

Title: Rise-Longevity

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There is a scripture in Romans eight where Paul talks about how we have been delivered and transferred out of the law of sin and death and placed into the law of the Spirit and life in Christ Jesus. We are in this now. That law of the life in Christ Jesus, the law of the life in His Spirit. The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. We have been transferred out of darkness completely, and into His light. How glorious is God, amen!

This morning I want to continue in what I have been bringing from last weekend and throughout the week. I want to review just a little from the word, "Rise." We spoke on this, "Rise to the occasion; now is the moment before you." That is individual as well as corporate. We are to rise to the occasion. That means you are not sitting down. You are not dormant. You are not lagging behind, but you are fervent in spirit. You are rising up to the occasion of that "now" moment that is before you.

Rise above all the chaos and confusion. As those in Christ Jesus, we are called to walk above it, not in it. Chaos and confusion have no ownership in the believer's soul once you have been born again. We want our mind to be at peace and to host the Spirit of truth. We are supposed to rise in biblical ascension, meaning taking our seat with Him in heavenly places. Recognize that He is with us at all times. As we pray and as we seek His face, we are literally in His presence. We are in His presence now. Heaven is here. Heaven is now. Heaven is moving in, and He is with us every moment of the day.

We are to rise mentally, in that His thoughts are always higher than our thoughts. He is always going to be stretching us. You will think, "that is not my thought." You are right. He says, "that is My thought, because you could not come up with that." We are rising even mentally, in our thought life.

We are rising to see the Magnificent Obsession, which is of course the Lord Jesus Christ. We are supposed to "rise in genius." He says, "Where you have been strong, you will be stronger still." Amen. We are to "rise to the extremes of the brilliance in the light and the power of His glory." The higher you go, the more you will see. The deeper you go, the more you will understand. The wider you go, the more you will see your own boundaries extend or expand. The further you go, you gain strength, endurance, perseverance, and long suffering or going beyond the normal. In God, you know that there are no limits. There are no limits in God. There are no limits in His Kingdom. How far do you want to go? Hallelujah.

We are called to rise to the Magnificent Obsession. We talked about the word "obsess." It means you are thinking on something constantly, right? It is always in your thought process. You are dwelling on it. It is not just a passing thought. We can become obsessed with anything in this life. But, the Lord wants the dominion mentally in our thoughts. We have to go about our normal day in life. Yet, our thoughts are always obsessed with Jesus Christ, the Holy Ghost, the Father of glory, and with the Kingdom of Heaven.

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We want the domination of God's thoughts. We want Him to have the Lordship in our thoughts. Coming out of a region of captivity of fear in my life, I know how the spirit of fear can take dominion over one's mind. I understand what it means when something else comes in and takes possession or ownership of your thought life. It does not have to be something perverted. It can just be a little off and get you away from trust in God where you become dependent on yourself for what you need. Instead, your mind shifts and you become obsessed with the Lord and how He loves you. How He provides for you, how He gives you wisdom and grace, and how He is already there. He has gone before you, and He is made a way for you. Our minds are literally obsessed with the Lord.

That does not mean you are sitting in front of your Bible 24/7. It is just happens to be that the Word is living in you. The Living Word, the Son of God, is living and dwelling in you if you have been born again. We want to preoccupy our thoughts, feelings and desires with the Lord. In the Kingdom of Heaven, nothing is impossible with God. Amen.

We talked about how we state, "Jesus overwhelm what overwhelms me. Jesus overwhelm what overwhelms me." We all know that feeling. Sometimes we even speak it out. "I just feel really overwhelmed right now. I have a lot on my mind right now." How are you doing? "Well, there is a lot going on right now." You understand the phraseology there? It is just that. So, "Jesus overwhelm what is overwhelming me." We want to be overwhelmed with His presence, with the Kingdom, with His way, with His thought, with His work, and with His Spirit.

We are called to rise in divine instruction and inspiration. We want to lay hold of Kingdom vision and walk in it. We want to lay hold of it. We want to walk according to the Lord's word. We want to hear instruction from God. You say, "God does not talk to me." If you have been born again from above, God is talking to you. Sometimes you do not recognize it as God, but God is with you. He is in you. He is living in you. He is always speaking.

