

Torrey 1996 Relationship with God-The Seeker

By David Currie

Speaker 1:

Good morning, good morning. This is the day which the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it. Praise God for this week for the opportunities that we have. I want you to stand with me. Let's sing as we do. Let's welcome Ken Medema.

Ken Medema:

Each morning, I want us to begin like this. I'm going to say that everything that has breath and you say, praise God, let's let's do praise God this time just to be different. Let everything that has breath.

Audience:

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Ken Medema:

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simple song goes like this. [Singing 00:04:20]

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Whoa, whoa, whoa, wait, whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa. I'm sorry I blew it. Something I forgot to tell you. And that is that the next version of the song was originally written, as some of you know, for the worldwide handshake. So if you shake hands with two hundred and seventy two people, we can do it right. One, two, shake them up, baby. [singing] Bound to gather round the five year old and gather round five year old.

Oh wait, I forgot to you something. I forgot to tell you that the next verse of the song was originally written to accompany the worldwide shoulder rub. So if you would please rub shoulders with seventy eight people around. One, two, rub it up, dubby. [singing 00:12:51] whoa, oh, oh. One thing I forgot to mention, the last verse of the song was originally intended to accompany the worldwide huggathon. One, two, here you go. [singing 00:14:07].

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Remain standing, please, and let's look to the Lord in prayer. Let's give him thanks. Let's give him praise. Let's open our hearts and our minds and our wills to just be ready for what he wants to do. Scripture says of itself that Jesus said, you're clean through the word which I've spoken. The apostle Paul talks about the washing of the water of the word before Ken leads us in just a little more worship. Before David comes to open the word of God, I've asked one of our own, William, to lead us to the Lord in prayer.

I want to remind you that each morning in the mat room, to my left, to my right, your left for about a half an hour prior. If you want to join us in group prayer, we would be glad to have you. William may take us to the sermon, please.

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William: Let's pray. Heavenly Father, we just want to say that we love and adore you, Lord, you're so awesome, God, and we are so unworthy of the many blessings that you give us each day, Lord. And I just thank you, Father, that we have the opportunity to come together and praise your name, Lord. And I just pray God that you begin to prepare our hearts, Lord, for this week, Father, that you would bind us together, Lord, in your love as a body God. And it's awesome to see so many believers here, Lord. And I just pray that you will bless all of the speakers. Father God to do it. Use them as vessels for your glory and for Your Honor God and grant them the wisdom to speak the words and prepare our hearts, God to receive those things, Lord. And I just pray, Father, that the overall purpose for this conference, Lord, that we would all develop an obedient heart for you would be fulfilled, Father, that you would just encourage his God and challenge each one of us. Lord is how we may help you guide him, fulfill your will for our lives. And I just want to thank you, Lord. And it's in your name that we pray. Amen.

Please be seated. Let's continue to worship together.

Ken: Christians are weird people. It's funny how they are in the world, because we have this sort of interesting ambivalence, we both belong and don't belong here. God has given us the whole place to take care of and attend. The whole garden is ours. And biblically, we're we are prophets, priests and kings and queens. On the other hand, we are also people who don't belong. We are strangers here. We are people who in this in this context, find ourselves sometimes alienated from the world around us because we are a strange subculture. We believe that in a world where the predominant lesson is climb the ladder, we believe that you climb the other way. We believe that up means down. First, shall be last. Greatest shall be least. Et cetera, et cetera.

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So we make a very weird subculture. I want you to help me sing a song about the weird subculture that we are. And for a simple gentleman, sing like this doo doo doo doo. Just the guys do do do, do, do. Women watch do do do to keep going. [singing 00:19:32].

We talk too much when we pray. There are some things that can't be said with words. There are ways to contact our beloved, it just can't be done. When you got words poured out of your mouth, so for a minute or two. We come to God with no words. Just the intention of our deepest self. To be faithful, to be loyal, we come just simply bringing all the usness to God. No words to specify or narrow the focus, just the heart and the mind and the soul and the innards, all the guts. We lay it before God and we say, here we are. We're just going to hum it. Choose your harmony part, sing the melody, whatever you want to do. [singing 00:28:16] We say amen, amen and amen. We are ready to hear a word of good word from a good God.

