Are You Comfortable??

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[0:00] Are you comfortable? I'm a little nervous. Bear with me as I work through this.

! I just want us all to hear.
We've maybe heard it a thousand times before. I want us to hear it again. Thank you, Brother Dan, for what you shared this morning.
It kind of goes with what I was wanting to share. For myself, I tend to get relaxed sometimes and just think things are okay, that they're fine, and sharing on the sovereignty of God and who God is.
I just want to speak to everyone here and also whoever may be listening online. I pray that you wouldn't hear me, but you would hear God calling to you.
[1:32] You would hear God trying to sanctify you and bring you into His family to be a child of God. I have it titled Sinners.

Who's not a sinner? Whoever's not a sinner, you can just go on and do your life. This doesn't pertain to you.
The question is not, am I a sinner? The question is, have I recognized it? Do I know the sinner that I am, that I was, apart from the new life that God put in me?
I have a couple questions that I want you to really think about. Why are you here today? Why do you go to church? Why are you a Christian?
I'm not asking you that. I'm just asking you to ask that to yourself. I think if we are a child of God and in His presence and trusting in Him, sin, it will show us what we've been saved from.
[3:01] It will excite us to hear that. I think that if we don't know, conviction may very well be the thing that I feel. My point is not to bring any condemnation to anybody, but at the end, that it would produce a hunger for God and His Word and making sure that I'm on the right path.

That is my goal today. That's what I believe God wants me to share. Something that has been speaking in my heart a lot lately is preparing the soil.
I used to think that a parable was just about either I happen to be someone with good soil or I happen to be someone with bad soil. I do not believe that is so.
I believe that I have the full choice and free will to prepare my soil. I can either have good soil or I can have bad soil. It's not a statement of how things are.
It's a statement of how things can be. The question I was asking is, is your soil prepared today or is it trampled over with anxiety, with busyness?
[4:17] Is it stony from unbelief? Because we're in a world of see, touch. No, we need to figure things out logically. Do I know that God exists?

Do I know that He is sovereign? Do I know that He is who He says that He is? Has that been made real in my heart? Or is it just something that I read? Are you intentionally here because you desire the truth of God's Word or just because of default because you're born into a Christian family, you have Christian friends, and you couldn't think of possibly doing something else?
You couldn't think of not going to church. You couldn't think of not doing something that's... Why the pretense is what I ask myself.
Why not examine yourself and do exactly who you think, do exactly what you believe in? There's no point in trying to have a pretense. You're not only making yourself miserable, you're making other people miserable.
And God doesn't like it. He doesn't like lukewarm. We'll see that later. I think God would lots rather that if you desire other things of the world to just go taste of them and see what they are.
[5:42] Instead of convincing yourself that you're righteous, but still having a love of the world. Ray Comfort often says, says it this way, he says, what good is the cure if we don't know that we have a sickness?

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If we think that we're alright. We're born into a Christian family. We've never really done much of anything wrong. I'm alright. I go to church. I believe in God. I've been baptized. I'm not sick.
The point is not if you are sick. It's have you recognized that you're sick? Have you seen that? Have you searched your own heart?
Have you searched your own heart? Do you believe the Bible today?
Or just as long as it doesn't go against something that you've already figured out or something that doesn't match with your world view, you'll believe it until you get to that point. Or do you really believe it? Is the Bible an ultimate authority in your life?
[6:50] Is it where your life stops and starts? Have you settled that in your heart? It's fine if you haven't.

Just be honest with yourself. God desires honesty. Have you truly seen the great depravity within your life?
One thing that I have seen over and over again, I've seen it in my own life. I recognized it growing up. I'm not quite as bad as the guy as a school shooter or whatever you want to put in that place. I'm not quite that bad. I've never been there. My desire for everyone to recognize is what I believe God has shown me. Is that within you, there is the possibility of all of those actions.
And that stems from a great depravity. This great emptiness of all things good. We live on a pretense of doing things good because they're good for us.
[8:08] They're good for our world view. They're good for the people around us. They serve us well so we do things good. They are not good. They are empty works. And when we do that, we fail to see the great need within us.

We fail to see that at the Garden of Eden when God, when they, Eve took a bite and Adam took a bite of that apple, there was, sin was introduced into their lives.
God was torn away from them. There was this great gap and there was nothing to fill it. God was torn away from you. God was torn away from you. Have you found that gap in your life? Or is it just a little one?
A little tiny one? I've just done a few bad things. When you see the great need in your life, God becomes great in your life.
That I know because I've experienced it. When I don't see the great need, God is far and distant from me and it is a terrible place to be. I would just like to emulate Paul Washer.
[9:13] He says, I can never assume that everybody in here or listening is a child of God. I have nobody in mind.

