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I want to make a concession to you today. I have a new love in my life. She's seven months old and she definitely has me, my granddaughter, Lillian. *She* gave me the idea for this sermon:

It occurred to me that there are a lot of conversations going on in the world today. As I watched the Republican debates heading up to the next presidential elections, there was a conversation going on between the different candidates. The American people seem to be asking different questions, making their frustrations known (as in the current Oregon disputes, 2015). In a political context everything seems to be about resources and money rather than where we are going as a nation. What is our vision? What is our purpose? When I look into Lillian's eyes at seven months, she is asking me, she's having a conversation too, asking me a question.

Some of us have questions as we look out onto the world; there are a lot of questions going on. One of the questions we ask as we grow up in school and right after is "What does that mean? What are they saying?" So words go out in sentence structure and paragraphs and essays. We try and put that into context as to what that means to us personally. "What does that mean?" is the first question. A person could say something very directly and may not mean it. Example: someone says, "I love you." What does that mean? It may not mean that he loves you at all but he has an agenda completely different from the accepted context. So, "What does it mean?" is a question that the world asks a lot. Therefore when I'm in the lab doing cultures and people ask what the culture results are, I'll say, "It's this." Their first questions are, "What does that mean?" What meaning does this lab result have to them personally? "Do I have to treat the patient? Or do I not? Etc., etc., etc." These questions are legitimate. As we grow up memorizing these repeated questions over and over again, another question comes to mind, "What is the meaning of life? What is the purpose of Life? What does it mean?" I often laugh when someone aks, "What is the mystery of life?" Well, number one it is a mystery! The Bible says the mystery of life is Christ in you the hope of glory. Well, what does that mean? The meaning beyond the words.

It means relationship. It means a lot of things. Some of you might be asking what tomorrow's "Power Ball" number will be... (A great amount of money is amassed at this point on a State Lottery). I'll tell you one thing: Lillian who is only seven months old, even though she doesn't know the words, she still is asking this question, "Do you love me?" It is the same thing she is asking her mom, her dad, "Do you love me?" Her parents are asking the same thing back to their child, "Do you love me?" That is expressed in so many different ways. The first way it is expressed is with a smile, "Yeah. Not bad. I love you."

This conversation doesn't stop. It continues through all the time we grow up and beyond. This child/parent conversation happens now not only between our mother or dad, or from people you know in the world, but it happens between you and God! You ask the parental/child question of Him, "Do You love me?" There is nothing wrong with asking that question. I used to think, "Why am I asking that question all the time?" And yet every time I see Lillian and I'm in her presence and she comes into the room, I'm asking the same question, a question I already know the answer to. But, I want to hear it. I want to feed my soul and my heart will leap with joy because I know that it is true. There are a lot of things in this world that are not true. It is nice to know that we can have something that is true. Amen.

Therefore, if you go into "Google" and ask , "Do you love me? Or How do I know that God loves me?", you will get some really nice websites, taking you right through the sinners prayer. The answer is almost always expressed in the evangelical terms of well we know that God love us because He died for us. Jesus says that greater love has no one but that he lay down his life for his friends, which He did. But He did more than that, didn't He? He didn't just die on the cross which was wonderful, but there was a reason and a purpose that He died upon the cross. He was the Lamb of God, the ultimate Sacrifice for our sin.

Now that's usually where some evangelicals leave it, Jesus dying for our sin. Aren't we wonderful now and go, grow in Christ. But Jesus did more than that! That question still has to be answered, "Do You love me?" "Yes, I love you because I died upon the cross. Yes, I love you because now your sins are forgiven *for the reason* . . . that NOW you can have fellowship with the Father." Woah, that's a little different!

It is a lot different. So, He died for me to save me from my sin. That's the sin I've committed, the ones I'm sinning now and the ones I'm going to sin in the future. He died for me so that all of those sins are not in the way of a fellowship, to which I have a right, with the Father. Now I can ask the Father the question (notice now the relationship is parental, father/child, child/father), the same question that I probably asked my Mom too, "Do You love me?" And I still ask that question almost on a daily basis. This reminded me of Fiddler on the Roof. How many of us have seen that in the movies or the TV? It is a story of a Jewish family, Tevia and his wife Golda. How many children do they have? Seven daughters. I can only remember five of their names. They had a lot of kids, all daughters. One of the questions in the theme that was being asked over and over again was, "Do you love me?" Remember when Tevia asked that of Golda? He says, "Golda, do you love me?" She says, "What! Do I love you? I wash your clothes every day. I have seven children. I cook your meals. If that is not love, what are you talking about? Wake up. You are sick, tired, whatever!"

