Spiritual Depth: Going Deeper with God

A message from 1 Corinthians 2 about moving beyond superficial faith into the profound spiritual reality that God invites every Christian to experience.



Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

"When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom. As I proclaimed to you the testimony about God, for I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness and fear and with much trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise words and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power."

The Call to Spiritual Depth

Charles Swindle says, "Deep things are intriguing. Deep jungles, deep water, deep caves and canyons, deep thoughts, deep conversations. Anytime you find yourself where there is depth, it is truly intriguing.

Once we've delved into the deeper things and we have tasted the marvels and the mysteries of the deep, we realize the value of plumbing those depths.

Once you have those who are married, once you have had a deep connection with your wife or husband, you always crave that depth because it feels different. It is more fulfilling. And the same with God. This is especially true in the spiritual realm. The God who holds the world in his hand invites us, all of us, to go deeper and deeper with him. It's an invitation that God gives us.

Moses' Cry

"If your presence does not go with us, do not send us from here."

Paul's Resolution

"For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified."

The Context: A Troubled Church

Now the portion of scripture that we have read, let's just break it down. I want to break it down into three portions for easy comprehension. And as we consider this text, I would like to remind us the context within which this text is written. the context with which Paul finds it necessary lead of the Holy Spirit to invite the Corinthian church to go deep and come out of canality and the superficiality of faith.

Now remember the Corinthian church had some troubles.

Division Over Leadership

One group for Apollos, one group for Paul

Lawsuits Among Believers

Taking each other to court

Misuse of Holy Communion

Changed it into a party

Elevating Human Wisdom

Above godly wisdom

Sexual Immorality

Incest going on in the church

Misuse of Spiritual Gifts

Confusion and disorder

And I am persuaded part of the reason they had these troubles is because they were superficial and they were not going deep into the things of God.

Because when you go deep, then you know the Holy Spirit is nothing to be joked around with. Yes. When you go deep, you know that if you take your father's wife and sleep with her, the kind of curse you are inviting upon yourself, oh, I think the church today needs to hear this kind of message.

Paul's Direct Words to the Church

The church needs to hear this. And so the apostle Paul is dealing with a troubled church. Listen to what he tells them in uh chapter 3. We had read chapter 2, but listen to chapter 3:1. He tells them, "Brothers, I could not address you as spiritual but as worldly." Did you hear that? The man of God is telling them, and he's telling the church, he's not telling the world. is telling their church that I could not address you as spiritual but worldly mere infants. I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. Oh my goodness, what kind of church was this? You are still verse three. You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere men? Now that's the kind of church that is receiving this message we have read in vers in chapter two.

I don't think the world is like this. But just in case it is, let's listen to what the Lord has to say. He has sent me all the way from Nairobi to come and deliver this.

Part 1: The Posture for Spiritual Depth

Verses 1-6

Now if you read, if you take that whole portion verse 1-6, let's divide it into three. The first one I am calling it the posture for spiritual depth. That is verse 1 to six. Okay? Okay. And we're going to deal with that first. Now, when we talk about spiritual depth, the posture with which we approach the things of God is a gamecher. If you have the right posture, then you will flow deep in with God. But if you have the wrong posture, you will not go beyond the surface. The posture is the attitude the inner state of the heart. Now here Paul discusses the attitude with which he approaches the issues of spirituality. He talks about his approach his focus his kind the kind of speech he uses. How does he present the things of God?

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Not with Eloquence	Only Jesus Crucified
"When I came to you, brothers, I did not come to you with eloquence or superior wisdom."	"For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified."
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In Weakness and Fear	With Spirit's Power
"I came to you in weakness and fear and with much trembling."	"My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the spirit's power."

And you know my friends, it's very easy, very possible to lose sight of the main thing God placed you and me in this world to seek him and to find him. I'm sure you've read that in Acts chapter 17. But we we sometimes stand that and say, "God put me here to be a banker, to be an engineer." Paul is keen that he's not going to lose sight. Yes, I am in the Corinthian and Corin Corinth was a really prosperous uh city. If you wanted to do business, you would do business. And Paul was a businessman in one way. He you would make tents. If he came to Corinth and say, "Hey, this there's a lot of money flowing in Corinth. So why can't I set up a, you know, a tent business and we're going to make money?" He's saying, "No, no, no, no, no, no. My assignment here is to know Christ and him crucified.

