Jesus Is Rejected

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Thank you.

Thank you.

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. We do welcome you to Pendleton Center United Methodist Church this morning. I'd like to invite you to our call to worship. This is the day that the Lord has made.

[2:18] This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord has made.

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Let us pray. Lord, come and flood this place with your grace. Flood this place with your Holy Spirit anointing that we may receive your blessing.

Experience your power as we exalt your holy name. For it's in Jesus' name that we sing and we praise and we pray. Amen.

[3:28] I'd like to invite you all to stand, if you're able, as we sing together, Christ for the world we sing. Christ for the world we sing.

The world to Christ we bring. With fervent prayer.

The wayward and the lost. The wayward and the lost. By restless passions tossed. Redeemed at countless cost. From dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing. The world to Christ we bring. With one accord.

With one accord. With one accord. With one accord. The world to Christ we bring. With one accord. With one accord. The world to Christ we bring.

[5:04] For Christ our Lord. Christ for the world we sing. The world to Christ we bring. For the world we sing.

For the world we sing. The world to Christ we bring. With joyful song. The new born souls whose days reclaimed from their worst ways. From their worst ways. Inspired with hope and praise.

To Christ belong. The Lord be with you. And also with you. And also with you. We sing. I've really been a Christian my whole life.

But I've never spent a lot of time studying the Bible. And about five years ago a friend of mine invited me to a home based Bible study. And I fell in love with it and it really changed my life.

I just wanted to talk about the Monday morning women's Bible study that I've been a part of for the past couple of years. I've learned that in my faith walk finding a small group to become a part of is a crucial part of growing in your Christian life.

[6:10] I go to the adult Bible study in between services most every Sunday. I enjoy the time to spend with other adults discussing the Bible.

I chose to start attending the adult Sunday school because I wanted to see what it would bring to my spiritual life. But it's also been a really great way for me to meet other members of the congregation. It's important to have this group to pray with, to pray for one another, to lift each other up, to hold each other accountable.

And I've made about a dozen real good friends that I know I could turn to if I need any prayer requests or just to talk to in general. With my schedule during the week it's hard to get here in the afternoon. So it gives me that time to sit down with other adults and discuss the Bible and learn more about God.

We enjoy each other's company. We talk, we laugh, we cry together. We study all sorts of different things from the Bible and it's a blessed time together. My husband and I decided that we wanted to start a youth Bible study at Pendleton Center so that we could try to grow that passion in the youth of this church.

And so we've been doing it about four years and it's just become a joy for us. I enjoy going to Bible study each week because it's a great opportunity for me to learn more about God.

[7:25] We talk about the Bible, we talk about what's going on in their lives and we hope we make a difference. Everyone is so friendly and I'm learning stuff that I never knew before but it's in fun, easy ways to understand.

They're making as much a difference in our lives as we hope we're making in theirs. As a mom of four I enjoy the adult Bible study because it gives me a chance to focus and learn more about the Bible with little distractions.

I get to interact with adults while our children are off learning as well. My oldest participates in youth Bible study, my two middle are in Sunday school while my youngest is in the nursery. I love going to Sunday school because I love Jesus.

We get to read the Bible. We get to learn about God. And we get to do crafts. We get to snack and we learn about God. I like dancing. We want a way to learn about God. I highly recommend doing that too.

Getting involved in something small in a Bible study is awesome. Today's a beautiful sunny day. What joys do we have to share today? Yes.

[8:35] I have a friend who, a young lady, she's about 22 years old. She went through a care of the burns. She put her hand right in the point of her arm over the years.

And she was supposed to have surgery and that's wrapped. I only got a chance to visit her. We all prayed. The next day she called and said, I can't believe it. She says, I'm going to go home like tomorrow.

So, pray to God. Such a joy, the power of prayer. Yes. Oh, on the jumbotron.

That's exciting. Anything else? Yes, Judy. The Iris rose that you've been praying for, that creamy, she turned and Jesus has really started to heal her from near death.

She's doing well. All the instruments that they had attached to her are now gone. So, now it's a supernatural feeling that he's taking over. The parents are so thankful for your prayers. They've been answered.

[9:45] So, thank you. Thank you. Yes. Yes. Prayer vigil was a blessing.

Anybody else? As we reflect upon God's love for us, let us return. Yes. That'll be coming up in just a minute.