"No, no, Golda, I need to know. Do you love me?" His heart cry came out. He didn't just care about whether she cooked for him or washed his clothes or bore his children. He wanted to know the answer to that question, "Do you LOVE me?" He pushed her. Now Golda is a pragmatist. She'll just think that after seven kids, I don't wonder. But then she finally admits that, "Yeah. I suppose I do." He is then overwhelmed with joy, "Oh, you love me! I love you too." It was so different in the expression of that love. But the question is still the same, "Do You love me?" "Yeah, I do."

Whenever I ask the Father that question I get the same answer. I NEVER find Him answering today, even after I've sinned, "Aaanh, not so much." But rather, "Yeah, I love you. There's stuff in there you've yet to see that I'm going to bring forth. There's stuff in you that you don't even know. How wonderful you are to Me," says the Lord.

Now Lillian at seven months has characteristics that are very different from my other granddaughter, Sarah. Very, very different. Yet, she has accomplished very much. She doesn't know how to crawl yet. (But when she does I'm going to be really excited about it." Therefore, who are we? We are growing up in the world and we are learning things. But in the next world, the next age, who knows what God has for us! I think it will be beyond our scope of reasoning in this present time. It won't be like "Star Wars." It will be a lot better. I feel sorry for people addicted to cell phones since those phones probably won't be there and people will be looking at their hands out of an old habit, looking for some communicator.

You see, here is the difference: Jesus died for us so there is no better love for man than that (John 15:13). He forgave us for our sins so that we can have fellowship with the Father, AND, He was resurrected from the dead. What was the purpose for this? So that He could go to the Father and send His Holy Spirit. Before He could send down the fullness of the Spirit to us, we would have asked that question and we find the answer in the Book. We would find the answer that "He died for our sin." We would find the answer that God does love us. However after He sent the Holy Spirit, we now have a direct communication in addition to the Bible, in order for that answer and that conversation to take place. So now when I ask God, "Do You love me?" I am not asking Him in the context of the Bible. I'm not asking in the circumstances that I see around me since now I SEE His love everywhere. I'm asking Him in the Spirit, personally, "Do You love me?" It becomes a prophetic uncia, a prophetic process that is a real relationship, not a religion, not just knowing but KNOWING. "Golda, do you love me? I know you cook for me. I know you've had seven children, but do you love me?" Now the Holy Spirit can come down and say, "Yes I do. And don't forget it."

"How would you like me to show you that I love you today, Peter?"Sometimes I can come up with an answer for that one. How about something unusual on the way to work, a beautiful sunrise or maybe there's a hawk or something that I'd like to see along my way. But at other times I say that at work, as a microbiologist, I'd really like to have something other than just positive and negative cultures. I'd like to see people try and communicate with me. That would be special. Communication is not just information. Communication is "What is the meaning?" What does this mean to me?

For you who are filled with the Spirit have that ability to go right through to the Holy of Holies and ask God the Father, "Do You love me?" And He *will* answer you in the Spirit. He will. I don't have to read it in the Bible. He'll just say, "Yes I do." And I'll know that still, quiet voice inside is not me; I'll know it is Him. That's what being filled with the Spirit does. If you are not filled with the Spirit, you need to be because that is part of your inheritance to have that conversation. It is not a one way conversation. Prayer is not a one way conversation; it is a two way conversation. Amen.

