

Torrey Conference 2007, Love and the Spirit

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Last night when we were worshipping in here and I looked over at my daughter worshipping God and, you know, as a parent, you always pray and you go, OK, got one thing I want for my kids is for them to walk with you. I want her her faith. And I don't care how gifted she is or how smart she is, whatever. I just don't know if I could handle having a kid that didn't love you. And it's interesting because, like, so often I'll pray that her her faith will will become like mine one day.

And yet last night when we're worshipping, I was like, oh Lord, I just pray that my faith would become like hers one day, you know, I thought, OK, is there a is there a more pure picture of faith in this room? Is is there more absolute belief in this room than what I've seen in her? And it's it's just it's like everything Jesus talked about, about having the faith of a child. I thought, God, I even this morning is we're seeing I'm praying God, you know, get my purity back to that point, get the purity of my belief and and just the the absence of evil in many ways, not complete absence.

You know what I'm talking about? There's just this innocence that I want to get back to and this purity of faith. And just this love and before we get into the Holy Spirit, you know, I just feel that to ask some other things like. Does your relationship with God look anything like this? Is

this a picture of what you see right here, or is this a picture of you and God, the father? When you pray, does it does it feel like this?

Where it's just absolute security. Adoration, just love. I've got four kids and another one on the way and, you know, but, you know, Mercy, she's she's she's my lover. She's the one that just is always ready to hug, always ready to love, always just affectionate. And, you know, each kid's got their own thing. But there's I tell you, there's nothing nothing like this for a dad. You know, the talent and everything else is cool, but it's that love and it's that affection and and that's why I ask, you know, with with God, the father.

Does your relationship look like this? Because the greatest command isn't to go out and live my faith. That his command is to love the Lord, your God with every fiber of your being, just be passionately in love with him, with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, all your strength. So I don't I don't care really how big your ministry is or how many people you're impacting. My question is, is where's your love?

I mean, is it can you genuinely say that you are in love with Jesus Christ right now? Can you honestly say that you're in love with God, the father and his father child relationship because he doesn't need anything from us? He really does, and he's totally self-sufficient, but he desires our

life. Take some time, you know, for forgiveness, if if your relationship with God doesn't look anything like this for forget the faith thing for a while, you know, forget discipleship, forget it, forget everything else I've talked about, because we always have to start with the greatest command and look at our life in light of that.

And and because the faith comes out of this type of love, the faith comes out of this type of adoration, understanding the grace of God. I mean, we love because he first loved us, but we love our responses, love our responses, adoration with all our heart. Also our mind, all our strength and. This is a new thing for me, I mean, somewhat new over the last few years as a Christian for years, but I'd say I loved God, but I didn't really know what it meant and a lot of ways because I never I was never like that with my dad. I remember my dad. There was no relationship, no affection, no conversation. He put his arm around me one time, one time in my life. And it was when my stepmother died in a car accident. He put his arm around me on the way to the funeral for like 30 seconds was the only affection I remember. All I remembered was just getting you know, he would just beat the heck out of me every time I did something wrong.

And so like like at home is just like walking on eggshells. Like, if I close a door too loud, he'd come out and beat me. I remember one time getting in so much trouble that he took me out in the backyard and tied me, literally tied me to a tree and just started grabbing branches off the ground and just going at it. And I'm screaming at the top of my lungs. And and I remember when he was all done and I'm screaming welts all over my body. You know, when you're crying so hard, you

can't even breathe. And just sobbing and he just walks in the house and leaves me out there for hours. The sun setting, it's getting dark and I'm just shaken out there next to this tree. And my brother comes out and I'm looking at my brother, John Paul. You think he'd be OK if I came in the house and my brother's untying me goes, yeah, just just come in. Don't worry about it. That's what I remember about Dad, and so for me, I understood the fear of this holy God.

But it wasn't until I had these kids and I and I and I love them like crazy and and there was just this I don't care what you do, I just love you and I just love this relationship. We have that. Finally, I go, wow, does God think of me that way? You know, as soon as I'm away from my other kids, I you know, they pop through my mind and I'm thinking about them constantly and and this love and how I can't wait to see them. I got another day to go and then I get to see my kid, you know, and does God think of me like that? You know, and realizing, wow, what a blessing that he's given me these kids, because now I understand the love of a father and to think that God's love is even greater than that for me and I know how I desire this affection, how I desire this love, and how there's nothing like coming home and and having the kids come and hug me and pile on me and everything else.