And and because when you do that, listen to verse five. So that your faith must might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power. How many of us have their faith resting on the wisdom of man rather than God's power? I believe there are so many. How well can you intertwine your Greek and the Hebrew? You know, um I I have I have learned that. I've been to seminary for that. Let me tell you, when you start going into into the Greek and into the Hebrew, it's so intriguing. Hh, and you feel like you want to keep going, going, going. But let me tell you, all of that, good as it is, will not deliver the power of the Holy Spirit. That's right. I do it once in a while, but I know at the back of my mind that that will not deliver the power of the Holy Ghost. It is a surrendered life that invites

The Attitude of Humility

and welcomes the power of the Holy Spirit. Look at his attitude in verse three. I came to you in weakness and in fear with much trembling. You know that's not how you arrive in a new place. You don't arrive in a new place trembling and with fear. You arrive in a new place say good morning. Praise the Lord. you arrive confident. But Paul is saying, "Hey, hey, no, no, no, no, no, no. I'm coming to you in humility. I'm coming to you in fear. I'm coming to you in trembling." And and when he comes, listen to what he says in verse four. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with the demonstration of the spirit's power. I don't know whether you see this repeated in different words. God's power, spirit's power, not eloquence. I mean this is how you approach the things of God.

We have to have the right attitude. Our posture before God has to be a posture of humility. It's not about pride, arrogance, competition, comparison, greed, canality. None of us. Those are enemies of spiritual vitality. And as we talk spiritual death, I would like to encourage us to examine our posture, to examine our attitude.

"Oh, what a wretched man I am. Who will rescue me from this body of death?"

- The Apostle Paul

The more you know God, the more you go deep with God, the more you realize how helpless, how weak, how wretched we are. Now, that's the irony of of our faith. One would imagine that the more you go deep with God then maybe the more confident you the more eloquent the more everything. No you when you get to go deep with God you realize how weak we are. Oh God have mercy on me. Do you know who is speaking? Paul. Do you know who Paul was? Do you know he's written half of the new test? How can somebody who's written the scripture, how do you speak like that? So if he speaks like that, how will I speak?

Now look at David. Do you know David enjoyed great relationship with God? He had experienced great victories by the Lord himself. God fought for him. He falls into sin but God keeps drawing him towards him. And David in in in Psalm 51 makes some very heavy declaration. Says, "For I know my transgressions and my sin is always before me." He's realizing that I am such a weak human being. He says, "Surely I was sinful from birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me." In verse 16, he also says, "You do not delight in sacrifice or I would bring it. You do not take pleasure in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart. Oh Lord, you do not despise. Our posture before God determines our



Part 2: A Deep Spiritual Reality

Verses 6-13

depth with him. The second portion verse 6-13, and I'm calling that a deep spiritual reality. It's interesting how Paul distinguishes the audience of the spiritual truths that he speaks. He says this message is addressed to the mature or to the spiritually deep. you know the way uh I don't know whether it happens in the US but um when you have little children and then you get into conversations like uh where do children come from I suspect a number of us have been in such conversations. Yes. So then most of the time the adults will say at least in our context will say something like they come from the hospital.

But the adults listening know that the children don't come from the hospitals. There's somewhere else they come from. But do you know what? That little child will be convinced that children come from hospital. Same subject but different understanding, different explanation. Now that's the same thing that is happening here. And Jesus used to do it once in a while. So he drops a parable and then so there's there's two groups there and they're wondering so for you guys this is what that parable means but these guys is just a nice story but for you there's something else I'm talking about prodigal son it's a it's a wonderful story if you were to produce a movie about the prodigal son, that movie would sell. But do you know what that story is not about? A father and his two sons. No, that story is about is being spoken for the Pharisees to understand that God the father has open has received them. That is the essence of that story. Spiritual things are only discerned by spiritual ears, eyes, and minds. Praise the Lord.

The Rulers Didn't Understand

We do not speak verse six. We do not we do however speak a message of wisdom among the mature. None of the rulers of this age understood it. For if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. The reason they crucified the Lord of glory is because they thought Jesus Christ has come to take authority from Caesar. That's what they thought.