Now let's go to a place we've been before. Do you have a favorite shirt? One time my wife told me that she really loved me; I was like an old shoe. I wasn't sure I liked that one. What?! That's insulting. She told me that no, an old shoe is comfortable, one that you want to wear. The idea is that we have things that we like to do. So, after I get through the question of, "Do You love me," and He says, "Yes I do," the next question is, "I'd like to do something exciting this year. What do You think would be good? Another cruise to Alaska, etc.?" I always end up back in Montana on vacation for some reason. I don't know why. Montana is a lot of wilderness. But I have one video that's on my website, Daphne, Jessica and myself. We are on a horse trail going all the way to the top of a mountain. These horses are strong, mountain horses. They start up a steep incline and I know from having hunted in the past, if I were to climb that first 100 yards of that same incline, I would have to stop and rest for long time. My heart would be beating really fast and strongly because it had to get the blood all the way down to my toes and all the way back up again. It's not just simple exercise when you're climbing; there is a lot of blood that has to go down there and back. You don't have to climb very much to become out of breath with the heart is pushing. But here these horses were awesome. They acted like the steepness of the mountain was level terrain instead. Up they went. As I watch that video, I like it as no one says anything, just the sound of the horse hooves hitting the trail. The beauty that surrounds you in that wilderness, the quiet, the knowing, is one of my favorite videos. So it's my favorite spot. I go back there like a comfortable old shoe, like watching an old movie.

Well the Bible has places that are like that for me also. Let's go to Isaiah 62. These verses answer the question of "Do You love me?" The answer to the question, "What is the meaning?" The question of, "Where are we going from here?" The first five verses refer to who we are. This is prefaced by the fact that it is not just about who we are *going* to be when this prophecy comes forth but it is more of who we *already are* because of what we are going to be. Who we will become and who we are now, and somewhat, who we were. The Bible says, "I knew you in your mother's womb" (Psalm 22:10). Another scripture states that He knew us before the foundations of the world (Eph. 1:4). Really? Do you know what the foundations of the world are and what that is referring to? Probably sub-atomic particles. He's talking about before them, He knew you and understood you. Therefore when this prophecy in Isaiah 62 comes forth for Jerusalem (which I embrace for myself), He begins to speak about who they are going to become as if they are already there and there is no difference between now and then. In the same way, when I look at my grandchild, Lillian, I don't see whatever she becomes in a career of some sort. Rather I see her as a person that has all kinds of potential. She is lovely just by being herself.

And so the prophecy begins this way:

<u>Isaiah 62</u>: 1 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, And for Jerusalem's sake I will not keep quiet, Until her righteousness goes forth like brightness, And her salvation like a torch that is burning.
2 The nations will see your righteousness, And all kings your glory; And you will be called by a new name Which the mouth of the Lord will designate.
3 You will also be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, And a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

So you are not who you think you are. You're not just a voter for the next election. You are so much more. And all kings will see your glory.

And you will be called by a new name, not the ones that other people give you, not even the ones you give yourself, but a secret name. It says that you will be called by a new name which the mouth of the Lord will designate. He is going to speak it. When you hear that name you will recognize right away that it is you He is talking to. You won't have to guess. You will know it's you. You will also be crowned a beauty in the hand of the Lord and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

It will no longer be said to you, "Forsaken,"

This is really what the Lord is saying to you prophetically. You may have started today cast down. But that is not you. People may say discouraging things about you. It may even look and feel like that is true but it is *not*  who you are. *He* says you will no longer be forsaken.

Nor to your land will it any longer be said, "Desolate"; But you will be called, "My delight is in her," And your land, "Married";

It goes right back to the question, "Do you love me?" Isn't this awesome? The prophet really penetrates all of the words and wants you to know this. "My delight is in her! And your land, married."

For as a young man marries a virgin, So your sons will marry you; And as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, So your God will rejoice over you.

That is who you are in God. These verses speak so much life to us. It is no wonder we like to go back and read it again and again. It is better than climbing a mountain in Montana because I know what the Lord is saying. He didn't just say it then. He is saying it now. No matter what circumstances we are going through as in the next few verses.

On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have appointed watchmen; All day and all night they will never keep silent.

There will always be those who are going to be praying. The first one praying is Jesus Himself.

You who remind the Lord, take no rest for yourselves; 7 And give Him no rest until He establishes And makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

Another words, you may be in a place where none of this is happening yet, but don't give up. Don't lose site of who you are and who God is and your relationship with Him. When you are filled with the fullness of the Spirit you know these words are true.

8 The Lord has sworn by His right hand and by His strong arm, "I will never again give your grain as food for your enemies; Nor will foreigners drink your new wine for which you have labored." I actually have this text underlined and circled in my bible because it is so different from Communism. Communism means to distribute wealth across the population. That's not what it is saying here. If somebody else didn't work for it, they didn't get the right to be there and have the benefits. I'm going to give *you*, the worker, the fruit of *your* labor. And, I'm going to give to *you* the drink that *you have labored for*. That's free enterprise not communism or socialism. He now reaffirms that promise.

