointing of the Holy Ghost and Jesus' mission to anoint every saint. Yes, He anoints every saint, every believer, and He's transforming us into His image and His likeness for His purposes and His kingdom.

And we are not dry, old clay pots. Hallelujah. I don't care how old you are. We are still holding the presence of the Lord, host in the glory of the Lord, dripping with the same oil that He carries. You have an anointing from the Holy One and you know it very well, that. This anointing is in every vessel of honor. Amen?

That is it. And when we talk about His presence, the great Holy Ghost in us, He's preserving us until the great day. And yet it is amazing how He will use the church, the vessels of honor, who are choosing to abide in that presence, be being filled, and to give freely out of His anointing daily.

And we give to the Lord daily, right? We love Him daily. We don't worship the Lord just here on Sunday mornings. It is a part of our lifestyle. So no matter how you get that on, you worship the Lord 24-7 as much as you want. Especially when He wakes you up in the middle of the night. That's fun.

But you always give glory to the Lord and love Him and just sing your song to Him. Amen?

In light of our current lives and current events within our lives in the world, the enemy of our soul wants to keep our focus on looking daily at what will happen today. Now what? Y'all hear it? You just Should I turn on the news? Should I look at the phone? Right? Do I look at that? Now what? What's next? Can you hear that?

And that's the oppressor that wants to oppress the anointed vessels of honor who are hosting the kingdom of heaven to get you in a position to say, what's next? What now? Are you serious? How dark can it get? Well, buddy, it's going to get dark. but you are the light of the world. Yes? We are clothed in light. We are vessels of honor. We have Jesus Christ in us. We have the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Shifting the way we're thinking to I'm expecting glory. Now what? What's next? How much more glory? How much more goodness? How much more patience? How much more kindness? How much more goodness? How much more faithfulness? How much more love? How much more presence? How much more power? How much more miracles? How much more signs and wonders? How much more souls saved? How much more financial provision and blessing? How much more giving? How much more sowing? How much more life, life, life, life, life?

Because the devil wants to kill, steal, and destroy. If he can get the church in the river of what's next, now what? Are you serious? You hear it? That. The Lord said, no, look up here,

right? Remember the anointing. Remember Him, right? It's like watching a soap opera in a really bad movie, right? It's just something every day, right? And there's no end to the drama. Everybody say, bad show.

Okay. All right, now look at John 16:33. So what's next? Say, glory. Glory.

John 16:33. And if you hear, but, but, no buts here. Don't come in with that excuse, but. Do you know my story? But, you know where I've been? But, no, no buts, right?

John 16:33. And it says, this is from Jesus. He says, these things I have spoken to you that in me, say in me, you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation, but be of good cheer. I have overcome the world. Hallelujah.

That is no small statement. This is a promise from our Jesus. These things I have spoken to you that in Me you may have peace. That's where it is. In the world, He makes it very clear. That's where the what's next is, yes? Now what? There's going to be tribulation, but be of good cheer, happy and blessed to know that Jesus has overcome the world. Are we not grateful?

Go to John 15:19. Thank you for strengthening us today, Lord.

John 15:19. Jesus said, if you were of the world, The world would love its own, yet because you're not of the world, I chose you out of the world, therefore the world's going to hate you. Yes?

If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of this world, I chose you out of the world. Now that's personal, right? So now you know, Lord, You chose me out of the world. You snatched me from sin, hell, death, and the grave, and the world system. You delivered me and brought me to Yourself. And You chose me. Say, He chose me. That is glorious.

And if you just tell the Lord that everything, you chose me. Right? That lifts your spirit, man, up front and center. You chose me out of the world, therefore the world will hate you. That's a big statement. Well, they're not going to really like what you... Nope, they will hate you. Yes? That's the truth.

James 2:5 says, Listen, my beloved brethren, has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?

Listen, my beloved brethren, church, has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith? and heirs of the kingdom of heaven, which He promised to those who love Him. There it is. He promises this to those who love Him.

