

# Encouragement

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[ 0 : 00 ] Welcome to our cookedppedelli Thank you.

Hello. Hello. Hello. Hello. Hello. Hi, welcome to Pendleton Center Church. We are the Menahem.

If this is your first time here, be sure to pick up a welcome bag at the connection site or the welcome and information desk. I hope everyone will put their name on the friendship card that is in their bulletin.

If you would like to receive the church newsletter or need to update any information, be sure to fill out your address and phone number. On the back, you can write prayer concerns, blessings, or notes to the staff.

Please enjoy the service and have a good day. Good morning. This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

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Shall we pray together? Dear God in heaven, we pray that your Holy Spirit pours into this place in a wonderful and amazing way to reach into our hearts to touch us, Lord, and help us remember whose we are.

Be with us, Lord Jesus, and fill us with your presence. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. I'd like to invite you for Abel as we're going to stand and sing, Ask Me What Great Thing I Know.

[ 2 : 39 ] Ask me what great thing I know That delights and stirs me so Faith in Him, Who died to save Him, In the triumph or the grave, Jesus Christ the Crucified.

The Lord be with you. Also with you. Please be seated. Good morning.

Good morning. Good morning. I'm so grateful to be back and so appreciative of all of your prayers and your messages of condolence with my uncle's passing last week. And had a wonderful week at school.

Pastor Sherry and I were actually in the same class for the first time. We've never actually had that experience before and it was a very interesting and wonderful time. What praises do you have this morning on this beautiful day?

I know you have some. God has filled us to overflowing. What are those things that we're grateful for today?

[ 4 : 30 ] Yes. God's presence in my life. Is everybody able to say amen to that? Amen. Amen. Are there others that you'd like to lift up?

Pastor Tom has one. Yeah. All the people with help with that Vacation Bible school. We got nearly 300 children. Wow. You wouldn't believe what this place looked like on Friday afternoon.

And imagine how much work people went through to make it look again like a church for you. So I appreciate everybody's help and a great program this week. What a blessing. Amen. Amen.

What a blessing. Vacation Bible School. Touching those children's lives. And you know Vacation Bible School doesn't just touch the lives of the children. The parents. The grandparents. Everyone who comes.

Everyone who benefits and is blessed by what their children and grandchildren have experienced. It touches whole families. That touches whole communities. Amen. Amen.

[ 5 : 26 ] Any others who would like to share this morning? Well, I know that your hearts are full to overflowing. I know you've come here to worship. So let's do that right now. Let's offer up our gifts, our tithes, and our offerings.

And just bless the Lord as the Lord has blessed us. I have a maker.

Amen. Thank you guys. Amen. Jesus, help us access our annibramentos, and our husbands souls. ■■■■Sírados and ouremat // His friends■n Ph. Amen. Amen. Amen. I have a maker in this purpose, wen foreigners. Creator and LLC are us?" And our nuvem or we pray about your trainers, sightings, to not. Let's much laz germs become aQuery■erman, access to the■ingo for our a seems.

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and my application on your ■■ anymore. He knows my every thought He sees each tear that falls And hears me when I call I have a father He calls me his own He'll never leave me No matter where I go He knows my name

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Thank you Praise God the one who all blessings are Praise him all creatures here below Praise him all of the heavenly host Praise the Lord so grandly be blessed Amen Dear Heavenly Father we are so grateful to be able to gather here this morning To worship you to praise your name We thank you for all the gifts that you have poured out into our lives

Give us wisdom Lord to know how to best use them to further your kingdom Help us know and understand why you have given us Why you have given us each thing that you have given us We bless especially Lord God this offering And ask in Jesus name That you would touch it That you would multiply it That you would allow it to go forth Into this world Through the work of this church Through the work that you've called us to So that many would come to salvation in Jesus Christ We pray this all in Jesus name Amen Please be seated And I do have one prayer request that came in this morning It's from Sue Walk She has a co-worker Who had a baby on Monday And has had stomach surgery This is the baby

Has had stomach surgery And the baby is now in need of heart surgery And we want to keep little Giovanna lifted up This morning And all through the week So that that baby would be touched Are there other prayer requests this morning?

Judy Amen Sharon Sharon Sherry Tom And Sarah Tom and Sarah For Yes For blessings For prosperity For God to touch their lives For whatever it is that's needed To bring those things about God knows Amen Amen Amen Any other requests this morning?

