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Title: Rise-Magnificent Obsession

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Jesus is a man under authority. He is a man of authority. Wow. He spoke tonight. He has made up His mind about you. Have you made up your mind about Him? Settle it. That is authority. If you sing about the Lion of the tribe of Judah, something marvelous is going to happen. That is who He is. We thank God that the Lion of the tribe of Judah will return one day in His full might and authority, amen. But, today that same anointing is available in the Church. Hallelujah!

I gave a word to the men who are fifty and older. You don't have to tell me if you are, but if when I said, "to men who are over fifty," you hesitated, thinking "Oh man, am I really? No, heck no." You need to be courageous about that. Do not be timid, but stand up and say, "Yes, I am every one of these years." In Christ, He makes you "an oak of righteousness." So, I encourage you men who received that word, and those who listen online, go be with the Lord and say, "Show me what "oaks of righteousness" means for me. Just receive that word as truth. Say, "oaks of righteousness." We need these fathers in the faith to be able to be standing very strong. Many are going to lean on you spiritually and practically as they are looking for wisdom, advice and counsel. You are the one that is just "steering the ship." We need somebody to steer the ship. Do not look down on yourself because of your age. Fifty and over is an amazing age, hallelujah. Please treasure these words, as God gives them. As we move in the psalmist prophetic, He moves powerfully. He knows what all is going down in Heaven. I do know that Heaven is here, and He is with us. He is truly honoring His name. Amen.

I want to encourage you in the administrations of the Holy Spirit. We are familiar with what the scripture says. "There are administrations and helps." In First Corinthians 12 you have the whole list of all the gifts of the Spirit. We know that the Holy Spirit is the one that distributes the gifts at His will. Every born again believer has access to every spiritual gift, amen. We believe that. There is a well within us where every gift listed in scripture is available. The same gifts that Jesus Christ has, are available to every born again believer. I am just doing the fast version of First Corinthians 12. The Holy Ghost pulls from that reservoir of power, and He administers it according to whatever the need is. If a word of wisdom is needed, then that word of wisdom is going to come bubbling forth out of you. If a word of knowledge is needed, then that is going to come out of you. If it is a gift of faith needed, it is going to come out of you. You understand, power, healings, miracles, deliverance, all the gifts of the Spirit are administered by Holy Ghost. He moves with them and with us to accomplish the Father's will. He is the Great Administrator.

I have seen Him for some time now in the ministry of administration. You can see what it looks like on a human level. You are a good bookkeeper. You keep order and you oversee the Garden administrations. You pay the bills, and you have to do this to keep things in order. You are a good administrator, for your employer, and so forth. But, the bottom line of everything is order. I think you have heard that today at least once. Holy Ghost is the Great Administrator and He does everything decently and in order. That is why the Apostle Paul could repeat himself in that and all the flow was going to be done decently and in order. Holy Ghost is wild and amazing, but He is one of order. There is such authority and power in His administrations.

As the Body of Christ, we are all going to grow up, grow into, and learn how to walk, individually and corporately, with the Holy Ghost. He is administering those gifts and your life. The Holy Ghost is administering and administering your life. Amen. He knows when we were conceived in our mother's womb. He knows the plans He has for us. The scripture says He knows the day that we are going to be with Him forever. He is definitely a God of order.

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He is watching over His word to perform it in you. He is working supernaturally with us. That is why the devil is so terrified of the Holy Ghost and His anointing, because He cannot outsmart Him. Holy Ghost is Lord, amen. He is administrating your life before the throne of grace. He is administrating your gifts. He is administrating the gifts to you, in you, and through you. There is authority there. At times you might think, "Well, that was just a dream. Well, that was just a thought. Well, that was just an impression. Well, I think I have an interpretation for that tongue. Well, I think I have faith to do this or that. I think that I am in a trance right now, but I have never done that before. So, maybe I'm not. I am just all over the place."