I truly do hope and believe that we're all children of God. But I can never assume that. I am not the judge. I'm not here today to tell you you look fit.
That you're fine. To make you feel good. That's what I'd rather do. I would rather tell you that you're alright. I'm not worried about your pocketbook.
I'm not worried about your family. I'm not worried about how you feel. I'm concerned about one thing. One day we will all stand before a holy God so holy, so sovereign that you cannot comprehend it and you'll be naked before Him.
Are you His child? It doesn't matter where you went to church. It doesn't matter how you dressed. It doesn't matter what you believed. the only thing that matters is are you His child?
[10:36] Can you honestly tell yourself now that you are God's child if you were to die now? have we gotten so distracted with being right and sorting things out that our hearts grow dim towards the Lord and His greatness and our need for Him?

That's really the only purpose that God has on His will. Not to grow big churches, not to grow numbers, but to call people, humans that have been saved by the grace and the mercy of God through Jesus Christ, His own children.
If you're here today, if you're listening, I can only assume that you came to hear the Word of God and that's what I hope to do today is to preach the Word of God only.
Amen. The Word of God is living.
It's breathing. It's true. It's not half-formed. It's not almost there. It's not a different perspective. It's not a bias. It is the truth. It is living. It can change you.
[12:03] And it will change you. If you are a child of God, the Word of God will change you. The great questions is life and death, heaven and hell.

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Anything else in life does not matter. Those are the great questions of the day. It don't matter if we get moved into our other church.
It don't matter if we make it to lunch today. It don't matter if your family grows up and stays in the same church. It don't matter if you pay your bills next week. These questions are the only thing that matters.
Everything else falls in place. God is just. God is merciful. He takes care of us. Everything else will fall in place if we answer these questions. And we can't answer them.
But if we focus on them. I'd just like to share a little bit of a personal experience that I had recently. I had this conversation with this person that was telling me how wrong we are, explaining our life to us and knew very little about us.
[13:23] So my question to him was, what if I entertain what you're telling me? What do you believe?

Why are you doing the things that you are doing? Why should I come and listen to you? What do you have for me? It was a conversation that went on in a few minutes.
But at the end of the conversation the answer was, because dad did it. It's so dangerous to be brought up in a Christian family.
So dangerous. Because dad did it. Why are you doing the things that you are doing?
That's the question I want to ask today. Ask yourself that. I don't need to know. But you need to know that. You need to know why you're doing the things that you're doing.
[14:25] You need to know why you believe them. Because if it's just because of a better answer, it's terrible.

He realized when he answered, he realized it was terrible. But he didn't know what else to say. My dad did it.
So I did it too. Let's make sure that that's not us. Let's make sure that we know we're a child of God. That we know what we believe in. We know what the truth is. Let's make that sure. That is important. It's very key to your life. Otherwise, you'll bounce around and always be straying far from the path.
You will not be on the straight and narrow if you don't have that settled in your heart. If God has not done that work in you and showed you the truth. There's only one conclusion you can come to and that is the truth.
[15:36] I read this statement a few weeks ago and I put it on the work chat. I thought it was very profound. It is easier to get men to go almost anywhere but inside. They are ready for the pole.

They are ready for the desert, for the mountaintop. But they are not ready for the laboratory of their own minds. And I would like to say for their soul. I found that in my own life.
It is the most important thing you can do. It's the most life-changing thing you can do. It is where life eternal will come from when you go inside, when you search inside.
Most of us just don't want to do it. Most people that are humans anyway. we would rather do a thousand things outside, do great heroic things.
We'd rather die for what we believe in than search ourselves. Than to turn over the little things in there and see what's going on. We're afraid of what we'll find.
[16:36] That's what I have found. We're afraid that the polished outside that we come to know as me is not who I am, really. It's who I want people to think that I am.

Bodhi Bakken said that I'd rather offend you into heaven than to tickle your ears into hell. It's a little funny, but that's exactly what I want today. People would rather be entertained than informed.
I'm not talking about you. I'm talking about the human nature. It would rather be entertained than informed. Why? Because informed takes work. Entertained lets them bask in this body that's dying and going back to the dust.
They'd rather have that feel good than to know about where they're going to end up. I want to talk just a little bit about you think that this here is you.
You can go make your own decisions. God gave us for a time being for a small time he gave us free will to choose him or to choose ourselves. You think that you're in control of today.
[18:12] You can make the decisions. I just come across this. There's one cell in your body that's about 2,000 it has a motor in it.