And I think, wow, how am I that way with God? Is there this love relationship, there's this quote that the most impactful quote on me that I've read in the last couple of years, it's by John Piper. In his book, God is the Gospel. And he says this, he says, The critical question for our generation and for every generation is this. If you could have heaven with no sickness and with all the

friends you ever had on Earth and all the food you ever liked and all the leisure activities you ever enjoyed and all the natural beauties you ever saw, all the physical pleasures you ever tasted, and no human conflict or any natural disasters, could you be satisfied with heaven if Christ was not there?

Think about it, let's say you can have heaven, you can have no more pain, all the natural beauties you've ever seen, all the physical pleasures you've ever tasted, all of your best friends, no pain, no sin, heaven, all the riches. But Jesus wasn't there, is that enough for you or would you say, no, I'm in love with the person of Jesus Christ? It's not just this idea of God and this idea of salvation, the idea of this grace, but I'm in love with this person, the person of God, I can't get enough of him.

And I long for heaven because I long for him. Is it this person personal relationship we talk about? All right. That's what separates us, is this isn't a religion. It's a personal relationship. But is it really for you? Is it a person? No relationship where you in love with the person of Jesus Christ? I had the honor of. Of my wife's my wife's grandmother died a few months ago, and I had the honor of doing her funeral. Grandma Clara, I loved Grandma Clara and, you know, I talk I talk about, you know, my daughter and her faith and wanting to have that. And then on the other end of the spectrum, I saw Grandma Clara and her faith and how I want that. Also, Grandma Clara was 94. And. For the last few years, I've really wanted her to die because not because she's

a jerk, but it's more because she wanted to die so badly, you know, she's just like, I want to be with Jesus and some.

And she's going, I don't understand why he doesn't want me home yet. And then she goes, maybe, maybe he's going to come back, you know? And sometimes she goes, I think that God may have me here because he wants me here. When he returns and she goes, I don't know, because I'm always asking, when can I come home? When can I come home? My wife told me about growing up and Grandma Clara was in the bedroom next to her. She says every morning she can hear Grandma Clara crying as she was talking to Jesus. My wife says she remembers that as a little girl, Grandma Clara just just pulling her into her bedroom and saying, see Lisa, see that corner of the bed over there? She goes, That's where I pray. And I kneel and I talk to Jesus every morning. And she goes.

And every day when I pass by that corner of the bed, she goes, I begin to weep and I tell Jesus, Oh, I can't wait till tomorrow morning to be with you again. And and Grandma Clara was one of these people who just she was just consumed, obsessed with Jesus, the person of Jesus. Her favorite song was that that that old him, where he goes, he walks with me and he talks with me, you know, the whole idea of coming in the garden alone and and that that was her fear. Every time every time I call Grandma Clara, you know, or call over to the house and see what's going on, she'd answer the phone and say, Grandma, what are you doing? And she'd say, Oh, I'm just cutting the flowers and thanking God for making them so beautiful. I'm just telling them how

beautiful every rose is. I'm like, Oh, that's great, Grandma. And then I call her again. Next time I'm calling and going, Hey, Grandma, what do you do? And she goes, Oh, God is so good. And like, really? Well, what do you do this time? And she goes, she goes, I was baking a cake and I left out some ingredients and you still made it taste good.

And I mean everything. Everything was Jesus. Everything was him. But the most the most impactful thing, the thing I remember most are I may have shared this year before. But most impactful moment was we were at a play one time. We're at a play. I'm with Lisa's family and we're all watching this play. And and I'm sitting next to Grandma Clara. And and at halftime, I look over at Grandma and I go I go, hey, what do you what do you think of the place so far? And she looks at me and she goes. Oh, honey, I don't want to be here. I'm like, really, I go I mean, it was there was nothing foul about the play.

I think it was wasn't dishonouring the God is just it's just to play grandma. And she goes, oh, it's not that. She just says, I just don't know if I want to be here when Christ returns. She says, I'd rather be found doing something that he would love, I'd rather be praying for you in the church, I'd rather be helping someone. But I don't want Jesus to return and see me just watching a play. I want to be loving him.

She takes this literally. She really thinks like he's going to return any moment and how do I want to be found? What do I want to be doing at that moment? I never met anyone in my life who really thought that way. I mean, lift it step by step in step with the spirit. OK, what what does he want me to do? What should I be doing right now? Where should I be? Where would where would my lover where would Jesus want me to be?