It is the great Holy Ghost that is administrating His power in the Body of Christ. It is like the "dancing hand of God." Has anybody ever read that book by James Maloney? It is like the dancing hand of God moving around. He moves, He touches, and He just orchestrates it all so beautifully in such a symphony of order, yet with so much power and glory. I want us all to be very sensitive to Him. Ask the Lord in prayer for us to all have revelation knowledge and to be more attentive to the administrations of Holy Spirit. We are going to get out of that mindset of, "Well, that is just the bookkeeper. That is just the one that is paying the bills, the one that is working on the calendar, or the one who tells us what to do, right? Are you all good with that and understand what I'm saying?"

Say, *"Father, in the name of Jesus, I desire to have revelation knowledge with the administrations of Holy Spirit. Teach me, empower me, and help me to know, understand, and be free in the Spirit. Knowing in Whom I believe, and that you will use me, Lord. Everything will be done decently and in order, as I accomplish your will for me and for you. In Jesus name. Amen. Say, "Thank you, Lord."*

In October, I brought a word on a Sunday morning, called "Rise Above It." I had been hearing it over and over for awhile. He continues to say, "Rise," so I am going to just read some bullets here. I want you to listen to them, then I am going to go back and explain. Say, "Rise."

He says,
Rise to the occasion, the "now" moment is before you.
Rise above the chaos and confusion.
Rise in biblical ascension.
Rise mentally, His thoughts are higher than our thoughts.
Rise to see the magnificent obsession.
Rise in genius. Where you are strong, you will be stronger still.
Rise in extremes in the brilliance of His light, power, and glory.

The higher you go, the more you will see. The deeper you go, the more you understand. The wider you go, the more you see your own boundaries extend or expand. The further you go, you gain strength, endurance and perseverance. There is long suffering, but you are going beyond the normal. Again, I say, there are no limits in Jesus Christ and in His Kingdom. How far are you willing to go?

"Rise to the occasion, the "now" moment is before you."

Anybody ever heard that phrase, at least once in our life? "Rise to the occasion," the now moment before is you. So, you get to ask God, what is that "now" moment in my life? What is that now moment before me? What is it Lord that you are doing? What are you speaking to me? What is that now moment for me? What has been stirring in me? What have I had glimpses of? What glimpses of glory? You see something, then quickly you are trying to get it back. It is a glimpse. Holy Spirit likes to do this sometimes. He does that to draw you in. He will show you just a glimpse of something to see if you follow it. Sure enough, you take the bait

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and follow Him. So, rise to the occasion. Say, "Rise to the occasion," the now moment is before you. If you do not know what the now moment before you is, you get to ask the Lord that. Go back and listen to this, but write it down. Okay, the now moment before you, what is that? You may think it is one thing and He says, "No, that's not it, but, it is this." Sometimes we can deceive ourselves and think that we know what this is, but it's really not. But, there is a now moment.

"Rise to the occasion." If you do not understand, that phrase means we are up, front and center. We are attentive to the Lord. We are willing and obedient. We are listening. Our heart is open. We are surrendering our entire spirit, soul and body to God. We are all ears. "Rise to the occasion." Sometimes the occasion will be where people need a lot of help for something. The city says, "Hey, we need such and such." Or the Church says, "Hey, we need such and such." You kind of backup a little and sit down, because you do not want to rise, right? You do not want to help. You say, "I do not want to rise to the occasion. I am going to sit through that occasion." But, there is a now moment before you and you may not know what that is. You do not know what kind of glory you are about to step into. But, the Administrator, Holy Ghost, has a plan for you, if you will listen to His voice.

He says, "Rise to the occasion." You step up and into that, and you are caught up in that glory. You are in obedience there, because you can judge and presume in your own mind that you think you know what that is about, and you are wrong. He gets us that way. "Rise to the occasion," the now moment before you. Holy Ghost is bringing something before you that He is drawing you into. Sometimes you say, "Never in my wildest dreams would I ever..." I'm saying that because it is the truth. Here it is, right? We may not know what that is, but the Great Administrator does. Will you trust the Holy Ghost to administrate your life? Will you trust the Holy Ghost to administrate your prayers? Will you trust the Holy Ghost to administrate where your hands and your feet go to heal, save, deliver and serve? Will you trust Him there? "Rise to the occasion." There is a now moment before you.

"Rise above the chaos and confusion."

