

[00:00:00] *hope: Welcome to the Hope Church Glasgow Sunday podcast. We pray you encounter God's love afresh today. Find out more about us@hopechurchglasgow.org or find us on Facebook and Instagram. Now, please enjoy this week's podcast.

[00:00:18] John: I joined Bethel Leaders Network at its at its beginning, probably eight years ago or something like that.

And Chuck has been our revival group leader.

John and Kelly are in that revival group.

Chuck was in France with John and Kelly, and they had such a good time. They're like, we're gonna drive from the south of France to be at this conference, spur the moment. And somebody got them, and they just jumped in the car and drove from the south of France. My friends from Orkney drove all the way from Orkney. Give a wave.

He's like, keep it on the DL. But there's no chance.

No, it was fantastic. But Chuck, you know, when he was up there speaking, there were so many times I was deeply offended. No, I wasn't offended.

[00:01:08] Chuck: That's not us.

[00:01:09] John: That's not what I was gonna say.

There were so many times I was like, oh, wow. That's like something I would say, you know, I was like, oh, yeah. That's like, wow. And I realized, like, how much has Chuck actually affected me over the years? How much have I, like, been transformed in my conversations and in my meeting? And somebody else actually came and said, yeah, you know what? Like, I really see the resemblance. And I'm like, wow. You know, it's like, what's cool is, you know, my own father passed away many years ago. And what the Father does is he never leaves himself without a witness.

The Father is always revealing himself to you in ways that you don't always necessarily realize until you do.

And then it's like, oh, wow, Father, you've been. You've been showing me yourself all this time through this and that. And Chuck just really reveals the Father so beautifully.

The whole idea of kingdom culture is that we get to join, like, Jesus to say, if you've seen me, you've seen the Father.

That's what the kingdom actually is, that the light that was on Jesus becomes the light that's on us. A city on a hill.

And that's why it's such a pleasure to bring this man before you, because he reflects the Father so beautifully. And there's an opportunity for all of our faith to be stretched and encouraged, because if we actually know, hey, we're about to get a beautiful glimpse of the Father here.

We can just. Our faith levels are just up, and we can just receive directly from the Father whatever he wants to deposit in us right now. Is your faith geared up for that this morning?

Hallelujah. Can we just stand and say thank you to Chuck for coming all across?

We love you, Chuck. Father, give us everything that you want through this man in Jesus name, Amen.

[00:03:16] Chuck: Thank you.

[00:03:17] John: Whoa.

[00:03:19] Chuck: Yeah, you sit right there.

I'm preaching at you, boy.

[00:03:29] John: So mischievous.

[00:03:30] Chuck: Oh, dear.

Tearing the place apart.

Oh, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus.

[00:03:40] *hope: Whoo.

[00:03:41] Chuck: It's good to see so many faces that are familiar to me now because I saw you this past few days.

Oh, yay. And new faces as well.

Hallelujah.

Oh, my.

I wanted.

I always like to tell testimonies of things that God has done. Do you like testimonies of what God's done? No, because. And sometimes people haven't seen him do so many amazing things. But it's really important for us all to talk about the things that he's done in our lives, because somebody needs to hear that.

So a couple things have popped in my mind right now. One is I led a missions team to Guatemala, and we were ministering at this church up in a city up in the mountains, and.

And the church wanted to do an outreach in the park. And so we had, I think, 30 students. And so we took them all to the park, and we had some translators. They speak Spanish there. I don't speak Spanish. Everybody else got a translator. I didn't get a translator.

The people are evangelizing in the park, and I'm kind of going, whoa, I wonder what I'll do. And our artists had brought some clipboards with some colored pencils and paper. And I thought, oh, I'll draw a picture. And so I drew a picture, and I'm a pretty good artist. I made this picture. It's really pretty of, you know, mountains and hills and a farm, this beautiful farm.

And I used all the colors. I had really a lot of fun drawing.