We know sometimes He speaks to us in creation. You are not just getting it out of a book. It is called a relationship. It is called communion. He will never leave you, fail you, or forsake you. He is with you there. He is literally just unlocking those things that have had you clamped down in your own mind, and He is speaking to you life and life more abundantly. He is the one that gives you wisdom. He is the one that gave you knowledge. He is the one that gave you counsel. He was one that was there in your darkest moment. He was there with you when you were rejoicing and on the mountaintop. He is always speaking. Say, "He is always speaking."

The Body of Christ is to lay hold of this. We are laying hold of Kingdom vision in what He wants. We are surrendering to the great Holy Spirit, the Administrator of all. The Holy Spirit is the one that gives gifts to us. He is the one that administrates all the power, the gifts and the anointing in the Body of Christ. He is the one that sets apart, anoints and appoints to do the Father's will. So, we are rising and we are shining.

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There is a song that we sing, "No spirit, but the Holy Spirit, come, come." You know that one is just the indwelling presence. When you wake up in the morning, say, "Good morning, Lord Jesus." Benny Hinn wrote a book about that. It's called, "Good morning, Holy Spirit." It is that reality. When you go to bed at night, say "Goodnight, Lord. Here I am. Speak to me tonight." Some may have a dream, some have a vision, and some may receive His encouragement in your spirit as you sleep. You are literally being built up. When you lay down at night, you are getting recharged in every way. So, if you are a medic who gets only two hours of sleep some nights. Well, praise the Lord for the two you got, and He will multiply and continue to increase that building up. We want to totally surrender to the Great Administrator, Holy Spirit, every day.

We know that we are called to read the word, abide in the word, remain in the word, study the word, and hear God's word. Keep it before our eyes. Keep it in our ears. Keep it in our hearts, speak it, and declare it. That is abiding. That is the normal Christian life. Talking to God. You say, "She is always talking to herself." No, she is really just talking to the Lord. Okay, who cares? What do they know? You know, and you are communing with God constantly. As you abide in the word, you are going to bear much fruit.

We are supposed to serve, that means act, move and initiate. Right? You can talk all day, you can read all day, but somewhere you have to step out and serve. You have to step out and give. You have to step out and initiate. Do what the Father has anointed you to do for the Kingdom of God on this Earth. You see, we are not all in the same sphere or place. We all have homes. We all have families. Yet, the Lord has anointed us where we are. He has given us the ability to learn. He has given us the ability to grow. We grow up. How about that? We actually mature. We actually are maturing. So, we have to serve, move, act, and initiate.

The Holy Ghost will pull on your strength. He will pull on your strength and make way for these opportunities. You are actually creating with the words that you speak. Every time we speak God's word, something has happened. When we pray God's word over ourselves and our families, the Kingdom of Heaven at hand. Every time you speak the word, pray the word, declare the word, speak in tongues, give interpretation of tongues, sing, shout, proclaim the word, the Kingdom of Heaven is there and advancing. You have no idea what the power of your words will do around you.

We all know what fear looks like, what failure and negativity sounds like, right? We want to speak what the Lord says, even if your flesh is fighting against it. It is better to agree with God. The Kingdom is going to come in this way. We have to see beyond the horizon from our today and go into tomorrow. That is called prophetic insight. He is increasing our prophetic insight. He is increasing our ability to hear God, see God, feel God, smell God, touch God, and encounter God to hear the instruction.

He is increasing our insight of God in the matter. He is increasing our prophetic insight. We do not know what all is going to happen ten years from today, but the Lord can get you on the path. Then before you know it, you are in it ten years down the road, because of where He started you now. You have to take a step, in order to step into

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your tomorrow, by obeying what He tells you today. Amen. We have to go onward, and we have to go upward. We have to press on. Anyone ever heard the phrase, "They could not see past their nose?" That literally means "to lack foresight, envisioning only immediate events or problems." All you see is what is right here. But, the Body of Christ is called to see beyond that. We have a Bible that shows us way beyond where we are right now. We have a Bible that, from beginning to end, shows us God's insight to the whole thing, and His revelation, His knowledge, His plan. Some say, "I just do not know what is going to happen." Read your Bible. Hallelujah!

Holy Ghost will bring instruction and understanding through it for us as we apply it every day. "To see or not to see is a choice." Sometimes you say, "I really do not want to see that right now." When we see bad things on TV, we have this remote control and can turn it off or change the channel. I can turn my head and not look at it. I am good at turning my head when I do not want to see something. Right? Sometimes people do not want prophetic insight. They do not want to see. Saying, "I do not want to see it. I just do not want to know." Because, if you know about it, you are responsible for it.