That is a no brainer. God is a God of order. There is peace there. So, we know that chaos and confusion is never of the Lord. Correct? That is Bible 101. Anytime you feel that pressure from the outside or inside, say "Satan, get behind me." You have to "rise" up. "How do you do that?" Number one, you start praising the Lord. Number two, you start praying to Him, talking to Him, and declaring who He is. That is going to get you from here to there. Then you have to get a hold of the Word of God about what He says, who He is, and agree with that. You have to "rise above the chaos and confusion." Then you start speaking the Word. It is saying, "Peace, be still." The Lord says and you start laying out the promises of the Lord. That is how you overcome chaos and confusion.

We have all been in places where it was just chaos. We all understand that confusion. I want no part of that. Confusion really works a lot with the spirit of error. It makes sense that the Spirit of Truth is the opposite. The Spirit of Truth is the Holy Ghost, and He is perfect peace. He is going to bring a plan and clarity. There is never confusion in the mind of God, ever. You have to learn how to take control over those thoughts that are bringing the confusion. Tell error to leave. Saying, "I submit my will and my thoughts to the Great Administrator, the Spirit of Truth. Say, "He is administrating my life."

"Rise in biblical ascension."

I like that. You know, "biblical ascension" means "rise according to the order of the Word of God." As we "ascend the hill of the Lord," right? In Jerusalem in Israel, they literally had to climb the mountain to go up to the temple. They had to go over the mountains to get to God, but we are "ascending literally" before the throne of grace when we worship God. We are

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literally. You do not know you are doing that, but when you sit down and start glorifying the Lord, praising God, loving Him, proclaiming and worshiping Him for who He is, you are ascending to the hill of the Most High. Before you know it, you are in a high place, declaring God's goodness. You know that the angels are with you. Hallelujah. Heaven is rejoicing. You have just torn something down or lifted something up. "Rise in biblical ascension." We do not want anything other than "biblical ascension." None of that "Beam me up, Scotty," like some nuts, flakes, or weirdos we have seen.

There are many scriptures about "rise and rise to your rest." We do not have to wait till death to do that. Amen. "Rise to your rest," is that place that the God is calling you to meet with Him in biblical ascension. It comes by just loving the Lord. You are caught up in His presence. Do not try to analyze it. You say, "That was so glorious, I felt I was in Heaven." You know why? You were in biblical ascension. You weren't transported there. Transported means your whole body went there. But, you are one with the Lord. You are seated with Christ in heavenly places, according to Ephesians two. So, if we are really ruling and reigning with Him, from heavenly places, that is the place of true dominion. Amen. These are the calls to "rise in biblical ascension."

"Rise mentally, His thoughts are always higher than our thoughts."

Rise mentally, "My thoughts are above your thoughts says the Lord." Our little mind in our little brain thinks, "right there." I just do not see any way that this is going to work. I have never gone beyond this or past this. I just do not know what else to do. Sometimes people call it a mental block. I have been thinking, studying, or reading so much. I just cannot take any more. You have been working so hard behind that computer at the office your mental ability sometimes just gets tired. "Rise mentally," as He renews the spirit of our mind. He renews our mind with the Word of God. These are things He is telling us, okay? "His thoughts are higher than our thoughts."

When my thoughts start going over there, He says, "Those are not my thoughts. Those are your thoughts or the enemy's thoughts, but those are not my thoughts. The thoughts I have for you are good." He can "spank us," and He can discipline us. We thank the Lord for that. He can correct us, and we must be 100% open to that. We must rise mentally. These days we have to guard our ear gate, what we hear, and our eye gate, what we see, constantly. Things come in, and then form a little circuit in your thoughts you have to break somehow and renew it back to the right path. How many shake your head when you have a bad thought? I do. I do not know why, it's just a first reflex. So, shake it off. The whole point is to "Rise, mentally, His thoughts are higher than our thoughts." When you are not on the right path with the Spirit, the Great Administrator over your mind, He is going to correct you.

"Rise to see the Magnificent Obsession"

Who do you think that is? Jesus, yes! Steven Curtis Chapman wrote a song about Him, the Magnificent Obsession. I am going to play that for you. You can be obsessed with a sport. You can be obsessed with fear, worry, or anything where it is beyond just thinking about it a few times or maybe more than we should. You are obsessed with whatever. I must get this done. That is all I want to do. It is all I think about. Usually when you use the word obsession it is something that has captivated your heart, your mind, your will, and emotion, correct? So, we are going to, "Rise to the magnificent obsession of God."