Speaker 1:

It's always exciting to me, and I know it is to you and a number of you who pray and plan and prepare for Torrey conference to watch the week and a half week come together with the team that God brings. I started hearing about David Currie from my friends up at Trinity Western and then I heard from Michael Anthony, who actually in their youth, they went to Brier Crest together. That's in Canada eh. And and then I started to hear from my chaplain buddies across the nation of this gentleman who also speaks a new specialty and in high school assemblies.

And it seemed to me that because he's on the cutting edge, because he's got some years of ministry under his belt, because he loves collegians, that it was high time that we had David

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Currie on the Biola University campus for Torrey Memorial Bible Conference. He is married to one wife, has four children. His oldest daughter is at Calgary playing basketball, but probably in God's sovereign will will be transferring to Biola university to play on a nationally ranked team in the years to come.

As I said before, he's from Canada. He he he's had quite a busy schedule as he's been traveling about the country eh. He he has 12...12.8 percent body fat. He loves Jesus Christ with all of his heart. And he's speaking in conjunction with the theme of developing obedient heart for God on the relationship with God. This morning, David Currie with cut off sleeves rolled up and ready to go. Bible Open is going to address the Seeker.

Let's welcome him to Biola University.

Currie:

How could this place put up with this jerk for 31 years? Now, now, now, relax, we've already had a relationship of fun, and I said, if you mention that little 12 thing about body fat once more, I'd take him up behind the gym and go at it with him. But it is a funny thing that just happened this week. One of the guys in our church is a personal trainer, and he said, let me just do this for you. I'll do it for all the pastors if they want, just to let them know how fit they are and that they really need me. And so but I'm pretty active. I've coached a lot of hockey and I'm still playing hockey three times a week. So that's the little thing he found on his computer.

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But you know, I just just to say, first of all, I feel very unworthy to be here. And I say that in full honesty, in spite of the flattering words that Ron has said, I'm just a little guy from Saskatchewan, Canada, that knows the big guy, that's all. And I'm honored to be here yesterday.

Last thing I did in my office, I'm part of a church staff of some 29 different people on staff in different positions. And I wrote a note to put on the key window as everybody comes in asking for prayer. They know that I'm down here speaking this weekend. The one prayer I ask is that God to move in the heart of the students of Biola and move a revival in here. You know, I'm not the agent of revival. Of course, we know the Holy Spirit is, but I'm an advocate for God doing amazing things. And it's my prayer this week that as God is allowed Ken, myself and others to come and share. That I'll have a [inaudible 00:31:57] break loose in this place this week. And I want to be part of that.

And I tell you that from my heart, I believe that trusting Jesus is the very best thing you can do in your life. I just finished my 20th year of telling people, young people in particular. Matter of fact, right now I'm equivalent to like a head youth pastor at a large church in Canada. And I work with this age group near my age group. I run with five to seven hundred college students in my program, and I'm just honored and thrilled to be here to share with you on developing a heart and obedient heart for God and what it means to have a relationship with God. And I just pray that as we spend this time together that somehow God helped to get through the business of school, get through the convention of a conference, that he would get through the the pressures of this week and how the system's changed because we can't use the gym and they don't get through all of those issues. Your own personal struggles, your own church cultural heritage, that might be

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baggage that God had to get through all that and that you would see him face to face, that you would somehow have a meeting with God that would make an incredible difference in the rest of your life. To that end that I've come and I want to share, but I just pray to get asked God to bless.

OK,

Father, I would ask that during this time that the heart of this preacher in the heart of these people would somehow be knit together to a full understanding of what it means to know God, to really come to see him. And I pray, God, that you would encourage the staff you'd encourage father, students as we've gathered and that Lord Jesus, your name, to be lifted up in your precious name. Amen.

I followed with some interest up in Canada when you recall the incidents around Desert Storm as it became dubbed, and I recalled with a lot of interest, as we saw, especially CNN is beamed into Canada, showed all kinds of details about how missiles were used, the Scud missile. I figured who on earth would name something? A Scud, you know, someplace between a scab on a dud, you know, just doesn't seem to kind of like a cruise missile, you know? So I'm not sure where it got its name. But of course, we saw on the TV little diagrams of this is what it looks like. This is what it does. And this is how it's deadliness of the kind of range it's gotten. This is how it's guided. And then we have the cruise missile and it's, of course, computer generated guidance and and they have little cameras on it.

And they showed one bombing, number one, right down a shaft. And that was quite a picture. It blew up on a certain floor because of some communication system they wanted to take out there.

