

[00:00:00] So, yeah, my topic for this morning is passion for Jesus. And I think, actually, Andy, you set us up so well with our worship this morning, just into that place of just encounter with him. And as we'll see, that is really what stokes and fuels our passion. So I'm going to ask a few questions or try and answer a few questions. What is passion? I'm going to talk a little bit about this whole thing about feelings, because passion is feeling, as we'll see in a moment. But actually there's something deeper at play as well. And we're going to look at how do we get this passion? How do we maintain this passion? What are the things that quench this passion, and what's the outcome of our passion for Jesus? I'm looking at this, and my notes have all got more muddled up. Here we go.

[00:00:54] Okay, so let's begin then. What is passion? So if we can have the next slide. So I went on the Internet, as we tend to do, and passion, it tells us, is a very strong feeling about or a strong belief in something or someone.

[00:01:10] So passion is actually rooted in feeling. It's based in emotion, and it's actually something which stirs us to action as well.

[00:01:19] It's kind of an insistent motivation, and it can be directed in many ways. I mean, the word has many connotations.

[00:01:28] We have connotations. You know, you can be a passionate football fan or you can, like me, have a passion for the outdoors and lots of other things as well. And these are all great, but actually there's nothing better than having that level of passion for Jesus.

[00:01:47] So a couple of verses. So if we have the next one. Yeah. So as the deer pants for streams of water. So my soul longs for you, my God. My soul thirsts for God, the living God. That's the cry of the passionate heart of David. Andy kind of alluded to that at the beginning, just about, you know, how he was a guy who just poured out everything for God, whether he was out on the hillside tending the sheep, whether he was in the palace, whether he was bringing the ark into the temple, and he was discovered as a man with a heart after God. This is the heart of passion, embodied, if you like. And he also wrote in psalm 84, which I think will also come up, how lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty? My soul yearns, even faints for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

[00:02:44] There's this drive in the redeemed person for the presence of God to experience him as spirits are awakened to him and to his kingdom, there's a thirst and a hunger for him that is, I guess, just engendered in us as we encounter him. And we need to nurture those strong emotional pulls towards him. Now, I'm going to add a little bit of a caveat here, because this feels a little bit counter to a lot of what has been taught in sort of large swathes of Christianity over many, many years. So feelings have been frowned upon. You know, we, you know, we're very straight laced. We're very puritanical. We, you know, pleasure is not important and all those other things.

[00:03:35] And there's some truth in that.

[00:03:39] I think feelings are fickle. We know that feelings come and go. We can be a bit of a roller coaster sometime, and you can be dependent on our circumstances, and they can dominate the direction of our travel if we allow them to be. But even Jesus was subject to emotion. He wept at the tomb of Lazarus.

[00:04:00] He wasn't cold and detached.

[00:04:03] He was full of emotion. In Hebrews, it tells us that he was anointed with joy above his

companions.

[00:04:11] So he was joyful as well. And it tells us again, again, that he was moved by compassion with the people around him as well. And that compassion moved him then to reach out and to touch people's lives and to change their circumstances.

[00:04:30] But he was not controlled by his emotions. He recognized the emotion, but he always submitted to the father. So we see him in the garden of Gethsemane. He was in great anguish. He was sweating blood in his sweat. He was in a real state of agitation. But even in that moment of extreme emotion, he said, my father, if it's possible, may this cup be taken from me yet not as I will, but as you will.

[00:05:04] So there's an order here. So this is a bit of a preface to the other things I'm going to say, so bear with me for a moment. So there are various bits of our being.

[00:05:17] We are a whole, but actually there are different aspects to a being, and particularly where spirit and soul, and I think we might have.

[00:05:28] Next slide.

[00:05:30] Yeah. Okay.

[00:05:32] So we'll come to the quote in just a moment. But we need to understand that actually we're first and foremost spiritual beings. It's our spirits which really define who we are. It's our spirits who are going to live on into eternity. It's not this body. I think we'll get a resurrection one. And our body is really just that.

[00:05:56] I guess it's a temporary home for our spirit to live in. And that includes our mind and our emotions, kind of part of that. And this quote from Chris Ballaton came up, actually on my instagram feed just a couple of days ago as I was kind of pulling all this together. And he said, in the world, actions follow feelings, whereas in the kingdom, feelings follow actions.