And then I thought, okay, God, who's this picture for?

And over on the side of the town square, I saw this shoeshine man, you know, in a poor Guatemalan city. This poor Guatemalan shoeshine man over on the side. And I thought, oh, I'll give this to him and get a prophetic word from God for it. And I had flip flops on. So I.

I needed somebody with shoes.

So I went to one of my friends that had boots. I said, come here. We're going to get your shoes, your boots shined.

And we found somebody who spoke Spanish. And so the three of us went over to this shoeshine man and asked if he would shine my friend's boots and, you know, I would pay for it. And he gets all this stuff with one hand, and we realized his other hand was just limp at his side.

So he's a one armed shoeshine man in a poor town in Guatemala.

You know, as we're talking to him, he has three kids that he's supporting. And so we wanted to pay him really well for his shoe shining. So he shined up my friend's boots. And then I said, this is a picture that God gave me. And he told me to give it to you, and he wants you to know that.

And I, you know, I'm thinking, is this really what you're saying, God? Do you ever get a prophetic word and you just wonder, you look at the circumstances, you go, mmm, really?

I said, you know, God wants you to know this is your farm. And I gave him the picture of the farm. He burst into tears.

He said, well, I was a farmer and then I had an accident with the tractor and, you know, lost the use of my arm. And when I didn't have an arm, my wife left me and left me with three kids.

And so I'm here shining shoes on the streets in Guatemala. And when you show me the farm and said God wants me to have the farm, it just, you know, made me cry.

It made me cry too. So we're all crying together.

And then I said, well, I have good news for you.

We're friends with Jesus and he heals people.

Can we pray for your arm? He goes, sure.

And so we pray for his arm. And you just felt the electricity of heaven. And all of a sudden, this. For three years, this damaged arm, he lifts it up and God healed it.

[00:08:00] *hope: Boo.

[00:08:03] Chuck: And God gave him the farm.

I mean, that we get to see people's lives changed.

But a part of it is that, you know, we have to step out a little bit in who he says we are and what we're doing, because, you know, to see that guy. And I mean, first of all, I didn't have anything to do everybody else's evangelizing. I could have sat there and thought, I don't get to play ever felt like that.

But see, I looked around for something I could do and God gave me a picture. And God cared about a person so much that he brought me all the way from the US down to Guatemala to change this man's life.

And I got to be a part of it.

I got to play.

Oh, God, you're so good.

Want to hear another story.

So we were in a suburb of Chicago doing a.

Is that the kids in the next room?

And the room where they were praying was shaken.

We were in a suburb of Chicago and we were doing a conference and it was a healing conference. And in the car park, a number of the young people met this Hindu girl, a girl from India, and they prayed for her. She gave her life to Jesus. And they said, why don't you come into this conference? So she's in the session of the conference in the afternoon and she's seeing healing and she's seeing miracles. And she's just excited, all these excited people and it's just a whole new experience for her. So when we were going to have the dinner break, she came up and she said, do you have to be a Christian to come to this?

No, anybody could come. She said, well, my dad is a Hindu, but he tore his knee apart and he's limping and he's in great pain.

Could he get healed?

Do you know that in the Gospels nobody was a Christian that got healed?

It's just who Jesus is.

And so I said, yeah, bring your father along. And so the, the room is, you know, it's crowded, you know, lots of seats taken like in here. But there was a center aisle and she brought in this guy and you know, he's dark skinned, he's Indian, but there he was like in a bubble of darkness. This, I mean it was just dark all around him.

And I'm going, huh? And so I'm just sharing stories and talking about Jesus and all kinds of stuff. And he's just like, you know, there was anger and pain and all kinds of things. And then we divided everybody up to pray for each other, for healing. And this, I think a 10 or 11 year old boy went over, prayed for the man's knee and then God healed it instantly.

And he can move and he's like in awe, but he's still like full of like darkness, fear, hatred and you know, whatever was on him, it was kind of crazy. So we ended the meeting and we decided to do this thing called a fire tunnel. Who knows what a fire tunnel is? Anybody?