We are rich in faith. Say, I'm rich in faith. I'm rich in faith. And we are heirs of the kingdom of heaven. And God is not a man that He could lie. And the kingdom of heaven is at hand. The kingdom of heaven is in you, Jesus said. Christ in you, the hope of glory. So the kingdom of heaven starts now, today. Well, it's called today.

1 John 2:15. I want to be rich in faith, knowing and receiving and believing these truths. 1 John 2:15 says, Do not love the world or the things in the world. And if anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. He doesn't want competition. And the flesh is just that. If you're in the flesh, you're in the love of the world. Period. End of discussion.

When we get in the flesh, we're pursuing the world and the way the world works. When we're in the Spirit, we're bearing the fruit of the Spirit. Love, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, gentleness, faithfulness, self-control. Truth.

1 John 3:1. 1 John 3:1. He says, Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us that we should be called children of God. Therefore, the world does not know us. Oh, that is so awesome. Because it didn't know Him. It's like we're hidden from the world. Right?

What manner of love the Father has bestowed, lavished upon us because we chose to believe Him. Truth? that we should be called children of God. What love that He would call us His children. What love that He would call us His children when we were all born in sin and opposed God since we were consumed in the mother's womb, period. And He has chosen to make us children of God.

What love He has lavished and bestowed upon us. You need to meditate on these things. When you meditate on the love the Father has for you, you will be changed from the inside out. Truth?

Therefore, the world does not know us because it did not know Him. There's the battleground. What's next, right? And the world will always persecute the way, the truth, and the life. The world will always hate the way of light, the way of purity, the way of honesty, the way of righteousness and justice, and the right way of living. That's what the world does. It hates that. But Jesus wins. Amen?

and no greater love than this than one who lays down his life for his friends. And Jesus chose to lay down his life for us to save us. Wow, I'm still here. Say I'm still here.

Our Heavenly Father wants us looking unto Him for everything. Don't take that for granted. I mean, that's serious. Our Father expects us to look to Him for everything. I mean, really.

And those of us who are parents or grandparents, we want our children to look to us, honor us, come to us. Yes, we want to reveal how much we love them, provide for them, correct? We're not against them. We're not against them.

Our Heavenly Father wants us looking unto Him for everything. There's nothing too small. Like, well, I don't want to bother God with that. You probably need to bother Him, right? Okay, because if you're trying to do it yourself, it's not going to work.

Our Heavenly Father wants us looking unto Him and for us to behold Him daily. daily, not just a couple times during the week, say daily. Give us this day our daily bread. It is fellowship. It's ongoing relationship with the God of glory.

And as we walk in this life in all His glory and love and goodness, I'm looking for His glory. I'm looking for His goodness. I'm looking for His love every single day. Even when you're going through a trial, all the more so when you're going through a trial, look for the goodness of the Lord, truth, and be thankful.

Be thankful. Be thankful He didn't cast our hide into hell yet. Be thankful unto Him and bless His holy name. Be thankful that He saved us. Be thankful. And if He just delivered us yesterday, be thankful. Yes? All kinds of scriptures. Be thankful unto Him. Bless His holy name. Be thankful. Don't be ungrateful. Yes?

We're all called to pursue the glory of our Lord, all of us. All of us are called to pursue the glory of the Lord, the goodness of the glory of the Lord. We speak of this always in Garden, because we are called to host His presence and to behold Him in His goodness and glory, and to allow Him to manifest and reveal Himself.

Yes, in our homes and families, individually, corporately, as we gather in all the works, the missions that He calls us to, we're not serving ourselves. If we are, we quit today, okay? We are serving the Lord, because the Lord has called you by name, and He has called the Garden by name. Amen. He has called His church to pursue Him.

We are pursuing the glory of the Lord. So what's next? Say the glory of the Lord. Okay.

Don't lose sight of Him even in the midst of the world's tribulations. We're called to guard the glory of the Lord in our lives by looking faithfully at Him and His Word and the kingdom of light. Sounds easy, right?

Guard the glory of the Lord in our lives by looking faithfully. Say faithfully. Consistently. Regularly. Lifestyle. Right? Faithfully. You understand faithful? Be faithful at Him. It's not a religious duty. It's your life. Okay?