Here is the good news as a Christian, you are already responsible for a whole lot. You have been given the gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven. You know the story. You know the great salvation. You know the way and the plan. You are already responsible with what He has given you. So, we need to know that. We need to steward that and be good stewards of what God has given us. We are pressing on. Say, "I am pressing on."

At Christmas, there is a song that we sing, "Do you see what I see?" Well, the Lord is saying, "Do you see what I see?" You say, "Lord, I want to see what you see." It looks like this right now, but what are you really doing? What do you want to do with this?" It can go way beyond. When the farmer plants a seed in the ground, by faith it is going to yield the crop. Right now, it looks like dirt and a seed that just got buried. But, sooner or later, there is going to be a crop and a harvest off of that seed. That is the way it is in the prophetic realm. We have prophetic wonders ahead of us. Say, "Amen."

There is this big word that God gave us called "redemption." Jesus redeemed us. He redeemed us through His blood. That means He has forgiven our sin. He bought us back. He saved us from hell, death, and the grave. He has redeemed us.

Psalms 111:9 NKJV

He says He has sent redemption to His people. He has commanded His covenant forever. Holy and awesome is His name. God has sent redemption to His people. He has commanded His covenant forever. That is in Christ Jesus. Holy and awesome is His name. You know about this if you are a born again believer. You are in covenant with God now, you do not just go to church. If you are a born again believer, you are a new creation now.

You are a son and daughter of the Most High God now, and you are an ambassador for Christ. Now, you are more than what you think you are. You have been born again, by the Spirit, and the Spirit of God lives in you. Now you are sons and daughters of God. You have been redeemed, and you are living in this thing called a covenant, through the

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blood of Jesus. He says you are mine and I am yours. I am going to put my Spirit in you, and I am going to put my word in you. I will put my wisdom in you. I am going to put my counsel and might in you. I am going to put the fear of the Lord in you. I am going to put my power in you, my healing in you, and my deliverance in you. I am going to put my knowledge, understanding, and creative ability in you. How do you think you learned how to create, build and mold with your hands? How do you know how to make a good chocolate pie? How do you know how to love well, forgive and overcome? It is because God is in you. You see the increase there? You are not just "going to church." We are the Church. We are the Body of Christ. We are growing in this redemption and it is called the "covenant." We have an eternal seal on us, which means we will live forever with Him in Heaven. Glory be, high fives and that is going to be awesome! But, we are not done.

Anybody ever get a thorn in your hand, foot, or side. If you grow rose bushes, there are a bunch of thorns. The roses are beautiful, but those thorns are something else, aren't they? When you get pricked by that thorn, what is your immediate reaction? "Ouch!" You feel it? Right? Mesquite thorns are horrible. But, you understand there are thorns in life. We know that they put a crown of thorns on the head of our Lord Jesus at the crucifixion. They weaved thorns together for a crown to mock Him, because He said He was the King of the Jews. They said, "Oh, really? They weaved a crown with thorns which were not little rosebush thorns and crushed this crown of thorns down on His head. We know this caused blood to be shed.

Through that blood shed, literally on His head, into the brain, into the blood vessels, and every part of His headship, there was redemption. Not just for our thought life and our minds. But, everything about us, and who He created us to be. The brain *in the body*, is like the center of the universe and declares to everything in your body. That blood of Jesus is there bringing redemption. A long time ago, God gave me a dream. In the dream, the Lord appeared to me, and He had that crown of thorns on His head. I saw it very vividly and very openly. It was pressed in, and He looked at me with the deepest eyes and with tears in His eyes. He told me in that dream, "You were never intended to feel this pain. I never intended for you to feel the crown of thorns." Why did He do that for me in that time in my journey? He has given me revelation knowledge of this part of redemption, and of what He bore.

Most people reflect on all the other things that happen to our Lord. But, sometimes they forget about the crown of thorns. Sometimes you think about that, but you have to go further and know that He is King. Every thorn that comes against us in our life is directing us to His kingship. Every thorn that comes against us in this life is directing us under that Lordship, that He is King, and He is Lord forever. He bore the price for this. The blood of Jesus has redeemed us from any other lordship. There was a way, and there was redemption there in that crown to redeem us from the lordship of Satan and the dominion of evil. He took us out of that lordship and that kingdom dominion and transferred us under the Kingdom of Heaven and under Christ. Those thorns bore that. It has been said that on the cross, they put a placard saying, "Here is the King of the Jews." Surely, He is King of kings, Lord of lords.

