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Umm, 0013. 5925, 134398959. Nsnoise. Nsnoise. 098019. Nine, 2001. Three. 953. 1, 13215473 Stone. Oh, OK. Well, that's one that you'd like to say. So let's see. OK, well, let's. All right. You want to tell everybody the song you want to sing? Go ahead. Umm YY 02 OK. Somebody could help me here? Otherwise we can see a little bit of it, you know. Is it on our saucy here? OK, thank you for memory. Nsnoise. Nsnoise good, What else? What number would you like? 44, OK. 44 Let's say my first and last person. Nsnoise. 01250759058, 94334.

32895155651539393 o'clock 111 Oscar Las Vegas Lamborghini Lamborghini stop and restart me than I am trying to help you. Nsnoise. And Nsnoise. Home Depot. Remind me of something yesterday, Mr. Paul James said to me. Said you talked to the you'd be happy to talk to the children tomorrow. I thought, uh oh, I better ask the Lord about it. I went for a walk and asked the Lord about it and he would give me something to talk about with you this morning. Then I would and he gave me something to talk about. And then you know what happened? They spent three hours up here talking to these microphones about the exact same thing yesterday. Can I tell it again this morning? Is that OK? We're gonna sell it again in just a little bit. So is there time for one other song? OK, I have a couple come over here. I'm not gonna get to everybody, so I'll just go to different parts of the room. Nsnoise. Nsnoise. Nsnoise. Nsnoise. Nsnoise. Great Ziploc and the seriousness of them and the danger of an eternity without the far from their presence would be made clear to each other in every single heart of the room. Thanks of these things and just ask where they were saying just pray I name our mercy. OK. How many of you thought this morning is conference time? They probably won't get to me, so I don't need to learn my verse. To anybody that thought that, OK, maybe you learned it anyway, but they'd go through your mind, it might happen. Does that mean everybody learned the verse this morning or this morning? Everybody got it all learned perfectly. OK, well, it is true I'm not going to get to all of you. So you're right. If you thought you were going to get away with it, you might. But was there anyone that would like to say a verse they learned for this week? OK, you. There's one, there's two, there's 30. We've got lots now. We'll get to just a few of you then and we'll start with. Andrew.

He also ready for. Umm, for a touch an hour. Do you think that said a man cometh Matthew 2444. Good, thank you. OK, we'll get a couple more. Let's see who didn't get a chance for us. MMM, lots of people to choose one. Just one from this room and one from this room. You go ahead. Be also ready for such an hour as you think not the Son of Man cometh Matthew 2444. Him. So we'll look for a couple more. We'll see if Clement can say it for us. You seem not determined for 2444. Very good. OK, So many of you. I'm sorry, I'm not going to get to all of you, but how about a couple more from this side of the room? Is this the shy side of the room? All right, that's OK. You had a chance to give out a song. I don't want to give more different people an opportunity. Anymore. OK, you haven't had a chance yet. Go ahead. Are you also ready for in such an hour as you think Doctor Zenomenal Matthew 2444 very good. Thank you very much OK we'll get I'll see if I can get a couple more from over here. Be also ready for in such an hour as you think not Son of man cometh Matthew 2444 OK and why don't you say it as well for us. We also ready for such narrow she take note of seven men come with actually 24th 44. No, I appreciate that several of you still wanna say it. And if we can at the end, I'll try to get you if we can. I'm not going to promise though. No, I there's a lot to talk about. There's a lot to think about, but I want to start with a pretty important story from God's Word, because it's as though, because of this story in God's Word, as it's as if it were all the lights in the world got turned out after this particular story, It's as though this. Is what turned out the lights for the world. So let's look at it in Matthew's Gospel chapter 27. Matthew chapter 27 or just read a little part of it. Matthew's Gospel chapter 27. I'll read a couple verses to make it go a little quicker. Verse 15 Now it's a feast the governor was want to release unto the people a prisoner whom they would, and they had that a notable prisoner called Barabbas. Therefore, when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you Barabbas, or Jesus, which is called Christ? For he knew that for envy they had delivered him. It was set down and then just a little bit further. Verse 20 But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask parabus. And destroy. Jesus. It talks about asking for Barabbas and destroying Jesus. Is that a good thing? Is there anything at your house you're allowed to destroy? Anything at your house? No. What's destroyed? You know what destroy is? No. Yeah, kinda. Not really. All right. Can you tell me, uh, someone that has a chance to answer you? Tell me what destroyed me. Tell me what destroyed me. Take something away, he said. OK, maybe you take it away to the garbage and you get rid of it. Is there anybody around here where at your house they burn the garbage? People that live out around here, they burden the garbage, they get it away, they destroy it, they get rid of it. And what did they want to do with the Lord Jesus? What did they just say? What did they want to do with him? What did it say? Andrew, destroy him. They wanted to destroy and get rid of the Lord Jesus. Well, he was the light, and getting rid of the Lord Jesus means there wasn't much light left in the world. I want to tell you a story about something that happened at night, and I want to see if there's anyone here that's kind of like me. I bet. So there's lots that aren't. But how many of you are afraid of heights? I don't have too many fears, I don't think, but I'm afraid of heights. I don't like it too high up. I don't mind if I could sit on top of that basketball hoop, that would be OK, and I wouldn't mind standing up here or on top of there. But when you get up over about 20 feet, I don't like that. How many people have a corn bin on your property or a bin of some kind? How many of you climbed up onto a bin? I climbed up on one year bins a long time ago. And the only reason I went is that because my little sister and the little boy from there, they were going up there and I just couldn't tell them that I couldn't go. So I went up too. But I didn't like it because they had a bunch of little handles on the outside and you climbed up one after the other and if you look down, it was a long way down.