Okay? Okay. So, as we reflect on God's love for us, let us return our gifts, tithes and offerings. All things work together for good to them that love the Lord.

Who I call according to his purpose, my friend, it's written in his word. In the book of Romans 8, 28, to the church the apostle all did state, that all things work together for good.

To them that love the Lord. There are many promises in God's word. Just to hear them thrills my soul. They were all written there just for me.

[11:00] I have no doubt that in God's word, the Lord is the Lord is the Lord. All things work together for good to them that love the Lord. There are many promises in God's word. Just to hear them thrills my soul.

They were all written there just for me. I have no doubt that it's so. But if there is one promise that I have to choose, There's the one that can always take away my blues.

It's all things work together for good to them that love the Lord. All things work together for good to them that love the Lord.

Who I call according to his purpose, my friend, it's written in his word. In the book of Romans 8, 28, to the church the apostle all did state, That all things work together for good to them that love the Lord.

Now Satan may rob me of my happiness, but he can't take away my joy. Cause joy is the fruit of the spirit in me, that's something that he can't destroy.

[12:11] So it seems that everything in my life has gone wrong. I can still wear a smile and I can still sing a song. And all things work together for good to them that love the Lord.

All things work together for good to them that love the Lord. Who I call according to his purpose, my friend, it's written in his word.

In the book of Romans 8, 28, to the church the apostle called in state, That all things work together for good to them that love the Lord.

All things work together for good to them that love the Lord. Praise God from whom all blessings flow Amen.

Praise Him all creatures here below Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise Him all creatures here below all creatures here below.

[13:27] Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen. Dear Lord, thank you so much for everything you do for us. Thank you for creating us, for watching over us.

Each day. Please use these gifts, multiply them, and help them further your kingdom. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen. We do have a couple of concerns.

One is both a blessing and a concern. Waylon Worthington, that we've prayed about before, that has leukemia. Well, he's responding very well to the treatments, and they're sending him home early. But of course, he still needs our prayers.

And there's also a young woman named Jenna, who's 26. She's an ECMC in the trauma center. She needs a miracle.

[14:32] Please pray. And what other concerns are on your hearts today? Yes. Yes. Okay.

For Renee Lorenz, who's in Florida in the hospital with a kidney infection. Anything else? Yes. Yes. Max, a young boy who had open-heart surgery and is having trouble getting off the ventilator.

Anything else? Yes, Judy. Our little Elizabeth that comes here, she's got really bad blues. We can pray for all the children and adults and everybody with the flu. And then my niece Ariel is going through some testing for her brain.

So lift Ariel up. Lift up Ariel. And everyone who's sick. Yes. Karen is going in for hip surgery on Wednesday.

Absolutely. Karen, who's going in for hip surgery on Wednesday.

[15:53] Pray that the doctors do well and her problems are solved. Anything else? Yes. Yes. Wow.

Dear Lord, you've heard these concerns that were shared. People that are sick, injured, all kinds of problems here on earth. There's also concerns that were not shared by people, but they're in our hearts.

You know what they are. Please hear our prayers and help us to listen for your answers. Please watch over the future of the United Methodist Church.

[17:28] We're having a special general conference to decide the future. Please be with our representatives. Help them have wisdom and discernment to make the right decisions to further glorify you.

Please be with the leaders in our country. Help them make the decisions that are best for the good of all the people. And help us all to live in love and kindness to each other.

Help us to shine your light in this broken world. We ask all this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen. Now let's hear from the word of the Lord.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

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

[18:32] Amen. Good morning.

The scripture today is from the Gospel of Luke, chapter 4, verses 14 through 30. Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him.

Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written, The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing. All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. Isn't this Joseph's son? they asked. Jesus said to them, Surely you will quote this proverb to me, Physician, heal yourself. And you will tell me, Do hear in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum. Truly I tell you, he continued,

No prophet is accepted in his hometown. I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years, and there was a severe famine throughout the land. Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon.

And there were many in Israel with leprosy at the time of Elisha, the prophet, yet none of them was cleansed, only Naaman the Syrian. All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this.

[21:08] They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. But he walked right through the cloud and went on his way.

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. Thank you. This scripture reading reminded me of a song that we do in VBS. And maybe you know it. We're going to try it this morning.

It's called Spring Up, O Well. And the way we have to start it is that you have to be assigned a part of water. So this section over here, you are splish. Can I hear you say splish?