So it's two lines of people and you just get really happy, play really loud music and people go through and you all lay hands on them. And you know, people manifest all kinds of ways and get hit by joy and, you know, all kinds of things. Well, everybody's going through the fire tunnel. And

I'm watching this guy because I'm just curious, you know, is he Going to go through the fire tunnel. And he, you know, he's just got this dark look, this furrowed look, this, you know, seriousness on him. And he starts coming up and the closer he gets to the fire tunnel, the brighter his countenance gets.

And he comes to the end of the fire tunnel and he's just radiant. And he comes through and he comes to me and he just grabs his arms around me and he just hugs me and I just felt the love of Jesus.

And then he walked on. I went, something happened to that guy.

And so I go find him at the end and I go, I go, I think you met Jesus. He goes, uh huh.

I said, when did that happen? He goes, well, when I stood up and I saw all these happy people, that whole line of people, it was so full of light, I thought, I've got to have that light. And the closer I got to the light, the more this darkness lifted off of me. And as soon as I entered the tunnel of people, all of a sudden I met Jesus.

Nobody prayed for this guy.

God loves people. He's chasing after people, he's running after people.

I know I could tell stories all day, but I have a little bit of a message too.

Stories, message.

We can do it all. We can do it. All right, Let's open our Bibles. Okay, Your Bible, your telephone, whatever you have.

Whoops, mine doesn't open.

What happened?

There we go.

Prophetic people. Tell me where we're going in the Bible.

Come on.

Okay, we're in John. Yes. Whoa, that got loud. Okay, you guys are good. Okay, let's go with John, chapter seven.

I'm in Hebrews. That's not where I need to be.

The elephants are charging.

Okay, John, chapter seven. And in verse, we'll go to verse 37 and it says now, on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, if anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.

Yes.

Now this is interesting because it's the feast of tabernacles. It's the celebration of when they

were all in the wilderness and, you know, in the desert and he had to supply food and drink. Supernaturally, he was a pillar of fire by night, pillar of cloud by day, for shade, for warmth.

But there wasn't any water. It was the desert. And so they had to either speak to the rock, hit the rock, and water gushed forth from the rock, and there's like 3 million people.

And enough water came out that, you know, all those people for days and weeks and months, 40 years, actually, they had enough water. And so this is the celebration, the feast that they're celebrating. And Jesus stands up on the last days and goes, you're thirsty. Come to me.

I mean, this is like heresy.

Whoever believes in me, as the scripture says, from his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.

Okay? So here's Jesus saying, I'm the rock, come to me to drink. But if you believe in me, you're going to be that rock, and there's going to be belly rivers coming out of you.

Put your hand in your belly and just say, belly rivers.

Oh, but this. He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were.

Were going to receive, for the Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

So they're going to get the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit's going to come out like rivers out of people.

I like that. I like to practice it in airports and places like that.

I mean, you do it subversively. You don't let them know you're doing it, but you just.

You should try it.

Okay, let's jump to John 14.

Ha.

So Jesus says, I'm the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father but through me, okay? And so Philip goes, cool, show me the Father.

And in, you know, verse nine, Jesus says to him, philip, come on, have I been so long with you, yet you've not come to know me? Philip, whoever sees me has seen the Father.

How can you say, show us the Father? Don't you believe that I'm in the Father and the Father's in me? And the words that I say to you, I don't speak on my own initiative, but the Father who lives in me does the work.

You know that shoeshine man in Guatemala, I didn't do that. I don't know how to heal anybody.

Actually, do you know that I get paid over the healing department at Bethel Church? And I don't know how to heal anybody?

It's the best gig ever.

No, the one who lives inside of me does the healing. And that's what Jesus said, because I don't do it. The Father's in me. He does the work.

Hallelujah.

Shabbat. Shalom. No work today.