It has a motor in it. There's a certain cell that you need in your body. It has a motor in it and a flagler thing that propels itself around. For the motor of that little propeller thing it would take 2,000 of them

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to make the width of the hair.
This is inside of one cell. There's roughly 38 trillion cells in your body.
There's one of these that is so unique and so complex. It has a little engine. This thing is spinning. Some of them will spin up to 100,000 RPMs.
And it can stop in a couple parts of a second when it realizes it's not getting the right food. It can send a messenger back to that engine and it can say hey we need to reverse.
[19:31] In a part of a second it can reverse and be going 100,000 RPMs back the other direction to go back where the food is at. Just look it up.

I don't want to waste a lot of time. But it is so complex and mind blowing what one of these cells. And there's 38 trillion of them in your body. Who's making these things work?
They have communication. They live. They're keeping you alive every second. If God pulls his hand off of you these things are all done. They're created by God.
They're in you keeping you alive. It just hit me. It's like it's only the sovereign will of God is the reason that I have life today and that I'm standing here and able to do this.
the same with all of you. You're not here because you're self-sufficient. You're not here because you can have an opinion, because you can do you, because you can choose what you want to do.
[20:31] You're only here because of the grace and mercy and the sovereign will of God that is keeping you alive for a little bit while you make those choices.

it can go scaled to size it can go roughly 60 miles an hour through your body and it's keeping you alive.
If these guys would do and there's many different kinds and there's so complex but this is just one this is just one of the many different cells within your body and they're layered and they have little tubes where they take stuff in and spit stuff out and they're 100% efficient that's another thing that really you have trillions of rotary motors spinning inside of you right now think about that and God did it I want to look a little bit at God and who God is do you have the right picture of God or have you created a God that fits your narrative that fits where you are at does this God does he judge and does he bring life and take life and do miracles the way that you think he should or is this God the God of the Bible it's so easy to make an idol out of God so easy we have to make sense of our circumstances and of the things we observe and we feel and so we go and create a
God we bring things together and we cut it off and we circle it and we say here's God this is it I think when we truly get a grasp of God you just say I don't know he is unsearchable he is amazing I think our minds are so infinite or so like just we can't grasp a percentage of who God is that should concern us says he's self existent I am who I am in Exodus 3 14 he has no beginning no source no need from everlasting to everlasting he is sovereign he is holy he is all knowing and I have references for all of those but I want to move through here he does not change he is just God is just we look at the world sometimes we think in our little minds we can conjure up something that
God is not just because he let this happen to me and he let this happen to another person I'm suffering because of this how can God be just I'm telling you it's your experience that is not just your experience is suffering because you haven't seen the full depth and the wisdom and the just and the holiness and the sovereignness of God he is fully revealed in Jesus remember that God is fully revealed in Jesus very important said whoever has seen me has seen the father I want to read revelations 1 12 to 20 then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man clothed with long robe with chest the hairs of his head were white like white wool like snow his eyes were like the flame of fire his feet were like burnished bronze refined in a furnace and his voice was like the roar of many waters in his right hand he held seven stars from his mouth came a two edged sword and his face was like the sun shining!
[24:25] in full strength when I saw him I fell at his feet as though dead but he laid his right hand on me saying fear not I am the first the last and the living one I died and behold I am alive forevermore I have the keys of death and hades right there for the things that you have seen those that are and those that are to take place after!

this as for the! the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and the seven golden lamp stands the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches and the seven lamp stands are the seven churches we serve a glorious and holy God amen there's so much in scripture about who God is search it I don't have the time today I think it's so important!