All right, I'm going to tell you about a story where a person was afraid. And there's a reason I want you. If you don't know the Lord Jesus Christ is your Savior. I think it's important that you're afraid to, but not just that. We'll talk about something else. This person, he didn't like heights at all. I've forgotten his name. So we'll call him by my name. We'll call him Steven. And he worked for a company that builds great

big, huge smokestacks and something inside them that cleaned them out there for power plants. This happened just a little over a month ago. And so he, he's from Saint Louis too. Some of you are from Saint Louis. Anybody in the front part from Saint Louis or that area? Maybe from a city close by, A few of you. OK. Got a few of you from Saint Louis. This man was from Saint Louis. He went all the way over to West Virginia, and he liked to run the equipment down below. How many of you like to drive trucks? Our little farm beer. I wish that you could drive a truck. All right. Yeah. You would love to. I love it. He likes to do that. He enjoyed it. He was 28 years old, so he's a little bit older. And he went and he drove the truck and they told him that day. It was a Saturday night and it was dark. It was dark out, just like in this world that hated and threw out the Lord Jesus. And it was dark and he they said to him, you have to go up today or tonight on that smokestack. And it wasn't just tall, it was very tall. The ceiling of this might be maybe 30 feet tall, do you think? I'm not sure exactly. It was up above the ceiling. And if there are trees, they could be up hotel in this, couldn't they? It was up above the trees. And the leg on your corn helps. Then how tall is it, Caleb? 90 feet. It was up above that. And the water tower. Did you see the water tower in Allendale today when you came? How many of you saw that? Didn't look. How many of you have seen the water tower, OK. It was taller than it goes up past the water tower. Can you climb all the way up to the top of the water tower? Some people can. And it kept going up and up and up, 1000 feet high, 1000 feet up in the air. And they said you have to climb up that. He said no way, I'm not climbing up that. And they said you don't have a job, said I'm climbing up that. So he went to climb up the ladder to get up into that high, up into the air. And he got up a few feet, probably not higher than top of this gym, and he said, I don't have a safety harness. You better get me a safety harness. And that's what I want you to have this morning. And so he called down and they said, oh, there he goes again, I suppose. And they sent him up a safety harness and he got a safety harness up there. And I want to read you what they read to us yesterday. Or in fact, one of you could read it, turn in your Bibles to 1St Thessalonians chapter one. And I'm pretty sure they read this verse yesterday. And it's so important. We're just going to apply a little part of it. First That'ssalonians, chapter one. And it will be verse 10. All right, if you read that for us then. And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead. Even Jesus went delivered us from the correct account. OK, well you can take the whole time on this story, but I'm just going to have to go quickly because it's pretty important. The important part I want you to think about is that the Lord Jesus came the first time He came to this earth. One very important thing He came to do was to die for your sins and for mine. Because we're all sinners. We've all been disobedient to God. And all of us, I am sure, have been disobedient to our parents. Two So anybody here who's never ever been naughty? Not once, not ever been naughty? OK, some people don't think they have. Some people don't think they have, but they're not so sure. And the rest of you know, oh, yeah, this morning even I got in trouble or I was not all right. We've all been disobedient, all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. And that means that we are. If you have don't know the Lord Jesus is your Savior, that means you are in trouble, that you are in danger, whether you're sitting in the front or you're sitting in the back or you're sitting in the middle. If you don't know the Lord Jesus as your Savior, then you cannot enjoy the fact that the Lord Jesus came to deliver you from the wrath to come. So this man, he was climbing up and he got all the way up and I don't know how high up he went at first. I guess what happened at the bottom of the smokestack. Nobody has an idea. What do you think happens? He might have fallen, could have fallen. But what happened? We're short on time. I'll tell you. A fire started. A fire started at the bottom of the smokestack. So do you think he went over the fire escaping down? No. The whole fighter was coming up from down below. There was only One Direction he could go. And so he did. He went all the way up. And he hated heights. And so Steven went all the way up, 1000 feet, straight up in the air. He got to the top.