[ 11 : 19 ] Of course we continue Go ahead Melissa For guidance And the Holy Spirit will give us guidance Guidance in decision making Always we want to trust God We don't want to just trust our own minds We don't want to just trust our reasoning And what we think would be We need to prayerfully seek God And allow the Spirit to move us Allow the Spirit to lead us Into what God would have us do Amen Amen And of course we want to keep Lifted up all of those Who are dealing with Trauma And troubles And issues As they have dealt with Discrimination of all kinds And oppression Of all kinds And also those folks Who are Oppressed And in trouble Because of the fires Yes Carol For little Max

Who is experiencing treatment Radiation treatments From For a cancer To deal with A rather aggressive tumor We want to pray for Max Yes Yes I have a relative I'm not exactly sure Through marriage A second cousin Something like that But he recently Was diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer As bread wrap Yes Oh dear Yes Yes Another A relative With stage 4 cancer And of course Health insurance Plays in To this And there is There isn't any So we want to pray For God to provide We want to pray For healing We want to pray For wisdom Any others this morning With these concerns And those that are In your heart Whether you join me From your seat Or at the rail Let's turn to the Lord In prayer God of all creation

We love you And we know That you love us And because of that Love we have For each other We have Concern for those Who are in trouble We have concern For our own lives As we walk Through this world We know that You are concerned For us That you care For us That you hold us In the palm Of your hand Each and every one Who is in need And each and every one Of us who provides Shelter Safety Prayer Compassion And love For others We are grateful That you have Called us To pray We are grateful That you have Called us To serve We are grateful That you have Called us To love And we are grateful Lord

That you are the one Who has given us The love in our hearts That we need Lord we pray For those who are Sick and infirm For those with cancers For those with Surgeries For those Who are recovering From all kinds Of difficulties And traumas In their spirits Their souls And their bodies We just pray In Jesus name That you would Be with them That you would Touch them And that you Would be in And with those People who are Working with them Whether they be Medical professionals Or caregivers Or family members Or friends Whoever it is Lord God Let them have And know Your love So that they Can minister well And pray for all Of those Lord God Who are grieving Losses of all

Kinds Who are missing Loved ones Who have Broken Relationships Who have Any of a number Of things That cause loss And the sense Of loss And separation From those things That make us Feel safe From those people Who help us To feel loved Lord we thank you That we can also Pray for people Who are in need Financially Whether they lack Health insurance Or they lack A job Or they lack A good place To stay And decent food On the table Lord we pray In Jesus name That you would Bring people In to help That you would Relieve their Circumstances Lord and give Them what they Need Not only in terms Of their immediate Physical needs But also

[ 16 : 33 ] That they might Be able to Have a means To provide For themselves And for others Lord we ask Right now That you would Teach us How to love Better That you would Teach us how To relate to One another Better That you would Teach us Lord God To take care With our words To take care With our actions That we would Not harm Anyone That we would Be known as Your people That you are A good God And with you In us We are only Able to do Good Lord we have Come here Today to Stay close To you To have You grow Bigger in Us Grow deeper In us So we pray That as we Continue to Sing songs Of praise And worship You As we

Continue in Prayer As we hear Your word Spoken forth That we Would be Blessed And encouraged That we Would be Made strong And well Able To recognize What you Would have Us do In this World And to Do it We pray For Pastor Tom As he Delivers The message You have Given him For us Today We pray That it Is a Blessing To him And to Us And that All our Worship Blesses You That is Why we Came In Jesus Name we Pray Amen Shall we Hear from The word Of the Lord Today's

Reading is 1st Thessalonians 5 13-24 Live in Peace with Each other And we Urge you Brothers and Sisters Warn those Who are Idle and Disruptive Encourage The disheartened Help the Weak Be patient With everyone Make sure That nobody Pays back Wrong for Wrong But always Strive to Do what is Good for Each other And for Everyone else Rejoice Always Pray Continually Give thanks In all Circumstances For this Is God's Will for You In Christ Jesus Do not Quench The spirit Do not Treat prophecies With contempt But test Them all Hold on To what Is good Reject Every kind Of evil May God Himself The God Of peace Sanctify You through And through May your Whole spirit Soul And body Be kept Blameless At the coming Of our Lord Jesus Christ

The one Who calls You is Faithful And he Will do It This is The word Of the Lord Thank you Thank you Terry Over the course Of the summer We're talking About how Can we Experience the Holy Spirit More in Our lives How can we Understand what God would Want for our Lives And the Gifts that He gives To each And every One of Us John Wesley Who Was the Lead Person And starting The Methodist Church Had three Simple rules We studied Them in a Bible study This week And they're Very simple Do no Harm Do good Stay in Love with God It's a little Book Tiny little Book That they're All gone I'd say You could Have a Copy Of it If you Want one Tell Pastor Lisa She'll Order You One But They're Very Simple Very Simple Do no Harm Do good Stay in

Love with God But they're Not always So easy To Accomplish Have you Ever been Discouraged Anybody Here ever Been Discouraged I was In the What do they Call it Talent show In my High school It was my Senior year And for One reason Or another They decided That I Should be The male Singer For the Talent show Which was Questionable But okay I thought Well let's Figure out What to do I didn't Know enough About music To do Things exactly Right But I Knew That you Needed To find A song That fit With your Voice So I Found the Perfect Song When you're Alone And life Is making You lonely You can Always Go Yeah It was Perfect Right Just listen To the Music Of the Traffic In the Sea I knew It Oh it Was like A knock It out Of the Park Song But the Director Of the Show Wanted Two Songs And so He knew I played