Splish. Okay. Over here, you are splash. Can I hear you say? Splash. Yeah. So when you point, you're going to say splish. You ready? Splish. Splash.

Okay. So now the way this works is it's supposed to be something that builds and builds and builds, and it's so overflowing. You ready? Here we go. I've got a river of life flowing out of me. Makes the lane to walk and the blind to see.

[22:24] Opens prison doors, sets the captives free. I've got a river of life flowing out of me. Spring up, O well. Splish. Within my soul.

Spring up, O well. Splish. And make me whole. Spring up, O well. Splish. Splash. And give to me that life abundantly.

Yeah. And that's what it's all about. That life abundantly. Splish. Splash. The flood of the Spirit coming over our lives and filling our lives.

The mercy of God that reigns. You know, it's an anointing of the Holy Spirit. It's the power of the Holy Spirit. And when the kids do it, it gets louder and louder and faster and faster. They throw their bodies out. Splash. Splash.

And it's really exciting, which is the way our life in God is. The Scripture says that Jesus was in that power of the Spirit.

[23:25] And news about him was throughout the entire countryside. They heard about him being baptized in the heavens opening. And the Word of God came down and said, This is my Son whom I love. With Him I am well pleased.

And the Spirit of the Lord coming down upon him. They heard that he had been teaching in all of the synagogues. And that he had been healing people. Lots and lots of healing and deliverance.

He's doing amazing things. And all of this is going around as things go around. And everybody praised him. But then, he went to Nazareth.

Nazareth. It was his hometown. And it was the Sabbath. And on the Sabbath, because Jesus was a good Jew, he went to the synagogue. And in the synagogue, the way it would work is, if you were going to read Scripture, you would stand up.

And so he stood up, and they handed him the scroll of Isaiah. Now remember, this is a big scroll. It will be a big scroll. And they don't have any of the chapters and verses or any of that kind of stuff. So he knew the Word really, really well.

[24:39] And it says that he opened it up, and he found this passage. Specifically selected this passage for this moment. And he read the passage.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim the good news. And he continues on. He folds it up. And he goes and he sits down. And the reason he sits down is because that was the tradition.

At that time, you would sit down, and you would begin to teach about what that passage meant. And so he starts off his teaching by saying, today, this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.

Hmm. What do you think they thought he meant by that? I mean, I suspect they thought that, oh, he's going to let us know that the Messiah has arrived somewhere, that somehow God is doing this for us.

And their perception of what that meant was that God was going to send a Messiah that would be royalty, would be a king, would be someone who would exalt Israel, take out the Romans, a lot of vengeance going on, and we were going to reign again as a people.

[25:55] We were going to be in charge. It was supposed to be a political move. So they were looking for somebody who was going to be this political leader, the Messiah that was going to put them in a different place. And so they're listening to him continue teaching, and it starts coming out that, wait, wait, wait a minute, wait a minute.

Are you really saying, today, fulfilled in our hearing, you're saying you? You? You are the Messiah? You're the Messiah? Isn't he Joseph's son?

What that means is, this is his hometown. And that means that they know him. And they know all about him. Right down to his scandalous beginning.

The people believing that Mary had him out of wedlock by Joseph. Joseph, something that just was not done. You?

You? I don't think so. They were going to allow him to teach. They might even be allowed to read the scripture, but there was not going to be any authority from someone like that.

[27:06] Not at all. See, Jesus was talking about the inbreaking of the kingdom of God, that it had arrived, and the people instead had a spiritual hardness, a spiritual emptiness.

They placed a label on him. And when you place a label on someone, it closes you off to receiving God's message of grace. They were spiritually blind with hard hearts.

And Jesus said to them, surely you will quote this proverb to me, physician, heal yourself, and you will tell me, do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum. And the people are like, yeah, I don't believe it.

Prove it. Prove it. God, do something. Make it so. Totally wrong attitude toward God. God is not there to fulfill everything you just, for your purposes, to prove whatever you think.

And Jesus is like, no, no, this is, I am telling you the truth, and you're going to accept it, or you're not. This is what it is. God isn't going to do some tricks for you.

[28:10] God will not be mocked. God is not there to move on your command. God is not there to be a command. But at the same time, it was a difficult teaching. You know, Jesus as the Messiah? I mean, this was a new concept, something completely new, because Jesus was cast as an ordinary person, born in scandal.