## 9 But those who garner it will eat it and praise the Lord; And those who gather it will drink it in the courts of My sanctuary.

So we see that He tells us who we are and what we will be. He tells us not to give up. "Do you love me?" "Of course I do." Although we may not see it, don't give up! Don't lose heart. These themes are throughout the Bible's text.

In the last few verses, ten through twelve, He starts to talk about what you have to do and what you should do to *not make it happen* but rather to *participate*. When you try and make things happen, you are going to push and force things. Then when it doesn't happen you get frustrated and discouraged. We've been there; haven't we all? But better here He is saying we need to enter into something He's already planning.

#### 10 Go through, go through the gates, Clear the way for the people;

I used to think that handling my own troubles was bad enough, what in the world is God talking about now? But there is something we can do for someone else even if we are just barely saved. Our *smile* can make a difference in someone's life. Here's an example, my dad after he had his stroke, had an attention span of about twenty seconds. He couldn't even watch a commercial on television, they were too long. He said to me, "Peter, I want the Lord to take me. Why am I still alive?" I gently told him, "The last I knew, you weren't God. When He takes you, He'll take you. And by the way even with twenty seconds you can make that nurse smile every morning when she comes in. Because I know your sense of humor and the kind of thinking process God has given you and the effect it has on people, even in a twenty second time frame." I was very frank with him as he was with me when I was a child. He responded, "Okay I'll give it a try."

Just like this example, there is always something we can do to open the gates to the Lord for someone else. By doing that, we are going to open the gates for ourselves as well because *it is* more blessed to give than to receive. I was listening to BBC reporting about one of these countries where the city was bombed and the economy had failed, no water or food, insects all around, not much hope, a lot worse than it is here. I thought why does the BBC take me to these places on my way to work? However it was very interesting story since the man, they were reporting on, suddenly realized that he did have extra food so he made a sandwich to give away on the street. So he tried it. The first few people would refuse the offered food not knowing if they should trust him or not. So the guy ate one sandwich and left the other laying next to him until someone came up and asked for the extra sandwich. This procedure developed into a ministry. Now he had hundreds of people working in a warehouse that gave away free food every morning. People brought food in for him to give away. So we can see in a place where there was no way, he made a way. Isn't that just like our Lord?

Let's look at the next verse.

Build up, build up the highway, Remove the stones, lift up a standard over the peoples.

This tells us that we don't want a path that's dangerous. A highway speaks about a road that has shoulders, a road that has limited access where robbers cannot come on. The man who was beat up by robbers as in the Good Samaritan parable, wouldn't have had that trouble if he was on a highway built to keep that from happening.

So then, how does one build a highway? The "highway" is knowing the word of God, knowing your relationship with the Father and leading people to that place. You are going to say, "Do you know why you are having that trouble? It is because you really need to know the answer to the question you've been asking, the conversation, 'Do you love me?.' I can tell you what it is." The shoulders of the road are put on. The next steps those people take will be more confident since they now know something of the love of God for them through you. You might say you don't know the word of God that well. However, if you know Jesus, you know what the word of God is speaking in the simplicity of your heart. Share that. Let's remove the stones, lifting up a standard for the people. That speaks about flag waving. This isn't about just making it through the trials. This is about triumph! Remember the scripture that says, "Mercy TRIUMPHS over judgment (James 2:13). It doesn't just win. By the way in a football game, the winner doesn't just win, they triumph! "We won!. Wow, this is so good!"

#### 11 Behold, the Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth,

This is the Lord's voice, Himself, the creative power of God is in this thing. It isn't just what He did and what He's going to do. It is about the creative force and the very nature of God. We should love one another and know that God love us because God IS love. That's what the scripture says and that's how we know experience Him, LOVE. He cannot be separated from that. His very nature is love. When that goes forth it accomplishes something that no other force can possibly establish. There will be no need to awaken "the Force" (as in Star Wars). He is already awake. . .

"Say to the daughter of Zion (those that belong to the Lord), Surely your salvation is coming;"

All of the things that you are afflicted with are not always going to be here.