I don't have to tell the husbands in the room how to love their wives. They're faithful to them. Yes? They love them. I don't have to tell the mothers how to love their babies. You understand this? how do the grandmas and grandpas how to love. We love one another because of God. Okay? We love.

And so we're guarding the glory in our lives by looking faithfully at Him. He calls us to be faithful. He's faithful to me. Now He wants me to be faithful to Him. And I want to be faithful to Him in obedience. I want to be faithful in worship. I want to be faithful in the Word. I want to abide in Him in His Spirit. Yes.

I want to be faithful what He's called me to do. I want to be faithful. I want to host His presence. I want to be found faithful. I think that's in the Bible. I think in the end game, we're all going to get to stand before Jesus Christ. Your pastor's not going to be there. Your mama ain't going to be there. Nobody's going to be there but you in Christ.

He's going to judge you faithful or not. That is it. That's the end game. And so I want to stand before Him blameless, covered in the blood. Enter in thou good and faithful servant. You hear it? Every one of us are going to go there one day. One day. Amen. Glory to Jesus.

I'm looking faithfully at His word, His heart, and the kingdom of light. The kingdom of light. So what's next? Or what's next? My goodness. Now what?

No, no, no.

Lift up your head. Lift up your heart. and look at the King of glory and look and shift the way you're thinking to the glory of the Lord and what, okay, what's my role in this? Okay, I'm not overseas right now with that, but I can pray. I'm not one of our awesome military men and women overseas fighting the bad guy, but I can pray for them. I can be up in the middle of the night interceding for them, binding and destroying the works of darkness against them so they can accomplish their task. I can join God in His good works globally by intercession, through prayer and fasting. Yes, by seeking God, by decreeing and declaring. And if the Lord permits and you go and serve somehow, you do.

Amen.

We guard our feet and focus. Guard your feet and focus. Guard your feet and focus as you enter into the house of the Lord. Guard your feet and focus.

Focus is a really big word. And if you have trouble focusing, just ask Jesus to remove the spirits that are hindering your focus and ask Him to help you to focus. We guard our feet and focus on the Lord God Almighty in the house of the Lord.

So when we come in, we are focused on the Lord. When you go out, you are focused on the Lord. It sounds like I'm trying to be completely focused. Like it sounds like I'm giving up my whole life. You're right. You're no longer your own. You've been bought with a serious price. You're not your own. And the call is very great. And Jesus takes it very seriously. Yes.

He said, forbid not the children to come to Me. He loves the little children, correct? Forbid them not. Bring them on. And we are children of God. Yes, He calls the babes. Yes, He calls the children, but we are children of God. He calls us to Himself.

We are guarding our feet and focusing on the Lord God Almighty in the house of the Lord, in the temple of the Holy Ghost. Everything's going to line up with Him. Amen.

We have kingdom purpose. I have kingdom purpose. Purpose. Kingdom purpose. Kingdom purpose. This is a big word. We're called to follow Jesus and walk in obedience to His Word. He has called us to freedom and not religious \*\*\*\*\*.

Thank God. What's religious \*\*\*\*\*? \*\*\*\*\*? Because you have to. What's religious \*\*\*\*\*? Because you're supposed to. What's religious \*\*\*\*\*? Well, because what will they think if they know where I'm really struggling?

Religious \*\*\*\*\* because it's the do's and don'ts in the flesh, the way you try to perfect your flesh apart from the spirit. Having a form of religion, but denying the power thereof. Religious \*\*\*\*\*. He's called us to freedom. Say freedom. Life in the spirit.

And we were born for such a time as this. So we're called to pursue the Lord. Say pursue the Lord. And as the body of Christ, we're called by the Holy Ghost to pursue the Lord with all of our hearts. He wants it all, guys. He wants us all.

And the Holy Ghost is going to pull out what's hindering. And sometimes fear and religion are the number one thing, other than pride. I mean, pride's always the top, right? Pride's always the top. But He wants our hearts. He wants us to receive the love He has for us.