And they had determined who Jesus was, and by that label, they had set limits on him. And we do the same thing to people today. We label people, defining who they are, what people are capable of.

And Jesus said, truly, I tell you, he continued, my prophet, no prophet is accepted in his hometown. No prophet is accepted in his hometown.

Pendleton is my hometown. Okay. Okay. Now, I am very thankful and grateful that 99.9% of this congregation is extremely supportive of my ministry.

I started attending here in 1990 as a congregation member and jumped in with two feet volunteering. I started working on staff in 1997. Several years ago, I started going through the process to become a pastor.

[29:28] I went through a couple years of training and examination, and I've been a pastor for four years. And still, people will call the office to find out if Pastor Tom's preaching, because if Pastor Tom's not preaching, they're not coming.

Yeah. So what do you do with that? Because you have two choices. Because these sort of things could happen to everybody, right? Where you receive some sort of rejection. But what do you do with that?

What you do with that is you say, that's not about me. That's not about me at all. That's about them. We don't come here. We love Pastor Tom. He's a wonderful speaker.

Amen? Okay? But we don't come here to worship Pastor Tom. We come here to worship Almighty God. Right? And I know who I am.

I know who I am in Christ. I know I'm saved. I know I'm forgiven. I know I'm set free. I know I have been anointed to proclaim some good news this morning, and you'll receive it or you won't.

[30:33] Amen? Amen

Amen? Amen? Haha, it's a bad name or Jesus. Amen? Amen? Amen? Amen? Amen? Amen? Amen? Amen? Amen?

Amen? Amen? Amen? Amen? Amen? Amen? Amen? Amen? Amen? Amen? Amen? Amen? Amen?

people and they try to label them and say you're not accepted you're not good enough but by God there are no limits the world does not define us God does our identity is in Christ and by grace we are not chained to the past we are not chained to darkness there is no binding all that is broken by grace we are different than we used to be by grace we are growing and transforming and all our mistakes all our sins all of our failings instead get transformed to become freedom to proclaim the good news because you say I've been there and now I'm here and by grace we live in victory by grace I know who I am I'm anointed to proclaim the good news and you are anointed as well I've got a river of life flowing out of me spring up oh well yeah Jesus offering the river of life floods of mercy breaking those chains the Messiah this was different for the people it was unexpected it was unwanted it was a radical change of mind and heart of who the Messiah would be and what the Messiah would actually do Jesus said that

God was working that way all along if you'll accept it if you'll hear it if you'll receive it he gave the examples of the two people in Scripture in the Old Testament when the prophets went out and the prophets said you know what Israel you are in a spiritual time of depravity and so I'm gonna go where the people are accepting I'm going to go where the people are receiving and he went to people who are not Israelites you mean they went to someone that was other other yeah lots of widows but Elijah went to the widow that was a Gentile other lots of people with leprosy and Elisha went to Naaman from Syria who they hated other who was a leader in the army other other God doesn't like others yeah that's the whole point of this Luke actually makes a point of putting this right early on in his gospel because he says listen this is who Jesus was this is who God has always been reaching out to everyone this message is for everyone God's love God's grace is for everyone and there is no such thing as someone being other never is there other you know the people became furious furious about this it said that they drove they got up they drove him out of town and took him to the brow of a hill and we're gonna throw him off a cliff they're gonna stone him so what causes people faithful people to leave a synagogue or leave a church to go kill somebody what causes that I don't know what's going on in our country today what is going on you know we are so filled with hate in this country and it's time for the

[34:36] Christians to stop being a part of that amen okay so so all of the things on television and all of the things on the internet and Twitter and Facebook and we're just lashing out at each other and we're spewing hate all over the place and God says no you're going to speak love you're going to speak forgiveness this is who I am are we live into that unfortunately no replacing others other Trump is an other Pelosi is an other all these people who believe on either side is an other and we're spewing this hate and are bringing people down and destroying people because we're just ripping them apart how is it that we got to this point you know I was finding myself I was listening to one of the take cable news shows and I had been you know every night listening to one of the shows and as you know there's no such thing as a show that doesn't have an opinion you know it's like really slanted one way or the other but I