II Corinthians 12:1-10 NKJV

Thank you, Lord. This is the apostle Paul talking about the vision of the paradise of Heaven he had. With the word, “thorn” here, religion has made an entire false doctrine out of this passage. Saying that thorns there are infirmities that are not covered through His sacrifice. That He will place sicknesses on you, or not heal you from some sicknesses and disease. That was not the intent of this message. The intent is that He is glorifying the Lord of Glory.

He is glorifying what the Father Almighty had chosen Him to do as He was caught up literally into Heaven, the third Heaven. Heaven over us is what we see right now. Stars our in our Earthly Heaven. Then you have the second Heaven which is where all the angels and principalities and powers of the evil are. All that is the second Heaven realm. The third Heaven is where God in His glory resides and all of those who have already died and gone to be with Jesus, live right now. Paul was caught up to the third Heaven, and he could not even write everything he saw. Glory be, literally.

He is explaining, because he has received so many revelations and so much knowledge. That is why we have all these letters written by Paul. He reveals that to the Church. He reveals the revelation that God has given him, because we are growing up into the Lord. He has seen so many beautiful things. He says, “I do not really know if my body went up there or just my Spirit, that God knows. I really do not know if my whole body went there. It felt like it, but I do not know. He is wrestling back and forth, because he just knows, and God knows I was there. Amen. The whole point was to point direction to God, not himself. When you walk in revelation knowledge of God, Satan wants to tempt you with pride. Right? Paul was trying to point to the Lord, to the living God.

He goes on in verse seven and says, so that I would not be exalted “above measure by the abundance of the revelation, a thorn in the flesh was permitted to have access, to me.” He describes it as “this buffeting, this infirmity, this weakness,” or something that always happens a lot to him. Insults, hardships, persecutions because of the cross with reproaches, calamities, and distresses. He was beaten, bruised, shipwrecked, pierced, punched. I think he was really dead at least once and raised up.

These infirmities, were all for the gospel of Jesus Christ. His journey of love in overcoming, enduring, and going through it, was because He was bringing the revelation knowledge of Jesus to those around Him. The enemy, of course, wanted to shut that down with anything he could. But, the Lord allowed that affliction in his flesh to a degree. Paul shared in the sufferings of Christ there. Yet, Jesus, you have to remember *wore* the crown of thorns. Remember the crown of glory, with thorns, that Jesus took? Remember the thorns in this life? I have said it more than once, “That is just a thorn in my side.” Sometimes you say things like that. It is always there.

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It is always out there mouthing. That is just a thorn in my flesh, a thorn in my side, but God is empowering me to overcome it. He is empowering me to overcome it. Not to walk with it, not to agree with it, not to succumb to it, but to rise above it. This man finished well, in Jesus name, Paul did. So, we are casting our crowns before the Lord of Glory one day, and what rewards we get from God for being obedient in what He has entrusted us with. Scripture says, we literally take our crowns and throw them before the Lord.

This morning we sang all about Heaven, all about the glory, the glory of the Lord, and worshipping Him with all of our heart. You can feel the strength in them. Okay? The flesh isn't going to stay around much in that atmosphere, because it's all glory and praise to God. Well, this is what it looks like every day in our journey of life.

God has given us longevity. When you hear the word, "longevity," sometimes you are just thinking about the length or the number of your days. That is true. But, longevity in endurance is an overcoming spirit, that will transcend anything you have ever imagined or dreamed. You say, "I do not know how I did that. I do not know how I got here. I do not know how I am able to overcome or endure this, but it is by the grace of God." He said, "My grace is sufficient for you." My grace, the empowerment to prosper, is sufficient for you.

Thank God for the grace of the Lord. His grace never leaves us. It is not just length in the number of days, but longevity in endurance and overcoming spirit that will transcend anything you have ever imagined or dreamed. The Spirit of the Overcomer arises among us and over us to perfect what concerns us. God is going to perfect what concerns us. He started the work in you. He is going to finish it. He started the work in me, and He is going to finish it. I am just yielded to that. I just happen to believe it. So, therefore I have faith.