Actually, that's why we decided. Jesus healed on the Sabbath all the time. Because they couldn't work for. For it. Ha. It's a free gift, okay? So believe me that I'm in the Father and the Father is in me.

Otherwise, believe because of the works themselves, okay? These works are proof that the Father's in me doing the work. Truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me, the works that I do, he'll also do. And greater works than these he will do because I go to the Father.

So who believes into Jesus? Anybody here?

We get to do the works that he does. And he didn't even do them. The Father in him did it.

And so he's saying, okay, you get to play the same game I'm playing.

You get to have the Father work through you. God's going to work through you.

And he says, this is all going to happen because I go to the Father and because I go to the Father what He's talking about. And he explains in verse 16, that's why you got to keep reading the Bible. It gets better and better.

He says, I'll ask the Father, and he'll give you another helper that he may be with you forever. That word, you know, it's parakletus or paraclete. Paracletes in the Greek, but Jesus spoke Aramaic. And I've read the Aramaic Bible. The word paraclete in the Aramaic Bible.

I mean, the Greek word means helper. The Aramaic word means the end of the curse.

Yeah, that's who moved inside, huh?

He'll give you another helper that he may be with you forever.

That's the spirit of truth, whom the world can't receive because it doesn't see him or know Him. But you know him because he abides with you. Okay, the Holy Spirit's with you right now, disciples. He's talking to his guys. But he will be in you.

Okay? And we know that Jesus went through his whole, you know, death, burial, resurrection and outpouring of the Holy Spirit. And now the Holy Spirit lives in us, just like Jesus said, you know, I'm in the Father, the Father's in me, you're in me, all of that stuff. It's really a good deal.

Best deal ever.

Let's see.

Yeah, you know, the whole thing's good. Your homework is to read John 14, 17, because we're not going to read it right now, but it's really good.

Okay, so we've got this river flowing through us of the Holy Spirit, and it's endless. He's going to be with us forever. It's flowing from God. You know, we're in him, he's in us. He's coming gushing out of us. See, we can't contain the life of God.

And so it comes out like a belly river.

Belly rivers.

I was teaching on evangelism and people were talking about what if they don't want to hear about Jesus.

So, Andy, pretend you're a heathen.

So I'm going to come to talk to you about Jesus and pray for you. And you don't want it, you just say no.

Nah, nah.

And so I go, well, it was nice to meet you.

It was nice to meet you.

This is called game over.

I got belly rivers coming out.

Oops, He wants more.

You got to know what you carry and have fun with it.

Okay? So you know, we've got these belly rivers, we've got this life, We've got all the life of the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit in us.

Hey, it's an amazing experience.

So everything should be great for the rest of our lives.

Oh, except there's this thief that comes to steal, kill and destroy.

But Jesus came that we'd have life and have it more abundantly. And so we get in this place where we see steal, kill and destroy. Have you ever seen that happen?

And so we've got this river flowing through us. But what happens is, you know, Isaiah 59 describes it really well. In Isaiah 59 we see the enemy just ravaging, trying to, you know, destroy everything.

But God is there to bring justice. And Isaiah 59, 19.

When I first started reading the Bible, I was reading the new King James version and I got to this and it, you know, and you know, all this stuff is happening and God's coming to bring justice. And it says in Isaiah 59, 19, in the New King James, it says, so shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy comes in like a flood, the spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him.

[00:24:45] *hope: Him.

[00:24:46] Chuck: Well, I mean, it's good to know that God's there for justice on your behalf. But I didn't like the fact that the enemy got a flood and we get a little flag on the hilltop. I mean, it's just, it's like, come on, I want the flood.

And so I looked at all the other versions and actually that's what they say.

You know, they say when the enemy comes like a flood, the spirit of the Lord.

Okay, so I'm just going to read from the new living translation says, for he will come like a raging flood tide driven by the breath of the Lord.

He will break in as a flooding, rushing river driven on by the breath of God.

