

1978-02-05 - CCVF Evening Worship - I overwrote lots

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Overview

The evening worship service at Christ Church of Valley Forge included musical worship, personal testimonies, and prayer requests for church maintenance and missionary work.

Worship Services

Musical Hymns

The congregation participated in several hymns led by **Curt, Ray**, and others, including:

- "My Anchor Holds" (Number 271)
- "The Old Rugged Cross" (Number 113)
- "Nothing but the Blood" (Number 212)
- "Hallelujah for the Cross" (Number 211)
- "Amazing Love" (Number 44)
- "A Christian Home" (Number 525)
- Scripture reading from **Isaiah** 9:6 regarding the names of the Messiah.

Personal Testimonies

- **Debbie** shared a story about her parents moving to Florida and finding Christian fellowship through a local roofer named **Joe**.
- **Rici** provided an extensive testimony regarding her spiritual journey as a Jewish woman, her move from Massachusetts to Pennsylvania, and her sense of calling to provide a Jewish witness within the church.

Community Needs

Church Maintenance

Don and other leaders addressed several urgent facility issues requiring prayer and attention:

- The heating system is malfunctioning and needs investigation.
- There are significant leaks in the building that require repair.
- The sound system experienced a loud malfunction during the service.
- Future planning includes addressing air conditioning needs for the summer.

Missionary Work

Ray expressed a strong desire for his family to participate in missions with **Operation Mobilization** this coming summer. He noted that while logistical challenges regarding work leave exist, he is committed to following God's direction for his family.

Prayer Requests

The congregation engaged in communal prayer for:

- The various building repairs and technical complications.

- **Ray's** upcoming missionary endeavors.
- A specific prayer request from **Vince** regarding his daughter, **Marsha**, seeking spiritual deliverance.

Outline

Worship and Hymns

- The service began with prayer led by Ray Rissler.
- The congregation sang several hymns, including "My Anchor Holds" (number 271) and "The Old Rugged Cross" (number 113).
- Curt Heffelfinger led the singing of "Nothing but the Blood" (number 212) and "Hallelujah for the Cross" (number 211).
- Other musical selections included hymn number 44 and "A Christian Home" (number 525).

Scripture Reading and Welcoming Visitors

- Curt Heffelfinger read from Isaiah 9:6, highlighting themes of Christ as Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace.
- New visitors were welcomed to Christ Church of Valley Forge, and they were encouraged to complete a welcome card.
- The congregation was invited to share personal testimonies or sing spiritual songs.

Debbie Stamatakis's Testimony

- Debbie Stamatakis shared how her parents' move to Florida resulted in them meeting Christian neighbors named Hannah and Joe.
- She recounted how her mother's use of the word "hallelujah" while requesting roof repairs led to a conversation about being born again.
- Her parents found fellowship with these new Christian friends in the Sarasota Longboat Key area.

Rici Felstiner's Testimony

- Rici Felstiner testified about her supernatural journey from Massachusetts to Pennsylvania and her salvation as a Jew.
- She described experiencing spiritual warfare, a frightening dream involving Jesus, and a serious car accident on the Mohawk Trail during her move.
- She emphasized the importance of the Jewish witness in evangelism and expressed a calling to represent her heritage within the church.

Church Maintenance Prayer Requests

- Don Sautter requested prayer for various building issues, including problems with the heating system, leaks in the roof, and a malfunctioning sound system.
- The congregation prayed collectively for wisdom for those working on repairs and for patience during these inconveniences.

Missionary Intentions and Closing Prayer

- Ray Rissler shared his family's desire to serve with Operation Mobilization (OM) this coming summer.
- The congregation prayed for the Rislers as they navigate logistical challenges like taking time off work to pursue missions.
- After reading Galatians 3:28-29, emphasizing unity in Christ regardless of background, an offering was collected while the group prepared for Lord's Supper.

Special Prayer Request for Marsha

- Vince Chiaravalloti requested urgent prayer for a young girl named Marsha who is experiencing severe spiritual distress.
- He described her behavior as being influenced by dark forces and asked the church to pray for a miracle of deliverance.

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SPEAKERS

Jay Klimer, Speaker 4, Speaker 8, Speaker 6, Speaker 1, Don Sautter, Speaker 5, Speaker 3, Debbie Stamatakis, Ray Rissler, Speaker 9, Curt Heffelfinger, Speaker 2, Vince Chiaravalloti, Speaker 7, Rici Felstiner

S Speaker 1 00:01

Rock I stand, all other grounding sand, all other grounding sand. Thank you for singing so well.
Let's bow in prayer, shall we?

C Curt Heffelfinger 00:33

And I'd like to ask Brother Bob Davis if you'd lead us, please.

R Ray Rissler 00:59

Yes.

C Curt Heffelfinger 01:06

Amen. While you're still standing, and while you're still on the same page, let's sing number 271. My anchor holds. One day we shall stand as believers, faultless before the throne of grace, as this wonderful hymn we've just sung says that we've just sung says, and now as we sing the anchor holding, it's nice to know that on our trip there, nothing can remove us. In no wise will He cast us out. We are firm. We are secure. That anchor holds. Number 271. Enjoy yourself. Worship the Lord. Make a joyful noise unto Him.