[ 21 : 37 ] The guitar Alright So he Said That he Wanted me To pick A song That I Like And the Song I Like Was a Song called Lisa Lisa By Cat Stevens How many Of you Have ever Heard of It Yeah That's About What It Was Like In High School Too I Discovered That there Were Only A handful Of People In The Whole World That Have Ever Heard Of This Song Which Is Okay Because You Know I Had Downtown Right Except We Got Really Close To The Show And The Guy Directing The Show Said We Have To Pull One Of The Songs And You Know I Know That The Kids Are That Don't Do That Don't Do It Don't Don't Do That That's The Song Nah We're Going To Pull That Because It Will Be Much More Popular Trust Me I Know I Got Up And Started Singing Lisa Lisa It Started Right Away The

Boos The Cat Calls Get Off The Stage Craft It Went On For A Week People As I'm Walking Through The Halls Of School Look At Lisa Lisa You Know I'm Like Oh Ned Kill Me Now Kill Me Now Have Ever Had The Experience Of Having A Thousand Teenage Peers Mock And Boo You Off A Stage It's Enough To Cause You To Be Discouraged From Ever Speaking Or Talking Or Certainly Singing In Front Of People Again Do No Harm What Is It About People That For Some Reason We Have This Sort Of Feeling That We Have To Hurt Each Other Live In Peace With Each Other And We Urge You Brothers And Sisters Warn Those Who Are Idle And Disruptive What Is It About People Nowadays That They Have So Much Time On Their Hands That All They Can Figure Out

That They Should Do Is Cause Trouble For Everybody Else You know It used To Be That We Had Watched The News For A Half An Hour Or An Hour In The Evening Now The Thing Runs 24 Hours A Day Seven Days A Week On Like Fifteen Channels And You Even Get Alerts On Your Cell Phone Right I Had Somebody Say To Me That That That's Part Of Our Problem The Cell Phones Constant Barrage Of People Ripping Each Other Apart Tearing Each Other Down I Don't Turn On The News It's Not News Has Anybody Else Seen This It's Not News Anymore I Just Want To Know What Happened In The World Today I Understand The Fire Is Out West You Know Trouble With A Congressman I Understand You Might Have To Tell Us The Bad News I Get That But This Constant Attacking And Destroying

Other People Why Because People Have Too Much Time Literally Too Much Time On Their Hand So So He Tells Us We Shouldn't Be That Way In Fact Jesus In Chapter 5 Of Matthew Said To Us I Tell You Love Your Enemies And Pray For Those Who Persecute You Could You Imagine Every Newscaster Before They Went On The Air If They Had To Read That Line Love Your Enemies And Pray For Those Who Persecute You We Think We're Supposed To Hate People Who Disagree With Us And God Calls Us To Love People Who Have Even Hurt Us After World War II The United States Decided To Rebuild Japan And Rebuild Germany We Actually Spent Hundreds Of Millions Of Dollars Fixing Their Country Because We Found Out That After World War I When We Punish Them We Put Punishing Taxes And Reparations On Them They Just

Came Back And Went To War Against Us Against But Instead We Made Friends For Decades Love Your Enemies Pray For Those Who Persecute You Paul Is Writing To The Thessalonians Boy That's A Mouthful And The Thessalonians Were A Group Of People That When He Went There Didn't Treat Him Very Well They They Beat Him Up They Wanted To Kill Him And The Reason Was Because He Didn't Agree With Everything They Said Live In Peace With Each Other Do No Harm The Symbol For Peace In Our World What's The Animal Anybody Know A Dove Do You Know Why Because The Dove Is A Symbol In The Bible Of The Holy Spirit When Jesus Was Baptized It Said The Holy Spirit Descended On Jesus Like A Dove So Actually

[ 26 : 38 ] The World Symbol For Peace Is The Christian Symbol For The Holy Spirit And If We Have The Holy Spirit We'll Have More Peace You Know How We Pass The Peace Of The Spirit With One Another To Pass Love To Pass Joy To Pass Blessings There's A Couple Gifts I Want To Talk About This Morning Maybe You Have These Gifts Everybody Can Have Them To Some Degree One Is Encouragement And The Other Is What's Called Exhortation Encouragement Is Just To Help People To Feel Better About Life Wouldn't It Be Great If Everywhere You Went People Were Trying To Build You Up And Seeing How Wonderful You Are Wouldn't It Be Great If If You Have A Place Where People Would Just Say You're Fantastic I'll Tell You Right Now Before You Were Even Born God Decided That There Was Something Absolutely Amazing