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for us! understanding of who God is so important if we don't we'll somehow think that we're almost like him on a little lower level and it's just heresy the seven number seven in there this is just my opinion the number seven in Hebrew stands for completion I do believe there's significance there with the number seven now let's see who the deceiver is do we know who the deceiver is is he someone that we rebuke maybe we're more than Moses we can go around telling Satan where to go maybe we've forgotten his rank I want to just quickly look at that in
Ezekiel 28 12 to 18 son of man take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus and say unto him thus saith the Lord God thou sealest up the sum full of wisdom and perfect and beauty the highest been in Eden the garden of God every precious stone was thy covered the sardest topaz and the diamond the barrel the unks and the jasper and the sapphire the emerald and the carbuncle and gold the workmanship of thy tablets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee the day that thou was created thou art the anointed cherub that covereth and I have set thee so thou wast upon the holy mountain of God thou hast walked up and down the midst of the stones of fire thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou was created to iniquity was found in thee by the multitude of the merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence and thou hast sinned therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God and I will destroy thee covering cherub from the midst of the stones of fire thy heart was lifted up because of thy beauty thou hast corrupted!
There's different places where it talks about Lucifer and his job in heaven there's some versions that explain it a little differently but essentially Satan was created as the chief worshipper by God to worship God he was made out of beautiful emeralds like diamonds and jewels again I think this is just to give us an idea he wasn't actually just a stone an earthly stone I think it's to give us an idea he was created with musical instruments built within him or possibly as appendages and again I don't think they're earthly instruments I think they're godly instruments that were made to worship he was a beautiful being created to worship
[28:34] God the stones there's he was created to reflect reflect the light of God the goodness God is the source of all things good anything that's happening here on earth that you perceive as good is from God good cannot happen unless there is God God is the source of goodness of mercy of love and Satan was created to refract this and shine it out and to worship God to make this beautiful music he got tired of being looked through by the angels in heaven and wanted to be looked to I will ascend above the heights of the clouds I will be like the most high it says in Isaiah 14 14 14 and

God cast him out of heaven and he fell like lightning I saw that as a warning as trying to be good myself as trying to look good as trying to have an image of good do I want people to see me or am I so totally enamored by God have I am I I can't conjure this up in myself okay this happens when you become a child of God so the question is are you a child of God when you are so enamored with God people will see through you they will see God they won't see you trying to be good so many people trying to be good have brought bad things upon the name of God God hates that they have the image of doing good they have the image of being right but they're not they're detracting the focus they're causing confusion they're I don't have the right words to explain it but you know what I'm you know what
I'm saying francisco is going you to see! I know what I'm going see just a question for myself is that me?
Do I need recognition when I do something? Do I demand it? Do I put myself in that place? I'm guilty of that. You're all welcome to do that as well.
I've done that. I've done this thing and somebody else is getting the credit and I'm wondering hello? Or maybe I have to say something a little offhanded just so somebody knows that hey I actually thought of that.
[31:44] It's kind of my idea. But just to get the idea you think! You're devoid of the sin of Satan. You think that's not possible within you. It's very much possible.

Do you need to be understood at the church, at home, in games, on the job? Do you need to be understood? Do people need to understand you? When you're misunderstood and people don't look at you the same way, do you need to make sure that gets corrected?
You need to understand I was not the problem here. You're taking what is God's and pulling it on yourself. One thing we need to understand is no sin will enter into heaven.
No sin will enter into heaven. I want to quote Jonathan Edwards. It's from a sermon, Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God.

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It says, unconverted men walk over the pit of hell on a rotten covering. That just gave me a very good picture. I was like, wow. There is nothing that keeps wicked men at any moment out of hell but the pleasure of God.
[33:09] The goodness of God. Again, do you see the sovereignty of God? Do you see who He is? there's no reason that God needs to keep you out of hell.

The only thing that you do that an unconverted man I'll take back the statement you. The only thing that an unconverted man does in the presence of God is that he moves God to take care of him, throw him into hell.
His sin. It doesn't, God does not enjoy sinners. you're only a child of God when you have the Holy Spirit within you imparted through the grace and mercy of God through Jesus Christ and the cross. There's nothing that you're valuable. You're not. God would just as much, just as quickly throw you into hell, an unconverted person.
He only has this grace and mercy bestowed to his children. Deuteronomy 32-35 Their foot shall slide in due time for the day of their calamity is at hand.
[34:23] Psalm 73-18 to 19 Surely thou didst set them in slippery places. Thou castest them down into destruction. How are they brought into desolation as in a moment?