S Speaker 1 01:48

Though the angry virtues roam on my tapestriven soul, unfaithful for I know the. sails may blow. I'm an anchor safe and sure that will ever more endure. And if all my anchor falls, though your wildest animal on my marks is small and frail. By His grace I shall not fail, for my anchor holds. My heart, and the second mighty ties about me sweet perils work within the deep and reproach. refounding the sky at the devil's rise is high. Still I stand the tempest shot for my anchor grips the rock and before. hold my anchor pose for Your wildest devotee on my bars so small and frail. By His grace I shall not fail for my anger.

C Curt Heffelfinger 03:56

Sing any better and the roof will come off. Why don't you go ahead and try? All right, the fourth stanza

S Speaker 1 04:01

troubles almost bound the soul. Greece like bells army roar, tempter sing to lure astray. Storms obscured the light of day, while he cries. I can be called. I'm an anchor that shall sing and impose my anger calls for your wildest hammock in my mark so small and frail. By His grace I shall not fail, for my anger was in firmly false. My God,

S Speaker 2 05:09

Amen. You may be seated.

C Curt Heffelfinger 05:16

How about a favorite here tonight? The old rugged cross. I think that's number 63. Nice try, Kurt. What's that? That was close. 113. I'm sorry.

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Speaker 2 05:43

Maybe we ought to sing 63 something.

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Speaker 1 05:52

On a hill, far away stood an old rocket cross. the anthem of pain and shame, and I love that old cross where the tears and bear. For our world, the sinners are slain. So uncharised the wrong in cross. Till my trophies at last I lay down, I will cling to the old rocket cross. and exchange it someday for a cross.

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Curt Heffelfinger 07:18

Amen, Bill. 212. Nothing but the blood. How about our wonderful accompanist just playing that through one time? How many is this the first time you've ever seen this hymn? That's good. I I don't feel alone then. If you're scared, just rejoice because the Lord's given you an opportunity to learn a brand new hymn tonight that probably you'll end up singing all week. Nothing but the blood. Let's try it together, shall we? Number 212.

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Speaker 1 08:55

Lord can wash away my sin. Nothing but the blood of Jesus, God can make me whole again. Nothing but the blood of Jesus. All precious is the flow that makes me white as snow. No other shall I know. Nothing but the blood of Jesus. Jesus, how about the fourth? This is all my hope and peace. Nothing but the blood of Jesus. This is. Is all my righteousness nothing but the blood of Jesus? All precious is the flow that makes me white as snow.

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Curt Heffelfinger 10:30

How about before we take another hymn, let's just say hello to our neighbor in front of us and beside us, and maybe in back of us, if there is one, shake a hand or two and say hello. Tell them how glad you are to have them here this evening. Good evening, Jane. How are you? Hi. Hi, Johnny Wood. How are you doing? Hi, brother. You and I come.

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Speaker 2 11:25

We can do that one if you'd like to. Oh well, you know. All right, sure.

J Jay Klimer 11:30
Okay.

V Vince Chiaravalloti 11:39
Yeah. Over all the rest. Yes.

C Curt Heffelfinger 11:48
Brother Tim snuck over and requested the one right across the street from nothing but the blood. Hallelujah for the cross number 211. That's what you get for not coming up to say hi to me. Oh boy, this might be new for me too. How about just a measure or two? Would you please?

S Speaker 3 12:17
Oh no! Very good.

C Curt Heffelfinger 12:27
There's a tremendous word in there that's a constant refrain. You know which word that is? What? Love. Okay. Hallelujah! Right. So when we come to that, sing it as you would unto the Lord. Make a joyful noise and shout it to Him. Let's dance, shall we? As we sing number 211, Hallelujah for the cross.

S Speaker 1 12:51
The cross is standing. Hallelujah, Hallelujah, defying every flash, Hallelujah, Hallelujah. The winds of hell have gone, the world is safe at dawn, yet His blood overthrown. not overthrown. Hallelujah for the cross. Hallelujah,

S Speaker 2 13:30
Hallelujah, Hallelujah on the cross. Hallelujah, Hallelujah! It shall never suffer us. The cross won't, but my song leading will. Let's try that one more time, shall we? Let's sing the first verse.

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Speaker 1 14:00

The cross is standing fast. Hallelujah, Hallelujah, defying every flash. Hallelujah, Hallelujah. The wind. winds on bound have flown, the world its hate has shone, yet it is not overthrown. Hallelujah for the cross. Hallelujah, Hallelujah. From the cross, Hallelujah, Hallelujah. It shall never.

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Curt Heffelfinger 15:07

You may be seated,

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Curt Heffelfinger 15:12

Rick. 1041, 44. Now, just just four and a four. I'm sorry. It's like a lot of people want to sing hymns tonight. Oh, my favorite number 44.

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Speaker 1 15:43

And it means trust in all Savior's heart. Thy knee for me, who caused his pain for me, who hid him to death as soon. Ah. Amazing love, how can I give me the love of my God desire for me? Amazing love, how can

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Curt Heffelfinger 16:57

525, and after this, we're going to welcome our visitors. And then, if you want to have a hymn sung, you'll have to earn it by sharing why, if that's what you'd like to do, or putting some sort of testimony or sharing scripture verse. If you just wanted to read a section of scripture, do not neglect the public reading of the Scripture, Paul said to Timothy. And so, whatever God lays upon your heart, and let's worship Him in the liberty of the Spirit. A Christian home, how much we all want to have. Number 525.