[00:06:23] Now, he was actually talking in kind of the context of marriage, relationships, and maybe share a couple of things about that in just a minute. But it's true that this applies just as well in our relationship with Jesus.

[00:06:42] So our spirits should lead our souls.

[00:06:48] It's not our soul and our emotion leading our spirit. So our emotions don't define us, they don't tell us who we are, but actually our emotions are subject to our spirit. Our spirit kind of sets the temperature and our souls need to come in line. You know, I love David. We've already quoted a couple of his psalms, but he gives us a real insight into this, kind of almost this battle that's going on.

[00:07:17] So whatever the feelings are present, our spirit is there to bring our soul into line. So the next verse here, so it says, why my soul are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my saviour and my God. You know, our spirits are in union with the Holy Spirit. As Christians, we're joined to him, and that connects us with the truth of God. And so when we're in this state where our souls are downcast, when we're upset, where things are on top of us, actually our spirit can tap into holy spirit and into the eternal realities.

[00:08:00] So again, our souls need to submit to that and we get into trouble. If we let the soul

lead the spirit, we'll be all over the place.

[00:08:08] And it's true in our ministry as well that if we're just trying to make people happy, actually, that's not going to get us very far in our ministry. What we're looking to do is to build up and strengthen our spirit so that we can actually negotiate all of these things that go on in life.

[00:08:27] Okay, so that's a little sort of preamble. So, you know, passion is emotional, but it's an emotion that's in the kind of, I was going to say control. I don't like using that word, but it's directed by our spirits.

[00:08:48] Okay, so how do we stir up passion for Jesus? So I think maybe the next. Yeah, there we go. So passion is the result of encounter. And that encounter leads you into a journey of discovery, a journey of wonder, and it leads us into more encounters with God.

[00:09:09] Again, coming back to David, you know, he spent a lot of his probably early teenage years out on the hills tending his father's sheep. And we know that some of the psalms were written during that time, and it just gives us that insight into somebody who was clearly encountering God in those moments. He was getting supernatural strength to overcome the lions and bears and various things that would attack the flock. But again, he just developed this depth and intimacy with the father.

[00:09:47] And so that was kind of a, this kind of ongoing thing with David where he was just constantly aware of God. I think he was one who encountered God actually in a New Testament way, a new covenant way back in the old covenant, and then, so that was that kind of this consistent just dripping in, of encounter with God. Sometimes it's more dramatic. You think about Paul.

[00:10:12] He was a pharisee, he was persecuting christians in Israel, and God encountered him in a dramatic way. We often talk about a Damascus road experience. He was there traveling to Damascus to persecute the christians, and God knocked him off his donkey and encountered him in an amazing way.

[00:10:36] So the result of that for Paul was actually, he, after he'd been prayed for and his sight had come back, he became this kind of zealot for Christ. He'd encountered Jesus and it completely turned his life around.

[00:10:56] So we need to put ourselves in, if we want to stir our passion, we need to put ourselves in places where we are going to encounter God.

[00:11:05] Now, for me, that looks like being involved in worship. So Saturday night worship nights are just an incredible place to encounter God. For me, that also looks like going out and walking on the hills and just finding that space where God can speak, where I can encounter him and experience him in a very special way.

[00:11:31] For us as a family, it's meant going to conferences and particularly we used to go down to David's tent on a regular basis, just, again, just to put ourselves in a place where God could encounter us.

[00:11:45] So there's that kind of, God breaks in on us, but actually we then need to nurture that as we go. And I'll talk a wee bit more about that in a moment.

[00:11:57] The next thing I want to do is talk a little bit about what kills our passion for Jesus. So what is it? You know, we have that first encounter and it's amazing, but something actually then

gets in and maybe robs us of some of that joy.

[00:12:12] And I just want to read you a couple of passages from scripture, which actually, for me, are incredibly sobering and make me think, yeah, God, I don't want to be there.

[00:12:22] These are from the letters to the churches in revelation. The first one is to the church in Ephesus. He says, to the angel of the church in Ephesus, write, these are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands. I know your deeds, your hard work, and your perseverance. I know you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not and have found them false. You've persevered, and you've endured hardships for my name and have not grown weary. Sounds great, doesn't it? Sounds like fabulous church. Yet I hold this against you. You've forsaken the love that you had at first. Consider how far you've fallen. Repent and do the things you did at first.