> I found myself having a check in my spirit that I was getting comfortable with the way they were speaking about other I was finding myself being comfortable with this lashing out against other people other ideologies all these different things and and I said whoa whoa time to step back and I put myself on a fast and I highly recommend we all put ourselves on a fast a fast from all of this evil all of this hate you know if you find yourself getting all riled up because you're listening to something if you find yourself getting all if you find yourself in a position where you're lashing out at your own family because of something over politics boy you need to go on a fast you need to do some reflection you need to be filled with some grace we all do we all need that grace Barton Luther King jr what gave the anointed message of love healing and grace and through that message the world changed that's the way Christians change the world we don't do it by lashing out and spewing hate but Jesus had the anointed message also of love healing and change you've changing the world through grace Jesus knew his identity you see they're curling all this stuff at him hate hate hate hate we're gonna we're gonna stone you because we have just said you are other you are not good enough and we're gonna stone you and Jesus said I'm not gonna accept that and he walked right through he walked right through that crowd and he went right on his mission because he knew that that was the right thing to do and God protected him in that God's grace would be offered to everyone that was his mission bringing the kingdom of heaven here on earth spring up oh well within my soul spring up oh well and make me whole spring up oh well and give to me that life abundantly abundantly abundantly as Jesus read the spirit of the Lord has anointed me and the spirit of the Lord then has anointed you the spirit of the Lord has anointed you and we together as an anointed body of Christ are on a mission that we are called to live into today turn to someone and to say to them I am anointed oh come on I am and we turn them and say yeah you're anointed I'm anointed too we're all anointed we're all anointed that means that we have divine authority to live into this mission this mission that Jesus talked about so we spread the spirit's transformational power as a conduit and so how do we do that well here's a suggestion

> I don't mind where you come from as long as you come to me but I don't like illusions I can't see them clearly I don't care no I wouldn't dare to fix the twist in you you've shown me eventually what you'll do I don't mind I don't care as long as you're here go ahead tell me you'll leave again you'll just come back running I don't care as long as you come back running holding your skyline in hand it's all the same and I'll take you for who you are if you take me for everything do it all over again it's all the same hours hours and days go by till you decide to come however long you stay it's all that I am

I don't mind I don't care as long as you're here as long as you're here as long as you're here go ahead tell me you'll leave again you'll just come back running holding this gun on it and it's all the same and I'll take you for who you are if you take me for everything do it all over again it's always the same they banned free hugs? they did!

so what do you think anointed ones? are we called to stand there with a sign saying free hugs? well no I mean that's kind of creepy and weird and you know my arms would get tired you know that's not exactly it but at the same time yes absolutely absolutely by what we say by what we do by the way we receive people by the way we share by the what who we are being expressed isn't that exactly what Jesus did for us?

[41:52] free hugs free free love free grace for all of us Jesus said this is my mission this is the mission for all of us then we're anointed he starts to proclaim the good news to the poor well what does that mean?

that means that we're going to take care of people physically that means if people are hungry we feed them if they need clothing we give them clothing if they need something we help people who are poor physically physically but then we also help people who are spiritually poor they're experiencing a spiritual poverty and we need to break those chains how do we break those chains of spiritual poverty?

kindness and hope offered freely Jesus said we are called to set the oppressed free what does that mean?

it means social justice so the people are not oppressed in a positive action seeking justice the Methodist church is very big on social justice but it also means justice as in like we should not be standing by while people are bullied bullied children, youth, adults everybody's being bullied in this world and it's not for us to stand aside and allow that to happen but then we also have spiritual oppression spiritual oppression where people have been bruised and they're suffering they're grieving they're feeling broken they're filled with fear and anxiety and worry they're oppressed by all of this spiritually and we have to break those chains and how do we break them?

by offering comfort compassion peace and gentleness Jesus said we're on a mission for recovery of sight for the blind does that mean physical healing?

[43:54] yes to pray for people to be with them because Jesus heals and they'll be physically healed and at the same time spiritually for those who are spiritually blind unable to see God unable to forgive unable to see goodness unable to experience real love and we need to break those chains with patience and love and faithfulness and joy Jesus said he has sent me to proclaim freedom or deliverance for the prisoners or captives freedom from sin freedom from darkness freedom from all the things that bind us anger pride lost addiction hate the list goes on and they bind people and we need to break those chains by offering forgiveness mercy goodness our own self control and whole heaps of grace

> John 8 34 through 36 Jesus replied verily I tell you everyone who sins is a slave to sin now a slave has no permanent place in the family but a son belongs to it forever if the son Jesus Christ sets you free you will be free indeed are you free?

