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of God. And anything that's anchored in the love of God to the world can never destroy, and religion can never destroy, and itself can never destroy, never destroyed. When death was through, God's love was still strong present. God's loves filled thought Jesus in the tomb and raised Him from the dead. At the crossroads of all human decisions, they're saying, the cross of Jesus Christ, with God's love, be the deepest thing, the love that Who's that? And that seeks us, and that offers to save us. Do you see wisdom here? The asleep power here? Doesn't big anchored in the love of God make better sense than being anchored in a material world that's going to die to me and me to it? Does that make more sense than than religions that have stood for centuries? Simply because they've stood for centuries? Doesn't it make more sense than going into your own head? Knowing how many times you've messed your own self up? Doesn't it make more sense than trusting death as being the final arbiter of all human endeavor? When Deb has already been invaded, the EFF has been stormed, it has been exposed as a second rate power. Doesn't it make more sense to believe that somehow God has dealt with man in love that conquers all? Doesn't that make sense? Isn't that wisdom? Even better power the world when Jesus lived, his teachings left the religion that put him to death when you Jesus lives, the cells that have been taken over the cells that have been taken over by by the malignancy of evil and sin and wrongdoing, did they win that day? Did the Roman soldiers win? The Jewish accusers win? Have we won simply because we have brought our own personal IKEA's accusations against him simply because it was also our sin that nailed is bought into the tree our way winners because we nailed him up.

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That death when that day, is there not the power here? There's power here that empty death of its power that dealt the death blow to death. And Jesus lives, what we're talking about now is the power of resurrection.

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There is one thing that is absolutely sure. If Jesus Christ is alive tonight, if he was going to draw a line

from the dead, there is no human being who is fake. None of us is safe. If he is risen from the dead, if he is Lord of all, if he will judge the living the dead, and is appearing in his kingdom, if we will all stand before Him one day, there is no life that is saved, that has not reckoned

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with the flame of Jesus Christ upon your life, not nobody. You have to decide whether Jesus wide or whether he's dead. If he's dead, I'm sorry. Life's a miserable experiment. You may be one of the fortunate ones who was blessed with a kind of mentality and the kind of background, that kind of environment that lets you halfway keep it together and at least make it through and even make some kind of contribution. But I want to tell you something. Where you do there are millions who weren't so fortunate.

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I can't quite sleep well, simply because maybe I'm a member of a privileged class. I've got to have something to say to the man that's whose gut is screaming with hunger. I've got to have something to say to the child. Who's the North Time, bounced around with nobody to love me. I've got to have something to say, when you walk up and down a dirt path in India and you watch someone come along with a kettle and just dump the food out on the ground and you watch the people scoop it up with their bare hands off off the dirty path, like dogs and eat it. I've got to have something to say, when I go in your hospital or a hospital in Chicago or anywhere else. And just look at the suffering and the pain of human beings. I spent a month in a cancer ward, people were dying all around me.

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People in in all kinds of shapes and forms. By hurt a woman's scream without stopping for about 30 hours before the screaming finally stopped.

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What do I do run? Do I run into the night? Do I run back to my own little automobile and start out across the countryside and try to put that from my mind? Is that all that a human being can do? Is there no answer? Is there no hope. Gotta be able to walk across the fields of Vietnam and watch bodies that are blown to bits. And watch their buddies scrambling around trying to pick up the pieces and put them in a bag and not simply run back to a well air conditioned or heated hotel room and try to blow it out from my mind. Listen, there's something that's wrong in the world. I don't see how I can believe in my own humanity and close my eyes and close my heart and close my mind. I don't want to be callous. I don't want to be hard. I don't want to be insensitive.

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I want to be with I want to do something. And if Jesus loves you can do it and it will kill. It's not meaningless activity. The resurrection of Jesus Christ says there's a man sized hole in the wall of death, you can now see through it.

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The resurrection of Jesus Christ says that the story of the Earth is not only the story of deceit, the story of affliction, the story of suffering, the story of misery, the story of sad children, the story of dying humanity. The story's not all in yet. We're just experiencing one chapter. There'll be another chapter Jesus coming back. We can play that because he lives. He has been raised from the dead. One has been raised. One lives one reigns, and thank God the one who was raised and who lives and who reigns loves me. That's the greatest news of all. You want to look at the cross. Hebrews two nine says he tasted death for every man. Thank the Lord for that. He didn't just die for the rich and the powerful. He didn't just die for the educated in the wealthy. He died for us all. And I'll tell you something. There is not a single man, woman or child anywhere on the face of this earth who has sunk so low that he cannot reach high enough to touch the cross. I'm glad God didn't do his work for lost people in a cloud. I'm glad he came right into the midst of our suffering right into the midst of our screaming right into the midst of our torment. And I'm glad he dealt with the whole mess right in the midst of it. Nobody can accuse God of keeping his hands clean.

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Nobody. And no longer can we keep saying and whining around.