About You And He Wrote It Into Your DNA That You Could Be Absolutely Incredible If You Live For What God Made You To Be That's The Truth You Are Amazing If You Allow God To Work Through You Now The Interesting Thing About Exhortation Which Some People See As Preaching And The Word Encouragement Is That In The Bible They Come From The Greek Word Paraklesius Now I Read That And I Was Looking That Up And It Was Like What I I Know That Word The Word Actually Means To Come Along Side And It Used To Represent The The Holy Spirit Because In The Holy Spirit God Comes Alongside Us And The Holy Spirit Encourages Us And Nurtures Us And Tells Us Wonderful And Great Things And Blesses Us So

The Gift Of Paraklesius Is Really Just The Gift Of Having The Holy Spirit In A Powerful Way In Your Life Enough So That You Turn Off And Tune Out All The Negative Noise And Do No Harm Be Good There's An Interesting One Isn't It Be Good In Verse 15 It Simply Says Make Sure That Nobody Pays Back Wrong For Wrong But Always Strive To Do Good And What Is Good For Each Other And For Everyone Else Do Good Don't Do Evil In Fact Again It Goes On To Say Reject Evil Of Every Kind In Verse 22 Reject Evil Push It Out Of Your Life Because Evil Destroys You Because Sin Has Negative Consequences And When We Pull Evil Into Our Lives We Open Up Our Lives For Brokenness But

We Get Tempted Anybody Here Ever Been Tempted Is There Anyone Okay I Was Afraid It Was Just Me This Was A Long Time Ago Confession Time I Was Downtown In Buffalo And A Guy Came Up To Me With A Package You Know A Computer Box And He Said This Fell Off A Truck Anybody Know What That Means That Really Fall Off Trucks I Knew What That Meant Okay But I Also Knew You Know It Is Going To Go To Somebody So You Know They Were Offering Me A Fifteen Hundred Dollar Computer For A Hundred Fifty Dollars Cash I Knew That Was Wrong I Knew That Was A Bad Thing And I Shouldn't Do It I'm Going To Get A Fifteen Hundred Dollar Computer For 150 Bucks Come On Somebody Is Going To Get It Why You Know How You Do That You Start Making These Rationalizations So I Got The Hundred And Fifty Dollars And I Gave It To The Guy And He Ran Away And I Scurried

Off To My Car And I Opened Up My Package Really Good To See My New Computer And There Were Four Phone Books In There Dear God I'm Sorry You Know That Evil Is Going To You You Know That When You Do Wrong The Consequences Are Going To Be Bad Right We Know That We're Aware Of It That If You Bring Evil Into Your Life Evil Into Your House Evil Into Your World That There Will Be Consequences That Will Cause You To Have Pain And Hurt Other People So John Wesley Said It's Very Simple Took It Right Here From First Thessalonians Chapter Five Do Good Strive To Do Good And What Is Good For Each Other And For Everyone Because Evil Is Trying To Destroy You In The Very Beginning Of The Bible There Were Two Brothers Cain And Abel And They Brought Their Offerings Before God Cain Brought Whatever Leftovers He Had And

[ 31 : 40 ] Abel Brought The Best Parts Of What He Had And God Accepted Abel's Offering But He Rejected Given With Such A Sincere Heart And Cain Got Mad And So God Said To Cain These Words He Said If You Do What's Right Will You Not Be Accepted But If You Do Not Do What Is Right Sin Is Crouching At Your Door It's Desirous To Have You But You Need To Rule Over It And The Way We Rule Over It Is Through The Power Of Holy Spirit Because The Bible Says Greater Is He That Is In Us Than He That Is In The World If You Don't Have God In Your Life You Can't Overcome Evil You Can't Overcome Satan He's An Archangel You Really Think You're Better Than An Archangel You Can't Resist Evil Without God But With The Power Of The Holy Spirit You Can Literally Cast That Evil Out You Do Not Have To Be Mastered By It I Will Tell You Right Now Satan And His Demons Know What Their Future Is The

Bible Tells Us They're Going To Be Tossed In A Lake Of Fire They Know They're Going To Be Destroyed And You Know What They Want To Do They Want To Take As Many Of Us With Them As They Can As Soon As You Put Evil In Your Life As Soon As You Allow Evil To Start Controlling You You Will See Bad Things Happen So It's Very Simple Be Good Make May God Keep You Blameless It Says Blameless At The Coming Of The Lord Live Into The Power Of The Holy Spirit In Fact Ephesians Actually Says Don't Grieve The Holy Spirit It Says It This Way In Chapter Four Do Not Let Any Unwholesome Talk Come Out Of Your Mouth But Only What Is Helpful For Building Up Others According To Their Needs That It May Benefit Those Who Listen See The Encouragement And Do Not Grieve The Holy Spirit With Whom You Were Sealed For The Day Of Redemption Get