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And and I can't I just can't tell you how much I was amazed at how these missiles particularly worked. You're familiar with the old the term heat seeking missiles. And what happens is once they're shot up the end of a plane, they're launched out towards a target. They gravitate towards the hottest object. And so they seek missile and they follow right into the engine of the airplane or the jet stream, as it were. And they blow it up. Now if you have, like me, real clear pictures of man. You can see this got on this particular missile from the US taking it out in midair, or you see this particular missile with the telescope or rather the camera lens on the front, just zooming down and following it into its target. And all of a sudden there's blackness. You have clear pictures of what it means for a particular missile to seek a target.

I want to start with that picture of what it means to seek, because most of us put the words seek God in different terminology. Same to talk to you about the secret, what does it mean to seek God to see there's something about that computer generated, that computer guidance system that the cruise missile that we we were exposed to as a mass public, as how it operated and we saw diagrams and all, but it had this relentless pursuit of its object, unbelievably pursuing, pursuing it. And the bottom line is it very rarely missed its target, but it was relentless in its pursuit.

Now. This morning, I want to ask you the question, what does it mean to seek God? We have a variety of answers in a group this big. Well, you know, it means that you want to get to know God. That means that you're really committed to God. You're searching out his ways. You're trying to understand him. You want to have an obedient heart to God, I guess. All over scripture, we find seek to be a very common word. Matter of fact, Jesus, some of the apostles, some of the prophets all chose to use the word seek at very critical times to define relationship with God.

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And as we work through today's talk, I want you to and this is this is Canadian eh, but this is when I try to convince my college students to throw out an old picture of what they thought something meant. I do this. Forgive me, but I go and it reminds them that get rid of the old concept of what it meant to do something. Sometimes I do that every morning, get water in my ear, you know. But the idea being that that is we work through this particular session at the end of it and you walk out of here, I really like you to have a clear picture, I believe, a biblical picture, what it really means to seek God, not some misconception or some apprehension of what I think it means to seek God. We're going to primarily be anchored in Matthew Chapter 6, but we'll be looking at other passages, too, while you're turning to Matthew, Chapter 6.

I've got to ask you a question. And I lived three years in Chicago, so a percentage of my life has been I'm an American a little bit. You know, I'm American. huh You say eh all you want. At least we know the rest of the alphabet huh. What's huh? But when you go through any mall in North America, any mall, these big plazas where all the shopping centers are, these huge shopping malls. We're told that West Edmonton Mall in Edmonton, Alberta, is one of the world's largest unbelievable mall. I've been through it a number of times with groups who take young people there to see the mall and all the rides and all the ice arenas and all the sharp displays. And you can't believe what's in this mall. It's just covers hundreds of acres. And I'll tell you, it's kind of fun to go there to get on the rides and everything.

But you went to that mall or any other mall, anyone near here, and you did a little survey of the two most common stores than any mall in North America. What would they tell somebody near you? What are the two most common stores? Not not brand name, not the specific name, but

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types of stores. OK, tell somebody. And guys, if you don't know, just ask a women, because they do all the shopping they know. All right, survey says clothes, clothes and food, I love you, [inaudible 00:40:12].

Hey, check this out, guys. If you are listening through the walls of every woman's dorm today, you would have heard, what am I going to wear today? What am I going to wear? I don't what I am going to wear? You got something in your closet? I can I wear this? How many of your women? Come on, tell me you're wearing someone else's clothes today, put your hand up? The rest of you are lying. It's OK. It's part of the college culture.

My wife's experiencing that drag right now because my daughter, of course, the oldest is graduating from high school and does that first year of university. So we don't have quite the problem of her sharing my wife's clothes, but my 12 year old is now just an inch taller than my wife. My wife is only five feet tall. 95 pounds. And my and my my my daughter, who's who's 12, is now five, one and a half.

So my wife is now the second shortest in the family because I have a 10 year old son who's cruising up in. The bottom line is she's having to share clothes there. But it's interesting because any mall in North America, you go in there and if you just do a quick survey of type of building, type of building, type of store, type of store, you find clothing stores and food distributing stores, whether it's the Safeway or the super values or whatever you have down here, the food chains that that sell you the food to take home and prepare all the food outlets that actually sell you like to the Wendy's or whatever.