And he was stuck and the fire kept getting hotter and that was a cold day. It was a little over a month ago. It was a cold day. He got 3 layers of clothes on and he was hugging on tight. He had a safety harness around that smoke stack and his clothes started to catch on fire. It was so hot up there. What do you think he did? He's starting to pat out the flames over here and you move around a little bit and then they catch on fire in a different spot and you've had all the flames there and you move around a little bit. Do you think he was enjoying it up there? No. And if you have a conscience that was awake. Last night and yesterday and you listened about the rats to come. You're not enjoying it this morning either because if you're Constance is telling you that you're a Sinner that all have sinned. That's what God's word says and come short of the glory of God and you're not comfortable this morning. I can't see it, but you're not comfortable and he was not comfortable. He had his pocket of cell phone, so he called on his cell phone and who do you think around near there wanted to climb up inside the fire to get to him. Think there was somebody. So I got a fighter's game. The firefighters from all the communities around him. In fact, when they were building the smokestack, they made a preparation ahead of time. They got all the fire, stayed the fire departments close by together, and they had a disaster plant. And so they all came and they got there within about 1520 minutes. And there were six or seven different communities with all their fire trucks. Which one of them do you think had a ladder 1000 feet tall? Oh, they're ready for all kinds of fires on the ground, but they couldn't put it out. They couldn't get that fire out. They didn't have a ladder 1000 feet tall. What did he need help from? Where is he going to get help? He called on the cell phone for help. They all came, they were all prepared. They just weren't prepared to go 1000 feet up and they couldn't put down the off the fire down below. So where is he going to get help from? OK, you can tell me the Lord Jesus. That's true. The Lord Jesus is the only one that could help him. And you know what? There's only one person you know. He did. He cried out to the Lord Jesus. He called out to the Lord Jesus for help. And the Lord Jesus chose to send help a special way. Where in what direction do you think it's going to come from? What is the rainstorm? That's an excellent yes. That's one way the Lord Jesus could send help. So that that night it was dark and there was smoke and there was fire. And the Lord didn't send us rainstorm. He sent a helicopter. And that helicopter came from quite a ways away. And a helicopter arrived and then stuck down a bucket. And remember, Steven doesn't like heights. And there was smoke and there was fire out around there and that bucket was bouncing all around. Do you think he said, oh, I'm just looking forward to letting go of the smokestack, getting rid of my safety harness and climbing into that bucket of that helicopter bounces around the head up above it. I don't think he looked forward to it at all. And you know, there's some people that think about the Lord Jesus and they think, oh, I, I'm not sure. I don't know. I don't think my faith is strong enough. But you know what? He had a choice to have two said teeny little bit of faith and trying to get into that bucket or to stay on that smokestack, trying to put out those flames as different parts of his clothing started to catch on fire. Which do you think he chose? But you think you toast, he toes the bucket. And you know what? The bucket was a good choice. They got him into that bucket. They got him up off that smokestack and out of there to the hospital. That's an important part of our message this morning. But there's another part that I think is even nicer. So let's look at a verse in Matthew 5 Gospel chapter 10. I'm sorry, Mark 5 Gospel chapter 10, and I'll read it and you have 5 minutes left. And there's something that's even more wonderful. It's important to think about judgment to come, but it's wonderful to think about this. In Mark's Gospel chapter 10 and. First umm 1St 14. I'm going to read from verse 14 to verse 16. But when Jesus saw, he was much displeased, and sent into them supper. Or allow the little children to come unto me, and forbid them for such as the Kingdom of God. Verse 16 And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them. You know what? The Lord Jesus this morning loves you, and he loves you far more than I could ever love you.