He'll come like a pent up flood that the breath of the Lord drives along. These are all these different versions.

The New American Standard for he will come like a narrow rushing stream that the wind of God drives along.

So in reality, the flood, it's God coming like a flood.

And what's happened is you've got these belly rivers flowing out, you've got the life of God flowing through you, but somebody piled a bunch of boulders in your river to dam it up. Have you ever felt like you're looking at the river of God and it seems like just a little trickle kind of running out? And you go, where's all the good stuff?

Where are the miracles? Because, you know, the enemy's piled boulders made a dam in there. And we start looking at the size of the enemy's dam and what the boulders are and the little trickle and. And if we look at that, if that's our focus, we are overwhelmed.

The word for enemy, it's interesting, the very word for enemy used means to put in a narrow, tight place.

See, that's what the enemy always wants to do. He wants to dam up the life of God in you and narrow your options so all the good stuff's not rushing through you.

Anybody ever experienced that? Okay, yes, we've all seen that. We know what that looks like.

Okay, so what do we do about it?

Okay, the word lift up a standard, it's only used in the King James because back in those days, you know, the standard just called the whole calvary. And so what the phrase means in those ancient terms is to put to flight speedily, like a charge of horsemen, but it means also to impel forcefully, like a confined river that bursts its dam.

New American standard, same one 59, 19.

Okay, so this is what this looks like.

We're delighting in the, you know, the fountain that springs up into everlasting life. The rivers of

living water gushing out. And then distractions come and offenses come and problems come and our toxic self absorption comes in. And, you know, all these things the enemy uses and piles them and dams up this river and we just see a little trickle. And unfortunately, I found this in the church that too much of the church accepts that little trickle of the life of God as normal.

Now, that shouldn't be okay, but do you know what is happening behind you when you dam up a river?

The pressure and the capacity and the volume of the river of heaven gets bigger and bigger behind you.

And that's when God breaks through and goes, ba and burst the dam.

Okay, look at second Samuel 5:19.

This is David.

Okay, so David's the lover, you know, the man after God's heart. He's the beloved and he's the lover.

Okay.

It says somewhere in the Bible, in the New Testament, Paul says all these things are written for our example.

Okay. It says all these stories in the past, in the Old Testament, they're shadows, but the substance is Jesus.

Okay? So here's Jesus standing in time and the glory of God shining on him. And he casts a shadow all the way back to Genesis.

And he's the covering for the people, he's the sacrificial lamb, he's the Abel's sacrifice, he's the Passover, he's the law. And the prophets, he came to fulfill them. All of the Old Testament, everything that's happening is a shadow showing us what's going to happen when Jesus comes. Does that make sense?

Okay. And it's really good to see his shadow throughout things and you start to see the prophetic picture of the Bible.

So Israel means an overcomer with God.

Remember Jacob was the khan, the supplanter, the heel snatcher. And he wrestled with the angel and he became an overcomer with God. When we've all been cons, but he's made us overcomers with God.

We've been changed and transformed. We're not that old guy anymore, we're new creation. Just say I'm a new creation.

Okay, so Israel means overcomer with God. David's the king of Israel. Their constant enemy was the Philistines.

Philistine means to wallow in the dust, to wallow in self pity, to wallow. And isn't that the opposite and the enemy of being an overcomer?

Oh, poor me, it's never, I never get it. They never pick me. I never get to play.

Everybody else does.

She's so much prettier than I am.

He's smarter, he's stronger, they have more money, you know, all of this self pity is the enemy of an overcomer with God. So for Israel to come like a mighty river and be the life of God flowing into the world, the enemy's piling up. All this self pity offends, all of this stuff in the path. And David is smart.

Cause it says here in 2nd Samuel 5:19, David inquired of the Lord saying, shall I go up against the Philistines and will you deliver them into my hand?

Because if you read the book of Joshua, you see, when they did that, they were victorious.