Rid Of All Bitterness Rage Anger Brawling And Slander Along With Every Form Of Malice Just Be Good And Do No Harm And Live At Peace With Each Other But Somehow That's Not So Easy To Do And The Problem Is There's A Tension Between Being Good And Doing No Harm You See For Some People They Hear Do No Harm And They Mean Treat Everybody Okay And Accept Whatever They Are And Whatever They Do As Being All Right And That Leads To A Form Of Licentiousness Which Brings Evil Into The World So Sometimes Doing No Harm And Trying To Live At Peace With Everyone Else Means Letting Anything Happen Which Can Cause Evil To Spread Throughout Our World And So Then We Have People Who Are Saying Well Then We Need To Do Good And Concentrate On That And They Come Across As Self Righteous And Judgmental And Unloving And You See The Problem We Have And We're Just Trying To Do What God Wants But We Become Part

Of The Problem Instead Of Part Of The Solution Make sure That Nobody Pays Back Wrong For Wrong But Always Strive To Do Good What Is Good For Each Other And For Everyone Else See The Difficulty Is Is That We've Got Our Focus In The Wrong Direction If You've Been Here Before You've Probably Seen This Before You Know My Jacket On The Outside Is Kind Of Rough That's Kind Of To Protect Me From The World Around Me And It's Nice And Soft And Silky And Comfortable On The Inside Okay But What God Wants Us To Do Is Turn The Whole Thing Inside Out Right And Start Living With The Softness The Love The Kindness The Warmth For Everybody Else Be Loving To Everyone And Put The Harshness The Judgment The Concern About Getting Things Right On You If Everybody Concentrated On Making Themselves Better And

Stopped Worrying About Their Neighbors But Love Their Neighbors We Have So Much Less Pain In Our World God Wants Us To Live Inside Out The Love We Have And The Concern We Have For Ourselves And Those We Know He Wants Us To Turn Out To The World And The Concern About Being Righteous He Wants Us To Turn That Towards Us Because People Won't Care What You Know Until They Know You Care People Won't Listen To What God Says Is Right And Wrong Until They Have God In Their Heart And So If Live Into God We Live Into The Power That He Wants To Give Us It Like A House You We're Talking About Making A House A Home And We've Gone Outside How Many Of You Have A Front Yard How

[ 36 : 42 ] Many Of You Have A Back Yard How Many Of You Have Boat Yeah Right How Many Of You Live In Your Front Yard One Or Two Of You Most Of Us Don't Live In Our Front Yards We Spend A Lot Of Effort Money And Everything Else To Make The Front Yard Look Perfect For Other People And We Live In Love And Comfort And Joy In Our Backyard We Have A Barbecue We Sit In Our Comfortable Chairs We Have Picnics And We Don't Even Worry If It Doesn't Look Perfect Wants Us To Flip That Around At Silver Lake We Live In Our Front Yard We Keep Our Junk In The Backyard Okay And We Never Go There Except To Put Junk There And We Put Our Love Out On The Front Yard In Fact We Have Three Layers Of Porches Three Layers Of Porches All The Way Up The Downstairs Porch Is The Front Yard

For Us When You're Sitting On The Downstairs Porch Everybody That Goes By Wants To Talk And Visit With You When You're Sitting On The Upstairs Porch It Means You Really Don't Want To Talk To Anybody And People Leave You Alone And If You Go Up In The Tower Nobody Talks Because They Can't Even See You We Spend Most Of Our Time On The Downstairs Porch Because God Wants Us And Our Difficulty Is We're Not Living For God We're Living For Everything Else We've Lost Our Focus People Are Complaining People Are Unhappy People Are Saying Life Is Bad I Read An Article In The Newspaper The Other Day And They Said That Actually The Crime Rate Has Gone Way Down The Murder Rate Is Plummeted The Amount Of People Who Are Living In Poverty Around The World 30%

Of The World's Population Living In Hunger To 10% And Everybody Thinks Life Is Terrible His Philosophy Is It's Because Of This Thing Constant Constant Barrage With Things That Are Wrong I Don't Understand That Because I Only Use This To Make Phone Calls I Know It's An Amazing Concept But To Me A Phone Is Something You Make Phone Calls On I I Don't Do All This Is The Most Prosperous

Culture That Has Ever Existed We Are The Most Prosperous Nation In The World That Has Ever Been On The Face Of The Earth Most Of Us Live Like Kings And Queens Would Have Imagined Living Two Or Three Hundred Years Ago We Have More Comfort More Blessing Than Anybody Has Ever Had And Our Culture Is Turning Away From God The People Who Are Living That Barely Struggle To Even Have Enough Food To Eat Are Turning To Jesus Left And Right All Over The World And It's Only Us People That Have Been Blessed By God That Have Decided We Don't Need Them Anymore See Where The Problem Is We Keep Our Focus On God And To Tell You The Truth If We Don't Keep Our Focus On God God Is Going To Take Away The Blessings That Is What He Promises So We Need To Learn How To Turn To God In Verse 18 It Says Give Thanks In All Circumstances