Holy Spirit's pursuing us, and He wants us to pursue Him with all of our heart. What am I going to do this summer? Pursue the Lord with all my heart. What are you going to do this time? Pursue the Lord with all my heart and host a burning oil and a living flame.

I'm going to pursue the Lord with all my being. Right? Well, you're knocking His door down. He's not trying to drag you out of bed. It's that shift of mindset. I'm going to pursue the Lord with all my heart. Yes? What does that mean? Well, you ask Jesus.

Our cry daily should be, show us Your glory, Lord. I'm not telling you anything that I'm not praying. Always look for the goodness and mercy of God, always, even in a bad situation. Okay, Lord, this is rough. So how can I see Your goodness? Show me Your mercy here. Yes,

lead me. This is rough. Okay, show me Your goodness. Show me the mercy here. How do You want me to pray?

Because God is for us. I mean, the devil's against us, but God is for us. He is for us all. He's for everything that concerns you: health, finances, marriage, family, children, purpose, call, destiny. He is for us. The devil is against us. That's clear.

And we win when we abide and pursue the glory of the Lord because we're allowing His glory to change us. As God's blessed children, we need to eagerly look into His Word. Eagerly. Eager. So what's next, Lord? Eagerly look into His Word. Eagerly pursue Him. Eagerly pursue the Holy Ghost. Eagerly pursue His joy and fullness.

Like, well, I don't have time. Make time. I don't have time. Make time. And I promise you, if you surrender to that, you'll wake up in the middle of the night. I promise you, it's in the Bible. There's a knocking. 12 o'clock, 1 o'clock, 3 o'clock. And it's tangible and it's real. I've had these experiences. Okay?

12 o'clock, woke up to a knocking on the door. Jumped up immediately to open it. No one there. This is why I'm seeking God. One o'clock, heard a tangible knocking on the door, jumped up, ran to the door, opened it. No one there. I could see. Three o'clock, jumped up, opened the door.

No one there. Right.

And then I'm in the parables of how the Lord comes when you hear the door, when you hear the knocking on the door, 12 o'clock, 1 o'clock, 3 o'clock. He's testing to see if you are willing and able. And He will come one time in an hour when there is a knock in the door and the sky is going to open up. Woo! Glory to God. Yes? I believe in the catching away of the church of Jesus Christ. Truth. And He'll come to His beloved, though He will. And my heart's expectant. And we have to live with this expectancy. What's next? Shift the way we're thinking. They expected the Lord to come at any time as you read the New Testament. Yes? And I heard a voice behind me say, they lived in expectancy, in love with the Lord. But when you're in love with the world, you're like, oh, no, come now. I finally hit my groove. Right? You could feel that. My children are young. I want to get a job. I want to take a vacation. Whatever. Don't come now, Lord. But you can feel that in the flesh instead of a heart that's so surrendered, you are eagerly anticipating what's next. And so when He comes to you and He shows you and He trains you and teaches you, I train, I equip others in this to know how to hear the Lord, answer the Lord, come into His presence and to follow Him and pursue Him with all your heart. Don't just go to church. or do the studies because you have to, yeah? It's a difference. That's the glory of the Lord. Eagerly look into the Word. Walk with the Holy Ghost. Expect Him to reveal Himself to you. Go to Proverbs