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Speaker 1 17:33

Oh, give us homes, silver, upon The Savior, where Christ is head and a Counselor and Guide, where every child is on His law. love and favor, and against his heart to Christ the crucified. How sweet to know, and though His footsteps grave love,

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Curt Heffelfinger 18:30

His faithful Lord is walking by His song. Isn't this the tune that Bob Georgesian taught us, Isaiah nine, Isaiah nine six too? Bob here tonight. All right, what's that? Out of town for the weekend. All right, well I'll do my best then to try to lead you in it from Isaiah nine verse six. His name, his name shall be called wonderful. His name. See if those of you know it help me, and we'll all work together. And those of you don't, it's the same tune. If you want to open your Bibles to Isaiah nine verse six, you'll find the text there. I'm sure it's not hard. Once we get into it, we'll be in good shape. Isaiah nine verse six. Actually, part C and D, and his name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

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Speaker 1 19:40

His name, His name shall be called. His name, His name shall. Be called Counts alone, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace through all eternity, through all eternity, the mighty God, Almighty God, the everlasting. The everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace, through all eternity. Now that we've got it, let's stand and worship the Lord together and sing unto Him. Right from His Word, His name, His name shall be called wonderful. His name, His name shall be called wonderful. To

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Curt Heffelfinger 21:40

welcome those of you who are visiting with us for the first time, and to extend to you a very hearty welcome. I don't have my copy, but we would like to give you something now as a hopefully a happy memory of your visit here with us. We trust you'll come again, so our ushers can hand you this brochure. We'd appreciate if you'd just raise your hand right where you are, nice and high. First time here? If you've never been here before, thank you, and please just keep them raised, even though I know you feel conspicuous until our ushers can see you. Sometimes it's hard from the ground floor here, and from one of the side aisles. Yours will be coming from over here. You'll be receiving this brochure. There we go, which will give you perhaps a little more information about. And within is a white card entitled "Welcome, Visitors. Let's get acquainted, and we'd appreciate it if you would just kindly complete the card and place it in the offering plate when it's passed when it's passed later this evening, welcome to Christ Church of Valley Forge, where everybody is somebody, and Jesus Christ is Lord. At this time, as we minister to the Lord as a body of believers, may you just come and share whatever testimony, or, or if you wish, just from right where you are, song that you wish to sing and reason why, so that we can minister to one another in testimony, hymns, spiritual song, etc. Please hear nice and loud so everybody can hear.

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Debbie Stamatakis 23:46

I have a praise that I'd like to share with everyone tonight. About two weeks ago, my parents moved down to Florida, and they retired and they sold their business to Manny, and away they went down to the sunny south, and of course I was burdened because I wanted them to have Christian fellowship, or you know someone down there that would be able to witness to them, and so I prayed along those lines, and I got a phone call from my mother just the other day, and from the time they got down there, they'd had a lot of trouble. Their heater broke. The air conditioning wasn't working. Their roof leaked, and they thought their banana tree died. So my mom had been calling the roofer, and she'd just been calling and calling and calling to no avail, she just really couldn't get the man that had fixed the roof a year ago. She just couldn't get him back on the phone. Finally, she reached him, and she said that she would really like to have him come over right away. And when he said he could, she said, which is just a typical. Word that my mother uses a lot. She said hallelujah, and he said I'll be right over. So she, he came right away with his wife Hannah, who is Polish and has only been in the country for two years with him, and. He told my mother that when he heard her say hallelujah, he just really felt that he wanted to get over there quickly, and she picked up on what he was trying to say, and she said, "Have you been born again? And he said, "You bet I have. And she said, "Wow, this is really neat. So, they joined hands with my parents and they prayed. And my dad got on the phone, and my dad, to my knowledge, has never been to the church. And he said to me on the phone, "He said, 'Do you know what that man did? And I said, 'What, Dad? And he said he blessed our home, and Dad thought that was really neat. And Hannah and Joe have invited my parents to fellowship with them, and go to their church, and they've offered to show them all around the Sarasota Longboat Key area, and their their very first friends are Christians. So I just praise God for that.