[00:13:10] And that, I have to say, always touches me just here, because there are days when I think, actually, I'm not as passionate about Jesus as perhaps I was when I first knew him. And so it's not a condemnation, but actually, for me, it's a real spur to kind of get a hold of God and to pursue him again.

[00:13:35] And then the second church that was written to is the church in Laodicea. And it says, these are the words of the amen. The faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. I know your deeds, that you're neither hot nor cold. I wish you were either one or the other. So because you're a lukewarm, neither hot nor cold, I'm about to spit you out of my mouth. You say, I'm rich. I've acquired wealth and do not need a thing. But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked. I counsel you to buy gold refined in the fire so that you can become rich.

[00:14:15] So these are two churches that, you know, were probably prominent churches in the region, in that kind of Middle east, and they started so well, and yet they've lost that glow of the first love. The church in Ephesus was probably theologically strong and all the rest of it, but it just lost that burning passion. And the church in Leide at Laodicea had become lukewarm, comfortable, and complacent. And there are many things, I think, that can cause us to become that. And so just going to quickly touch on a few of those.

[00:14:59] And again, my notes are in a gobble.

[00:15:14] Okay, so the first of those on the next slide is materialism. So, like the church in Laodicea, they were rich, they were affluent, they were well off, and that had caused them just to become distracted from God, I think, you know, when you've got lots of stuff, you don't need to be having faith for where your next meal's coming from or whatever. Actually, we can become very comfortable and we can become very complacent.

[00:15:45] Material things are great. God gives us those, and he's not expecting us to live as ascetics or for most of us anyway, but material stuff can just take the edge off. We just become complacent. And so that's one thing. Second thing is legalism now, rules kill, and if we're on the treadmill of rule keeping, we will be burned out in no time whatsoever. Because actually the Bible tells us that we can't keep the law perfectly. And so that's why Jesus came to actually abolish the law. And we're in that beautiful place that describes, I think, back in Jeremiah, where it talks about in writing the law on our hearts. It's not any longer following the letter of the law, but it's actually catching the heart of God and living to please him.

[00:16:44] So in any relationship like our relationship with Jesus, if keeping laws and avoiding

punishment is all we're about, it's going to be a pretty unhealthy relationship, to be fair. And that is not God's heart for us. And it will kill any passion in about 2 seconds flat, I would reckon. So. Freedom is what Jesus has created us for. He's created us to pursue him. And in the freedom that he brings, the third thing which can kill our passion is cynicism. And again, this is something that's very prevalent in our society. We question everything, even going back to right back at the beginning where eve says, God, really say there's that something in our kind of culture which just questions everything.

[00:17:43] And sometimes we need just that simple faith. We need to be childlike before God. It doesn't mean that there aren't questions we need to answer.

[00:17:55] For me, I'm an academic. I like to wrestle with these questions, but sometimes there are those moments where you just have to childlike accept, okay, God, I don't really understand that fully, but I'm going to go with you. But that questioning, as I say, leads to cynicism. It leads to, again, it kills our faith and it kills our passion.

[00:18:21] You remember Thomas, for instance? You know, he was one of Jesus disciples. He's seen incredible things, and yet he wasn't prepared to believe that.

[00:18:33] You know, Jesus has risen until he'd actually seen him with his own eyes. And, you know, Jesus commended those who by faith have believed that another thing that kills our passion is unforgiveness. I'm not going to talk about this a lot. It's a whole preaching itself probably, but it's a killer. It's a poison root in our souls. And again, it will kill our passion in no time flat. And then lastly, disconnection. And that can be disconnection from God. So, you know, again, if we're, what we feel is that either God is angry or that, you know, we're in the wrong, we've sinned, whatever. It's very easy to disconnect ourselves from God. We need to remember, actually, we never are. And that's, again, where we need to kind of take control of those feelings and allow our spirits just to bring the truth from the spirit. But we can put up those barriers and we can disconnect from his people as well. It's too hard. You know, the church is full of all these annoying, imperfect people. And, you know, sometimes I think we have to get over ourselves. And, you know, being connected with God's people again is just a way of fueling our passion.