Jesus is obsessed with us. That is truth. He is obsessed with us. He is obsessed with me. He is always thinking about me. "I am always on His mind." Like the song by Willie Nelson. It is a good song. We are always on Jesus' mind. The Lord is obsessed with us. We are changing words around right now to give them Kingdom meaning. He, the Lord, is our "magnificent obsession." He wants us to think on Him, literally, 24/7. He wants our undivided attention.

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When the Great Administrator, the Holy Ghost, directs you at a certain time to see yourself, hear yourself, feel something, see something clearly, or all of a sudden have an answer to prayer, that is the dominion in our minds towards God. You do not realize how much you are having God thoughts. We really do not know, but we think more often of God, the Kingdom of Heaven, and scripture than we give ourselves credit. Thank you, Lord, for that. Because, before we were saved, we were not. So, we are going to “rise to see that magnificent obsession.”

“Rise in genius, where you are strong, you will be stronger still.”

You say, “Oh, I did not know I was a genius.” People look at me and say, “You are in error.” Now listen to the meaning of *the word genius*, “*an exceptional, natural capacity of intellect; especially as shown in creative and original work in science, art and music, etc. A person having an extraordinarily high intelligence rating on a psychological test with an IQ above 140. Genius, a natural ability or capacity, a strong inclination, distinctive character, or spirit as of a nation, period or language. A person who strongly influences for good the character, conduct or destiny of a person, place or thing.*”

He says, “Rise in genius.” So, this is truly affecting our intellect, our ability to reason and understand, and it is affecting that creative part of us in God, that not everybody is blessed to really have a strong anointing there. But, it is in every person because you have been created by the Great Creator, right? There is room to “Rise in the genius,” of God in the revelation knowledge of God.

Remember all those movies they made where Louie Giglio would speak about how the universe reveals God as the Creator who formed and fashioned it all. We, “Rise in genius,” in how we understand and grow stronger still in the genius of God, the Creator God, the magnificence of God and who He is. It is just amazing. We are used to “this is the way we do it.” We are not used to anything outside of our box. When we get outside of our box, somebody says, “You are so weird.” You came over here, and they are not thinking on the same track as you. They popped over here into another “genius” that the Holy Ghost, the Great Administrator is imparting to you as something that you need to know.

“Rise in genius,” *a natural ability or capacity, or a strong inclination.* We all have abilities and capacities, but there is increase in that, and a strong inclination. We can all have a strong inclination to do something. We feel obligated sometimes. We feel drawn to do something sometimes, yes. But, there is something that God is leading us into, that He needs our ability, and our capacity to do it, to hold, and it to manage it. There is a strong inclination. There is a bent there that you just keep going to. You do not know why you keep going there, but you keep going there. You keep going. Finally, you realize God is trying to tell you something, because you keep thinking of this. You keep dreaming this. You keep seeing this, but you do not understand.

Then, “Rise in genius,” and say, “Lord, I want to be stronger still here. Show me what you are trying to reveal to me. I want to know. Remove the hindrance, Lord. Also, *it means a distinctive character or spirit. A person who strongly influences for good.* We all want to have that said of us, correct? We want to have a strong influence for good. “Rise in genius,” a strong influence for good. Every Christian should have that said about ourselves. Yes, we are strong influences for good in our character and conduct, for the destiny of a person, a place or thing. These are good attributes to have. The Great Administrator, the Holy Ghost is moving over the waters to stir us up in these areas. Say, amen! Where you are strong, you will be stronger still. Do not get all prideful in your strength, but know you are still going to grow in that strength. But it's not according to your mind or will, but by the grace of God. You do not want to be prideful about it, but grow stronger in your strength.