15:9. See, I'm expected. He's always going to do exceedingly abundantly above and beyond anything you can hope or think and imagine. Anyway, what we think is awesome, He's going to always do more. We have a saying, there's always more here. There's always more. There's always more. There is always more. Say it, there is always more. Proverbs 15.9, I'm reading now, it's the New Living. Proverbs 15.9, it says, the Lord detests the way of the wicked, but He loves those who pursue godliness. Wow, that's truth. The Lord detests the way of the wicked. He loves those who pursue godliness. Don't be in despair because you're raising your children up in the Lord. Don't let the devil blind you and say, well, gosh, we're always, you know, always having to cry. No, He blesses you as you pursue godliness and raise your children up in the Lord. Yes? He detests the way of the wicked, but He loves those who pursue godliness. Go to 2 Timothy 2. Now I'm going to read this whole thing out of the New Living. 2 Timothy 2. Hear what the Spirit of the Lord is saying. There's so much in this, and I encourage you to read this on your own at home. Listen to this. My subtitle says, A Good Soldier of Christ Jesus. This was written by the Apostle Paul to the Apostle Timothy, okay? Verse 1, Timothy, my dear son, be strong through the grace that God gives you in Christ Jesus. You've heard me teach these things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people. those with worthy character and lifestyle, who will be able to pass them on to others. Verse 3, endure suffering along with me as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. Soldiers don't get tied up in the affairs of civilian life, for then they cannot please the officer who enlisted them. And athletes cannot win the prize unless they follow the rules. Verse 6, and hardworking farmers should be the first to enjoy the fruit of their own labor. So think about what I'm saying. The Lord will help you understand all of these things. Always remember that Jesus Christ, a descendant of King David, was raised from the dead. This is the good news that I preach. And because I preach this good news, I'm suffering. Because why? The world hates Him. I'm suffering and been chained like a criminal. But the word of God cannot be chained. Verse 10. So I am willing to endure anything if it will bring salvation and eternal glory in Christ Jesus to those God has chosen. I am willing to endure anything if it will bring salvation and eternal glory, eternal glory in Christ Jesus to those God has chosen. If you're born again today, say, God chose me. God chose me. End of discussion. Verse 11, this is a trustworthy saying. If we die with Him, we will also live with Him. If we endure hardship, we will reign with Him. If we deny Him, He will deny us. If we are unfaithful, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny who He is. Verse 14, remind everyone about these things and command them in God's presence, stop fighting over words. Such arguments are just useless and they can ruin those who hear them. Work hard so that you can present yourself to God and receive His approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth. Avoid worthless, foolish talk that only leads to more godless behavior. This kind of talk spreads like cancer, as in the case of

Hymenaeus and Philetus. They have left the path of truth. They left the path of truth, claiming that the resurrection of the dead has already occurred. And in this way, they have turned some people even away from the faith. Verse 19, But God's truth stands firm like a foundation stone with this inscription, The Lord knows those who are His, and all who belong to the Lord must turn away from evil. Yes. Verse 20, in a wealthy home, some utensils are made of gold and silver, and some are made of wood and clay. The expensive utensils are used for special occasions, and the cheap ones are for everyday use. Verse 21, if you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work. Wow. You will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work. Verse 22, Run from anything that stimulates youthful lusts, worldly desires. Run from anything that stimulates that. Instead, pursue, what's He say, righteous living, faithfulness, love, and peace. Enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with a pure heart. Say, that's my neighbor. Verse 23, again I say, don't get involved in what's next. Don't get involved in foolish, ignorant arguments that only start fights. A servant of the Lord must not quarrel, but be kind to everyone. Be able to teach and be patient with difficult people. Verse 25, Gently instruct those who oppose the truth. Perhaps God will change those people's hearts, and they'll lean and learn the truth. Then they will come to their senses and escape from the devil's trap, for they have been held captive by him to do whatever he wants. What a letter of instruction from the father in the faith to a son. Before he goes to his death and into glory, these are his words. Take heed to these words of instruction. It wasn't just for Timothy, it is for the Church of the Living God. Amen? And every day you see this power, you see it's light, it's right, this is where we are. Yes? Oh my God, the good news is Jesus Christ who came to set the kept us free. That is amazing, isn't it? You can host His glory, you can see His beauty, and it looks like this. It looks like this day and night, night and day, and the Lord is preparing us for every good work He has planned for us. Amen. I'm going to close with this testimony of God and the prophet Elisha. If you could go to 2 Kings. I love these testimonies as the Spirit prompted me this morning. What the enemies of God's people planned in secret, God would reveal to His prophet Elisha in prayer. Say, God's got my back. Time and time again, the Lord ruined the plans of the enemy. So when you're like, what's next, Lord? I mean, come on, what is up? What is next? What? Dreading today, dreading tomorrow, dreading the next whatever. Whoa. And to looking unto the glory of the Lord.