[00:19:56] Okay, so what do we need to maintain our passion from God?

[00:20:02] And passion does need to be maintained. As we've already said, emotions are fickle. They're changeable.

[00:20:09] They can be up 1 minute, down the next. And we need to be able to know that we can rely on what we know to be true. That's faith.

[00:20:19] And so when we aren't feeling it, were not blown around and destroyed, we need to build our house on the rock of his truth and not on the shifting sands of our emotions.

[00:20:34] Now, this works in all kinds of relationships. Lydia and I recently celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary, which is very exciting. And I can honestly say that I'm more passionate about her today than I was on the day that I married her. And there's a reason for that.

[00:20:54] And largely it comes back to that quote from Chris Ballaton. You know, sometimes our emotions have to actually follow what we know to be true. You know, I've shared life with her. I've seen her battle through some incredibly difficult circumstances. I've seen her be an incredible mother to her children.

[00:21:16] I've seen her persevere with diligence and with faith. And we've shared a walk

together in God for those 40 years. But can I say that I felt that sort of passionate emotion every day of those 40 years? Probably not, if I'm being completely honest. You know, there are days when, you know, we've had a bad day and everything's really awful and, you know, you don't feel that passion, but you remember. And then in those moments, you need to make a choice.

[00:21:51] And Chris Valaton, there's a little article that went with his quote. He was just talking about actually, every day you're making a choice. That's what makes a successful relationship and successful marriage.

[00:22:07] So you remember why you're doing it. You remember your promises, you remember your foundations, you remember the great times. And actually you talk about it as well.

[00:22:18] And it's no different with our relationship with Jesus.

[00:22:22] The root of the relationship is in faith.

[00:22:25] And on the basis of that faith, we make a choice to pursue him.

[00:22:33] Remember the spirit. Man leads the soul and not vice versa.

[00:22:39] So what do we need to do to maintain our passion for God?

[00:22:42] I would say the first thing is remember.

[00:22:46] So we use the word testimony, but basically it's remembering the good things that God has done. Last weekend, we did this as a church. We remembered 20 years of God's goodness to us. Now, it hasn't been a bed of roses. There's been some really difficult times, but actually we can focus on those and we can just get depressed and fed up, or we can remember the good things that God has done, which actually, in terms of eternal glory, they far outweigh those other times.

[00:23:29] Yeah. So the stories of God's goodness remind us that he's with us, and they lift our heads to the fact that he is with us and on us and that he has even more for us.

[00:23:41] And so testimonies are a faith seed and they stir up our passion for him.

[00:23:48] Second thing is spiritual disciplines. Now, again, spiritual disciplines are something that perhaps are not particularly fashionable.

[00:23:58] We talk a lot about freedom and all kinds of things, but actually successful people on the whole are disciplined in one way or another.

[00:24:08] Now, it doesn't need to be discipline doesn't need to be a drudgery. Discipline actually is a means to an end. And so reading the scripture, actually, it's discovering more about the wonderful God who loves us and who has great things for us. Worship is a discipline. And again, just put yourself in a place where you can be saturated, surrounded by worship, because in worship, you'll encounter him, you'll encounter heavenly realities.

[00:24:42] Prayer is also a spiritual discipline. We've actually got a series on prayer coming up over the next few weeks and really excited for that as we explore different aspects of that as well. And again, in prayer, we encounter God. And we, again, it just stirs us to love him more. And my last one's encounter, I've kind of touched on that already. So we're, you know, it's when we touch God, it's when we experience him that, that stirs us up. And then the third thing is

actually relationships as well. You know, we need each other.

[00:25:25] Yeah, there we go. Fantastic.

[00:25:27] Yeah. So we need each other to strengthen ourselves, encourage ourselves, cheer each other on. We need healthy relationships where we're real, where we're honest people who pull out the gold in you, people who remind you who you are in God. And again, as we do that together, that stirs our passion in him.

[00:25:52] And so, lastly, what's the result of our passion for Jesus in our lives?

[00:26:00] Well, when you love someone, I think there are a number of things that happen. The first is that we learn to love the things that they love. So in our relationship, Lydia's a gardener. She loves being in the garden. She loves plants and all things plant related, among other things. But it's quite a big obsession of hers, let's just say. And over 40 years of marriage, I've actually come to quite enjoy. I kind of know what most of the flowers are now. And we'll go to a garden and we'll appreciate the beauty of it. I even quite like the sort of hard work and digging so that she can do her stuff.