I've really been wanting to give testimony for a long time, but for some reason, unknown to me at the time, the Holy Spirit really restrained me, and it was just recently that something else fell into place, that again, for some reason I didn't fully understand before, but now I do. And that is the fact that I came to the Lord as a Jew, and if you don't understand how electrifying and how just unbelievable that experience is-it's really hard for me to describe. The first few months after I was born again, well, I could just really tell you that I was catapulted. You know, right from like down here and just like up there for so long, I just it took me a long while to come down and then to put everything into place. But I'd like to describe to you because the Lord has, for some reason, has made me aware of the spiritual warfare, and there are so many supernatural spiritual aspects of my being brought to the Lord that I really feel that He wants me to testify about it. For one thing, one thing that was so obvious that just occurred to me recently, and I don't know why it didn't before, was that Eva and I were brought to salvation. We were brought from Massachusetts from an area that was like 400 miles away from King of Prussia, and the reason why we came here was well, just prior to my coming down here, I started having a real, well, a sudden interest in the Bible, and well, I can just really tell you that a lot of strange things happen supernaturally to me personally, some of which Eva was not aware at the only vaguely aware at the time. I can't possibly go into all the things that happened, but one of the things that did happen, I was aware that God wanted me to leave the area there and come down here, and one of the ways that I was aware of that was I had received a a note from from a casual acquaintance in Paoli, and that at the bottom of that note it said, "God is all, and because I was aware of the spiritual warfare going on right around me, I said to Eva, "That's where we're going. And although I didn't move impulsively, I waited two or three, maybe a week, you know, seven days. But I just really waited for the Lord to to push me because I really wanted to be sure that it wasn't my own doing. So we packed up and we started on the way down here. And just before just before leaving Massachusetts, I stayed at my brother's house overnight, and I had a dream. And in that dream, well, I was quite frightened because you see, if you've ever been involved, if you're aware keenly of spiritual warfare going on around you, it's quite frightening. Especially when you've been exposed to things like demon possession and so forth. But in my dream, I saw the face of Jesus, and I said, I cried out, and I said, in the name of Jesus Christ, help me. And I woke up from that dream, and I scratched my head, and I said, I wonder why I said that. It was very, very strange to me, but we headed on our way down here, and I just really knew that that's what God wanted us to do. And on the way down the Mohawk Trail, we were hit by a Coca-Cola truck, real hard and almost like we were about like this much away from going off a cliff into a deep ravine, where we surely would have been killed. Believe me, I I turned around to Eva and I said, I said to Eva, thank God we're alive, but now I I was in a state of mouth shock and we were both somewhat bruised from the accident, but I just really knew that God wanted us to leave Massachusetts and get down to Pennsylvania as quickly as possible, and that's exactly what I did. I I took a cab from where we were and rented a U-Haul, which could only go 30 miles an hour and traveled another.

I thought it was 14, but Eva said it was 20 hours more down here, and I didn't stop all the way, and finally got into King of Prussia and just flopped into the Howard Johnson Motel. I. I I try to pursue reading the Bible. Well, another interesting thing that happened was my glasses suddenly disappeared, and I can't really read without my glasses, so that I had the darnedest trouble just you know chasing, looking for this magnifying glass that I had, and trying to locate, and it was so inconvenient. I used to ask Eva to read to me, and at that time, no, she didn't want to read that to me, and and people around me just no, no, not the Bible. You know, I knew I was really onto something. I thought I was at the time, and I said, "Wow, there must be something in this book, you know, that's really dynamite. And I just got to find out what it is. But I was I was truly it really impressed me the response that I got to to this book. Well, shortly after we came down here, I even had to go into a hospital, and I was in the course of conversation with the doctor. He he wanted to know how it was that we came down here. Now that was a good question. It was so supernatural that I, I just, although I really wanted to, to explore it, I wanted to check it out myself. I really wanted to find out what was going on. And when I described it, I try to describe it in such a way that it could sound logical and reasonable, which of course it couldn't to an unsaved person. But the response I got to what I told her about what I sensed about the spiritual warfare was that possibly I was a victim of a persecution complex, and that there were many other people who had similar conflicts, like the early Christian martyrs, including Jesus Christ himself. And I said, "Oh, I see. I said, "Well, okay. I just sort of let it lie for a while, and I let it lay because I thought, well, maybe I just sort of let it be for a long time. Well, anyway, things didn't really get much better for me or my family for a while. I thought maybe they would, but there was illness and so forth, and then, and then, Tim Graybill came to the house. And you know, I have-I just really have to tell you this. You see, you have to understand that being a Jew, all this-all this stuff that comes from a Gentile Christian church is like speaking Chinese. It really is. Although I must testify to this also, I was not brought up in a Jewish background. Really, I was not brought up, and I believe this was the Lord's plan for my life. I was not brought up surrounded by Jews. I was not. All my friends were Gentiles, but I was a Jew, and if you ask me, how did I so identify myself? The Lord gave me that identification. I always believe that God gave me that identification, and I believe now that He told me not to deny it or not to lie about it ever. No matter what the circumstances, so I don't believe in my heart that there was ever any real pride about it. To the contrary, whenever one made a statement about one's Jewishness, you had a sort of duck because everything came at you. And believe me, yes. In fact, one of the experiences I had before I came down here was I was in the presence of someone who, at the time, was demonically possessed, and at least I became aware of it at the time, because he wheeled around and had this really contorted, horrible, hateful look on his on his face, and turned around and turned to me and said, "We killed you, Jews, before, and we'll kill you again. And I, my response, I just went hold it. Wow, it was like an unbelievable hatred.