> amen we are free amazing grace my chains are broken I am free and that's the message that we need to put out in this world that's the message we are giving with free hugs free hugs by how we live how we live Jesus ended it with proclaiming the year of the Lord's favor that means a jubilee year it means that everything that was broken in the past is now restored we bring restoration God brings restoration and the way that happens is because when God's grace comes on us we end up with transformation it gives us a new perspective I found this picture that I thought was really cool it says this picture is real and was not edited this stone is real the trees are real the soil is real the sky is real now the only thing you have to do is change your point of view and look at the picture upside down whoa we change we change change our perspective start experiencing God start seeing God transforming our lives and so we transform with an upside down idea of who God is from what the Israelites thought it should be and the enemy is going to try and take us off that mission the enemy is going to try really hard and we cannot allow the enemy to take us off mission now some of the things that's going to happen when you look out and see what can I contribute to what can I give

I guarantee you ladies and gentlemen you're going to have a voice that's saying it's just no use it's out of control now there will be a voice telling you that you'll be wasting your time and wasting your energy and wasting your effort I say don't listen to it listen to that still small voice that says I can do something and I ought to do it we ought to do it we ought to do it we ought to do it the enemy will continue to tell us we are not strong enough we are not good enough we are not able who do you think you are you can't make a difference the enemy wants the world to stay in darkness to be poor oppressed blind a prisoner to be shackled to our sin and carrying guilt and shame and we can boldly proclaim I am a beloved child of God I am redeemed by the blood of Christ

I am set free by God's grace by God's grace I am anointed by the power of the spirit for this mission and people will no longer be bound they will no longer be poor they will no longer be oppressed they will no longer be blind they will no longer be prisoners because by God's grace we will change the world by God's grace people will be set free spring up oh well splish splash amen splish splash this church does an amazing job with this they really do the missions we do the outreach we do the caring the sharing we really got it we need to do more not more as a church well maybe but more individually because what does this look like if it's not in a program what does this look like if the church hasn't organized it for you how does this work when you're on the street and people are rude to you or they reject you how does this happen at work when you're really frustrated and angry how does this happen at home when you're family when you're family fill in the blank okay in every relationship with everyone we encounter we are anointed for this mission this message for today fulfilled through you and through me an anointing of God to offer free hugs of grace and love and the way we do that is that we reach out with grace love compassion mercy where Jesus is hands and feet because we have experienced God's grace because

[50:00] God has broken our chains and we accept that that grace we grow in relationship with him and we ask for forgiveness when we've gone astray I'm going to invite you to a prayer of confession along me with me Lord I have sinned Lord I have sinned Lord I have sinned I've not always followed your ways I've not always I've not always expressed your love and grace to others I've not always lived a transformed life I've not always lived into my anointing I've made some bad choices I've believed the lies forgive me Lord Medal e with your grace cover me with your grace fill me with your spirit fill me with your spirit Lord set me free let me free in the name of Jesus Christ

Amen. So I'm going to proclaim some good news. Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, and this proves God's love for you and for me.

In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen. So we are anointed through Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit because we have received grace, amazing grace, that saved a wretch like me, that I can stand here with all of you, anointed with you.

Amen. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me, that once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace that fears believed.

[52:38] How precious did that grace appear, beyond the earth's beneath.

My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.

And my God who loved His mercy reigns. Unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word, my Lord, has ransomed me.

He will, my shield and portion be, as long as I endure.

[53:53] My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior, my God, my Savior, my God, my Savior, has ransomed me.

And my God who loved His mercy reigns. Unending love, amazing grace.

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And my God, His mercy reigns. Unending love, amazing grace.

Unending love, amazing grace.

[54:59] The earth shall soon dissolve like snow. A sun for red to shine.