[00:26:39] You kind of get to know the things that they love. And for her part, you know, particularly when we got married, I was sport mad. And so she got to actually really enjoy cricket and various other sport she kind of at least knew enough to have a conversation about. And you do that because you love somebody.

[00:26:58] So actually, as we love Jesus, actually, we begin to love the things that he loves. So what does he love? Well, the first thing is the world. We very glibly quote John 13. For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son should ever believe in him, will not perish, but have eternal life. We know it. We can trot it off. But actually, as we encounter him, as we get to know him, that becomes part of our passion as well.

[00:27:33] It's his will that all should be saved. He came to rescue and save the lost.

[00:27:39] And our love for him will cause us to love the world, our unsaved friends and colleagues, our family and so on.

[00:27:47] Jesus didn't spend all this time in a holy huddle. He was actually out there among the sinners, really annoyed the Pharisees, it has to be said.

[00:27:57] But he was there just among people, sharing the love of God with them. And as we love Jesus, actually, that's something that's going to rub off on us. The second thing that he loves is the church. We are going to be his bride one day. He's coming back for a beautiful, spotless blithe. And sometimes it's hard to imagine that we see so much imperfection in the church. But actually, the church is really precious to Jesus. And as we love him and as we explore our relationship with him, I believe he's going to reignite a love for his church. Now, there are a lot of Christians these days who are kind of quite down on the church. And yeah, I get it. There's lots of problems and imperfections, but actually it's something that God is invested in.

[00:28:51] So as we're passionate for him, his passion for the church will begin to burn in our hearts.

[00:28:57] So in our family, let's look after one another. Let's have a good heart to one another. Let's keep short accounts. If somebody's upset, you go and talk to them and just resolve it.

[00:29:12] Let's believe the best in one another. And in so doing, we'll preserve our unity. Our environment will be pure, and it will be a place where God can pour out his blessing.

[00:29:25] And then the third thing that he loves is righteousness and justice. In Hebrews one, it says about Jesus, you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness. And if you look in the old Testament again and again, it talks about righteousness and justice kind of in tandem. It says in Psalm 33, the Lord loves righteousness and justice. The earth is full of his unfailing love.

[00:29:50] And that's kind of the outworking of that love for righteousness and justice.

[00:29:56] Amos five. It says, let justice roll like a river and righteousness like a never failing stream.

[00:30:04] And our righteousness is in him. It's not a struggle. But actually he wants us to bring righteousness and justice around us as well. And so as we see disadvantaged people, as we see people who are hurting, and so on and so forth, part of that passion for him is going to want us, going to stir us with the same compassion that Jesus had to reach out and to bring righteousness and justice in our environment.

[00:30:39] Okay, so the second thing that is a result of faith in Jesus is that we want to please him. So when we love somebody, we want to please them. I'm not going to take a lot of time on this. We are running out, but we alter our behaviors to do the things that actually bring pleasure to the object of our love.

[00:31:02] So our aim should be to do the things that are pleasing to God.

[00:31:08] And then the third thing is that we'll actually be prepared to lay down our lives for him. Now, we were actually in Rome a couple of weeks ago, and as we traveled around the historical sites, we saw various guides were telling us about things that had happened. And they actually told us about a couple of the martyrs who had laid down their lives for Jesus. One that really struck me was Saint Sebastian, who was a Christian, who was part of the praetorian guard, the guard that guarded the emperor of Rome. And he was being a great Christian and his fellow guards were starting to get saved and all kinds of things. And the emperor was actually persecuting Christians and he hated this. So this guy was sentenced to death by being shot by bow and arrow. So they shot bows and arrows at him and they thought they killed him, but actually he survived and they threw his body out. And then he was picked up by some women who had a vision and they took him and he was healed. And rather than run away, what did he do? He went back to his position in the guard and he was then sentenced to death again. And he succumbed on the second occasion, shall we say. But it just struck me that incredible willingness to lay down his life. Now, for us, laying down our lives is probably not going to look like being shot by bow and arrow or whatever.