Be Thankful To God That You Have Your Health As Much Of It As You Have Be Thankful To God That You Have A Home To Live In That You Have People To Love And People That Love You Be Thankful To God That You Have A Church You Can Go To Worship And Be Thankful To God For All The Blessings God Gives To You You Gotta Accentuate The Positive Eliminate The Negative Hold On To What's Affirmative Don't Mess With This Or In Between But It's Not Just Positive Thinking It's About The Power Of That Joy And That Thanksgiving That God Gives To Us In Every Circumstance As Paul Well Fed Or Hungry Whether Rich Or Poor We Can Do All Things Through Christ Who's Our Strength So The Last One Stay In Love With God The Most Important

[ 41 : 46 ] One You're Not Going To Be Good If You Don't Have God In Your Life You Won't Even Have The Power To Do It You're Going To Get Miserable With Each Other And Do Harm If You Don't Have God In Your Life So The Most Important One Is To Stay In Love With God People Say Why Don't I Experience The Holy Spirit More Why Don't I Have God More In My Life How Much Time How Much Energy Do You Put With God You Know It's Fascinating That In Our Culture What I Try To Teach And What Our Pastors Try To Teach In This Congregation Is That It Would Change Your Life If You Could Spend Five Minutes A Day With God And People Go Where Am I Going to Find Five Minutes Are You Serious I've Got Television Shows To Watch I've Got YouTube To Check Out I've Got Emails And I've Got Facebook And I've Got Chit Chat And Chip Dip Dip Dip And That Wrap Right I Do Not Have Time For Five Minutes For

God What Would Happen If You Actually Spent Serious Time Staying In Love With God We See Relationships Falling Apart All Over Our Culture Because People Are So Busy Worrying About What Somebody Said On Facebook And Not Caring About What The Person Next To Them Is Saying Have You Been To The Restaurant Lately And Seen That It's Fascinating Doing This You Know I Go By And I Say Are You Guys Talking To Each Other Even On The Phone That Be Okay But They're Not They're Not You Know That There's An Unforgivable Sin In The Bible Anybody Know That You Know What It Is It's It's In Mark Chapter Three And It Goes Like This Well Maybe It Doesn't Mark Chapter Three Tells Us That The One Sin That Cannot Be Forgiven Is Blaspheming The



Holy Spirit And What Would It Mean To Blaspheme The Holy Spirit It Says You Can Be Forgiven Anything But Blaspheming The Holy Spirit To Blaspheme The Holy Spirit Simply Means To Turn Our Back On God Truth Is If You're Worried About Committing The Unforgivable Sin You Haven't Committed It Okay But We Have People All Over The World Who Are Deciding That The Least Important Thing In Their Life Is God When It Needs To Be The Most Important Thing We Need To Be In Love With God We Need To Make An Easy Way For God And We Need To Encourage Each Other And Support Each Other Along The Way Because We Live In A Discouraging World These Days Where It From God And They Smash Them Apart I've Been Watching America's Got Talent This Summer You All Know That Right But There's Also One Called Britain's Got Talent And I Found I Found This One On Britain's Got

Talent And Do You Work Sean Yes I do I'm An Accounts Manager You Got Kids Yeah Three They're All Here As Well Somewhere Yeah Okay So Why Have You Just It Just Yeah Scares Me A bit And You're Scared Of What Someone Saying To You Not Very Good Yeah Yeah Okay Well You've Come To The Right Place I Mean If You're At All Worried About Someone Saying Didn't Like You Singing I Didn't Put Myself Here My My Daughter Actually Applied On My Behalf Yeah So Not Much Pressure Then Yeah Well I'm Looking Forward She

Was Lost In So Many Different Ways Out In The Darkness With No Kind Right Okay Sian It Was So Jolly And Happy And Horrible That It Wasn't Emotional Oh Simon Sometimes I hate That Guy Don't You I Mean It Was Beautiful It Sounded Great She She She She She's Doing A Great Job It It Really Good Shut It Down It Was Terrible It Was Too Nice Too Joyful And What Is Wrong With This Man Sometimes It Into

[ 47 : 00 ] Into Into The World Around Us And Encourage One Another As God Encourages Us We're To Encourage Each Other Even If The Whole World Is Against Us If God Is For Us No One Can Stand Against Us God Made You To Do Something Absolutely Incredible He Gifted You With A Special Ability That God Intended For You To Live Into So That You Not Only Would Have Joy But That You Could Bring Joy And Wonder And The Blessings Of God To The People Around You We Need To Embrace The Gifts From God And The Power Of The Holy Spirit And We Need To Encourage One Another Come Alongside Them Even Preaching As Much As You Want To Learn Something As Much As You Hope To Discover Something About God You Can Go Learn That On Google The Reason We Come To Hear