Say to the daughter of Zion, "Lo, your salvation comes; Behold His reward is with Him, and His recompense before Him." 12 And they will call them, "The holy people,

Something totally different. Now He's not just talking about a secret name, but he's talking about us corporately. They were called together as a people to be different from those in the world that don't know Him. We are going to be called the Holy People. But my first thought is that I don't want to be called the 'Holy People.' The furthest thing I want to be is a religious person. However He is not talking about that kind of holiness. He's talking about what God is going to do for you, not what you are going to do for yourself or even your lifestyle. . . "I am a holy, pious person." Far be it for God to bless that. He won't. Remember this parable? He asked who did we think would go before the Father justified, the one who was holy and pious, saying he was glad he wasn't like that sinner over there. Or the sinner who is pounding his chest saying, "Forgive me, Lord, I cannot believe I'm such a crazy person."

## The redeemed of the Lord"; And you will be called, "Sought out, a city not forsaken."

You are bought back, taken from the hands of the enemy and now you are in the hands of the Lord. You are taken from being forsaken and desolate to a place where you are married and have children. That doesn't mean you actually have real children but it means you will have FRUIT in your life like children that will prosper and go far beyond you. Isn't that wonderful?

The question you ask, "Do you love me?" now changes focus from the things that He is just doing for you. The focus is now on what He is doing in your whole life. Sometimes you have to look back five years in order to see all that. If you only look back one or two weeks, things may not be doing that well. The stock market is down, the upcoming elections are crazy. But if you look farther into the past, you can see the hand of the Lord in your life guiding you through things that you would have never thought possible. Amen.

Here's an example. I can look back to high school years. My English teacher told me to give him a call if I ever got a paper in on time. Wow, thanks. I started to study harder. I got through college. I don't know how but I did. After I finished four years of college I was praying and talking to my wife and others. They suggested trying to go to graduate school. I thought that would never happen since I didn't have the grades for it. But I decided to try. I took a course. Afterwards the Dean of the Department came up and said I needed to be matriculated, to join a program for a degree. They knew what my grades were but it was really about who I was now not when I got the lower grades. They could see the difference. I was a person who could do what was needed all along; it just hadn't surfaced yet. That's what the Lord says to us this morning, that you may think you are not accomplishing much. However, it's not about what you will accomplish. It is what God is doing in you and through you, the redeemed of the Lord, bought back from the enemy. The enemy had other plans for me but the Lord has His plans. And the plans the Lord has, the scriptures say, are not bad. They are good.

When the Father and Jesus finished creating all the animals, He says, "This is good" (Genesis 1:21). But when He finished creating Adam and Eve, He said, "This is VERY good" (Genesis 1:31) This is better than a ro-

bot. This is better than all of the beautiful animals, better than the blue whale, an orca, a dolphin, etc. It is very, very good, the redeemed bought back. You don't belong to the enemy any more. You don't belong to the circumstances you find yourself in. They belong to you! The life that's in you in the middle of the circumstance will change the circumstance. Even if the outcome is the same, it will be different! So, let's take a subject like abortion that nobody in the world wants to talk about. Or we could go back to the issue of slavery. John Adams was talking against slavery from the very beginning of our nation, the inception of the bill of rights. He argued that we just couldn't have a country with slavery; it just couldn't happen. In approximately 1805, Great Britain had already outlawed slavery. Yet we were still doing it. John Adams went to every term of Congress proposing an amendment to the Constitution to outlaw slavery. People kept coming up to him asking what in the world he was doing. "This is Crazy. It's not going to happen." John said, "I don't care whether it happens or not. It is going to make a difference in the historical record if nothing else, that somebody is going to stand against it." Dietrich Bonhoeffer did a similar thing against Hitler's regime.

And so, we can say the same things today. "I am just not going to keep silent anymore." That's what this is about. What God is doing is far greater than what the enemy is attempting. We don't have to take it from him. Do you have an affliction in your body? I do. This morning I woke up and I could barely move my arm. So I looked it up. Let's see, ulna nerve compression. I thought, really, I have an ulna nerve compression. Really! What new affliction could I get? So I have a relationship with the Lord. I asked Him the question. He said, "Well, what did you do yesterday?" "I was the only one in the lab and I probably processed over a thousand cultures, looking at petri dishes, over and over and over again." The Lord says, "Well! Take some aspirin. You'll feel better." I did and I prayed and it is much better. Thanks.