Of course, I'm not unaware of the hatred that Satan has for Jews, for all for all God's children, and for and for Jews concerning probably their their part in in God's plan of salvation, but at any rate, so that when I came down here, I I just have recently become aware that that you know my daughter has questioned why we have been brought to a Gentile church, particularly where we have recently been acquainted with another Jewish congregation in Philadelphia. And Eva used to ask me, Mother, please let's go there. And I said, No, Eva, God wants us here for some particular reason, but I didn't really know what the reason was, I just really felt adamant about doing what God wanted me to do, even though I didn't know what the reason was at the time. I feel the Holy Spirit has really convicted me. The last, and I feel have felt this coming on the last few weeks. I feel that He has really convicted me about the fact of my Jewish witness and the importance of being a Jewish witness today. Evidently, he has something in mind of which I'm not fully aware. I'm generally aware of what the Jewish witness can do for not only a Jew but a Gentile. I know I was speaking with a Gentile friend that I knew all my life recently, and she was well. I could just say that she was very impressed because I was just the kind of person that I don't know. She just probably didn't expect that to happen. To I guess no one. I don't know of any person who expects a Jew to come to the Lord. Do you? I I just don't think So, well, anyway, and Timmy came to the house, and when I first started coming to church here, I just didn't. As a matter of fact, I recall writing down in my notebook. I usually take notes even before I still do now, but at that time, I took notes concerning. I found it today. Anna said, "Coming home from church, I always fall asleep. No, it was just something really heavy was fighting my or blocking my way from even understanding what was going on at the time. So that my my experience totally of coming to the Lord was by God Himself. I just the words and everything came from the Lord. I just did not was not through anyone specifically telling me about Jesus at all. As a matter of fact, I was speaking with another Jewish Christian recently from Church of the Savior, and she said that for a whole year, after I think was after she came to the Lord, she really found it difficult to say Jesus, and and she found it difficult to even look at the cross, and I think that perhaps it would be good. I don't know if you can understand that it requires requires some reflection and some compassion and understanding on our parts, putting ourselves in in her shoe. I I think I understood that, even though I didn't have that problem. You understanding that many Jews, of course, when I was younger, my brothers were used to get beaten up on the way home from school because of being Jews by so-called people who believed in Jesus, for a time in a Jewish person's life, you know, God is here and Jesus is. You know, you just don't know. It just doesn't come together. And of course, the amazing thing to me in my in my experience of salvation was, was that it that it came together. When I visited Bethus, oh, another interesting phenomenon, and I consider it phenomena, is that after coming to the Lord. I felt more Jewish. Eva felt more Jewish, fulfilled, almost like a feeling of coming home at last. And I shared with her. Get together. I I notice that there are Jewish representatives in in Gentile Christian churches, and there are Gentile representatives in at the at the congregation in at Beth Yeshua, and it's also beautiful, but you see, you must understand this: that in order for God to bring me here to this church specifically to be a Jewish representative, I had to be brought up in a very Gentile conditioning.

In other words, all my friends were Gentiles, and that was the way the Lord wanted it all my life, and that was probably so that I could relate as I do, and and and having a sense of humor about some of the things that happen around me. I've experienced a lot of prejudice with unsaved people because there's a lot of tension. There's so much tension around the Jew. It's you just, you know, being a Jew. I'm aware of it, and it's it's just so electrifying sometimes, you know. And anti-Semitism, of course, is on the rise again in the world, and I don't think it's going to get any better. God is preparing a tremendous Jewish witness in the world, and and how fantastic that's going to be, you know. Imagine 144,000 raving, wild, you know, just electrified people that are just, you know, because you see, if you visit Beth Yeshua, you notice that the worship is a little different. The Jewish way of expression is a little different. Naturally, is a little different. There is more. I don't know how to say it. There is something they express themselves differently, and there's there's a lot of maybe you could call it open zeal in their way of expressing themselves. You know, with tambourines and and really very joyous and noisier. Yes, very noisy and very joyful, and a lot of action. And I can just really see these people hitting the environment out there, giving their witness. And I can really tell you that I'm very thankful to the Holy Spirit for bringing me to this full zeroing in on this realization because I really feel now that I can give even a much better witness coming to this than I ever did before. I just simply can't evangelize and come up to a person and sort of hedge my way around the fact of being Jewish or being, because I want to be able to stand in front of that person and say, I am a Jew, and the Lord Jesus Christ has brought me to Him, and I can tell you, really, after all this time of not knowing who He was at all or whatever, that He is King of King and Lord of Lords. And I want to be able to say that as a Jew, and I think that that's going to hit that person right between the eyes. I think that this witness has done this for many people already, but that we must encourage. I think that we must encourage that kind of witness, and I'm very thankful to the Lord that that He is using some Jews this way. And for instance, it is not difficult for me to be here, but I must also be here as a Jew, and I can accommodate myself because I've been accommodated all my life with Gentile friends and so forth. But I feel that, and I have asked Timmy. I really feel this does not come from my human self. The reason why I say that is because. I was born again nine months ago, and I can really tell you for nine months the Holy Spirit restrained me until I came to this light about this matter. Really, I could have talked about other things concerning my experience of salvation, but there was something missing. There was something missing in my conscious awareness, and I was just made to be aware of it recently. By the way, I would like to recommend two books to you to check it out. Where in the world of the Jews today. James and Martin Heckley, and the new Jews, James C. Hethley. This is a book of testimony from other Jews. Some of these Jews are Jews that attend Beth Yeshua in Philadelphia. I would write. I'd like to say this too. Part of my the Holy Spirit moving within me, wanting to testify to this. You have to must understand that you know some people think the Jews like just stick with the Jews, and the reason why they can't come to Jesus is because they must separate themselves. You see, what you don't understand is that the Jews have not put God and Jesus have not done that. Holy Spirit has not done that with them, and it's true.