About God Is To Hear That We Can Be Encouraged To Be More Than We Could Be Remain Continually In Prayer In Prayer In Prayer How Do You Do That How Do You Stay Constantly In Prayer One Of The Cool Things About These Is You Can Stay Connected To Anybody Anywhere So I Had A Funeral Yesterday A Wonderful Woman Was Part Of Our Church For More Years Than Most Of One Of Our Matriarchs Jean Lindemuth Passed Away And We Did Her Funeral And We Had Her Family And A Few Friends Here And I See Some Guy With His Phone Up I Think Really You're Recording The Funeral I Mean That's Just A Little Really Okay It's Alright It's Not Bad It's Just I Thought You Know If You Wanted To Do That We Would Have Had Adrian Do It Okay They Weren't Recording The Funeral They Weren't Recording The Funeral Valerie

Jean Granddaughter Who Came To Church Here Works For FEMA And Two Days Before Her Grandmother's Funeral They Told Her She Had To Go Out West And Fight Fires So Valerie Was Here With Us From California Out Of Funeral How Cool Was That I Talked To Her Afterwards We Talked To Each Other And She Felt As If She Was A Part Of This You Can Stay In Constant Contact With God If We Can Call People In California We Certainly Can Call Out To Heaven At Any Moment Staying Constantly In Prayer Just Means Staying Connected With God So That He Can Embrace Us And Empower Us Which He Says He Will Do May God Himself The God Of Peace Sanctify You Or Make You Better Through And Through May Your Whole Spirit Soul And Body Be Kept Blameless At The God Not Only Will Change Us He Calls

Us To Encourage Each Other In The Effort Now In The Book Of Ephesians It Says That We're Supposed To Speak The Truth In Love With Each Other Simon Drives Me Crazy Shows Up In Those White T-shirts You Know Come On Guy Get A Get A Wardrobe Here Hello He Drives Me Crazy And He Stops People In The Of Their Performance And You Really Want To Slug Them But He's Not Doing It To Hurt He's Doing It To Bring The Best Out In Other People So You Stop Sean And Then Things Changed The With You Can You Sing That Yeah Please Try I I Think I Think Missed The Beginning Sorry Hang on Hang on Start Again Start Again Start Again

So Good I Picked Up Your Shirts This Morning I Don't Know Why I Don't Know Why Every Place We Ever Want And Everywhere We Talk I Miss You Never Leave My Mind So Much Who Is Left Behind Do traumatic Do Messias Are Between■ Helps know Rose Do van Lopez Fe Gef earthquake Howard In Varness veio sign erlebt knowing said

[ 52 : 08 ] Of you Lo artist in front te I broke my dreams with you I keep thinking it's your calling Everyone says it's all in my head I can't accept it yet I keep that you just give in I know that I can live with this pain These feelings of regret Every place I wanna be I wanna see you there Talk my love with you

Oh, brilliant! Thank you You know, I watched this girl sing and man You know, what do you do after that?

So I looked her up on the internet Because I wanted to see more of her I wanted to see how she did with Britain's Got Talent Years ago, Shawn was a backup singer for ABBA And even though she told them that before she went on stage And that she had done these little gigs, if you will They decided that she was a fake And too professional And so they booted her off the show So there's no more videos of Shawn And she said the worst part is I had to go and apologize to my daughter People can be so hard They can be so cruel They can break you And hurt you And make you think that there's no reason to ever try again Remember, God made you For something incredible God made you For something amazing

And it doesn't matter If the whole world Should say You can't sing Because you picked Lisa Lisa With God You can and will do amazing things So let the Holy Spirit come beside you Forget about trying to do it all yourself Stop working on what everybody tells you in this world And let God Change you And transform you You are my strength when I am weak You are the treasure that I seek You are my all in all

Seeking you as a precious tool Caught to give up I'd be a fool You are my all in all You are my all in all Taking my sin, my cross, my shame Rising again, I praise the name You are my all in all When I am all in all When I fall down You make me up When I am crying You fill my God You are my all in all When I am crying You fill my God You are my all in all You are my all in all Jesus Lamb of God Jesus Lamb of God Jesus Lamb of God Lamb of God Worthy is your name

[ 57 : 17 ] Jesus Precious Lamb of God Worthy is your name Jesus Precious Lamb of God Worthy is your name Jesus You are my all in all Jesus You are my all in all Jesus Lamb of God Jesus, come on.

Lord, give up my prayer. You are my all in all. You are my all in all.

You are my all in all. Falling on my knees in worship.

Giving all I am is the single praise. For all I am is the single praise.

I hold my life in your hands. God of mercy humbled I bow down.

[ 59 : 03 ] Your presence and your love. I call you and serve.

And you came to my rescue. And I want to be where you are. My whole life I've placed in your hands.

God of mercy humbled I bow down. In your presence and your love.

I call you and serve. And you came to my rescue. And I want to be where you are.