The Disciples Didn't Understand

In fact, at one point, his own disciples towards the end when he's about to leave, he's asking them, they asking him, "At what point will you restore?" Ah Jesus is saying guys you have not understood why I came because they thought Jesus Christ is the one who is going to overthrow Caesar and all his systems. That's not why Jesus came.

None of the rulers understood. Otherwise, if they really understood, they would have known that killing Jesus Christ is nothing because he's the owner of life. You kill him now, he comes back. So there's no need of killing him. But they didn't understand. In fact, when they he had resurrected, they started coming up with a story. Guys, what you're going to say is that his disciples went and stole his body and we are going to give each of you money. It doesn't work like that. When the Holy Spirit has worked, then nobody can suppress the work of the Holy Ghost. When Jesus Christ has defeated life, nothing can suppress the victory over death. Hallelujah. It doesn't matter how connected or how well you know how to communicate, it cannot go viral. It won't work.

The Hidden Spiritual Reality

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him."

- 1 Corinthians 2:9

Now then he says in verse 9, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him." In other words, so many of us are living here. There's another spiritual reality here. Yes. that you you do not see with human eyes. You need a different eye to see that spiritual reality. And he's telling them, guys, we are inviting you to that spiritual reality. In other words, this spiritual reality is completely hidden to the natural eyes. No natural mind would conceive or perceive it. Now when we love God and when we receive Christ, do you know what? We receive those spiritual eyes and we have that spiritual mind. Bible says Philippians 2, this same mind that was in Christ. So we share a mind with Christ. what Christ is able to see, we also can see. And that reality has it's available to us.

You know, many times when this scripture is read, it's used to uh to to to scare you and tell you, "Hey guys, there's a spirituality that you cannot possibly get to." The spirit of this scripture is in as much as there's another spiritual reality, you have access to that spiritual reality. And that's what the the scripture is inviting you to because what happens is that the the spirit of God who we have plays a big role in helping us gain that spiritual capacity to understand these spiritual truths.



The Spirit Searches

Verse 10 says, "The spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God."



The Spirit Reveals

Verse 10, but God has revealed it to us by his spirit.



The Spirit Gives Understanding

Verse 12. We have not received the spirit of the world, but the spirit who is from God that we may understand what God has freely given us.



The Spirit Teaches Words

Verse 13. This is what we speak not in words taught by human wisdom but in words taught by the spirit expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words.

Now if if you don't believe that let let's see what it says in verse 10. What is the role of the spirit in moving us from the natural reality to this the spiritual reality? The spirit has four responsibilities. Number one, he searches the deep things of God. Verse 10 says, "The spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God." Verse 11, for who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way, no one knows the thoughts of God except the spirit. We are comprised of three faculties. Spirit, soul, body. The spirit is our faculty that is able to commune with the spirit of God. As we have read, the soul is the one that houses our emotion, our intellect, our mind. The body is the one that houses the soul. It is what we see. And so here it is saying your spirit is able to commune with the Lord's spirit because your spirit knows what goes on within you. The Lord's spirit knows what goes on within him. Now when the two communicate, you experience that spiritual reality.

What Is God Doing in America?

And as I've been thinking about this, I asked myself, what is the Lord doing in America this season? Are you able to perceive what God is doing in America through the spiritual eyes that God has given you? I pray that you are able to do that, brothers and sisters. Because if you don't, all you will end up doing is complaining about this other person, this other one, and this other one, and the Lord is busy in the church in America. And I am persuaded, brothers and sisters, that there is the Lord is engineering a revival, a new revival in the church in America that has never been before. That is my persuasion. He may use different ways, this and that, but I know that he is doing something. Praise be to his name.

This week we've been having conversations about um a significant person in scripture, King Cyrus. King Cyrus is is raised is a pagan king and the children of Israel are in are in Babylon and and God has done his thing with Nebuchadnezzar and the new new king has come and so on and so forth and and King Cyrus is raised. In Isaiah chapter 45, the Lord declares, "For I have summoned you by name, and I I'm I'm calling you to break down the doors of iron and bronze." And all that to say that King Cyrus, I am using you to release the children of Israel from bondage. What are you hearing, America? What is God doing in 25 2025? What is God doing? If the church sleeps, who else will listen to the voice of God? Amen. There is something God is doing.