What do I want to be found doing when he returns? I remember I didn't watch the second half of the play. I sat there and I just prayed the whole time. I thought, wow, maybe she knows something or but there was such an effect on me because I thought, wow, I've just never met someone who really thought that way and really just wanted to please God the whole time. And but but it wasn't just it wasn't like this.

It was just she was in love. She could not wait for Jesus. And and just doing her funeral, you know, for so many years, I had I had wanted her to go home. But then at the funeral, I was just so sad because I'm like, no, I want her still on this earth because I don't really have any other examples like that. I don't have anyone else like that. I have role models of people who really know the scriptures and I want to know scripture like they do.

I have role models of people in ministry that are living by faith and doing these other things. But do I really have a role model of someone who's a lover of Jesus? I mean, a lover of Jesus, I know gifted people. Got plenty of friends who are gifted people. And live by faith, and those are wonderful things, but, man, when I look in my life, who do I know that's in love with Jesus? That's really just a lover of him and just can't get enough of him.

And isn't that the most important thing? Are you a lover of Jesus, not a gifted communicator, not a gifted singer? First of all, are you a lover of Jesus? Can you really say that about yourself? And as we talk about heaven and everything else, is it because. You just can't wait to be with him. Because when you're in love, then suddenly surface doesn't feel like service. There's not this burden. And we're falling in love with my wife.

And, uh. And just, you know, we're dating and I took her car, I pretended like I needed to borrow it and went and got it all detailed and, you know, put new tires on it, cleaned it all out for her, everything else. Did that feel like work to me? No, because I was in love. And if we really were in love with Jesus Christ, this idea of service would kind of go away and it's just this I can't help it.

I'm looking for things to do. I want to serve him because I'm so in love. It's like yesterday when I was talking about humility, um. The passage that that guy was preaching about I was telling you about was that a number is Chapter 12 and I'm going to share some more thoughts from you guys. Just have him preach. But numbers, numbers, chapter 12. He was talking about humility. Remember the whole damn and. But this passage she used was was he was numbers Chapter 12, and it's really been on my mind because I always loved numbers chapter 12 numbers. Chapter 12 was one of those passages that I love, but I loved it for the wrong reason. Numbers Chapter 12 is that passage where Aaron and Miriam are opposing Moses. Remember, they're kind of talking behind his back. And I always loved it because here are these two people who are talking behind Moses back now. Moses is the anointed one of God and they're talking behind his back. So God strikes her with leprosy. It's so cool that I just love that because it's like, yeah, I don't talk behind my back, you know, I'm a man of God, you know? And I always loved. I always love. I think it's 2nd Kings Chapter six. When is Elicia that's going up into the woods and all those kids are making fun of him and going to you bald head, you bald head.

And then the bear comes out and calls them all and I'm like, yeah, you know. And so, so I mean, I like it for the wrong reason. You know, there was just a sense of, hey, I am living for the Lord, so you don't talk behind my back, you know, and watch out for bears. It's just this, you know. But it was interesting because he's reading this this story. Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses because of his Koushik wife for America's right hand. The Lord only spoken through Moses. They asked, hasn't he also spoken to us? And the Lord heard this. The anniversary says now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face

of the earth. At once, the Lord said to Moses, Aaron and Miriam come out of the tent of meeting all three of you and three of them come out, then the Lord came down in a pillar of the cloud and he stood at the entrance to the tent and summoned Aaron and Miriam. When both of them step forward, he said, Listen to my words. When a prophet of the Lord is among you, I reveal myself to him in visions.

I speak to him in dreams. But this is not true of my servant Moses. He is faithful in all my house. With him, I speak face to face clearly and not in riddles, he sees the form of the Lord. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses? See, God says to them, look, Moses is the most humble man on this planet. Do you understand that he goes, when I speak to people, he goes like if there's a prophet, I mean, a prophet is a serious, serious man of God. He goes, when there's a prophet, I'll give him dreams, I'll give him visions. And you just know that as a man of God, I do not want to mess with that prophet.

He goes but he goes to understand with Moses and I, it's a step beyond that. He goes with Moses. I speak to him face to face. I don't use visions. I don't use dreams. I just talk to him like a person talks to his friend. He's talking about a speech. He's not saying he can physically see the face of God because he already established that he wasn't going to physically see his face. He's talking about this relationship.