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Now, I suggest to you that the world hasn't changed much since Jesus said these words. What shall we wear? What shall we eat? It's North America's primary preoccupations. If it wasn't, the stores wouldn't be evidence of that. And Matthew, Chapter 6, we read this. Therefore I tell you. 25. Do not worry about your life, what you'll eat or drink about your body, what you'll wear. It's life not more important than food and your body more important than clothes. Look at the birds of the air. They do not soar, reap, or store away in barns. Your Heavenly Father feeds them and are you not more valuable than they. Who of you by worrying can at a single hour to his life. And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lily, the fields they grow. They do not labor spin yet I tell you that not even Solomon, in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God close the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown in the fire, will he not much more close you. Oh ye of little faith. So do not worry. Say what do we eat? What are we going to drink. What shall we wear for the pagans run after these things they have to be. Your Heavenly Father knows that you need them, but seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these things to be given to you as well. Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has trouble enough of his own.

It's interesting, scripture says in verse 32, these are the things that pagans takes after, you know what? To me, pagans a little bit too derogatory. These are people who do not understand God in his fullest, don't understand how good God is that he's this loving heavenly father who delights to give good gifts to his children.

Another passage in the next chapter, Matthew, Chapter 7 says, Ask and it'll be given you seek and you will find. Knock on the door and it'll be open up to you. For every man who asks,

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receives. Who seeks, finds. If you knock at the door, will be opened. And it talks about how it compares earthly fathers in the Heavenly Father. And it talks about how if a son asks his dad for something to eat, does he give them a stone? If you ask them for meat, does he give them a scorpion? No. And he says, well, if you who are who are human fathers, evil dads, just average people like me, if you give good gifts to your kids, how much more will the Heavenly Father give you? Good things.

You need to understand that God wants your best, but sometimes we're hesitant to really seek him. There's another passage. I taught for 10 years at a college, I taught in the youth ministry and counseling courses, some evangelism courses, and I love it when college students discovered this particular passage in Jeremiah 29. I know the plans for you declares the Lord plans to prosper you for future and have plans to prosper you, not to harm you. That's the part of the pastors that I really like because it talks so clearly about how God's got a future for you. He's got plans for you. Plans to prosper you, not to harm you. But but it goes on to say something really profound with regard to the word seek. It says this, then you will call upon me and come and pray to me and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me if you seek me with all your heart. Proverbs Chapter 8 verse 17 says, I love those who love me. We'll talk about that Friday morning. What does it mean to love God? I love those who love me. And those who seek me will find me. Those who seek me will find me. It's a fabulous passage in Acts Chapter 17. Another key word of the you seek.

Matter of fact, if you can picture it, Paul is on Mars, Hilliary Apricus, and he's he's challenging the philosophers of the day, used to kind of sit around. And the latest discussion of the day today

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is this. They'd banter and debate. I don't really think that's right. And, you know, it's kind of like those questions that we always ask students in the first year philosophy classes, you know, if a tree falls in the forest and no one is around when it crashes, is there any noise made? I remember when that was asked me. University of Calgary, I'm thinking, OK, the tree falls in the forest. I've been around. When a tree falls, make a big noise. No one's around. Is there any noise? So these guys would banter. Well, what do you think? I don't think I think so, because you know, they go back and forth, you know, metaphysical this and that.

And Paul is here hanging out with these philosophers who are true in the way already today about this and that. And he comes in and he's doing a defense of the faith with these philosophers. And this is what he says. And listen, close acts, Chapter 17, the God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth. And he does not live in a temple built by hands. And he is not served by human hands as if he needed anything because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else from one man. He made every nation of men that they should inhabit the whole earth. Can you determine the time set for them and the exact places where they should live?

God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out to him and find him, though he is not far from each of us. For him, we live and move and have him be. What does it mean to seek God? Scripture is clear coast-to-coast in the Bible. God wants us to seek him. Said the pagans chase after these things. What are you going to wear? What are you going to eat? What are you going to drink? And all the other things of life that are necessities for sustenance. But what does

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it mean to seek? Comes down to an acrostic, I'm going to leave with you today, acrostic for the words seek.