The Power of the Next Generation

Many of us complain about you know the Gen Z. There's a generation that you have it we call in Kenya we call it Gen Z. the young ones. That generation is a very powerful generation. And I believe with all my heart that God wants to use that generation for something. I I I don't know yet. I know he will reveal at some point to me. I've been wondering, God, what do you want to do with this generation? And and you know for us we are actually we have a responsibility to pass on the move of the Holy Ghost to that generation. Unfortunately many of us are failing. All we are doing is complaining. Oh you know they don't want to listen. Oh they are always on their screen. Oh they are disrespectful. All of that is true. But what are you doing to pass on the message of God and the power of the Holy Spirit to that generation?

There is a move of God coming in that young generation that I mean it falls in the category that I can describe no eye has seen no ear has heard. I don't know what it is but there is something powerful coming with that generation.

Now let me tell you something else. They the all in all the history of the church all the revival that has ever taken place has been through the young generation. Yes. Daniel, Meshach, Shadrach, and Abednego were not the only Israelites in Babylon. They were among the first ones to be taken captive, but they were not the only ones. They were young people and through the the power of the Holy Spirit and the confidence they exhibited in that power of the Holy Spirit. Do you know what I don't know whether you can ever have somebody of you know advanced age saying we are not going to renounce the God that we believe put us into that furnace whether he saves us or doesn't save us we don't care I don't know whether I mean you know when at my age I'm not too old I'm 42 but before I say that I'm wondering so my firstborn is is 13 years what if I die who who will take care of him those are worries I have as a father concerns and he's normal but do you know the jenzes and we have many of them in our church so sometimes they come to me and say pastor where do you want to send me I'm ready send me tomorrow

early this year one of them came and then I said we'll send you to Ethiopia for 6 months You don't do that for for a family man, but they will go. I pray that the church in America will harness the potential that that generation has because God wants to move through that generation. Oh my goodness.

Number four, what is the role of the Holy Spirit? He teaches the words to use in expressing these spiritual truths. Verse 13. This is what we speak not in words taught by human wisdom but in words taught by the spirit expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. Hallelujah. And and and by this I don't mean you know churchy words. You know there's there's churchy words and there's spiritual words. Huh? You know in in churchy words we like in our place you greet by saying praise the lord. I keep saying that's not a greeting. When you're saying praise the Lord, indeed praise the Lord. Yes. So, usually, you know, once in a while when I want to be ch I say when somebody says praise the Lord, then I say, what are you praising the Lord for? And you catch them off guard and say, "Oh, I didn't expect that kind of uh" But you're praising the Lord. Now, that's churchy language. Okay? But in spiritual things, you are able to say, "Hey, this is what the Lord is saying. Praise be to his name. And you're able to interpret the happenings in the season using the eyes of scripture and the power of the Holy Ghost.

Questions for Reflection

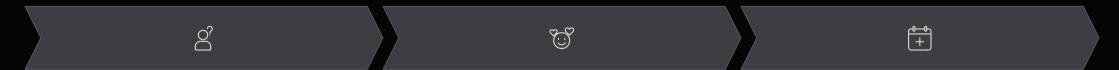
- What is your spiritual reality?
- Are you in communion with the Holy Ghost?
- Are you able to understand spiritual truths?
- Can your children pick out convictions that you have developed over time?
- Can your children observe you as a father and say, "Dad, I admire your walk with the Lord."

Part 3: The Two Spiritual Realms

Verses 14-16

My heart goes out to brothers and sisters who many times we get lost in in a churchy lifestyle. And I mean it's a it's a beautiful lifestyle to observe you know churchy lifestyle but is the Holy Spirit active in your life? Can can your children pick out convictions that you have developed over time and say hey what mom believes this is unique. This is only from God. Can your children observe you as a father and say, "Dad, I admire your walk with the Lord." You know, you know, the father is really the priest of the home. The priest of the home represents his family before God. And when you go to God and you you then God speaks to you and then you come back home and say hey guys this is what the Lord has said. This is the direction we are going as a family. In many situations the fathers are not able to do that because it will be challenged. Show us the budget. How are we moving to that place? Have we saved enough? Now those are good things. But do you know what? Once you hear the voice of God, the budget doesn't matter, the security doesn't matter, the insurance doesn't matter, you go. But you know these other good things, they are louder in our lives and the voice of God is diminished. So the children we are raising, the people that God has brought our way are not able to experience God through you and me. And I pray that we'll have the confidence to pursue the voice of God despite this competing pressures and and and all these other things that come our way. May the Lord help us. That is the spiritual depth that God is inviting us. And the truth of the matter and this leads me to the third one as as we draw to a close. This is the third