I have my eyes set on the glory. My eyes are set on His kingdom, His presence to come, and Kingdom vision. Walk in it, live it, breathe it, teach it, give it, impart it, do it, act on it, in that lifestyle, in our families, and all that God has put us in. The Spirit of the Overcomer is rising among us and over us to perfect us. He is holy. His Holiness is here and will define His Kingdom purposes for us. His Holiness is perfecting us, corporately and individually. As one in Him, it's like an eternal vow from the Godhead, to His bride. "I will make you holy. Be holy as I am holy." It is an eternal vow the Godhead has made over the Bride.

We have been shifting. All last year, we talked about the Spirit of holiness and how God is making us holy. Jesus said, "Be perfect as my Father in Heaven is perfect. Be holy as I am holy." He is doing that work in us. He really is. Sometimes it looks like you are not doing so well. But, the Spirit of grace is there. He is perfecting us. His everlasting love will renew our hopes and our inspired dreams from above. We do not come up with this stuff. God gives it to us. Do you really want to do this? What have you been dreaming about? What do you really want to do? What do you want to see? What do you want to know of God? He is right there already with you. Bringing you into that answer. He does not want you to think that He is distant from you. He loves you.

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He is with you. As to the longevity of His covenant of love and promise, He is strengthening us. He is forming us into a great light of hope and truth in these upcoming days. I have, at every turn, constantly been laboring to say to the Body of Christ and individually, wherever you go, the Kingdom of Heaven is there. We are bringing with us light. We are bringing with us hope. We are bringing the Kingdom wherever we go.

You say, "Well, I didn't know those angels were there." Well they are there. The angels of the Lord are there, and sometimes He will let you see them or feel them. But, the angels of Heaven are always with you, not just to protect you from evil and harm, but to bring the glory. They are there to bring the Kingdom and to bring the Kingdom order. They are there. So, everywhere you go, you are shifting your mindset that He is there. He is here. The Kingdom of Heaven is here.

There is longevity in His covenant, and longevity in endurance through the thorns of this life. You are overcoming through the blood of Jesus. He is strengthening us, and bringing hope and truth to us. He has exhorted us to honor one another in prayer and in the movement of the Spirit. You know, that is important. You honor God, and you can honor each other. Honor is a big deal. It is sorely lacking in our time and age, but there is nothing new under the sun.

He says we are supposed to dethrone the voice of condemnation and lies. I liked that word. So, whatever lies and condemning voices are speaking to you, you have the opportunity to dethrone them. What does that mean? Cut its head off, destroy it, pull it down, cast it down, destroy it, put it under your foot, and kick it out in Jesus' mighty name. You declare the truth of who you are in Him.

We are to operate within our assignment. Make it happen. Yes, Lord, what is your will for me? Then get in there and do it. Do it well. Do it well, and if others do not know how to do it well, then teach them how to do it well. Make room for what you are passionate about. You say, "I really love to do this, but I never have time for it since I have this job, and kids. Make room for what you are passionate about. When you get in that place, He is going to meet you there and multiply your time.

The limitless glory of God. What are you doing, God? Remember, we want to be in that. What can I do to increase His kingdom? How, when, how much, how often, just every now and then? You know we are supposed to be faithful stewards. Putting our hands to the plow. It is hard work. Say, "hard work." Every day is hard work. We work hard. We work hard in what we have set our hands to do in our spheres, with our families and our jobs in all that we are called. We work hard. We are not mamby pamby complacent fools.

We work hard. We put our hands to the plow, and we work hard. You put in a good day's work, and you feel good about it even though you are exhausted. You feel good about it when you have done your best that day or studied hard in college, and you have done everything you are supposed to do. You do it with all your might as unto the Lord. No laziness, that is the spirit of the world. There is a time to rest. Rest is not lazy. Amen. "Keep in mind, my heart, my ways, and my thoughts towards you," says the

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Lord. "Keep in mind, my heart, my ways and my thoughts towards you." You have to purposely think that, right? You have to purposely think towards that. When you hear His whisper in your heart, "Yes, Lord." There will be little "kisses" from Him that come to you. You say, "Yes, sir. That was sweet." They are good. His thoughts are good, not evil. "You shall overcome evil all of your days." Wow. What a promise! You, beloved, shall overcome evil all of your days. Wow, say it, "You shall overcome evil all of your days."