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“Rise in extremes in the brilliance of His light, power, and glory”

This was well written, “the brilliance of His light, power, and glory.” Now we know that we can look at the sun only so long, right? Just one glimpse of our real sun. I mean, it gets us pretty quick, does it not? Because, we were not supposed to look directly into it with our eyes. Correct? We know that through scripture, more than once, a few angelic beings showed up and came into the room of mankind. They called them, “angels of light, a brilliant light, a man clothed in white light, blazing like fire, and I fell down as a dead man.” That is what it looks like in Scripture. You will see that especially in the Lord Jesus. Hallelujah.

In Revelation chapter one, you can see that. We are going to “rise to those extremes” of brilliance of His light, power and glory. So, I want to be open to the Great Administrator Holy Ghost to show me. I want to “rise” in my ability to see the brilliance of His light, power and glory. It is looking at it just a little bit differently. The higher you go, the more you will see. Correct. The higher you go, the more you will see. The deeper you go, the more you will understand. We do not want to be surface all the time. That is so boring. I have been snorkeling. It takes a lot to get my face in the water. But as long as you have that face mask on and that tube for breathing you can put your face in the water. As soon as you do that you see there is an ocean of color, right? Hallelujah for that! There is a whole new world there. The deeper you go, the more you understand. Then you have those who scuba dive. They are going way beyond the surface.

So, where are you with the Lord? Are you still on surface level? Is He calling you deeper? Do not be afraid to go deeper, because there is going to be glory. These are the extremes. There is going to be brilliance there. The Great Administrator Holy Ghost is drawing you into those places. It is just magnificent. The deeper you go, the more you understand. The wider you go, the more you see your own boundaries. When you see your own boundaries, you put over yourself you say, “Oh, I am sorry, Lord.” It's usually fear, intimidation, or we are negative towards ourselves. We do not believe we can do it. Well, I probably can do A, B and C, but I do not know if I can do that. I do not know if I am smart enough to do that. I do not know if I am able to do that. I do not know if I have enough money to do that. Or, we can just be afraid and say, “I am never going to do that.” That is easy.

But, the wider you go, the more you see your boundaries. So, the Great Administrator, the Holy Ghost, is going to be stretching us beyond those boundaries, so He can take us wider and deeper. We can extend and expand our knowledge and understanding of Christ. I am just quoting you scriptures where they talk about “the length and width, the breadth and the height” of the deep things of God. “Ascend unto the hill of the Lord.” It is all through your Word. But, humans operate right here on a level plane. What I can see with my eyes. What I can comprehend with my normal thoughts, that is all I can do. Without the Holy Ghost in us, That is pretty much all you get. Until He comes and lives in us.

The Great Administrator starts to open up our understanding. How sweet it is when you get something, amen. The wider you go, the more you will see your own boundaries. The new standards expand the further you go. You will gain strength, endurance and perseverance. Think of it as a marathon swimmer or runner. I do not know why anybody wants to do that, but bless you who do. I kind of do that in the spirit realm. But, I do not know much about running in the physical realm. But, you gain strength, endurance and perseverance the more you go. You push yourself. You go a little further. You push yourself. You go a little further. You push yourself. Maybe you swim laps in the pool. It is that building up of our strength, our endurance, and our perseverance. The higher, the deeper, and the more wider I am going, I am extending, expanding, and the Great Administrator is doing this. We are gaining strength and endurance in the journey. It is long suffering sometimes. We are going beyond the normal of “a normal

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Christian life.” Hallelujah. I am not sure what that is. Everybody say, “No limits.” There are no limits in God, in Christ Jesus, and in His Kingdom. How far are you willing to go?

Repentance is always involved, because we have to repent of where we box God in or out. Where we have been short minded, stubborn, proud, or just ignorant, right? We didn't know there was any more, or we tried that once and we were burned. That didn't work out too well for me. But I'm going to try again. I'm going to try. I'm going to try again. Maybe this time I will pass that test. But, it is the Administrator of Heaven that is working in, with, and through His people right now. Leading us into a new place of Dominion in Him, a new place of authority in Him, and a new place to be able to understand Jesus more. Who can know the mind of the Lord? Scripture says, “I have the mind of Christ.” For every question, there is an answer. Everything is pointing us back to “as God thinks, I think. As God sees, I see. As God walks, I walk. As God decides, I decide. As God has wisdom, I have wisdom. As God has knowledge, I have knowledge. As God shows me the fear of the Lord, I have the fear of the Lord.”