portion which is the two spiritual realms. Verse 14- 16. There are two spiritual realms. America there are two spiritual realms. is either holy or evil. There's no middle point. There's no middle point. You're either hot or cold.



Your Finances

Does your financial expenditure reflect God or it does not reflect God? It's not in the middle.

Your Body

Does the care you give to your body reflect the stewardship God has called us to or not? It is a yes or a no. No middle point.

Your Celebrations

I know there's a a delicate ground. I'm not I'm I'm just going to whisper it. Halloween is not in the middle. That's right. Amen. But let me leave it there. Okay.

The Carnal Man vs. The Spiritual Man

Now, the portion of scripture describes two types of men. Verse 14, listen to this. This is the cannon man. The man without the spirit does not accept the things that come from the spirit of God. for they are foolishness to him and he cannot not will cannot understand them because they are spiritually discerned. So two types of men carnel man and the Corinthians had some of them. So this carnel man first of all they are without the holy spirit but secondly is that they they don't accept the things that come from the spirit and the reason they can't accept them is because they are foolishness to them and two they can't understand them you know

The Ethiopian Eunuch's Story

philillip is reading not philip the ethan Munich. He's come to Jerusalem. Now he's gone back to Ethiopia and he's reading Isaiah 53 and he's wondering what is this about? And he's struggling to to understand what Isaiah 53 is saying. But then the spirit quickens Philillip. And somehow somehow I I still when I get to heaven, I will ask God, how did you transfer Philillip from here to here? Okay, the Jenz call it tele teleporting. Okay, but I'm not going to call it teleport. That's the power of the Holy Ghost. So, Philillip arrives somehow and he's there in the chariot and then Philip explains what is going on and says, "Hey, do you know who this talking about? Jesus Christ." The Ethiopian unit gets he's surprised they he's talking about Christ and immediately he surrenders to Christ and at that point he say, "Hey, there's water here. baptized me.

Let me tell you, the Ethiopian unic was a religious man. You don't leave Ethiopia on your horse and buggy. You don't leave Ethiopia and go to Israel several days and then worship the Lord in Jerusalem and then come back to Ethiopia. If you are not a seriously religious man, now bring it to 2025. You don't live, you know, in America, I've noticed that churches are are not like 2 miles. People don't live very close. Many people I think we drove several miles. Took us about 30 minutes to drive from where we and I say this is this is far. You you don't drive 20 minutes, 30 minutes, 40 minutes to leave your home and come to church if you're not coming to get something from church. That's right.

For the Ethiopian una, it was several miles. For us, it could be less than 50 miles. But that committed man could not understand and see Christ in the scriptures. couldn't until the Holy Ghost descended and explained everything to him. The canon man cannot understand. I don't stand in a place of judgment for the Ethiopian Union. I think he was a truly committed man. But the reality we see from scripture is that he didn't understand. And the same can be said of many other people. But can the same be said of somebody listening to me here this morning that you have read the Bible, you have gone to seminary, you have preached the B, but you don't understand the scripture. And you know what? Seminary and doctrine and everything does not satisfy the relationship with Christ. It is a surrendered life. It is the voice of Christ actively speaking in you and me. that gives you the vitality of the spiritual realm. It is not the difficult words that we know and I know them. I'm sure we many of us know those words. It's not about the vocabulary the the the the scriptural vocabulary that we have. It is is the Holy Spirit active in you as you wake up in the morning. Are you communing with the Holy Ghost?

The Authority of the Spiritual Man

"The spiritual man makes judgments about all things. Hallelujah. But he himself is not subject to any man's judgment."