He's distinguishing Moses from everyone else on the earth because you understand that there's one person on this planet that I actually talked to. And then you dare talk behind his back, are you crazy? Are you kidding me? You dare talk behind the back of Moses, you dared say anything bad about my servant Moses, knowing that he's the one guy on the planet that I'll actually speak to. Not in visions, not in dreams, but, man, Moses and I were like this and you dare talk behind his back.

And then he strikes Miriam with leprosy. Could you imagine being the one person on the earth? That God spoke to you, could you imagine God saying those words about you? Would that be the greatest thing in the world? See, in the one point, my guy in my class said he said. The greatest reward, reward for humility. Is intimacy with God. Why was God so close to Moses? It's because of his humility. I mean, it says right there. Verse three. Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone on the face of the earth. And so last night I talked about this grace of God. And how we want to make sure there's humility because we want the grace of God in our lives. But do you understand the grace of God is God himself? The grace of God is this intimacy that you can have me. That with humility, here's what comes with humility is you get me you get this relationship with me like no one else has, and I just it made me want humility even more because it's like, God, I want to be like that.

I want you to think that way of me, speak that way of me. And so I'd love to be the most humble man on Earth. You know, because sometimes we'll look and I know look, I'm probably going to be the most intelligent man on Earth, I'm probably not to be the most gifted man on earth. I'm not going to be this this this is this. But humility is something that's available to all of us. It's like, wow, I really could be the most humble person on the planet.

Like, that's something I could strive for and you could strive for and saying, God, give me the grace to be that, why not? So that I can be great, but so that I can be intimate with you, so I can have this love relationship with you. And humility doesn't mean you walk around going, oh, I can't do this, I can't do that, I'm not real good at that. I'm not real godly, I'm not real spiritual. I'm such a sinner. I don't know the difference between a lot. Noah, you know, that's not humility.

I used to think it was that and I thought, OK, I want to be humble, and so I put myself down and I'd say, I'm not a real good speaker, I'm not real gifted. See, that's not humility. That's lying, OK? God made me he's given me gifts, and for me to put myself down, I'm really putting down my creator and saying he really screwed up. He didn't make me that good at this. That's not humility because.

Well, first look, verse three, Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth. Let me ask you a question, who wrote the book of numbers? You ever think of that? Moses wrote down about himself. Moses was the most humble man on the earth. I just think, wow, how can you do that? Seems like a contradiction, but this is the whole point of, look, humility isn't going around putting yourself down.

Humility is just not thinking about yourself and is thinking about others, just thinking about God. It's not self deprecation, it's just absence of self. It's like when we think about other people and we're thinking about God, how can I please God, how can I help this person? That's humility. It's taking your eyes off of yourself. Someone asked me last night. Well, I said, I hate it because when I start doing stuff for the Lord, that arrogance shows up and I know it and I know it's not going to bless it.

And yet I don't know what to do about it. And there's really great question, because it's not like I want to be arrogant, not like I want to be self-centered, what do I do? And so often as Christians, we try to muster up like, OK, I'm going to make myself humble. Even as I talk about loving God, you go, OK, yeah, God, I'm going to I'm going to make myself love Jesus, you guys, we can't do that.

I can't just muster up love, muster up humility, even that I have to stand before God get on my face and say, God, I can't love you without you. Like, I can't this is driving me crazy because I don't have these feelings for your friends is talking to me about loving you like a father.

I'm not feeling it right now. God, I need you to help me because I want to be a lover of you. I can't just make myself humble, I'm self-centered, I think about myself, my needs, my desires all the time, and I'm just being honest and raw. Before you go on right now, I don't want to be this. See, it's coming before God and admitting, look, I can't do this, I need you to make me love you. I need you to make me humble. I need all of this. I need it by the power of your spirit.

God put your spirit in me because the fruit, the fruit of the spirit is love. And so the only way I can truly love is if I am filled with your spirit because I want to be a person that is full of love, full of joy, full of peace. I mean, imagine yourself. Imagine yourself is totally full of love. If all you did all day long was just love a man, just try to picture yourself incredibly loving.

Wouldn't that be cool? Sam, you got to really use your imagination, but picture yourself just loving all day long. Imagine if you were just full of joy, always OK, picture yourself, kind of have an out of body experience and look at yourself, just loving people and full of joy. And then

look at it yourself, full of peace, never stressed for the rest of your life, never worrying about anything, you're this joyful, peaceful, stress free loving person.