At some point, there may be a variety of you here who are at the point in your Christian life, what I call an existential crisis of faith, I believe my daughter, who's now away from home for the first time at University of Calgary, which is about a 12 hour, 11 hour car ride, OK, from where we live, that she is having to personalize your faith. She's now out from underneath mom and dad's tutelage, as it were. And you know, her dad, the the pastor, the church, you know, is no longer the guy that's shaping her life. Quite the same with his suggestions and comments and encouragement. And she's now walking in a university of some 30 some thousand people, just a little gal of five, three and a half point guard for this basketball team. And who is she and what is faith and what does it matter to anybody if she lives for Christ or not lives for Christ, and all of a sudden she has to personalize your faith. Her faith has to be her own. It's not mom and dad kind of just encouraging along anymore. She's away from her home church, away from all her Christian friends. She's in a new setting. She has to take a stand for herself, for what she stands for. And she will have this year in totally an existential crisis of faith that says, do I really believe this?

In the face of all the questions that come to me at a secular university, in the face of all the challenges that come to me as my peers on my basketball team, encourage me to go here and drink this and take that and join us in this. In the face of all these challenges and all the pressures philosophically and sociologically that they are questioning. Why is there a God? How can you even believe there's a God? Isn't it stupid to believe there's a God.

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She's just come up to the point where she says, I'll tell you what, I have to decide that I personally believe there's a God or it's going to slip away. There could be some you sitting here today who are in an existential point of saying, I wonder if my faith is real. I wonder if my faith would really cut it if I was at UCLA or USC and I wasn't supported by quality chapels in places where I could be encouraged by Christian teachers in a setting like this. So I ask you, what does it mean to seek? Jesus said, your father knows you need these things? But here's what I recommend you do. Seek first, the kingdom of God is righteousness. Seek Jesus, first, what does it mean to seek four letters in the word SEEK?

Canadians are slow, so we have to do it slowly, spell things out. The s stands for sellout, if you don't understand the word seek, you understand the word sellout. Matter of fact, just as I was pulling up to the airport, my senior in high school son, James Brocky, 17, he dropped me off at the airport just as we're crossing this bridge right at the edge of town where the airport is. There was this huge furniture warehouse that had on the side going out of business sale Cigale Furniture. And I remember hearing on the radio station I listen to, yes, Cigale furniture after over 50 years of business is finally going out of business. And the word behind it is, is that the younger sons and daughters in the family decided they didn't want to continue in the furniture business. And so they're actually liquidating and selling it all and shutting down when it's been over 50 years. And we actually drove by that building by the airport where the main warehouse is, and it has red on the side and big, big banner going out of business sale.

Now, can you imagine if I walked into Cigale Furniture there by the airport and I said, oh, this is great. Look at the prices. Man, it's 50 percent off than it normally is. And I'm looking around like

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this and let me get it in here and I'd say, excuse me, miss, I'd like to buy this, this, this this chair here. They understand how they've been advertising this thing. Everything must go going out of business, one sale for all. Every item on sale and every store sells single furnitures. There's about a dozen of them around Vancouver. And I'm walking into one store. And I say, I'd like to purchase the chair. And she says it's not for sale. I say, excuse me, I just I'd like to say I'd like to buy it. And she says, I'm sorry, it's not for sale. I said, Well, I thought this was going out of business sale. I thought everything must go. Well, I don't want to sell that one. I'm thinking, well, why are you going to sign up there? OK, I like this one. It's just a little different color like that color, but I like this one. She says it's not for sale. Wait, just a minute. And I'm in Cigale furniture? Yeah. Are you guys going out of business after 15 years this not a going out of business sale? Everything must go. Everything 50 percent off or more. Yeah, I asked this seriously. No, I asked you this seriously. You say no. Is this a going out of business sale or not?

And you know what? So many people and their commitment to God say, God, I give you my life. You did that when maybe you were in grade ten. Got to give me my life. I want to serve you. He says, I'd like to buy this chair. You say so it's not for sale. What do you mean? I thought you give your life. Well, you just got to be kidding, God. I mean, I give you my life. I don't give you everything. If they sell all means sell out, there is an item in the store that will not be sold at 50 percent off, is what the advertisement is. So she can't say to me, I can't sell this chair, I can't sell this chair. But how many times our commitment to God me, we have one of these experiences where God really meets us and touches us, but we don't think through the implications.

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And so clearly we said, God, I give you my life. Might in fact, some of you might even sense a call to missions or full time ministry. But you've even said, God, any time, any place, anywhere, I'll follow you. And then he says, listen I want you to deal with this. You say, sorry, that chair is not for sale.