But a God who called me here below Will be forever mine Will be forever mine You are forever mine You are forever mine God breaks those chains And we proclaim that good news That God's grace has set us free For the Lord If you've been walking the same old road for miles and miles

And you've been hearing the same old road for miles And you've been hearing the same old noise of the same old lines If you're trying to fill the same old holes inside There's a better life There's a better life If you've got pain If you've got pain If you feel lost He's a pain maker If you need your freedom From saving He's a prison-shaking Savior If you've got chains He's a chain breaker We've all searched for the light The day and the dead of night We've all found ourselves Worn out from the same old line We've all run the things we know

Just ain't right There's a better life There's a better life There's a better life There's a better life If you've got pain He's a pain maker If you feel lost He's a way maker If you need freedom Or saving He's a prison-shaking Savior If you've got chains He's a chain breaker He's a chain breaker If you believe it If you receive it If you can feel it Somebody testify If you believe it If you can feel it Somebody testify Testify

If you believe it If you receive it If you can feel it Somebody testify Testify Please He's a chain breaker If you feel lost He's a way maker He's a way maker If you need freedom Or saving He's a prison-shaking Savior If you've got chains He's a chain breaker If you need freedom Or saving He's a prison-shaking Savior If you've got chains He's a chain breaker If you need freedom Or saving He's a prison-shaking Savior If you've got chains He's a chain breaker If you need freedom Or saving He's a prison-shaking Savior If you've got chains He's a chain breaker If you need savior If you've got chains When you'm 16 He's a chain breaker That just overcomes me That just overcomes me That just overcomes me Chain-breaker amen Amen To be in God's grace

[59:20] Wow Wow with an anointed group of people all living that way. We're going to celebrate grace by celebrating the table.

At the table, it's offered open hug freely to anyone who wants a hug, anyone who wants to receive God's love. So the table is open to everyone.

And as we prepare ourselves for that, greet your other anointed family with the peace of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you, brother.

Good morning. Good job, brother. Peace. Feeling better now? Feeling better? Yes. Nice. How'd you do on top?

No, I thought it was on the branch. I can't tell. Oh, I got it.

[60:20] It was all right.

Thank you. Amen. Amen. Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

I who dwell in dark and still, my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my life to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

[62:02] I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I'm the Lord of snow and rain. I have poured my people's pain. I have left for love for them.

They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone. Give them hearts of love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Who shall I send? Here I am, Lord.

Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

[63:17] I will go, Lord. If you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, Lord. I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them.

My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide. Till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Who shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

[64:32] I will go, Lord. If you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I will hold your people in my heart. I will hold your people in my heart. The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. Lift up your hearts. Lift up your hearts to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise. 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 the prophets.

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.

[65:52] 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 the time had come when you would save your people.

He healed the sick. He fed the hungry. He 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.

When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always in the power of your word and Holy Spirit. On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread.

He gave thanks to you. He broke the bread. He gave it to his disciples and said, Take and eat. This is my body, which is given for you.

[67:04] Do this in remembrance of me. And when the supper was over, he took the cup.

He gave thanks to the Father and said, This is my blood, the blood of the new covenant, poured out for you, poured out for many, for the forgiveness of sins.

Drink of this often, remembering 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. 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.

[68:28] Through your Son, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

Let's pray the prayer that Jesus taught us, saying, 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.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen. Will those who are serving please come forward. for now and ever. Amen.

Remember for that, let's bless thee, take care of tous andrum, Turbo. If we kindred meanwhile. Go to work with us here to protect today andsoever **IDE** duplanet eventually except SWrios, which is indeed encouragement for us between the spiritual and spirit andITE spiceps and **I**arsity. Now, once upon a episode of this, we will pass on and forgive, we believe in a status of this gospel and imperative, so information and behaviors may create something that makes us wrong. Remember we believe this doesn't matter, and we observe that they've**I** in view.

- [69:58] Teacher has raised their daily bread, so that they present the evangelism of theaur and a state that■ in the Holy Spirit. You have entirely occupied the pastor, it does not even GOOD so the same. In this situation engagements we Nicol■ille. Thank you.
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[72:34] Thank you.

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[75:04] Thank you.

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Thank you.

Thank you.

It only takes a spark to get a fire going. And you can be that spark. It only takes a spark.

[77:15] It only takes a spark. It only takes a Mohammed God.

I want my world to know the Lord of love has come to me. I want to pass it on.

We pass it on free, free, freely we receive, freely we give. And we've got a picture that I thought was just perfect for what we're talking about here because you never know what a seed can do.

We're planting seeds. We're changing the world one life at a time, offering free hugs. Go in that anointing.

Go and fulfill that mission. Be filled with God's grace as he carries you through and directs your path. Go anointed ones in his peace.

[79:09] Amen. The Epic Se otras Megan Is there a purpose crazy? I love your desigrate's work. I love your desigrate. I love your desigrate's work. I love your desigrate's work.

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