Whatever it is, He is trying to impart to us by the Spirit. We are growing length, width, height, depth into the fullness of who He is. We have all grown since we have born again, every one of us. All of us started, when we started reading this Bible. You didn't have to have an angel come down. Some of you might have had an angel come in at your conversion. That is Biblical as well. All right, but my point is, when you start reading this book of revelation, knowledge, wisdom, counsel, and the enlightenment of the Lord, then great Holy Ghost breathes on this. As soon as you start reading this, we are changing.

We have been changing, and we are going to keep changing. We have all eternity to go. Wow. I mean, we are going to be walking around saying, “Wow, this is way better than we thought. This is awesome! Why didn't I see? I didn't believe. Why did I not take God at His Word? You know, He said this about me. Why did I not believe Him?” You know how it is when you have a little one, and you are trying so hard to convince them of some truth. When they finally get it's like, glory be! Right? Well, God does that with us. He is laboring with us to help us understand. His thoughts towards us are for our good, and He is truly obsessed with us.

“Magnificent Obsession,” by Steven Curtis Chapman.

Lord, you know how much
I want to know so much
In the way of answers and explanations
I have cried and prayed
And still I seem to stay
In the middle of life's complications
All this pursuing leaves me feeling like
I'm chasing down the wind
But now it's brought me back to you
And I can see again
This is everything I want
This is everything I need
I want this to be my one consuming passion
Everything my heart desires
Lord, I want it all to be for you, Jesus
Be my magnificent obsession
Capture my heart again
Take me to the depths I've never been
Into the riches of your grace and your mercy
Return me to the cross

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And let me be completely lost
In the wonder of your love
That you've shown me
Cut through these chains that tie me
down to so many lesser things
Let all my dreams fall to the ground
Until this one remains
You are everything I want Lord
You are everything I need
I want this to be my one consuming passion
Everything my heart desires
Lord, I want it all to be for you
Jesus be my magnificent obsession
You are everything I want
You are everything I need
You are all my heart desires Lord
You are everything to me
You are everything I want
You are everything I need
I want you to be my one consuming passion
Everything My heart desires
Lord, I want it all to be for you
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Lord, I want it all to be for you
Jesus be my magnificent obsession

That is some focus. That is a heart that's captured by the Lord. We are going to allow the Holy Spirit to minister to us. If you feel like you have gone astray and other things have taken over your thoughts, your mind, your will, your emotion, or your body. If you have gone astray from the One thing, or if you need a fresh encounter from the Lord. We call it "return to your first love." If you just know you have been obsessed with other things. This is the call. Because, when you are obsessed with Christ, when He is your all in all, then the Kingdom just opens up to you.

The Kingdom just opens up to you. Because, "Christ in me the hope of glory," is just so magnificent. Before you know it, you are reflecting the One you are obsessed with. You are reflecting the One who has captured your heart. All that you do, you are going to do with excellence, because you see, beloved, all of us are in the world, but not of it. We all understand this as disciples of Christ. We are not all just in one place in a little bubble. We all have families, and we all work somewhere. We are taking care of our families. We are in the house of the Lord.

Look at all the different places and spheres of opportunities that we are in. Look at it, and that's where the righteousness of God should prevail. We are taking the Kingdom into those areas. We need righteousness in these areas. We need what God is thinking in these areas. We need the Kingdom of Heaven in these areas. One day we will all be in Heaven. I do not think we are all just going to sit around. I do not know. But, I think it is going to be glorious, and we are going to be working more than you have probably thought. It is a glorious thing to think on.

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Let's stand up and just be with the Lord, you and Him. Say, "Father, be my magnificent obsession."

Jesus, we thank you that you are calling us deeper still. Lord, you will not relent. You will not relent until you have the length, breadth, the depth and width of our hearts. Lord, we adore you. We thank you for the great administrations Holy Spirit and you are bringing us in deeper and higher and closer. Giving us more revelation knowledge of who you are, Lord. That it doesn't just happen when we get to Heaven, but even now we can behold you in your glory. One thing I have asked of the Lord, one thing I shall seek. That I may behold you in your glory. We thank you for that right now in Jesus' mighty name, amen.