Sell out means sell out, a complete surrender of all that, you are a complete surrender of every piece of furniture in your store. There is nothing in your life that you don't lay down for him to have. I'm for sale. I've given my life to Jesus any part of me, Jesus, every part of me Jesus. You understand, seek means sell out. Secondly, it means sell out everything. Now, the implication was given when, when I implied the selling of each chair. But in case you misunderstood me, I want to spell out what it really means to seek God and put him first.

I just opened my briefcase here and I'm grabbing a few items out of here to signify different things in my life. One of my undergrad degrees is in music. I enjoy a lot of singing. I just love Ken's music and have the privilege of sitting to him in other conferences of hearing him minister. It's fabulous. And I've done a lot of singing and encouraging. And one church I was worship leader and I, I just love music, but God wants me to give my music to him and the church that I'm currently working in. I don't do any music whatsoever because he's called me to do other things. But I give my music to him. I have I have one of my tapes series here that can represent my extended ministry beyond the church I'm working in. And he wants me to give that ministry of speaking and and the tape ministry wants me to give that to him. I have a golf card. My dad and my nephew and I were out golfing and I had a good game, sort three over par on this one. And and that's one of my personal best. And I kind of kept it. I'm not much to do with it, but I've

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never done quite that well. But he wants me to give my athletic side to him too. What else do I have? I have I have my visa and I will keep my visa. They'll come up to me afterwards. But, you know, my finances limited as they are as a pastor, he wants me to get my finances to him. I have my health card here that has all the issues of us getting covered as a family. He wants me to give my health to him. And you want to know something that took on new meaning this April as my wife discovered a lump in her breast, that we went through the battle deciding whether or not it was cancer and all. And I'll tell you, life takes on instant new meaning when I say I give my health to God. He really knows and he really controls what goes on in my life. I have the most amazing wife and the most precious family. And I have pictures of my kids here and pictures of my wife. And he wants me to give my family to him. He wants he wants me to give my future to him.

Matter of fact, one of the hardest things for me to give, and those are you teachers who are sitting around here who have kids. I know Ron can understand. But it was really hard for me to let my 18 year old daughter go. I mean, not let her actually drive away and fly to another community. But it's hard for me to release her to God and the decisions that she's going to make on her own. I'm surprised to hear. Please no one phone her and tell her, but I won't be able to watch your play in our community until January, and I can't take that. So I'm flying to one of her first away games. That's a little closer to surprise her. I'm going to walk on the court and just surprise her. But I want you to know something. No matter what it is in my life, whether it's my music, my outside ministry, I can give you one of my business cards that applies the pastoral relationship I have with that church, my family, my resources and my visa. Whatever it is, he wants me to give it all to him, put it all on the coffee table of life and say, Lord, is there anything else in my life

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that that I haven't laid on the table? Because if you really want to seek him, it's a selling out of everything. You put everything that you are on the table, the coffee table life, which is you and Jesus, you sit down opposite the coffee table and say, Jesus, is there anything else?

He says, Dave, I want you to give me your ministry to Biola. He says, I want you to give me your health. I want you to give me your your finances. Yesterday, my wife was in tears because we got assessed differently, and our health payments are higher and and my wife doesn't work outside the home. So there's six of us on my pastoral salary and it's just rather tight sometimes. But my wife and I have to give financial assistance to the Lord. He's got a daughter university and a son going next year. How are you going to do this ? I am a juggler. I'm pretty good.

But you know what? All those concerns, all those worries, he wants me to lay them on the coffee table like me and Jesus. He wants me to push the coffee table over and say, Jesus, I give you everything. My future, my family, my finances, my health, my aspirations, everything that I am, I give to you. It's on the coffee table, Jesus. Oh by the way, Jesus, is there anything else that is not on the table? Let him reveal to you things that you haven't given to him. Put them on the table. And slide the coffee table over. Sell everything.

Thirdly, eternally. You're adults as college students. And as an adult, you can make conscious decisions of what you do. I remember when I first got a call from Ron, Ron made a decision to risk and call about this guy up in Canada. And in one sense, I made a risk to say, yes, although I'm familiar with Biola, I've been here before and heard of the great reputation, I know people have come here and know Michael Anthony and respect other people have come to Talbot and different things. And so I had a little problem with trusting, but there's a sense to which we

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understood the implications of the commitment. I showed up. He showed up. We're following through on those commitments.