[00:32:45] We're in a relatively peaceful and civilized part of history. Although look around the world, not always the case, but laying down our lives is probably going to look something a little different to that. It's more about dying to self.

[00:33:05] So it's going to look like giving our time to him, saying, God, what do you want me to do? Where do you want me to be? It's going to be about giving our money to him. It all comes from him anyway. God, what do you want me to do with your money?

[00:33:21] It means giving our energies to him and ordering our priorities to look like his.

[00:33:29] So as I say, laying down our lives is something a little different. Romans twelve. Yeah.

Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God. This is your true and proper worship.

[00:33:50] So I think we can see that there are lots of things about passion which actually will enable us to line up with what God has for us.

[00:34:02] Now I want to just finish up by picking up on John Turner's prophecy that he brought to us last week at the worship night.

[00:34:15] It feels like this is a really significant word for us, it had three parts, and I'm just going to pick on one part today. But first there was a commendation. Then there was a bit about beachheads that Andy spoke about a little bit last week. But then, along with this encouragement, there was also a challenge. And that challenge was, there is more.

[00:34:37] And I'm going to read what John said. There is always more. More of my presence, more of my power, more of my glory, more healings, more deliverance, more miracles, more salvation. There's always more.

[00:34:53] The question is, do you want more?

[00:34:56] And this is a serious question. Do you truly want more? My more. My more is not the same. My more is awesome. It's messy. It's going to mess with your head. It's going to look radically different to what you expect. I'm a creative God, and when I created the universe, atoms collided, galaxies exploded, black holes were formed. It's awesome, incomprehensible, powerful and messy. Are you sure you want that? My more.

[00:35:28] What you expected me to do 20 years ago didn't begin to imagine all that I actually did in those last two decades. If you press into my more in 20 years time, you'll look back and be amazed at what you have seen, what I have done, and how different it is to what you expected.

[00:35:49] Is that the more you want, if you do, then I have a challenge for you individually and as a church. You need to come to me daily asking my spirit to give you the hunger for the more that I want to pour out on you individually and together. You need to call out for me for that hunger for the more. Today, tomorrow, the next day.

[00:36:13] And as you cry out to me, then my more will come, for I am the God who says that there is always more. For those who ask me for it, there is always more.

[00:36:26] Cry out to me for the more hunger for that more.

[00:36:31] That really touched me. It really stirred my heart again. I've been doing this christian thing for more years than I care to remember, since the late seventies. And yeah, I guess there's always something in my heart that echoes that song. I think it might have been Tim Hughes or Matt Redmond or somebody. There must be more than this. You know, if this is all there is, I'll be kind of disappointed. There's always that sense that there is more. We've gained so much in 20 years. I've been in this game for 40 odd years. And actually there is more. There's more. We have more now than we did when I started. And there's more to come as well.

[00:37:20] And I guess as we catch that, that again will fuel and stir our passion.

[00:37:30] So why don't we just stand together? I'm just going to invite you to respond.

[00:37:36] I don't want you to put your hand up or anything like that, but just in your heart, if you

want the more of God, if you're not satisfied with what you've already experienced, you know this more, then why don't you just ask God for that right now? He tells us that if we ask for the more, then he will do that.

[00:37:58] Yeah. God, we've encountered you. You've marked our lives like the disciples. There's that sense of, where else can we go?

[00:38:08] And so, yeah, we cry out for the more of you.

[00:38:13] Yeah. Father, we invite you to come in to the messiness of our lives. We invite you to come into the sometimes messiness of our church lives. And, God, we invite you just to come and do your thing.

[00:38:31] Yeah. We are not satisfied with where we are. We know that you have so much for us. And, God, we just want to reach out. We want to invite you to come and touch us. Come and change us. Come and stir up that passion in our lives again, God. If we've been comfortable, if we've been distracted by various things, God, we want to repent, and we want to say, we want to turn our hearts fully to you. Again, God, stir in us again. That first love, God, let it just overflow.

[00:39:08] God, let it overflow to the world. Let it overflow in your church.

[00:39:15] Thank you, God.

[00:39:17] Yeah. God, we thank you that you're good, that you just pursue us. You never let us go. And, Father, we just yield our spirits to you. Again, God, just come and just stir us again. Stir us again.

[00:39:36] Stirs again. Amen.

[00:39:40] Amen.