I I would assume that a Jew definitely would need a different type of of evangelism, evangelizing in a different way, using perhaps a little different language, and the reason why I say this because absolutely nothing. I loved him and everything, but absolutely nothing that he said to me made any register to me at all, not at all. What registered to me was that he was was that he was Very pleasant, and that he cared about my family, but you know I didn't really understand at all. I didn't understand at all. I mean, I attended this church. I went to Easter sunrise service, and I didn't understand just the very basic words that was like another language to me. Resurrection. Well, I had heard it, but you know, resurrection, salvation. I just wasn't aware of it at all, and mind you, I say you know, supernatural. Because before I came down here, the Holy Spirit must have been working in my life at that time because I was telling my friends that they must repent, and I didn't know where that came from either, but that they must talk to God, and and that of course my different people around me, I didn't didn't quite understand that they were startled at this kind of stand that I was taking all of a sudden, especially in relation to the Bible, but They, I put it right to them. The immediate ones I knew, I said, "Now look, whose side are you on? Are you on God's side? Are you on the devil side? And we started getting into praying. But I, as I said, a lot of the time, what do you call God? What God, you know, God Jehovah, Yahweh? I was looking for how to pray, and and this was difficult. It was extremely difficult because God, what God did for me in my situation was that I was not even brought up with the Old Testament. I was brought up, I don't know, almost as new to my father was a professing atheist, or my foster father, and my mother was sort of neither here nor there, so that I was brought up with, you know, next to no knowledge at all concerning what I probably should have known. But but God has His reasons, and I am very grateful. Praise the Lord for the salvation of myself and my daughter, and and I just really want to tell you, because you know, the first few months after I was saved, I you know my eyes was just bugged out of my head. I was just you know off like a rocket. But you must understand, you know, the way that God revealed Jesus to me was was by by that a revelation by a revelation from a God Himself was not someone telling me or reading a book or anything, and I experienced this revelation when I was down at a retreat at Campus Crusade in Maryland, and there again God made me travel three hours to bring me to that revelation. So evidently there was travel involved, but for the Jew, of course, every Jew arrives at it differently. But their experience, of course, after all this time, is certainly different. It certainly is. I have heard experiences where a young Jewish Marxist went through a period of supernatural experience where he experienced eight hours of light in a room with God. He didn't speak of what went on during that eight hours, but that really turned his life around, and my strictly supernatural way of coming to the Lord was with me then, and will always be with me. I pray that, and I always look back to that at times when I have a doubt or whatever. And God really wants me to relate this to you, and also for you, perhaps to relate it to the evangelizing of other Jews. You know, recently, I the Holy Spirit moved me to call my the Jewish community temple in Norristown, and I asked about how many families there were, say, within a three-mile radius, 500 Jewish families, and I know there are a lot of.

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Rici Felstiner 49:59

Jewish families in the area that we could pray for, and I, I'd like to think, although we shall see what happens, but I like to think that God is planning a revival in this area, and wouldn't it be nice for a handful of Jews to join the Gentile Christians in doing this? And what a great witness that would be in the community! I have also asked Timmy to, if he would consider approaching the elders of the church and asking David Chernoff from Beth Israel to come up and speak to us about the phenomenon today. By the way, there are 100,000 Jews, up to 100,000 Jews, born again in the United States today, and the number is rising. So, what do you think God is trying to say? I'm asking myself that question. What God's saying? So that I think that is what's happening. The Jews are coming in. Praise God, and let's. I think that we should have part of that. Should be part of that, and let's go get him, and have prayers about that, and about David coming up and speaking to our congregation. And he he would really, it's it can be somewhat of a strain sometimes, coming into a Gentile Christian congregation. And I pray that if he does come, that we will give him a really warm welcome. The

elders have heard about this group that you've been worshiping with on Friday evenings, and We're curious, and we just felt that our curiosity is at a high level. We would like very much to invite them here for an evening service and let them set the pace. So why don't you go ahead and ask if they're able to just come up here as a group? And I don't see any reason why not, but we'll be touching with Marty about that too. I just feel kind of inclined to just praise the Lord that, with all the direct dealing that God did with Ricky in whatever form He so pleased to do. I know Ricky wasn't referring to Revelation on the scale of the Bible when she said Revelation, because those days are over. Nothing is revealed in the scale of the Bible. I'm sure we all agree with that, but whatever wonderful direct encounter the Lord had with Ricky, I just praise the Lord for, and I just also just praise the Lord for the way he did use his timing. I never cease to be amazed the number of vital links that believers are in their little loving faces that are shining with His light, or whatever, and never cease to be amazed at also the many unique ways God deals with His children. I also felt that they come up here to just really encourage you to pray a little season of prayer together about this building. Like I said, we don't have a banana tree problem around here. Another plant's dying around here, which I wish we could figure this thing out. But we really have a heating system problem. It's not clear what the problem is yet, and I just have the faith to believe that sooner or later it's going to be solved. But maybe it's that faith, whether it's sooner or later, that has been the motivation behind which, or behind my desire to come up here, because maybe God wants to do a healing of the healing of the heating system, or give some extra wisdom to some body or whatever. But we sure do need some prayer about the heating system. We are working hard on that, and I just praise the Lord for Jay Clymer, who is spearheading the solution to this thing, and there are just complications involved, and I just don't understand them all. But just would like to leave it like that, and just have the body of. Leave us here. Just pray for the complications to be worked out. The Lord understands it all, and I know He wants it all to work out. He just wants us to pray about it together as a church. I was sitting back there, and I was just thinking to myself, why should just the board of elders and the board of deacons be concerned about this? We're working our troops off, you know, on this thing here, and we come in on Sunday mornings. Trying real hard. Eric is pulling buttons and turning dials, and you know. This is our family's house, and therefore our family's problem. Let's pray about it together. Would you also please pray about something else too? The healing of the sound system. I almost had a heart attack this morning walking up on the platform. I turned about to see where the gun was smoking from. It was so loud the popping of the thing, you know. And we just want to really have that thing worked out. We just need wisdom with the ones that are working on that one. So these two things, and you can probably think of other things. So go ahead. Some probably are just unspoken requests. Let's just get a prayer about these couple of things anyway. Of course, we have no problem with air conditioning right now. We have plenty of air conditioning enough coal around here to pour you out of the prison pot. Wish we could. I know the building committee is just delighted with what God's doing many ways with the building projections and all, and they're already generating faith for air conditioning. So let's pray for air conditioning for the summer, while we're at it. Why not? And any other requests along that line? These are just a couple that I felt were kind of in order. Pardon about the building, keeping it on the building.