God of truth. My life He lifted high in our world He lifted high in our love He lifted high in our world My life He lifted high in our world He lifted high in our love He lifted high I called you answered And you came to my rescue

[ 61 : 19 ] And I want to be where you are We all mess up We all do harm You know those little prayers we say Oh God, please don't let them hear what I said about them We all do it We all make mistakes We all fall into temptation And we all sometimes forget to stay in love with God So I invite you this morning To confess your need for God And let God pour His power into you Shall we pray together Dear God in heaven I have sinned Sometimes by what I do Sometimes by how I hurt others Sometimes by just forgetting you

Forgive me, Lord Turn me around Help me to face your Holy Spirit And be filled by your power Breathe into us The breath of God Encourage us Remind us Of what you've called us to be Bless us as people Bless us as a church To be a blessing to others And to honor you In Jesus' name we pray Amen Isn't it amazing How much better God is than us Every time I think about what's wrong with me I think How can you possibly still love me?

How can you possibly still want me? I know how bad I am You guys want to get a little taste of it I know how bad I am And God loves me anyways And He loves you And He decided to love you Right from the very beginning In the name of Jesus Christ Your sins are forgiven Glory to God Amen And now as forgiven people of God Let's return our thanks to God By sharing the Spirit with one another Please be with you, Jordan Thank you Thank you Thank you Thank you Thank you Thank you Thank you I know Thank you.

Thank you.

[ 65 : 21 ] Thank you. Thank you.

Thank you. Amen.

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. We know Jesus is here. The promises of God is that where two or three are gathered in Christ's name, God is here in our midst.

Amen. Amen. Amen. And we can draw close. We can draw close to God by coming to receive, by accepting the invitation that God has given to each and every one of us.

If you love God, repent of your sin and seek to live in peace as a disciple of Jesus Christ, you are welcome to come to the table this morning.

[ 67 : 31 ] You don't have to be a member of this church or any church. This could be your first time here and you are welcome to come if you feel the sense that God is calling you, that you want to draw near to God.

He made this way for us. And when we come to the table and receive the bread and the juice, we are receiving that closeness with God that our hearts desire.

So come this morning. Jesus invites you. The Lord be with you. Lift up your hearts. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right. And a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets.

[ 68 : 40 ] And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Holy are you and blessed is your son, Jesus Christ.

Your spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind. To set at liberty those who are oppressed.

And to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the spirit.

At his ascension you exalted him to sit and reign with you at your right hand. On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread and he gave thanks to you.

[ 69 : 54 ] He broke the bread and gave it to his disciples. He said, take and eat. This is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me. And when the supper was over, he took the cup.

Again, he gave you thanks and praise and gave it to his disciples. He said, drink from this all of you. This is the cup of my blood. The blood of the new covenant poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me. And so in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice.

In union with Christ's offering for us as we proclaim the mystery of faith. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

[ 71 : 10 ] Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here. And on these gifts of bread and wine, make them be for us the body and blood of Christ. That we may be for the world the body of Christ redeemed by his blood.

By your spirit, make us one with Christ. One with each other and one in ministry to all the world. Until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your son, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit and your Holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen. Shall we pray together with the confidence of dearly beloved children of God?

The prayer Jesus taught us. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

[ 72 : 23 ] For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen. Will those who are serving this morning please come forward.

Good morning. Good morning. Yeah.

I fucked up. Guess. Everyone will be ■■■ close to you. We did. Good morning. Good morning. Good morning. Good morning.

Hi. I love you, may God. Bye. Amen. Amen.

Amen. Now Jesus Christ invites you to the table, to the rail, for prayers for healing, to light a candle, as you are in prayer.

[ 74 : 43 ] Come and join us. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Amen. Amen.

Amen. Amen.

Amen. Amen.

[ 78 : 58 ] Amen. And as we sing together, let there be peace on earth. Let there be peace on earth.  
Let there be peace on earth. Let there be peace on earth.

A peace that was meant to be. With God our creator.

To death are near. Let us walk with each other.

In perfect heart and beauty. Let us begin with me.

[ 80 : 17 ] Let this be our holy time. With every step I take.

Let this be my soul of God. We'll take each other. And live each other.

In peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth.

Let it be with me. Let this be my soul of God. I was getting dressed this morning, and I noticed I have this jacket that has this really cool blue lining.

And that's what I thought I put on this morning. And so when I turned my coat inside out, I was like, what? Shoot. It would have matched and looked so cool. And you know.

[ 81 : 19 ] And instead it's like, what? Does that happen to you? Like you got this perfect plan how everything's going to work. And you mess up. I mess up all the time.

And I wish it was just wearing the wrong jacket from time to time. The truth is, is everybody messes up. You know, everybody makes a mistake. And sometimes people make mistakes that hurt others.

We can be part of the problem or part of the solution. We can turn back and smack somebody between the eyes. Or we can offer them love. And maybe change this world a little bit.

You can't count on other people and their reaction. But you can decide what you're going to do with yours. Go and live as people of peace. Do no harm. Be good.

And stay in love with God. And may God bless you this day and always. Amen.