Psalm 7-11 to 12 God is angry with the wicked every day. If he turn not, he will wet his bow and made it ready. John 3-18 36 He that believeth not is condemned already.
He that believeth not the son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him. Lamentations 3-22 It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed because his compassions fail not.
2 Peter 3-9 The Lord is long suffering to us not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. The goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance.
Romans 2-4 Then as Jesus was reclining in the table at Matthew's house, many tax collectors, sinners, including non-observant Jews, came and ate with him and his disciples.
[35:26] When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, Why does your master eat with tax collectors and sinners? But when Jesus heard this, he said, Those who are healthy have no need for a physician, but only those who are sick.

go and learn what this scripture means. I desire compassion for those in distress and not animal sacrifice, for I did not come to call to repentance the self-proclaimed righteous who see no need for change, but sinners, those who recognize their sin and actively seek forgiveness.
This is in Hosea, the verse that he referenced. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have slain them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as light, for I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.
Who thinks that when they go to church and when they do something and when they take care of the sick and when they take care of the poor that they're doing sacrifices? Or is it God that's doing those things?
I think we need to be careful that we don't think that we're doing something for God. We need to be very careful. And I used to understand that in a way that Jesus was saying he came for some people not for others.
[36:44] No, all are sick. He came to heal the ones that recognized it. Those that think they're all right. That to me is I think a very sad thing is in the last day he's going to say I knew you not.

They're going to say I did so many great things for you. Do we think that we're wiser than that? That somehow that's not going to be us?
These people literally think they're going to be the children of God and they're going to be goats. Again, if you know you're a child of God, there's no condemnation.
You know you are a child of God. If there is a question, take care of it. There's a simple answer. There's a simple There's a simple answer. There's a simple answer.
There's a simple answer. There's a answer. There's a simple answer. irgendwas. I find myself too many times on the fence.
[38:09] Not fully committed to God. Not fully committed to this world. You know. Got saved. We're over here.

I'm telling you. You think you're on the fence. You are not. If you have an idea that you're on the fence, you are on the wrong side. You just have this intellectual idea where you've convinced yourself that, oh, you're all right.

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If you're a child of God, you know it. There's no doubt. If you have a doubt, that's fine. Take care of it. We're not partaking fully in the kingdom, so we're completely missing out on the joy and the greatness and the awesomeness of being submitted and no worry and no anxiety and no fear and no, you know, and with God.
And we're not, we're missing out on the world too. Because every time we kind of dip our toe over there, we're convicted and we're like, got to slide over a little more. Just make your mind up already. If you want the things of the world, go do it. Because sitting on the fence is getting you nowhere.
[39:36] Do you look at the world and want to dress, talk, act, and live like the world? Do you look at your unconverted friends and want to do the things they do?

If you do, that's good evidence that you're on the wrong side of the fence. If you desire those things in your heart, I want them, but I've got to stop myself. I want them.
If you want those things, just go get them. It's rather to live honestly than to live with a pretense for yourself. If you go get those things, then there's maybe a chance.
At least you're being honest at that point. Maybe there's a chance that God can find you in that place. If you want to do those things, you need to be terrified.
You really do. Your heart is not right with God. Christians will not be perfect, but there will be conviction, repentance, hunger, less and less like the world in your life.
[40:47] Without holiness, none will see the Lord. I want to use a little illustration here.

Holiness comes from the root word cut or set apart. If you're cutting something up, you're cutting, let's say, celery. You're chopping it.
You're pushing it over. You're chopping it. You're pushing it over. That's what holiness is. You're slowly cut off and set over. Cut off and set over.
Set apart for God. If you can't see any difference between the time when you came to the Lord since you've been baptized or converted, if you can't see the difference in your life, from then until now, you're not converted.
You're merely just trying to do good. Holiness is primarily running to God.
[42:01] It's not stopping to do the things of this world. That's why I said earlier, if you want to do evil, go do it. It's not the axe or the stopping of the axe that makes you a child of God.

That has nothing to do with it. Holiness is when God sets His Spirit within you, and that will not let you go do the things of the world and enjoy them and relish in them and have fun in them and desire them and love them.
The Holy Spirit of God will draw you to Him. You'll be running to Him, not stopping to do your things that you desire. And most of the things in this world, it doesn't really matter if you do them or you don't.
It's whether you desire them. There's so many things in that category. It doesn't really matter if you do it or if you don't.
God never asked you to not do those. Make no mistake, there can be no friendship with God in the world.
[43:05] You cannot have both. You cannot be on the fence. If you think you're on the fence, I want you to check your heart this morning.