When they went, we got this one, boom. Wiped out.

We should learn from these things are written for our example.

Hmm.

So David goes, shall I go up against the Philistines? You know we are overcomers with God. Shall we wipe out this self pity this, you know, wallowing? And the Lord said to David, go up, for I will surely deliver them into your hand. That's a good word to hear.

The Word tells us, thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ Jesus.

Okay, so David came to BAAL Perazim and he smote them there. Isn't that a good word? Smote.

Let's smite. Except smite is the present tense of smote. But let's smite the enemy, okay?

And this is what he said. He said, the Lord has broken through my enemies before me like the bursting out of great waters. So they called the name of the place BAAL Perazim, which means the Lord of breaking through.

Good story, huh?

Who needs breakthrough in your life?

Anybody? Okay, we're going to stand and we're going to do a prophetic act. I like prophetic acts. It's acting out the truths that are in scripture. Okay, everybody gets to play. Let's stand up.

Watch out. You might get breakthrough.

Okay, so the life of God is in you because he put it in you. And we can't contain the life of God. It flows out like a belly river, like rivers out of our belly. Just say belly rivers.

Okay, but there are obstacles, offenses, failures, you know, all kinds of things piled into that river. And just look in your own life, it doesn't matter. It could be different things. It could be financial, it could be relational. It could be, you know, anything

[00:34:40] John: that's

[00:34:40] Chuck: piled up and causing the life of God to seem like just a trickle.

Okay, now we can focus on that. Or right now I'd like to invite everybody just to turn around, turn 180 degrees and look behind you. And all of the capacity of heaven and is increasing and increasing. The pressure is building, the level of the water is rising. It's getting greater and greater and greater.

And it's waiting for a person who'll stand in the gap and go, breakthrough.

Okay, just look at the fullness of the capacity of heaven there.

And who wants breakthrough?

Hey, you don't have to know any tricks. You just see it.

See what is building behind you. Because God is bringing justice. God is here to vindicate. Okay? And so let's just shout breakthrough right now. One, two, three.

Breakthrough.

Okay, turn around and watch the. The boulders are tumbling down the river bank. You know, it makes noises. Okay, okay, so I want to see what David saw because it says, you know, he smote them, but it says, the Lord has broken through My enemies before me like the bursting out of great waters. I think he just saw people tumbling backwards down the hill, and just the rush of the.

The authority of the power of God come rushing through the guys who are probably. They're standing there with their spears going, what just happened? Because so many times God confounded the enemy because his mighty power and justice comes charging through, and people go flying down the hill.

Okay, this is what he wants to do for you and for me.

So who wants to live in that?

Okay, so it's as simple as this.

It's as simple as just looking at what he said and going, yes, please.

One of my favorite scriptures from the time I first got saved is from the days of John the Baptist until today. The kingdom of heaven suffers violence and the violent take it by force.

Now, I love it because it's such a violent verse.

I like the energy of it. But if you lived in a violent home or with rageaholics, or you were the rageaholic, maybe that's, you know, an offensive verse.

But I looked up the words to see what it said. Okay, you can. You guys can sit down if you want to.

The kingdom of heaven suffers violence, experiences violence, is subject to violence. That word, violence, the Greek word is biastes, and it's bios, which is like biology, biosphere. What does that word mean?

Life.

The kingdom of heaven is so vibrant with life. It's powerful, it's energetic. It's, like, charged with life.

It's violent with life. I mean, the life is so powerful. It's not like this sleepy life, nap time.

No, it's like.

And so the kingdom of heaven is charged with life and the violent, Those who have the life force inside of them. Rivers of living water. You know, the passion for Jesus, incredible. You know, I've encountered his love,

[00:38:31] John: and

[00:38:31] Chuck: I'm not the same anymore.

And.

And it says the violent take it by force. And the word take by force, it's one of those picture words in ancient Hebrew, and it's. What it means is to pull up the anchor, raise the sail, and catch the wind.