And when you commit your life to Jesus, when you surrender, will you become that relentless cruise missile of faith that says, I'm going to go after God and seek and it's selling out everything internally? You understand the implications. The implication is my life is on the line. It's a decision that I made and my life has never been the same since grade 11. When I made that decision, grade 11, I remember thinking, I will give you my life for as long as I live. You direct it. The whole course of my life has never been the same since November of grade 11, and it's a different times for different people that God drops by and says, I want you to seek me. I want you to put me first. I want you to sell out everything eternally, eternally means I've consciously thought through the implications. And it's going to be any time, any place, anywhere for all of life. Internally, I will sell out and seek you.

Like some of you who understand computers better than I, you understand what a default drive is that automatically things automatically shift a certain way unless you program. In other words, and you and I have to have a default drive that automatically says I'm going to seek God. Doesn't matter. I'm going to seek God automatic. I'm going to seek God. It's period. It's decided it's an eternal choice that I've made. Sold everything eternally.

And the last letter is K-knowingly. Knowingly. Knowingly has to do with the consciousness, the awareness of the implications of this decision. Well, you're saying, you know what? It was the 16th of October, 1996, that I remember a guest speaker from Canada was speaking about selling

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your life one hundred percent to God. I remember that day I was sitting up in this section of the Biola gym and I remember deciding, consciously, I'm going to seek God with my life, period. Knowingly. Consciously. You see, seeking God, selling out everything eternally, knowingly is a comprehensive, consequential, conscious commitment. It's a relentless pursuit of what God would want for my life.

It's kind of like you've chosen to have what I would call this cruise missile a faith. Where you have this this decision that I'm going to relentlessly seek, God, I'm going to seek after him, I'm going to seek to follow him, I'm going to become all he wants me to be, I will stop at nothing less than having a cosmic collision course with God and explosion of faith in my life so that my life will never be the same.

If you seek me, you will find me. If you seek me with your whole heart. Is God your pursuit in life? Oh, these are the things that Pagan's chased after Jesus picked on a few. But, you know, the best thing you could do is one hundred percent surrender your life to him for all of life, to sell out everything eternally, knowingly.

Sometimes people wonder, is it really for my best to do that? And I know it's a selfish way to look at it, but listen to some scripture and you decide whether God is serious about blessing you if you really trust your life to him. So I'm ready for let him. No good thing I withhold to those whose work is blameless. Psalm 37: 4, delight yourself in me and I'll give you the desires of your heart. Proverbs 3:4-6 and I'm going to quote it from the living Bible. If you want favor with God and man and a reputation for good judgment and common sense, then trust the Lord completely.

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Don't ever trust yourself and everything you do, put God first and he will direct you and crown your efforts with success.

We go through to the New Testament, of course, in Matthew, Chapter 6: 33, take me first in my kingdom and everything else we had empty. John 10: 10, Jesus said I'm coming. You might have life that I might be to the full, abundant, not redundant routine, but abundant, overflowing. Jesus said all of you will flow rivers of living water. I love what it says for Timothy. Chapter 5: 17, it says this, those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant or to put their hope and wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God who listen, richly provides everything for our enjoyment. Philippians 4:19 says to my God will supply all your needs according to His riches and glory in Christ Jesus. Hebrews 11:6 says without faith it's impossible to please God. But every man would come to you must believe that he exists and what that he rewards those who sincerely seek rewards those who seek. God wants you best more than you will ever, ever know. God wants what's best for your life and understands what is best for you, more than you'll ever know. The best thing you could ever do is to lay down your life on the coffee table and say, Jesus, take it all. Take it all.

What does it mean to seek God? Our relentless pursuit. Like a computer guided cruise missile after a target. I want God first in my life to sell out everything eternally, knowingly. Where are you at today? Are you a real seeker? What's God saying in your heart? In a moment, Kim is going to come and see close, but I ask you this question, if nothing else in these three days and you are sitting there a tad skeptic about issues of faith, even though on the outside, you have the complacency of praise God.

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But if inside in your heart you have that that that annoying wondering about God and annoying wondering what if you're really following him. And wondering about whether you really know him, that over the course of these three days, a matter of fact, tonight, when you lay your head back on the pillow before you fall asleep, but you say this, God, if you really real, prove yourself real to me this week, meet me this week. He's promised if you seek me, you will find if you seek me with your whole heart. Please open your heart to God. And become a seeker. God bless you.