Is your desire in your heart, is it really the Lord? Is it to be holy and to be like God? Is that your desire? I believe.
I listen to a lot of preachers and sermons and trying to figure out which ones are heretics and which ones are men that have allowed God to teach through them.
I believe that mostly the doctrine of regeneration has been lost in America. It's pretty much build yourself up, be a manly man, get it together, take care of your kids and your family, your finances. That's pretty much what it's about. It's a do, do, do, do, do. It's not about the regenerative miracle work of God within your heart that changes you into a new creature. Because though they may have had that experience, they've lost it in the doing of things.
[44:32] God saves you, not because he wants to save you. He saves you because he wants to demonstrate how powerful he is. Remember, this is all about God.

It's not about you. It can never be about you. Ezekiel 36 verse 22, How have we profaned his name among the nations?
And I pray to God that's not us. But he's talking to his people. They have profaned it by doing things, by being right, not by being regenerated through the work of the Holy Spirit.

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They talk like God and live like devils. And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations in which you have profaned among them, and the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Lord God, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes.
I will take you from the nations and gather you from all countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness. And from all your idols I will cleanse you and I will give you a new heart and a new spirit will I put within you and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh and I will put my spirit within you and cause you to walk in my statues and be careful to obey my rules.
[46:23] You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers and you shall be my people and I will be your God and I will deliver you from all uncleanness. And I will summon the grain, make it abundant and lay no famine upon you.

I will make the fruit of the tree and increase the field abundant that you may never again suffer the disgrace of famine among the nations. Then you will remember your evil ways and your deeds that were not good and you will loathe yourselves for your iniquities and your abominations.
It is not for your sake that I will act, declares the Lord God. Let that be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded of your ways, O house of Israel. I do believe this has a very spiritual paradox here. It's very much, do not understand it in your carnal mind. Do understand it through spiritual eyes. God says He will do it for His glory and we will accept that.
How? Through repentance, through being honest with ourselves, through seeing that we have nothing within ourselves. We can't conjure this up. God does not save us because we deserve to be saved.
[47:31] He saves us in spite of us. For His glory. For His name. That hit me a little bit. He does not save us because we deserve to or because He needs us or wants us.

He saves us in spite of ourselves. It is no concern of God, your health, your wealth, your good living.
And it's certainly not your best life now for the children of God. Rather, it's at the expense of these things that He cleanses us, puts the Holy Spirit within us, and does what we just read in Ezekiel. That is not God's primary concern, that we look well, that we live well. Those are things of this earth, things of passing, just like our bodies, that are dying.
And God uses those for His kingdom. We need to see that. It's a mind of this world that wants to be healthy, wealthy, and blessed in the physical.
[49:04] That's a worldly love. It's not from God. One thing that brought me to understand and realize that I needed God was going my own way, coming to the end of things and seeing how dead they were.

Things I thought were going to bring me great pleasure and fun and cool things and status, and they didn't. They were dead. Are you still searching for that?
Are you still looking for that? Are you trying to get status? Are you trying to get some pleasure? Are you trying to get some, you know, some sigma in this world?
Or have you come to the end of yourself? If you haven't and you're not sure, then I suggest keep going. Don't try to convince yourself that you're a child of God when your heart is after those things. Everything, there's so much in this world that looks shiny and attractive, but it is not.
[50:16] It is, it is a lie. Don't buy it. It is a lie.

Think of something in your life that you think in this world is like just must do, a must get on my bucket list. It's just a must be. I need it. It's a lie.
At the end of it, once you have it, trust me, the word of God says it, I have experienced it. Once you have it, once you're fully embedded into it, there is a dead wall in front of you.
And don't say you're different, you're going to enjoy it somehow. You're not. Sad to break it. You can either take advice and turn, or you can just go seek it out for yourself.
God gives us the free will to do that. His grace, His grace and His mercy, when we get to the end of it, He's there for us. He meets us. If you're still alive.
[51:21] If you still have breath. people often talk about miracles, especially that's a big thing in churches now.

They're healing people. They're doing these big things. I believe that's a thing of this world. There are signs of this world. The greatest miracle happens when God changes you.

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I think it's greater than the creation of the world. He went and created all of this world, all of these things, out of nothing.
He spoke the word. How does He take a man that's bent on his own way, depraved and wicked down in the core of it, that wants to just go serve himself? How does He take that and change it into a new creature that can stand before God holy and blameless?
I think that's the greatest miracle. I think it's amazing. Look at me. Don't look at me.
[52:28] This is not who I was. This is not who I wanted to be. And as soon as I lift myself up in pride, I'm right back there. I'm a depraved human being at the very core of things that desires attention, that wants to take care of myself.