Now, sometimes, like we were in worship earlier and, you know, you felt the presence of God, and sometimes in the church, we go, oh, we're all in the safe harbor, anchored.

We go, oh, the presence of God. And we're bobbing along. It's so nice.

But no, what are we supposed to do? We're supposed to pull up our anchors, put up our sail, and catch the wind of the spirit, because he's taking everyone someplace that's unique for you.

I remember when I was a brand new believer. So I was in my 20s. I was sitting over in this part of the church, kind of in the front, because I was hungry for everything.

And there was a speaker, and he said, if you come to the front, God will heal you. We're going to pray for the sick. If you come to the front, you'll be healed. And I thought, great, that's cool. I didn't need healing, but I'm excited. And people are streaming up front and they're going to get healed. And then I heard the Holy Spirit say to me, there's a man way back there. And I want you to go and I want you to pray for him because I want to heal him. And so I said, but God? You said, if you come to the front, have you ever argued with God? And then it's dead silent.

Oops.

So I pulled up my anchor, I raised my sail, I sailed around the building to the back.

I was very obedient. I was.

Did anybody see the Jesus Revolution movie?

I was one of those guys. I was barefoot, long hair, in the church house, that weird guy. So I got my sail up and I'm sailing around the back, and there's this old folks section over here. I'm not pointing to you guys saying you're the old folks.

I mean, they're probably younger than I am now.

And so I come around from behind and there are a bunch of them in their pews in this place. And a bunch of people had gone up for prayer and stuff. And I'm trying to get. I see the guy and I don't know him, and he's leaning over his pew like this, praying. And the only way to get to him is to hop over about three pews from behind.

And so I'm barefoot, I'm climbing over pews, but to get to him, I have to kind of launch over and grab him from behind. He handled it really well.

So I grab him and I just start praying, Praying. I don't know what I'm praying. I'm just praying prophetically because I didn't ask him or anything. And then I feel like we're done.

I go, okay. And then all the people are coming back and the seats are all, you know, climbing over people.

Getting back to my seat, and I go, whew.

But to obey is better than sacrifice. Amen.

And so I pulled my anchor up, I put up the sail, I went with the wind of the Spirit. Had no idea what happened. Didn't know the guy.

So later that week, I ran into him in town in the village, and he comes running up to me and he goes, thank you for praying for me. I went, oh, man. You know, it was such an honor to pray for you. Tell me, what's the situation? I didn't have any idea. He said, well, two years ago, my wife got cancer. And, you know, they wanted to put her in the hospital and do treatment and everything, but I took her home and I just kept her at home. She wanted to be at home for her last days. I loved her. I took care of her. I did everything for her. And she died in our home.

I said, oh, I'm so sorry. He goes, yeah. And then just this past week, the doctor told me, I've got cancer and I'm all alone and I don't have anybody.

And I'm, you know, I was just broken about it.

And when you prayed for me, hope came in, and I just came back from the doctor, and they can't find the cancer.

Okay, so weigh anchor. That means pull up the anchor.

Okay, let's say weigh anchor.

Hoist the mainsail.

Catch the wind of the spirit.

Your spirit is your sail, and you just want to connect your spirit with his spirit and go where he's going and do what he's doing and say what he's saying.

And Jesus said, you know, I don't even do it. The Father in me does the works. And so we're just in relationship with a God who lives in us and wants to come out like rivers and touch other people. And we don't even have to know what we're doing.

We just respond and we watch God do miracles. And so it's time for breakthrough in the church.

It's, you know, we've declared breakthrough. It's time that, you know, it's the end of the little trickle of the life of God in the church. And it's time for the gushing water so that nothing can stand against. Because of the power. We've had people when we. When we host the presence of God, we've had people come in and fall on their faces because they'd never experience. Experience the presence of God. And they just come in and the wave of his presence hits them.

And see, we're carriers of that presence.