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Don Sautter 56:54

Oh, how could I forget the lease? Well, you know why Bob didn't forget the links, don't you? Bob, some of those things. Please get up and let the people know why you didn't forget the links. Yeah, we just have a real need about the leaks being also repaired. That's right. Can we just go to prayer about these things right now? Really ask the Lord. I know He's interested in these things. So, would several of you please lead us all in prayer? And I'm going to ask Jay Kleiner to please close this little season in prayer, as he feels inclined to do so, and move on from there.

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Speaker 4 58:00

Certainly, the comfort of my home, those who may have often added my power here, left light of a lone building in all places and weeds for providing that comfort. We ask by these beautiful marriages. program bringing together the following way, so that they might form the way they should by life and not. We can't ask others in the night, right? Lord,

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Speaker 5 58:54

we know we go to prayer that parents begin to work in opposition to these systems that right now picking up these dust. We pray, Father, that you'll give great wisdom in dealing with that as well as the problems, the leaks, Lord, just the concerns that may be upon men's hearts as far as those are sounds. Father, I pray especially that as we communicate and deal with people that are responsible for these things. That we shall have a spirit of love, spirit of patience, and with a great desire to bring about really what is true and right, and to concern other people as well. Just make everybody really sensitive, Lord, to what Your desires and convictions offer all of us in Jesus' name.

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Speaker 4 59:46

Amen. Father, friends, we don't have to be contagious because your mercy and your spirit, the Lord does not affect your spirituality, even if there are none of these hopes and God. Lord, we worship you. We only have the means that we prepare. We know we feel the problem. We know we feel the outwardness and the not out of the wall. Father, we pray for us and guide our efforts in how to serve the congregation in that college and whatever area you have to

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Speaker 6 1:00:30

be taking to us how to use things to come and to show you.

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Speaker 7 1:00:45

My father realized that time by taking so naturally from you to point a finger and to raise some legs and to try to to feel that there have been weaknesses in either land or flood. There's so many ways in space. You could ever enter into these types of things and really cause suspension among the things, either for those people who were involved in building, for them to design and operated for those that are involved will now carry those years. In order to get that, we might truly guard the heart and intentions of the people that are involved with faith in causing division among the different people that have been involved in the planning stages and the construction stages, challenged, and making and repairing things to these problems. Let each gain a little, for he was afraid he may overrule and override his matter, so that what he's done come to a satisfactory position, so that there is no hurt in the body, so that it feels less particular to give away cross into the future.

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Speaker 8 1:02:10

Heavenly Father, we know we provide in your hand because so many wonderful things for us, but so we are doing the same thing. So we are thanking for this being necessary to help our buildings learn things, and also Eric has to give them praise. Community that might be special, so we love all of that. We have nothing to be concerned about, and we will be together that you help us find us deep, deep down, in any way, wherever you want to be. This is so very thankful to us.

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Speaker 6 1:02:54

Lord, we just thank you for

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Speaker 7 1:03:00

this song. We just thank you, Lord, for giving you. care, Lord. We just we humble ourselves before this because we try and so often for us, but you always have the answer for us. Thank you, Lord. We just praise you and thank you for the privilege of turning to you that we need to hand off the mercy, because you are the master of all. Lord, we just ask you to guide us, provide us with the solution. Lord, thank you so much for the patience of the congregation, and Lord, we just pray for the way that you work in the Lord.

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Speaker 3 1:04:00

For making me whole, thank you, Lord, for giving to me by grace salvation. turn your Bibles to Galatians chapter three,

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Curt Heffelfinger 1:04:33

like you to read two verses with me. Then we'll have the ushers come forward for the Offering. Ricky's testimony reminded me of this. It's just such a tremendous statement of fact. Verses 28 and 29 of Galatians chapter three. Let's read it together from the New American Station. Version, and if you don't have one of those, maybe just lean off somebody next to you, so we can all be reading the same thing together. Chapter three, verses 28 and 29. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus, and if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. Amen. Amen. Praise the Lord. Ushers, will you please come forth? So we look forward to our evening offer. Let's bow in prayer, please, Brother Bill. As you lead his chambers,

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Jay Klimer 1:06:00

Father, we thank you, Lord, for who you are and that you are our God, our Redeemer, our salvation. Lord, we thank you for the job for you've given us for our earned income. Lord, and we thank you that you've given us the privilege to be back to the part of us. Father, we thank you that you created us in image and likeness, and your likeness is the gift. Father, pray. that we bless and use these times and our peaceful ends for your glory in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Don Sautter 1:07:33

Well, I know that none of you uttered a prayer audibly about this matter of air conditioning. I didn't. I paid solidly for it because I know it's coming sooner. But anyway, in all seriousness, we have a member of our body here that is very much leaning toward going to some other part of the world with Operation Mobilization this coming summer, and there's a strong desire on his part and his family's part that they do this as a family. I just thought it might be nice for us to have Brother Rake up here and just share the burden of the Lord upon his heart, so we can just get behind him in prayer as we look forward to this together. I know if my son, or my brother, or sister was going off this coming summer to Europe or some other part of the world, maybe we're going to go to India or some other else. I'm not sure whether he's material for India or not, the only reason why is because George might want to have a weight-reducing contest with you. Coming up here, brother, God bless you. You know, one reason why I can do this with him is because when he first came to the church, one of the first things he said when he went back on to talk to his wife was, "Hey, as a pastor, they're my age. He has kids my age. You know, she said, "All right.