It's only when I see the great need in my heart and I let God work through my heart that anything good is able to come out of it. He's able to change this creature that hates Him, hates the very things He stands for.
Because did you not at one time? Did you not hate God? Did you not hate the statues that He stood for? Did you? You wanted to go after things and they were in the way. Oh, they were in the way.
And that heart can be turned to a heart of flesh that loves God and worships Him and will die for Him. How is that not a crazy miracle? A healing of the body is simple.
God's in charge of all these little cells. All these trillions of things that are making your body work. He can just make them do their thing. He's already making them do their thing.
[53:47] If God would take His hand off of this world and all the things are functioning, it would collapse and crush and turn and burn. Scientists cannot see things how they work.

They don't understand how they work. They admit it. It's because God, but God. I've said earlier, it's a dangerous thing to be raised in a Christian family.
I truly do believe that is one of the most dangerous places to be raised is in America in a Christian church. You are dumped down.
Your senses are taken care of. You have no idea of sin. God, when He wants to do a work in your heart, can't because you've got all these theological frameworks and all these arguments and all these things overlapping and all this garbage that has just wrapped you into this self-righteous person.
And I'm not saying that's who you are. I'm just saying that's who I was and I know that that's how a lot of people are. We say that we don't have persecution.
[55:06] We have one of the most dangerous persecutions in the world. And if we're not diligent, we'll be there on the last day. We'll be standing before this holy and sovereign God and He'll tell us that He never knew us.

And all along, we did all these things and we're just sure that He does know us. Because we got a little fuzzy feeling going on and we did all the right things.
We did what all the other Christians were doing. Because we did search our hearts and we did make our calling and election sure. Because we left well enough alone.
We say grace. Grace. We're saved. Great. We forgot the rest.
We forgot that God is just and holy God. We forgot that He can't forgive us unless there's a price paid for it. God is just just as much as He's grace. He has grace and He's merciful and He's sovereign and He does no wrong and He is the source of goodness.
[56:13] He is the source of light. God is it. Aside from God everything else is just a spark flying out into the great universe. And you have free will.

You can choose to you can choose God or you can choose your own way. God has blessed us with that choice. Grace.
He saves us through grace. He absolutely saves us through grace. But that doesn't keep us. Grace takes the greatest evidence that you're saved is that He begun a good work in you.
Has He begun that good work in you? Do you know from the day that you've been born again? Do you know? Can you track it back? Is there this chart? Can you see God working in your life bringing you to more and more revelation?
Bringing you to understand and releasing these things. Being more selfless. Being more set apart to the image of Christ Jesus. Can you see that? And that you've repented of your sins once and you continue repenting.
[57:28] Are you still repenting today? It's not that one time it happened. It's that one time you believed and you continue believing today. He says that if you are His child He will put His statues

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in your heart and He will cause you to walk in His way.

It's not maybe, sort of. He will. And it doesn't mean that you're perfect. It means that you've recognized, you know the Holy Spirit is in your heart convicting you and working in your life.
You know it. You can see it. It's there. Can you honestly say that He's my God today? This God in Scripture is He your God? Or is that not so important?
Do you long to be what God wants you to be?
Do you love what God loves and do you hate what He hates when you read this Scripture? And it's fine if you don't. Just be honest with yourself. I'm pleading with you today.
[58:51] Be honest with yourself. It's not about me or you. It's about God. And I've asked this before but when you fall into sin do you desire it?

Do you relish it? Do you come away from there thinking that was fun? Or is there this conviction that it just bothers you? And you need to get right with God again.
That's the distinction. It's the great evidence of whether you're a child of God or you're not. I want to look at real quick at Esau and Jacob.
I've always had this interesting thing with one he hated and one he loved in the womb because God is almighty and He's sovereign and He knows things. Esau got exactly what he was promised.
He got all kinds of blessings. Money, honor, fame, children and grandchildren, lands. Not because he was serving God but because God cut the rope.
[60:21] His heart was not after God. Jacob was a deceiver but his heart was after God and God said it's going to take a while but I'm going to turn you into a child of mine. He for every day of his life he beat him up.

Not quite but just about. You see from not getting his wife to serving an extra seven years to just like all the time and then when they left they come after him and trying to find this and God saves him but he has trouble.
He has lots of trouble. His life is marked with trouble. God is working in his life and bringing him to be a child of his. and then if you're a child of God God will discipline you.
That's what I was saying earlier about God is not that concerned about your health wealth and prosperity. He's concerned about if you're a child of his and he'll be disciplining you to conform you into the image of his son.
The things of this world are just they're for a purpose. That's it. They're for a purpose. Is God disciplining you? How are you responding to it?
[61:48] I'd like to play some audio. Today we may think our life is long. We may think that we have another week.