- 1 Corinthians 2:15

Or do we fall into the same category of canality? Listen to the second description of the spiritual man. Verse 15. The spiritual man makes judgments about all things. Hallelujah. But he himself is not subject to any man's judgment. Any man's judgment. Now, let me tell you something. The spiritual man has the place to challenge anything and everything that is human. all the human systems, including the Constitution. Hey, Trump, don't take me to jail. But I'm telling you the truth. The power of the Holy Spirit transcends human systems. You can stand and deliver a message to the most powerful person in the face of the earth and he will submit because the Lord has spoken. Yes. Nathan, a simple man, stands up to David. Do you know who David was? The king, the military king. And he declares that, "Oh man of God, you have sinned." And David humbles himself because it is not the voice of Nathan. It is the voice of God.

Critical Questions for the Church

- Christians, have we lost the authority of the Holy Ghost?
- Have we lost the authority of our faith, of our calling?
- Are the prophets speaking in this generation?
- Have we lost it?

Brothers, brothers and sisters, can your child, your son or daughter say, "Yes, I know it was dad speaking, but I am convinced that was the voice of God."

Because when they know it is the voice of God, they will not argue with you. That's right. They will submit and listen. Yes. But the problem comes when we have lost that authority. I know and God forgive me. Sometimes as fathers you use the scripture to threaten your children. Now you need to obey your father is the first um commandment with a promise. And sometimes you even go to the extent and you know I can curse you. We misuse the scripture. That's not how fathers behave. Fathers don't read that Ephesians verse and leave it at the middle. Children, obey your parents. And then as you go on, fathers do not. We don't read that first part, the second part. You don't. That's not godly.

This man, the spiritual man, is not subject to any man's judgment. For who has known the mind of the Lord that he might instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ. When you have the mind of Christ, they listen.

Brothers and sisters, I'm inviting us total submission of our lives to the Lord. That's the only way we will go deeper in the things of God. That's the only way we will save our marriages. A marriage where the husband and the wife are always arguing, it won't last. But a marriage where if the wife has an issue with her husband, she goes to God and say, "God, your son, he spoke like this and that and I got hurt. There's a couple that you know was confessing that we were just sharing somewhere in Virginia a few weeks ago and the husband was saying he heard so he was coming into the room and then he overheard the wife praying and the wife was praying she was agitated say God is your son he he keeps doing this and that why don't you deal with him? Now when the husband heard that he said I never want the Lord to deal with me and so he went very quickly and apologized to the wife. So can you imagine the wife came direct to him that would have been fire.

Let's submit to God. Let's submit our work, our our jobs, our families, our

A Call to Total Surrender

faith, our church. Let's submit it to the Lord. Praise his name. I want us to pray, friends, because I think time is over. Let me just invite the worship team. And I'm I'm going to ask you to just stand up and and surrender to God. Listen to him. What is he saying? Are there areas in your life that you feel like God is pointing on this one and this other one and this other one? Am I really walking with the Holy Spirit or am I just speaking churchy? Oh God, have your way. We come to you this morning, oh Lord. We come as people in need of your grace. A people who have fallen, a people, oh Lord, who are wretched, oh Lord, that we need to be saved of this body of death. Lord, we do not come to you, oh God, knowing this and that. But we come as a people who know nothing. A people who are totally surrendered to you, King of glory. May you do a work in us that only the Holy Spirit can do, oh God. Lord, may you, oh God, come in and touch each and every one of us in your own special way.

Surrender Your Family

If you need to pray for your family members, if you need to pray for yourself, this is a good time to do so.

Surrender Your Relationships

If you need to pray for your spouse, if you need to pray for your boss, if you need to pray for your neighbor, pray.

Surrender Everything

We surrender to you. Have your way. Have your way, Lord.

Father in the name of Jesus we worship you Lord have your way oh God we cannot make it oh God except by you we cannot oh Lord it doesn't matter what kind of experiences we have had it doesn't matter oh God what kind of backgrounds we have had but Lord when we are surrendered to you oh God we may have been a king like David oh Lord we may have been the the man who waited 38 years oh Lord whose whose body has been famished we may be any of that. But Lord, when we are surrendered to you, you do a work in us, in our lives. Oh God, blessed be your name. Thank you, Jesus.