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Ray Rissler 1:09:15

Now, maybe I'm not material for India, but I know it wouldn't be hard to become material for India, if God wants it that way. And for those who don't know, their children are all within a month of the ages of our children. It's just so phenomenal. But we seriously do have a desire to go with OM, and I think that God is leading this direction. I didn't really want to make it a big public deal, but the more people that are united in one effort, the more God can back it. And I just feel that, in spite of the fact that there will be some logistical problems about getting three months off from work, it can be arranged. I already spoke to the. About it, and he said it's not normally done, but we can do it. And knowing the level of my desire and the the reason for it, I'm sure it can be arranged. So, at the missions conference, Dean, who was nine years old at the time, stood up, as well as Sandy and I, and I asked him just recently whether he knows what a missionary is, and he said a missionary who's one is one who will serve God. So I know he understands what he's doing, what he has said, and what he has committed himself to. So there's a lot of things that need to be straightened out and taken care of. I don't know how many of you know that we're in the process of building a motorhome out of an old school bus, but that thing is definitely going to take last priority. There's plenty of time for that, so we just want to be where God wants us. That's the important thing. Thank you. Well,

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Speaker 4 1:11:13

I just want to be one of my smoke from Brother Ray and his wife, fresh blood, or give him a gift. you for the holidays with Disney, gentlemen of America. We too, as we go in front of an all-stress in spotlight, we praise you so much that you serve tomorrow years ago. Thank you for your loyalty. Thank you for your faithfulness for so much in season and out of season. Thank you for your regular love, your giving Lord, which has given us so many things we think about the rise of God. We believe that reality of Christ is already in our children in many ways, whenever we just lift an entire country, you would say, "Father, how proud we are in great sense that we have the family as a heart for mission. We look up to you and say, "Lord, we care for you that you have already spiritually renewed what you're ever to, Father, who is delighted with our church, the way it is committed to bring forth in their support that that other poor people subscribe and hear a wonderful way, and just invite us in your way to do it in advance, Lord, just so happy. How about those now as a higher family? Lord, pray for all people and desire

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Speaker 6 1:12:59

to live alone. For the great Did you see material that had somebody that made those right arms? What you told me? No, I know that 3% coverage. I think all the time that requires those persons who share the care and foundation that we want to send out to someone that are able to determine that all the time that shares with us for people and that the goal of pray, believe God, and you feel the Lord, we know

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Speaker 8 1:14:00

the Lord. we thank you for you. How

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Speaker 9 1:14:20

you motivate us for the desire in us to serve you in certain lands, in other lands, other cultures, and winners that are closest to us. But we know that this is your role for the researchers. You will work out in details, and it isn't large enough to them, and the growth that they will have received is a value, and is rarely needed to have any other prayer of references. We praise you for closings together, praying one for another because you know that this is your desire. We pray, Father. You continue to cause us to take more seriously this through prayer. Not only do pray for the visitors next ever once, but for all the prayer concerns we're aware of through the bullets and other sources. We thank you for a God who has not only an innocent director, but a God was caused to hear. Even if we listen to that beauty name, she raised his hand

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Speaker 4 1:15:31

to his worship and praying for you.

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Curt Heffelfinger 1:15:44

Father, thank you for allowing us to understand that men born again are your chosen means of bringing the gospel to those who haven't heard, to those that need to hear, and thank you that that reaches to the uttermost parts of the earth, and that gradually in your time you're raising up people like the Rislers, in the same fashion that you have raised up Brother Dan Rossi. Lord, we commit these dear ones to you, and pray, Father, that in your time each and every circumstance shall fall into place that will but force them into the field. For this is your desire. May they rest and wait patiently upon you. And as we think of being missionaries, we thank you that we have the privilege tonight to remember He who is the greatest missionary of all time, the Son of God, who came to live among men and give His life as a ransom for many. Cause us now, Father, to dwell upon Him the gift of His sacrifice and salvation, the shedding of His blood and the brokenness of His body, all of which were resurrected on the third day, cause us now, Father, to remember our Lord Jesus Christ, for in so doing we proclaim His death until He comes. The ushers, please come forth. Ask if Brother Bud Tally and Brother Manny Stematakis would lead us in the Lord's Supper tonight.

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Vince Chiaravalloti 1:20:57

And when the mother heard this, she said, "Begone! Get you behind me, Satan, and here the daughter just curled up, and some my wife and I clearly remember her. Like sometimes she would just march in place and go around saying like Lucifer is beautiful, and and sometimes she even talks with the voice of a man. And I would really would like you to pray for this. The whole church there is praying, and we really want to see a miracle. We we really want to see this girl free, and we know it can be done. So please, her name is Marsha. So please, morning, during the day, at night, please pray for for this girl, which is so much.