We may think that we have this afternoon. I want to tell you that God is in control of your life. Your life is as you're walking across the rotted sackcloth across the hill at any time God can pull his hand off of your life and you're gone.
It's been determined. As a tree falls so it lies. Have you made sure? Are you sure today? Go ahead. Okay. Go ahead.
715. 615. ■ OK. Roger. Say outside air temperature. Negative 47 degrees Celsius. We're managing the ice but it is moderate turbulence.
We're direct report. Okay, November 722, Bravo Delta. Roger, let me know if you need anything else. I'm just working here in my airspace right now. Thank you. If you have any better rides, let us know, 2BD.
[62:53] November 2BD. The rides do improve in my aerospace. You're kind of far outside of it right now, and you can expect better rides ahead. Roger, 2BD. And now we're picking up precipitation. We need to climb 370, 2BD.

November 722, Bravo Delta. Roger, climb and maintain. Climb and maintain. Climb and maintain. No further right, and you're present heading for traffic. Climb 370, 2BD. 722, Bravo Delta. We're descending 8,000. Mayday, Mayday. We're descending 10,000 feet per minute.
November 722, Bravo Delta. Roger. Declare an emergency. 722, Bravo Delta. We are in an over-seat condition. Descending 20,000 feet per minute. November 722, Bravo Delta. Roger. I'll choose your discretion. Let me know what you need.
We're going to crash into the ground. 722, Bravo Delta. November 2, Bravo Delta. I'm here with you. Talk to me. We are descending 22,000 feet, and we are banking 60 degrees.
November 2, Bravo Delta. Roger. Look out tight, Jack! Look out tight!

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[64:06] We are going to crash! We are going to crash! We are going to crash! November 2, Bravo Delta. November 2, Bravo Delta. November 2, Bravo Delta. That happened just a few days ago over Florida. Probably most of you have seen it.

nine people in a jet. Nine people in a jet. They're flying along just fine, 40,000 feet. They go through the edge of this storm. Don't know exactly what happened, but they turn banked. And they have the audio from that crash.
You're not promised tomorrow. None of us are. Life is fleeting. It is quick. It is fast. It is fast. You're not even promised that God will convict your heart again.
If you haven't made sure that you know you are a child of God, do it now.
It is so good, so just, that when Adam and Eve sinned in the garden, there was this great gap between us. You know what happened. God gave Himself, His only Son, blameless, no fault found in Him, that was separated from God through death.
[65:30] It paid the price. He took the wrath of God that was justly upon your sin, your sin, yours, everybody.

He took that sin and He paid for it on the cross. Today, we can repent, we can believe on Jesus, and we can come to God. We can make sure that we are a child of His.
It's only through that, that you'll be able to know. The man on the cross, he just told Jesus, remember me when you get into the paradise.
He brought nothing but His sin. But His heart was repentant, it was turned towards God in humility, knowing that that was the only way. This man hanging on the cross beside Him.
He cried out to God with his heart, and God, Jesus was just, because He is just and He is full of mercy. We cannot even understand His grace and His mercy for us.
[66:36] But He's righteous and He will judge righteously. So let's make sure that we take care of that grace and mercy now. God is not going to be merciful on the day of judgment.

He's going to be just and the judgment will happen. And there's no sin that will enter into heaven, only holiness. You need to have been sanctified through the work of the Holy Spirit.
You need to know that. Peter denied Jesus three times. He denied God. Jesus didn't ask him to do a whole bunch of stuff.
He had a heart of humility. He resigned his discipleship. He went back to work. Jesus comes on the shore and says, Peter, will you take care of my sheep?
Because Peter's heart was repentant. He knew what it had done. He went out and wept bitterly.
That's all that God requires from you. God wants you to be saved because He wants to be glorified.
[67:36] He's going to do what He's going to do. And through saving people, through the great miracle of changing your heart, God is lifted up. His name is glorified. It doesn't matter what you've done.

It only matters what you do now. Whether they're good works, whether they're bad works, it does not matter. It only matters if you choose God.
And with that, I'd like to thank you for being here today. And blessings to everyone. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.
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[68:34] Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thanks.

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