Imagine that. Love, joy, peace, patience in Southern California. Patience. Kindness. Goodness, faithfulness. Gentleness, self-control. Could you imagine if that were just you? So we want that and we see that that's what God saved us for. It's like, Lord, I want to be that person. Well, how badly do you pray for that? I know you guys pray and you ask for different things, but when's the last time you said, God, give me love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, and just went down these things that God, I want to be this so badly.

I want this more than anything that I want to be this person. This idea of the Holy Spirit, I just finished this like, I don't know, eight, nine part series on the Holy Spirit. At my church, I don't have time to get into it, but. The whole thing was. I was thinking about my own theology. I want to be careful with my words right now. And everything I was taught about the Holy Spirit.

And I came from a background where we emphasized what the Holy Spirit did not do. What he does not do and the parameters and I still believe in those, OK, I still believe that that we don't just everything has to be biblical. At the same time, the focus was so much on what the Holy Spirit did not do, and I'm reading scripture and it's all about what he does do.

And I asked myself, OK, wait a second, if I were just stuck on an island with the Bible and that's all I had and I just read this Bible over and over and over again, what would the think my theology of the Holy Spirit be? I mean, if I just read this thing and I was the only Christian on this island, I'm reading this book over and over again, that's all I had. I would walk away going, oh, man, God, give me your spirit.

I need your spirit. I this is this is going to be crazy. This is going to be nuts because you you told the disciples, don't go anywhere. Wait till the Holy Spirit comes on because you don't want to go without the Holy Spirit. When you go with the boys, we're going to receive this power. And then I'm reading and reading going, oh man. So the waiting in this up room when this power came in, everyone's in all of this power and everyone's going, man, what are these guys doing?

They're speaking in different languages. I'm hearing them in my own language. What is that? What is that? What is that? And Peter goes, Oh, that's the Holy Spirit. This is the one Jesus promise he's this. Be better for you than than having me on the earth is his spirit. And he says, and the promise is for you and your children. He goes, If you repent and you'll be baptized, then you're going to be filled with this Holy Spirit and the people are gone.

OK, I want some of that. I want some of that. I got to have that. And that's why Paul says, OK, so when I go and speak, I'm not like all into my speech trying to be eloquent and everything else. I just I just come with a power, a demonstration of power. And I would read that and go, OK, God, then I want that. I got to have this. I mean, it's pointless for me to preach or do anything outside of this power. I've got to have this power and I'm reading this going, wait a second. The way we've done church, the way I've preached doesn't completely make sense and it doesn't make sense to the world.

If I really believe in this feeling of the Holy Spirit in the power of this Holy Spirit, if I really was a biblical preacher man, I would be so into the Holy Spirit, I'd be consumed with the thought of this human being being filled with the very spirit of Almighty God. Man, I would think about this power constantly to think right now I'm not speaking right now, it's not just Francis Chan flesh and blood trying to convince a bunch of people to love God, but that right now is up here. I'm a Temple of the Holy Spirit and that God's spirit is actually flowing through me and he's changing your life. And to walk up here with confidence and say, you know what, I can say anything by the power of the spirit and it's going to impact your life.

There's power in this is different from a guy giving a good speech or a good argument about something. It's about a power filled person and believing in this power and going, oh, man, this is

nuts. This is nuts. I'm a human being and I'm a temple of the Holy Spirit. It's like God and and the fruit of your spirit you can make me love. Joy, peace, patience, I want this. I've got to have this the amount of power because it doesn't make sense any other way. I mean, see, here's what doesn't make sense, let's say.

Let's say, Ron, do you play any sports or what's what you were a basketball player, OK? That's right. Remember that you used to play here? Yeah, yeah. And. Let's say Ron and I normally play basketball together, OK, we don't, but let's just imagine and. And let's say let's say let's say I typically win like one on one, just a guess. I don't know. I don't know for sure. I'm pretty good.

I'm pretty. And but let's say one day Ron says to me, yes, Frances. Craziest thing. I'm at I'm in the gym shooting around, and suddenly God speaks to me. And says, I am going to put my spirit of basketball into you. Like, I am going to empower you to play basketball like no one on the Earth. I got no way you had an experience like that. He goes, yeah, it's a God thing, I'm a new being now and like I have this power of God to play basketball. I'm like, let's play, man, you know, I want to see it. And we start playing. And I beat him again. What what goes through my mind? I would go. You're such a liar. God did not come in you to make you this great basketball player, you're no different than who you were before.

See, what I'm saying is what doesn't make sense to me is I see people who deny Jesus Christ, who have just as much love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. As people call themselves Christians, and so we walk around going, hey, you can have the spirit of God. Spirit, God came into me and now I'm filled with history, you know, is the difference, you know, you know how more loving, joyful piece will be.