Such is the mandate to those who walk uprightly, who walk righteously. You just walking righteously overcomes evil. You set a precedent. Your coworkers are seeing how you act, how you respond, how you respect, how you obey, how you work hard, how you go the extra mile, how you go above and beyond the norm, how you are faithful, and how you are on time. Everybody say, "on time." Such is the mandate to those who walk uprightly. This righteousness is literally changing the atmosphere around us. The little ones around us see that, and they are raised up in it.

Romans 12:21 NKJV

"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." Well, we have a lot of opportunities. The neighborhood kids are lying, but you are telling the truth. Everybody at work lied when the boss came in, but you told the truth. It does not matter what it is. "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good in all matters of life. Persevere under fire. Remember, we are being made into pure gold. Walk in God's wisdom.

I Corinthians 1:7-8 NLT "Walk in God's Kingdom

"Now you have every spiritual gift you need as you eagerly wait for the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you strong to the end. So that you will be free from all blame on the day when our Lord Jesus Christ returns. God will do this, for He is faithful to do what He says. He has invited you into partnership with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." Can I read it again? "Now you have every spiritual gift you need, as you eagerly wait for the return of our Lord Jesus Christ, even so come Lord Jesus. He will keep you strong to the end. So that you will be free from all blame, blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. There is no shrinking back for you. God will do this, for He is faithful to do what He says. He has invited you into the partnership with His Son Jesus Christ. We are partners with Him hallelujah.

I Corinthians 1:18-19 NLT

Verse 18, "The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction. But, we who are being saved, know that it is the very power of God." As the Scripture says, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and discard the intelligence of the intelligent."

"The message of the cross is foolish to those who are perishing, but to us, this is the very power of God's salvation." That is manifesting in our daily life. Wisdom through the cross is imparted to us 24/7. Because, that act of love opened Heaven to us. All of

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God's attributes and Spirit and wisdom and glory and mindset and vision and everything that pertains to God. He opened the door. Come here and dwell. Wow.

I Corinthians 1:24-25 NLT

He says, "But to those called by God to salvation, both Jews and Gentiles, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. This foolish plan of God is wiser than the wisest of human plans. God's weakness is stronger than the greatest of humans strength."

You wonder why He said, "My grace is sufficient for you." Because Jesus took on the form of man, went to the cross, and took on all of our sin and hell itself, and conquered it. He took back the keys of hell, death and grave, and rose from the grave, so that we could live and really live. Do you hear that? God's grace in His wisdom. Some said, "that is a really foolish plan to kill your own son." He says, "No, it is the wisdom of God. Now the wisdom of God is imparted into every born again saint to carry out the same power, the same wisdom, the same walk, the same life giving Spirit that will proclaim the "Kingdom of Heaven is at hand," in this life.

Colossians 2:5 AMP

"For even though I am absent from you in body, nevertheless, I am with you in spirit, delighted to see your good discipline, as you stand shoulder to shoulder and form a solid front, and to see the stability of your faith in Christ, your steadfast reliance on Him and your unwavering confidence in His power, wisdom and goodness."

It went from just you, to this army of God, to this Body of Christ. What a visual, what prophetic insight, and what instruction. He says, "Even though I am absent from you in body." He could not be with them in person. He is writing a letter. "Nevertheless, I am with you in Spirit." Right? "I am with you in Spirit." There is that unity of the Spirit. "Delighted to see your good discipline," church, "as you stand shoulder to shoulder and form a front." What an offensive move of God. "to see the stability of your faith in Christ, your steadfast reliance on Him and your unwavering confidence in His power," Like you cannot be moved from it. "His wisdom and His goodness." You see the goodness of God, really is in the land of living. The goodness of God is being revealed to us daily. So, let's stand up and honor Him for our time together today in this word. Walk with Him, be with Him, and acknowledge Him.

Father, we thank you. We thank you for the grace of God. We thank you your grace is sufficient. We thank you for the power of the gospel, the vision of heaven, the endurance, the longevity that you placed within us to be overcomers. We thank you that you are faithful to complete what you have started in us. You blessed us so much already, Lord. We thank you and we honor you. We ask that you heal us, deliver us, make us whole, strengthen us, encourage us, build us up, and use us for your glory, Lord. As we take the step, take initiative, serve, give, speak, and declare your goodness in the land of the living. In Jesus' name. Amen.