We don't have to take things from the enemy. The Lord can give us a word of knowledge and a prayer even for those who have terminal diseases. It doesn't matter. I was diagnosed with cancer of the prostrate and I'm still here today. I believe it was because I listened to God. And I received His healing in my body. I also had a surgeon who was very competent. Thank you. But primarily my conversation was not with my surgeon. My conversation was with God. I can remember asking Him through that, "Do you love me? What does this mean?" It means don't worry. The outcome is not really what it is all about. It's about who you are in Christ. That will never change in this world or the next. You are who you are in God, the redeemed of the Lord, the holy people . . .

#### And you will be called, "Sought out, a city not forsaken."

Don't you wish you could hear this spoken in the original Hebrew text. You will be called "sought out." Another translation calls that "cared for." You will be called "cared for." Yeah. Sought out, cared for, not forsaken. So Lillian looks into my eyes saying, "Do you love me?" And I'm saying, "Yeah. I seek you out and I care for you." The Lord builds relationships with one another. We pray for each other. We ask the same conversational question, "Do you love me?" "Yeah. Let's pray." Then the Lord gives your eyes to see the people of the world that are falling and they ask the same question. We respond, "You know. I would really like to have you know my Father's love." Jesus is not just an easy step. It's not just receiving Him evangelically but it is receiving His resurrection life in you which is the answer to the conversation He wanted to have with you all along. Remember what happened when Jesus died on the cross? Do you know what the first thing God the Father did? He rent the veil of the temple before the Holy of Holies where the chief priests went in only once a year, said a few prayers with a rope around their ankle in case the Lord would strike him dead, so they could pull him out. They put little bells around the hem of the priest's garment so they would know if he was still alive in there. Well when Jesus died upon the cross, the scriptures say that immediately God ripped the veil in the temple from top to bottom. The separation is no longer there. The cross wasn't just about dying for our sins. But dying for our sins SO THAT the Father could finally do what He always wanted, have a conversation with you, the same one He wanted with Adam in the Garden. Adam might have said, "The Garden isn't that important to me. I think that apple looks pretty good or that fruit from the Tree of Life, I think I'll take that." The consequences affected man forever.

But not for us! Since we are going back to that same place where we have fellowship with the Father more than Adam. See we are not just going back to the Garden. We are going back to a much *better Garden*. If we just went back to the original Garden now, we would no longer be able to eat from the Tree of Life. But we are going back to a Garden where we can eat

from the Tree of Life and still have fellowship with the Father. That's what the New Eden is about. This is definitely not a religion. It's a relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on a daily basis. He made it possible.

Now I am thankful for the Holy Spirit that was sent to us in abundance so that the Lord can answer the same question I've asked Him every day since I was a child, "Do you love me?" And He says, "Yes, I do." Amen.



Father we thank You for answering the question, Lord God, affirming Your love this morning toward us. There are so many who are afflicted in their bodies and I pray You would bring healing! Whether it is your heart or muscle aches, it doesn't matter where the disease is coming from we know the healing power of the Lord that is spoken about and testified about over and over again. We don't take it from the enemy but we submit ourselves to You. We ask You, Lord God, to bring Your healing power forth, the word of the Lord going forth upon the earth, the creative force. We ask You, Lord God, to forgive us for our sin that we've already done. But, Lord, give us incite into why and what that sin was all about so we can purpose in our heart to throw it away before we are even tempted. When we say evil against one another, and sometimes in can be hidden in a joke, when we participate in pornography, when we do the weirdest, strangest things that people do, Lord God, that we would understand who You called us to be, not holy and pious but Holy in You, understanding Your purposes and way. We pray Your loving nature would be our inheritance, not just knowing Your love and giving You back Your love, but we would be able to take that love and give it to others, primarily our family, our wives, our husbands, our children, those that we know and at work, those we meet even in the supermarket. It doesn't matter where. Your love doesn't know any limit. It is without boundaries.

I pray, Lord God, that the Christians in this world that you have created in this day and in this hour whether they be in China or whether they be in the Mid-East, Lord God, that you would give them a word in their mouth to bring forth the power of Your love upon the earth. The enemies desire, which is just to assassinate and kill, would be put away. And, Your people would prevail because of the word of love which You have spoken from the very beginning. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