And they're going now. I don't I think you're lying. Because the church doesn't look any different from the world. If this spirit really came into you to change you and to give you more love, more joy, more peace, more patient, more power to defeat the sin in your life, I'm not seeing it. This is like I would say, no, no, the Holy Spirit is coming to you and give you some basketball power, you're no different than you were last week.

That's not right. See, when I read the scriptures, I'm going, God, I want this power, I want all of it. I want you to change me. I want to speak in such a way that there's there's a power about me. And I want to be known as the guy that speaks well, this or that. I want I want power. I was praying this a while ago. I was going, Lord, when I share my faith, sometimes I feel like just another cult member or someone else. People just kind of listen to me.

That should not be when I speak to them. It ought to be different, Lord. There ought to be a power they should walk away from. You know that they denied the living God, that I'm not just preaching another religion. The advantages in the Holy Spirit who is in me. And so, God, I want to see more of these results. Because I believe. I believe. I believe. Don't you want to live that life? Where people look at you and go, no way.

That couldn't have been him, I knew what he was like, I knew what she was like. See all these gimmicks in church grow things, man, it's just it's just masking the fact that we're not seeing the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives or in the churches. And again, it's going to manifest himself, the fruit of the spirit of love, joy, peace, patience. It's the character of who we are. Has he really done that in your life?

And made you like Jesus Christ. Because when you read this book, she is another one of those things that I just go, this isn't right when I read this book, don't you? Don't you have the sense that when the Holy Spirit moved, it couldn't be imitated by any other means? And so if it's a miracle, it's a real miracle and everyone knows that it couldn't have been fate. If it's a changed life, it's a real change to life that couldn't be faked.

And so often the fruit that we see in church honestly would have taken place in the Rotary Club and in a meeting, Cub Scouts, just any group of people that get together for long enough, you're going to like each other a little bit more and, you know, and encourage each other to do a little bit better. And yet when I read about the Holy Spirit, it's not like that. It's about an undeniable change that couldn't be explained in any other way, and that's what I want in my life.

I want to love that could not be imitated by human effort. I want to joy, that doesn't come just from good stuff happening to you. And a piece that is beyond comprehension. That causes people to give glory to my father in heaven. I want to live that kind of life. And again, take this and don't blame your church, don't blame anyone else because the Holy Spirit is available to you. And this comes from your time alone with him.

Your intimate love relationship with him. Thinking about him throughout the day and just saying, God, I so believe I want your spirit, I want your spirit. I want you. I want you. I want you. I love you. I don't love the idea of having a big church or big ministry or being successful. I'm just in love with you. You the person. I'm not just in love with this concept of God and this concept of heaven and forgiveness.

I can't wait to see you. I mean. And it's been really good these last few sessions just being here, you know, just kind of spirit just taken me in different directions and where I intend on going necessarily. But I want to pray one last time and. I want to pray that this is about the spirit. And it would be true results, not just a human trying harder, but true results to where you absolutely come alive and love.

Let's pray. Father, so much of American Christianity just doesn't make sense. And just so does not match up to the Bible. So many of the traditions and just things we do and emotions we go through, God, it's not where we'd land if we just read the Bible. God, if I just read your word, I would expect tremendous love in this room. And in every church that I walk through. I just read this word, I would expect tremendous life change in every believer to where we stand our truly stand out.

And can I just I get sad because my life isn't like that. And I want it to be God, and I can't muster it up by my own power. I need your spirit. God, we all do. This should be supernatural.

Supernatural. We should be putting to death the deeds of the flesh. We should be exhibiting the fruit of the spirit. We should speak with so much power. I have nothing to do with eloquence, just power.

And so, God, I pray for that. God, I think just about everyone in this room wants. To have a love relationship like I talked about. Where we want to be known as lovers of Jesus, not just powerful people, but lovers of you. And so, God, would you make us into that, please? God put that love in our hearts. Awaken those who are dead and in their trespasses and sins, God. But your spirit in them make them alive.

God make us slaves to your Holy Spirit. So we truly would be so much love and joy. That we would live a fulfilling life. May your love for us and our love for you motivate us to live lives of faith. Lives are worth talking about, lives that are clearly filled with your spirit. I'm asking for a miracle God. That you would truly transform us. Truly into Alice and Phyllis. In the almighty name of Jesus, we pray, amen.

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