And we can do it alone and as a group, but when we're all doing it together, it has so much power. But there's also so much power when we're alone. I mean, anybody ever work in a company that.

Where nobody knows Jesus?

I mean, Imagine that.

Working for the government, whatever.

I used to be a forest fire fighter. Forest firefighter. And so we go up and, you know, they'd take us in helicopters and planes. It was so much fun. It was way cool. And we had a crew of 20 wild, radical, crazy people, and I was the only Christian among them.

And so we go out, and I loved it because we worked really hard. We were in dangerous places.

They tell you what you're not supposed to do, and so.

But we.

You know, this wall of fire would come raging through, and you're supposed to do all these things to get out. But we would go quick, gather. Somebody took a picture. You know, we're in front of the now run.

But these were, you know, hard playing hard living people. And so when we have a break, we'd be camped out for, you know, weeks up in the mountains and fighting forest fire. And they'd get a break and they'd go to town, and they all get drunk. And that really wasn't my thing.

But we were camped in beautiful places because you aren't camped in the fire.

And so I said, you know, I don't really want to go to town and get drunk. I think I'll just stay here. And so I stayed there and, you know, just went down to the river and just. I just had all day to worship God by myself with nobody being obnoxious and cursing all around me.

And this is what they told me when they came back. The crew boss wanted to know where I was. You know, they came back and they couldn't find me. And one of the guys in my crew said, if you see him coming out of the underbrush along the river with sticks in his hair and a wild look on his face, he's been down to the river with God.

That's how I want to be known.

So weigh anchor. Hoist the mainsail. Catch the wind of the spirit. Amen.

[00:47:18] *hope: Amazing. Thank you so much.

I just would love us to actually pray for one another, if you feel okay doing that.

Because it's really important to respond to words like that, actually, that we are all sitting here being like, yay. But actually, let's take that for ourselves. Like, yes. Like, actually, I want to make sure I'm following the wind of the spirit all the time when. When God prompts me to do something.

Actually, I gave up arguing a long time ago because I realized it was a waste of time, because he always wins. But actually, if you feel comfortable to do that, you. You may or may not know the people next to you. But if you. If. Or you can just pray by yourself. But let's just take a moment before we take a tea and coffee break, let's just take a moment to actually just respond.

So you can pray with the person next to you or just respond yourself to just actually say, yeah, Jesus, if that's what you want for your life and you're ready to just say, yes, I want to lift anchor. I want to follow the wind of the spirit, raise the sail. That actually, that we do that together and we actually respond to what Chuck's been sharing with us. And then we're going to take a moment when it's tea and coffee time and the kids come if you need any healing in your body. And we're going to just have a few people up here and we would love to pray for you, just for you to have breakthrough in health, breakthrough in health in your life. So, yeah, Jesus, I want to thank you that a life with you is incredibly exciting.

I want to thank you for the wild adventures that you have in store for each of our lives. I want to thank you, Jesus, that actually we can follow you and you can lead us into extraordinary circumstances. And so I thank you that we're your ambassadors on this earth, Jesus, and that you want to use us. And so I just want to pray right now for every person in this room. I want to ask Holy Spirit, that you will spring up fresh hope inside of every single one of us, that actually, God, you want to use us.

And that actually you're in us, you're with us, you're here every time. We. We just have a moment to just reflect. We know, God, you're in us and you're with us. And so I just put pray for boldness and courage to just be people who will live in the reality that we are ones who just live under open heaven. We have the same spirit that raised Jesus from the dead living inside of us. And that actually wherever we go, you go with us, God, because you said you're never going to leave us or forsake us. And so I just thank you that this week as we head back to school, as we head back to our homes, as we head back to our families, back to our workplaces, that actually anything is possible.

Because the same spirit that raised Jesus for the dead is in us. And you can do all things. And so I pray, Jesus, that you will surprise us, you'll use us mightily, and that we will have so much fun with you. And I just want to declare a new season of momentum and sailing in your life. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

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