Amen.

So this is the story of Elisha the prophet. 2 Kings 6:8, I mean the NIV. Whoa. 2 Kings 6:8. Elisha traps the blinded Armenians, Syrians. Verse 8. Now the king of Aram was at war with Israel. After conferring with his officers, he said, I will set up my camp in such and such a

place. Y'all good? The man of God, everybody say, the man of God, Send word to the king of Israel. Beware of passing that place because Armenians are going down there. So the king of Israel checked on the place indicated by the man of God. This is Elisha. Time and time again, Elisha warned the king so that he was on his guard in such places. Thank God. Verse 11, this enraged the bad guy. This enraged the king of Iran. He summoned his officers and he demanded of them, tell me, which of us is on the side of the king of Israel? Verse 12, none of us, my lord the king, said one of his officers, but Elisha, the prophet, the man of God who's in Israel, he tells the king of Israel the very words you're speaking in your bedroom. He hears your battle plan. Yes? 13, go find out where he is, the king ordered, so I can send men and capture him. The report came back. He's in Dothan. So then he sent horses and chariots and a strong force there. They went by night and they surrounded the city. Verse 15. And when the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. So, you know, the servant to the prophet Elisha is like, oh no! My lord, what are we gonna do? That's what we do, right? The servant asked, Lord, what is next? Man, we are doing these battles. What's next? Verse 16, don't be afraid, the prophet answered, because those who are with us are more than those who are with them. And Elisha prayed, what grace? Oh Lord, open his eyes, Lord, so that he may see. Then the Lord opened the servant's eyes. He looked and he saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. Heaven came to earth, yes? But he opened his eyes. Verse 18, As the enemy came down towards him, Elisha prayed to the Lord, 'Strike this army with blindness.' So he struck them with blindness as Elisha had asked. And Elisha told them, this is not the road and this is not the city. Follow me and I will lead you to the man you're looking for. And he led them into Samaria. Verse 20, after they entered the city, Elisha said, Lord, open the eyes of these men so they can see. And they opened their eyes and they looked and there they were inside Samaria. Man, that's some glory, guys. One place to the next. And when the king of Israel saw them, he asked Elisha, shall I kill them my father? Shall I kill them? Don't kill them, he said. Would you kill those you've captured with your own sword or bow? Set food and water before them so that they may eat and drink and go back to their master. That is astounding. 23. So he prepared a great feast for them. Who does that? And after that they finished eating and drinking, he sent them away to return to their own master. So the bands from Aram stopped raiding Israel's territory. That will do it. That is a victory from heaven. And it took one man of God who heard the word of God and did what the word of God said. And he spoke it forth and he did what he said. And he got to see the movie that day. I mean, these seer prophets, they saw the movie all the time. Open-eyed vision. Yes, you understand? And he allowed the servant to see what he saw. That's God's grace. We don't always get to see, but we see by faith, yes. But when our eyes are opened and you see, steady, I know that the Lord is for you.

Amen.

So I pray that we will have ears to hear what the Spirit of the Lord is saying to us and shift the way you're thinking to what's next and to the glory of the Lord, okay? All right, so let's stand up and honor Him and His Word. And if you need prayer for anything, if you need laying on of hands for the baptism of the Holy Ghost or more tongues, we will pray for you up here. So Father, we just thank You for Your goodness and Your grace to us. We thank You that You are for us. You're not against us. Thank You that You are transforming us into the image and likeness of Christ. Thank You for Your Holy Ghost that is perfecting what concerns us, Lord. And Lord, what is next? But today is the day of salvation. Open our eyes, open our ears, open our hearts. Immerse us in the oil of Your presence. Increase everything good You've given to us, Lord. More and more revelation of who You are and how much love You have for us, God. As we read the testimony of Jesus, the testimony of Your righteous ways in the Word, God, we are encouraged and we are strengthened, and we will not faint and grow weary in doing good. In Jesus' mighty name, amen. Good? All right. Well, God bless you all.