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Why do men suffer? Why do women suffer? We can spend a lifetime asking the question Why do men suffer? Why does God allow this to happen? The greatest question is why did God suffer. None because he had to suffer. He was millions of miles removed or any way you want to measure eternity. Why did he do it? Why did Jesus come? Why did he live there? 33 years? Why did he suffer rejection? Why was he ridiculed and scorned and talked about? Why was he arrested? He tried on the basis of false witnesses. Why was a mock with a crown of thorns? Why was a Strat upon? Why was he beaten? Why it was a forced the various cross? Why were they forced to die the shameful death of crucifixion? Why did God suffer? There's only one answer. It's because of the words of man. Man must be saved, man must not perish at any cost. Even at the cost of my own man to precious man must be rescued, man must not perish. The reason God suffers is because he loves we, we don't like to bear responsibility for decisions that we make. God didn't start the Vietnam War. He didn't start it. He didn't start World War Two. God didn't create the economic mess that this country is in. God is not the author of the perpetrators of crime. God is not the author of legislation that we have on our own national law books that permit lawlessness. We do not want to bear the responsibility of our own decisions. And that's the way the world is. And I don't suppose that anybody's going to change that. But the good news is in the midst of it all, we do have a message. And our message is that man does have a place to a place that is absolutely not subject to the time, not subject to change, not subject to any of the things mentioned in Romans eight. That the thing is which we have emitted our lives is God's love in Jesus Christ. And that nobody has sunk so low that he cannot reach high enough to touch the cross. He put it down within the reach of beverage. Now once in a while I recall meeting in St. Louis Stanley, a young man two or three years ago who said that's all okay. But you see, you don't know me. God couldn't love me. Now God couldn't save me now. I've already done too much. I've already gone too far.

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Too bad. Now, I don't want to be offensive here. And I want to do this softly. Because I want to be gentle. But you know, are you really that big? Are you that great? Are you that strong? I mean, granted, even in evil?

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Are you telling me that you are so powerful? That God is no match for you? Are you telling me that a God who spoke the word and called a world into existence is baffled by you. Do you think that You've stumped him?

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Do you think that that a God who could walk on the water? Who could bring lepers clean? Who could raise people who were lame who had never taken a step in their lives? A God who took a go to the tomb of Lazarus had been dead for days Bible says he stunk heard one man say that meant he was showing us dead. And he said Lazarus come forth. And he came for

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Are you telling me that, that a God who can do all of that

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can't deal with you he can deal with. He dealt with a man who had murdered some of his own children who had consented to it. Saul of Tarsus had actually gone around and gathered up Christians, the children of God, and he was throwing him in prison and consenting to their, their their death by execution. And God cleaned him up and saved him made him one of his mightiest man. We saw a guy in St. Louis several years ago stumble and stumble down through an audience of people with a knife in his hand and, and he has leather boots on and, and his his leather vest and, and a chain around his neck, I'm in a pretty tough looking carry. That he didn't stumble across the front of that auditorium to hurt anybody. He stumbled across there because he wanted to be redeemed. He wanted to be saved. The power of God's love can handle us, every one of us needs to handle you. The question is, will you let it do you wanting to? Will you say yes to? Will you commit yourself to me? Will you bind yourself to God as your leader? Will you let him instruct you along the way that you should go? Letting you walk in love? You see when we talk about being persons today? I think this is a great answer. And we haven't, we do not have the time to talk about the life that results from this. But just to say that the crossroads of your life and my life and all of our lives, that's already been intersected. It's already been made. And that there is a mind boggling way that God has given us that deals with us. And that loves us, and that forgives us and that accepts us. That gives us a mission that gives the purpose even the worst of us so that we can and stand

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today. And we need people who can stand today.

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People who've got their feet down on something that's unshakable people who are more than conquerors. People who can look the changing trends, dead in the eye and not be intimidated. People who have learned how to stand even when they sometimes have to stand alone. People who never give up. Winston Churchill made the famous speech I believe in Missouri. Everybody settled back when the old man arose for the for the fantastic speech and the burst of oratory.

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And he got up there and he said young people never give up. Never give up. Never give up. Never give up. This is a way that that enables us never to give up.

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And it's a way that we'd like to, to just talk with you more about tonight. And if and if you have interest in it, and you'd like to, to know more about how you get started in it, how you how you get into it, and how you how you become a part of it. You let us know? Because that's what we'd like to really discuss.

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There's a song that says in the cross of Christ I glory towering or the wrecks of time. That's the way I feel tonight. And when all the rubble and the smoke and the Carnage is all gone, when the last human has lived and die,

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Jesus Christ and His love will live on. We'd like for you to journey with us. Now not an escape, but a commitment. And if you will, you let us know you're a wonderful audience again tonight and I'd like to I guess, to stop, similar to the same way we did last night. I hope we all recognize how important this is. We're not, we're not just talking about, take or leave. But remember that the Bible says that it divides the race. Between the foolish and the powerful, the perishing and the safe. I hope you won't be able to let it go. That you'll deal with it. Come to decision and I hope you say yes