And you know, my arms aren't that big. How many of you do you think I could get into my arms? Not very many. Can I get you all into my arms? No, but the Lord Jesus took these children up into his arms. Which one didn't get to get up into his arms, did it? Name one that didn't make it. His arms were big enough for all of us. You know, Friday night I had Paul on one knee and Luke on the other knee and my arms around them reading a book, and that was about full. That was about full. That was pretty good. But the Lord sees his arms are big enough, you know he's put his arms around the fall in the Bible. And the Luke in the Bible and he's put his arms around a whole bunch more. Do you think he has room left? Yes, he does, and He wants to call you this morning to him to believe in Him as your Savior. And if your conscience is working inside, there's only one choice, accepting the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior because he died for you, because He loved you, because he shed his blood to wash away your sins. But he's coming back, right? He's going to come back and he's going to come back for you. And I want to illustrate that with you in a few minutes. We have left. He's coming back to take you where if you know the Lord Jesus as your Savior. Where is it Heaven and heaven is where who is? Heaven is where who is you tell me so Lord Jesus is there and it's also a place he calls the Father's house. And that's what I'm going to illustrate for you. I'm going to call somebody to come to me and if they will all of these at once, the house is big enough. All of you that want can come with me to the Father's house that you have to follow. You have to come when you call. So I'll just call Paul. Will you come come to your daddy. You come to Puffy. Yeah, come on. Thank you. All right. You know, there's the Lord Jesus going to come to get you. Right. You're gonna call you to come, if you know what you're saying. He's gonna come and get you. And anybody that wants can come with me. You can come to the father's house. You can come to the father's house with me. We're gonna take him to my father's house. I had 24 of these to share and I only got to share one. Isn't that too bad? I had 24 of them. They're pretty nice. They bounce up pretty well. And then there's this kind and you guys hear me? Oops, I can't throw. That's what I had to share with all of you. How many people got one? How many people came to the Father's house with me? My Father's house? How many came? One. I had more than enough, I think. Well, I had. If there hadn't been enough, I would have been happy to get more. But the Lord Jesus has room at his Father's house for everyone that wants to come to him. Isn't that too bad? Maybe if you say a few verses later I'll be integration, but there was room for everybody that wanted to come. And after all went there, what's coming next for the earth? What's coming next after we're all home in the Father's house? What's coming next? OK. Oh, you haven't helped me as much. You helped me out. The judgment is coming when I brought something. And it's nothing like the judgment that's coming. But for some of you, I think it's the judgment. You'll understand. So I went out and bought four of these, and I asked somebody this morning what these were for, and they told me. I got four of these, they told me. What's this for? What's the format? Ah, uh-huh. Well, some people, when they sell them in the store, I think they sell them in the cooking section. And this is a spoon, I suppose, to stir all the ingredients together when you're cooking. But that's the answer I got when I asked. And sometimes something like this gets used for something other than cooking to get used for correction. But what's coming for this Earth is a whole lot more than just instruction and correction and training. That's what it's for. I got, but it's used for correction and instruction and training. But what's coming for this Earth is something far more awful. You know, if the lights were turned out and I had something else for you this morning, our times just run away. When it's all dark in the world, what are these? What are these? What are they? They're candles and they're for light. And if all the lights in this room has been out and you have movies in your hands and it had been turned on, would have been as good as the lights up there. No, would have given a little bit of light, would have given a little bit of light. Now, we're all to be lights when we wait here. But someday the sun of righteousness, the Lord Jesus Christ is going to come back in judgment and clean up the earth and it does all the lights. The sun will come back on. The lights will be on.

And there will be what you can see outwardly, righteousness here. Let's pray. Let's thank Him for it. Our Lord Jesus. Just give thanks for the great love for each one of us. Ask if there's someone here in the room this morning. Conscience is troubled. Just listen. Smiled outwardly, but inside they know that they haven't bowed both knees, do they? Just ask that they would come before it's too late, before the judgment comes. I would open and come, my arms of love, the mercy, forgiveness and cleansing by their blood. Just ask it. Lord Jesus, in thy name, by thy power, Amen. Good morning. Just have a couple of announcements real quick here. Umm, first of all, lost and found one item right here. Anybody recognizes this? Umm, Also, the card for Merle Graham is still available over in the corner to sign before, uh, Paul takes it back, so you might want to do that right away. The servers have been doing a good job of signing up, so I don't think there's any more need. Thank you. For your help, the next meeting will be, uh, breaking the bread at 10:30. It'd be nice to be seated by quarter after. Thank you. Oh yeah.

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